



Performances

December 3rd, 4th & 5th 7.30pm

Saturday 5th Matinee 3pm

Tickets Adult £8 Child £4

Available from:
Barford Post Office
The George Inn
Lucy Norman (337 678)

Tickets on sale from 7th November

Parish Council Notes

A Meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 7 October 2015 in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Hobbs, Eden, Hanmer, Styles, Turner, Best, District Cllr Williams and Mrs Watts (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer). Apologies were received from Cllr Campbell and County Cllr Fatemian

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 2 September 2015 were unanimously RESOLVED as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Report from District Cllr Williams:

- Customer Satisfaction Survey Results 2015 of interest to parishioners and residents of the district will be that a) overall satisfaction with Cherwell District Council and b) perception of how the Council represents value for money was rated at 79% and 55% respectively amongst survey respondents, both of which represent the highest levels of satisfaction since the survey began in 2006.
- Hook Norton Neighbourhood Plan the Hook Norton Neighbourhood Plan will be presented to CDC's Executive for approval on 19 October 2015. Of particular interest is the fact that the referendum on 3 September 2015 resulted in 97% of those who voted being in favour of the Plan, which is well above the required 50%.
 - Roadside Drains and Gullies OCC has confirmed that the drains and gullies north of the bridge will be cleared within the next month.

Dog Bin for Bloodybones Lane: a dog bin for Bloodybones Lane will be installed soon.

First Aid Courses: A third first aid course with St John Ambulance took place on 8 October.

Proposed Wooden Play Equipment for West Close: Cherwell District Council has advised the Parish Council that it needs to re-submit its request for pre-application advice.

Cherwell District Council's Local Plan: A copy of Cherwell District Council's Local Plan 2011 – 2031 (adopted on 20 July 2015) has been left in the village hall for residents to view.

Planning Applications Granted since the last meeting:

- 15/01263/F October House, The Green, StM. Single storey rear extension. No objection. Granted 28 August.
- 15/00244/TCA College Farmhouse, Horn Hill, StM. T1 x Sycamore fell. No objection. Granted 10 September.
- **15/01278/TPO** Orchard House, Lower St, StM. T1 x ash crown lift 6m from ground level and remove overhanging branch. No objection. Granted 26 August.
- 15/00259/TCA Stonehaven, Lower St, StM. T1
 x Maple reduce height & width by 10ft. T2 x
 Willow remove and shorten branches. T3 x

- Ash remove lower branches overhanging neighbours drive and road. No objection. Granted 16 September.
- 15/01349/F Ayot Croft, Townsend, StM. Demolish garage and erect single storey front, side and rear extension. No objection. Granted 8 September.
- 15/00270/TCA The Homestead, StM. T1 x Yew crown thin by 15%, cut back from roof by 1.0m. T2 x Sycamore and T3 x Norway Spruce fell. No objection. Granted 25 September.
- **S137 Grant Application:** an application from the British Legion for a S137 grant of £50 was approved unanimously.

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 4 November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

December Parish Council Meeting: There will be no Parish Council meeting in December as the village hall will be in use for the pantomime and there is no suitable alternative venue for the Parish Council to use.

BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE

Our next film of 2015/16 Season will on November 14th. *Doctor Zhivago*

A 1965 BritishAmerican epic dramaromance film directed by
David Lean, starring
Omar Sharif and Julie
Christie. It is set in
Russia between the



years prior to <u>World War I</u> and the <u>Russian Civil</u> <u>War</u> of 1917-1922, and is based on the <u>Boris Pasternak</u> <u>novel of the same name</u>, immensely popular in the <u>West</u>, but banned in the <u>Soviet Union</u> at the time. For this reason, the film could not be made there and was instead filmed mostly in <u>Spain</u>.

It is now regarded as among Lean's finest films, [3], Other actors in the film are Tom Courtney, Alec Guiness, Geraldine Chaplin and Rod Steiger.

The film won five <u>Academy Awards</u> and was nominated for five more:

This film is just over 3 hrs long and a short interval may be fitted in if requested!

DOORS OPEN 6.45 and film start at 7pm.

It is a memorable film and worthy of seeing again.



Barford Service of Remembrance Sunday 8th November 9am St. Michael's Church





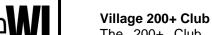


FLOWERS & CLEANERS FOR OUR CHURCHES

To all those of you who clean the Barford churches month in, month out; a huge thank you, your hard work is greatly appreciated. We are always on the lookout for more willing volunteers, so if you are able to help a few weeks of the year, it would be good to hear from you!

If anyone would like to give some flowers to go on the altar, perhaps in memory of someone or maybe to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary, we would love to hear from you. Maybe you just like arranging flowers and would like to do this on a regular or occasional basis. If so please get in touch.

Tony Elvidge - Churchwarden (338214)



The 200+ Club is a fundraising scheme administered by by our Village Hall Committee. Tickets are just £6 annually and members may hold as many tickets as they wish.



Members are issued with a membership number for each £6 spent. All membership numbers are entered into the monthly prize draws, in which cash prizes can be won.

Deddington PFSU and Village NurseryThe first term of the year is already over and the

children are fully settled into their new settings and

enjoying all the fun that is on offer. We hope that

everyone feels that they understand how the

settings operate, but please do ask if you have

missed out on something or would like a reminder!

The PFSU held a successful parents' information

evening at the start of October, and we hope you

found it useful. By the time you read this we will

also have held our PFSU and Nursery Annual

General Meeting - a full report next time.

Lucy Squires, 337484

12 monthly draws offering guaranteed prizes of £5, £10, £15, every month plus £25 once each quarter. Plus £50 twice a year and a Christmas bonus of £100.

50% of the total value of subscriptions is retained for hall maintenance, the remaining 50% is used as prize money.

More members means increased prize money and more funds for our hall. £6 for each annual subscription is such a small price to pay towards supporting our lovely hall. So please – have a go! And help raise funds to maintain YOUR village hall. For 50p a month you can really make a difference.

If you would like to join please contact Mariann on 338570 to reserve your tickets. Existing members will be contacted soon. 200 Club members must be 18 years or over.



OXFORDSHIRE FOOD

From Banbury Cakes
To
Hollygog Pudding





A talk and demonstration by our own Kathryn Wheeler

Please Join us at our meeting
On Wednesday
11th November
7.30pm in the Village Hall
Visitors £4.00

Barford Village Market Saturday 21st November

10am – 12noon in the Village Hall

The Meat Joint prize winning faggots, sausages and meat, artisan breads, scones, preserves, Cold pressed Oil, Oxfordshire Mustard, Gloucstershire Honey.

Green Lane Farm cheeses and yoghurts fresh eggs,

Tasters of Christmas goodies to try

Fairtrade items food and craft stalls, Joan's beautifully gift wrapped chocolates,

Paul's Phoenix Cards, gift wrap, stationery and gifts

TURKEY RAFFLE FOR THIS MONTH ONLY



Draw to take place On 5th December

Bacon butties/bacon and egg butties, Add a sausage for a breakfast buttie!

Not forgetting tea and coffee all at bargain prices

Come along and support YOUR local market All profits for Village Hall maintenance



Dates for your diary!! 15th November 2015 Join us at BSM village Hall 3pm – 4.30pm

6th December 2015
Making decorations and putting up the
Christmas Tree
BSM Church 3pm - 4.30pm

Please ensure, that for the time being children attend with a parent or allocated responsible adult.

We are currently unable to be responsible for a child due to Safeguarding, DBS checks and The Church of England laws for running public events.

Many Thanks for helping us to protect your children.



Hall and Fernhill Trust

Barford St John and St Michael

Each household in receipt of a state pension and having three years residency in the villages of Barford St Michael and St John will qualify for a small amount from the above trust.

The Trust may also be able to give assistance in cases of genuine hardship.

The year end for the charity is October $31^{\rm st}$, with the distribution of monies in December. A list of likely beneficiaries is held, but persons wishing to ensure that their name is on the list should contact the Clerk of the Trustees before $20^{\rm th}$ November.

Mrs Carole Coppin, Barn Elms, The Green, Barford St Michael 01869 338937.

Dear Friends,

We have arrived at that time where we "Remember, remember the fifth of November." Bonfires are lit to recall the antics in 1605 of Guy Fawkes, Robert Catesby and



others to destroy the House of Lords, as a protest against the stand James I had taken on religion. Today of course, we gather round bonfires and set off fireworks more for fun than to remember those rather gruesome events of history.

But there are other things to remember. 1st November is known as All Souls Tide and is the time when we remember those we have loved who are no longer with us. Barford St Michael church will be open between 4pm and 5pm on that day for those of you who would just like to sit in the silence for some quiet reflection and where you can light a candle in memory of a loved one - Tony Elvidge will be there to welcome you. You are also invited to attend the service for All Souls at 6pm that evening at Ss Peter & Paul, Deddington, when the names of our loved ones now departed will be read out in an act of commemoration. If you cannot attend, but wish the names of loved ones to be read out, then please add the names to the list at the back of church, and Tony will bring them over before the service at Deddington begins.

The following Sunday, 8th November, is of course Remembrance Sunday, when we will be remembering all those who died in conflict – not just during the two World Wars, but also those in more recent times. All are invited to attend this service, which will be at 9am at Barford St. Michael, and which will include an Act of Remembrance.

This is a very special time of year. It seems we remember all manner of things during November, and somehow that seems to be only right in our preparations for remembering the great gift God gave to us at Christmas. Advent will be upon us in only a few short weeks — and I look forward to sharing this very special time with you.

With every blessing, Revd. Annie

1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP Cubs

The Cubs enjoyed an afternoon with other packs at the County Activity Day at Horley. They had the opportunity to try archery, shooting, climbing, laser tag & an awesome inflatable pirate ship as well as a variety of other 'scouty ' activities.

We have now finished looking at water, that's not staring into puddles but working out how much we use & how we can use less. We compared this with usage in developing countries.

Coming next - air activities

jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

Four of our Scouts took part in the annual County Patrol Camping Weekend at Horley. This is a competition, testing the boys camping, cooking & willingness to join in. They came, well let's just say they didn't win!

We are coming to the end of our astronomy topic & are planning to recreate the solar system on the field with the aid of a huge torch & a large number of glo-sticks, anything could happen, we're not ruling out a black hole!

Next – District Night Hike – will we ever see them again.

pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

The Explorers were able to go to Horley campsite at the beginning of September & have tuition in rifle shooting. Since then they have been developing their map reading skills & we have been to Cotswold Outdoor in order to ensure they will be properly equipped for their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

We will be supporting Special Effect again by attending the Cotswold Comedy Club event at the Windmill Centre.

Janet Duxbury 01608 737959.

PEAR TREE WELLBEING CENTRE

I'm pleased to announce that from November Hannah Price, with backing from Angie Woodard will be offering massage, aromatherapy and Bowen Remedial Therapy from the Pear Tree Wellbeing Centre, The Green, Barford St Michael. They will be delighted to welcome new and previous patients of the clinic,

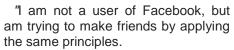
For more details and to book appointments please contact:

Hannah 07944 174105 hannah@lunahtherapies.co.uk Angie 01295 720793

Rodney Hobbs

Facebook.

The following was sent to a magazine recently:





Every day I walk down the street and tell passersby what I have eaten, how I feel, what I did the night before, what I will do later, and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist."

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

17th November 2015

Menu

Main Course

Beef, Ale and Mushroom Cobbler

With

Mash Potatoes, Peas and Carrots

Or

Fish Pie (Smoked Haddock, Cod and Salmon with Potato Top)

With

Peas and Carrots

Desserts

Whisky and Orange Upside Down Pudding

with Creamy Whisky Sauce

Or

Creamy Rice Pudding with Strawberry Jam

Price £5.00

Please ring Anne or Mick on 01869 337074 or email mickpearson1@outlook.com

by Tuesday 10th November.

Banbury Museum Bash 2015!

Saturday 14 November

10:00am - 5:00pm

magic...

This is our day to celebrate the inspiring stories the museum and town has to offer with the community of Banbury. All ages are welcome to enjoy a range of FREE activities here at the museum. Settle down and listen to incredible stories of adventure and



Enjoy the atmospheric acoustic sounds of Verna and Stephen or join us throughout the day on the lock for a dramatic

display of musket gunfire.
Colonel Robert
Hammond's Regiment of
Foote will be joining us
again this year to bring
perhaps our greatest story
to life - Banbury's role in
The English Civil War.



All activities FREE and for all ages, but please check our website for the latest information. http://www.banburymuseum.org/

LIGHTS OF LOVE

Our annual Lights of Love Remembrance Services will be held at St Mary's Banbury on Monday 30th November 7pm, and St Peter's Brackley on



Wednesday, 2nd December, 7.30 pm. Christmas trees will be placed in Horsefair, Banbury and in St Peter's Church, Brackley, and the lights will be dedicated to those being remembered. If you would like to dedicate a light in memory of a loved one, you are invited to complete a dedication form and return it to the hospice by Monday, 9th November. Previous contact with the hospice is not required. Further details from Sheila on 01295 816484.

SANTA FUN RUN

December at Spiceball Park, Banbury. Entry fee is £13 for adults, £7 for children aged 6 – 16 years and free for under 6's. This includes a Santa suit, mince pie and medal and you are asked to raise a minimum of £20 per adult or £40 per family. To take part, apply online at www.khh.org.uk or call the Fundraising Office on 01295 816484.

FESTIVE CELEBRATION CONCERT

Katharine House Hospice warmly invites you to a very special Christmas concert- **A Festive Celebration**, on Tuesday 8th December at 7.30pm. This wonderful event will be held in the beautiful church of All Saints, Churchill, OX7 6NU. Tickets are £20 each (including refreshments) book early to avoid disappointment. Please download an application form from our website www.khh.org.uk or call the Fundraising Department on (01295) 816484 to book your tickets.

ADDERBURY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Mary's Church Adderbury will be holding its second Christmas Tree Festival from 4th- 6th of December. Forty trees which have been sponsored and decorated by local organisations will be on display and supporters are invited to cast their vote for the best dressed tree! Music and refreshments will be on offer during the day and the festival will culminate in a Victorian Carol Concert at 4.30pm on 6th December. The opening times for viewing are 10am -4pm on 4th and 5th and 12 noon to 4pm on 6th.

If anyone would like to sponsor and decorate a tree at a cost of £30, please contact Ray Robinson on 01295 369419 or e-mail rayrobinson42@talktalk.net. Proceeds will be split between St. Mary's Church Adderbury and Katharine House Hospice.

CHRISTMAS BAG PACK DAYS- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As part of our Christmas fundraising, we are holding three supermarket Bag Pack Days and are looking for volunteers to help on the day. Do you have 1.5 hours available to help pack shoppers' bags? We have been offered:

Sainsbury's Banbury on Wed. 9th December Chipping Norton Co-op on Mon.14th December

Tesco's Banbury on Tues 15th December We have 1.5 hour shifts available from 9.30am – 3.30pm and would be delighted to hear form anyone who'd like to come along

and lend a hand. Please call Sarah Brennan on 01295 816484 or email sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk

Our annual Town Centre Collection Day is scheduled for Thursday 10th December. Do you have 1.5hrs free to hold a tin for us? Slots available from 9.30am. Please contact Wendy Crosse on 01295 816484.

CHRISTMAS KNITTED NOVELTIES

We've got some fab new patterns to add to our collection for this year's Christmas knits, and we'd love to hear from any supporters willing to knit some for us! Last year's Christmas novelties raised almost £5,000 towards Hospice care- Whether you knit us five or fifty, we're grateful for your support and every penny really counts. Please call Fundraising for our new pattern booklet on 01295 816484 or email sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk to receive one via email. Donations of Fererro Rocher chocolate to fill the novelties would also be gratefully received.

CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale for our annual Christmas Quilt Raffle, with the chance to win one of two beautiful handmade quilts. Banbury Material Girls Quilting group have made a 60" x 60" appliqued quilt, and an Adderbury supporter has made a children's alphabet quilt . Tickets are £1 and can be purchased from KHH reception and any of our seven charity shops.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year we have 16 beautiful new designs on offer this year, including local scenes and these are now on sale at our 7 charity shops and Hospice reception. Application forms can be downloaded from our website at www.khh.org.uk.

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 Christmas 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 in the Fundraising Department at the Hospice, tel:01295 816484, email: sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk or visit our website: www.khh.org.uk

FOR SALE



Ladies Raleigh bike in excellent condition, lots of gears and one careful owner! £55.00.

Contact Jan Elvidge, 01869 338214

1st Deddington Guides



Making the best of the last light evening, we began with wide games outside, we got quite muddy, but dodged the rain.

We've formed 3 new patrols, Dolphins, Penguins and Pandas. We also elected new patrol leaders, well done Alana, Imogen and Connie. These new patrols have got straight down to business. Organising and enjoying activities. They plan activities such as Mini play production, Fashion Design evening, making smoothies and the beginning of a gymnastics display.

It was great to welcome two new guides, Imogen and Emily at their promise ceremony.

The annual pet evening was great fun, with hamsters of all shapes and sizes, Guinea Pigs, rabbits. Chickens, ducks and the star attendance of Dave the Fruit fly, and an extremely well behaved spider. This gave everyone the opportunity to learn about handling and caring for a variety of pets.

Everyone enjoyed the craft evening, key rings in the making.

We were very pleased to welcome Reverend Anne to our meeting. We found out about her work in the Parish, she was also able to tell us about being the first female apprentice in the car industry with Rover. The guides have great ambitions for their future careers, and took inspiration from the talk by Reverend Anne.

We rounded off the evening with games and challenges organised by Amy as part of her Baden-Powell Award. Well done Amy.

Maggie Rampley. 01295 810069 Marian Trinder. 01869 340806 Catherine Blackburn

Bloxham Country Market Invite you to their

CHRISTMAS TASTING MORNING

FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER



10am - 11.30am

Ex-Servicemen's Hall

Mince pies, mincemeat, Christmas cakes, chutneys, puddini, ricciarelli and more Christmas treats

ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS TAKEN

Free coffee and mince pies to all our customers on Friday, 4th December



Des Sanders & Andy Terry Memorial Cup.

The annual Aunt Sally House Championship took place in Jelfsy's Garden on September 26th.

Previous winners of this coveted trophy include:

2001 Leon Daly

2002 Mickey Bullard

2005 Mickey Bullard

2006 to 2010 The Mickey Bullard Attick

years!

2011 Basil Butler

2013 Steve Cox

2014 Jim Murray

2015 Dave Jelfs.

Dave beat Brian Dodwell in the final, the loser stating 'Home Advantage' as the excuse. Steve Cook hit a fine 6 in qualifying, and followed it up with an 'After The Lord mayor's show' Blob.

Everyone seemed happy, but that was before the Rugby match - Wales deserved it though.

BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED. MOUNTAIN GARDENS OF CHINA

This fascinating illustrated talk by John and Tina Hirons was well attended. We learned a great deal about their trip with the RHS to a few of the amazing mountain gardens in China. They showed us several plants to identify, all familiar to us since they had originally come from China. The Chinese garden must always contain the main elements of water, stone. buildings and plants. They are either Royal, Private, Natural or Religious and are always surrounded by high walls. Within these gardens there are often rooms so that not everything is visible but gradually revealed. The paths are never straight. The shapes of rocks used, often very large, have great significance like everything else in the gardens. One often steps over low stone walls to keep the evil spirits away! The gardens are inspired by natural landscapes and look like paintings showing a harmony between Man and Nature. They brought many books to look at and we thought of our own gardens, with few rules, in contrast to these. A great evening with a glimpse into a very different culture. Thank you.

John will be returning next spring to talk about seed sowing and cuttings. Date to be confirmed.

SEEDS

Don't miss your chance to order vegetable and flower seeds at discount prices and with free postage! Rodney Hobbs has kindly agreed to take care of our orders from D T Brown - this company has a wide range of seeds and offers great savings to garden clubs. If our joint order comes to £100 or more, we'll be entitled to 25% discount, which is well worth having. Collect a catalogue from Rodney at Pear Tree Cottage (they'll be in a box in the porch if he's out), return your order forms by **23rd November**, and pay for your seeds when they arrive.

We plan to have another **members only** event next year in the spring. The second of a few 'private' **Nosey Gardens** visits.

There is one garden opening to date, Buttermilk Cottage.

If you wish to join us on the next visit, or would be prepared to open your garden for a peek Contact Linda Newbery onL.newbery@btinternet.com.....

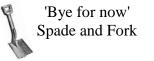
We are hoping to visit Steane Park Garden in Northamptonshire. Our visit is confirmed for June 4th 2016 at 2.30 pm with a gardener to show us round. More details to follow but we would need a group of 10 people. This stunning garden is located just outside Brackley close to the borders of Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. It is situated adjacent to the site of the old medieval village of Steane, which is mentioned in Domesday book. Steane Park Garden is approached via parkland, with an abundance of classic trees and a smattering of wild flowers. The sense of history is

strong with a beautiful church, built by Thomas Crewe in 1620 adjacent to the lake and ancient stew ponds. The attractive formal gardens, governed by a stunning copper beech and a classic cedar of Lebanon, leads to a more relaxed wooded area next to the lake, with wandering paths, wild flowers and an amusing folly. The effect is one of rural peace and calm. Booking details to follow next year.

GARDENING TIPS for NOVEMBER

Clear up fallen leaves, collect them for a leaf mould box.- especially from lawns, ponds and beds; raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging; plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year; prune roses to prevent windrock; plant out winter bedding; cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem; insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well it can also be used to line greenhouses to keep warm; stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks; Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden; Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting; DIG and DIG to expose soil to the frost;

In between please try to continue to enjoy your garden, often very colourful at this time of the year or maybe visit other gardens, big and small, while you are travelling around, to get ideas.





TURKEY RAFFLE

Tickets on Sale
At
November Village Market
& Panto Performances



Just £1.00 per ticket
Enters you in the draw for
A 12lb, Traditional Barn Reared
White Turkey.

Kindly donated by Henry's Butchers Ltd Wyatt' Farm

Draw to take place at the pantomime evening performance on 5th December

Barford News Appeal for Funding

Thank you to all who have responded to our appeal.

It has been a little disheartening that out of the 240 envelopes delivered only 30 households have returned envelopes so far. That said, the generosity of those who have has been very rewarding.

To date I have banked £400 and have a further £100 ready to be banked. This will enable us to pay invoices and will leave us with a small balance to carry through to 2016. However, we are still hoping to receive a few more envelopes to give us a more stable start to the new year.

There is still time to help. If you haven't yet returned that envelope that has been sitting on the kitchen table since we sent them out then, please help us by sending a small donation for our funds c/o Stonehaven, Lower Street..

Many thanks in anticipation Mariann

(I must just add a word of thanks to our faithful advertisers who make a considerable contribution to our coffers, some of whom have supported us for many years. Also thanks to those who gave donations earlier this year, before our appeal was launched. We are most grateful for your support and encouragement)

200 Club results October draw

£15, No.150, Martin Winter £10, No.145, Helen Honour £5, No.180, Paul Wilson The draw took place at a Carpet Bowls Evening

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

Welcome

to new arrivals

Peter and Zinsey

who have just moved into their new home in Lower Street

We wish you a happy time here in our lovely villages.

DEDDINGTON HEALTH CENTRE 2015 Flu Vaccination Clinics FLU VACCINATION SEASON IS HERE

<u>Saturday mornings</u> October: 3rd, 10th, 17th 9am–12pm November 14th 2015

Weekday clinics in October & November 2015:

Mondays 5pm - 6pm
Tuesdays (CHILDREN ONLY – dob 31.8.08 to 1.9.14)
3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesdays 5pm – 6pm
Thursdays 2pm - 3pm

Fridays 3pm – 4pm

Those who are eligible:

- Children with date of birth 31.8.08 to 1.9.14.
- Anyone 65 years old and over on March 31st 2015.
- Anyone with a long term condition: Asthma (if on a steroid inhaler), COPD, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Chronic Kidney or Liver Disease, Neurological Disease.
- Anyone who has an organ transplant or on immunosuppression drugs.
- Anyone on chemotherapy.
- Anyone who has had a stroke.
- · Nursing home residents.
- Pregnant women.
- Carers.

Book up now and get protected from flu!

Please phone for an appointment on **01869 338611**Please note, flu vaccinations needed for your job
are provided by your employer.

From The Fire Station

he Crew at Deddington have had some really unusual incidents this month. Barney Alton who has just finished his Breathing Apparatus training (BA) had his first wear at a fire in a flat in Banbury. The crew had just got back from a road traffic collision (RTC) and were already at the station when the call came in. Watch manager Chris Fenemore was in charge and I was BA team leader. Banbury's first pump was already out at stand-by at Chipping Norton fire station but the on call appliance was available. Martin Freeman was driving giving us the three most experienced crew at Deddington.



We were first in attendance at the incident which is unusual, quickly being backed up by Banbury. Smoke was pouring out of a small open window which Chris Fenemore quickly shut. Barney Alton and myself were sent in with BA and found it strange that the front door was unlocked and we could walk straight into the property. If the door is open that must mean that someone is in the property. I had a thermal imaging camera with me so quickly scanned each room looking for a casualty. Quickly discovering the fire was caused by a toaster that had been left on the side of a sofa. Thankfully no one was in the flat so this was all starting to look very strange. I said to Barney to put the fire out with as little water as possible and touch nothing. I quickly sent a message to Chris saying arson suspected. This changes things on the fire ground. The police become more involved and you need a fire investigation team. It turned out that it was a young lad that was living in the flat on his own and did not have anything to light his cigarettes so was using a toaster which he had put on the arm of the sofa. He had gone out leaving his home open. Chris Fenemore got an email from the investigating Station Manager saying that it was the most professionally handled incident, with the best scene preservation he had ever seen. There is a rumour that this has been framed and put on his mantelpiece. I was more impressed that we got to Banbury first.

It has finally happened. Three o'clock in the morning, cat stuck up a tree. It had been up in the tree in a small coppice in Steeple Aston for some time and the only reason they sent us was the owner had said it had its paw caught. This changes things because it then becomes an animal rescue. The Station Manager arrived and asked me to get

the crew to put up the 13.5 meter ladder to see if the cat was trapped. This task is difficult enough on the drill yard, let alone in a pitch black wood with trees all around. To add to this we were all deprived of sleep, but up it went and the cat jumped to another branch! As the cat was not trapped there was no more we could do and the cat would have to come down on its own accord. A main water jet from our pump would have done the job easily and at three o'clock in the morning this did cross my mind, but this could not guarantee the cats safety.

Other incidents were a street light on fire and our first chimney fire of the season. Please remember to get your chimney swept. No one was injured at the RTC we had attended before the flat fire at Banbury and we were just there for scene safety.

Training this month has been focusing on BA as our BA refreshers are due.

The whole crew managed to attend a chinese meal when we had to say a sad farewell to Rachel Freeman. Fortunately this time we managed to get through the evening without a fire call.

Safety advice this month must be, don't put toasters on the arm of your sofa to light cigarettes. If you do smoke then do it outside and use a lighter. Crew Manager Tim Parker Deddington Fire Station



Down on the farm

Ploughing was going well until the old tractor decided to develop an oil leak of threatening proportions. So while it awaited attention I decided to head north for a couple of days. North Yorkshire with its fells and moors is a beautiful area, especially so in the autumn.

It is also a breeding ground and home of the Mule sheep – a cross between the Blackface and Blue faced Leicester – and



the autumn sales that bring many thousands of these sheep off the moors and fells to markets such as Hawes and Masham to pass under the auctioneer's hammer, mostly for buyers from the south and midlands. It is a time when, for a few short weeks, village inns and guest houses are packed with drovers, drivers, buyers and sellers.

Years ago when we ran more sheep we would buy a few hundred ewe lambs at these markets. I can recall driving across the moors to Hawes, Masham or Lazonby while a weak early morning sun slowly burned off the mist shrouding the valleys to reveal the scattered villages and farmsteads below. Then, early at the market, cold hands embracing a hot mug of tea, surrounded by the bustle and shouting of drovers penning bleating sheep that arrived in seemingly endless streams.

During my brief visit this year nothing seemed to have changed; grouse wandering in the heather, leaves turning autumn gold and bewildered sheep fresh off the moors and fells waiting for the fall of the auctioneer's hammer and a long ride south to thrive on greener pastures.

It is no wonder that this area has attracted poets, writers and artists over the generations.

I have great admiration for fell farmers who work long hours in all weathers in this bleakly attractive countryside hoping for a decent crop of gimmer (female) lambs for the autumn sales, risking profit or loss depending entirely on demand: the difference between tightening the belt another notch and maybe replacing a worn out Landrover; anxious wives at home hoping for new curtains or better.

It is a hard life masked by stoic good humour that is not uncommon in communities that share communal hardship.

Occasional forays such as these undoubtedly instil a greater awareness of one's own surroundings and seem to belittle one's own problems. The prospect of my old tractor straddling a pool of oil doesn't now seem so onerous: I shall knuckle down and sort it out with a new found feeling that it could have been a lot worse.

Meanwhile the next farming year beckons yet again; seed is ordered for spring cropping, the rams are in with the ewes, there is a new litter of pigs, eggs to collect and fences to mend. Also there is a wet patch – a broken drain, I suspect - in one of the lower fields that needs attention.

And so the rollercoaster that is farming begins another year.

Tony Collier, Iron Down

W.I. News

2015 is the centenary of the WI movement, which has been marked in many ways throughout the year. In



September, five members of Barford WI joined many hundreds from around the county for a centennial celebration in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

All WIs were encouraged to bring along their banner to parade into the cathedral. Even if this meant first making a banner! Ours was designed and stitched by Lin Brecknell, Christine Hall and Ann Beesley, with artwork by Sandi Turner. It was a memorable occasion to mark such a historic landmark and we were proud to be part of it. With 150 banners processing into the cathedral to the accompaniment of 'Chariots of Fire' it was quite a sight!



The lucky five with our new banner! I to r: Mariann, Annie B, Christine, Jill and Helen



Thames Valley Police Update

It's that time of year again, the dark nights are drawing in, the clocks will soon be going back, the heating is on and we've got Halloween and Bonfire night to look forward to, so I thought I would take this opportunity to provide you all with some crime prevention advice for the Autumn Months.

The theft of heating oil is an attractive proposition for thieves who actively target fuel tanks at farms and rural domestic properties.

There are devices that can be used to monitor oil levels and inform homeowners. Contact us for details.

Should you see anyone suspicious in your area please do not hesitate to contact us, via 999 for a crime in progress, 101 to report suspicious behaviour or via email to BanburyruralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

HALLOWEEN - Top Tips

If you are planning to go Trick or Treating this year before you step out remember the **Halloween Street Code...**

Don't go trick or treating alone Don't knock on stranger's doors Dress to be Seen

Respect others and be ready to take no for an answer.

Remember to stay where people know you. A group of friends having fun can look like a scary gang if people don't know you!

Bonfire Night

We urge residents to take extra care at Bonfire Night parties, having your own fireworks party or celebrating with family and friends can be great fun but by far the safest way to enjoy these seasonal activities is to attend a professionally organised event.

Please think of others and remember that fireworks should not be let off between 11pm and 7am.

Always remember to follow the fireworks code:

Burglary and Theft:

In the past we have seen an increase in burglary over the autumn and winter months. Here are some ideas on how to keep your property safe whilst you are out during those darker nights.

 For crime updates sign up to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

Please consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch. Neighbourhood Watch is all about people

getting together with their neighbours to take action to cut crime.

How does Neighbourhood Watch work?

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

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime.
- Help and reassure those who live in the area.
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities.

For more information on how these schemes work, their benefits, and running a scheme in your local area, please contact your local Watch Administrator Deb Hextall at Banbury Police Station, deborah.hextall@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

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

A Successful Quiz Night

I would like to thank all of those who supported and attended my quiz night held on 19 September in the village hall. We had a fantastic evening with intrepid players coming from as far afield as London, Solihull, Aldershot, Portsmouth, Oxford and Reading so wonderful spread!

The other support for the event with raffle prizes and produce for our supper came from the following:

Tesco Summertown; Waitrose Headington; Sainsbury's Headington; Co-op Oxford; Wykham Farm Shop Bodicote; A Day in the Country Aynho; Meat Joint Barford; Abraxas Cook Shop Banbury;

The Flower Shop Deddington; Viv O'Donnell Deddington; Sandy Turner Barford; Sarah Best Barford; Gee Perry Portsmouth; Judy Hobbs Barford; Dragon Frames Deddington; Vegetable stall Hempton; Crown and Tuns pub Deddington; Styan Family Produce Evesham; BB Fruits Banbury market.

I would like to extend a very special thanks to the Crown & Tuns from Deddington who made our lives much easier on the day, by cooking the chilli con carne and adding to our main ingredients. It was really appreciated not only by us but those who ate the wonderful dish on the night!

Obviously if it had not been for everyone's kind generosity the £600 that was raised would not have been possible.

A huge thanks to you all Danielle Semple

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ND SO SEPTEMBER OPENED with showers, sun in the afternoon, followed by more showers and heavy cloud formations in the evening, which did not inspire confidence. This was reinforced by a northerly breeze in the evening.

A large HP system to the west was now battling to push away that deep troublesome Low which had moved over the North Sea. Even so, changeable weather with lumpy cloud and sharp, but very local showers interspersed by warm sun, held sway on the 2nd. Robins 'ticked' throughout the day but evidence of garden birds was poor. called Buzzard iuveniles incessantly Steepness, otherwise the scene belonged to Collared Doves, Crows, numerous Jackdaws and evening Rooks.

Temperatures stood at 17°(day) and 9.5°(night) and these held for the next few days.

The wind backed further to NW. On the 3rd the Jet Stream – at last – had looped up over the north of U.K. We might yet get some good weather!

'My' large *Tegenaria* House Spider had been joined by an even larger female; they had been close to one another, but now seemed to be separately engaged. I had not seen the female for several days (is she guarding eggs?) Meanwhile, the male continued to canter along his established routes around my sitting room in the evenings. If they have mated, he's lucky she didn't eat him after they had finished – he must be very quick!

Buddleia flowers still attracted butterflies, Small Tortoiseshells, Peacocks, Small Whites and a single Red Admiral, Green-veined White and Painted Lady enjoying the nectar. These were similar but far less numerous than the notes that Linda Newbery had sent me for later August. Plenty of moths were to be disturbed by day, especially the primitive Orange Swifts whose caterpillars feed on the roots of Dock plants, and the various, much more advanced, Underwing moths, their caterpillars feeding on the foliage of numerous herbaceous plants. Linda, in her records, also reminded me of the Magpie and Brimstone moths that could still be disturbed from herbage. These were unusually late. They may have been delayed emergents from the normal summer season, or rapid developments from ovae laid by the summer flight. Poor summer weather and later warmth may be the determinants.

Meanwhile, only a Raven croaking on Steepness and a Buzzard circling Hempton Hills seemed to be active.

The 4th dawned and remained chilly with much cloud, minimal sun and a NNW wind. As I moved around the district bird-life was also minimal, but Linda Newbery noted Swallows gathering around

Horn Hill in the evenings. In neighbouring parishes they seemed to be active and lan Hobday had mentioned about 10 Swallows swirling around Lower Tadmarton.

By now, H.P. was firmly in charge, but a near overcast on a chill N wind was depressing. I did however, record a lone House Martin flitting briefly around Townsend and a Great Spotted Woodpecker 'keck'ing on Hempton Hills and below Steepness. However from mid-afternoon the wind dropped and a pleasant evening ensued. But the stillness and clear sky produced a cold night of only 3.5° – Brrr!

To make up for things, nearly flawless sun from early morning 'til night, on a near windless day with little puffs of fairweather cloud, produced a really beautiful day on the 6th. An adult Buzzard with three juveniles enjoyed it by circling long over Steepness. After a cool night the 7th was a lovely repeat of the 6th!

On the 8th the wind rose from SE. It was chilly, but warm sun slowly developed to give a pleasant afternoon and evening of 20° with 10° overnight.

The SE breeze persisted over the next three days, all of which were beautiful with warm sun producing temperatures of 20° to 22°. Nights remained chilly at around 6°.

By now harvest was well underway, with the Bloxham Road Kestrel hunting from the overhead wires. I saw him a couple of times, but Bas Butler managed to pick him up nearly each time he went along there – much to the conster

nation of Sylvia! There were also Roe Deer foraging the stubbles and Kite searching for small animals and beetles, etc. Later, dozens of gulls, mainly Black-headed, but also Herring and Lesser Black-backed Gulls followed the ensuing harrow and plough.

The wind veered to SW on the 12th producing a pleasantly warm day (17°) through fluffy cumulus cloud with a beautiful sunset. Instead of their usual flat, toneless 'caw'ing, the Rooks flying out to feed and back again to Steepness, were making shrill squeals and grating, rattly caws whilst performing tumbling, twisty manoeuvres on their journeys. We used to say they could see rough weather coming, which might be true, but at this time of year the weather equates to that of late March, so they are undergoing a false breeding season, which several species do. Despite the SW breeze, heavy, dark, lumpy cloud built up over the 13th, but mostly cleared for a sunny evening (16°) that brought a Buzzard mewing over Steepness and a Greatspotted Woodpecker 'keck'ing below Hempton Hills. And, one of 'my' faithful observers watched up to a hundred Swallows massing pre-emigration on rooftops and wires at Barford St. John! Quite the largest congregation I've heard of for a very long time. However, substantial rain occurred overnight

(9.5°) with heavy showers continuing into the 14th and a breeze backing to SE. It didn't deter the Kestrel however, from his position on the wires opposite the airfield main gate. Next day was warmer (18°) but sharp showers again descended in the evening. The breeze on the 16th became a stiff SE blow across stormy skies with a grey overcast by evening. (Were the Rooks right on the 12th . . .?).

The stiff blow veered to SW on the 17th but with bright sunshine, which brought out a Green Woodpecker laughing below Steepness.

For the next week the wind wobbled between SW and NW. Temperatures tended to remain around 20° by day, but around a chilly 6° at night. On the 18th the Rooks were still in false breeding mode and there were small groups of Starlings around the villages. In my garden a few Meadow Grasshoppers (Chorthippus parallelus) were still active in the wild patch, but everywhere was very quiet and quite autumnal. The 19th dawned on moderate to heavy fog and I was intrigued that, even in the mist, the smaller hedgerow birds were quite active and noisy just after dawn. Later the fog cleared slowly to give a warm sunny day. There were some nice records passed on - Bas Butler reported a few House Martins, probably migrants, still around; he also reported a Sparrow Hawk over West Close, a Comma butterfly still active in his garden, and a Stoat racing across the road at the airfield main gate. Stoat sightings are increasing, whereas the once frequent Weasels are now rarely seen. Bas also recorded a Jackdaw with several randomly placed white feathers, around St. Michael. Steve Cox noted the Sparrow Hawk in West Close plus a Kite hunting there and, in addition, he observed 6 other Kites, at great heights, circling on thermals over St. Michael.

The 20th was misty, overcast by 11am with a chilly breeze that masked a day temperature of 20°. Bas was lucky enough to spot a Grey Partridge running down a road in the south of the parish and, not content with that, he also reported a Hummingbird Hawkmoth from his garden . . . ! Before midnight, also in the parish, I watched the largest dog Fox I've ever seen; so large that at first I doubted that it was a Fox, rather some breed of domestic dog. It had the most luxurious coat of red and its long furred white throat and breast stood out from its flesh - not to mention the superb bushv. white-tipped tail held out horizontally. What an animal! I also spotted a hunting Tawny Owl swooping up into the oaks on Barley Lane junction and a large Bat flying between the Chestnut trees on Steepness, in my headlights. Bats are one of my 'blank' areas - I must do something about that one day.

The 21st started overcast with spotting rain. By 10am this had become steady rain with heavier bursts. It ceased by 2.30pm and the sun then broke through strongly at about 4.30. During this time Bas had picked up the Sparrow Hawk, again dashing over West Close, and also spotted a Southern Hawker dragonfly (*Aeshna cyanea*) hunting flying insects around his garden.

For the next two days I was away, returning to find high pressure in charge once more over the South Midlands. The 24th was a pleasant day of sun with occasional showers, on a cool SW breeze and the Rooks were still exhibiting false breeding behaviour. In the afternoon I was pleased to find a beautifully marked Herald moth in my kitchen. Overall quiet brown, with bright orange patches on each wing and white flecks about the antennae and legs, it is an attractive creature. The moth had come in to hibernate, so I moved it to a cool dark spot in my conservatory for the winter. I shall await his re-awakening in some warmer spell early next Spring when I can put him outside to breed. It is from this early appearance that the moth gets its common name, as it 'heralds' the warmer times to come.

Next day the breeze veered up to NW giving a beautiful day of warm sun at 18° with light cloud. A cold, clear night however, plunged to 3° with frost in the valleys; I was glad to have harboured that Herald moth! The 26th was a repeat, only the wind veering on to NE.

Clearing some pathway, I was concerned by rooting up a small hibernating Smooth Newt. I inserted him shallowly in loose earth beside my greenhouse, hoping he will fair well 'til spring. Meanwhile, Buzzards were calling and moving around Steepness, as were three Ravens, one adult and two juveniles. These moved, calling sparingly, between Steepness and Horn Hill from mid-morning to dusk.

Again, the 27th was a repeat, with mist in the valleys. Buzzards called all day, as did the Ravens who started early, before 7am! They upset a Tawny Owl that had gone to roost below Hempton Hills. The Owl 'kewick'ed shrilly at them and sounded as though it moved its roosting place.

That night of course, was the night of the second full moon in the month – a 'Blue Moon'. It was also a 'Super Moon', very large, on the closest approach to Earth in its orbit. These phenomena, of course, coincided with a rare *total* lunar eclipse, around 3am. That unbelievable deep, dim, reddish colour of the Moon in Earth's shadow was unforgettable to those who watched it – I hope *you* did! – the next one won't occur for (I think) over two decades.

By now the Tegenaria spiders had increased to four (excluding the now, non-visible first female). There were a new female and three males. The female moved slowly around near the ceiling whilst the males maneouvred quite close to her. However, they broke off at night to canter around their network of paths across the floor, and it was here that I found the crumpled corpse of one. Had he failed in his courtship and been killed by madame? We shall never know, but I suspect so!

And so the last three days of September drifted on. . . Beautiful warm days, interspersed by chilly nights, so quiet in weather and wildlife, perhaps even a little mysterious, save for the distant hum of agricultural machinery. And so, with these drowsy conditions steadfast under atmospheric high pressure, September drifted peacefully away for another year . . . Lovely!

Ron Knight



TUESDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 7.30pm

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

Pick up a unique gift from our festive local stalls

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



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Get into the Christmas Spirit!

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Make do and mend at Upton House

Il year we have been sharing stories about life here during WWII, when the family owned merchant bank moved in to escape the London Air raids. Now Upton is getting ready for a 1940s Christmas. As the nights draw in and the temperatures drop we are very busy crafting in true 'make do and mend' style. Re-ignite your own passion for crafting and help Upton House this Christmas to make lots of handmade decorations. We are looking for people in the community to get involved and get knitting for Upton...

We are launching our Sewing for Upton campaign At The Great Upton Sewing Bee, 7 & 8 November, visitors to the house will be able to take part in our crafting for Christmas and learn tips from our volunteers.

Upton House will also be open Friday to Monday throughout November to December for visitors to experience the life of the bank staff in WWII at Christmas time.

Please do get it touch if you would like to take part in knitting something for Upton! We have patterns and un-ravelled jumpers at the ready! For information more

visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house

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