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*We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.*

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.*

*A Happy and Peaceful Christmas
To All
From The News Team*

Dear friends

The Daly family (Leon, Lyn and Hannah) would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2015.

Rather than send cards ('cause we'll see most of you anyhow), we will be making a donation to the Kathmandu Kids Home.

Have a wonderful festive season.

**Welcome back to
David and Lavinia Crowther**

and also to

Barbara Brown

who have just returned to their restored cottages after the disastrous fire of July 2013.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas
and Happy New year!

Martin, Julia, Rachael and Dillon



Barford Picture House



December's film is Frozen, the computer-animated musical fantasy-comedy produced by Walt Disney Studios, suitable for the whole family. It lasts for 1 hr 40 mins and there will be ice cream at the beginning. It's on 13 December and will start **earlier than normal, at 7pm.**

It is the 53rd animated feature produced by Walt Disney. Inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale The Snow Queen, the film tells the story of a fearless princess who sets off on an epic journey alongside a rugged iceman, his loyal pet reindeer and a clueless, naive snowman to find her estranged sister, whose icy powers have inadvertently trapped the kingdom in eternal winter.

There are humorous scenes that all ages will enjoy, particularly every line spouted by delusional, tropic-dreaming snowman Olaf.

It ranks as the highest-grossing animated film of all time, the fifth highest-grossing film of all time, the highest-grossing film of 2013. Frozen won Academy Awards for Best Animated Feature and Best Original Song, Golden Globe Award for Best Animated Feature Film and a BAFTA for Best Animated Film,

Frozen blends features of computer-generated imagery and traditional hand-drawn animation. The setting was principally based on Norway, and the cultural influences in the film come from Scandinavia - stave churches, trolls, Viking ships, clothes, and food such as lutefisk. The perennial Norwegian debate over how to stack firewood properly (bark up or bark down) is briefly shown in the film.

The film also contains several elements specifically drawn from Sámi culture (Lapp), such as the usage of reindeer for transportation and the equipment used to control these, clothing styles and parts of the musical score.



Barford Village Market

Saturday 13 December

A week early to avoid clashing with Deddington

10am to 12noon in the Village Hall

All the usual stalls plus one or two new ones

*Join us for a complimentary
glass of mulled wine
and home-made mince pies*

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

Not forgetting tea/coffee and bacon/egg/sausage butties

We hold regular markets on the
third Saturday every month (except January and August)

Come along and support YOUR local market

All profits for Village Hall maintenance

CHRISTMAS TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

16 December, 12.30pm

Mulled wine on arrival

Main course

Roast turkey crown

Sausage and bacon (pigs in blankets)

Cranberry and spring onion stuffing balls

Bread sauce and cranberry sauce

Roast potatoes

or

Fillet of salmon with a lemon and dill sauce

New potatoes

Both main courses served with buttered carrots, broccoli and peas

Desserts

Vanilla crème brûlée with hazelnut shortbread

Raspberry meringue roulade

Christmas pudding and brandy sauce

Price £6 (to cover cost of mulled wine, crackers, etc.)

Places are limited so please book early

As usual please bring your own alcoholic drinks to have with your meal

Please ring Anne and Mick on 01869 337074 by Tuesday 9 December.

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

Christmas is coming and the settings are already alive with the sound of Christmas songs and sparkling with glitter!

The PFSU are looking forward to their Decorations Days on 1 and 3 December from 1.30pm to 3pm when we invite family members in to help us decorate the classroom.

We present our joint Christmas performance, Born in a Barn with the F1 class in Deddington Church on Monday 15 December at 2pm. The Nursery present their interactive Christmas performance, Journey to Bethlehem, on Wednesday 17 December from 10am to 12 noon.

Both groups of children will be enjoying Christmas parties, the Nursery children on Friday 19 December and the PFSU children on Thursday 18.

And please don't forget our Christmas Fayre in Deddington Church on Tuesday 2 December from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. This is open to all, for your Christmas shopping and a little pampering.

We held a well-supported AGM in October and were able to appoint a new committee to lead us during the coming year. Thank you to everyone who attended. Welcome to our new committee members and thank you for your support to those who are moving on.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Cllr Arash Fatemian for the donation from his community fund for the PFSU's new climbing frame. This is being very much enjoyed.

Thanks as well to the Deddington Parish Show for their kind donation.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Lucy Squires 337484

Christingle

Please join us for our
Christingle Service



A perfect start to the
Christmas celebrations

St. Michael's Church

4pm

Sunday 14 December

BARFORD ST MICHAEL CHURCH



CRIB SERVICE

4pm, Christmas Eve



**Hempton
Christmas
Bazaar**



**Saturday 6 December
11am through lunchtime**
in the Old School Room.

Join us for soup and bacon baps.

Browse and buy from our stalls
tombola, raffle, cakes

Katharine House Christmas cards
games and much more



Christmas AND PAMPER FAYRE EVENING

TUESDAY, 2nd DEC, 7.30pm- 9.30pm

St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Deddington

Pick up a
unique gift
from our
festive local
stalls

Have your
nails done then
sit down for a
drink with
friends

Entry
Only
£3

Jewellery * Cards * Craft * Gifts * Toys
Food & Drink * Clothes * Flowers
Mince pies * Mulled Wine
* Manicures *

Get into the Christmas Spirit!

In support of Deddington Village Nursery & PFSU Charity No 1100275/11179563



Quiz night at the George

The next quiz is on 17 December,
8.30pm start. It's a chance to become a
millionaire as well as meet friends old and new.
Not got a team – then join the team at the bar

Carols in the George and around the village

Glynnis will be leading the carols on 22 December
from 7pm at The George. Musicians and singers
welcome. **And there will be carols around the
village on Tuesday 23 December.**



Fernhill Club News

We had a very enjoyable trip to Wyvale on 5
November in a comfortable coach with a
courteous and helpful lady driver.

Playing cards, dominoes and Yahtze occupied 12
November then on 19 November we were
visited by Ann Sharman who taught us some
Christmas crafts, both interesting and helpful.

The following week we were entertained by
Ukuladies who came on one condition that we
were all to sing-a-long. An unexpected addition
to the players surprised us all and added to the
fun.

We are going for Christmas lunch on 3
December. On 10 December we have our own
party in the hall with Margaret Thomas to
entertain us with Christmas prose and music.

Our next club meeting will be 14 January, but
we hope to be going to Chipping Norton theatre
on 7 January to see their pantomime 'Mother
Goose'. Everyone over 40 welcome.
Wednesdays 2.30pm to 4pm. Contact Mary on
01295 252298 or Maggie on 01869 338938.
We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

Congratulations to

Sophie and Simon Hanmer,



On the birth of

George Alexander William

who weighed in at 9lb 5½ on 1 November.

We wish little George a long and happy life.

Barford Green Gardening Club



Notes from our potting shed

Timothy Walker, recently at Oxford Botanic Garden, has been a popular speaker in the past, returned on 3 November to inform and entertain us with the topic of Sex, Lies and Putrefaction. Focusing on the varied and intricate ways in which plants are pollinated - by wind and water, by insects, birds and other creatures - he impressed us with his boundless knowledge and enthusiasm for the natural world. His talk was illustrated with beautiful images of pollen grains from various plants species from all over the world and the many creatures attracted to them.

Dates to remember

7 December: A Family Fun Garden Quiz

Questions about all aspects of gardening for all ages. Make a team and come along for tea and trivia. We have decided to have the quiz in the afternoon on a Sunday now that the days are getting shorter. There will be an entry of £2 for adults and £1 for children under 15. Tea and cakes will be extra. Prizes will be awarded.

AGM

Date to be decided. Possible Open Gardens will be discussed at the AGM.

18 July: Visit to Dreamer's Cottage, Little Haseley with a possibility of lunch at Lassco's in Milton Common. Other possible visits discussed at our meeting were Oxford Botanic Garden and Worton Organic Gardens. This is near Cassington and would be best in June and a guided tour with tea could be arranged. It would have to be on a Tuesday or Wednesday, with a minimum of ten people.

Jobs to be done in and around the garden

- check your winter protection structures are still securely in place
- check that greenhouse heaters are working
- prevent ponds and stand pipes from freezing

- prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls)
- prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding
- harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops
- deciduous trees and shrubs can still be planted and transplanted
- take hardwood cuttings
- cover delicate plants with fleece or other material
- keep mice away from stored produce
- reduce watering of houseplants
- pick berries and evergreen leaves to make a Christmas wreath
- think about little presents for your gardening friends
- enjoy the wonderful winter plants found in our gardens and look forward to next year.

A happy Christmas to all our gardeners and don't forget to feed the birds.



Bye for now
Spade and Fork



Bakehouse and Shepherds Charity and Hall and Fernhill Trust

The Board of Trustees of the two Barford charities are looking for new trustees and a clerk to join them.

If you are interested or require more information please contact:

Chairman - Robin Woolgrove - 01295 720117
Clerk - Helen Honour - 01295 720987

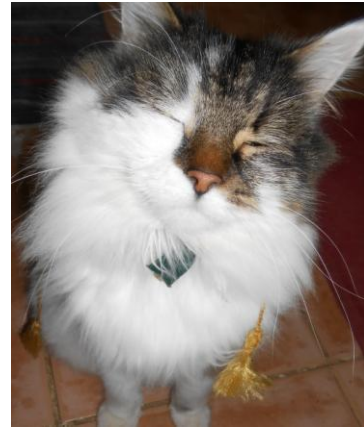
Barford students and over 65s benefit annually from these charities.



Bridge hit again!

All fine on Saturday night, 15 November. But knocked down by Sunday morning.

Pets at Christmas



Vet Sophie Hanmer, from Horn Hill, writes:

Christmas is a magical time of the year and to make sure it is enjoyed by two-legged and four-legged members of the household alike it's important to be aware of hidden dangers of the season.

We have a tendency to spoil our animals at Christmas but even if we don't knowingly treat them they're surrounded by temptation and are more likely to raid dustbins and sneak chocolates hanging from the tree. Rich food can lead to upset tummies and even pancreatitis and turkey or chicken bones can get stuck in your pet's throat requiring emergency treatment. Some human foods are dangerous to animals. Those found commonly around Christmas include chocolate, macadamia nuts, and yeast dough. Grapes, raisins, avocado, onions and garlic can also cause illness. If your pet manages to get their paws on any of these, seek veterinary advice. To discourage your pet from eating human food buy them some treats specifically designed for pets.

As unappetising as it may sound they may take a liking to mistletoe, holly, lilies and poinsettia. These can be poisonous to pets. Keep them out of reach or opt for an artificial alternative. Christmas decorations are magnets for cats and dogs. Eating them is not unheard of and can cause damage to the gastrointestinal tract. Glass baubles knocked off the tree can shatter and injure paws, as can pine needles. Chewed fairy lights can electrocute and damage to your pet's mouth - make sure your tree and lights are protected from playful paws. To draw your pet's attention away from alluring decorations try distracting them with a new toy.

Keep your pets safe and have a very Merry Christmas.

THE 200 £ CLUB £

Raising funds for
our Village Hall

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Tickets for 2015 will be on sale shortly
£6 covers your annual subscription
and enters you in
12 monthly draws offering

guaranteed prizes

£5, £10, £15 every month

£25 once each quarter

£50 twice a year

Christmas bonus of £100

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So please – have a go and help raise funds to
maintain YOUR village hall.

For 50p a month you can really make a difference.

Existing members will be contacted soon.

**New members - to reserve a ticket (or two!)
please contact Mariann on 338570.**

From The Fire Station



So far today the crew have responded to five incidents. There have been two road traffic crashes. One was a learner driver in Adderbury and the other in Banbury. We also responded to a wall that fell on a person whilst he was digging a trench in Duns Tew. He was trapped by his ankles and had injuries to his face and head. He was air lifted by air ambulance and we wish him a speedy recovery.

There was an electrical fire in Banbury caused by a faulty fuse board and we had a standby at Banbury fire station. The night is now upon us and I am just wondering what is coming our way next. It is not often we get called out five times in one day, but when it gets busy it can stay busy.

Guy Fawkes Night came and went without incident. People seem to be going to more organised events which in our opinion is always the safest option.

Deddington crew were busy over the strike period supporting areas that were not as well covered. The brigade has to maintain cover for the whole county and when resources are stretched they will move fire engines to key areas to maintain that cover. Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue are generally not striking but it only takes a few crews to strike to put an extra strain on the already much stretched brigade.

Didcot power station was the major incident over the last month with 12 fire engines and lots more specialist equipment including two hydraulic platforms, command and support vehicles. To my surprise the cooling units were made of timber and it was amazing that it didn't completely burn to the ground. At the height of the blaze the heat was really intense but within an hour it was under control. Our fire engines can pump 950 litres a minute from a single delivery hose.

The hydraulic platforms can deliver many thousands of gallons per minute. These are the kind of fires we train for but rarely get and it was good to see first-hand how effective our equipment can be.

It can be a real challenge to keep our fire engine on the run with school holidays, primary work commitments, annual leave and sickness. But in spite of that we managed to keep our fire engine ready and available for 98.6 per cent of last month. That is due to the commitment and extra cover that the crews give to make this happen. A big thank you to them.

Training is always constant and being improved. We have a breathing apparatus refresher in January, so spending many drill nights honing our skills. The crew will be attending another day's training at Morton Fire College in December for what is known as vertical training. This means that they run one incident after another and you are told to treat them as real incidents and to deal with them as you would in the real world. This is really good training because what they are looking for is that you can apply a safe system of work whilst under a great deal of pressure.

Remembrance Sunday is very important to us at the fire station and it was really great to see so many people from our community turned out to pay their respects for the brave soldiers that lost their lives so that we can live as we do today. We will remember them!

I said last month that chimney season was now upon us and will be reporting on how many chimney incidents we have been to. So far we haven't been to any so thank you for getting your chimney swept.

Don't forget to do a weekly check on your smoke alarms.

Crew Manager Tim Parker, Deddington Fire Station



Down on the farm

The fall in temperature and a few early morning frosts have slowed the growth of our grass and cereals crops which had been behaving as though it were spring and growing apace. They should be well set up to cope with a hard winter if one comes along.

On the sheep front the rams have just about completed their job judging by the red raddle marks on the ewes and will soon have to come out for another ten months of idleness. The ewes cycle every three weeks and we only put the harnesses on the rams after the first cycle so that we know that unmarked ewes will be the first to lamb. Scanning will then flag up any barren ewes.

Years ago we used a paste of ochre and diesel oil which was rubbed on to the ram's brisket; it meant catching the rams every morning – a tiresome process!

The new sows, Clarissa and Bertha are a cause for concern. They arrived in fairly obese condition and dieting has not reduced their size as much as I would have liked. As a result they show no signs of responding to the boar, preferring to wander the orchard seeking any remaining surplus apples.

Obesity is a prime cause of infertility in pigs and if they don't respond soon they will regrettably have to go. We shall see.

Spare time this month has been largely spent refurbishing the old chicken house I bought and it is now ready to be towed to the orchard to await new laying hens. The ones I got in the early summer have now closed the cost/expenditure gap (not including my labour!) so I shall take the plunge and get 100 more.

In years long gone we used to take delivery of chickens and all manner of other commodities via the railway. I can remember collecting fertiliser, fencing materials, day old chicks, even a sheep dog puppy from Wales, from the goods sidings at the local station. It was a well organised system and worked well. Banbury cattle market, for example, had a special siding for cattle trucks.

In some countries road transport has not yet entirely overtaken the railway for carrying goods. I recall some years ago being in Western Australia

and wandering down to the goods sidings to watch sheep being loaded onto a vast length of wagons behind two diesel engines bound for Freemantle. The sidings were almost a mile out of town and the sun blazed out of a clear blue sky.

'Warm day ain't it mate' one of the drovers commented examining my perspiring face and its attendant cloud of flies. I agreed and muttered something about it being a pity they hadn't built the station in the town. Shielding his eyes, the drover glanced back through the shimmering heat haze at the distant collection of corrugated tin roofs.

"Well mate," he drawled, "they possibly did consider doing that, but then I suppose they reckoned it would be better if they built the station next to the railway."

Since the logic defied further comment the flies and I moved on to watch the sheep being loaded.

Winter walk

Leon Daly writes....

1 Jan...meet outside the Village Hall at 10:30am. Two routes available...for the robust and the frail, I'm in the second group. In fact - I'm stopping behind to warm the soup. Both routes should bet you back around the same time.

What a better way to blow away the cobwebs. All we ask is a £5 donation towards the Kidz Home.

Dogs (not Harley) are welcome.

Do come and join us - it's such a great way to begin the New Year...

Oh yeah, the soup is "game soup" - with tomato for the Philistines - sorry - veggies. Any questions - the answer is 42.

Leon

Deddington and District History Society

Our November speaker Gareth Richard, who has been studying Deddington poor law accounts, gave us an account of his findings. He brought a complex and potentially dry, statistical subject vividly to life with his description of what conditions were like for those (the majority) living on the edge.

The problem was one of unemployment for some and of under-employment for many more who could find work at harvest-time but not otherwise. Deddington was an 'open' parish, which is to say that unlike 'closed' villages such as Rousham or Aynho, no single landlord owned the cottages.

Labourers in the latter places could be made to live in the former, which would therefore be responsible for them in hard times. Under the Old Poor Law, introduced in 1601, responsibility for the poor, and for much else, devolved upon the parishes, which at their best resembled mini welfare states. Gareth gave us examples of humane, even enlightened, provision such as clothes, tools and apprenticeships.

Deddington had its own parish workhouse, now Quinque House in New Street. It was a face-to-face system. It broke down under the pressure of mounting costs in the late 19th century and early 20th, leading to the New Poor Law of 1834 and its notorious Poor Law Union workhouses. From now on the destitute of Deddington (and they would need to be truly destitute to contemplate it) were taken into the workhouse at Woodstock, which stood where the fire station now is in Hensington Road. From the later 19th century increasing numbers fled agricultural depression in our area in the hope of a better life in North America or Down Under. Only in the 20th century did Deddington's population begin to recover.

For our December meeting, on Wednesday 10th, we shall have another of the Christmas events that have become so popular in recent years. Fun with an historical theme and plentiful refreshments will be the order of the evening. Do come along to this enjoyable social occasion. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

News from Deddington



School

There has been a lot going on this term. We have participated in sporting events and enjoyed successes, including: KS2 Sibford Triathlon, Year 3/4 football tournament at Christopher Rawlings, KS1 Warriner multi skill event, Year 5/6 Tag Rugby tournament, KS1 And KS2 cross country Warriner Partnership Competition, Sibford swimming gala, Cardis cross country meeting and we are looking forward to our Year 6 girls going to Tudor Hall for a hockey tournament and a Warriner dodgeball tournament before the end of term. The schedule for after Christmas is beginning to look busy too; no-one could accuse Deddington of not offering sporting opportunities to our pupils. A big thank you to Mrs Lynch, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Knox for organising and taking the children to the events, and well done to our children, who always impress us with their positive attitude and team spirit.

Our fireworks evening was a great success. The weather was looking awful early on in the day but the PTA was determined that the evening would go ahead. The clouds cleared and the wind calmed and we were left with a beautiful November evening. The fireworks were great, as were the burgers and mulled wine.

Our choir joined other schools in St Mary's Church, Banbury, for the Rotary Club's annual Children Singing for Children concert. Mrs Welch and Mrs Rumsby worked hard with the children at an after school club and the children sung and performed beautifully - it was a very moving performance.

We are busy preparing our Christmas productions, which are a mixture of modern and traditional, with singing, acting and narration. The children are looking forward to performing in front of friends and family. F1 and F2's production will take place on 15 December, Key Stage 1's will take place on 16 December and Key Stage 2's will be on the 18 December. All performances will be in Deddington Church.

Mrs Jane Cross, Deputy Head Teacher



An intergenerational opportunity

The Warriner School in Bloxham is looking for people over the age of 50 to be part of their intergenerational friendship group that will be resuming in the New Year.

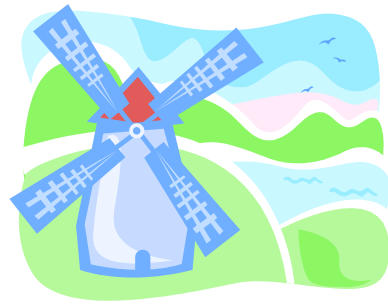
The group provides a very positive experience in a small and supportive setting for students and older people to get to know each other, enjoy each other's company and learn lots from one another.

In the words of one of the older members of the group, "The main thing that I have got out of it is that I have made about ten new friends, who I look forward to meeting up with each week, and miss during the school holidays. I have received from them their friendship and trust, and we have shared a lot of fun, laughter and enjoyment.

"It opens my eyes wider to what young people think, what they enjoy, what's important to them, what worries them and what makes them tick. It keeps me in touch, and gives me an opportunity to share with them my experiences about family, work and holidays, where I've visited, what I've enjoyed, what I've found challenging, interesting and important to me. It is very satisfying and good fun."

The group will meet for one hour once a week in term time and will be looked after by a dedicated member of staff, and is supported by Full Circle, an Oxfordshire charity working to further intergenerational friendship.

If you are interested and would like to find out a few more details, please contact Ruth Stavris at Full Circle, on 01865 246456 or email ruthstavris@fullcircleoxon.org.uk. We'd love to hear from you!



Windmill Thursday Club

**Fun, friendship, company and an
excellent lunch for the over 60s**

**For more details phone Jean
on
01869 338110**

Quiz night in aid of the Kathmandu Kidz Home

**Yes, we're back with a mega quiz and a decent
Nepalese curry.**

£10 gets you a curry and a top notch quiz.

BYOB is the norm.

Teams of eight max

It will be in the Village Hall on 7 Feb.

**We will have the usual quality raffle prizes, roll
the coin etc, mixed with great food, friendly
banter and a great village night out.**

**What more could you yearn for? Oh, yes - the
right answers.**

**Watch the Barford News for details of how to
book. You will need to book as we are limited on
numbers - so get talking to your pals...**

Crime news

It's been a very busy month for the team. An illegal "rave" was widely advertised at the end of the month and was set to take place at a disused manor house in the rural neighbourhood. PC Miller worked closely with intelligence teams and Cherwell District Council to identify the organisers. Officers were tasked to deal with attendees and action has been taken against the organisers to prevent a further incident. The rave was prevented from taking place and no damage was caused to the building.

Theft of catering trailer – Hook Norton



Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses after a catering trailer was stolen from a farm in Hook Norton. Between 9pm on 14 October and 9.18am on 15 October offenders stole the trailer (pictured), a recently refurbished 1956 Airstream Flying Cloud model, as well as an 8ft by 4ft fridge/freezer trailer. The fridge/freezer trailer was seen being towed away from the farm at around 9pm by a vehicle, possibly a gun metal grey Audi A4 estate 4x4 model. If you have any information, please contact PC Carrie Crook at Banbury police station, via the Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

Crime reduction

A burglar will select a target because it offers the easiest opportunity to carry out the crime unnoticed. A building that presents itself as

unoccupied or unsecure is far more likely to be targeted than one which is properly secured. To reduce the chances of becoming a burglary victim:

- ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property
- lock all windows and doors remembering to double lock UPVC doors
- do not leave ladders and garden tools in your garden; lock them away in your shed
- improve natural surveillance - trim high hedges
- consider fitting security lighting and a burglar alarm.

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

Thames Valley Alert

Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by signing up at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

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.

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2 Litre Plastic
3 Litre Plastic

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Regional local supplier
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(Standard and organic milk)

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1 Pint Plastic
1 Litre Plastic
2 Litre Plastic

Wiseman Special Products

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Available in 2 Litre only
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Purity

So pure it lasts longer!
Semi and whole milk in 1 or 2

We can also supply yogurt, cheese, bread, cream, cottage cheese, fromage frais, crème fraîche, potatoes and house hold kitchen consumables (cling film, foil, black bags and freezer bags)

Parish Council Notes

The Parish Council meeting took place at 7.30pm on 5 November in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Hobbs, Eden, Turner, Styles, Best, Campbell, County Cllr Fatemian, District Cllr Williams and Mrs Watts (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). Declaration of Interests – there were none.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting on 1 October were proposed by Cllr Styles, seconded by Cllr Best, unanimously **resolved** as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Parish Council Vacancy - co-option: The Parish Clerk had received one application for the vacancy on the Parish Council from Mr Simon Hanmer. Unfortunately Mr Hanmer was unable to attend this meeting for personal reasons and therefore this item was deferred until the December meeting.

Parish Clerk's report:

- **New noticeboard for Barford St John:** a replacement noticeboard will be delivered during November and erected where the old noticeboard once stood.
- **Grass cutting – agency agreement:** the PC has reluctantly agreed to a variation in the 2008 Grass Cutting Agency Agreement with OCC. The variation only allows for two paid cuts per year instead of the original five cuts, effectively meaning that the Parish Council will have to pay more for grass cutting services. This will have an impact on the Parish Precept.

County Councillor's report: the full report can be seen on the Parish Council website.

District Councillor's report: the full report can be seen on the Parish Council website.

- **Cherwell Local Plan** The consultation for the Cherwell Local Plan ended on 3 October and was presented to full council on 20 October. It was passed after much debate. The inquiry will resume on 9 December and is expected to conclude before Christmas, with a final decision anticipated three months later. The revised number of dwellings to be built

in Cherwell between 2011 -2031 has increased from 16,750 to 22,800 but the Barfords remain in the same category and are unlikely to be directly affected.

- **Environment Agency (EA) - Barford flooding** Cllr Williams, Cllr Styles and Robin Woolgrove met representatives from the EA at Barford bridge on 22 October to discuss a way forward to remove weeds and blockages to the river to reduce flooding. It was agreed that the EA would assist with clearing a section of the river near the bridge if Barford Parish Council could provide a working party. The morning of 22 November has been agreed as the date for the work to be carried out.

Parish matters:

- **First aid courses:** Cllr Hobbs has received 25 enquiries so far from villagers interested in these free three-hour first aid courses with St John Ambulance. Please contact Cllrs Hobbs or Turner if you would like to attend one of the courses.
- **Play equipment West Close:** Cllr Styles has obtained a copy of the deeds for West Close and there are no covenants attached. The Parish Council will have to obtain planning permission. Cllr Styles is seeking pre-application advice from Cherwell DC. Villagers will then be given the opportunity to comment on the project before quotations are sought.
- **Buses** Cllr Fatemian has spoken to the Oxfordshire Transport Committee, particularly with regard to the allocation of S106 monies which may pay for a better service for the Barfords.
- **Budget 2015 – 2016:** The budget for 2015 – 2016 will be set at the December meeting.

Planning applications approved by Cherwell District Council:

- **14/01416/F** Blackingrove Farm, Summer Ley, Barford St Michael. Erection of

garden shed. No objection. Granted 13 October.

- **14/01486/F** Ashburne, Townsend, Barford St Michael. Front, side and rear extensions. No objection. Granted 23 October.
- **14/01568/F** Camp Site, Manor House, South Newington Rd, Barford St Michael. Variation of Condition 3 of 04/00308/F. Removal of Condition 3 to allow year round usage. Granted 31 October 14. A number of Conditions apply.

Planning applications refused by Cherwell District Council:

- **14/01382/LB** Laurel Cottage, Church St, Barford St Michael. Replacement of 5 No. windows (4 to the front elevation and 1 to the rear). No objection. Refused 10 October 2014.

Notice of Intent (TCA) Trees:

- **14/00335/TCA** Honeystone Cottage, Lower St, Barford St Michael. T1 Beech, T2 Cherry, T3 Sycamore, T4 Oak – fell. No objection.
- **14/00353/TCA** Dyers Farm, Horn Hill, Barford St Michael. T1, T2 and T3 x Leylandii – remove lower branches. No objection.

TCA's Approved by Cherwell District Council:

- **14/00285/TCA** Swere Villa, Lower St, Barford St Michael – T1 & T2 x Leylandii – fell to leave stumps 8" above ground level. No objection. Granted 2 October.
- **14/00289/TCA** St Michael's Church. Various trees – fell. In general there was no objection from councillors to this application; although one councillor felt that the four yew trees should be 'reduced' in size, not felled and that the number of prunus trees to be felled should be reduced by half. Granted 7 October.

- **14/00283/TCA** 1 Bishops Close, Barford St Michael – T1 Norway Spruce – fell. No objection. Granted 7 October.

AOB:

- a) A villager has complained that a wall belonging to 'The Homestead' and bordering West Close has partially collapsed and poses a hazard. The Parish Clerk has written to the owner(s) asking them to make the wall safe.
- b) A villager has complained about the state of the garages in Bishops Close. These are privately owned and the Parish Council has no say in how they are maintained.
- c) A resident has asked if dog bins in the villages can be disguised.
- d) A resident has asked if more can be done to stop speeding through the village (i.e. by the use of speed activated '30mph' signs).
- e) Dog fouling is a nuisance in some areas of the village. People can report it to Cherwell District Council's enforcement officers to target hotspot areas and fine owners who fail to clean up. Offenders can receive an on-the-spot fine of £50 that can increase to £1,000 if the case proceeds to magistrates' court. Visit www.cherwell.gov.uk/dogfouling
- f) The Parish Council website can be accessed on www.thebarfordvillages.co.uk
- g) **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 within 4 hours for a severe category.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 3 December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

1st Deddington Guides

Our new patrols have performed well, organising activities including a lively fashion show. We had outdoor activities during the first couple of meetings, then with the darker evenings upon us we enjoyed craft activities, science experiments and autumn games, such as apple bobbing in our Halloween costumes.

Thank you to Deddington Market committee for their generous cheque of £150 that will help with our running costs.

The guides who did us proud at the Remembrance Day parade. The guides provided two colour parties, and laid a wreath and a cross on the Commonwealth graves.

Some guides are now wearing the new uniform, blue with orange trim - the first new design for 14 years. It was designed by students at Bournemouth University, with input from 4,000 guides. It looks very fresh, smart, comfortable and practical, and is very popular with the guides. Christmas is next; please support our post boxes. Send your cards for a small fee. We deliver to Barfords, Hempton, Clifton and Deddington. Please use the full address. Thank you for your support.

Maggie Rampley, Guider

PTA news

We have been busy preparing for and enjoying our firework display. We were lucky to have clear skies and a fabulous turnout. Thanks to everyone who supported the event and to all the helpers and farmers' market team.

The children of Deddington Primary School can be proud of the Christmas cards they have designed. This year each child created their own design and parents and carers could order packs of their own child's cards.

We are now looking forward to Christmas and hoping that Father Christmas will visit the children at Deddington Farmers' Market on 20 December. Look out for local advertising nearer the time.

There's a school disco on 11 December for all the children of Deddington Primary School. This looks like being a fun evening, with music, dancing and snacks. Parents and carers will have received information about this via the school. Thanks again for supporting our events and helping fundraise.

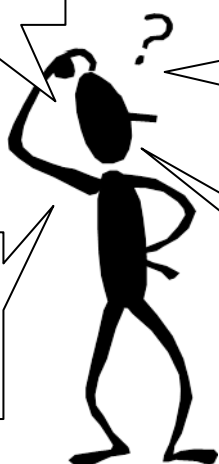
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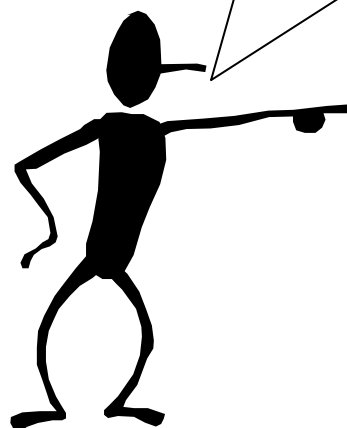
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Katharine House News

Sainsbury's Christmas Bag Pack Day

9.30am to 5pm, Wednesday 17 December,
Sainsbury's, Oxford Rd, Banbury
Do you have 1½ hours free to help pack shoppers
bags at our Bag Pack Day? Please call 01295 812161
or email sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk to volunteer.
Last year's event raised over £1,000 in just six hours.

Christmas cards

Available from our charity shops, hospice reception
or mail order. Phone 01295 812161.

Christmas knitted novelties

Miniature Christmas knitted novelties available from
our charity shops, priced at £1 each. This year we
have robins, Santa hats, Christmas puddings, Santas,
penguins and snowmen each filled with a Ferrero
Rocher chocolate. We'd love to hear from anyone
who'd like to sell our Christmas novelties on a sale or
return basis. Phone 01295 812161.

The biggest loser challenge

A new fundraiser for the New Year. Apply for one of
30 places to get healthy, lose weight and raising
funds. Three gyms have donated 12 weeks'
membership with classes and support to help
participants lose weight. Participants must pledge to
raise a minimum of £350. Closing date for
applications 6 January. Phone 01295 812161 or visit
www.khh.org.uk/biggestloser.

Thank you, Sarah Brennan, community fundraiser

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