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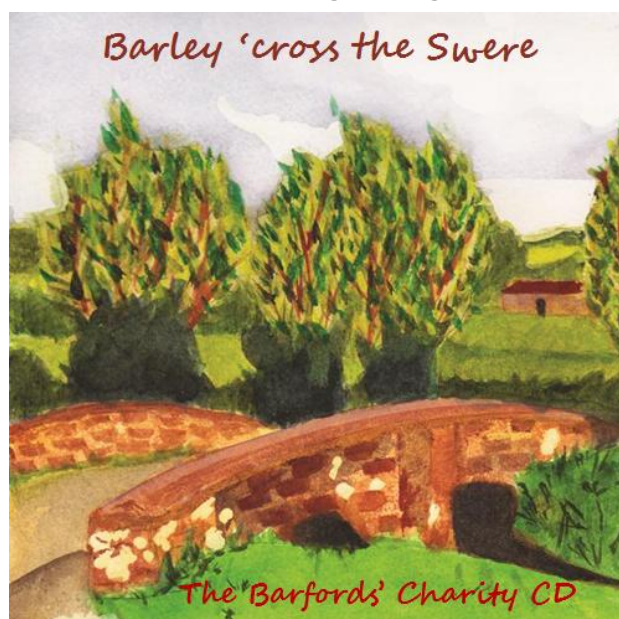
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The Barfords' Charity CD

After much effort from a lot of people the Barley 'cross the Swere CD is finally ready to launch! With some spectacular tracks from much of the musical talent connected to the villages, the CD sounds really good, even though we say it ourselves!

From the Barford Big Sing to Fairport Convention and from The Rainbows to Freeway Jam it is yours to buy for only £6.00! Not a bad price for over an hour's entertainment!

We will be selling it through a number of carefully selected local outlets including the Barford Christmas Market, The Farm Shop and The George. It will make an ideal Christmas present for your husband, wife, children, mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, second cousin, friend, work colleague, neighbour, in fact anyone you know!



The Launch Concert

Don't forget the Launch Concert on Saturday 1st December at 7.30 in Barford St Michael Church. Many of the contributors to the CD will be performing there for what promises to be an excellent evening of musical entertainment. Entrance is free but we would love you to make a donation at the end for what you thought the concert was worth.

All of the profits from the Concert and the CD will be distributed to Barford Churches, The Nepalese Orphanage, Shepherd and Bakehouse Trust, The Village Hall and Barford News.



*A Happy and Peaceful Christmas
To Everyone
From the News Team*

Parish Council Notes

The meeting took place at 7.30pm on 7th Nov 2012 at Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Best, Cllr Bullard, Cllr Eden and Cllr Turner. Also were attending Mrs R Watts (Clerk), District Cllr O'Sullivan and County Councillor Jelf. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Styles and Cllr Woolgrove.

Bridge at Barford St Michael: Cllr Eden reported that he had cut back the hedge on the corner of the bridge. Cllrs agreed that this had greatly improved visibility for motorists and they thanked him for carrying out this work. County Cllr Jelf had yet to meet with Oxfordshire County Council Highways to discuss the feasibility of designating the road over the bridge as one lane only, with one direction having priority.

Murreys Lane and The Rock: Although the Clerk had reported overgrown vegetation along Murreys Lane and The Rock to Oxfordshire County Council Highways on 10 September nothing had been done to rectify the matter so far.

West Close: Thomas Fox Landscaping reported that their operative had damaged an electricity box in West Close. Cllr Hobbs had taken photographs of the damage and the Clerk had sent these, together with Thomas Fox's details, to Western Power.

Salt Bins: The Clerk has ordered two salt bin, one to replace the one damaged by fire in Barford St John and one for the junction of Church Street/Lower Street, Barford St Michael.

Public Participation: District Cllr O'Sullivan reported that the County Council was considering what level of subsidy to provide for buses and other transport services in the Banbury area between 2013 and 2017. County Cllr Jelf said that Oxfordshire County Council was offering a grant of up to £100 for villages to carry out a transport needs survey. He would forward details to the Clerk. The deadline for response is the beginning of December.

Planning Matters

Details of planning applications can be found on the Cherwell District Council website http://cherweb.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchform.aspx

This site does not include 'Notice of Intent' for tree works in a Conservation Area (TCA)

Planning Applications Received:

12/01405/F Pane, 2 Summer Ley, Barford St Michael – proposed conservatory. No objections.

Planning Applications Approved by Cherwell District Council:

12/01229/F Merrieweather Cottage, High St, Barford St Michael – demolish conservatory and

single storey extension. Construct two storey extension. Granted 15 October.

12/01186/F Old Stone Cottage, Horn Hill, Barford St Michael – two storey and single storey rear extensions. Granted 18 October.

Planning Applications Refused by Cherwell District Council: **12/01119/F** Cottage Barn, Church Lane, Barford St John – single storey gable end extension to provide a garden room. Refused on 4 October on the grounds that the sighting would unacceptably threaten the long term future of a Yew tree positioned on the boundary shared with Manor Farm.

Notice of Intent TCA (Trees) Approved:

12/00236/TCA Elvidge, The Old Post Office, High Street, T1 to T2 x Fir – fell; T3 x Yew – fell. Granted 4 October 2012

Reports from Meetings:

Cllr Best attended a meeting on Biodiversity at Bodicote House on 16 October. Money is available for projects including encouraging the return of house martins, tree planting, wild flower areas.

Budget 2013/2014 Prior to the meeting Cllr Hobbs had circulated a draft budget for 2013/2014 for consideration. The proposal was that the precept remain at £7,000, with additional costs being taken from reserves. The following matters were discussed and then proposed by Cllr Eden, seconded Cllr Bullard and unanimously agreed.

Cllrs to investigate the cost of replacing the sign at High St/ Lower Street pointing to the Village Hall and Church. C Cllr Jelf would speak to Oxfordshire County Council to see if they will bear the cost.

A grant of £200 will be given to the Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch 2013. Cllr Hobbs declared an interest in this matter and refrained from participating in the discussion.

A grant of £100 to Warriner School Farm

A grant of £300 to Barford News

A grant of £750 to the Village Hall

A grant of £200 towards church grass cutting

Cllr Hobbs reminded Cllrs that grants are agreed for one year only.

Any Other Business

Cllr Turner said that the hedge on the corner of Lower Street and High Street needs cutting back to improve visibility for motorists. The Clerk will write to the owner, Mr B Jones, Woodworm's Hilton.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 5th December 2012..

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

The above is a report of the council meeting. Draft Minutes are displayed on the Parish Council noticeboard one week prior to the PC Meeting and until replaced by the next set.

Full Minutes, once approved, are put on the Barford website at: <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/barfordpc/index.cfm?articleid=5334>.



'Where there's muck.....'

£130 was raised by delivering muck to the allotments.

Thanks to Steve Pauling for donating an extra load and to Pete Eden and Jeff Elliott for transporting it to each allotment.

This will go to the children's home in Kathmandu.



Press Release

Due to changes in school funding, the OCC is no longer able to fund The Warriner School Farm.

Over recent years, a provision of £40K per annum has been made by the LEA to assist The Farm in their provision of services to local schools and the community. The Warriner School has been aware since April of this year that the funding would be cut in 2013. In light of this, The Farm has been making considerable efforts to streamline, increase commercial sales and seek funding grants from other quarters.

The £40K grant represented approximately a third of the Farm's income, the remainder coming from the trading activities of the farm, including meat and livestock sales, provision of college courses to students from other establishments, and educational visits. The Farm is also strongly supported in its work by the local agricultural community.

In order to increase The Farm's income potential by extending its facilities, the Warriner Farm Trust is actively seeking funding to complete the Warriner Centre for Rural Education, a new facility partially opened in December 2010. This has provided the Farm with a classroom, resource room, disabled facilities, toilets and a small kitchen. When fully open, the Centre will also serve to house the Farm's collection of historic farm vehicles and equipment and will provide a workshop area suitable for delivering rural skills courses.

In the current financial climate, seeking alternatives to the lost funding is proving highly challenging.

Enquiries – please contact Chris Holloway, Farm Manager on 01295-721471 or

Email: farm@warriner.oxon.sch.uk

Website: www.warrinerschoolfarm.org.uk

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs



Welcome to Tom & Tobey, may they enjoy their time with us.

Our '2012 Sporting Heroes' created quite a stir at the last market & the Cubs (with the help of some Scouts) collected over £200 towards our next Shelterbox, thanks to everyone who donated.

The White Sheet Walk was a great success, a group of 44 Cubs & helpers toured the village stopping at given points to listen to gruesome tales told by the 'Man in Black'. Many thanks to Chris for giving up his evening, the performance menacing with a touch of panto! Yes he really was behind you. Thanks also to Vivien for loaning her garden.

Jo Churchyard C.S.L. 338071

jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

The £1 challenge is progressing well with many of the Scouts showing great business skills, look out Alan Sugar! The money raised will be added to the Guy collection towards the Shelterbox.

Unfortunately the trip to Horley with the slingshots had to be postponed due to disgusting weather, as they were going to be using flour we were worried they might end up glued to a tree.

Coming up – disability awareness, Christmas treats & a seasonal entertainment.

Thanks to the Parish Show organisers for the donation, we will be buying hammocks.

Pete Churchyard S.L. 338071

pete.churchyard@btinternet.com



Well done to those who came to Remembrance Parade, a good turn out.

See our insert for details of this year's Christmas deliveries.

Welcome

To
New residents
**Liane Low and
Christopher Humphrey**

Who have recently moved to
their new home in Lower St
with their dog **Tipsy**

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Also to
Sophie & Craig Black

And their young sons
Lake & Ravi
Who are the latest arrivals in The
Potteries

We wish them all a happy time
Here in our lovely village

BARFORD ST MICHAEL CHURCH



CRIB SERVICE *4pm, Christmas Eve*

Come dressed as characters from the
Nativity Story!

Welcoming angels, shepherds, Marys,
Josephs, kings and animals
(and everyone else!)

Deddington PFSU and Nursery

THIS MONTH we have been
finding out about Autumn
festivals such as fireworks

night and Diwali, and have been observing the
Autumn changes in the countryside, including lots
of playing in the leaves!

Our Christmas festivities kick off with something
for the adults. We will be holding a Christmas
Fayre and Pamper Evening in Deddington Church
on the 4th December at 7.30pm. The church will be
packed with stalls selling Christmas gifts, food,
decorations, cards, crafts and other goodies. There
will also be therapists providing massages, facials
and nails. Mulled wine and mince pies will be
served to get you in the seasonal mood. The cost is
£3, which will include a raffle ticket. Everyone is
welcome to join us for this festive evening.

Nursery will be celebrating Christmas with an
interactive Christmas performance, 'Journey to
Bethlehem', on 19th December, and a party on 21st
December. At the PFSU parents are invited to join
us for our popular decorations afternoons on
Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December from
1.30 to 3.00pm, when we will be making the
classroom look wonderfully Christmassy.

The pre-school and F1 Christmas production will
be on Monday 17th December at 2pm in the school
hall. Our Christmas hamper raffle returns this year -
watch out for us at the Christmas Farmers' Market
if we don't see you before.

Pre-school parents please don't miss the final date
for applications for Primary School places, 15th
January 2013.

Lucy Squires, 337484

Winter Walk



Yes, we are up to our usual winter antics.
We plan a winter walk with home made
soup and crusty bread (only after you
finish the walk).

We plan this for Jan 1st (New Years Day).
Walk off the excesses of the
Christmas/New Year holidays. Blow the
cobwebs away and get some much
needed exercise.

A small charge (£5:00) for the soup and
bread. Any profit will be given to the
Kathmandu Kids Home.

Watch the Barford News and notice boards
for full details.

**Golden Wedding
Congratulations
To Basil & Sylvia Butler**



Who celebrate 50 years together
On 2nd December

Ride and Stride

(for Oxford Historical Churches Trust and the Barford Churches)

I have just received an extra £139 from Guy and Anne Perry who took part in the Ride and Stride in September. So added to our initial donations, we have now raised a total of £824.00, half of which will be returned to our churches for the everyday running costs.

We have just received also the quinquennial report from the architect for Barford St John, and there are various repairs to the structure of St John's church which will need some money to be spent. OHCT will no doubt help us out with a grant, so thank you again to those who took part in the Ride and Stride this year. Your Herculean efforts have helped us to raise a record amount in donations and is very much appreciated.



Cubby Brett

Churchwarden for the Barfords

Deddington CE Primary School

OUR SCHOOL HAS JUST celebrated 160 year anniversary of our school, there are various dates over the next 18 months from the laying of the Foundation stone to the opening of the school to children but we decided to go with the same date as the 150th anniversary celebrated 10 years ago.



As part of our celebration children all focused on life in Victorian times and experienced Victorian lessons such as practising their copper plate handwriting on slate tiles, researched what life would have been like for Victorian children and had the opportunity to read through old log books, look at photos of the building and past pupils and really enjoyed reading through the punishment books (my class really enjoyed this book!). On the day of the anniversary we had an open afternoon for the community, the staff prepared display boards of our children's work, the PTA helped set up tables full of photos and log books and also provided refreshments (thank you to Sue Brown for supplying a marvellous chocolate cake decorated in the school colours and logo). We were over whelmed with how many parents, old pupils and members of the wider community attended. They enjoyed looking at the displays and also had the opportunity to come into the classrooms and see the children see work. Mrs Goffe, one of our wonderful TAs, enjoyed meeting and listening to the stories that many of our visitors had to share, here are a few:-

Rhonda Callow, a Teaching Assistant, in the 1970's and 80's found some old photos of herself, (as did Mrs Rowe our Year 1 TA who was a pupil here).

Jackie Adkins (nee Clarke) was a pupil here from 1943 to 1948, she told Mrs Goffe, "There was a long may tree in the playground which we loved...we had monitors (prefects) who wore bands...the loos were horrible, always broken!". She also brought in an old photo of her class, her nieces and nephews also came here.

Jean Westbury who attended here in 1946 enjoyed looking at old photos, her son and daughter attended Deddington and her granddaughter is in our present Year 6.

Estelle Hope, whose son, Ryan, is in Year 5, provided us with photos of Ryan's Great Grandfather's class photo and his Great Aunts class photo, she thoroughly enjoyed looking through the old photos and registers.

Overall the afternoon was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Mrs Jane Cross, Deputy Headteacher
"States of the USA"

BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday January 19th 2013

MOONRISE KINGDOM 12A

A Romantic Comedy Drama
made in 2012

something for everyone

Doors open 7.15
Film starts 7.45

Do You Shoot Cats?

OUR CAT, ALFIE, a black and white moggy who means no harm to anyone, has now been hit four times by what we think must be an air pistol or air rifle.

He doesn't go far, in fact he spends much of his time indoors. So it must be happening in our village.

We know what it's like to have cats in your garden. A couple of years ago, we were the only ones in the street without a cat and our garden became the communal litter tray. It was annoying, but we didn't shoot at them. We found other deterrents.

It's not funny and it's actually against the law. It must be very painful and frightening to Alfie. How would you like it?

It has been reported and we urge anyone who knows anything to contact the RSPCA or the police or to contact us via Mariann.

Thank you,
Robins Close

(Please do contact me if you have any information at all – If you son or daughter owns an air gun, please speak to them about this, I never thought that such a dreadful thing would ever happen in our villages – Ed)



Congratulations

To

Sarah Eastwood

of Broad Close

on achieving the status of surgeon
and becoming a MRCSEd
(Member of the Royal College of
Surgeons of Edinburgh)



BANBURY RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD

Team News

We are always looking to recruit new members for the Neighborhood Action Group. If you have a little time and would like to make a real difference in your community please contact Sgt 6600 Richard Miller for more information about the role and Neighbourhood Action Group responsibilities.

Rural Thefts

The Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Police Team are continuing to work closely with the Neighbourhood Action Group in tackling the current priorities of Burglary and Rural Thefts. The team will continue to deploy officers in a series of proactive operations which have produced positive results. During proactive operations, PCSO Alford was successful in identifying a van laden with stolen scrap metal in Bloxham.

Rural Thefts are now a Thames Valley Force Priority and we ask all members of the community to contact the police with any suspicious vehicles/people driving slowly through the villages looking for or collecting scrap metal immediately. If the vehicle registration number, description of the vehicle and persons can be obtained and passed to Thames Valley Police by calling 101, officers will be dispatched to stop the vehicle and deal with any offences identified.

Should you have any problems or concerns please phone the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number on 101 or email

BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. In an emergency please dial 999. Please allow some time for us to get back to you as we check our mail box at certain times of the day.

Have you signed up to Thames Valley Alerts? Thames Valley Alerts is the new system for receiving crime and policing updates for your area. The state-of-the-art system allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive it. A new option includes receiving information via text and more traditional landline and email messages will still be available. You can also filter the updates you receive by specifying the priority level of the messages you receive. To sign up to receive alerts visit www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/



Barford Village Market

Saturday, 15th December

In the Village Hall,

10-12noon

All the usual stalls



*Join us for a Complimentary
Glass of Mulled Wine
& Home-made Mince Pies*

Lots of stocking fillers and Christmas delights
on sale at bargain prices

New stalls and traders each month
Not forgetting Tea/Coffee & **Bacon Butties**

We hold regular markets on the
3rd Saturday every month (except August)

Come along and support **YOUR** local market
All profits for Village Hall Maintenance



The following piece is taken from a book dated 1826, titled

**'Reports of the Commissioners, for Inquiring
Concerning Charities.'**

Parish of Barford St Michael.

POOR'S LAND

Before the inclosure of this parish, which took place in 1808, there were several detached parcels of land in the open fields, and a small close, which were let for between £6 and £7 a year, and the rent applied for the use of the poor. It is not known in the parish by whom or when this land was given.

At the time of the inclosure, an allotment was set out, in lieu of these lands, tithe free. There was also about an acre of land added to it, which now lies undivided in the same field, and was given in lieu of a cow common, belonging to Shepherd's charity land, next mentioned.

The whole of this land is called Poor's close; it is situated at Fearn hill, adjoining the Worton Road, and consists of about 11 acres of controvertible land. It is let to David Fortnam, upon an agreement for four years, from Michaelmas 1821, at £20 a year, which is a high rent.

The sum of £2, from this rent, is set apart as belonging to Shepherd's Charity, and the remainder (deducting land tax, 15s 4d) is applied in the purchase of coals, which are given to the poor.

At Christmas 1823 10½ tons of coals were purchased, amounting to £12.16s 6d, and given away to the poor of Great Barford. To the cost price of coals, £3.15s was added, as the expenses of carriage and weighing.

There are generally a few shillings given away in lieu of coals, to poor persons belonging to, but not living in, the parish. The whole of the rent is given away every year.

SHEPHERD'S CHARITY

There is no document in the parish relating to this charity, which is called by the name of Bakehouse, or Shepherd's Charity. The property consists of a tenement, and three quarters of an acre of ground attached to it, and used as a garden. The allotment in lieu of the cow common, mentioned in the former case, belongs to this charity, and £2 a year is received on account of it, as before mentioned.

The dwelling is divided into two tenements; one of them is occupied by Richard Margets, who also rents nearly the whole of the garden, at £8.8s a year, which is a high rent; the other tenement is let at £2, which is the fair value.

The rent is applied, in the first instance, in keeping the premises in repair, and the remainder, in placing out boys apprentices, and partly in putting boys to school previous to their going out. Since 1812, there have been three boys bound out with premiums, of £10, £12, £16, respectively.

A considerable sum has been laid out in repairs, and the remainder has been applied in putting boys to school.

The accounts are submitted to the parish occasionally, and signed by the vestry.

There were at the time of our inquiry, March 1824, two years' rent due, which would be called for as soon as there was a boy fit to be bound out.

200 CLUB

OCTOBER PRIZE WINNERS

£15.00 No 48, Brodey Family

£10.00 No 192, Petrina Cassell

£5.00 No. 92, Mitchell Family

The draw was held at A Cuppa Morning

NOVEMBER PRIZE WINNERS

£15.00 No 83, The Dodwells

£10.00 No 188, David Tew

£5.00 No. 5, Robin Cox

The draw was held at a Whist evening

1st Deddington Guides

OUR SENIOR GUIDES have been busy

planning and organising some of our evening activities. We've had a Halloween Party, great fun bobbing for apples and so on. They also organised an International evening when we learnt songs, crafts and tried some food from overseas.

The fashion show was great fun and had a cast of many, all wearing super outfits – from partywear to pyjamas.

At our recent pamper evening the guides had fun with face packs and nail polish and hair styling.

Still to come, a film evening. We are splitting into four groups and going to various houses to enjoy a film suitable for each age group.

Our new patrols have also been busy, planning and organising and enjoying their activities.

We are also working away at badges and hope to do a charity good turn. Ne ver a dull moment!!

Maggie Rampley, 01295 810069

Marion Trinder 01869 340806

Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead



Seasons Greetings

*From
Avril*

*Wishing everyone in the
Fernhill Club
and friends in the Barfords*

*A
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy & Peaceful New Year*

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*No cards this year, but a donation
to the Christmas Lunch Fund*

Seasons Greetings from the Dalys



This year, as in the past, we will
not be sending Christmas cards to people
we will see and be able to wish them
"Seasons Greetings"

However, in place of sending cards,
We will be donating to our favourite
charities.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas
and all the very best for 2013.

Cathy & Mariann (Stonehaven)

*Send village friends and neighbours their best wishes
for Christmas and the New Year.*

*Instead of sending individual cards we will each be making donations to
the Guides Christmas Postal Fund and to the Annual Christmas Lunch*

The George Inn

Dear Friends and Customers

*We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas
and a healthy and prosperous
New Year!*

Martin, Julia and Rachael

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**See boards for opening hours
01869 338 226**

Fire Station News

The last couple of months at the fire station has been exciting and seen a handful of new recruits going through the selection process and two new fire fighters Nicky Isted and Emma Glover have finished their basic training course and are now on the run with us.

Fire fighters Tom Hall and George Williamson have completed their Breathing Apparatus Training Course in record time and overall the crewing is looking very healthy.

As it stands today, we have a crew of 11 on the run, one more recruit accepted and at least 3 more in the selection system.

If they all get through selection and complete their basic training, we will have 15 fire fighters at the station. This is absolutely fantastic for the station, as it is the first time for probably 20 years or more that we have had a full crew at the station!

Whilst this news is very welcome, the challenge for the existing crew and officers is to get these recruits through their development training to achieve full competence.

The brigade training school is doing its best to ensure that recruits can get onto the required courses as quickly as possible, and October saw them running simultaneous basic courses at two stations during the same week.

Myself, Sharon Wilson and Tim Parker are going forward for our Large Goods Vehicle training to enable us to drive the appliance as we recognise that we do need to get more drivers on station. This process is quite slow due to lack of courses available, the cost of courses and availability of driving instructors but we are making headway now.

Locally, in terms of fire calls, September saw 21 fire calls, and October 17 fire calls.

Overall, it seems to have been a time for Road Traffic Collisions and fires.

In total, we have attended twelve fires including a combine fire, van fire, tractor fire, lorry fire (M40), bin fire and two house fires and eight road traffic collisions, four of which were on the M40.

There has been a slight change in mobilisation now where Banbury's first appliance is mobilised as a rescue tender to road traffic collisions on the Motorway rather than as a fire appliance, and Banbury's second appliance along with ourselves are then mobilised as the two supporting fire appliances. This is to reduce the pressure on Oxfordshire's main rescue tender at Kidlington. The knock-on effect is that we at Deddington, are picking up a few more fire calls to the motorway.

One incident that we'd like to mention is one that occurred very recently at Deddington Church, whereby a candles left unattended caused a fire in the church.



Luckily, two people were able to extinguish the fire with extinguishers prior to arrival of fire crews. They were however treated for smoke inhalation.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind people of the dangers of candles, the need to use them on a suitable base and remove combustibles from the immediate area and not to leave them unattended.

Finally, take a moment to push the test button on your smoke alarms and make sure that they are working correctly. If you haven't got smoke detectors in your house, then give us a call at the station on 01869 338281 and we'll arrange a time to visit and fit some for you free of charge.

Graham Harding, Acting Crew Manager
Deddington Fire Station

"Around the UK counties and countryside"



The Shooter gig at the George
in October raised £52
for the Nepalese charity.

Tony, Mick and Dom want to thank all those
who came down and contributed, and special
thanks to Leon for passing the tankard round.

Deddington Primary - Clothing Collection

Tuesday 4th December

'Rag Bag' will be collecting textiles in aid of Deddington School PTA again, just in time for a pre-Christmas clear-out!

They will take any quality clean clothing, bags, shoes, bedding (not duvets), soft toys and curtains. Please, no bric-a-brac or books. All textiles are sorted in the UK before being recycled or sold on abroad, depending on condition. We are paid by weight- this is a great way for us to fundraise without asking for money.

Please drop bags off to me by Monday evening, or 'phone if you'd like them collected.

Many thanks for your support.

Hazel Neal, 25 Broad Close
01869 337822



Great News!

Barford News
Website is now active again!.

Beautifully re-designed
by Simon of
Computer-Pro

www.barfordnews.co.uk

Have a look and enjoy
seeing the photographs in colour!

Thanks to Simon for his help
and for his patience!

Fernhill News

WE WERE VISITED on November 7th by 'Impromptu'. There were four men and four women singers, a lady playing piano and conducting and a master of ceremonies.



We had an amazing afternoon listening to songs old and new, from shows, from favourite singers and also a few stories from the MC.

A really wonderful afternoon, the performers said they had a lovely afternoon also.

On 21st Moira Byast treated us to 'Tasting Christmas Past' and brought along samples for us to taste.

Our annual visit to Wyvale was on the 28th.

On December 5th we are going to the 'Wobbly Wheel', where we went for lunch a few weeks ago and it was very nice.

Our last meeting of this year will be on 12th December with a party in the hall with entertainment from the Touring Musicians.

We will recommence on 16th January, on 23rd we may have an outing and on 30th January we are having the film 'The Exotic Marigold Hotel'

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We would like to see more of you popping in now and again. Every Wednesday at 2.30pm, for £2.00 we get entertainment, tea and biscuits and a raffle.

Mary Ashbridge

All I Want For A Waste Free Christmas!

WITH ALL THE PRESENTS, parties & puddings over the Christmas period it can sometimes lead to a lot of leftovers, of the packaging and food kind. So we have got some handy and helpful tips on reducing, reusing and recycling this Christmas.

Count down to Christmas by eating food from the freezer. It clears space for leftovers and makes use of what's already there, saving money in the run up to the celebrations

When you go to do your big Christmas shop, take any recycling which you can't recycle at home, like glass bottles & jars with you to the supermarket recycling banks

Leftover food is always around at Christmas, so check out the love food hate waste website for lots of festive treats made from leftovers. You can put anything you can't use in the brown bin for food & garden waste.

A whole range of jars - from cranberry sauce to baby food - can all be recycled: just give them a rinse in your leftover washing up water and recycle them at your local recycling site.

If you're having visitors to stay this Christmas, let them know where your blue recycling bin is and what goes in it. You can also get the kids involved in the household recycling routine while they're on Christmas holidays

Remember there are lots of unexpected Christmas items you can recycle in the blue bin like sweet tins, tin foil and aerosols.

Don't forget that you can recycle your Christmas cards when you take them down on twelfth night. You can put them in the blue bin with your paper and card recycling.

Wrapping paper can also be recycled in the blue bin, as long as its not the metallic or plastic kind. Remember if you do have extra recycling over the Christmas period, you can put it out next to your blue bin/box in a clear plastic bag or cardboard box. We will collect all the extra recycling presented in this way. Real Christmas trees can also be recycled by putting them next to your brown bin on collection day.

For more information on reducing, reusing and recycling this Christmas check out:

Our twitter account @CherwellRecycle

www.lovefoodhatewaste.org.uk

www.recyclenow.com

Andrew Jenkins, Recycling Officer,
Cherwell District Council 01295 221913

The Magic of Christmas

By Trish Ashley

Another deliciously seasonal and heart-warming tale from the Sunday Times bestselling author of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' and 'Chocolate Wishes'.

In the pretty Lancashire village of Middlemoss, Lizzy is on the verge of leaving her serially unfaithful husband, Tom, when tragedy strikes. Good job she has welcome distractions in the form of her Christmas Pudding Circle, a circle of friends swapping seasonal recipes, and a simmering rivalry with cookery writer Nick Pharamond – a rivalry set to come to boiling point after he snatched the Best Mince Pie prize away from her at the village show. Meanwhile, the whole village is gearing up for the annual Mystery Play which takes place on Boxing Day. But who will play Adam to Lizzy's Eve? Could it be the handsome and charismatic soap actor Ritch Rainford, or could someone closer to home win her heart? Whatever happens, it will certainly be a hard act to follow next year!

The cover is very festive and eye catching and the synopsis gives a great taster as to what to expect from the book.

The setting for the story is in an idyllic village which sets a cosy background for the story. The characters in this book were all very believable. The subtle chemistry between the two main characters felt very endearing.

The storyline has a very charming and traditional feel to it and there were a few parts that were included which gave a little more modern feel. The book did move at a slow place and I did find at times my interest was starting to waver a little. What I really liked was the Christmas feel to this book with the villages Christmas Nativity and Christmas recipe swapping

I did find it hard to maintain my diet whilst reading this book as some of the recipes that are included just sounded mouth watering and gave a nice additional touch.

This is definitely one to give a try, although it is the type of book you must read but would only read once.



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Deddington & District History Society, 14 November 2011

John Leighfield, 'From Gough to Google' A most welcome return of a speaker after 11 years and pulling as big an audience as before, John Leighfield traced the history of maps from pre-historic caves in Turkey via Babylonian clay tablet to the maps we know to day, on paper or on line. The first of Britain that survive are by Matthew Paris c 1250, recognisably of Britain, more or less. The so-called Gough map, in Oxford's Bodleian Library is c 1360 was bought by Richard Gough in 1772 for 2/6 [12.5p, but actually the equivalent of], is now the jewel in his collection in the Bodleian, with accurate road distances with towns, and rivers. Roads did not feature prominently on early maps.

The 16th century revolution printing and the investment in presses that followed led to a multiplying of maps; also the military threat from abroad was often a cause of progress in mapping. Finally there was a growth of surveying as a profession as the creation of a landowning class after dissolution of monasteries with new owners who wanted them mapped accurately for renting, disputes or even out of vanity. The father of surveying was Christopher Saxton from Yorkshire, sponsored by a court official, to survey the counties of England and Wales. In 1574 he produced his first maps, including one of Oxfordshire. His maps had no roads as they were not considered important enough, rivers were more important for transport. In 1579 all the counties were issued in atlas form and his plates were still being used up to 1790 as the copper could, with care, be re-engraved. Saxton used the measuring wheel, compass and theodolite, tools that remained in use until only recently when they were displaced by satellite technology.

In 1610 William Camden had Hole engrave Oxfordshire from the Saxton—Borford wrongly engraved for Berforde, one of many examples one can use to see who copied who as mistakes were perpetuated. In Wiltshire one village was engraved as 'Quære' [the Latin for 'inquire as the surveyor was uncertain of the name] and it lasted till about 1750! Today most big map projects have deliberate errors so that copying can be detected, you can Google the term Mountweazel if you are curious. John Speed, in 1611, was also a plagiarist both of Camden and of Saxton—but one of his atlases will cost you over £70,000 today; he was the first to add plans of county towns, but outside these towns he did not include roads. They were in turn copied by the Dutchman Blau and others.

Another surveyor, John Ogilby, won money on the lottery as a young man and used it to extract his father from the debtors' prison. At the age of 19 he was injured dancing [professionally] and became a

successful impresario. His theatre in Ireland was then burnt down, he was shipwrecked on the way back to England and ended up at Cambridge where he became a translator and on the strength of this he became a bookseller and publisher in London only to be burnt out in the fire of 1666, and then [naturally] remapped London post fire. He invented the strip map that became of such use to road users, and of course he was copied just as much as anyone else.

In the 18th century there was an explosion of maps: Dr Plot's [the first Ashmolean keeper] *Natural history of Oxfordshire* included a map, with page references on the map linking to the text, a great innovation. In 1715 came the first relatively large scale map of Oxfordshire, by Philip Overton, but it was not until later in the century that systematic re-surveying of the country took place.

The RSA offered £100 for a 1-inch county map, Jefferys, was the first entry, with some rather imaginative roads in the Barford area, and he was followed by the magnificent Davis maps of 1797, and the last before the Ordnance Survey were Bryant of 1823 and Greenwood and Cary. After that it became difficult for private map makers to compete with the state. Our area was surveyed in 1814 by the OS, but they did not get round to actually publishing the sheet until the 1830s at 1 inch to the mile.

12 December sees the society's Christmas celebration, the January meeting on 9th sees the return of Tim Healey to talk about The Green Man of Oxfordshire.

'A fond goodbye to the Barfords from Colin and Avril. We will miss friends, films, the market—and more. Visitors will be welcome in Leamington.'

My thanks to Colin for his faithful support and regular contributions to BN, they will be missed.

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BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB
NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED
DECEMBER 2012



TIMOTHY WALKER, Horti Praefectus of the University of Oxford Botanic Gardens came to talk to us on November 6th. "In the Not-So-Bleak Midwinter" was the title of his illustrated talk. A large display of cut branches was put out for his arrival, showing several different berries, leaves and seed pods, which he had also decided to show and talk about.

Timothy is a very amusing speaker, full of anecdotes and much laughter resulted, certainly not a 'bleak' evening. We must not be depressed by winter, it is indeed far from bleak. So many plants have berries of all colours and leaves which change colour. The light at this time of year is so different and enhances areas of your gardens. Seeds of flowering plants can be left, high and low, for birds and other wildlife to take advantage of. There are also many flowers. It is up to us to decide how we treat our gardens at this time of the year, there are no strict rules. We learned the difference between 'seeders' and 'sprouters'; what constitutes a 'bract' and which plants to grow if we want to find a husband! The art of gardening is obviously how to intermingle winter plants with summer ones, or just how to create a special winter area on its own. We must get to know our own particular conditions in the garden, such as frost pockets, sunny spots and waterlogged areas. Why are we so obsessed with summer bedding? There was an explanation, of sorts, about the meaning of a 'species'. We thanked him very much for coming out to the wilds north of Oxford and told him that we in the Barfords certainly were a species apart! There were several questions as usual and a few refreshments.

This talk was FREE to Members and £3 for visitors. In view of our annual membership only being £2, all those visitors in their wisdom decided to join our Garden Club! We have now several new members which is a good start to next year's activities!

THE JUBILEE OAK is looking good and an engraved plaque has been 'planted' alongside.

SEED CATALOGUES can be obtained from Rodney Hobbs and a joint order can be submitted. Check with him for deadlines etc.

THE NEW YEAR for Barford Green Garden Club starts with a talk on January 3rd. This talk is to be given by Anne Chambers from Kiftsgate. Her talk is entitled 'Through the Seasons at Kiftsgate'. This talk will be followed up with a visit to Kiftsgate to see the roses later in the year. This is a wonderful garden very near to Hidcote, much wilder and in parts quite steep with wonderful views across to the Malverns and Bredon Hill. There are large areas of the garden which are flat and so plenty to see for those who are not athletes! (Keep a look out in BN for the date) We are having another talk in March by Sue Bedwell. She has a garden in Bletchingtondon called Monks Head which we will also be visiting later in the year. Her visit to us in March will be a demonstration, entitled 'Making the most of your plants'. These talks are arranged well in advance and we hope you will attend and enjoy yourselves.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Think about next year in your garden. Tools will need cleaning well and oiling before storing away. Mowers to be serviced. Collect the leaves and make leaf mould. Check under bonfires before lighting for hedgehogs. A small Christmas gift could make all the difference to a gardener's life.

More Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness running up to Christmas. Let us hope we do not have too severe a winter this year.



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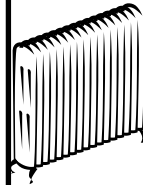
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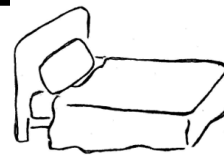
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Friday 21st December

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NATURE NOTES 110

MY FIRST DUTY is to say sorry to readers of *Nature Notes* for having been so long since my last submission – which was for July observations. After such a long period I feel that August and September are too far away for recall to be of much effect, so I have moved forward to October and into November (as far as we have got) before ‘going to press’ and hope that this will atone a little for my dilatoriousness. So. . .

After a mild night of showery rain (10.5°) the clouds cleared by 9am on the 1st of October. Hazy sun and very still air produced a lovely mild day as a breeze sprang up from the west.

Despite chilly nights (1.5° on the 3rd) and some daytime showers, most days of this first week were sunny and warm (average 14°) with a SW breeze. The 4th was typical of this, but the 5th quickly produced a flat, windless overcast. A thin, steady rain commenced about 5.15 pm and continued for almost twelve hours. During this, a N wind arose producing a thick fog on the morning of the 6th. This quickly burned off to give clear, brilliant sun all day and a spectacular sunset of immense clarity. Following this an overnight ground frost occurred despite the air temperature not falling below 1.5°. This gave way to thick fog on the 7th which slowly rose to produce another pleasantly mild, still day.

During this first week plenty of Grasshoppers, mainly the green, short-winged *Chorthippus parallelus*, were still chirping and jumping through the grass of my wild garden. A few of the brightly coloured *Vanessid* butterflies lingered around the late Michaelmas daisies and fat Garden Spiders (*A diadematus*) spun webs to try and catch them.

Buzzards seem to cry endlessly from Steepness, but rarely appeared. I came closer to a living Sparrowhawk than I’ve ever been when a small male made a charge on some House Sparrows through a topiary arch and round a Holly bush. I felt the air from his wings as he skillfully avoided hitting me in the face, whence he shot off round the Holly and vanished. Meanwhile, Great Spotted Woodpeckers ‘kecked’ here and there and Kestrels hunted in their usual haunts near the allotments and along the road by St. John airfield.

The second week of October was generally overcast and cooler with temperatures steady at 11° or 12° (day) and 5° (night). The wind wandered all over the compass from N through SE and up to NW. The 10th was a little milder and a Green Woodpecker laughed below Steepness, but one could sense the general, quiet slowing of life’s rhythms with the change of seasons outdoors.

A heavy shower late in the afternoon of the 13th produced a rare phenomenon. The low sunlight



created a quadruple rainbow – two bows, one above the other, each with its own reflection, the colours of the reflections in reverse order to the parent bow. A wonderfully brilliant spectacle against the dark clouds, and not a little eerie!

This was followed by an air-frost of –3° leaving the roofs thick with white ice crystals on the morning of the 14th.

Traditionally the third week of October is characterised by a spell of mild, sunny weather known as ‘Saint Luke’s Little Summer’ – and he didn’t disappoint! The 15th was a day of fitful sun; the 16th was more chilly but, with day-long sunshine, a few *C. Parallelus* Grasshoppers were still singing. Daytime temperatures held up well, rising from 12.5° (15th) to 14.5° on the 18th – St. Luke’s Day itself – although nights were variable between 3° and 9°.

But, this week was mapped out to be one of weather phenomena! The 17th was a beautiful Autumn day with a mild blow from the W. Showers in late afternoon then brought an even more amazing low-sun rainbow than that of the 13th – with FIVE bows visible together. There was a brilliant main bow with its reflection plus a reflection of the reflection, and a little higher, a second double reflection!

There was nothing exciting about the 19th which was generally wet, but the 20th held surprises! A hazy sun broke through heavy fog and, as the sun warmed the walls of my conservatory, several of the mottled brown *Chorthippus brunneus* Grasshoppers emerged slowly from the grass and climbed up a little way to bask and absorb heat from the stones. No chirping, just perfectly still in the mild sun! By afternoon they had all disappeared – back into the grass? Finally, as the daylight ended there was the most unbelievably fiery, beautiful sunset, involving the entire sky full of mackerel cloud. The spectacle lasted for half an hour during which everything seemed to glow orange with its own inner light!

On the 21st the third week ended with thick fog lifting into transient sun before ensuing drizzle turned to general rain on a wandering easterly wind in the evening.

From the 22nd to the 25th the weather was dank, still and sometimes foggy. Day and night temperatures were very close, 11.5° and 10° respectively, but a NE wind arose on the 24th and temperatures started to fall away.

Much of Nature seemed to be preparing for harder times once more, but birds became more active in clearer, chillier weather. Kestrels hovered in various traditional areas; the Rignell Ravens croaked a little and the Rooks were noisy in their

pre-roost manoeuvres around Steepness. Continental Blackbirds, newly arrived, chased around in the gloaming and Robins sang and 'ticked' their alarm calls into near darkness. Mr. Steve Cox was lucky enough to see a Barn Owl perched on the roadside wall at St. John on the 25th and I was treated to the sound of three Little Owls calling and answering each other near Deddington on the same evening.

A bitterly cold N wind following frost introduced brilliant but heatless sunshine on the 27th. A pair of Buzzards stood motionless on the wind above Irondown which is not a behaviour I associate with them in such cold conditions. After another night of frost and a shriving NW wind, occasional Redwings and a flock of about 30 Fieldfares were moving below Steepness, before the weather turned to drizzle and then rain after midday on the 28th.

The last three days of October all started bright and cold with a westerly airflow. There were sharp rainstorms late on the 29th; the 30th was dry and again a Buzzard sailed above the trees on Irondown in the cold wind.

As October drew to a close and we wondered what November might hold for us, torrential rainstorms through afternoon and into night sealed off the 31st against the activities of Hallowe'en.

November dawned on a cold overcast with sporadic breaks in the cloud and a drizzly SW breeze.

At about 11am I looked up to see a flock of 100+ Fieldfares flying Sw below Steepness. Unusually they flew in silence – and are still the largest flock I have seen locally so far (I write this on the 16th). After reaching a max. of 6°, sunset saw the wind drop to zero with a cold night of 0° to follow.

Next day started clear and cold with Venus brilliant, high in the east at 6am. There were long sunny periods but a chill SW blow held the temperature to a max. of 6°. Most wild creatures kept themselves under cover, but a Kestrel put in an appearance just Barford side of Bloxham.

A cold night at -2° produced a raw, brassy sunrise of ragged cloud pushed along by a SSW breeze on the 3rd. Spells of sunshine made the day a little milder at 8° which was enough to bring one of the Great Tew Red Kites on the wing near the Mason's Arms.

Sunday the 4th was a thoroughly nasty Autumn day of raw cold continuous rain, slowly easing through the afternoon. A NE wind ensured a max. temperature of only 3°. A night of patchy fog at -2° and a cold, misty moon followed.

The 5th was clear sun with wispy patches of high level cirro-stratus cloud and a very light, but cold NW air. Nevertheless the day 'warmed' to 7°, but a fairweather sunset preceded a frost of -3°.

Next day a white frost lifted by 9am and a mackerel sky evaporated into high level haze, only to reform by 10.15am. A light NNW breeze introduced showery rain and an afternoon of 7.5°. Another fairweather sunset brought a night at 1° above zero.

The 7th announced itself with a clear, golden sunrise. The lightest of WSW airs brought sunshine and a mild 10°. In the evening a wide red sunset was colourfully reflected off a mackerel sky and the night temperature held up to 5°.

These milder temperatures, averaging about 9.5° (day) and 5° (night) generally characterised the second week of the month. This caused a noticeable rise in activity amongst wild creatures. As the walls of my house slowly warmed in the sun, they became covered with many flying insects absorbing the warmth. Noticeable were a few Hoverfly species and various other true flies. The most interesting insect was a beautiful green female Oak Bush Cricket – very late in the year I think. The Grasshoppers had by now succumbed.

Other airborne creatures such as Kites, Buzzards, Kestrels and the odd Sparrowhawk were seen all over the parish. Excitingly, several people reported having Nuthatches at their bird feeders in St. Michael. I heard the birds calling from the Limes in the churchyard, which place was their stronghold many years ago. A few Redwings appeared from the north and certainly more birds started to visit our feeders. Very noticeable was the near absence of Starlings and low numbers of House Sparrows and Chaffinches – but, Goldfinch numbers seem to be holding up.

On the ground Foxes and Hedgehogs were leaving their 'trademarks' around our gardens – and the numbers of their corpses on our roads is appalling. What is wrong with some 'drivers'?

Long-tailed Field Mice are moving into winter quarters and make amusing watching as they scamper around feeding on spilled bird seed.

Meanwhile, a sharp dip in temperature to -3° overnight on the 10th gave rise to a white frost followed by windless, brilliant sunshine on a beautiful Remembrance Sunday.

Showery rain on a night of 1°, continued into day on the 12th – a horrible, dank, gloomy day, which even so, managed to reach 10°.

Despite a brisk S breeze and a general lumpy cloud cover, the 13th achieved 14°. After a showery night, very still air and heavy cloud broke about 2pm to give clear warm sun and a beautiful sunset – and a Small Tortoiseshell butterfly flying very determinedly to who knows where, obviously convinced he wasn't quite ready to hibernate!

After a strange, often disappointing and appallingly wet year, I would like to say a big Thankyou to everyone who has supplied me with their sightings and anecdotes through the year. Also to the farmers and verge cutters who have left rough areas, headlands and hedge bottoms intact; they are so important to all our wildlife for shelter, movement corridors and breeding sites.

Happy Christmas everyone, let's hope for better weather in 2013.

Ron Knight



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Deddington PTA News

On 26th October the PTA ran a cake sale - the children made some amazing spooky, scary cakes which were sold after school in a stampede worthy of the January Sales at Harrods! We raised over £300 – a great start to our fundraising year.



During half-term, all our finger crossing and cloud busting seemed to work as the weather stayed dry for our fireworks evening. We had a brilliant evening, enjoying delicious barbecued sausages, burgers and hotdogs, a drink or two from the bar, and a spectacular display of fireworks. We hope that everyone who came along had as much fun as we did. We raised £2400 (£1200 on the night, doubled by the very generous pound to pound matching of Bibby Financial) – a truly fantastic total. Many, many thanks must go to the Farmers Market Committee, the Co-op and The Flower Shop who supported us and to all the PTA committee members and helpers who gave their time and energy to make the event go so smoothly.

All the children at school have designed Christmas cards, the beautiful, colourful cards are on display on the PTA notice board at school and will be on sale using the order form that should have come home in book bags, in the church at the Farmers Market on the 24th November and after school during the week beginning the 26th November.

Our Christmas festivities will start early in December with a disco for years 1-6 in the school hall on the 6th, the fabulous Kelly Scott will be there to provide music and entertainment. Everyone should have received a letter with information and registration details in book bags, please contact your class rep or Lucie if not.

Then Father Christmas and his magical float will be visiting the parish on the weekend of 8th and 9th of December. Keep a look out for him in Barford, Hempton and the Hempton Road end of the village on Saturday, and then in Clifton and the rest of Deddington on Sunday. Santa will make a return visit to Deddington when he visits the December Farmers Market, where he will be looking forward to meeting everyone and his elves will have a Christmas lucky dip for the children to enjoy.

We will be singing Carols in the Church during the morning of the market, come along to listen and get in the Christmas Spirit or even better – join in!

We have more events planned for the New Year, some old favourites and some new exciting ideas. But until then, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

Lucie Sydenham & Jo Watt, Co-Chair
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What The Dickens?

Visitors to Cherwell will be transported back in time with a series of themed markets being planned for Christmas.

Banbury will host a Victorian Christmas market on **Friday, 7 December**, when costumed entertainers will wander streets thick with the scent of roasting chestnuts.

The event will take place throughout the town centre and traders are being urged to join in, perhaps dressing up or putting on period window displays. They have also been invited to have stalls outside their shops and pubs might consider serving mulled wine.

On Saturday, 1 December, Bicester will welcome an Edwardian Christmas market to Sheep Street.

Cherwell District Council lead member for estates and the economy, Councillor Norman Bolster, said: "We are pulling out the stops in a bid to boost trade in the district. "These events will really get people in the Christmas spirit and with the help of traders we have the chance to create something really special.

The Banbury and Bicester markets will run between 9am and 8pm. If they prove successful, the events could take place annually.

The Banbury event already features a Reindeer Trail which will have youngsters trying to spot Rudolph and his friends at stores throughout the town centre for a chance to win vouchers.

"Banbury's Christmas market should be a tremendous boost to the town in the run-up to the festive season. "I hope shoppers will turn out in their thousands to see what is on offer, and will spend money in the town's shops and at the stalls.

"It will be a wonderful opportunity for shoppers to discover what the old town has to offer, in addition to what is available in Castle Quay."

New Year Quiz & Supper Saturday, February 9th



Barford Village Hall Quiz Night.

Time to get your brains in gear.

Leon, the quiz master, is coming out of retirement for an evening of entertaining and educating quizzing. Look out for clues between now and the event for topics that you might like to swat up on. Clues will be dropped to help the most observant.

Watch the Barford News and notice boards for times and other details.



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