

# **BARFORD NEWS**

**August 2015**

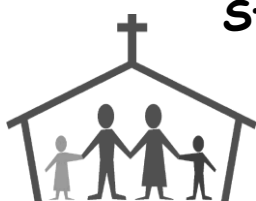
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**F E T E**

## **Barford St. Michael and St. John Church Fete**

**Starting at 2pm, Monday 31st August**  
**At The Manor House**



**Games and competitions for all ages**

**Bottle Stall   Plants   Raffle   Books**

**Toys   Cakes & Produce   Summer Punch   Bric a Brac**



**TREASURE HUNT - See Page 3 for details**

**BOUNCY CASTLE!**



**Delicious Teas by the Moat**  
**Companion & Novelty Dog Show**

## Parish Council Notes

**A** MEETING of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 1 July 2015 in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Hobbs, Eden, Hanmer, Campbell, Turner and Mrs Watts (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer). Apologies were received from Cllrs Styles, Best and District Cllr Williams.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 3 June 2015 were unanimously RESOLVED as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**Report from District Cllr Williams:** The Local Plan for the delivery of 22,840 homes across Cherwell to 2031 has been approved and is set to be adopted on 20 July.

The drains and gullies to the south of the bridge have been cleared. OCC is waiting for a cost for clearing the drains and gullies north of the bridge.

**Seat near the bridge:** OCC operatives accidentally damaged the bench south of the river whilst clearing the gullies. They admitted liability and OCC arranged for it to be repaired.

**Dog Bin for Bloodybones Lane:** a dog bin has been purchased for Bloodybones Lane and will be installed as soon as possible.

**Proposed Wooden Play Equipment for West Close:** The Parish Council is still waiting for a review from Cherwell District Council of the pre-application advice previously given by them.

**Planning Applications/TCAs received by the Parish Council since the June meeting:**

- 15/00170/TCA Staddlestones, Horn Hill, StM T1 x Ash, T3 & T4 x Leylandii – fell. T2 x cherry – reduce overall crown by maximum of 1m. No objections
- 15/01030/F 3 Old Council House, Townsend, StM. Erection of two storey side, single storey rear extension and garage with associated internal and external works. No objections
- 15/01074/F Blackingrove Farm. Summer Ley, StM. No objections

## Decisions Received from Cherwell District Council

- 15/00642/F 5 Robins Close, StM. Alterations and erection of two storey side extensions and single storey front and rear extension. No objection. Granted 29 May 2015.
- 15/00115/TCA. Warden Cottage, 1 Mead Rd, StJ. T1 x Holly – fell. No objection. Granted 02 June 2015.

## Application Withdrawn by Applicant:

- 15/00398/F Old Chapel, High St, StM. Single storey glazed verandah to rear. No objection. Withdrawn by applicant 03 June 2015

**Internal Audit - End of Year Accounts (2014-2015):** the accounts for 2014/15 have been sent to external auditors for verification.

The **Parish Council website** can be accessed on [www.thebarfordvillages.co.uk](http://www.thebarfordvillages.co.uk)

**Fix My Street** – residents can report defects in the highway to Oxfordshire County Council on <http://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk> 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 will be held on **Wednesday 2 September 2015** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. **Please note that the Parish Council does not meet in August.**

## Dog Fouling Litter



Whilst walking with my young child past BSM manor house at 7.15pm on the 2nd July we strolled past a dog poo bag proudly exhibited on its own stone plinth!

With a 30 second stroll to the dog poo bin opposite the church I was able to effortlessly and effectively dispose of the dog poo bag with no increase in heart rate or injury to myself. Such a shame the dog owner was not able to manage this!

Just a reminder that this is a lovely, village and we all have a responsibility to keep it clean and safe for everyone, young, old, 2 legged or four. As an incentive dog fouling has up to £1000 fine.

Many Thanks for reading - BSM resident.

(It seems to have become a habit that some dog walkers leave the poo bag while they continue their walk and then dispose of it on their return. Not good news for inquisitive youngsters though! Ed.)

### Village Panto Update

**F**OLLOWING an enthusiastic response to the idea of reviving the village panto we are delighted to confirm that rehearsals will start on Monday 7th September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and will be every Monday up to and including 30th November. There will then also be rehearsals on 1st, 2nd December and the performances will take place on 3rd, 4th and 5th December. There may also be some week-end rehearsals in the last weeks of November.



If you would like to be involved either on-stage, back-stage or in some other way but have not yet registered your interest please email us before 7th September on: [info@cueperformance.com](mailto:info@cueperformance.com). Whilst we understand that it might not be possible for everyone to make every single rehearsal if you are interested in performing it is particularly important that you can make the majority of the rehearsal dates outlined above.

Thank-you for your support; have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Austin and Gwen  
t01869 338458, m:07753 717562

### Congratulations

#### To Sophie and Allen

On the safe arrival of their son

#### Lawrence Charles

Who weighed in at 8lb

On 19th July

and to proud grandparents

**Jane & Martin Gannon (again!!)**

### WI Article – Correction

**T**HE ARTICLE that appeared in June BN mentioned that Margaret Woolgrove was the founding president of our village WI.



Margaret was, in fact, a founding member of our WI however, the first President was Mrs E. Bennett with her daughter Miss B M Bennet (now Barbara Alt) acting as secretary.

Of the 31 original founding members Margaret is the only one who is still an active member of our group today.

We meet on the second Wednesday at 7:30pm with an interesting annual programme, which is always advertised in Barford News. Check us out on the village website [www.thebarfordvillages.co.uk](http://www.thebarfordvillages.co.uk) under village groups.

## Treasure Hunt

### ‘So you think you know all about the Barfords?’

A Photo and ‘treasure hunt’ Competition  
will be launched at the  
church fete on Monday 31st August.

There will be photos to identify - perhaps a little more unusual than expected –  
and letters to be found around the villages.

The ‘treasure prize’ will be 25% of the entry money.

**SO GO AND EXPLORE OUR LOVELY BARFORD VILLAGES AND HAVE FUN!**

Not here for the fete? Entry forms can be obtained from Tony Elvidge  
01869 338214 after 31st August. £2.50 per entry.

**Closing date of competition 5pm Sunday 13th September 2015.**

It will be necessary to walk around the Barfords - please take every care.  
Children should be accompanied - responsibility is with parents and guardians.

**Village Show  
Cherry and almond cake  
Show Class 24 (Men Only)**

**Ingredients**

200 grams natural-coloured glace cherries  
250 grams Self Raising flour  
225 grams butter (softened)  
175 grams caster sugar  
3 large eggs (beaten)  
2 - 3 drops almond essence  
100 grams ground almonds  
6 tablespoons milk

Loaf tin (23 x 13 x 7cm / 9 x 5 x 3 inches)

**Method**

Preheat the oven to 170°C/gas mark 3/325°F.  
Halve the cherries, wash them in a colander under cold water, then pat them dry, toss them in some flour and shake well to get rid of excess. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Gradually add the beaten eggs and almond essence, then gently fold in the flour and ground almonds. Fold in the cherries and then the milk and spoon the thick mixture into a lined and buttered loaf tin (23 x 13 x 7cm / 9 x 5 x 3 inches) and bake for ¾-1 hour, or until a cake-tester comes out clean. Leave in the tin on a wire rack until completely cooled.



**Maggie's 50 – 2015**

**Supporting Brain Tumour Research**

Despite the weather, and slightly less taking part than last year, we have raised the highest amount so far:

**£2,034**

Whilst we received funds from the people taking part in the ride, nearly half of the amount raised was from donations.

Many of the donations were received from friends in Barford St. Michael and St. John.

Thank you.

George Williams

**Banbury Museum**

**Sensory Zone: The Return of the Pods**



**Until 12th September**

Discover or re-live the enjoyment of international artist Jan Niedojadlo's giant multi-sensory sculptures. By popular demand the 'pods' are back and the new ones include a couple of 'podlets!' Enter the soft sculptures and experience the sights, sounds and textures of this unusual art from the inside out.

Hourly sessions starting at: 10:15, 11:30, 13:00, 14:15 and 15:30 (drop in anytime within a session, subject to availability)

**£1 per person for a session**

**Buy your ticket on the day from the museum shop**

**Fernhill Club News**

**O**N 1ST JULY we had two members of staff from Woodstock Museum who brought along a lot of items from the Sixties. Artefacts from football, music, fashion, etc., and lots of other information.



On 15th we are having our usual strawberry tea, scones, homemade jam and lovely fresh cream.

Troy, who is a member of age UK will be coming again on 5th August to demonstrate and teach us to play Boccia, (pronounced botcha) a seated ball game.

Ann Sharman will be with us on 19th August to tell us about 'A Wedding In Delhi'.

We are hoping to finalise a date for Banbury Nightingales to come and sing for us. More information on that next month.

We meet at 2.30pm every Wednesday in the village hall, visitors and new members always most welcome.

Mary Ashbridge 01295 252 298  
Maggie Blackhall 01869 338 938

**Anne, Mick and the Lunch Club Team Invite You To Their  
Charity Dinner on Saturday 5th September 2015**

**Arrive 7pm for 7.30pm**

As it was never our intention to make a profit from the Tuesday Lunch Club meals we would like to use the surplus that has accumulated to fund the above event. This means that **all** of the proceeds will go to the Kathmandu Helpless Children Mother Centre, which we know is a charity close to Barford's heart.

There will be a maximum of 48 places available (6 tables of 8). While there are no reserved seats, if you would like to make up a table of 8 with friends and or family, let us know in good time and a table will be reserved where possible.

The menu is given below and, like the Tuesday Lunch Club, all you need to do is ring or email us with your choices. However, unlike the lunch club, we will require payment at least a week in advance of the meal to confirm your booking. This will not be refundable.

While we will put jugs of tap water and glasses (tumblers and wine) on the tables you will need to bring any other drinks with you (alcoholic or otherwise).

There will also be a raffle and a game where you can win a bottle of brandy so please ensure you have some cash with you. This event is for a very good cause so please try and make this a sell out.

**Anne & Mick 01869 337074, email mickpearson1@outlook.com**

**Menu**

**Starters**

Prawn and Smoked Salmon Cocktail served with Brown Bread and Butter

Or

Homemade Coarse Pork and Liver Pâté with Red Onion Marmalade, Toasted Croûtes and Mixed Leaves

Or

Creamy Stilton Mushrooms served with Garlic Bread

**Mains**

Honey Baked Gammon with Parsley and Dijon Sauce

Or

Oven Baked Breast of Chicken wrapped in Smokey Bacon with a Creamy pepper Sauce

Or

Crispy Herb and Cheese topped Cod with a Cheddar and Leek Sauce

Or

***A vegetarian option is available on request***

**The main courses will be served with roasted new potatoes, red cabbage,  
Ratatouille and a vegetable medley**

**Desserts**

Apricot and Almond Tart with Creamy Custard

Or

Raspberry and White Chocolate Cheesecake with Raspberry Coulis

Or

Chocolate and Bailey's Roulade

Coffee or Tea

Mint Chocolate

**The cost of the meal is £15 per head**



**REMINDER THAT  
BARFORD VILLAGE SHOW  
WILL BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON**

**SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST  
Get working on those entries and  
Gentlemen – Have a Go at the cake!  
Details and recipe in this issue**

### **The Barford Duck Race 2015**

A big thank you to Dave and Sue Jelfs for the use of the field once again. To Nick and Zalie Butler for running the BBQ, and to everyone who supported the event.

The total profit was £303, which was up on last year. The money helps towards the maintenance of the playground equipment in the village hall garden (for inspections, replacing bark etc). Any excess will be put towards improvements in West Close.



**Top:** What else would you expect of our WI President Jill?  
Ducks under starters orders with Pete

**Bottom:** The anxious punters checking on progress

### **Church Fete**

**T**HIS YEAR the church fete will be on Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August at 2pm to be held in the gardens of the Manor House.



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

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

- Bottles of any sort for the bottle stall
- Unused/new small gifts for the 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

Members of the PCC will visit each house in the village to collect any donations in the week starting Monday 24th August, but what we need most of all is your 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](mailto:the_bretts@btinternet.com)

Cubby Brett  
Churchwarden to the Barfords

### **We Do Not Hold A Village Market In August**

Next Market in the Village Hall  
Saturday 19th September  
10.00 – noon

Hope to see you there!

Look out for our  
Once in a lifetime

Buttie voucher  
in September B.N.

## Down on the farm

**T**HE WORKSHOP is now back in full use after the beady eyed Blackbird took her two fledglings off to fresh haunts. So we need to get on with all the welding, hammering, grinding and other noise making jobs in case she returns to hatch another brood.

Actually we spent a few days away last month with the Oxfordshire Sheep Group. This year's venue was Northumberland, a beautiful county at any time but especially so in summer.

This time the itinerary included sheep and arable farms, a huge grain storage co-operative and the splendid Alnwick Garden. The latter, with its cascade, fountains, beech hedging, maze and all the rest is spectacular, although quite how the six acres managed to absorb a £35 million investment takes some understanding.

Apparently when the Duke of Northumberland's wife first sprung the idea of resurrecting the derelict gardens in the 1990's his Lordship went up to the attic and blew the dust off an oil painting which he gave to her to auction and raise the first couple of million or so!

The fact that the itinerary included a tour of a grain co-op is perhaps symptomatic of the changes in farming over the years. I remember Northumberland as a county brimming with sheep and cattle, but the harsh winter climate, sheer hard work and meagre returns has caused many livestock farmers to turn to the plough.

Perhaps surprisingly in such a moorland area, they discovered decent soil fortified by decades of livestock farming that would grow good crops of high quality grain. Hence the need for a co-operative venture that would clean, dry, store and market their grain and relieve them of the huge individual investment in plant and machinery to do the job themselves.

After seeing exciting new ventures pioneered by enthusiastic farmers it can be a bit deflating to come home to our own small scale routines. Having said that, the new egg laying enterprise is now blossoming, the new gilt has produced a litter of eight piglets, the arable crops look okay, the first lambs are going to market and the on-farm butchery is going strong; so given some warmer weather things don't look too bad.

A shop is interested in selling our eggs (which may mean more hens) but, of course, this will require registering the flock, stamping the eggs and date marking all the boxes. Initial enquiries suggest the need to tread carefully through a minefield of red tape; not a cheering prospect, but one that will have to be progressed if we want to expand the enterprise.

Anyway having had a break, looking at other people's farms we have renewed enthusiasm for new projects and ideas. The trouble is that they inevitably involve some sort of cash outlay. Our garden, for

example, although pleasant enough, now appears a bit ordinary and, infected with ideas from Alnwick we are toying with significant changes.

Perhaps a trip to the attic would locate something of value to give us a start!

Tony Collier

## TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**As it is school holidays we thought we would do something different so, we are having a**

### **Big Summer Picnic**



**This will start at 1pm and, hopefully, the weather will allow us to use the garden.**

#### **Price**

**Adults £5.00 Children £2.50  
4 and under Free**

**We will supply soft drinks but you will need to bring any alcoholic drinks with you.**

**Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074  
or email [mickpearson1@outlook.com](mailto:mickpearson1@outlook.com)  
by 12th August to book your places.  
The earlier the better.**

## From the Fire Station

**O**UR FIRE STATION has had a busy month being called out sixteen times. One was a make pumps eight near Islip. This was a particularly interesting incident as it was clear that it was arson. Someone had broken into the house whilst they were away, smashed it up, and set fire to the beautiful seventeenth century detached five bedroom home. The crews managed to get the fire under control but unfortunately it had started upstairs and had quickly got into the roof. Usually, once the fire is out and all the water has been isolated we would go in and turn it all over and damp down all the hot spots. In this instance the crews had to stand back whilst the police and fire investigation teams sifted through to find the cause. The brigade have lots of policies on arson and scene preservation, so it was interesting to put it all into practice. The property suffered about thirty percent damage and was saved from a complete rebuild.



Our crews have also been to four road traffic crashes this last month. Our nearest one was quite nasty at Hopcrofts Holt. A single car with one young male driver who had to be extracted by means of a roof removal when his car left the road and ended up in a ditch. There was also a car fire in Milton which was in a very rural location and we had to run eight lengths of hose to feed the fire engine to put the fire out. When the control room went Regional three months ago, there seemed to be less alarms than before. However, this month we have had three false alarms. When the Regional call centre rings the property to check the reason for the alarm, if the phone is not answered, they have to mobilise an appliance.

The Brigade are changing the fitness testing of Firefighters. In the past we would have to do a Chester step test which means you have to step up and down on a box whilst measuring your heart rate. We all agree at the station that this is not a hard test to pass and does not give a true indication of your fitness. They are now bringing in the bleep test which is a shuttle run of twenty metres. Other emergency services do this test and so this will bring us in line with them. The only difference being is that other Services do theirs over fifteen meters, not twenty. The only reason that I can think of is they expect fire fighters to be fitter than other emergency services. Everyone had a dry run last night at drill and all

achieved the 8.8 level that is expected of us. I must admit that when I had finished I knew I had done some exercise! One of the crew pointed out to me that it is a mile for that test which made me feel better because it really did not seem that far.

A huge congratulation to Barney Alton who has now completed his basic Breathing Apparatus course (BA). He did it at the start of July and was wearing BA on the hottest day of the year, so a very big well done to him. This now means that all fourteen crew can wear breathing apparatus. All the crew have now finished their water rescue training and they are all looking forward to the next course. Also, everyone is now trained in compartment searching whilst wearing breathing apparatus.

For the first time in many years Deddington did not attend the steam rally. This was due to the eight pump incident that I reported on earlier, but we did get to go to the Deddington school fete which, as always, was really good and gave another chance for us to get out and talk to people.

Do not forget to check your smoke alarms.

*Crew manager Tim Parker  
Deddington Fire Station*



## 1st Barford & Deddington Rainbows

**W**E FINISHED another busy term with a walk on a lovely sunny afternoon from Adderbury to Bloxham, stopping for the essential flapjack and drink halfway to keep us going. Previously this term, we've made our own individual ice creams in ziplock bags, which was very successful as long as you don't squish it too enthusiastically (the bags burst and the ice cream mixture mixes with the ice and salt- not good!) and dads got a 'Brownie in a mug' mixture for Father's Day- more food! We used Sharpies to make 'stained glass' greaseproof paper pictures and Kandinsky-inspired mobiles from melted plastic cups, which were very effective. We got our money's worth by using them to decorate and personalise 'sitters' too, which we needed when we joined in the District Campfire on another lovely evening. We meet again in September, hoping the nice weather will continue and we can meet outdoors for as long as possible.

Hazel Neal 07919 448818



## Canine hydro therapy



**A**S ITS NAME SUGGESTS Canine Hydrotherapy is a type of physiotherapy for dogs involving the use of water, either in a pool or underwater treadmill. It can be used in the treatment of various diseases, after certain operations to aid recovery, and even in healthy dogs for weight control and fitness.

Why can't I just take my dog swimming in a lake? Although swimming does have its benefits, for certain conditions more controlled exercise is advised. With an underwater treadmill the level of the water, the speed at which the dog moves, and for how long, is controlled to enable the dog to move in such a way that will help the specific condition and area being treated.

There are numerous benefits of hydrotherapy. The warm water offers weight support and increases circulation whilst the viscosity of the water reduces swelling. Exercising in the underwater treadmill helps to lubricate your dogs joints, reduces pain and inflammation, speeds up the recovery process, and aids weight loss with increased fitness and stamina. The controlled speed of movement allows safe exercise at your dog's normal pace and can result in increased muscle tone, mass and strength.

It can be used in the treatment of numerous conditions including arthritis, tendon inflammation, and hip and elbow dysplasia. It is also beneficial in recovery after fracture repair, before and after knee surgery, in the treatment of neurological conditions (after spinal surgery for example), and after hip operations.

It can improve the quality of life of senior dogs especially those with arthritis and reduced mobility and can assist weight loss in overweight pets without putting undue stress and strain on joints. Performance dogs can gain from a hydrotherapy programme by maintaining fitness, stamina and muscle condition. Cats could potentially be candidates for hydrotherapy but their general dislike of water and lack of cooperation means the majority are not suitable patients!

If you feel your dog could benefit from hydrotherapy, or if you would just like more information, then contact your vet. Most veterinary practices don't have their own facilities but can offer advice and refer your dog to a nearby hydrotherapy centre.

Sophie Hanmer, DVM MRCVS



## Deddington CoE Primary School

### Visit to The Lion King, at London Lyceum

**D**ESPITE THE HOT weather, the trip was a huge success and greatly enjoyed by all. I send my thanks to all of the parent volunteers who gave so much help and support during the visit. The children all behaved beautifully and enjoyed seeing the amazing show. I also thank the children and adults who spent time on the one coach with faulty air conditioning. They all showed a positive attitude in difficult circumstances and did not allow this to spoil their day. My complaint to the coach company has resulted in an apology to the school and compensation.

Children were not allowed to take money on the day. All of the items on sale in the Lyceum can be ordered online. To find these items, search for 'The Lion King' at the following address.

[www.disneystore.co.uk](http://www.disneystore.co.uk).

I also send my thanks to the PTA who supported the trip and helped to keep the cost to parents to a minimum.

Mr Evans,  
Head

## Summer Fete

**T**hank you to everyone who supported our fete. It was a huge success and we were lucky that the sun shone. There was a lot of activity around the stalls, on the giant slide, on the smoothie bike and at the kids' cafe. Rev Annie kindly judged the fancy dress competition and Vanessa was crowned the Queen of the Jungle; well done! We are hoping to have raised lots of money for the school.

A special thank you to the PTA committee, the helpers and all the staff and pupils who supported this great event.

The PTA has kindly donated £500 to each class. In the September newsletter, information will be shared to show how each class has spent this allocation.

## Notes From Our Potting Shed

ON SUNDAY JUNE 14th we held our OPEN GARDENS, after a week of awful weather leading up to it. The Sunday was dry and some bright sunny intervals appeared. There were not as many visitors as usual, there being many other events around to visit. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. Below is the breakdown of figures...

Each 'Open Gardener' has a choice as to where the proceeds should go. They can choose as many village organizations as they wish and the percentages of votes are then calculated.....

BGGC OPEN GARDENS 14 JUNE 2015	
<b>Income</b>	£543.04
Photographic competition	25.50
Plant sales	135.00
Tickets (62)	248.00
Donations	32.30
Teas	102.24
<b>Allocation of Proceeds</b>	
Barford News (16.4%)	89.06
Church restoration (16.4%)	89.06
Hall & Fernhill Trust (7.2%)	39.10
Senior citizens lunch (10.8%)	58.65
Shepherd's & Bakehouse (12.7%)	68.97
Village Hall (31.2%)	169.42
Barford Playground (5.3%)	28.78
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£543.04</b>

On Wednesday July 8th, the W.I. kindly invited all Garden Club members to a very entertaining talk by Timothy Walker, entitled 'What have plants ever done for us?'

At the end of the fascinating talk he told us about disappearing meadows in this country and how important it was to conserve many of these plants. The conclusion was that 'Plants have done EVERYTHING for us'.

Oxford University owns Harcourt Arboretum, where new meadows are being created. This would be well worth a visit.

Another visit to be recommended is to Compton Verney, where Dan Pearson, garden designer, has created a wildflower meadow.

### DATES TO REMEMBER....

We are in the process of sorting some talks over the winter. These will include 'Mountain Gardens of China', an illustrated talk, and a talk on seed sowing and cuttings next spring. These talks are open to everyone.

We are having a **members only** event on August 3rd. The first of a few 'private' garden visits.

If you wish to join us you will be required to become a member. Contact Linda Newbery on .....L.newbery@btinternet.com.....

**GARDENING TIPS.....***Sultry late summer?*  
**August** is usually one of the hottest months of the year - making watering essential. Try to use grey water wherever possible, especially as water butts may be running low if it has been a dry summer. August is traditionally holiday-time, so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after the garden while you are away. When you are at home, take the time to prune summer-flowering shrubs. Prune Wisteria; Don't delay summer pruning restricted fruits; Deadhead flowering plants regularly; Watering! - particularly containers, and new plants, preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater; Collect seed from favourite plants; Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready; Continue cutting out old fruited canes on summer raspberries; Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners; Keep ponds and water features topped up; Feed the soil with green manures.

Most of these tips have come from the RHS website. It is very useful and contains much information

In between please try to sit and enjoy your garden, or maybe visit other gardens, big and small, while you are travelling on your holidays.



'Bye for now'  
Spade and Fork



## 200 Club Winners

### July Draw

£15, No. 81 Sue Broughton

£10, No. 40, Carol Hopkins

£5, No. 96, Jim Wilkins

The Draw was made

at a cuppa morning

# The Barfords' Village Show 2015 Entry

Show Number	No. Of entries
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (under 15): \_\_\_\_\_

	Vegetable & Fruit Classes	✓
1	Three Beetroot, tops cut to <b>10cms (4ins)</b> approx.	
2	Three Carrots, long, tops cut to <b>10cms (4ins)</b> approx.	
3	Three Courgettes	
4	Three Onions	
5	Five Shallots	
6	Three Potatoes of one variety	
7	Three Runner Beans with stalks	
8	Five French Beans with stalks	
9	Five Cherry Tomatoes	
10	Three Round Tomatoes	
11	A Cucumber, house or frame	
12	A Pair of Vegetables (same variety) not in other classes	
13	Five Single Assorted Vegetables	
14	Longest Runner Bean	
15	Three Apples of one variety, eating or cooking	
16	Dish of one variety of soft or stoned fruit	
17	Adult Fun Class: A Mis-shapen Vegetable	
18	3 Eggs (same size and colour)	
	<b>Cookery Classes</b>	
19	A Swiss Roll (Jam and Cream)	
20	Four Cupcakes	
21	Six Brownies	
22	A Victoria Sponge, Raspberry Jam, No Cream	
23	A Family sized Bakewell Tart	
24	A Cherry & Almond 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)	
	<b>Flower Arranging Classes</b>	
30	An arrangement in a teapot ( <i>max 12"w x 18"h</i> )	
31	An arrangement with herbs ( <i>max 12"w x 18"h</i> )	
32	A miniature arrangement <i>10cms (4ins) overall</i>	
33	A table decoration for a dinner party ( <i>max 12" diameter</i> )	

# The Barfords' Village Show 2015 Entry

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (under 15): \_\_\_\_\_

	Vegetable & Fruit Classes	✓
1	Three Beetroot, tops cut to <b>10cms (4ins)</b> approx.	
2	Three Carrots, long, tops cut to <b>10cms (4ins)</b> approx.	
3	Three Courgettes	
4	Three Onions	
5	Five Shallots	
6	Three Potatoes of one variety	
7	Three Runner Beans with stalks	
8	Five French Beans with stalks	
9	Five Cherry Tomatoes	
10	Three Round Tomatoes	
11	A Cucumber, house or frame	
12	A Pair of Vegetables (same variety) not in other classes	
13	Five Single Assorted Vegetables	
14	Longest Runner Bean	
15	Three Apples of one variety, eating or cooking	
16	Dish of one variety of soft or stoned fruit	
17	Adult Fun Class: A Mis-shapen Vegetable	
18	3 Eggs (same size and colour)	
	<b>Cookery Classes</b>	
19	A Swiss Roll (Jam and Cream)	
20	Four Cupcakes	
21	Six Brownies	
22	A Victoria Sponge, Raspberry Jam, No Cream	
23	A Family sized Bakewell Tart	
24	A Cherry & Almond Cake (Men only) Recipe in Barford	
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)	
	<b>Flower Arranging Classes</b>	
30	An arrangement in a teapot ( <i>max 12"w x 18"h</i> )	
31	An arrangement with herbs ( <i>max 12"w x 18"h</i> )	
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	<b>Cut Flower Classes</b>	<b>✓</b>
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 Pelargonium heads in water	
40	Six stems of Sweet Peas	
41	Vase of 5 varieties mixed garden flowers ( <i>max.18 stems, no oasis</i> )	
	<b>Crafts</b>	
	<b>( Crafts must not have been entered in a previous Show )</b>	
42	An item with mosaic decoration	
43	A piece of jewellery	
44	A hand knitted or crocheted article	
45	A piece of needlecraft ( <i>embroidery, tapestry, patchwork etc</i> )	
46	You made it, let's see it ( <i>Handmade article not covered above</i> )	
47	Drawing or painting, any medium ( <i>frame optional</i> )	
	<b>Photography</b>	
	<b>13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7"</b>	
48	My Pet	
49	A Garden Bird	
50	An Apple	
51	A Flower	
	<b>Children's Classes</b>	
	<b>7 years and under (Age to be stated on entries)</b>	
52	A Colouring Picture ( <i>available from the Post Office</i> )	
53	A Decorated Jam Jar	
54	Four Chocolate Crispy Cakes	
55	A Lego Animal	
56	You made it, let's see it ( <i>Handmade article not covered above</i> )	
	<b>8-15 years (Age to be stated on entries)</b>	
57	A photograph ( <i>Any Subject 13cm x 18cm or 5"x 7"</i> )	
58	Four Decorated Cupcakes	
59	A design for a mobile phone cover	
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As promised last month – the rest of those fantastic scarecrows!!





### Village Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers collection

**H**ERE IS THE final result of how we, as a village, supported Deddington village nursery by collecting the Sainsbury Active Kids sports vouchers. Our own collection was around +2000 out of the total of 4500 tokens donated to the nursery, so what a fantastic support from all concerned. Thank you.

As a result the nursery has been able to order some very valuable fun active sports items some of which are: a big floor mat for their larger slide, a creeper scooter, a basket ball net/stand and balls, a ramp for toy cars, flower pot stilts, but to name a few items, so many thanks from all of the children.

The children are very much looking forward to getting these fantastic items for the start of the Autumn term knowing that these things will bring lots of hours of fun and excitement.

Thanks to you all and we'll send you a photo of the new kit once it's in and in use.

Deddington Nursery and Danielle Semple

### Friends of Deddington Library

Deddington Library has been busy over recent weeks preparing for the Summer Reading Challenge, both for Adults and Children this year. The Children's theme is Record Breakers! As in previous years, children are encouraged to read six books over the course of the summer to receive stickers, glow in the dark wristbands and other incentives culminating in a medal and certificate when they have completed the challenge. This has been hugely successful in previous years and would love to you to support us again this year in joining the Record Breakers!

The Adult reading challenge is more aimed at encouraging people to read a genre you wouldn't normally and to review the books you have read; each review card completed is entered into a County wide prize draw! One of the 2014 winners was a Deddington lady!

The Friends of Deddington Library have been working tirelessly supporting the library and continuing the drive to recruit more Friends Subscribers to enable us to maintain the current core opening hours at the library. So if you haven't signed up already, some along and pick up a subscription from, available on our website or from the library.

Deddington Library is proud to be in association with the Royal British Legion and the Parish Council helping to promote and organise the upcoming VJ day celebrations, please see next page for further details.

We are also thrilled to have Oxford Museums coming to Deddington Library on Thursday 13th August to hold an interactive event for children using real museum artefacts. More details on Deddington Social Media in early August.

So lots going on over the summer, why not come along and join us, our fabulous library volunteers and I very much look forward to welcoming you!

Stella O'Neill  
Library Manager

## VJ Day Commemoration & Celebration

**7**0 YEARS AGO, on the day of writing this (21<sup>st</sup> June) the battle for Okinawa finished at a cost of a quarter of a million souls, both civilian, civilian at arms and professional soldiers. This was the first (of many?) battle(s) on Japanese soil and it came a terrible cost. The British and Commonwealth forces were still fighting and dying in Burma and the testing of the Atomic Bomb was still a month away. To commemorate the end of World War 2 and Victory over Japan Day – VJ Day, Deddington Parish Council along with the Royal British Legion and our village Library are planning a series of events.

The Library will be staging another of its book stalls at the July and August Farmers Market selling books with a topical flavour and local links and selling tickets for a literary event featuring a real life survivor of Auschwitz, Freddie Knoller, who survived the Death March and liberation of Bergen Belsen – and this isn't the most remarkable element of his story featured in one of the books being sold, 'Living with the Enemy'.

The stall will also publicise the VJ Day parade on August 15th with a marching band, historic vehicles and our very own veterans, one with a Burma Star being saluted by as many village organisations as we can get leading on to a church service. This will be followed by a World War 2 sing-song, where you can judge who our best Vera Lynn impressionist is as you help raise the roof to 'We'll meet again'.

There will be another book stall featuring Children's Author Linda Newbury, the Patron of Deddington Library, who will be at the August Farmers Market with some of her books of this theme and a children's event will be held in the library after the market.

The highlight of the VJ Day Commemorations however, will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September at the Windmill Centre, where Freddie Knoller will come and talk to us about his life as featured in the Auschwitz survivor's story sold at the July market. Surely an event not to be missed and youngsters will be very welcome – because the thrust of all these events will be educational. It is sad to say our veterans will not be with us forever, so let us all join together to show the gratitude we all have.

Alan Collins  
Deddington Parish Council Chair  
Chair of Friends of Deddington Library



**RIDE AND STRIDE  
2015  
in aid of  
Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust**

**SATURDAY 12TH  
SEPTEMBER  
10am–6pm**

**Support our own Parish Church  
and other  
historic churches  
in Oxfordshire**

**Call Anne Perry on  
01869 338 033**

**Or email  
[whitticka@hotmail.com](mailto:whitticka@hotmail.com)  
for more details  
and sponsorship forms**

The money is shared equally between the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and our Barford churches.

OHCT have provided substantial funding for our Barford churches over the years and will continue to do so in the future.

This is a very important fundraising event for the churches and it would be wonderful to see more participation this year from the Barfords, either from villagers securing sponsorship and taking part by walking, cycling or riding to as many churches as possible, or by sponsoring other participants. If you would like to take part, please contact me for lists of churches so that you can plan your route and for sponsorship forms.

Anne Perry

### **Warning To All Householders**

This is to advise you there have been several reports of 'Nottingham Knockers' operating in the villages in the past couple of weeks.

#### **Who are they?**

Young lads who go door to door, selling household products.

Often they have some form of ID which they display, but this is bogus. They may also hand over a card saying they are deaf / dumb / just out of prison / in the process of being reformed and working towards a better life.

The bag of household products is supplied by the man who employs them. Traditionally they came from Nottingham - hence the name, but now, they are recruited from anywhere.

#### **How does it work?**

The lads are supplied with the full bag and charged a minimal sum for the contents. They can keep whatever they make, above this amount.

Usually they are deposited in an area from a Transit Van and given a list of streets to work. An hour or so later they are picked up and dropped off, in another location. They often work from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

They will knock on a door, offering cleaning items, they know to be rubbish, which the householder also knows to be rubbish. That is part of the scam.

Many people will purchase items pay them something, just to go away. The price for whatever has been purchased usually comes to a note – usually £10. The householder disappears to get this - this is when the scam begins - when the note is handed over, the lad examines the condition and how long

it took the person to get it. If it is crumpled, they accept it and move on. If it is crisp flat and new - they are much more interested and may engage the person in more conversation, to obtain details about them. As they leave they will smell the note. If it is slightly musty - this is an indication that there is more in the property. Those addresses are noted.

The addresses of elderly / vulnerable / gullible people are all noted.

These are handed to the employer and there is a small amount of cash handed over for each one. These addresses are then sold in prisons and pubs. If there is a later break-in, the employer expects a further cut of the proceeds.

These lists are purchased by all sorts of people including - tarmacers, tree workers, roofers, dodgy builders etc.

Once on a list, your address could be sold on and on. Hence the repeat nature of these persistent callers. In almost every case of a stop check - the lads have long strings of convictions, for burglary. They use the skills learnt during their criminal activity to identify possible targets.

**N.B.** If any salesperson comes to your door, we'd suggest you ask to see their Pedlar's certificate - these

are only issued to individuals under very strict conditions.

**Please call 101** if you see these individuals in your area, if they knock on your door, put your door chain on and politely say 'no thank you.'

**Remember if in doubt, keep them out!**

## **Shepherds and Bakehouse 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 Trustees 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:-

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

**Address your application to:**  
**Carole Coppin,**  
**Clerk to the Shepherds and Bakehouse**  
**Trust, Barn Elms, The Green, Barford St**  
**Michael**  
**OX15 0RN**  
**carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk**  
Applications must be received  
**by 30 September.**



## BBQ MIXED SUMMER FRUIT PAVLOVA

This delicious pud was served at the village BBQ, so good you **have** to try it!!

### For the meringue base

4 egg whites  
250gr white caster sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon white wine vinegar  
2 teaspoons cornflour



The egg white **must** be at room temperature, otherwise they will not whisk properly. Take a baking sheet and cut a piece of greaseproof/baking parchment to fit. Draw round the bottom of a 10-12" cake tin. Set your oven at 180°C or 160°C Fan.

Whisk the egg whites until stiff and dry (this is the bowl over the head trick to see if it falls out - but don't waste your egg whites). With the motor still running at its fastest speed, gently add the sugar a little at a time. You should have a shiny stiff mix by the time all the sugar is in. Stop the whisk. Add the cornflour and whisk in on the slowest setting for a few seconds, just to distribute the cornflour. Then add the vinegar and the vanilla extract and whisk on the slowest setting again for a few seconds. (If you add the cornflour with the vinegar you will get lumps of vinegary cornflour in your meringue.) Remove the whisk(s). With a large **metal** serving spoon, put dollops of meringue on your circle until it is all used. Even out the mixture with your spoon until it is roughly the shape you want. The meringue may increase slightly in size while cooking. With leftovers in the bowl, put a bit of mixture under each corner of the baking parchment so that it sticks to the baking sheet. This is important, otherwise the paper can move (particularly in a fan oven) and spoil your pavlova.

Put the baking sheet in the oven and **immediately** turn the heat down 30°. This is to get the crisp outside while cooking the inside slowly to get the soft texture you want. After 1 hour, turn the oven off and leave to get cold (overnight if you can). The base can be made in advance as the meringue will keep in a tin for a good few days, but leave the parchment in place, cutting it to the size of the meringue base when it is cooked and cold.

When you want to serve the pavlova, place the serving plate over the meringue base (hold it with your fingers so that it doesn't crush it) and flip both the plate and the base over so that it is upside down on the plate. Peel off the parchment carefully and then fill the base with whipped double cream and fruit. By serving it upside down, you get a firm base on the bottom, which makes it easier to serve.

**POST CROPREDY CHILL OUT**  
**THE GEORGE INN, BARFORD ST MICHAEL**  
**9:00PM ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
***FREEWAY JAM***  
**ROCKS THE GEORGE**  
**NOT TO BE MISSED!**