

BARFORD NEWS

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The Famous Barford Duck Race

It's all happening again. Plastic water fowl with minds of there own, floating boots, the usual events, heats, grand final, run what ya brung and who knows what else? And of course a BBQ.

By way of a change this year we are not holding it on the River Swere it will be.....oh alright! Yes it will be on the river behind the George, in the field kindly loaned for the day by Dave and Sue Jelfs.

Sunday 12 July 2pm - first race 2.30. All profits go towards the upkeep etc of Barford play areas. See you there. T'committee (playground)



Barford Village Market

**in the Village Hall, Saturday 18 July
10am - 12noon**

Wooden planters and garden sundries (weather permitting), seasonal plants - all at silly prices.
Preserves and chutneys, artisan breads, Meat Joint, fairtrade goods, books, handicraft items,
beauty products Paul's great selection of cards and papers
Country Diaries' delicious cheeses, yoghurts, etc

Bacon butties/bacon and egg butties
add a sausage for a breakfast buttie
Not forgetting tea and coffee

Please come along have a cuppa with friends and support our local market

All profits go towards Village Hall maintenance



Raffle prizes needed

My dearest, generous fellow villagers

We have the annual Village Sports and BBQ on Sunday 19 July and will be needing prizes for the raffle.

If you can donate something that would be great. Please contact Lucy Norman on 01869 337678. I have transport just in case the prizes are enormous!

**Thank you
VHMC**

Dear quiz supporters

The quiz night for my fund raising challenge for Ecuador has been postponed to Saturday 19 September as I have been selected to represent our school, Headington Girls, to row at Henley Women's and Henley Royal Regattas this forthcoming June and July.

These are totally fantastic opportunities that I may never have again in the future and so I want to be able to participate to the very best of my abilities.

I do hope you will be able to join me in September and meanwhile I'll give you an update of our progress at Henley.

Many thanks, Danielle Semple
(Read more from Danielle on page 9 – Ed)



There's still time to get out the camera and take some shots for the village show photography competition.

Adult classes: My pet; A garden bird; An apple; A flower

8-15 years class: A photograph - any subject 13cmx18cm or 5" x 7".

BBQ BBQ BBQ BBQ BBQ

The Annual Village Family Sports and BBQ **Sunday 19 JULY**

The sports (*with teams consisting of two adults and up to four kids*) at 12pm include the three-legged race....egg 'n' spoon...sack race and the bean bag gather. The BBQ and bar will be serving from 1pm in the Village Hall garden.



TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB 21 July

Menu

Main course

Salmon, asparagus and brie quiche or sausage, leek and pepper plait both served with cheese and potato pie, peas and sweetcorn and ratatouille.

Desserts

Apricot and white chocolate bread and butter pudding or triple chocolate éclairs.

Price £5

Please ring Anne and Mick on 01869 337074 or email mickpearson1@outlook.com by Tuesday 14 July.

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.



Red Cross Week

A huge thank you to all the kind villagers who supported Red Cross Week again this year.

I am delighted to say that the Barfords' collection came to a generous £231.33.

North Oxfordshire villages and Banbury collected £3282.91 in total.

I think we should be very proud our little village made a great contribution towards their total!

Ali Drummond



Ukulele Group Singalong

7.30 pm Saturday 11 July

**Marlborough Rd
Methodist Church**

Tickets £3.00 from Mariann on 338570

Includes refreshments

*Take a trip through the decades,
from 1860s onwards, to coincide
with the church's
150 year anniversary.*



Change of phone number.

The KHH office has a new phone number. If you want to get in touch, it's 01295 816484.

Annual raffle

Tickets are now available for our 2015 raffle with a chance to support a great local cause and win £1000. If you would like some tickets or can sell some on our behalf please call the office. The draw takes place 5 August.

11th Adderbury Charity Golf Day – 3 July 1pm

Rye Hill Golf Club, Milcombe. Entry £40 per player. Matches finish around 6pm. Buffet supper and prize-giving. Entries welcome for single players and pairs. Phone 01295 811059.

Broughton Castle Sportive – 12 July

The Broughton Castle Cycling Festival promises to be a fantastic day, with children's entertainment, picnic area, free BBQ food for riders and medals for all finishers, all in the picturesque grounds of Broughton Castle. This year the Sportive has teamed up with KHH to encourage participants to raise sponsorship. It offers various routes through the north Cotswold countryside with the longer rides taking in classic hill climbs. There are four routes;

- the 5.5 mile family fun ride, a flat(ish) route on quiet tracks close to the castle, suitable for the whole family.
- the 20 mile Ironstone 20 for those looking for a bigger challenge with some rougher terrain and some spectacular North Oxfordshire ironstone countryside.
- to celebrate Kenco's 50th year making coffee in Banbury, a challenging ride: the 50 mile Kenco 50 incorporating some classic hill climbs including Nebsworth Lane climb near Illmington before looping through Moreton in Marsh with a stop off at the Cotswold Cycle Shop.
- the Mondelēz Monster, a 100 mile lung and leg busting ride, with several

classic climbs including Nebsworth Lane, Snowhill and Butlers Lane in addition to the notoriously tough Cotswold hills.

Sign up today at
www.broughtoncastlesportive.co.uk

Garden Party at the Admiral Holland – 8 August, 11am-5pm

The Admiral Holland Pub, Woodgreen Avenue, Banbury. Garden party and family fun day with BBQ, raffle, tombola, lucky dip, children's activities and more.

KHH lottery

Our lottery is a vital income source for Katharine House, having raised over £1 million since. For more information phone the office on 01295 816484 or email lottery@khh.org.uk.

For fundraising information please phone 01295 816484, email: sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk or visit www.khh.org.uk

200 Club winners

April – June draws

April

£15, No. 9 Amelie Craig
£10, No. 139, Streeter family
£5, No. 136, Heather Nason

May

£15, No. 87, Gemma Phillips
£10, No. 149, Austin Lawler
£5, No. 21, Caroline Bird

June

£50, No 119, Sandra Lees
£25, No 188, David Tew
£15, No. 004, Joanna Cooke-Yarborough
£10, No. 153, Andy Neal
£5, No. 120, Angus Norman

Welcome

to

**Steven and Wendy Manifold with
daughter Casey**

who have just moved to their new
home in Bishops Close

We wish the family a happy time here



The Big Lunch

..was on Sunday 7 June and was a great success. The weather was hot and it was great to be able to use our Village Hall garden.

It is always difficult to guess how many people will turn up with their friends and families picnics, but this year around 75 people came which was marvellous.

The Big Lunch is held annually throughout the UK on the first Sunday in June, so let's hope that this date is now firmly in all of your minds. Thanks for coming and hope you all had fun,

Gunilla

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

What have plants done for us?

W.I. are pleased to welcome
Timothy Walker, past Director of Oxford
Botanic Gardens for a return visit to Barford.

His previous talks have been extremely
entertaining and informative and we are
looking forward to hearing about what plants
have ever done for us.

Wednesday 8 July, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Visitors are very welcome. Guests pay just £4,
which includes a glass of Pimms (or soft
drink) on arrival.

We look forward to welcoming all comers
Check us out on the village website,
www.thebarfordvillages.co.uk
under village groups.

New tree in the Village Hall garden

A new tree has been planted in the garden,
as requested by the Parish Council, following
the removal of the old pear tree. It is an Acer
'Red October' and will have lovely autumn
colours.

The tree was given from funds raised at the
Village Show and kindly planted and
protected by Paul and Sandi Turner, who will
be watering and maintaining it when
necessary. I hope that you, Basil, are not too
put out by the position regarding your
mowing!

VHMC

Parish Council notes

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 3 June 2015 in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Hobbs, Styles, Eden, Best, Hanmer, Campbell, Turner, Mrs Watts (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and District Cllr Williams (part). Apologies were received from County Cllr Fatemian.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 6 May were unanimously resolved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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

Debris in the stream in Mill Lane: The Parish Clerk had reported the matter to the Environment Agency. They advised her that the riparian owners of the land either side of the stream were responsible for keeping the stream free of debris. However, in this instance they would consider dealing with the matter as they were already in the area.

Proposed wooden play equipment for West Close: The Parish Council has been given documentation that indicates that Cherwell District Council has been incorrect in informing the Parish Council that planning permission would not be required for a scheme. The pre-application advice enquiry with CDC has been reopened in order to clarify the position. Competition winners: seven children entered the competition and councillors judged the entries. The winner was Jack (aged 6). Ellie (aged 8) and Hattie (aged 7) were runners up. Each will receive a small prize.

Planning applications/TCAs received by the Parish Council since the May meeting:

- 15/00115/TCA, Warden Cottage, 1 Mead Rd, StJ. T1 x holly – fell. No objection.
- 15/00642/F, 5 Robins Close, StM. Alterations and erection of two storey

side extension and single storey front and rear extension. No objection.

- 15/00873/F, 20 Broad Close, StM. Erection of first floor rear extension and insertion of first floor window in side elevation. No objection.

TCA granted by Cherwell District Council:

- 15/00102/TCA St Michael's Church – T1 x Yew. Crown lift to 4m. Granted 26 May.

Internal audit - end of year accounts (2014-2015): the accounts for 2014/15 have been approved by the internal auditor, with no matters arising.

Noticeboard in Townsend: Cllr Hanmer has made a metal grill for the noticeboard in Townsend to prevent notices being blown away by the wind.

Weed killing: At the request of residents, the Parish Council arranged for weed killing to be carried out in certain areas of the village by certified specialist contractors. Residents may be assured that the herbicide used is non-toxic to humans, animals or other wildlife, even before it has dried.

The **Parish Council website** can be accessed on 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 1 July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Bodfest Festival

BodFest15 will take place in the village of Bodicote, on Saturday 11 July. The festivities start at 11am and run until 11pm.

Full details at <http://www.bodfest.co.uk/>



Barford Green Garden Club - notes from our potting shed

On 19 May we held our annual plant swap for members at Sarah Best's in Barford St. John. The evening was dry but terribly cold. Drink, snacks and plants made everyone feel better and we had two new members which is great.

On 14 June we held our Open Gardens, after a week of awful weather. The Sunday was dry and some bright sunny intervals appeared. There were seven gardens, including the allotments, open to visitors.

Delicious teas were served in the Village Hall garden and a display of photographs was shown on screen in the Hall. A good plant stall was set up by Mariann and Cathy. Fourteen scarecrows frightened the birds! The village was fairly busy and everyone seemed to enjoy it. A big thank you to all who helped in any way. Full breakdown of figures will appear in August BN.

Date to remember: 25 July: Outing to Dreamers Cottage, Little Haseley with a lunch at Lassco's, Milton Common. This is a cottage garden with flowers, produce and chickens. Piers and Louise run their business, Garden and Wood, from here, selling vintage garden tools, furniture and ephemera, all of which is displayed around the garden and is for sale. Cost of the visit is £2 per person, which includes tea and Welsh cake, and we will need a minimum of ten people to go ahead.

If you'd like to come, please contact Linda Newbery (L.newbery@btinternet.com or 337526) saying whether you'd like lunch at Lassco or prefer to go directly to Dreamers Cottage.

Gardening tip: July is often one of the hottest months and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep new plants well watered, using grey water

where possible, and hoe off weeds, which thrive in the sunshine.

In between please try to sit and enjoy your garden.

Bye for now, **Spade and Fork**

A reminder that Barford Village Show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 29 August

Get working on those entries and gentlemen – Have a go at the cake recipe below

Cherry and almond cake

Village 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)

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.



Barford scarecrows

The Barford Scarecrows were out and about around the village again in June, scaring crows and just about anyone else who came across them. Thank you and well done to everyone who entered and joined in the fun. The garden visitors loved them all! Here are a few Barford News caught up with around the village. Apologies if your scarecrow didn't make it into BN this month – we'll try to include more in the next issue.

Winner in children's class, Patrick Craig's Pirate



Family category first place - the Dodwell family's Lion King



First place in adult class - Pete and Maggie Eden's Grim Reaper



Scarecrow competition results

Children's competition

1st Patrick Craig Pirate

2nd Connie Neal Chicken girl

3rd Rainbows Pied Piper and rats

Barney Neal Tree surgeon

Special (late entry) Josie Lord Incident at the vicarage!

Family competition

1st Dodwells, Lion King

2nd Bests, Broad Cl. Robot

3rd Warners, Robins Cl Queen of Hearts

Special, Craigs Rugby Player

Special, Linseys Sparkly girl

Special, Styles, Rock Cl. Lego man

Adult competition

1st The Edens Grim Reaper

2nd Emma Brodey Guide Campers

3rd Maggie Rampley Snowman

Not entered Mariann and Cathy Pot Head Fred

From the Fire Station

Road traffic crashes are up this month with a particularly bad one on the M40 involving a lorry and a van where sadly someone lost their life.

It is a real reminder that keeping a good distance from the vehicle in front is the way to stay safe. Today there was a call to a motorcyclist that had come off his bike just outside Hempton. He was ok but we quickly realised that the road was very slippery and had to call out the environment agency to deal with it.

Since we have gone regional with our control room, false alarms to properties with smoke alarms are down. I would like to mention a chimney fire that was caused by a birds nest.

With the weather still getting quite cold at night just remember jackdaws, especially love to nest in chimneys so make sure your pot is covered with a cowl.

Half of the crew had a training day honing our skills on water rescue. All the crew are trained to level two water rescue, which means that they are able to enter the water coarse to rescue people. The fire engine is equipped with dry suits and throw-lines and wading poles to enable us to do this whatever the time of the year.

The training day was different from any other that had been run before. Fire crews are already trained in water so they wanted to see how we would deal with real incidents and gave us many different scenarios. The day was a real success and such an improvement on other courses that tend to favour using power point slides.

The crew have also been busy using our new BA (breathing apparatus) compartment searching procedures and have spent the last few weeks doing scenario drills at a vacant building at the Horton Hospital. All the crew are now totally up to speed with the procedure.

Firefighter Lewis Mahony and Firefighter Nikki Isted are doing their BA team leaders' assessment this month.

This is one of the toughest assessments you can do as a fire fighter. It is a level up from being able to look after yourself in a burning building to leading a team and looking after their welfare. They were supposed to be doing it with Firefighter Tom Hall but sadly Tom has ruptured his Achilles tendon and will be off for several months. All the crew miss him on station and we wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Crew Manager Tim Parker, Deddington Fire Station

The village Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers collection

Well, we have achieved a huge level of success with the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. As a community we collected 1911 vouchers and are still awaiting the actual value as there was a mix of vouchers - 1, 5, and other dinominations. We will hopefully be able to give an update shortly. The Nursery, seen in the picture at their summer BBQ, were really pleased to receive these vouchers as they will be able to purchase items that otherwise would not be possible. We will give further feedback on the actual purchases in future reports

Danielle Semple



Maggie's 50 ride



George Williams writes:

Maggie's 50 is a circular fifty mile bike ride from Barford St Michael out to Boycott Farm Shop on the outskirts of Stowe School Estate near Buckingham where we stop for refreshments and then ride back via a different route. This is the fourth year the ride has taken place.

The purpose of the ride is to assist in raising funds for the Maggie Harvey Trust, which has already raised over £100,000 which is channelled into brain tumour research via Just Giving. Maggie's daughter Ruth and her best friend Nicky travelled from London and Porthcawl to be present. Sadly Ruth was nearly moved to tears on several occasions during the day.

We still had 56 paid entries with 53 opting to ride, which was slightly less than last year but a really good turn out on the day despite the weather.

We had five support vehicles and drivers; Julia Streeter, Pat Evans, Stewart Crichton, and Ray Potts who doubled up as marshals at the main junctions (in the rain), and Simon Williams who drove the rescue vehicle. The marshalling schedule, the risk assessment, the route hazards, and insurance were all compiled with a lot of expertise and hard work by Tony Shrimpton.

We set the riders off in small groups for safety reasons, and unfortunately some missed the group photo at the start. Rachel Reeves, Mick Pearson, Jess Latham-Ward, Tom Bradley, Paul Evans and his two friends were among the first time participants who completed the course in good time.

We were also joined by a group calling themselves the 'Valley Girls' from Somerton and North Aston and the chairman of 'Banbury Stars Cycling Club', and a few of their cyclists. The route was again extremely well marked out with direction arrows put up by David Sewell and Mathew Pride.



Because of the weather forecast the riders were advised to bring a change of clothes which were taken over to Boycott Farm by one of the support vehicles. The rain just seemed to have targeted the day. The conditions were wet as it drizzled and rained continuously but it was not unpleasant until restart after Boycott Farm. Helen Amanda and Helen's son Owen again looked after us at Boycott Farm Shop where we had the use of the marquee and were provided a discounted menu. Some including myself opted not to change our clothes at Boycott Farm because it felt

quite comfortable while taking refreshments inside. However when stepping out to remount the bikes the wet padding on the cycling shorts turned ice cold! (Quite a shock and not a pleasant experience!). So I promptly reversed my decision.

Two had punctures: Jim Templer (twice) and me! Poor Jim opted to be transported back from Boycott Farm Shop after his second puncture. I had my puncture about two miles out from Boycott Farm on the return leg. I was very tempted to join Jim on the rescue vehicle back home, but Richard Hefferan appeared on the scene so I rode back with him. (Damn It!) Despite the route being well signed Richard Hefferan had previously missed the turn at Somerton and did an extra six miles (shame!) but still completed the ride at pace using the GPS on his mobile.



We were again looked after at the George by Martin the landlord who had put up his gazebo for shelter for the people manning the BBQ. The BBQ was manned by Tony Lowe, Tony and Stephanie Collier (from Iron Down Farm) and Stewart Crichton's wife Joyce. Emma Bradley and my darling wife Sally (I have to say that!) made the salad to accompany the BBQ food. All

appeared to enjoy the food but there was a problem with the paper plates which had a tendency to fold spilling the contents. ('The Pound Shop' is being struck off our list of approved suppliers!)

The ride has never been promoted as a race. The achievement is to complete it, but again some opted to ride at pace, and there were some amazing performances. Gwen Fowler was the fastest lady completing the ride in 3 hours 18 minutes. Pete Wheeler was awarded the prize as the most improved cyclist finishing in 2 hours 58 minutes.

Steven Rooney was awarded the Golden Brick because he had appeared to falsify his start and finish times, but we later found the poor chap had been set up. Incredibly Jered Allcock completed the course in 2 hours 6 minutes breaking his record of 2 hours 15 minutes set last year. (An average of 25 mph - amazing!) He was awarded the green T-shirt.

To-date we estimate we have raised around £1200 to be donated to the Maggie Harvey Trust but we won't know the exact amount until we have received all the sponsorship money. We have again received some generous donations from friends in Barford. A big thank you' to all who participated, assisted, supported the BBQ, and donated to the ride.



Michael J. Cook

(Mick)

6th September 1940 – 21st May 2015



Our villages were greatly saddened by the death of Mick Cook in May.

Mick played a huge part in village life here for many, many years.

Mick was a great character and will be long remembered for his sense of humour and the many dozens of daffodils that he planted throughout both villages. His passing leaves a very large gap in so many lives, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Our condolences go out to Steve, Linda and the whole family at this sad and difficult time.

Dog Walking Service

Do you need a hand walking your dog each day?

I am almost 13, responsible and used to handling and walking dogs.

I am available on weekdays from 4pm – 6.30pm

And charge £2.50 per dog per half hour walk (max 2 dogs per walk)

Please call Ami
01869 338669



Flashback: The cast of the panto 2006.
See below....

Oh no you won't....oh yes you will!

A message from Austin and Gwen

Gwen and I have finalised our work schedules for the autumn and this year we are pretty certain we can squeeze a panto in!

Therefore we invite interested participants on or off stage to a preparatory meeting in the village hall on Monday 13 July 7.30pm. This is your opportunity to register interest in the panto and gives us an idea of who we might have to work with.

Timetables are to be confirmed but the pattern will be as in previous years. Rehearsals will start in September (usually Monday nights) and go through until the first week of December, where we will give several performances of the show we have created during this time. If you can't make the meeting but would like to take part then please let us know by email:
austin@cueperformance.com



Update by Sgt Becky Fishwick

Unfortunately this month we have seen a spate of crime in Twyford and Horley.

On 10 May, in the early hours of the morning, in Twyford there was a burglary to a property where an Audi was stolen from the driveway.

On the same evening a motorcycle was stolen and there was a theft of number plates from a car. CID officers at Banbury are currently investigating.

Overnight on the 2 May in Horley, ten properties had sheds and outbuildings broken into and items stolen. We are still trying to identify those responsible.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

We have seen a slight increase in ASB over the last month with damage in a number of parks. We are working with residents and parish councils to deal this. I appeal to any parents who allow children out later at night that they know where they are, who they are with and what they are doing.

We continue to get reports of children under 18 drinking in parks, being involved in ASB and committing criminal damage.

This will not be tolerated. In the past play equipment has been damaged in Bloxham preventing its use and this is unacceptable. If you are found to have committed criminal damage you can expect a visit from the neighbourhood team.

I would like to make myself very clear on a few points. If you are found to be buying alcohol for persons under 18 you will be prosecuted. If you are under 18 and found in possession of alcohol in a public place, it will be taken from you disposed of and your parents will be informed. If you get caught on three occasions within 12 months you risk being arrested.

This may sound like we are taking a hard line but we want to make sure that the children in our villages are safe and not putting themselves at risk.

We have also seen an increase in the recreational use of nitrous oxide amongst youths. If you any information on this or the other incidents please phone us on 101, email BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is about people getting together with their neighbours to take action to cut crime.

The schemes are community initiatives owned and run by their members. They work by developing close liaison between neighbourhood households and the local police. 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 contact your local Watch Administrator Deb Hextall at Banbury police station,

deborah.hextall@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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

Thames Valley Alert: get free crime alerts and crime prevention advice by signing up at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

For further crime reduction advice visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk or call the 24-hour enquiry centre on 101.

Fernhill Club News

First I want to apologise for getting the Fire and Rescue meeting wrong. Two of us had already heard his talk which was very good. Unfortunately, our speaker had to cancel our meeting with very little notice because he was involved in a case with the police, but he will come another time.

10th June we had Amanda Wood telling us about New Zealand after the earthquake. On 17th Troy from Age UK came to show us a film. We spent a lovely afternoon on a beautiful Greek island, listening to wonderful music and sipping our PIMMs. We had tea and biscuits and all for the sum of £2.00. We will be going to Wyatts Farm on 24th June where we will have look around the nursery and shop and then have lunch.

On 1st July we have a meeting planned with Woodstock Museum, who will bring lots of 60's memorabilia and they are always very good.

On 15th July we will be having our annual strawberry tea and on 22nd we will be having board games, (beetle, yahtze, dominoes etc.)

Mary Ashbridge 01295 252298





News from Cherwell District Council

The results of an 18-month examination into Cherwell District Council's submitted Local Plan have concluded the document is sound with modifications and can proceed towards adoption.

The council has published the findings of Government-appointed Planning Inspector Nigel Payne's examination of the draft Local Plan, which will guide the delivery of 22,840 homes and 200 hectares of employment land between 2011 and 2031.

In his report Mr Payne concluded the council had complied with all of the necessary legal requirements in preparing the plan and had allocated suitable sites to meet the district's future growth.

Cllr Michael Gibbard, Cherwell's lead member for planning, said: "Mr Payne supported all of the sites allocated for housing and employment with some modifications and did not propose any additional sites for development.

His report is the penultimate stage of a ten year process to get a new Local Plan adopted and having received the report, the final stage is for councillors to accept the Inspector's recommendations. If they do, the Local Plan will be implemented with immediate effect.

"The adoption of the Local Plan and the fact we now have a five year land supply will discourage inappropriate and speculative applications as we will have a legally sound document which clearly defines our approved sites for development.

"Cherwell will no longer be held to ransom by opportunistic developers and will once again be in charge of its own destiny."

The Local Plan was first submitted to the Government for consideration in January 2014 and was followed by an examination in public in June the same year. However the examination was suspended until December to allow Cherwell to revise its housing figures in line with Oxfordshire's recently published Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).

Following a three week hearing at the end of last year involving more than 150 interested parties, Mr Payne retired to consider his recommendations and offer any amendments. Although he has made no changes to the location of sites for housing or the quantity allocated, Mr Payne has reduced the amount of employment land in Banbury bordering south Northamptonshire by 36 hectares. This site had been allocated for mixed employment uses but Mr Payne concluded that a smaller site would be more appropriate.

The other significant change was the removal of the council's proposal for allocated 'green buffers' of land between urban and rural areas to protect their separate identity. This was removed as Mr Payne considered it to be unnecessary as other policies and the adoption of the plan itself would offer the same protection.

Subsequently, the document proposes 7,319 homes for Banbury; 10,129 homes in Bicester and 5,392 homes elsewhere including a total of about 2,361 at Former RAF Upper Heyford. To support economic growth, the plan delivers 61 hectares of employment land in Banbury and 138.5 hectares in Bicester.

The Inspector's report and the Local Plan will now be put before a full council meeting on 20 July and if members agree to adopt the plan, it will be implemented with immediate effect and used to guide all future planning applications.



1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

Summer is in full swing; the cubs have been to camp, hiked to Bodicote from Adderbury and gained their athletics badge. The district cub camp was a great success. This year the theme was the Wild West. Cubs and leaders dressed the part and tried out shooting, archery, tin can alley, fire lighting, cooking on an open fire, tracking, Morse code and head dress making. It all rounded off with a display from a western re-enactment society - entertaining on many levels. Many thanks to Giles for helping.

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Scouts

The camps are coming thick and fast. Our first was the 24 hour hike and camp at Horley. The scouts walked from the windmill to the campsite, pitched camp and cooked tea. Next morning they walked to Banbury bus station and bussed back to Deddington.

Next came the county aqua camp at Stanton Harcourt. A weekend of sailing, kayaking, canoeing, dragon boating and rowing. The weather was a little dreary but they were wet anyway. Everyone went home tired with a big bag of soggy clothes. They also put all the tents up for cub camp and have been out geocaching in Bodicote.

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Spartans Explorer scout unit

As part of their Community Impact Awareness award the explorers have been investigating the problems that might happen if you are either in a wheelchair or partially sighted. The results will be given out when this has been completed. Just to say they found things a lot harder than they imagined. They have turned to helping at the district scout campsite at Horley as part of their service. To date they have taken a tree out of the stream that had fallen over in the high winds and was blocking the water course. The whole of this term will see various projects being undertaken. Janet Duxbury 01608 737959.



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

1st Deddington Guides

Bats, in common with us, do not like cold weather. We discovered this on our annual bat walk in the beautiful grounds of Wroxton College. We learnt about the lives of bats but did not get to see or hear as many as usual; cold weather means fewer insects around for them to eat. Our thanks to Reg Tipping, and Alison Urwick, licensed bat handlers, for such an interesting time, a chance to use the bat sound detectors and to see an orphan at up close.

The hike through Daeda's Wood and surrounds gave us a chance to enjoy the beautiful setting and take up some set challenges.

Outdoor fun has been our theme all term. We loved the beautiful walk from Steeple Aston to Lower Heyford, and of course the crisps and lemonade in the pub garden.

The outdoor experience continued with the Cherwell Guide Division patrol competition at Horley Scout camp site. There was a carnival theme to the activities, which were lively and noisy. About 20 patrols took part, and after a campfire and singing, the results were announced. Both Deddington Guide patrols came joint third. Well done girls, we were very proud.

To round off the event we all slept out, under the stars. Wonderful to be tucked up in your sleeping bag to watch a shooting star amongst the constellations.

To conclude these busy few weeks, we had a "Ready, Steady, Cook" evening, a variation on a theme by each patrol. A meal, two courses, cooked on an open fire with surprise ingredients. Well done again. Our thanks to Janet and Brian for allowing us to use their land and the chance to explore the woods. Maggie Rampley 01295 810069, Marion Trinder 01869 340806, Catherine Blackburn.

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

The summer holidays are fast approaching and our popular holiday club will be running at the PFSU from 9am to 3pm, weeks beginning 20 July and 27 July.

For only £28 per day your child will get the chance to take part in lots of exciting activities and you will get a well-earned break.

Please return booking forms as soon as possible as spaces are limited. These are available from the PFSU or Nursery.

Our amazing summer Masquerade Party takes place on Saturday 11 July from 7.30pm to 1am. Come along for a fantastic party and a chance to get your gladrags on. Tickets are £20. There will be food, a late bar, auction and live music from Bring the Noise! It promises to be a fantastic night.

We are busy preparing the children who are moving up for starting at their new settings in September. There will be a chance for those children who are moving on to Deddington School or the PFSU to spend time in their new classes on the afternoon of Tuesday 14 July.

There will also be the opportunity for new parents to informally visit the PFSU on either Tuesday 7 or Wednesday 8 July any time between 3.30pm and 4.30pm (with or without children). This will be a chance to see the children's new classroom and to raise any questions and concerns with the staff.

The PFSU children hope to visit both the Deddington allotments and Castle Grounds before the end of term. Happy holidays!

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Golden oldies - caring for elderly pets: vet Sophie Hanmer writes:

The age at which a pet becomes 'senior' is not the same for all animals. A six year old St. Bernard may be elderly, but cats and smaller breeds of dog, may only show signs of ageing over the age of ten.

Certain diseases are more common in ageing pets. Changes such as drinking and urinating more, weight loss, a ravenous or decreased appetite, vomiting, and diarrhoea, can all be indicators of illness. As cats get older they become more likely to develop kidney disease, high blood pressure, and an overactive thyroid gland. In dogs arthritis is common, especially in larger breeds. Different forms of cancer are also much more prevalent in older pets and symptoms can vary including weight loss, a swollen tummy, or lumps and bumps in the skin. And as pets age it is not uncommon for their eyesight and hearing to deteriorate, they can also suffer with senility and incontinence. It is a good idea to take your senior pet for routine check-ups with your vet.

More attention should be given to their coat, teeth, and nails. Cats are very clean creatures but with age a combination of arthritis, dental disease and senility can mean they no longer look after their coat properly. If they are not groomed regularly they may develop matted fur which can be painful. Dental disease is common in older dogs and cats. Symptoms include bad breath and a reluctance to eat hard food. Eyes and ears may need cleaning, and nails clipping, on a regular basis.

Food formulated especially for senior pets may be more suitable as activity levels decline and energy requirements change. Some diseases which occur in old age such as kidney and heart disease may mean a prescription diet, available from your vet, may be more appropriate.

Making a few adjustments in the way we look after elderly pets can help them live out their senior years as comfortable as possible.