

BARFORD NEWS

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VILLAGE SPORTS AFTERNOON

BAR-B-QUE & BAR

BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST



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BBQ 6PM onwards In the Village Hall Gardens



Quality farm produced burgers & sausages

Selection of home-made salads

Crumble and Ice Cream



Barford St. Michael and St. John - Church Fete



**Starting at 2pm, Monday 25th August
At The Manor House**

Games and competitions for all ages

Bottle Stall Plants Raffle Books

Toys Cakes & Produce Summer Punch Bric a Brac

Delicious Teas by the moat



Companion and Novelty Dog Show



Parish Council Notes

The meeting of Barford St John and St Michael Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 2nd July 2014 at Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Eden, Cllr Turner, Cllr Styles, Cllr Bullard, Cllr Best, Cllr Campbell, District Cllr Williams and Mrs. R. Watts (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer).

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Eden has worked with Trevor Stewart and therefore declared an interest in Trevor Stewart Timber Play Equipment.

Parish Matters: Thomas Fox Landscaping has carried out weed killing in the village, as requested, except for part of Robins Close where there is a water leak.

Sound System for Village Hall: The Village Hall Management Committee has ordered an audio system for the Village Hall and the Parish Clerk has arranged payment of the invoice from Blinkhorns. The Village Hall Management Committee has sent the Parish Clerk a cheque to cover the cost less VAT.

Wooden Play Equipment on West Close: Cllrs Eden and Styles have visited play areas in Steeple Aston, Middle Barton, Somerton and Ardley to see what equipment Trevor Stewart Timber Play Equipment has supplied on sites there. It was agreed that before going any further the deeds to the land and the original change of use planning application need to be checked.

Planning Matters:

Planning Applications: After some discussion it was agreed that any plans for the Barfords should be sent to the Parish in hard copy format. CDs would be accepted for large applications relating to neighbouring villages (e.g. the Mintondale applications in Bloxham). District Councillor Williams will report this decision to Cherwell District Council officers.

Details of applications can be found on the Cherwell District website

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

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

Planning Applications Received:

Retrospective Application. Traherne House, The Rock, Barford St. Michael. Replacement of two existing windows. No Objections.

Planning Applications Approved by Cherwell District Council:

14/007769/F Granted 19th June 2014.

14/00752/F Pymore, Lower Street, Barford St Michael. Removal of Existing pre-fabricated concrete garage. New single story extension at rear of bungalow. No objections. Granted 19th June 2014.

14/00836/F Buttermilk Cottage, Barford St Michael. Replace existing flat roof with lean-to roof. No objections. Granted 20th June 2014.

14/00769 Retrospective Application: Coombe Cottage, 1 Rock Close, Barford St Michael. Wooden Children's playhouse. Granted 20th June 2014.

Notice of Intent TCA:

B14/00173/t. T1 & 2 Irish Yew – fell. No objections.

County Councillor's Report: No report was submitted.

Barbara Chilman from Oxfordshire County Council Education Department will be attending the Adderbury Parish Council Meeting on 24th June. Visitors are welcome.

District Councillor's Report: Cherwell District already shares services with South Northants District Council. It is now considering sharing services with Stratford-upon-Avon District Council. Three member wards and a review of ward boundaries are underway. This may lead to additional elections being held in 2016 based on the new arrangement. It is expected that Barford St John & St Michael will be in a ward with South Newington, Milton, Adderbury, Deddington, Duns Tew, North Aston and Steeple Aston. Councillors expressed concern that the new arrangement may result in people losing touch with their District Councillors.

District Councillor Williams, after training, will sit on Cherwell District Council's sub-Committee. He will also sit on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Licencing and Appeals Committee.

Reports from Meetings:

Cllr Styles attended the Adderbury Parish Council meeting on 24th June. Barbara Chilman, from Oxfordshire County Council's Education Department addressed the meeting. Ms Chilman is responsible for planning the placement of school children across the County. She said that the County works on the ratio of 100 new houses resulting in an additional 25 primary school children. She confirmed that there is no potential for Bloxham Primary School to expand and once approved housing developments have been completed, children from the Barfords are unlikely to be given places there unless they already have a sibling at the school.

Cllr Styles reported that Cherwell District Council's Conservation and Design Team have put together a guide to help local communities register Local Heritage Assets in the District with the Council. The term 'Local Heritage Asset' is used to describe a building, structure, project, place that is identified as having special significance for local heritage. Formerly known as the 'Local List'. Typically a Local Heritage Asset will be a building,

though other structures including landscape features and monuments can also be nominated. Local Heritage Assets vary from the Grade 1, 2* and 2 listings undertaken by English Heritage, which acknowledges heritage of national significance. Cllr Styles suggested that the Bridge in Barford St. Michael might be a 'non building' to consider.

Cllrs Hobbs and Styles attended Cherwell District Council's Parish Liaison Meeting at Bodicote House on 18th June. Two topics under discussion were Cherwell District Council's Local Plan, which has been deferred until December 2014, and a change in qualification rules for exception site properties.

Any Other Business:

Cllr Turner had reported a pothole in Barford St. John to Oxfordshire County Council Highways and it has been repaired.

A 'home made sign' at the bottom of The Rock is in disrepair. Cllr Styles will remove it.

Cllr Best said that the noticeboard in Barford St John has totally collapsed. Councillors agreed unanimously that the clerk can order a new one.

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

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 3rd September 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Thank you

To the Townsend resident
Who donated a very generous
£50.00
For Barford News funds

We Do Not Hold A Village Market in August

Next Market in the Village Hall

Saturday 20th September

Hope to see you there!

New Editor for BN

IN MARCH 1998 I was recruited to the news team as joint deputy editor, working with Bernard Lane and Bill Spence. This involved typing articles, which were mainly received hand written, and preparing the advert pages, in those days 'cut & paste' involved scissors and Pritt stick. Bill moved to Norfolk some months later, and in January 2000 I took over from Bernard as sole editor.

Some 14½ years later, it is time for me to bow out. Tony Ecclestone, of Church Street, will be in the hot seat from next month, with Caroline Bird continuing as Treasurer. Tony already has editorial experience through his work at CDC and, with your support, I am sure that Barford News will continue to go from strength to strength.

I would like to thank all those who have helped to get each monthly issue to our readers. First to Ronnie Knight, who has been with the 'news' since it was relaunched as a monthly paper back in January 1995. Ronnie started out as technical advisor for Bernard, and it was he who designed our distinctive banner heading as well as producing 130 Nature Notes. Next, to Caroline who has done an excellent job in keeping our finances in order, also the many contributors who have written articles with news of clubs, events, schools etc. without whom we would have no 'news'! Finally to the deliverers, Archie & Poppy Brown, Becky Dyson, Chris Cox, Kathryn Wheeler, Jan Elvidge, Maisie Bird, Rupert Moulton, Helen Honour, Joyce Pearce and Cathy Peacock and to all their predecessors

Much has changed over the years, no more Pritt stick and very little typing as most articles now arrive via email. I have learned a lot during my time as editor and have greatly enjoyed *almost* every moment. I feel sure that I am leaving 'my baby' in good hands and ask you to support Tony as well as you have me over these many years. I look forward to sitting back and waiting for September BN to arrive on my doorstep!

Regards

Mariann

Katharine House News

Care for a Cuppa!

Following the success of our first ever **Care for a Cuppa** campaign in March which raised over £10,000, we're running ours again in September. We're inviting supporters to organise a coffee morning or afternoon tea between Sat. 13th and Sun. 21st September. You provide the 'cuppa', cake and chat and we will provide a fundraising pack complete with posters, balloons, recipes and top tips. To receive your pack, please call Sarah Brennan on (01295) 812161, or email sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk.



Katharine House Festival of Open Gardens

11am – 4pm, Sunday 3rd August, 17 Roper Road, Heyford Park (OX25 5TS)

A small cottage style garden with hardy perennials, shrubs and bulbs; also a wild flower meadow. Entrance by donation. Dogs on leads and children welcome.

1-5pm, Sunday 14th September, Wardington Manor, Wardington (OX17 1SW).

A variety of different gardens over four acres; beautiful wisteria-draped house, kitchen and cutting gardens and elegant tree-lined walks. Refreshments available and KH Hospice stall. Entrance £5 (children free). Dogs on leads welcome.

'Lynn's Day' – Family Fun day

This fantastic fundraiser will be held from 8am till late on Saturday 6th September at Chipping Norton Football Club. Car-boot from 8am - 11am; pitches £6 call 07855 290012 to book. A football match, pool competition, horse racing, children's games, face-painting, BBQ, raffle and auction, topped off by live music from, *Chaser*. All proceeds to KHH.

Broughton & North Newington Sports and Social Club Cricket Match Proceeds to KHH

This annual Twenty 20 match will be from 1pm on Sunday 7th September at the Broughton & North Newington Social Club. Come along to watch the match. A BBQ, bar, bouncy castle, raffle will also be on offer!.

Save the Date! Faure's Requiem Workshop and Concert Sat. 25th October, St. Mary's, Banbury

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 with our news and events. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/katharinehouse and on Twitter you can follow us @khhosp. Come and visit and say hello!

Thank you, **Sarah Brennan**
Community Fundraiser

Church Fete

This year the church fete will be on Bank Holiday Monday August 25th at 2 pm to be held in the gardens of the Manor House.



There will be the usual stalls and hopefully some new ones and the ever-popular dog show.

We need as many donations as possible to raise money to run our churches and the following would be gratefully received:-

Bottles of any sort for a bottle stall

Unused/new small gifts for a tombola

Unused prizes for raffle

Bric a brac for the White Elephant

Cakes and produce to be received at the stall on the day.

Please, no jumble and no plants.

Members of the PCC will visit each house in the village to collect any donations in the week starting Monday 18th August, but what we need most of all is support on the day. This is our major fundraising event of the year, so please give generously and offers of help would be much appreciated.

Please contact me on 01869 338300 or email the_bretts@btinternet.com.

Cubby Brett
Churchwarden to the Barfords

Cider with Rosie

Saturday 30th August

A reading performed by 12 local thespians.

With music provided by Jim Plester and John Leslie well-known local musicians.

In the garden of

**Home Farm House, Manor Road, Adderbury
Gardens open at 5pm, performance starts at
6.30pm and will finish at 9.00pm with a 15
minute interval**

**Bring your own picnic and drink and enjoy
these beautiful gardens with a pool.**

Tickets £10 per Adult (£8 for seniors), children under 16 free. Available on the gate or from the Village Shop and Library

All proceeds in aid of FOCAL - helping to keep Adderbury Library open.

Show Number:

No of Entries:

Name: _____ Age (15 or under) _____

Vegetable & Fruit Classes

1	Three Beetroot, with tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.	V
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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	Largest Marrow	
15	Three Apples of one variety, eating or cooking	
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)	
32	An arrangement with of foliage (max 12" w x 18" h)	
32	A miniature arrangement 10cms (4ins) overall	
33	A table decoration for a wedding (max 12" diameter)	

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Cut Flower Classes

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34	A single Gladiolus
35	A sunflower in a vase
36	Three Dahlias
37	Three Roses
38	Four Marigolds (<i>one variety</i>)
39	Four Fuchsia heads in water
40	Six stems of Sweet Peas
41	Vase of mixed garden flowers, 5 varieties, (<i>max.18 stems, no oasis</i>)

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/frame optional</i>)

Photography

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

48	My Pet
49	A Barford Stile
50	An Arch
51	A Flower

Children's Classes

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

52	A Colouring Picture (<i>available from the Post Office</i>)
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 stated on all entries)

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

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Last Entries accepted at 10.30am

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1st Deddington Guides

What a wonderful term! Fine every Tuesday night and we only had two indoor meetings!



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

Everyone enjoyed the 'Backwoods man' cooking – back to basics, no pots and pans – just food in foil parcels in the hot embers – wonderful. One enterprising guide baked an egg in a hollowed out pepper. There were many other wonderful improvisations too, including basil and nettle team, there was some nervousness to start with then the guides gained confidence and fully realised what they could achieve!

We had an extra cookout on the calendar this year. Chloe B, as the first step towards her Baden-Powell award organised a sausage sizzle with Steeple Aston brownies. It was a huge success – well done to Chloe and her trausty band of guides who taught the brownies very well and a great time was had by all.

Many of us spent a wonderful night out – literally sleeping under the stars, at Horley. Earlier in the evening we took part in Cherwell Division patrol competition. After completing a wide range of outdoor activities we celebrated third place for one of our teams! Hurrah!! And Megan and Penny kindly joined a Hook Norton team and were in the winning patrol! So we have a share of the trophy.

We slept out with about 100 guides and leaders. The guides settling to sleep by mid-night after watching stars and shooting stars from their beds and awoke at first light – 4am!! Raring to go!

We also had a sausage sizzle with our very own Deddington brownies, which was great fun. And thank you again to Vivien Bouverie for so kindly letting us use her garden.

One evening saw us walking from Milton to Barford and decoding secret messages, following tracks and erecting our own radio masts to intercept signals. We finished our walk in 'bloody bones lane' which seemed very appropriate!

We touched base last week by meeting in the hall, but still found time to go and have a go at putting up tents. The youngest patrol, the Penguins, treated us to a fashion show with a wonderful display – everything from onesies to party dresses – well done guides!

Last meeting! Coming up – another favourite – stream walking! Then hot chocolate and rounders to warm up!

Then we're off to camp at Siggington!! Enjoy the rest of the summer!

We meet again on 9th September 2014.

Maggie Rampley, 01295 810 069

Marian Trinder, 01869 340 806

Catherine Blackburn, 01295 258 008

Barford Village BBQ and SPORTS on

Sunday August 24th

**FUN Team Games
on Jelf's field behind The George
Starting at 4.0 pm**

**Make up teams of 4,
family and friends.
(No more than 2 adults per team)
Old fashioned races**

**Followed by
BBQ in the Village Hall Garden
at 6.0pm
local farm Sausages & burgers,
vegetarian option
Salads and rhubarb crumble.**

BAR

RAFFLE

Raffle prizes to Lucy Norman please

ALL IN AID OF VILLAGE HALL FUNDS

Glass recycling

There is now a plastic crate behind the bar area in the village hall for recycling wine and beer bottles



Thank You
VHMC



BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE

Our new season will resume in November.....Films and Ticket costs to be announced soon.....Films start at 7.45 pm

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15th

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13th

SATURDAY JANUARY 10th

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14th

SATURDAY MARCH 14th

SATURDAY APRIL 25th

All films are provided and screened by Age UK. Ticket costs cover the rental and upkeep of our Village Hall.

Ed's Postbag

Greetings from Perth, West Australia.

In search of Bates and Tew family connections

I have had contact with you in the past, and will be visiting England in August 2014.

My mother was **Gwen Bates**, whose grandfather was **John Arthur Bates** born 1856, who lived with his grandparents **William and Elizabeth Bates** in St Michael, Barford, Oxford.

My Grandfather, **Johnty Arthur Bates** lived in London, and visited friends, the **Tews, ?Harry Tew**, who was a chicken farmer at Barford. I have photos of them together.

I hope to visit Barford in late August and would be interested to meet any descendants from the **Bates** or **Tews** if living in the area.

I am happy to be contacted on heathern6@yahoo.com

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards
Heather (Newton)

Dear All,

Update on Maggie's 50

Just to let you know that we have raised £1628.38,

and that this has been transferred to the Maggie Harvey Trust as two separate amounts as previously advised.

£1328.38 from riders donations and sponsorship, and £300 from the Banbury Masons, some of whom assisted on the day as support drivers, and who helped with the BBQ.

The donations can be viewed on the web site. If any later donations are received these will be posted to the web site separately and added to the total.

Many thanks to all for your support.
Best regards

SHINGLES VACCINATIONS 2014

Deddington Health Centre

There are 2 groups who are eligible to have the vaccination now:

- **Anyone who was born between September 1st 1942 and 31st August 1943.**
- **Anyone who was born between September 1st 1933 and 31st August 1934.**

If this applies to you, and you haven't yet had the vaccination – please contact us on **01869 338611** to book an appointment **BEFORE AUGUST 31st 2014**. **After that date you will no longer be eligible.**

From **SEPTEMBER 1st 2014**, the people who can have a shingles vaccination are:

- **Anyone who was born between September 1st 1943 and 31st August 1944**
- **Anyone who was born between September 1st 1934 and 31st August 1935**

Please ring the surgery if you think you may be due a vaccination but are unsure.

Deddington Library Needs You!!

Following OCC Reorganisation of library services, Deddington has won the right to stay open in the immediate term but with substantially reduced funding. This means opening hours are dependent on us raising funds as a community and/or servicing the library with local volunteers.

The library plays a pivotal role in our community and surrounding villages by supporting various groups including the education of our children, the support of our elderly and Housebound through the Home Library Service etc., as such, could you please:

- Give up the equivalent of a coffee each month and commit to a monthly subscription of £3 per family;

http://www.friendsofdeddingtonlibrary.org/upload/s/2/8/0/9/28097775/fodl_subscription_form.pdf

and/or

- Volunteer your time to one of the various support roles;

http://www.friendsofdeddingtonlibrary.org/upload/s/2/8/0/9/28097775/fodl_volunteer.pdf

After completion please return forms to Deddington Library, The Old Court House, Horse Fair, Deddington OX15 0SH, or to

books@friendsofdeddingtonlibrary.org

More information is available at www.FriendsofDeddingtonLibrary.org.

Many thanks for your support

The Friends of Deddington Library





Tuesday Lunch Club - 19TH AUGUST 2014

Menu

As it is the school holidays we thought we would try something a bit different and include all ages, making use of the garden, if the weather is kind! In the hall if not.

Main Course

Roast Pork, Stuffing and Apple Sauce

Roast Turkey, Stuffing and Cranberry Sauce

Both served in a bap with a variety of salads.

We will also cook some sausages for the children to have in a finger roll with salad, or with Cheese and Potato Pie and Baked Beans.

Desserts

Chocolate Roulade

Rhubarb and Ginger Sponge and Custard

Lemon and Lime Meringue Roulade

Ice Creams

Lemonade and Orange Squash provided, but bring your own wine, beer, etc.

Price

£5.00 Adults, £2.50 Children 12 and under, Children under 5 free

As usual we will need you to book in advance so, those who haven't already booked at the July Lunch Club, please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074 and let us know by **Thursday 14th August**.

You don't need to make any choices on what you would like just the names of the people coming and if an adult or child.

Payment will be taken as you enter the hall by the main door.

Bakehouse or Shepherds Charity

Barford St John and St Michael

Charity Commission Registration No: 309173

Grants are made annually, at the Trustee's discretion, to young people attending College or University or undertaking an apprenticeship. The Trustee's can be flexible when considering applications, including Students taking A levels. There is a maximum limit awarded.

In order to qualify, applicants should be under 25 years of age and they or their parents should be resident in the parish of Barford St Michael or Barford St John for at least three years.

Please give the following information on your written application:-

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

Address your application to:

Mrs Helen Honour

Clerk to the Shepherds and Bakehouse Trust

The Cottage, 5 Mead Road, Barford St John, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX15 0PW

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

1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

The Cubs have been very busy this month, making the most of the good weather & light nights. We continued our back-woods cooking project cooking apples & eggs in the embers of the fire. The local PCSO's Angie & Tom paid us a visit & talked to the boys about internet safety, useful with the holidays nearly upon us & we made batons for the commonwealth games which have been sent out into the world to see how far they can travel. The Cubs then had two outings to compare places of worship, the first to St Peter & Paul where Ian Gillespie told them about the history of the building & then to The Rollright Stones & yes, they counted them, with a different total every time.

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

Scouts

The Scouts also enjoyed a visit from the police & a hike from Great Tew back to the Windmill. We spent an evening geocaching around the village, which is now part of a new activity badge.

Our visit to the Rollrights & the surrounding monuments culminated in a session of divining with old clothes hangers & although we were sceptical at first, it really did work – weird!

Pete Churchyard S.L.

pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

Explorers

The auction held at the Windmill was a huge success, making in excess of £300, which will go towards an expedition in the future. Well done to all the boys.



Their next outing was to the bell-tower for a bell-ringing taster & while they were there we took the opportunity to invest them on the roof, pictured above. They look a bit different to the rest of the group, sporting a necker of red & black.

Next, a session on the driving range at Drayton, we do like a variety!

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QUIZ @ THE GEORGE

SUNDAY August 3rd - 3pm

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Notes From The Potting Shed

OPEN GARDENS EVENT was postponed for this year and everyone has been able to garden away without worrying about scarecrows or containers or photographs! The normal Plant Stall still took place and Mariann did a fantastic job, (see July BN).



FUTURE TALKS AND VISITS are still being organised by the Committee but there are a couple of dates to put in your diaries.

WEDNESDAY 10th September, RHS Plant Day at Cotswold Wildlife Park. Talks, demonstrations, displays, and a chance to see the Park's gardens at their summer peak. Free entry for RHS members; otherwise £14.50 for adults, £10 for over 65's.

SATURDAY 4th October, Make a mosaic for your garden! Day workshop at the Village Hall, tutored by local mosaic artist Fiona Pancheri. Materials and tuition included. Contact Linda Newbery on 337526 or L.newbery@btinternet.com. £40 per person for a whole day.

Any ideas for future talks gratefully received.....the talks and visits/ events are usually related. 3 talks and 3 visits per year, starting in the autumn.

There are so many jobs to do in the garden now...watering, feeding, cutting back, trimming ordering new bulbs etc, clearing ponds, picking fruit and vegetables, dead heading, removing dead foliage, clearing paths, cutting wild flower meadows to help scatter seeds, prune climbing roses etc.etc.....far too much of course.

Don't forget the garlic treatment.

HAPPY GARDENING

Have a good summer and be careful of your backs



'Bye for now'
Spade and Fork



Rural Police Team Update

Team News

PC RICHARD MILLER has been awarded the Commander's Commendation for good work. PC Miller responded to reports of a young woman dangling from a bridge with a busy road below. The female was quickly secured and brought to safety with minimal injuries sustained. PC Miller and colleagues were recognised for saving the female's life.



Crime News

This has been a very busy month for crime in the area. The neighbourhood suffered a large number of thefts from vehicles in Bloxham, Milcombe, Great Bourton and Cropredy. The offender targeted vehicles that were left insecure with expensive items left on view. We were able to identify an offender using forensics, a young male living in Banbury with links to the Milcombe area. He is currently on bail and we are working with the Crown Prosecution Service to bring him before the court in the next couple of months.

Wigginton was targeted overnight at the end of June, offenders broke in to numerous outbuildings, shed and garages. We arrested a known criminal and recovered a large amount of stolen property. The male has been remanded in custody awaiting court.

This spate of crime is a reminder to all rural communities that we are at risk from opportunist crimes. Please lock your vehicles and do not leave anything of value inside. Also lock sheds and garages. If you would like to discuss a matter or would like us to visit you, please contact us either on the non emergency number 101 or via e-mail to BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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 are community initiatives owned and run by their members. They work by developing close liaison between neighbourhood households and the local police. It is an active partnership.

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.

You can also follow us on **Twitter** @_ThamesVP or Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/thamesvp>

Crime Reduction

For further crime reduction advice you can also visit our website www.thamesvalley.police.uk or call the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

You can contact the team by emailing:

BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or call us on 101 our non-emergency number. Please dial 999 in an emergency.

Ethiopia 2014 Update.

BY THE TIME you read this I shall be out in Ethiopia with 17 other school friends working with local builders to build a new library for an elementary school with 1800 students in Assela.

Between the other girls and I, we have now managed to raise the £ 15,000 needed to fund the building of the library and I would like to thank again all the people who attended my quiz night held in the village hall and the local suppliers who all gave generously to assist in making the evening such a success. Together with my other fund raising projects that I did, I was the main fund raiser for our team totalling just over £1,000, so many thanks.



With all this going on and with the dreaded school exams, it has been a busy time recently for me. On top of all my work, I row for my school and in June won two gold medals at the National Schools Rowing Regatta. This led me and three of my school mates winning the GB National Trials for the Junior 16s coxless quad (although I'm only 15), and being selected to row for Great Britain against France in Nantes. We won by some 6 boat lengths and I hope I have put the Barfords on the international rowing map!

I will let you all know about my Ethiopian trip in a future edition of the Barford News.

Once again many thanks,

Danielle Semple

Down On The Farm

WE HAD A PAIR OF DUCKS until recently when the drake decided to call it quits and was dutifully buried. The duck has gone to Ilbury farm to live with a solitary drake there and get over her mournful quacking. It seems to have done the trick.

I don't know what caused the demise of our drake, but it reminded me of an uncle of mine who would tend to explain any ailment of which he was vague about the cause by saying, with a twinkle in his eye, that it was probably ducks' disease. Being only a few feet tall at that time I missed the twinkle and assumed a serious diagnosis.

It was not until I could no longer sing in the front row of the school choir that I became aware that the term was a sort of euphemism for ignorance; a verbal version of the visual palms up and shrug of the shoulders. Unfortunately by that time I had cheerfully attributed it to the cause of a school epidemic to the bewilderment of a couple of teachers and the school matron.

The diversity of farming, especially mixed farming, means that one needs to have at least a smattering of knowledge of veterinary science, agronomy, mechanics with nutrition, chemistry and book keeping thrown in. The result is a 'master of none' mentality with which it is handy to have something like ducks' disease up one's sleeve to mock the unexplainable.

The recent rains have done a lot of good although they caused a field of spring barley which I had overindulged with pig muck to lean towards flat in places which will make landing areas for pigeons and rooks. I shall need to keep an eye on that. Sheep shearing has come and gone to the relief of all, not least the sheep, and the rams are holidaying off the farm until required for their annual activity.

Meanwhile harvest looms large and may well clash with a bit of late haymaking we still have to do. At least we shall have plenty of straw this year due to an increased area of cereals

The lull has enabled us to get some maintenance jobs done and wage the annual war on docks, thistles and nettles; the ability of these three species to multiply tenfold if left unmolested is otherwise depressing.

I am okay with weeds in arable crops because anything alien growing in a row of potatoes or a field of wheat is clearly unwanted. Conversely I am not allowed near a mixed flower garden without supervision because I find some weed species quite attractive and am inclined to uproot other stuff to give them more space. Farmers seldom make good gardeners.

Our nesting birds have done well this year to the extent that the sparrows, which we nurtured through a period of near depletion some years back, could well become a pest. I have not seen any fledglings from the Barn Owls yet but still live in vague hope. We sadly lost all three fledglings two years ago after I found their unfortunate parent dead in a field for no apparent reason.

I recall that the chap who monitors Barn Owls locally enquired as to its fate. He is a serious minded fellow and I thought mentioning ducks' disease to cover my ignorance would be inappropriate. So I gave him the palms up and a shrug of the shoulders.

Tony Collier,
Iron Down farm

An interview with another one of our prestigious Aunt Sally players.

Honours	I've won a few Championships
Position	Retired Anchor-Man, now No 7
Throwing Style	Deteriating Classical
Favourite Tipple	Anything that fits on the back of the mower
Biggest Influence on Career	Shoey McFee
Worst Injury	I got hit on the knee with a stick whilst pegging, off work for 2 weeks. No long term effect on my performance although my pension investments suffered
Career Sixes	3 All indoors, on current form another looks unlikely unless our head coach can sort out my bad habits. I have trouble releasing.
Previous Clubs	100% Loyal to The George
Career Earnings	Nil
Ambition	To retain my House Champion Title
Length of Service	30 Years
Favourite Venue	Rose & Crown Radlett
Worst Venue	The Cricketers (no longer open)
Player with Most Potential	Steve Cox
Memorable Moment	My career threatening injury
Who was interviewed this month?? – Basil Butler	

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

WHAT A BUSY few weeks! Our Sports Day was a great



success. Each child ran in several races and all won stickers and a medal. Afterwards there was an opportunity for the parents to take part in the parent's race before we all enjoyed a relaxed picnic in the PFSU garden.

The PFSU children have produced their own film! We recorded the children telling and acting out a favourite story 'Take A Walk Little Bear'. We are delighted with the final result and extremely grateful to the talented Emma and Andy Spellman who gave up their morning to film us.

The PFSU children sang in the service in Deddington Church on 6th July and we were very proud of their effort to learn and perform 'Who Put The Colours in the Rainbow?'.

Our summer fund-raising event 'A Night at the Movies' was a fantastic night with a great band, lovely food and the Windmill Centre looking amazing. Thankyou to everyone who supported the evening and to the organising committee who made it such a successful night.

Our children have visited their new schools and pre-schools and we wish them every success as they move onwards and upwards in September.

Lucy Squires
337484

Residents receive notice of electoral shake-up

MORE THAN 100,000 letters will be sent to Cherwell residents this week informing them of the biggest shake-up of how they register to vote.

As part of a nationwide initiative to help reduce electoral fraud and improve accountability, the Government has launched the Individual Electoral Registration system, known as IER, which makes every eligible voter responsible for registering themselves to vote.

Previously each household across the UK received a single form asking for details of all eligible voters within the property, but this will now be replaced by the new system which will write to every voter individually.

James Doble, deputy electoral registration officer, said: "The Government is rolling out the new IER system across the UK. For the vast majority of eligible voters, they will not need to do anything as they will automatically have had their details transferred from the old system, to the new one.

Where possible, the Government has automatically transferred eligible electors by matching personal details against those held by the Department for Work and Pensions. In this instance, individuals will receive a letter from Cherwell District Council advising them they will not need to do anything further. In Cherwell, about 98,000 of the district's 108,000 eligible voters have been matched.

The remaining 10,000 voters will receive a letter advising them that their details were not able to be confirmed. If this occurs, residents need to go online or call Cherwell to provide their information. A national insurance number and date of birth will be required.

This new system will make every person responsible for their own registration and will make it harder for people to defraud the system by submitting false details. It is important every eligible voter ensures they are included on the electoral register as this is used to provide credit checks for mortgages, credit cards and mobile phone contracts. If residents fail to submit their details, they could have any of these applications refused and receive a poor credit rating.

Residents are being advised to check their letters and contact the council immediately if there are any errors including letters which are sent to people who no longer live at their address.

For more information or to register details online visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Alternatively call 01295 227005.

Are you ready for an A-mazing summer at your library?

Get lost in the Mythical Maze, this year's Summer Reading Challenge! The legendary adventure begins on Saturday 12th July and finishes on Saturday 13th September.

Meet some weird and wonderful creatures from myths and legends on your journey such as the Yeti, Anansi and Nessie.

Collect rewards as you weave your way through the maze. You will only have to read 6 library books!

Ask at your local library to get your Mythical Maze poster to start this exciting adventure!

Check out the a-mazing collection of new books.

Look out for exciting puzzles and fun activities at the library throughout the summer holidays.

Visit the brilliant interactive website:
www.mythical-maze.org.uk

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WEATHERWISE, May had been a disappointing, miserable month; however, the first week of June started to put things right. Sure, the 4th was a thoroughly wet day, but there was warm sunshine, temperatures rising to 27° at the end of the first week, and some Cuckoo song from Steepness - who could complain? As I stated at the end of last *N.N.* I toddled off to Scotland (Elgin as base) for the inside of a week with my old schoolmate to look for Black-throated Divers and Slavonian Grebes on some of the lochs, as well as other goodies!

We did get some good views of the Divers one evening, although the weather was gloomy. We also saw the Grebes but again that was in overcast weather on choppy water and at some distance from the nearest watching point so, not top marks. Loch Garten had the breeding Ospreys as usual and also Siskins and Redstarts. Other niceties were Merlins on the moors, hen Red Grouse with their broods near the roads across the shooting estates (but little else!) and Wheatears around the rocky outcrops. There were many Sand Martins, Meadow Pipits, Curlews, Common Sandpipers - and there were Cuckoos everywhere!

All in all interesting, but not a red-letter event.

And so back to the Barfords - where I was soon told that the Cuckoo had been singing long in the west of the parish! Bas Butler told me that on the 12th, he had been watching three Swifts hawking around Lower Street, when suddenly a Hobby dashed through with a bird clenched in its foot and sped off NW. Poor old Bas was worried it was one of the Swifts but all three were seen hawking around the next day (Hobbys are agile and fast enough to catch Swifts).

The 14th was mild on a windless NNE air, cloudy but bright, with a little sun. There were Chiffchaffs singing and Blackbirds feeding young; Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers were calling to several newly fledged broods around the Barfords. The 15th was a repeat and it was, I suspect, the aforementioned three Swifts wheeling around Townsend in late morning. Day temperatures stood at around 15° with 12° by night. The 16th was another repeat, but daytime at 18° marked the start of a rise over the coming week, although nights stuck firmly close to 12°.

The 17th was cloudy with sunny spells and reached 26° (78°F). A Garden Warbler joined the Chiffchaff in song below Hempton Hills, both engaged in producing a replacement or second

clutch. 'My' House Martins were now busily feeding their young, twittering and swooping low over my head whenever I went outdoors. In late morning three Buzzards were mewing loudly below Steepness and, in the afternoon, took to soaring high over St. Michael.

As if not being enough for one day, a wild Privet bush in my garden was smothered with blossom; this attracted no less than 24 butterflies gorging on the nectar - 12 Small Tortoiseshells and 12 Meadow Browns - all at the same time!

The current weather continued, but the 19th brought an interesting high-level wind-shear effect that I watched from my garden in the morning. The cloud on the prevalent NE wind was visibly slowing and, high above, cloud was moving in from SW, exactly the opposite direction! Sure enough, by the 20th the prevailing wind had moved to SW and there it stood until the 24th.

But hold on - back to the 20th! A cloudy, hazy sun broke through about 9am on a cool breeze. Temperature rose quite savagely in the afternoon to 29.5° (85°F) with small, drifting clouds from SW. The 24 butterflies continued to feed on the Privet, several late or replacement Blue Tit broods were coming off, and the House Martins were now feeding the chicks at the nest entrance!

In the clear air, the nights dropped to 12.5°, whilst days stood at 27° until the 23rd. By now the majority of butterflies had dispersed, having fed up and matured, to lay their eggs; the S. Torts to clumps of Stinging Nettles along nearby hedgerows, and the Meadow Browns into long grass - not a few of them into my wild patch which, I leave unmown for that purpose, as well as promoting wild flowers.

By the 23rd the heat was becoming a little trying and big thunderheads were forming through the morning. However, change was in the air and the cloud slowly dispersed to admit very strong sun, raising the afternoon temperature to a sizzling 31.5° (88.5°F)! But the change did its stuff and the night was back to 12° - a drop of 19.5°!

Sure enough, on the 24th, heavy sky haze cleared to give hot sun, albeit on a refreshing NNE breeze, despite which the day rose to 28°. A Great Spotted Woodpecker 'kecked' his way around Townsend and I was delighted to watch the House Martin youngsters take their first flights. I was disappointed that there were only two, but I should not be surprised given the impoverished conditions of May. It was most amusing as the youngsters stumbling,

faltering, first excursions from the nest, were accompanied by the nervous parents' worried calls, leading them round. It took the youngsters some time to master clinging onto the nest before clawing their way back inside, but next day they were unhesitatingly dashing straight into the hole, like their parents. Soon hopefully, the second brood will be started! Meanwhile, a decidedly chilly night of only 8° ensued.

At this time, it was sad to see so many road deaths of Fox cubs - yes, culling is very necessary, but how much better to do it humanely - and I find it disgusting that so many drivers seem to delight in hideously crushing all wildlife crossing the roads, many creatures being smashed where car wheels would never occur unless deliberately driven there! And so many drive at inappropriate speeds on country roads, on the pretext that they are Today's People, or busy and short of time. Even now, as I write these *Notes*, there are two such heaps of bloody sludge on nearby roads. They used to be Hedgehogs. What a disgrace!

Anyway, the daytime temperature on the 25th dropped to 17.5°. It seemed that there were prolific flights of Gold Finches everywhere, and many people spoke of their numbers. These little birds seemed to have timed their breeding just right!

The warmth of night was much higher, and a slow cruise around our lanes, illuminated by headlights, produced views of prolific flights of moths, seemingly more than for many years. This I have absolutely no doubt, is due to the reduction in intensive and unnecessary verge mowing and excessively severe and badly timed hedge trimming. Hopefully we shall see an increase in insect life and seed production, thus a resurgence of wild flowers and birdlife in our beautiful countryside.

Following gentle evening rain and a warm night of 16° on the 26th, the 27th dawned on a drifting overcast with a slight breeze back at SW. The sky cleared and a moderately hot 22° was followed by sharp rain storms in late afternoon.

It was at this time that I surmised that our village Swifts had departed. This was a very early date, and Swifts were present in many nearby towns and villages, but I had seen newly emerged young, and the skies over the Barfords seemed to be empty... I wonder?

From now until the end of the month the air was very still on vestigial SW airs. There was steady rain, showery in the afternoon on the 28th. On the 29th there was heavy cloud over mid-day and, despite cool air, it was very hot in direct sun.

Bas and Sylvie spotted from their car, a Buzzard hovering Kestrel-like at Coombe Hill. It was only when Bas trained his binoculars on it that he realised there was a second Buzzard soaring at an enormous height above it. Bas said it was invisible to the naked eye without his binocs!

The 30th was similar, windless but with more cloud - and June left us hot and perhaps a bit surprised at the warm weather, on a night of 14.5°.

July arrived, continuing the windless (SW) conditions (22°) of hot direct sun and cool nights (8° to 12f). The 1st produced a Raven croaking and flying quickly E over Horn Hill mid-morning, and a Buzzard soaring over St. Michael. Other than this there was very little movement in Nature, except for the heat loving insects. These conditions continued with small variations through the first week. On the 4th, Claire Cox finishing a run, called at my house to say that she had watched the haymaking at Nether Worton and there were 14 Kites and Buzzards scavenging the ground for prey! This was too good to miss so I went over soon after and had some real surprises!

There were 9 Kites, 2 Buzzards and, behaviour never before seen by me, two Sparrow Hawks similarly engaged, and being attacked by the Kites when they found something! And ... a wonderful female Hen Harrier, unconcerned and flying low and close to me as she elegantly glided on wings held in a V, occasionally dropping on small prey.

The 5th dawned overcast with showery rain clearing and followed by sun about 10.30am. At this time several bird species that have sustained heavy losses in recent years were now showing improved numbers, especially Songthrushes with their delightful dawn and dusk voluntaries, and less markedly, the House Sparrow and Starling.

The next week was more variable, with heavy showers on the 7th and 8th, the latter with nearby thunder. The 7th produced the first of this year's Gatekeeper butterflies in my garden. It loves hedgerows and headlands near gaps, hence its name. I hope it survived the night which dropped to 8.5°. The 8th brought a small (juvenile?) male Raven croaking and flying W below Steepness, but supreme for me was a Scarlet Tiger moth basking in sun on Comfrey (which the caterpillars eat) in my garden! Steely blue-black fore-wings with cream and white spots and rich scarlet hind wings with black marks - a handsome beast!

The 9th arose sunny through quickly moving cloud on a warm, brisk NW breeze. By now everyone seemed to be talking of the wonderful

number of Small Tortoiseshell butterflies in gardens and lanes. Just at that moment, they, and Meadow Browns, were the only species in my garden, plus the odd Gatekeeper. At this time, I noticed there were more Greenfinches in the trees, boosted by their new broods. How marvellous it is to, once more, hear their staccato, musical trills and phrases from the treetops, as well as in flight, after such poor numbers for many years. I hope we can also see an improvement in Chaffinch numbers around St. Michael soon.

The 10th was very hot and humid (28°). Only a few insects and the Songthrush seemed active. Interactions between large air masses over the next three days allowed only very light N airs. The 11th dropped back to 22°; a bright dawn clouded over and by 8am there was soft, quiet drizzle. It didn't deter a female Raven from croaking quietly below Steepness. The clearing sky on a warm afternoon brought another great surprise to the Marjoram in my wild patch - an Essex Skipper! This very small butterfly is similar to the Small Skipper - which also likes Marjoram. The Essex is a slightly less bright ochre and is a little later appearing, but you have to look at the underneath of its antennae (feelers) to be sure. The Small's are ochre right across the tip; the Essex's are paler underneath and have a dipped-in-ink black tip - you *can* see them if you approach feeding insects carefully and kneel down - but please don't try to catch them, they are too frail and too precious.

The 12th produced a debilitating 29° and the only things active were Green Woodpeckers below Steepness in the early morning cool - and the insects of course! The night was a sticky 18° with rain which became showers in the morning of the 13th. The cloud was very slow to clear, but when it did a hot late afternoon ensued. It was followed by a cool, clear night.

I would like to thank everyone who has provided me with records and information again, and particularly to our editor, Mariann, who is, after so many years and issues of not-easy work, going to enjoy some free time. Thank you for so much Mariann, have Happy Days!

And of course, a Big "Welcome" to our new editor, Tony Ecclestone who we look forward to working with over the coming issues.

Now, as I close these *Nature Notes* on the 14th, the wind has gone to SW, and the heat is increasing. Perhaps we *all* wonder what the forthcoming month will bring!

Ron Knight

Deddington Festival - 2014 Round Up

THE 12TH ANNUAL Deddington Festival was a fun-packed 10 days with many new additions to the programme. This year for the first time the Festival introduced three new talent competitions, appealing to all ages and interests plus a variety of new family, music and comedy events.

Emma Noon, Chair, Deddington Festival Committee, said: "The 12th Deddington Festival was the best yet with over 1000 people attending 19 events over the week, from Deddy Rocks, a comedy night, a kids circus, an art exhibition and history walk to a Baroque concert and a Jazz & Jam evening. The support from our sponsors and volunteers was fantastic, which we're going to build on to make the 2015 Deddington Festival even better."

A great record of the 2014 Festival is available on the photo gallery on the Deddington Festival website: <http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk/2014-gallery/>

Highlights of this year's programme included:

Deddington Rocks One of the Festival's major events returned this year, starting from 2pm for family fun with supporting bands and dance acts, in the lead up to the main concert that evening. The evening line up featured Dance a la Plage; The Dirty Flaws; The Shady Bunch and The Knights of Mentis.

Cotswold Comedy Club brought three professional comedians from the world of stand-up comedy to Deddington. Andrew Bird, Laura Lexx and Dave Arnold had the audience laughing in the aisles at the Windmill Centre.

Jazz & Jam offered 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.

WW1 Community Concert Marking the centenary year of the start of the First World War, this community concert featured trench war time songs, poems, memories of the war by relatives of those who fought, Olde Tyme music hall songs and other popular songs of the time.

Komedy of Errors Presented by Circus Berzercus, was a mad-cap family circus show for all ages - containing music, dazzling juggling, daring unicycling, mystifying magic, comedy and plenty of audience participation!

To keep up to date with Festival news and dates for 2015 visit www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk. Follow on Facebook and twitter @DeddyFest.