

BARFORD NEWS

September 2015

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Price 30p where sold

This year's BBQ..

was a great success. Despite having to change the date at short notice approximately 80 burgers were flipped, 80 sausages sizzled and thankfully the sun shone all afternoon. We raised just over £370, slightly down on 2014 - no doubt due to it being held on a Sunday afternoon

This money will go towards the on-going maintenance of the village hall, namely our new cooker, spruced up porch and non-maintenance garden seating

See you next year (a Saturday we promise)

VHMC



Treasure Hunt

So you think you know all about the Barfords?

There's still time to take part in the photo and 'treasure hunt' competition which was launched at the church fete. There are photos to identify some more unusual than expected, and letters to be found around the villages.

The 'treasure prize' will be 25% of the entry money. Entry forms can be obtained from Tony Elvidge on 01869 338214. £2.50 per entry.

So go on and explore our lovely Barford villages, and have fun!
Competition closes 5pm Sunday 13 September

Oxfordshire County Council news



Household waste recycling centres strategy for Oxfordshire

As part of planned savings Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has reduced the overall household waste recycling centre (HWRC) budget by £350,000 for 2017/18.

To meet this reduction the proposal is to reduce the number of HWRCs from seven to three or four, and to change the opening hours of the remaining sites. Once agreed, these changes will be made over several years with plenty of notice given to residents.

Understanding public views, opinions and preferences is key to OCC's decision making. The consultation documents are available at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste and they encourage people to complete the response questionnaire. If residents need support to take part in this consultation contact OCC on 01865 816043 or email waste.management@oxfordshire.gov.uk Hard copies of the consultation materials are available at libraries.

Reductions in central government funding mean OCC has to make savings and is in the process of making about £290m of savings by 2018. On top of that OCC may need to save a further £60 million. The proposals for the future of the HRWCs are to:

- reduce the overall number of sites from seven, to three or four
- locate sites as close as possible to centres of population
- limit as much as possible the drive times for residents

Location of the new sites would be Central North Oxfordshire, Central Oxfordshire, Central South Oxfordshire and a fourth site to be determined. A final strategy will be decided upon by Cabinet at the end of 2015. The Cabinet report will include the results of the consultation and will be available a week before the meeting at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk The consultation can be viewed at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste General enquiries about the HWRCs:

Please direct to Waste Management Group on 01865 816043.



Do you use household waste recycling centres?

We'd like your views on their future in Oxfordshire.

Have your say from 10th August to 5th October 2015
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste



GRASSES

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GROUND COVER

SHRUBS

CLIMBERS

SHADE

HERBACEOUS

ALPINES

ROCKERY

HERBS

huge reductions

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3 for £5

BONANZA!

SAT 26th & SUN 27th
SEPTEMBER 2015

11am – 5pm

AT 'THE CLOSE'
SOUTH NEWINGTON

unusual varieties

up to half price off





Ride and Stride 2015
in aid of
Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

Saturday 12 September
10am to 6pm
Support our own parish church and other
historic churches in Oxfordshire

Call Anne Perry on
01869 338 033

Or email 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.

Anne Perry

Nine facts that you probably never knew about your Barford bacon butty

1. You can add add egg
2. You can add a sausage
3. Head chef Angus trained under 'The Craddock's' at their fish shop in Sunderland
4. Sous chef Lucy trained at The Holloway Castle, one of 'Her Majesty's residences'
5. You can add an egg and a sausage
6. The word 'bacon' dates back to the late 1500s
7. It takes 24-26 hours for a hen to produce an egg
8. The word 'sausage' comes from the Latin 'salscius' meaning 'prepared by salting'
9. If you use the **CODE WORDS** '**Barford Butties Rock**' you will receive **50p off** your butty at the September market (19th)

Barford Village Market

in the Village Hall 10am - 12noon

Saturday, 19 September

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

Come and claim your CUT PRICE BUTTIE (see above)

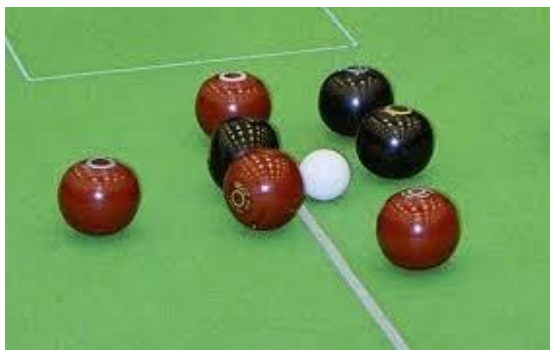
Bacon butties/bacon and egg butties
add a sausage for a breakfast buttie
Not forgetting tea and coffee

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

All profits go towards Village Hall maintenance

Carpet Bowls

restarts on Tuesday 15 September at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.



A very enjoyable social evening, and lots of fun for only £1.50 per session, including refreshments - how about that for value!

New members are always welcome.
Margaret Churchill

Tuesday Lunch Club

15 September

Menu

Main course

Chicken, ham and leek pie
with

buttered carrots, broccoli and minted new
potatoes

or

chilli con carne
with

boiled rice, nachos and grated cheese
Desserts

Rhubarb and apple crumble served with
custard

or

chocolate mousse with Bailey's cream
Price £5

Please ring Anne or Mick on 01869
337074 or email
mickpearson1@outlook.com by
Tuesday 8 September.

From the Vicar



Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, summer will no doubt seem to have long gone and we will be fast approaching autumn. Indeed, combine harvesters are busy collecting the harvest as I write. Season changes always bring something new and interesting, and autumn especially can be a very beautiful time of the year. In our church there will be changes too – these too will be new and interesting. It is vital that the church changes and moves with the times to enable our worship and discipleship continue to grow in a way that is accessible to all ages.

With this in mind, and to facilitate my being able to come to all services across the benefice, the times of services at Barford St Michael have changed – 10.30am family service on a first Sunday, and 9am Holy Communion on second and fourth Sundays. There will also be a service of Evening Prayer at 6pm on a third Sunday. Barford St John will continue to have a service of Holy Communion on a fifth Sunday, and this has also now moved to 9am.

All of these changes to service times are flexible, as indeed are the types of service offered. Any changes will be notified in the weekly pew sheet, or in the Barford News.

One addition to our services will be the introduction of Messy Church, beginning in September - hopefully you will have already seen the posters around the village. Messy Church is a fast growing ministry that engages people of all ages outside the usual church context. Each time there will be a bible based theme with associated crafts and activities – all followed by sharing a meal together. You may well see us at the Church Fete on Bank Holiday Monday and so will know a little of what's on offer, but if not, then I do hope you will come along and try it out.

I have only been here six months and you have all made me incredibly welcome – I look forward to welcoming you too at one of our church events.

**With every blessing,
Revd Annie**

Down on the farm

Harvest is in full swing with enough patches of decent weather to get the winter barley and its straw off without problem. The wheat ears are beginning to curl so that will be cut any day now; so far so good.

The remainder of the fattening lambs are now weaned and one of the wheat fields is earmarked for stubble turnips to finish these over the winter.

Our research into supplying shops with our eggs fell rather flat, not so much because of the red tape as the cost of compliance with a need to invest in grading, candling and other equipment which, on a small scale, is not justifiable.

This is symptomatic of farming these days when the buzz word is 'scale' and, without it, affording the requirements for markets that are less than buoyant is not easy.

The dairy industry is a good example; when I milked cows many years ago 60 was reckoned to be the number one man could look after. Now, with modern techniques and rotary milking systems, one man is expected to look after several hundred cows and many herds are now getting into the multiple thousands in order to spread overheads and reduce costs.

Even so dairying has become less than profitable, which caused some dairy farmers to buy and discard supermarket milk this summer in protest at pittance prices they receive for their milk. Recently some supermarkets have elevated their prices to farmers to around 28 pence a litre which is only a break even figure for large scale producers.

Some non-farming friends recently cast aspersions on farmers supermarket antics; if the job doesn't pay they should do something else, they suggested. Well the truth is that many are doing just that. Britain has been losing dairy farmers and all their attendant skills at the rate of one a day for

some years. Our own locality used to host several cow herds but today there are virtually none.

This should have reduced production and pressured prices, but dairy cow population has actually remained much the same as large scale operations bought up surplus cows to increase their size and spread their overheads.

A big loser in all this is the poor old cow; gone are the days when the dairyman knew her name and could recall her history. Now she has become a number, complete with computer linked collar chip that dictates her feed ration and a high pressure routine that must extract her milk at least cost in a climate of uncertain returns.

The problem stems from our involvement with the EU when the Milk Marketing Board was declared illegal under their lack of competition ruling. The MMB which had its own dairy farm to monitor costs and techniques and did good work for the industry was replaced by organisations that were concerned solely with marketing and saw supermarkets as an easy option.

Tony Collier

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

**Quiz and
social evening**

**Hosted by our committee
7.30pm
Wednesday 9 September
in the Village Hall**

**Please come along and join us at
our WI meeting**

**Visitors £4.
Check us out on the village
website,**

Nature Notes 140

First I must apologise for not putting any Nature Notes into Barford News since mid-May. The reasons are that I was on holiday from the 6 until the 17 of June (in the Shetland Isles - wonderful!) and have been trying to catch up to normality ever since. So I will try to bring out the salient points of the missing period and hope you will understand. So, here goes...



Early breeding birds had been very late to start, but now some were with young. From 15 to 30 May the wind remained in a westerly direction, but wandering a little for short spells. The weather was mainly pleasant staying in the high teens, except for the 21 and 22 which reached 23°-24°. Some nights achieved 12° but most remained chilly between 6° and 8°. The night of 17th brought much rain; morning on 18th brought lashing storms, ceasing by 2pm to give a sunny afternoon. On 19th, lashing storms on a cold W. wind gave a chilly day of only 11°. At this time 'my' house martins were daily battling with the house sparrows for wool and feathers as nest lining material. The sparrows were robbing the martins' nest, the latter retrieving the lining after the sparrows had dropped it on the lawn, when fighting each other! On the same day a buzzard was trying to raid the rookery on Steepness and next day it was scavenging over Hempton Hills.

Two treats were in store at even tide on 20th. One gloriously persisted for many evenings in the form of a songthrush, which chose the trees in Townsend from which to perform his evensong. The other was much more ephemeral; it was a gleaming noctilucence on high air haze, in the north from about 11pm. This magical, luminescent, greenish light persisted for at least an hour. The effect is caused by refraction of the sun's rays when the sun itself is well below the horizon after dark.

At about 9.30am on 21st, I watched a large female sparrowhawk circling 'endlessly' between Barley Lane and Steepness. Slowly, and without a wingbeat, her circles drifted northward until she impinged on the rooks' airspace. The rooks came out in force and

the hawk disappeared in a dash - still without a single wingbeat!

A raven similarly inflicted the rooks on 23rd, but this time deliberately, until they were in uproar, when it sidled away to enjoy the results.

By 24th, high pressure was approaching from SW. The weather was more settled and warm, but cloud was prevalent. The nights of 27th and 28th were cool with increasing rain. This continued into 31 May, which indeed saw storms of near gale force, as low pressure north of Scotland now drew cold fronts eastward with heavy rain.

Once again sadly, we are deprived of a year without the song of the cuckoo. Reasons for its disappearance are complex and much research into agronomy trends and illegal shooting/trapping is being carried out. A lot more electronic tracking is being used to compare fatality on different migration routes - let's hope this is not all too late.

June entered with a complex of cold fronts moving across from SW for the first week. The first three days saw gusty winds with stormy rain. Even so, in brighter, calmer lulls, I recorded quite a good emergence of Holly Blue butterflies. Day temperatures gradually rose from 14° to 25°. On 4th I was delighted to record my house martins were sitting tight; blackbirds and songthrushes were with nests, in full song, some feeding young. A garden warbler was singing beautifully below Hempton Hills, and a buzzard was obviously nesting somewhere not far from Barley Lane.

Then, I was off to the Shetlands. A lovely, life enhancing adventure...

A nice record awaited my return; someone had seen a little egret in the Swere valley at St. John!

On 17th I realised that the beautiful Shetlands were far away; the beautiful Barfords were all around me - and things were back to normal. Until I started to look. The foliage on the oak trees was still advanced compared to that of the ash (if the oak before the ash, etc). But rain was plentiful before I went, and now many plants seemed to be in some sort of trouble, backward, even shrivelling! I must keep an eye open. In the

mean time it rained. The songthrush was still in full song. Also but less so, was the blackbird, and the ragged contests continued between the house martins and the sparrows.

By 19th I realised that goldfinches were singing in numbers from any high open perch, but many other small birds were not to be seen. In fact, in my garden, robins, dunnocks, wrens, even blue and great tits were non-existent - but these are birds of close cover, hedge bottoms, shrubbery, rough ground . . . Where are they? They must be distressed. What's causing it? Too many cats? Possible, there are a lot about and certainly they do take birds...

But, then I notice house sparrows in large numbers trying to catch small insects on garden plants. I know they usually do, but this was too much, too often. I decided to do some checking.

The tops of wild plants - where were the aphids? Numbers were very low. Where are the tortrix moth caterpillars hanging out of the oak trees, where are the earlier hover-flies, where are flying insects in general, where are the beetles, spiders and many other bugs? After all, this is mid-June, and there are so few. The insects are dependant on slowly increasing warmth and moisture, and all are essential nutrition for birds - and all other small creatures.

I analysed my records for February, March, April and May and, I think, therein lies the answer. The earlier months of this year were too dry, April days were much too warm, nights were too cold. And, April 2015 was, I believe, the driest April ever recorded in England!

May received more rain but was not warm enough. I think the birds were starving; as a result many had started a nest that failed, and the young or themselves had died.

A westerly wind prevailed for the rest of June. Another huge LP system in the North Atlantic brought successive fronts across the UK, keeping temperatures in the low twenties.

On 21st a kite was soaring near the council yard on Deddington Hill and a tawny owl flew into the tree line opposite Hill Farm entrance

on the B4031. On 22nd I had a most unusual experience. As I parked my car inside my gates, a large brown bird shot past very closely, swooping up onto my house wall. It was a female kestrel, and she clung to the pebble dash just under the eaves. She checked the nest box that the sparrows were using on the NE corner, but thankfully ignored the one holding the house martins on the SE corner. Finding she could not access the box, the kestrel let go and dashed away. I think this was another sign of hunger - I've never known a kestrel hunting so close to housing before.

A few more insects started to appear, but apart from a buzzard on Steepness and a kestrel west of Deddington, there was little sign of any wildlife.

Approaching HP from the west was starting to push very hot weather up from France and Spain and 30 June reached 28°. From sunset, whilst the almost full moon was not bright enough to kill the view, a remarkable conjunction between Venus and Jupiter was visible, low in the west. Before hardly any other 'stars' were showing, Jupiter, much the fainter of the two, appeared a little above Venus (about 20mm at arm's length) as their orbits produced the illusion of closeness.

July opened on a hot peak of 32° (about 90°F). The following days fell away quickly and the rest of the month remained in the high teens and low twenties reaching 23.5° (about 74°F) on 20th. The wind held pretty much to SW throughout the month, which, although with rain on only nine days, was horribly humid, coming mainly from the continent.

My house martin brood flew on 1 July. There was only one youngster. Proof, if needed, of hard times. Otherwise visible birdlife was limited to scavenging birds of prey and a few swallows and swifts.

On the night of 3rd there were heavy lightening storms with thunder and moderate rain. This moisture triggered a huge emergence of butterflies, more I think, than I've ever had in my garden before. I counted at any one time about eight ringlets, 30 meadow browns, 10 small tortoiseshells, with passing green-veined and small whites, but only two small skippers. There were also huge numbers of

bumble bees on the lavender flowers.

On Saturday 11th I was delighted to see two exotic-looking scarlet tiger moths had emerged from the fringing comfrey in my garden.

The succession of Lows and Highs continued, and in drier spells haymaking, very late with generally low yield I understand, was under way. At last the ants were swarming in nuptial flight, providing food for smaller birds and, of course, the green woodpeckers. By 18th birds of prey and the corvids were feasting on the small creatures exposed by the haymaking. By 25th green woodpeckers were back below Steepness, calling a little. A raven croaked, and later there was a noisy pre-roost gathering of rooks on Steepness. There were deer and a few hares to be seen, but this was as sparse a record as ever I have known in July.

As August approached the weather settled into a pattern of sunny mornings with cloud building slowly, then clearing again at evening. With both young birds and mammals moving out, there was ample roadkill for the raptors. I wish I could end on a happier note, but the number of dead badgers on our roads is unusual this year, especially as so few appear in mangled or injured condition.

Ron Knight

Village Panto

A reminder that rehearsals start on Monday 7 September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and will be every Monday up to and including 30 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 7 September on: info@cueperformance.com.

We look forward to seeing you on 7 September.

Austin and Gwen 01869 338458 m:07753 717562



200 Club results

Audust draw

£15, No.103, Wolfgang Alt
£10, No.204, Lillian Stevens
£5, No.154, Thelma Moore

The draw took place at a
Thursday cuppa morning

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.

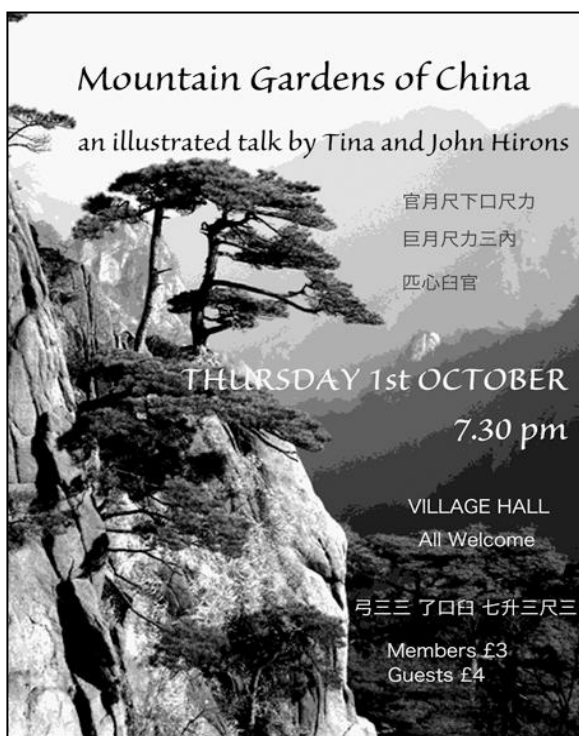
Barford Green Garden Club

Notes from our potting shed



Dates to remember

We are in the process of sorting some talks over the winter. The first of these is an illustrated talk by John and Tina Hirons, on Thursday 1 October, about the Mountain Gardens of China.



There will also be talks on seed sowing and cuttings next spring. These talks are open to members and guests.

On 15 July, fifteen members took part in the outing to lunch at Lassco's (an architectural reclaim yard with restaurant attached) and on to Dreamers Cottage at Little Haseley. This thatched cottage is in an idyllic setting next to common land, with a productive garden made mainly from recycled materials. Owners Piers and Louise showed us the orchard and vegetable plots and their displays of vintage tools and equipment, which they clean and restore to sell at garden shows. We were lucky to have fine weather for this visit between two days of pouring rain.

We had a members only event on 3 August. The first of a few private garden visits. We had

a fun evening wandering around three gardens in the village on a summer's evening. If you wish to join us on the next visits you will be required to become a member. Email L.newbery@btinternet.com

Gardening tips

Divide herbaceous perennials, pick autumn raspberries, collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals as well as wild flower seeds, dig up remaining potatoes and store before slugs attack, net ponds to catch the leaves, keep up watering of new plants and trees, start to reduce the watering of houseplants, clean out greenhouses and cold frames if you can....ready for autumn use, cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting, and plant spring flowering bulbs. Most of these tips have come from the RHS website. It is very useful and contains much information. In between please try to continue to enjoy your garden, or maybe visit other gardens, big and small, while you are travelling around, to get ideas.

Bye for now
Spade and Fork

Fernhill Club

August began with a game of bocchia with Troy from Age UK. Bocchia is played with soft leather balls and can be played either sitting or standing. It's similar to bowls, everyone joined in and we all played standing up!



12 August was not so energetic as we were playing cards. On 19th we are expecting Ann Sharman to tell us about a wedding in Delhi.

If you are free why not join us in the Village Hall at 2.30 on 16 September to hear The Nightingales singing. It promises to be very good and will cost £2 including refreshments. The following week we will have lunch in the hall provided by Anne Pearson followed by a singalong. Our meeting on 23rd will be a Quiz.

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

Our Postie Darren's Wedding Day

As many of you already know, Barbara Greenwood had the idea of having a village whip round to buy a wedding present for Darren, our postman. The whip round resulted in donations totalling £370 and so we decided to give him the money instead.

Below are photos of Darren receiving the cards and cash from Barbara and Mariann, and one of Darren with his new wife Julie on the day.

Darren has sent the following note

Julie and I would just like to thank the people of the Barfords for their generosity and kind wishes on our marriage. We had a mini honeymoon at a hotel on Dartmoor. Julie and I were childhood sweethearts and I promised to marry her when I was 11 and she 12. Julie and her family moved away and we lost contact over the years and had our own families. We found each other again and Julie moved up to Banbury in 2011, and then in 2013 we adopted Julie's grandchildren who were 1 and 2 at the time and now our marriage has given them a family they deserve, so once again Thank you all for everything.



Quiz nights at the George Inn

Wednesdays, 30 September, 18 November, 16 December.

Start Time 8:30pm

Meet friends old and new. Not got a team? Join the team at the bar!



And...

@ The George Inn

Kicks off Friday 18 September 8pm. England v Fiji.

All England games and all tournament quarter, semi and finals live on the mega-screen.

All other matches shown subject to demand.



Is coming to the village hall this month!

It's fun!

It's a form of church for children & adults

It involves

Creativity, Celebration, Hospitality

It certainly won't be boring!

More details soon

Barford Picture House 2015/16

We are starting our new season in October. Last season we were able to donate £184 to the Village Hall for upkeep and the heating during these films. Thank you to all who attended.

This new season we have a good selection to include something for everyone, a current film, a classic, a children's film (also for adults of course), a comedy, a documentary and a musical.

BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE 2015/16

Our exciting NEW SEASON starts....

October 17th "Far from the Madding Crowd"

November 14th "Dr Zhivago"

December 12th "Paddington"

January 16th "The Full Monty"

February 27th "Salt of The Earth"

March 19th "High Society"

*TICKET PRICES are £18 for a Season ticket (6 films)
or £4 on the door*

Our films are provided by AgeUk.

Ticket money will go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall

SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE, BRING OWN ALCOHOL

DOORS OPEN AT 7.15

YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS!
contact Gunilla on 01295 720521

From The Fire Station

Fire calls are up and back to what they were last year with twenty two call outs in the past month. They have been the usual mix of road traffic collisions and fires, mainly field fires and bin fires. This is all part and parcel of what we do.

What I really want to report on this month is that we are losing one of the corner stones of Deddington Fire Station. Rachel Freeman is leaving us after eighteen years of dedicated service. Rachel worked at the station whilst her children grew up and has sacrificed so much quality time with them to help keep our community safe. Rachel now has grandchildren and has decided that she wants to spend more time with them, particularly as she has to travel to see them. This has been a really hard decision for her because the crew at the station are like a family too. I have found some photos of Rachel at the station and I think they demonstrate more than words how important it has been to her. The first shows Rachel and Martin's wedding day and the second shows Martin and Rachel (right). She will be truly missed.

Crew manager Tim Parker, Deddington Fire Station





You may have recently seen in the news the sad death of a teenager in London linked with nitrous oxide and alcohol and an article in the Banbury Guardian relating nitrous oxide use.

We have seen an increase in nitrous oxide use amongst youths in the rural community.. Whilst it isn't illegal to possess and isn't a classified drug that does not mean that it is not dangerous. It can have life changing or fatal side effects. It leaves user feeling euphoric and relaxed but can also cause hallucinations.

Prolonged use of nitrous oxide causes loss of vitamin B12 causing brain and nerve damage and it has been associated with anaemia, tinnitus, numbness in the extremities and death. Nitrous oxide is psychologically and not physically addictive. Repeated use to stay high leads to oxygen deprivation, loss of consciousness, choking, asphyxiation and death.



My aim is not to scare people, but to educate the young people of the dangerous side effects. If you find any canisters (pictured) please do not remove them. Contact us so we can arrange collection and map a picture of where they are used.

In July the team attended Bodfest in Bodicote. The event went well with only one public order offence reported..
Neighbourhood Watch

Please consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch - a community initiative run by members to develop close liaison between households and the police. For more information contact email deborah.hexall@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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

Sgt Becky Fishwick

**St Mary's Church, Bloxham
And
Riding Lights Theatre Company
present...**

Baked Alaska Time to change the temperature

Riding Lights Theatre Company is coming to Bloxham to serve up a sharp and deliciously comic slice of Baked Alaska - bringing interconnecting stories of the wild and unpredictable effects of climate change from the four corners of the Earth.

Scientists, farmers, oil magnates, climate warriors, prophets, mothers, journalists and others just like you and me – we're all in the mix and hungry for a recipe of hope.

In the struggle over power, some sound the warming bell, some blow hot and cold, while others make a pudding of the planet.

In the 'seriously funny' style for which Riding Lights is well known, Baked Alaska presents the reality of climate change like you've never heard it before, in a show fizzing with music and wit.

**Friday 16 October, 7.30pm
at The Warriner School Hall**

Box Office: 01904 613000


Tickets: £12/£9 (concs) or book online

www.ridinglights.org/baked-alaska

Tickets available locally by phoning

01869 338568

The show is presented in partnership with Christian Aid, Operation Noah and the Diocese of Litchfield, hoping to raise a compassionate voice in the run up to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change in Paris this December.



1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

The Cubs finished the summer term with earth air fire and water. They built shelters in Daeda's Wood, made tiny kites and spent an evening getting wet playing water games and throwing sponges at each other. They also joined the Scouts at Horley for an end of term evening playing wide games and eating camp doughnuts - fried jam sandwiches. Seven have left and we hope to see them at Scouts next term.

jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

The Scouts have also spent time in Daeda's Wood using tin can stoves they constructed the week before. Many thanks to Sainsbury's café for the bags of empty tins. They cooked a variety of snacks including pancakes. The stoves working remarkably well. For the summer camp we revisited the Pikes Pool Centre near Bromsgrove. The weather was great and the boys (plus a couple of Explorers) threw themselves into kayaking (not literally) crate stacking, archery and climbing the Jacob's ladder. They cooked all their meals outside and slid down muddy banks – heaven!

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Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

The Explorers spent the last two months of summer term helping at the District Scout campsite at Horley as part of their service. Having taken a tree out of the stream that had fallen over in the high winds and was blocking the water course, they continued to totally clear the stream. They also learnt how to manage the site including taking bookings, the importance of rotating camping sites and keeping everyone healthy which meant a detailed explanation of the sewers!

Janet Duxbury 01608 737959.

All sections restart on 10 September.

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

After the long summer break we look forward to the new school year with anticipation and lots of plans!

We welcome all the new children and families who are joining us this term, and hope everyone settles in quickly. Details of our Annual General Meeting will be made available shortly and we hope you will all be able to attend.

We will also be holding a parent's meeting for PFSU parents within the next few weeks, at which we will explain our approaches to teaching numeracy and phonics, and provide the opportunity to discuss how your child is settling in.

Please do ask us before then if there is anything you would like to know.

Lucy Squires
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Want to see the Barford News photos in colour?

Then take a look at the magazine's website version: <http://www.barfordnews.co.uk/>



And don't forget you can keep up to date with village events on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/pages/Barford-St-Michael-St-John/76830272830

The Village Sports

Our family sports afternoon held in the Jelfs field in July saw strong competition between the contestants.

Attendance was lower than hoped for, but the four teams gave it their best efforts as they battled for honours in the bean bag gather, three-legged race, egg and spoon plus sack race, to name but a few.

Competitors and spectators enjoyed a happy and fun afternoon in the sun, with Glynnis, assisted by Christine, doing a great job of keeping everyone in order – well, more or less! Even their best efforts couldn't prevent an enthusiastic two-year-old from running off with the beanbags before the races began!

The 'Bombastic Barbers' won the day with 'Goats' coming a close second, and a very good time was had by all.

Don't know what it is about Barford gentlemen, but they always seem to be the ones to do the dressing up! Pictured below right..





Banbury Strings perform works by

Bach, Nielsen, Kalinnikov and Campling in aid
of Amnesty International

The performance (about an hour) will be
followed by light refreshments

St Mary's Church, Bloxham
Sat 3 October 7pm



Admission free. Donations to
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www.amnesty.org.uk/bloxham



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

We rounded off the summer term with two of our favourite activities - backwoods and cooking on open fires with no pots or pans. We had some lovely food prepared - also some disasters. But it's all about having a go. The mini sponges baked inside a hollowed out orange was a great success.

Stream walking is our favourite. Soaked from top to toe and very muddy. A great adventure. We warmed up afterwards with warm, dry clothes and chocolate brownies with cocoa. A rounders game also helped. We also fitted in a flower arranging session, which was fun.

Twelve of our guides had a session tie dying t-shirts for a County International camp called 'Quest' near Abingdon. Nearly 100 guides from Cherwell Banbury Division and over 500 from Oxfordshire took part. It was a wonderful experience; they took part in some amazing activities and met girl scouts from Mexico and the USA.

We will be back to earth in September for our first meeting. All girls 10 and over are welcome between 7 and 9 Tuesday 8 September at the Windmill Centre.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069
Marian Trinder 01869 340806
Catherine Blackburn

Adderbury Community Farmers' Market

extends a warm welcome to the people of the Barfords.

The market is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at The Institute, The Green, Adderbury, 6pm to 8pm, and brings quality local food produce closer to your door. Details can be found on our website www.market.adderbury.org

We look forward to seeing you there on 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, or maybe all of them!

Deddington Fairtraders

The Traidcraft autumn catalogue is out in preparation for Christmas. Deddington Fairtraders are planning an Open Day in Deddington Church on Wednesday 7 October from 10.30am to 6.30pm, when a wide range of samples will be on show, as well as the catalogue, so that orders can be placed in time for Christmas.

Since 1979, Traidcraft has been 'fighting poverty through trade'. Traidcraft pioneered Fairtrade with such success that supermarkets now stock a wide range of Fairtrade marked products. The result has been a downturn in sales of Traidcraft's own lines.

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See you on 7 October in Deddington Church, helping to spread happiness at Christmas and on through the New Year. Thank you

Canon Christopher Hall



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Cooking for victory at Upton House



Upton House is holding a special Aga demonstration in the house's authentic 1940s kitchen for anyone interested in finding out the secrets and wonders of Aga cooking on Thursday 17 September, between 10am and 3pm. Upton has currently reverted to the 1940s with an amazing transformation of the house to reflect what happened during the war. So demonstrations of delicious modern meals will be inspired by wartime Aga recipes, which of course you are able to enjoy. The day includes a private tour of the house which will be closed to the public.

Booking is essential on 01295 671122. National Trust Members £20 and non-members £25. Details of all events, opening times and dates are on the website. For further details phone 01295 670266 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse



Broughton Grange open gardens
10am-4pm, Saturday 5 September,
Broughton Grange, Wykham Lane,
Come along and join us in the beautiful surroundings of this fabulous estate, to enjoy the late summer flowers, beautiful arboretum, secluded walks and tranquil lakes and water features. Entrance is £7 (children free). Tea and cakes will be on offer; a plant sale and the Hospice stall will also be there to tempt you!

Family fun day
12-4pm, Saturday 5 September, the Coach and Horses, Adderbury
There will be something for all the family at this event, with shire horses, classic cars, American-style BBQ, bouncy castle, kids' activities and live music. All welcome.

KHH-Karcher accumulator challenge - starts 14 September
We'd like to invite local businesses, schools and colleges to take part in the second Kärcher Accumulator Challenge. Each company, school or college who sign up will be given a £50 start-up fund and will be challenged to find interesting and innovative ways to turn this into as much profit as possible, all of which will be donated to Katharine House Hospice and will help support our work caring for local patients and their families.

Whether you decide to use your £50 to hold a cake sale, make and sell jewellery, organise a sporting event or take on a team challenge, we will be cheering you on every step of the way. We will provide you with a campaign pack with top tips and fundraising ideas and plenty of fundraising resources and support. Your company, school or college will also be invited to an awards ceremony in January 2016. To sign up, please call: Jordann Daniells on 01295 752187 or email: Jordan.daniells@karcher.co.uk

Sainsbury's Banbury store collection day
9.30am – 5pm, Friday 2 October
There are still a few slots remaining at this collection day and we'd be delighted hear from

anyone willing to give 1.5 hours of their time to hold a tin for us. Please call Wendy on 01295 816484 or email wendy.crosse@khh.org.uk

Make a will week 12 – 16 October

Have you made a will? Does your existing will need updating? Local solicitors and will writers are generously donating their time and expertise and will write a basic or standard will or update your existing will in return for a donation to the hospice. Please be guided by their usual fee when making your donation. About 50% of the UK population do not have a will yet it is so important to do this to ensure that your wishes regarding your property and possessions are followed after your death and, if you have young children, to enable you to choose a guardian. Act now, make a will and at the same time benefit Katharine House. Last year's campaign raised almost £20,000 to help fund the hospice services. For further information and details of participating solicitors and will writers, please phone Daphne Robertson or download a form from <http://www.khh.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/makeawillweek.pdf>

Christmas knitted novelties

I know it's only September but we're so keen to get our supporters wielding their needles for us and knitting these little treasures. Last year's Christmas knitted novelties raised almost £5,000 towards Hospice care. Wouldn't it be great to match that again this year? Whether you knit us five or fifty, we're grateful for your support and every penny really counts. Please call for a pattern booklet on 01295 816484 or email sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk to receive one via email.

KHH lottery

Our lottery is a vital income source for Katharine House, having raised over £1 million since May 2000. If you're stuck for a birthday present idea, we have a variety of lottery gift membership solutions. For £1 per week you might get a phone call on a Friday morning from Wendy our Lottery Administrator telling you that you've won £1,000. For more information call the lottery office on 01295 816484 or email lottery@khh.org.uk.

For fundraising information, please contact Sarah at the Hospice, 01295 816484, email sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk or visit our website www.khh.org.uk