

# BARFORD NEWS

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## Parish Council Notes

The meeting took place at 7.30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Best, Cllr Turner, Cllr Styles, Cllr Bullard, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Eden District Cllr O'Sullivan and Mrs R Watts (Parish Clerk).

**Apologies for absence:** there were none

**Election of Parish Councillors:** Cherwell District Council received seven nominations for seven seats on the Parish Council and therefore they had pronounced it an uncontested election. Cllr Hobbs thanked Robin Woolgrove for his many years of service on the Parish Council. He then introduced newly appointed David Campbell to fellow Councillors and welcomed him to the table.

**Register of Members' Interests:** The Parish Clerk asked Councillors to complete and sign their Register of Members' Interests forms. She will pass these to Cherwell District Council who will publish the forms on their website.

**Election of Chairman:** The Parish Clerk asked for nominations. Cllr Turner proposed that Cllr Hobbs, who had indicated his willingness to stand, be asked to be Chairman for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr Styles and, there being no other nominations, was passed unanimously. Cllr Hobbs signed His Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

**Election of Vice-Chairman:** Cllr Hobbs asked for nominations. Cllr Styles proposed that Cllr Bullard, who had indicated her willingness to stand, be asked to be Vice-Chairman for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr Eden and, there being no other nominations, was passed unanimously. Cllr Bullard signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

## Finance:

The Parish Clerk had presented the schedules of receipts and payments to Councillors before the meeting and sought approval to pay the cheques itemised on the schedule totalling £1,284.3 Cllr Hobbs moved acceptance of the payments detailed, this was seconded by Cllr Eden and approved unanimously.

**To Appoint Responsible Financial Officer 2014-2015:** Cllr Hobbs proposed that the Parish Clerk be asked to stand again as Responsible Financial Officer for the coming year. This was

seconded by Cllr Eden and passed unanimously.

**Members' Allowance Scheme 2014/2015:** " Councillors considered the Independent & Parish Remuneration Panel's report on the review of parish member's allowances for the 2014/2015 financial year. Councillors agreed that for the financial year 2014/2015 they would not claim expenses even when they were entitled to.

**The Bridge, Mill Lane:** Oxfordshire County Council has built a replacement bridge NE of the footbridge at the end of Mill Lane over the ditch. Mr Moore had written to advise Cllrs that the hedge along Mill Lane footpath is his responsibility and he will keep it cut back.

**County Councillor's Report:** no report submitted.

## Parish Matters

**First Aid Courses:** Cllr Hobbs reported that people attending the Annual Parish Meeting on 30<sup>m</sup> April were unanimous in their support for first aid courses for villagers. Three people have now volunteered to become First Responders; they will receive training and equipment from the Ambulance Service. Ideally at least one more volunteer is needed.

**Member Dispensation:** The Parish Clerk advised Councillors that they need to seek dispensation from Cherwell District Council to allow them to discuss and make decisions on matters concerning the Village Hall. Councillors signed a form asking for dispensation and the Parish Clerk will now send this to CDC's Monitoring Officer.

**Waste Bin by the bridge:** Councillors thanked Patricia Field for arranging to have the galvanised liner in the bin by the bridge repaired and for cutting back the grass that had overgrown the footpath slabs between St Michael and St John. They also thanked Simon Hanmer for repairing the bin.

**Noticeboard Barford St John:** The Parish Clerk reported that the Parish Council noticeboard in Barford St John in a state of disrepair. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk will seek costs for replacing it.

**Play Equipment West Close:** A villager has suggested that the Parish Council purchase wooden play equipment for West Close, similar to that installed in Steeple Aston. Trevor Stewart installed that equipment and Cllr Eden will contact him to arrange a site visit.

**Risk Management Review & Annual Governance Statement 2014-2015:** The Parish Clerk had circulated the Risk Assessment for 2014-2015 & Annual Governance Statement before the meeting. Cllr Hobbs proposed that the risk assessment be adopted for 2014/2015. This was seconded by Cllr Styles and unanimously approved. The Parish Clerk will send a copy to the Village Hall Management Committee.

**Attendance Record 2013-2014:** The Parish Clerk had circulated the Councillor Attendance List for 2013-2014 before the meeting.

**Planning Matters:**

Details of planning applications can be found on the Cherwell District Council website

<http://cherweb.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/applicationsearchform.aspx>

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

**Planning Applications Received:**

14/00598/F Romain, Pymore, Lower St, Barford St Michael. Removal of existing pre-fabricated concrete garage. New single extension at the rear of the bungalow. No objections.

**Planning Applications Received:**

14/00370/F Clowes, 1 Church Cottages, Barford St Michael. Remove existing conservatory and erect single storey extension in its place. No objections.

14/00380/F Hanmer, Maple Cottage, Horn Hill, Barford St Michael. New roof to provide loft accommodation. No objections. . Granted 28th April 2014. Granted 2nd May 2014

**Planning Applications Approved by Cherwell District Council:**

14/00370/F Clowes, 1 Church Cottages, Barford St Michael. Remove existing conservatory and erect single • storey extension in its place. No objections. Granted 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

14/00380/F Hanmer, Maple Cottage, Horn Hill, Barford St Michael. New roof to provide loft accommodation.

No objections. Granted 2nd May 2014.

**Approved TCAs:**

14/00085/TCA Pegg, The Ledge, Barford St Michael. T1 x Ash - reduce by 30%. No objections. Granted 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014.

**TCA Refused:** There were none.

**14/053 Reports from Meetings:**

14/053/1 The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

14/053/2 The date of the Parish Liaison Meeting at Cherwell District Council has been changed to 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**14/054 Finance:**

The Parish Clerk had presented the schedules of receipts and payments to Councillors before the meeting and sought approval to pay the cheques itemised on the schedule totalling £1,284.37 (Annex 1). Cllr Hobbs moved acceptance of the payments detailed, this was seconded by Cllr Eden and approved unanimously.

**14/055 To Appoint Responsible Financial Officer 2014-2015:** Cllr Hobbs proposed that the Parish Clerk be asked to stand again as Responsible Financial Officer for the coming year. This was seconded by Cllr Eden and passed unanimously.

**14/056 Members' Allowance Scheme 2014/2015:** Councillors considered the Independent & Parish Remuneration Panel's report on the review of parish member's allowances for the 2014/2015 financial year. Councillors agreed that for the financial year 2014/2015 they would not claim expenses even when they were entitled to.

**AOB**

- a) Unpleasant smells more complaints had been received during the month about unpleasant smells coming from surrounding fields due to a local farmer spreading chicken manure on them.
- b) A meeting of the Trustees of the Village Hall will be called at the end of July.
- c) Cllrs Hobbs and Turner agreed to stand again as PC representatives on the Village Hall Management Committee.
- d) The Parish Clerk reported that a new webpage has been designed where people can confidentially report dog fouling offences to help CDC's enforcement officers target hotspot areas and fine owners who fail to clean up after their dog. Offenders who fail to clear up after their dog can receive an on-the-spot fine of £50, which can increase to £1,000 if the case proceeds to magistrates' court. To report an offence, visit [www.cherwell.gov.uk/dogfouling](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/dogfouling)
- e) **Fix My Street** - residents can report defects in the highway to Oxfordshire County Council on <http://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk> Once verified, OCC's contractor pledges to fix potholes within 28 days, 24 hours in an emergency and 4 hours for a severe category.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Councillors will meet at 7.00pm in West Close to discuss the request for play equipment to be installed there. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.07pm.

### Thank you

To the former Barford resident  
Who loves to keep up  
with our news  
For the Donation of £10  
For Barford News funds

### 1st Deddington Guides

**A** NEW SUMMER  
TERM! Always  
exciting prospects of evening activities in  
the out-of-doors.

The first week we planned – re-grouped in our  
patrols and also updated our outdoor cooking skills.  
The junior guides learnt about fire lighting and  
safety and the senior guides learnt to cook noodles!  
On Trangia Stoves! Everyone enjoyed toasting  
marshmallows on the open fire!

We then spent a lovely evening with our first  
cookout of the year ... Bangers and beans,  
beautifully cooked, although some sausages may  
have been a little more cooked than others! The  
smell of the wood smoke – that's what it's all  
about!

We put on a fashion show to demonstrate what to  
wear and what not to wear and take to a sleepover  
or camp.

Patrol activities and badge work together  
continues.

What a brilliant evening we had this week, on a  
lovely bright moonlit evening we enjoyed around  
the beautiful grounds of Wroxton College. In the  
company of bat licensed experts Reg Tipping and  
Alison Urwick.

The guides learnt all about bats and their way of  
life. They also had a chance to use bat detectors,  
which pick up the echo location sounds of the bats.  
From this it is possible to identify the species. We  
saw and heard lots of bats from 4 different species.  
We really enjoyed the evening and learnt such a lot.

Maggie Rampley, 01295 810 069

Marian Trinder, 01869 340 806

Catherine Blackburn, 01295 258 008



### Successful Fund Raising By Young Couple



VILLAGE MUM KAREN GARDNER, whose twins  
were born two months early, has raised £1,700 for  
the Horton General's Special Care Baby Unit to  
'thank you for the exceptional care and support she  
received'

With the help of friends, Karen and partner Peter  
Cutress raised funds for the unit through a skittles  
night at Sandford Cricket Club, a raffle at the  
village market and donations from friends. They  
also held a sealed auction for an F1 Factory Tour in  
Enstone for which they received a massive bid of  
£1,000.

Pictured above are those adorable twins Emmie  
left and Lewis.



### Tuesday Lunch Club

#### No Lunch Club in June 15th JULY – Menu

**Honey Roast Gammon with Dijon and  
parsley sauce**

*Or*

**Poached Salmon Fillet with an  
Asparagus cream & white wine sauce**

Both served with Sliced carrots and French beans  
ratatouille and new potatoes

Sherry & Raspberry Trifle

*Or*

Apricot and Almond Tart with custard

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**£5.00 per person (Cash payment on day  
please)**

Pre-book by 8th July - 01869 337074

When booking please give your choice for both courses



**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

## **The Spy I Hardly Knew**

**By  
Colin Cohen**

Who will talk about his father's  
secret work during the war

**7.30pm**

**Wednesday 11th JUNE**

**In The Village Hall**

**Visitors welcome to join us £4.00  
At our WI Meeting**

(Gentlemen welcome to come along too!)



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

### **Cubs**

We have two new Cubs who have joined the pack, Ashton & Alfie, we hope they will enjoy their time with us.

Cubs have been honing their survival skills trying pioneering – building a bridge with bamboo canes & whittling a model from a bar of soap. At least they went home clean that week. We will be practicing tracking, shelter building & fire-lighting in the coming weeks.

Jo Churchyard C.S.L. [jochurchyard@hotmail.com](mailto:jochurchyard@hotmail.com)

### **Scouts**

Scouts have also been trying their hands at bamboo pioneering by building camp gadgets & practicing some knife skills, they will also be running amok in nearby woodland anytime soon.

Coming soon – The 24 – our 24 hr hike & camp.

Pete Churchyard S.L.  
[pete.churchyard@btinternet.com](mailto:pete.churchyard@btinternet.com)

### **Explorers**

The Explorers are hard at it preparing for the upcoming auction & held a practice auction for the Scouts. They raised nearly £50 & polished up the skills needed for the sale.

Pete Churchyard S.L.  
[pete.churchyard@btinternet.com](mailto:pete.churchyard@btinternet.com)

## **Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery**

**T**HE CHILDREN HAVE been spending lots of time outdoors, making bird



feeders, searching for minibeasts, planting flowers and vegetables, and beginning to prepare for Sports Day. This takes place on the Deddington Primary School field on Friday 27th June at 11.15am, followed by a picnic ( bring your own ) in the PFSU garden. We will be holding open days at the PFSU on July 8th and 9th from 3.30 to 4.30pm. These are for the new children and parents joining us in September and are your chance to see the classroom, meet the staff, and ask any questions you may have. There will also be an opportunity towards the end of term for the children to stay without parents and play with their new classmates. We will also shortly be arranging an open day at the Nursery. We have said a sad goodbye to Emma who leaves us for pastures new, and we welcome Hazel to the staff team.

Lucy Squires  
337484



**St George's Parade** – thanks to everyone who turned out for the parade, it was a great success, the dragon looked fantastic, this will definitely become an annual event.

**We still need items to sell at the auction – please contact one of us if you have anything to donate.**

**Swedish Style  
Single Bed Duvet  
4/5 Tog – unused  
£10.00  
01869 338 926**



### 1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

**W**E FINISHED the Easter term with our annual visit to admire the lambs at Home Farm, Clifton, in the usual chilly weather. Thank you so much again, Naomi.

Since then we've got very sticky threading jelly beans to make bracelets, played lots of games and sung lots of songs.

The girls have also decorated pots with mosaic 'tiles' of sticky back plastic and then planted nasturtium seeds in them. Hopefully lots of flowers for all the bees this year, and some of the Rainbows might even be brave enough to try eating the flowers although they were a bit sceptical at the idea!



We're hoping to be outside in the sunshine this term, and started as we mean to go on, playing football and French cricket in West Close. The girls were actually more than happy to just play in the cut grass, but we did manage a couple of games!

We say goodbye to Ava, Elizabeth, Jemima, Ivy and Bella as they move up to Brownies and have welcomed Amelie, Millie, Kitty, Heidi and Freya to the unit.

We have a waiting list; if your daughter is interested in joining Rainbows, please look up Girlguiding 'join us' online and complete the enquiry form.

Hazel Neal  
01869 337822  
hmkn@sky.com

## **AFTERNOON SOCIAL Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2.30-4.30pm in the village hall**

We'll have wine, soft drinks and nibbles.  
There will be cards, dominoes or scrabble  
for those interested or just come along for  
a good old gossip!  
All completely free of charge.  
**All welcome.**

The Fernhill club is organising this event because -

- We want to open up our group to all ages.
- We need volunteers to help in various ways.
- We are keen to get better ideas of what people would like, to help us plan future activities.
- We'd love to have more people who just pop in for occasional sessions.
- It would be great if anyone wanted to join us as regulars.

If you would like more information please call Carole on 338 937

## **Welcome**

To

**Chris and Sally Barber**  
and their family

**Dominic (10) Oliver (5) and James (4)**

Who have just moved into  
their new home in Broad Close,

We hope that you will all be  
very happy here and  
enjoy living in our lovely villages.



**Barford Green Garden Club  
Notes From Our Potting Shed**

Our annual **PLANT SWAP** on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> was hosted by Sarah and David Best Street Farm, Barford St. John. It was a very social evening with lots of lovely snacks prepared by Sarah. Many thanks to her and David for hosting the evening. Some new people came which was nice. Many plants were brought and many were swapped.

We all had a discussion about the following....

**OPEN GARDENS EVENT planned for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Invitations had been sent out to those who had previously opened their gardens and some other people were approached. However there were only 4 positive answers. That meant only 4 gardens would be open as well as the allotments. After much discussion it was felt that it would not be up to our usual number of gardens and that people would not visit. A great deal of work goes into such an event in order to raise money for village charities. It was therefore decided that this year the event would be postponed....next year it would return with new vigour and new ideas for associated events such as scarecrows, photography etc.

It was also suggested that the event could be earlier in the year.

We **will need help** to make for a successful day next year.

**Mariann has however many plants she was rearing for the Plant Stall, so watch out for Plant Sales at Stonehaven! See opposite for the first one!**

**FUTURE TALKS AND VISITS** are being organised with a possible Garden Quiz, A Question Time? event, A social event at the Hall to maybe coincide with a photography Competition? This could be coupled with a talk. Making Garden Mosaics? However, watch this space for further news.

The talks etc. normally start in the autumn. Any ideas for visits will be gratefully received.

We have decided that you all know what you need to be doing in your gardens....but here is an interesting bit of advice.....

Garlic boiled in water and the resulting liquid poured around plants will deter slugs!!



'Bye for now'  
Spade and Fork



**Plant Sale  
Sunday, 8th June  
2pm – 4pm  
At Stonehaven, Lower St.**

All at absolute  
bargain prices

These are plants which were grown to be sold on Open Gardens Event Day in July but are now available six weeks earlier, allowing them to give a good show of flowers before the first frosts.

Please come along and support us.

**All proceeds to village charities.**

*Mariann*

**From the Churchwarden**

I'M SURE YOU ALL received the letter from the PCC over the Easter period explaining that, without your help, it is going to be impossible to keep open the two churches in our parish. Sadly only 3 people replied, out of a total of 242 households in the Barfords, and it is therefore plain that there is precious little commitment to fund two churches. As has been pointed out endlessly, we have to fund our churches ourselves and pay for a vicar (there being no central funds) and we just do not have the money to do this. If every household in the Barfords gave £1 per week we could fund both churches. So it is with deep regret that I have been asked by the PCC to look into the closure of Barford St John and I shall let you know the outcome.



If, on the other hand, any of you feel strongly enough that you want to keep it open (and once it is closed it cannot be reopened) you should get in touch with Jeremy Eastwood, our treasurer, on 337021 and let him know that you are interested in making out a standing order or would like to increase your Giving. It's up to you.

On a lighter note, I would like to thank all those who gave money towards Hugh's leaving present. I have bought a case of red wine that Majestic have produced to celebrate the bi-centenary of the founding of Lords Cricket Club. As some of you may know, Hugh is a very keen cricketer and I hope, with the addition of a cheque for £295, he will know that his time as our vicar has been much appreciated.

Cubby Brett



## Maggies50 3<sup>rd</sup> year

### 50 mile cycle ride Saturday June 14th 2014

There will be a meeting at the George Pub  
on Tuesday 3rd June at 8:00pm

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

For those who did the ride last year the route will be  
exactly the same.

To assist with the planning can you please confirm  
your entry by email (below) no later than 3rd June,  
or earlier if possible. Could you please bring your  
entrance money to the meeting on the 3rd June if  
you haven't paid before hand. If necessary we will  
accept entry money on the day of the event.

Hope to see you!!!!

George Williams, Mobile 07801 956642  
e.mail gselog@gmail.com

### A Big Thank You

To Simon Hanmer of Horn Hill for resolving  
our village hall notice board problem. Simon  
attended the recent Parish Council/Village Hall  
AGMs where a villager raised the issue of  
flyers etc being scattered across the road so he  
kindly designed, measured, made and donated a  
wire mesh door which will prevent the notices  
people place there from flying off when it's  
windy. Problem solved.

We always need plumbers/electricians etc to  
help with the small jobs so if anyone wishes to  
donate their 'time & trade' please let Lucy or  
Gunilla know that you are available.

**Thank You**  
**VHMC**

*An interview with one of our prestigious Aunt Sally players*

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|--|---|
| Honours  | As an individual I won the Captain's Cup. I have taken The George B Team from Div 6 to Div 1 through thick and thin. Some of our younger players have even had babies during my time as Coach |
| Position   | Opener  |
| Throwing Style                                       | Coiled Spring   |
| Favourite Tipple                                     | Anything that fits on the back of the mower   |
| Biggest Influence on Career                          | Basil   |
| Worst Injury   | Gout  |
| Career Sixes   | Lost count  |
| Previous Clubs                                       | Jolly Weavers Banbury   |
| Career Earnings                                      | -£2000  |
| Ambition   | To "Be up there shortly" (The George)   |
| Length of Service                                    | 44 Years  |
| Favourite Venue                                      | Spain   |
| Worst Venue  | The Cricketers (no longer open)   |
| Player with Most Potential                           | Our new signing Steve Cook  |
| Memorable Moment                                     | Can't remember  |
| Who was interviewed this month?? – <b>Dave Jelfs</b> |   |



### Red Cross Dance Competition 2014 comes to Banbury. Join in today

**B** RITISH RED CROSS calls for Oxfordshire young  
people to get their dancing shoes on for a  
good cause.



**Dance:** 'Make Your Move' is dedicated to bringing  
young people from local communities together and  
introducing pupils to dance as a medium to  
overcome cultural, social and physical barriers. The  
event is open to everyone regardless of ability.  
Young performers can enjoy dancing while raising  
money for the world's largest humanitarian network.  
Are you part of a dance club, run an after school  
club, or fancy encouraging your school to take part;  
we welcome anybody to sign up for the chance to  
perform at the Indigo Rooms at the O2, London in  
our National Final.

**Where:** Sibford School, Sibford Ferris Banbury,  
OX15 5QL

**When:** Saturday 21 June 2014

**Contact:** Cheryl Tree – Community Fundraiser

**01235 552 680**

**ctree@redcross.org.uk**

**www.redcross.org.uk/dance**



### **Spanish Farmhouse to Rent**

Charming holiday villa in Iznajar, Andalucia.

Set in olive groves and with breathtaking lake views.

Private pool. Sleeps 6-10.

From £600 to £1,250 per week.

email: [goodchildsophie@hotmail.com](mailto:goodchildsophie@hotmail.com)

full details at [www.ownersdirect.co.uk](http://www.ownersdirect.co.uk) ref S3346

**Don't Miss Our Village Market**

**Saturday 21st June**

**10.00 – 12.00 In the Village Hall**

**We Have Cheeses Again!**

**Grange Farm Foods bring a selection of Cheeses,  
home-made Quiches and Fresh Eggs**

**Back again at unbeatable prices:-**

**Wooden Planters and Garden Sundries**

**Beautiful Alpines (weather permitting)**

**Joan's Bargain Plants**

**The Meat Joint at Iron Down Farm**

**Artisan Breads, Scones, Preserves,**

**Farmhouse Ice Cream,**

**Fairtrade items food and craft stalls**

**plus one or two new ones!**

**Bacon Butties/Bacon & Egg Butties**

**Add a Sausage for a Breakfast Buttie!!**

**Not forgetting Tea/Coffee**

**All at Bargain Prices!!**

**Come along and support YOUR local market**

**All profits for Village Hall Maintenance**

### **The Ritz comes to Upton House & Gardens**

**C**OME AND SPEND an evening enjoying some harmonious Jazz tones at Upton House. On 6 June 2014, we are hosting a very special indoor musical evening, 'Putting on the Ritz', with music devoted to songs of the Jazz era to set your summer off with a bang.



The Summer of Music at Upton begins with a concert featuring vocalist Edward D'Arcy Hatton and pianist Tim Mottershead. Widely recognised for the breadth of their programmes, their attention to detail, and the obvious rapport of their musical performances, Edward and Tim will delight audiences throughout the evening accompanied with drinks served on the terrace both before and during the concert.

Combining stunning views of the garden and the glamorous décor of the Long Gallery at Upton, the evening will embrace the atmosphere of the 1930s millionaire's mansion. With Tim playing on the Bechstein Grand Piano, Edward and Tim will present their own unique take on songs which are closely associated with legends such as Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Judy Garland & others. You will also be treated to a range of songs including *Feelin' Good*, *Summertime* by Gershwin, *Moon River*, *Wonderful World* (immortalised by Louis Armstrong) and *I've got you under my skin* by Cole Porter beautifully performed by two artists who reunited a decade again following a friendship at university. Both artists have performed at a variety of venues across the country with this year being the first time at Upton.

Haidee Williams, Visitor Services Manager said "We are delighted to be starting the 'Summer of Music season' with this indoor concert, followed by two further concerts featuring music from the piano and violin, creating a great programme which fits the Upton era so well".

The evening includes a complimentary drink on the terrace from 6.30pm and during the interval with tickets costing £28.

For more information and to book tickets, please visit:

Putting on the Ritz

Classical Violin Concert and Dinner

Saxophone Concert and Dinner – details to come!



**Sandford St. Martin  
Cricket Club Fixtures June**

| <u>1st XI</u> |                       |      |        |
|---------------|-----------------------|------|--------|
| 7th           | Dinton II             | Away | 1.00pm |
| 14th          | Bicester & N. Oxford  | Home | 1.00pm |
| 21st          | Shipton II            | Away | 1.00pm |
| 28th          | Great & Little Tew II | Home | 1.00pm |

| <u>2nd XI</u> |                        |      |        |
|---------------|------------------------|------|--------|
| 7th           | Bicester & N Oxford II | Home | 1.00pm |
| 14th          | Abingdon Vale III      | Away | 1.00pm |
| 21st          | Cropredy II            | Home | 1.00pm |
| 28th          | Cublington II          | Away | 1.00pm |

| <u>Sunday Fixtures</u> |               |      |        |
|------------------------|---------------|------|--------|
| 1st                    | Oxford        | Home | 2.00pm |
| 8th                    | Horley        | Home | 2.00pm |
| 15th                   | Steeple Aston | Home | 2.00pm |
| 22nd                   | Oxford Downs  | Away | 2.00pm |
| 29th                   | Charmans XI   | Home | 2.00pm |

### Dive Into Summer At Open Air Pool

**A**DULTS, TEENAGERS AND CHILDREN are being invited to soak up the sun at Banbury's outdoor pool when it opens for summer later this month.



Woodgreen Leisure Centre is now open to the public offering the chance for people of all ages to enjoy alfresco swimming in the sunshine.

In addition to public swimming, the pool will host early bird sessions, lane swimming and swim club as well as a variety of other activities including canoeing, lifeguard training and water polo.

With the warmer weather now upon us the pool is a great place for people to get together with friends, enjoy the sunshine and keep cool with a dip in the water. We once again look forward to welcoming people of all ages in enjoying everything the pool has to offer."

The heated Olympic-sized pool offers features including a water slide, a wet play area with interactive water features and hot food facilities.

It will open daily during the school holidays with public swimming from 10am - 5pm. Early bird swims will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7am - 9am and lane swimming from 5.30pm - 7pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as well as 9am - 10am on Saturdays.



During school term time the pool will operate amended hours – see the website for further details

Admission costs £3.90 for adults and £2.50 for children.

For more information on Woodgreen Open Air Pool including timetables, visit [www.leisurecentre.com](http://www.leisurecentre.com) or call 01295 262742.

### From The Fire Station

**W**e have been called out 20 times this month. We have been to a higher than average amount of car and lorry fires, both local and on the motorway. We have also been to several car crashes but thankfully they have not been serious. We have had no major incidents which I think is a first for a long time.

We have just finished all our training on our new breathing apparatus and now can spend ten minutes longer looking for casualties which is significantly longer than the twenty minute duration we used to have.

Congratulations to FF Nicky Isted she is now back with us after having an operation on her knee. She was off for the best part of six months. She is really pleased to be back operational again. We have finally managed to get FF Colin Smith on a breathing apparatus course in June. That will be the whole station B.A qualified.

We are always keeping our eyes open for the right recruit. Now that all the crew are BA trained we need some more people to join. If anyone who is reading this feels that they would like to have a change and become part of something bigger. There is real excitement and real challenges and be part of crew made up of some of the nicest people you will ever meet, pick up the phone and give us a ring on 01869 338281. Or come down on a Tuesday evening at 1900 hours to meet the Team.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the four farms challenge and I have to mention my Watch Manager Chris Fenemore, Juliet Owens, Lucie Sydenham and Neil Skinner for the amazing amount of hard work that they have put into the organising of this event. Chris has organised the crew to do the marshalling and been tirelessly running around putting up signs and dealing with all the problems associated with organising an event like this - and we are only responsible for a small part of it. The day was a great success with Two hundred and fifty people taking part. I will only reflect on our small part and to say that yet again how pleased and privileged we feel to be part of our community. We have so many wonderful people who spend so much of their precious time to make events like this happen and make this such a wonderful place to live.

Tim Parker, Crew Manager  
Deddington Fire Station



## Banbury Rural Update Team News



**L**AST MONTH we PC Carrie Cook joined the team. Carrie is an experienced neighbourhood officer who has also been on attachment to the Local Criminal Investigation Team..

### Crime News

I am pleased to say that during the month of April we had very little crime occur on the Banbury Rural Area and the team continues to work hard to keep crime levels down.

a number of vehicles were broken into in the Bloxham area, we are currently in the early stages of the investigation to try to identify those responsible. If you saw anything suspicious on that Sunday night 27/4 28/4 or Monday morning or may know who is responsible please contact us either on the non emergency number 101 or via e-mail

to [BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) or you can provide information anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Please consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch. Neighbourhood Watch is all about people getting together with their neighbours to take action to cut crime.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime.
- Help and reassure those who live in the area.
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities.

For more information on how these schemes work, their benefits, and running a scheme in your local area, please contact your local Watch Administrator Deb Hextall at Banbury Police Station,

[deborah.hextall@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:deborah.hextall@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk).

### TWITTER and FACEBOOK

You can also follow us on Twitter @\_ThamesVP alternatively you can give us a 'like' on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/thamesvp>

### CRIME REDUCTION

For further crime reduction advice you can also visit our website or call and ask to speak to a Crime Reduction Adviser via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101

You can contact the team by emailing:

[BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) or you can call us on 101 our non-emergency number. Please dial 999 in an emergency.

**PS 5406 Becky Fishwick**

## Village Show – Men Only Carrot Cake Recipe

### Ingredients

#### For the cake

- 180 g plain flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground cloves
- ½ tsp freshly grated nutmeg
- 180 g light muscovado sugar
- 150 ml sunflower oil
- 2 large eggs
- 200 g carrots, coarsely grated
- 85 g shelled walnuts, roughly chopped

#### For the topping

- 1 lime
- 200-225 g mascarpone
- 100 g unsalted butter, softened
- 85-100 g unrefined icing sugar or light muscovado sugar
- ½ lemon, juice only



### Method

#### For the cake:

- Preheat the oven to 180C/gas 4. Grease and line one deep or two shallow 20cm cake tins.
- Sift the flour and baking powder into a large bowl and mix in the cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg.
- In a separate bowl, use an electric mixer to whisk together the muscovado sugar, sunflower oil and eggs until smooth.
- With a large metal spoon, fold in the carrots and walnuts, then fold in the flour and spice mixture until well combined.
- Spoon the mixture into the prepared cake tin(s), place on baking trays and bake until the cake is golden-brown and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean (test after 25 minutes if you are using two shallow cake tins; 40 minutes if using a deep cake tin). Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin(s) on a wire rack.

#### For the topping:

- Pare a few shreds of lime zest with a zester and set aside to use as decoration. Finely grate the remaining lime zest and squeeze the juice from one half of the fruit.
- Beat the mascarpone in a bowl with the softened butter, icing (or light muscovado) sugar and finely grated lime zest. Add the lemon juice slowly, beating the mixture continuously to prevent it from curdling. You may not need to add all of the lemon juice; add to taste.
- If you have made one deep cake, cut it horizontally into two layers. Sandwich them (or the small cakes) together with some of the mascarpone mixture. Spread the frosting over the top and smooth it down the sides to cover completely, then ruffle the surface. Either refrigerate and serve chilled, or serve immediately, topped with the reserved strips of lime zest.

# BARFORD VILLAGE SHOW SCHEDULE - SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2014

## Vegetable & Produce Classes

|    |   |  |
|----|---|--|
| 1  | Three Beetroot, with tops cut to <b>10cms (4ins)</b> approx.      |  |
| 2  | Three Carrots, long, with tops cut to <b>10cms (4ins)</b> approx. |  |
| 3  | Three Courgettes  |  |
| 4  | Three Onions  |  |
| 5  | Five Shallots   |  |
| 6  | Three Potatoes of one variety                                     |  |
| 7  | Three Runner Beans with stalks                                    |  |
| 8  | Five French Beans with stalks                                     |  |
| 9  | Five Cherry Tomatoes  |  |
| 10 | Three Round Tomatoes  |  |
| 11 | A Cucumber, house or frame  |  |
| 12 | A Pair of Vegetables (same variety) not in other classes          |  |
| 13 | Five Single Assorted Vegetables                                   |  |
| 14 | Longest Runner Bean   |  |
| 15 | A Head of Garlic  |  |
| 16 | Dish of one variety of soft or stoned fruit                       |  |
| 17 | Adult Fun Class: A Vegetable Animal                               |  |
| 18 | 3 Eggs (same size and colour)                                     |  |

## Cookery Classes

|    |   |  |
|----|---|--|
| 19 | Lemon Drizzle Loaf Cake                             |  |
| 20 | Four Fruit Scones                                   |  |
| 21 | Six pieces of Shortbread                            |  |
| 22 | A Victoria Sponge Sandwich, Raspberry jam, no Cream |  |
| 23 | A Family sized Treacle Tart                         |  |
| 24 | A Carrot Cake (men only) Recipe in Barford News     |  |
| 25 | A Jar of Jam  |  |
| 26 | A Jar of Marmalade                                  |  |
| 27 | A small pot of Lemon Curd                           |  |
| 28 | A Jar of Chutney                                    |  |
| 29 | Sloe Gin (decanted into small bottle)               |  |

## Flower Arranging Classes

|    |   |  |
|----|---|--|
| 30 | An arrangement in a glass container (max 12"w x 18"h) |  |
| 31 | An arrangement of foliage (max 12"w x 18"h)           |  |
| 32 | A miniature arrangement (10cms/4" overall)            |  |
| 33 | A table decoration for a wedding (max 12" diameter)   |  |

## Cut Flower Classes

|    |   |  |
|----|---|--|
| 34 | A single Gladiolus  |  |
| 35 | A sunflower in a vase   |  |
| 36 | Three Dahlias   |  |
| 37 | Three Roses   |  |
| 38 | Four Marigolds (one variety)  |  |
| 39 | Four Fuchsia heads in water   |  |
| 40 | Six stems of Sweet Peas   |  |
| 41 | Vase of mixed garden flowers, 5 varieties, (max.15 stems, <b>no oasis</b> ) |  |

## Crafts

**(NB Crafts must not have been entered previously in the Show)**

|    |  |  |
|----|--|--|
| 42 | A Handmade Toy   |  |
| 43 | A piece of jewellery   |  |
| 44 | A hand knitted or crocheted article  |  |
| 45 | A piece of needlecraft ( <i>embroidery, tapestry, patchwork, cross-stitch</i> )    |  |
| 46 | You Made It, Let's See It ( <i>Handmade article not covered in other classes</i> ) |  |
| 47 | Drawing or Painting: any subject, any medium ( <i>mount or frame optional</i> )    |  |

## Photography

**(13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7")**

|    |                 |  |
|----|-----------------|--|
| 48 | My pet          |  |
| 49 | A Barford Stile |  |
| 50 | An Archway      |  |
| 51 | A Flower        |  |

## Children's Classes

**7 Years and Under (age to be marked on all entries)**

|    |  |  |
|----|--|--|
| 52 | A Colouring Picture (available from the Post Office)                               |  |
| 53 | A Decorated Jam Jar  |  |
| 54 | Four Rock Cakes  |  |
| 55 | A Vegetable Animal   |  |
| 56 | You Made It, Let's See It ( <i>Handmade article not covered in other classes</i> ) |  |

**8 - 15 Years (age to be marked on all entries)**

|    |  |  |
|----|--|--|
| 57 | A photograph (Any Subject, <b>13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7"</b> )                         |  |
| 58 | 4 Decorated Cupcakes   |  |
| 59 | A Handmade Birthday Card   |  |
| 60 | A drawing or painting (any subject, any medium)                                    |  |
| 61 | You Made It, Let's See It ( <i>Handmade article not covered in other classes</i> ) |  |

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## Barford Picture House

**O**UR SEASON has now finished. Through last season we managed to donate a total of £110 to Village Hall for general maintenance. We donated £54 to the Typhoon Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

In view of low turn-outs for some films, reflected in our donation to the Hall, we are considering whether we continue in the autumn for a new season.....

Any thoughts? Contact Gunilla or Claire.

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### Offers Invited TP Double Swing Frame And Slide.



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### Barking Mad If You're Not Registered

**A** RECORD NUMBER of free identity tags have been issued to dogs across Cherwell in the same year the scheme was acknowledged with the RSPCA's Innovator Award.

During 2013/ 2014, Cherwell District Council issued 865 identity tags to owners, up from 562 the previous year.

The tags contain a unique identification number which, when cross-referenced with Cherwell's database, provide contact details and addresses for their dog's owner.

Mark Harmon, Cherwell's environmental enforcement manager, said: "It is a legal requirement for dogs to wear an identity tag in public and failure to do so can result in a £25 fine.

"While some people choose to create their own identity tag, the benefit of our scheme is that by using a unique identification number to cross-reference contact information, we are able to access a lot more information than can be squeezed onto a small tag. What's more, the tags are completely free!"

Owners can apply for a tag online by submitting a description and optional photograph of their dog along with various contact details including phone numbers, email addresses and home addresses to help trace them should their pet be picked up.

This information is then cross-referenced against a unique identification number which is printed on the dog's tag along with a phone number for the council's dog warden.

In November last year the dog registration scheme was recognised by the RSPCA who presented the Cherwell with one of only four national Innovator Awards after the council topped the English District and Borough category for innovation.



## Down On The Farm

**M**Y MATERNAL GRANDFATHER used to say: 'don't go gettin too big for t'boots lad, cos there's allus summat that'll crop up to mak em fit agin' (he had Yorkshire running through him like a stick of Bridlington rock).



Clearly I failed to pay attention or I may have been less forthcoming about how well our spring barley had come up. It did in fact look well until I noticed some yellowing plants which, when pulled up, had no roots; it didn't take much digging to find the wire worms that had devoured them.

The trouble is wire worm from a previous habitat of old pasture can thrive for up to four years after it is ploughed up. Unfortunately seed treatments are being withdrawn by the powers that be and the only in-crop spray is a rather nasty - and expensive - Organo Phosphorous (OP) which I declined to use.

My neighbour told me there are bugs that can be introduced to the soil that will see them off, but I recall the Australians attempting to solve a pest problem by importing Natterjack Toads which, in turn, became a pest that is still with them. Fiddling with nature is rarely a good idea.

Instead we used a heavy roller to squash the soil enough to close the underlying cracks through which the little blighters travel from root to root. It seems to have worked well enough but damage has been done and a yield penalty will result.

I think I will wait until harvest before I say how well the other crops look!

We are now drawing fat lambs from the sheep flock and, with no setbacks in sight thus far, they are doing well enough given routine worming. There has been a bit of 'scald' (inflammation between the hooves which causes lameness) but a quick squirt with an antibiotic spray sorts this out.

In common with other sheep farmers we have also seen a bit of fly strike - fly eggs hatching into maggots in the wool - and are using a fly deterrent spray down the ewes back and across the rump. This lasts for a few months and copes with the problem but it is expensive so we just treat affected sheep until shearing time after which we shall do the whole flock.

The pigs are doing well and an analysis and adjustment of the amount of protein in their ration has seen quicker growth rates. I am banking on the fact that although the ration costs more a quicker finish will reduce the overall amount they consume. It may sound like economics on the back of a fag packet, and probably is, but a lot of farming is a bit like that!

We had some cases of pneumonia in the wet winter months. This can occur in one area of a shed and not another and ventilation is undoubtedly the

key. We opened up the buildings to increase airflow until they went back outside.

As my Grandfather would have dryly commented when mulling over farming's many and varied pitfalls: 'there's allus summat'.

Tony Collier  
Iron Down farm

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## Deddington and District History Society

**O**UR FINAL TALK of this season was given by Frank Preece, who spoke about Florence Nightingale and her links to Claydon House. Florence Nightingale is, of course, one of the best-known (if least understood) figures of her age. She is often seen as quintessentially Victorian (whatever that means), though it is worth noting that she was born in 1820, before Victoria came to



the throne, and she died in 1910. The talk focused mainly on Florence's association by marriage with the Verney family of Claydon, where she had a suite of rooms and where (accompanied by her cats) she spent a large part of her time. Much of her

voluminous correspondence was composed there. Sir Harry Verney MP, her brother-in-law, became her greatest advocate in and out of Parliament. Anyone visiting Claydon House should make sure to visit the Florence Nightingale Memorial Garden, planted as it is with many of Florence's favourite plants and with medicinal plants used during the Crimea campaign.

We have had to cancel our planned visit on 6 June to the National Arboretum because many of those planning to go have had to withdraw. Our apologies for any inconvenience. All monies will, of course, be refunded. The visit to Syresham as guests of the Syresham History Society will go ahead on 11 June. Please let me know if you wish to join us, on the number below or at [chris.day@deddington.net](mailto:chris.day@deddington.net). We can offer a lift to anyone who wants one.

Our new season will start, after what we hope will be a glorious summer, on Wednesday 10 September when Richard O. Smith will talk on 'Oxford Eccentrics over 900 Years'. Richard is best known as a scriptwriter for such BBC programmes as *The Now Show*, *The News Quiz*, and *Dara O'Briain's Science Club*.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204  
Moira Byast (Secretary) 338637

## Katharine House News

### 2014 Midnight Walk Volunteers Needed

We already have over 100 supporters signed up to guide our walkers around the streets, but still need a few more! We'd love to hear from anyone who'd like to volunteer to help us on the night – all night or whatever period you wish between 10pm on 14 June and 5am on 15 June. It's a great atmosphere and your support really helps with the smooth running of the event. Anyone who would be interested in helping should contact Sheila Norton on 01295 812161 or [sheila.norton@khh.org.uk](mailto:sheila.norton@khh.org.uk).



### Festival of Open Gardens

This continues throughout June with several supporters opening their gardens to the public. From tiny cottage gardens to large landscaped ones, each has their own charm; why not go along and see for yourself!

**Sun 1 June**, 2pm-5pm, **Katharine House Hospice** (East End, Adderbury), £2.50 entrance.

**Sat 7 June**, 2pm-6pm **Bloxham Open Gardens**: Entrance £5 for all gardens.

**Sun 8 June**, 2pm-6pm **Farthinghoe Open Gardens**: Entrance £4 for all gardens (children free).

**Sun 22 June**, 2pm-5pm, Wildwood, (Southam Road, **Farnborough**). Entrance £2.50 (children free).

**Sun 29 June**, 2pm-6pm, Hill Grounds, **Evenley**. Entrance £5, children free and dogs welcome on leads.

**Sun 6 July**, 2pm-5pm, **Broughton Castle** (Nr Banbury OX15 5EB). Entrance £5 (children free).

### Wappenham Midsummer Beer Festival

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, the Village Hall, Wappenham (nr Towcester, Northants). A great selection of beers and ciders will be on offer at this community event, with tasting from midday. The official opening will be at 3pm, and a barbeque and open mic night from 6pm. A grand raffle is also to be held with fabulous prizes including two tickets to Silverstone MotoGP or Touring cars, a test glider flight, meals at local pubs and much more. Proceeds to Katharine House Hospice, Cynthia Spencer Hospice, Special Effects and Wappenham Village Hall. All welcome.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Adderbury Charity Golf Day

1-6pm, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Banbury Golf Club, Aynho Road, Adderbury. Entry fee £35 per player, Two Ball Better Ball competition and coffee and bacon sandwiches to start. Matches finishing by 6pm with buffet supper and prize giving. Please call (01295)811059 to book. This annual event has raised over £16,500 for Katharine House, to date!

### Are you following us on Facebook and Twitter?

Our Twitter and Facebook pages are gaining followers daily and are an excellent way to keep up to the minute with our news and events. Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/katharinehouse](http://www.facebook.com/katharinehouse) and on Twitter you can follow us @khhosp. Come and visit and say hello!

Thank you,

**Sarah Brennan** Community Fundraiser

## The Ethiopia Fund Raising Challenge



I held my quiz night on 10th May in the village hall and it was a great success.

It was a team effort with my godfather and his wife looking after the questions and Dad, Mum and me, with two friends, looking after the front of house.

The night was a complete 'sell out' and over the evening we raised £1300 - an amazing result which will really help in rebuilding the school library in Ethiopia that I am going out in July to help with.

We want to thank all of those that supported us in one way or another.

Sainsburys, Waitrose, Tesco, Co-Operative Morrisons, Wykham Farm Shop, The Meat Joint, 'A Day in the Country', Deddington Arms, Cedar Therapy, Nicholsons Nursery, Squires Hairdresser Belfair, Abraxas, and especially all of those that attended the evening.

The guests came from all over Oxfordshire and a slightly wider spread of London and Birmingham!

The evening ran very smoothly with a number of rounds being played prior to the chilli con carne and jacket potato supper. Over supper there were some further picture rounds that concentrated the mind over the meal. There followed a further three question rounds which resulted in a tie break. The quiz master had come prepared and posed the telling question. It was very quickly answered by 'The one who flew over the cuckoo's nest' team who came away with a bottle of fizz and a box of chocolates donated by Belfair. The wooden spoon went to the youngest team of the night, but the prize of a box of chocolates certainly made up for scoring the fewest points and was quickly demolished!

I will update the Barford News on the remaining fund raising activities and my time in Ethiopia in the coming months.

Danielle Semple

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Deddington Festival - Thursday 12 June to Sunday 22 June 2014

To buy event tickets and for further programme information please visit

[www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk). Follow on Facebook and twitter @DeddyFest.

### **Family Film, Art, Comedy & Circus *Be Scared, Be Arty, Be Amused and Be Amazed***

Lots of family friendly activities to enjoy. With many new additions to the programme this year, the summer festival offers a range of innovative music, comedy and arts events as well as a circus. Family highlights of this year's programme include:

#### **Family Scary Film – 4-5pm Friday 13 June, Deddington Church**

As voted by village residents via Facebook a 'scary' family film will be aired on a big screen – guests can bring chairs and blankets to enjoy this communal event. Refreshments, popcorn and other items will be available to film-goers. *Free*

#### **Whistle, Blow & Strum Family Concert – Monday 16 June, 4-5pm, Deddington Church**

An acoustic family concert where all ages are welcome. Instruments will include brass, recorder, flute, guitar and piano. It will be a totally interactive session so children will be encouraged to ask lots of questions. All ages welcome; in particular, primary school age. *Tickets: voluntary donations*

#### **Tam & Tea Children's Art Workshop – Tuesday 17 June, 4-5.30pm, Unicorn Pub upstairs room**

Local pottery artist and children's art teacher Tam Levene, will be running her popular children's art session at the Festival again. Children can paint a beautiful mug which Tam will then glaze and fire. Suitable for young children – think hand & foot prints – and older children can create funky designs with specialist paint and tools all provided. Then tea is served at 5pm with a cuppa for the adults too. *Tickets: £2 per child (including tea, glazing and firing)*

#### **Komedy of Errors – Sunday 22 June, 5pm, Windmill Centre**

Presented by Circus Berzercus, Komedy of Errors is a mad-cap family circus show. Starring Gerald the gentleman juggler - precise, short tempered and vain & Wallace the circus trainee - inexperienced, irreverent and child like. The show contains music, dazzling juggling, daring unicycling, mystifying magic and hilarious comedy...audience participation required. *Tickets: £8/adult; £5/child*

And for families with older children, age 16 and over:

#### **Cotswold Comedy Club – Thursday 19 June, 8pm, Windmill Centre**

Cotswold Comedy Club brings together three professional comedians from the world of stand-up comedy to rural Oxfordshire. You might not have seen them on telly – yet - but they will make you laugh: *Andrew Bird, Laura Lexx and Dave Arnold*. Three comedians, for just a £10! *Tickets: £10*

### **From Rock to Baroque**

#### **- Music for All Ears and All Ages**

Innovative music experiences, covering Rock, Baroque, Ballads, Folk, Jazz and Choral during the ten day event. Musical highlights of this year's programme include:

#### **Deddington Rocks – Saturday 14 June from 2pm, Market Square**

One of the Festival's major events returns, with a line up of bands playing outside in the market square in front of audiences of 300+ people, with a barbeque, beers and bands from 5pm onwards. This year's evening band line up features *Dance a la Plage; The Dirty Flaws; The Shady Bunch* and *The Knights of Mentis*. This year Deddington Rocks starts earlier, from 2pm for family fun with supporting bands and dance acts, in the lead up to the main concert that evening from 6pm. *Tickets: Free*

#### **The Oxford Waits – Wednesday 18 June, 8PM, Deddington Church**

The Oxford Waits take their name from a real-life band of city musicians, known as 'Waits', who flourished in Oxford during the 17th century. Performers appear in period costume, and concerts are enlivened by street ballads, dance tunes, airs and rounds as well as readings from diarists and poets. Superb singing voices are matched by specialist skills in an array of period instruments. <http://www.oxfordwaits.com/> *Tickets: £10*

#### **Beautiful Baroque Concert – Friday 20 June, 12.30pm, Deddington Church**

This lunchtime concert will feature local musicians, Helen Rogers (harpsichord) and Heidi Fardell (recorder) who will play glorious music from all over 18th century Europe and talk about the fascinating lives of Baroque musicians and composers such as Handel, Telemann and Vivaldi. A glass of wine and nibbles will be available after the concert. *Tickets: £5*

#### **Jazz & Jam – Friday 20 June, 8pm, Deddington Parish Church**

"Jazz and Jam" offers Jazz fans a selection of music from Sweet Chorus, a tribute to Stefan Grappelli and the Hot Club of France, plus Stekpanna and Friends - contemporary Jazz with English, Swedish and Russian Accents. *Tickets: £10*

#### **WW1 Community Concert – Saturday 21 June, 7.30pm, Deddington Church**

Marking the centenary year of the start of the First World War, this concert programme will feature trench war time songs, poems by some of the war poets, conversations to explore aspects of the war, memories of the war by relatives of those who fought, Olde Tyme music hall songs and other popular songs of the time. Those taking part will be local people forming a men's chorus, a women's chorus, soloists and groups from the school, the Brownies and the Deddington Band.

*Tickets: Free*

## NATURE NOTES 128

**A**PRIL'S WEATHER STARTED very busily, with a continental High in conflict with an Atlantic Low. The 1st was overcast and there was a thick mist, but whilst it was still dark a Tawny Owl hooted on the Green (thank you Sylvie Butler for the message!). However, on cool SE airs, the cloud and haze slowly lifted to give hot sunshine from late morning, up to 21°C. In the chill of night (6.5°), the planet Mars was presenting his almost full, pinkish-orange face to us. "He" was very noticeable through the dark hours, a little east of south and about a third of the way from horizon to the zenith. A worthy successor to Jupiter "who" had moved west, Mars was to get pinkishly brighter right through the month and into May, even when close to, and highly outshone by, the Moon!

On the 2nd the mist and sky haze became more prevalent, it was showery and windless. Day temperatures didn't rise above 16.5°. On the 3rd it became obvious why! Everyone was complaining about the tawny coloured dust, that had become crust-like on their cars in the showers. We were under attack from heavy aerial pollution . . . dust from the Sahara Desert and industrial gases etc., from the Continent. The culprit breezes ranged between NE and SE as the continental High moved northward on the eastern edge of the Atlantic Low.

Day and night temperatures now grew closer together, daytime dropping to 15° and then 12° on the 6th, when night rose to match day at 12°.

By the 5th pollution levels were dropping significantly, with the breeze moving through E to SW. It was cool with mizzling drizzle, overcast and with rain and showers in late afternoon. To end the first week, the 6th was mild, overcast and breezy with sporadic drizzle; a gloomy, depressing day.

Wildlife activity throughout the week had been very depressed, due probably to the air-borne pollutants and the chilly winds; I'm sure you noticed that the only recordable 'spot' was a Tawny Owl - unfortunately the second week was in similar vein.

The 7th was overcast with early morning rain and a blow from SSW. It was brighter and drier for the remainder, but the speciality of the day was delayed into the clear night when Mars was brilliant in the south, above the bright star Spica -the brightest star in the constellation Virgo.

And so it continued through the week with days of 17° and nights of 6°, The exceptions were the 9th with a night of 2° and a slight ground frost, and the 11th with a day at 21°. The week was dominated by a succession of cold fronts passing NW to SE, but



conditions started softening on the 10th. Bas Butler had a 'field-week' with birds, recording four Swallows at the George on Tuesday 8th, a male Kestrel at the allotments, a Willow Warbler singing in Murreys Lane and a Green Woodpecker calling in Lower Street, all on

Thursday the 10th. Then on Friday the 11th, he noted 5 Red-legged Partridges on the road-side near Ilbury Farm and a Red Kite feeding on a carcass on Raddle (Radwell) Hill. On Saturday Basil saw a covey of five Grey Partridges at the allotments and, to top it all off, he said both Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers were very active and noisy around the allotments all week!

By Saturday High Pressure was back in charge to the SW. There was still a cold edge to the W breeze, but there was some beautiful sunshine. This brought an interesting event when a Buzzard repeatedly flew along the roofs in Townsend, using them as a heat source to generate initial soaring lift. This, in turn, upset a Great Spotted Woodpecker that 'kecked' its objection to the Buzzard's presence.

The 13th was a beautiful day, very still, with a Blackcap singing on Hempton Hills and a Green Woodpecker calling on Steepness - but the NW breeze was still cool.

HP was now in charge and its winds boxed the compass during the largely pleasant coming week. The night of the 14th at -1°, brought a grass frost at dawn on the 15th, and a chilly NE breeze. Despite this, Carol and Peter Hopkins both heard a series of calls from the Cuckoo, probably from Summer Ley area. Does this mean we are going to get some Cuckoo song this year? *We all Hope-so!*

Around the same time, Peter and Audrey Turner watched two Roe deer grazing, but keeping a watchful eye open, below Steepness. These deer were to be around for some time.

In general there was still little activity in Nature and by 17th the HP had moved across to NE Europe eventually sending chill NE breezes to us on its clockwise rotation.

At this time one could not avoid seeing the truly massive death toll of Pheasants on the B4031. A pathetic and gruesome reminder of excessive sporting set-down.

A chilly 20th brought a few Buzzard squeals from Steepness, but no sightings, and the night again dropped to -1°

The week ended on a miserable day of overcast with a cold wind, now veered SE, and showers around mid-day becoming steady rain from mid-afternoon.

A sunny morning on the 21st became overcast and oppressively hot. A prolonged thunder storm set in



about mid-afternoon with heavy rain and evening drizzle; even so, a few Swallows were seen swooping around Cheney Manor Farm. The 22nd was similar but only with afternoon showers and the distant rumble of thunder.

Something happened in bird-world around now to indicate an urge for breeding. Yes, there were some calls from the Steepness Green Woodpeckers and Swallows were few, but there was plenty of territory-holding birdsong from various warblers and thrushes. The Steepness Rooks had spent much effort collecting, and thieving, sticks from the wild and their neighbours. Now their contented calls identified their obvious pleasure at already being, or soon-to-be, parents!

The 24th was a warm, sunny day of drifting fairweather cloud with occasional heavier patches and a light ENE breeze - and Basil 'pegged up' two Buzzards circling high above the allotments.

The weather now became wetter as a big LP hovered over the SW approaches, although temperatures remained little changed. In a clearer spell on the afternoon of Saturday 26th, I spent 20 minutes watching the natural goings on along Barley Lane. There was a lovely scatter of Linnets along the roadside hedgerows ending in a cluster of about fifteen near the B4031 junction. A few Robins, Dunnocks, Wrens, Chiffchaffs and but one single Chaffinch were singing throughout.

Several Skylarks were singing over adjacent cereal fields, where a Red Legged Partridge was also calling. As I was preparing to leave, I was suddenly aware of a beautiful, slender male Blackcap looking at me intently from a nearby sprig of hawthorn - a few peerless notes, and he was gone.

On returning down Fernhill, many Rooks were excitedly busy and noisy. Almost at the bottom of the hill, I was intrigued by a tight flock of 25 mature Starlings. They were feeding argumentatively in the grit at the roadside edges and, I thought, not breeding at the moment. I would love to understand why - but I don't!

And so April drifted toward its end, The 28th reached 17.5°, but the windchill on the NE breeze made that appear unrealistic, nevertheless a Kestrel hovered high and long above Hempton Hills. The 29th, a pleasant Spring day, reached 21° and Bas spotted a Red Kite hunting along Barley Lane; but the 30th, following thick fog that cleared by 7am, reforming again only to burn off completely by 8.45 was a lovely, warm day, reaching 22.5°. In the afternoon, a House Martin visited my artificial nest. It didn't stay, but it was the first - I was delighted! Thank you April, see you again!

But oh dear! May didn't start off at all as hoped! A huge battle erupted between atlantic Lows coming in from SW being forced north by a HP system moving S from northern Europe. Light southerly airs, slowly backing NE on the 1st, brought overcast with rain and showers in a thoroughly wet, chilly day (15°); but the indomitable Bas spotted a Red-legged Partridge near Buttermilk!

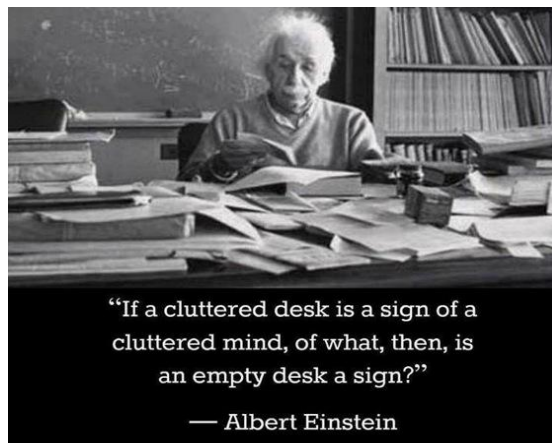
The 2nd was worse temperature-wise, only 11°. Generally a cold, cloudy day. The cloud broke to a clear evening and night, giving a reasonable view of Saturn quite low in the S, a little to the right of the head of Scorpius and near the middle of Libra. But now HP was in charge; Day temperatures rose (21.5°) nights fell (3°) with grass frosts. Never mind, the Steepness Green Woodpeckers were becoming vocal again

The 4th, with hazy skies, was a beautiful, warm day, with a freshness in the air. At 9.45am a male Raven was croaking from the garden at Barford House and fifteen minutes later, a Hobby went flying high and fast above Townsend toward Deddington Mill - another first of the year for me.

There were plenty of Blackbirds and Thrushes as well as small arboreal species like Goldfinches and happily, Green Finches, recovering from their crash of recent years. But still Chaffinches and many small garden birds are in low numbers, probably from the year's first rain sodden quarter, and also because of the proliferation of cats. On a brighter note however, Sylvia Butler picked up a single hoot from a Tawny Owl in Murreys Lane in the early hours.

The 5th was a near repeat; Bas watched two Ravens displaying and diving at each other at the allotments; there were occasional calls from the Steepness Woodpeckers; and I was thrilled to see two House Martins in and out of the nest about 1.30pm. Then gentle evening rain set in at the approach of LP and its associated fronts. We must wait and see!

*Ron Knight*



# The 1942 Barford census and war books: a unique record?

*This is an extract of an article by Colin Cohen, which appeared in the newsletter of the Deddington & District History Society in March and June 2005. Continued from last month.*

## The War Books And The Census

War Books, such as those which survive for the Barfords, appear to be of great rarity. The National Register of Archives only records examples from Lechlade and Plymouth. In Oxfordshire there are Invasion Committee War Books for the parishes of Kirtlington and Spelsbury. When one considers that Executive War Committees in every county instructed that each parish should produce two copies of a War Book it is astonishing that so few apparently survive.

The local defence committees were required to prepare the War Books in accordance with a standard *proforma* issued by the Ministry of Home Security. Should hasty evacuation become necessary, the war books were to be destroyed. The Barford War Books look rather like school exercise books and filled in by the person designated by the War Committee. It detailed strategic information about the community, such as which people had telephones, cars, vans or first aid skills. Home Guard membership was listed and, perhaps most significantly, the able-bodied had to be distinguished from the rest. The information in the War Books might have seemed very obvious to a local person, but it was outside authorities would need to know that the existing water supply was from wells and that in an emergency there was a stream running through the village. Iron rations and flour were kept in store. Locally, farmer George Glassey was in charge of the emergency labour pool and the names of fifteen men were given as available for heavy work and no less than twenty women; there were also fourteen women available for light work. The book is full of what now seems either quaint or macabre information: the church was designated as the mortuary and there were only two lorries and three vans in the village as well as six cars, with the Mouldsdales and the Lovells having two each. Parking must have been easy then! A further sixteen names were given of those who could help in the village hall and school if they were needed as rest centres.

In order to complete the War Book each local defence committee had to have some formal way of making its assessment, bearing in mind this work was being carried out while there were still invasion scares, and at a time when many rural communities were already struggling to accommodate evacuees from the cities. On approval of the contents by the County Committee, one copy should have been kept by the county as their reference to local contacts, while the other was to be sent back to the LDC as its operational handbook. However, in the case of the Barfords that copy was not returned until 5 January 1943.

One aim of the census was the identification of the old and infirm, so that they could be forced to stay at home in the event of an invasion and impede the military. The order from the county controller refers to 'Group IV Those who owing to age and infirmity, would be expected to adopt a purely passive role, namely to take shelter and "stay put", to obey orders, and so far as possible avoid becoming casualties'. Those entrusted with the duty of making the survey were required to be discreet in their approach to members of the general public, and although it was considered that those questioned should be encouraged to furnish the particulars necessary to complete the form, no pressure was to be brought to bear on any who objected to doing so. However, a note to the effect that the individual had refused was to be made on the back of the form, and the necessary information obtained, if possible, from another source. It is still not quite clear *exactly* when the door-to-door census took place. Some evidence is available from the data on the forms (most notably people's ages): for instance on sheet 532 Pamela Jackson [nee Mitford] of Rignell, who was born on 25 November 1907, was 34, so—assuming that her age was

accurate—the census must have been taken between 25 November 1941 and 24 November 1942. Other sheets indicate that it was between 28 May and 24 November 1942, while one county council memo indicates that it was after 19 August.

## **The Fate Of The Records**

The oddest aspect of these records appears to be that almost all were subsequently destroyed. The Barford census and war books, like at least one other set of war books, came to the Oxfordshire Record Office by way of the diocesan records and not those of the county council, indicating that this is a village copy which was initially kept in the parish chest. However, in minutes of a meeting on 2 November 1944 the county controller reported the view of the Regional Commissioner that the Local Invasion Committees were no longer necessary, and it was stated that 'With regard to the War Books prepared by each Local Invasion Committee it had been arranged that the complete sets for their respective Areas in the possession of the Area Invasion Committees should be deposited at the County Hall for

preservation amongst the County records; the second copy hitherto held by Local Invasion Committees should be deposited for safe custody with the local authority (Borough, Urban, or Rural or Parish council) or in cases where this was not practicable would be forwarded for deposit in the County muniment rooms at the County Hall'. According to an archivist at the Oxfordshire Record Office, 'The uncatalogued backlog of OCC records is enormous and not particularly easy to investigate ... it's possible that [the war books] might still be somewhere at County Hall (although I doubt it) ... The most comprehensive collection of OCC records we have is from the Clerk's/Chief Executive's Office. These were originally stored in the Modern Records Section created in the 1930s ... with the Archives section and under the control of the Clerk [so] if these records had been preserved as stated in the minutes they would have been transferred to us'. The archivist went on to comment that 'Large numbers of records were stored in the basement and strongrooms of County Hall and ... anything we retained has been recorded and accessioned [therefore] the War Books were either never collected or, if they were, they were destroyed at a later date perhaps for reasons of space ... I wonder if the Clerk in his role as County Controller occupied a separate office or building where these things were collected and later destroyed. The fact that a (very) few War Books have survived in parish collections supports the theory that they weren't returned as stipulated in the minutes'. This implies, quite clearly, that the original minute was disregarded and that most parishes destroyed their own copies. But, as every *county* was working under the same central government instructions, why do perhaps only a dozen or so other war books survive—and possibly no other census forms besides those from the Barfords? Can any local historians in other parts of the country point out comparable material for their own area?

Colin Cohen will be the guest speaker at The WI Meeting on Wednesday 11th June. Visitors welcome to hear his talk about his father's work during the war, entitled 'The Spy I Hardly Knew'.

### **Adderbury Gathering - at Adderbury Quaker Meeting House at 3pm Sunday 15th June**

BANBURY AND EVESHAM Quakers invite you to the "Adderbury Gathering", our free annual public talk, at the Adderbury Quaker Meeting House, at 3pm on Sunday 15th June. Followed by afternoon tea at 4pm.

The speaker will be Jon Long from "Positive Money". Jon worked as a global strategist for some of the world's largest banks, and was an insider in the insane run-up to the debt crisis, Quantitative Easing, and the subsequent feeble attempts to control and regulate the monetary system. He will talk about the 'greed and drugs' culture of global banking and his roller-coaster personal journey from cocaine-fuelled psychopathic madness to rehabilitation, sanity and redemption as a Quaker and campaigner for Positive Money. Hold on to your hats and your wallets. You will never see money and banking the same again!

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For information call Maria Huff on 01869 347179 (evenings).