

BARFORD NEWS

JUNE 2016

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THE BIG BIRTHDAY TEA PARTY ON SUNDAY 12 JUNE is just around the corner.



The tea will start at **2.30** and continue all afternoon and just to add to the fun we have a **PHOTO BOOTH** to capture the day forever so bring along any dressing up outfits, wigs etc.

TEA and COFFEE will be served free of charge.....don't forget your picnics 'n' bubbly - plates, cutlery, napkins and glasses will be provided.

Gunilla, Lucy and Jess



SING FOR THE QUEEN



Songs of Praise

June 12th 2016

10.30am

Barford St Michael Church

You are warmly welcome to this village service of Celebration & Thanksgiving for the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen

**at Barford St Michael Church,
10:30 June 12th.**

A selection of favourite hymns will be included in the service and 'The Barford Young Singers', along with Sally Barber, will sing one of the songs for us to join in.

Ed Newell who was Curate here in the '90s and lived in Barford St Michael will be here with Susan and their children Sarah and Mathew. Ed has met the Queen on a number of occasions and will talk about his journey from 'Barford to Windsor'.

All of the windows in the church are being decorated by various village groups.

The poster was designed by Lucy Holmes, age 7.

Parish Council Notes

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 4th May 2016 in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Hobbs, Eden, Turner, Styles, Best, Hanmer, District Cllr Williams and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer).

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 6th April 2016 were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman; Cllr Hobbs was elected as Chairman and Cllr Turner was elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

Public Participation: There was none

Report from the Parish Clerk:

Queens 90th Birthday – The photo booth is ordered and the price has reduced to £300. We have a grant from Cherwell District Council of £350. The balance is proposed to be put towards a big birthday cake. The Parish Council have agreed to provide a grant of £100. Some/all of this may be required for the cake ingredients, napkins, flags etc...

Christmas Tree Lights – The Clerk will order the warm lights as agreed at 6th April meeting.

Incorrect Road sign in Barford St John – This has been replaced with a Mead Road sign.

Damage to Village Green – the Clerk will arrange for the supply of topsoil and grass seed to enable Bernard Lane to repair the damage to the green.

Improving Broadband in Barford St John – Information has been provided to Oxfordshire County Council regarding the properties in B St J. OCC are discussing a solution with BT. One possibility is to link into the fibre network in Barford St Michael although this runs to the Deddington exchange and the B St M STD Code is 01869 vs. B St J STD Code 01295

Transparency Grant – Grants are available from OALC for building Parish Council websites to increase transparency by posting agendas, minutes, expenditure over £100 etc... The Parish Council posts information onto the website but it is not up to date. The Clerk will work with Emma Best, Broad Close on this. A B St M resident has offered to help build a user friendly website.

Report from District Councillor Williams: There was none due to the impending local council elections.

Appointment of Trustee Representatives for Village Hall Management Committee – It was agreed that Cllr Hobbs and Cllr Turner would represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Management Committee for the forthcoming year.

Appointment of Clerk & RFO on completion of probation – It was agreed that David Best should

continue as Clerk following the completion of his probation and would be the Responsible Financial Officer for the coming year.

Reported lack of access to a footpath in Barford St John – This is not designated as a footpath with public right of way on the Oxfordshire County Council map. The Clerk will contact OCC to confirm.

Decision on the transfer of undertaking of highway services from OCC – The Council decided not to take over responsibility for the highways from OCC. District Cllr Williams confirmed that Deddington Parish Council had also decided not to take on the responsibility of highway services from OCC due to possible public liability claims, doubts over ability to secure competitive costs for repairs and uncertainty over funding allocation.

Water from Recreation Ground flowing onto land at Bay Trees – The Council decided that it did not have responsibility for water run-off from the Recreation Ground. This is a natural phenomenon on sloping ground which occurs all over the area and has been aggravated by high rainfall levels. Cllr Hobbs will reply to the letter from the owners of Bay Trees.

Speed signs in Barford St Michael – Solutions to reduce the speed of cars driving through the villages had been investigated extensively by the Council in the past. Flashing signs are very expensive, speed humps can only be implemented where there are street lights and 20mph speed restrictions are not appropriate on rural roads. The Clerk will confirm with Thames Valley Police if equipment is available for residents to check the speed of cars driving through the village. If the equipment is available volunteers will be invited via the Barford News.

Parish Councillor Vacancy – An invitation will be published in the Barford News as no candidates have put their name forward so far.

Play Equipment, West Close: A group of residents has been formed and the next meeting will be on 18th May. The group will submit a design proposal to the Council

Condition of the roads in the Parish: Some repairs have been completed in Barford St John. Some marked areas on the road through B St M from B St J to Hempton are still outstanding. It was agreed that the Clerk will invite the person responsible at OCC to inspect the roads in the villages with a member of the Council.

Planning: One new application has been received since the last meeting:

A new application has been received (Ref 16/00711/F) for Ayot Croft, Townsend, Barford St Michael to demolish a precast concrete garage and PVC porch and erect two rear extensions and a single story front extension.

As agreed at the meeting on 6th April a letter was sent to the planning inspectorate objecting to the appeal for change of use of land to the rear of Applea Banks, Lower Street, Barford St Michael (Original Application Ref 15/01354/F).

Finance: The Parish Council approved the following payments:

1. The Parochial Church Council – grant of £1,300 to re-establish a path from the gate to the church and to provide a ramp for access to disabled visitors.
2. The Village Hall Management Committee – grant of £900 to replace all the external doors.
3. The Barford News – grant of £200 towards the cost of production.
4. Queens's 90th Birthday 'Big Birthday Tea' – £250 to the photo booth supplier and £50 to Gunilla Treen for the deposit paid to the photo booth supplier.
5. Thames Water – water rates for water used at the allotments
6. Christmas Tree Lights - £127 to Xmas Direct

Other Parish Matters: There was an attempted break-in to a house in Barford St Michael. Residents should be vigilant.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6th July 2016** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

COLOUR ANALYSIS

With Annie Broe

On Wednesday, 8th June



A fun and easy way to find out the colours that suit you! .

‘Visitors (£4) welcome to join us

In the Village Hall

At 7.30pm




Open Farm Sunday

5th June 2016

Visit a farm on Open Farm Sunday and discover the world of farming.

Where: RC Baker Ltd Agricultural Contractors
Spring Hill Farm
Barford St Michael
OX15 0PL

Time: 10am to 4pm

Activities: RC Baker Ltd is a local Agricultural Contracting business. Come and see what we get up to, the story behind our business and our impressive fleet of large machinery.

A fun day out for all the family including tractor and trailer rides and refreshments!



THANK YOU!!!
To everyone who supported my
Plant Sale on 14th May
We raised £400.00 for Barford News
on the day and have orders for more!
Mariann

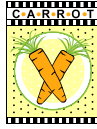


Plants still on sale every Friday morning
10.00 – 11.30am
At Country Market Stall outside
The Ex-Servicemen's Hall, Bloxham



Barford Green Garden Club

Notes from our potting shed



Nosey Gardens: We had an enjoyable afternoon at the beginning of April at two local gardens: Buttermilk Cottage (Gunilla Treen and Chris Murray) with pond, Scandinavian lodge and new composting toilet, and 8 Broad Close (Chris and Les Hall) with vegetables, spring planting and an interesting range of chickens. We'd like to hold another Nosy Gardens event later in the year, and already have one offer – if you could help make this possible by welcoming visitors (members only) to your garden, please let Linda Newbery know: L.newbery@btinternet.com Your garden doesn't need to be as large as those mentioned: our first Nosy Gardens, last August, were three smaller ones. These occasions are clearly enjoyed by those who attend; it's a lovely way to see other members' projects and to find out which plants succeed in various locations.

Buckingham Garden Centre As you know, your membership card entitles you to discounts at a number of local garden centres and nurseries. We have now added a new one: on production of your Barford Green Garden Club card you can join the garden club at Buckingham at 50% discount (£5 instead of the usual £10). It's a bit farther than some of the others, but is a well-stocked centre with poultry, aquatics and a restaurant as well as a huge range of plants. Membership entitles you to discounts on plants, seeds and bulbs and free tea or coffee on Wednesday mornings, and you will receive their newsletter detailing regular talks and outings. See the website at www.buckinghamgardencentre.co.uk

Blenheim Palace Flower Show is from 17th – 19th June – the ticket price includes entry to the park and gardens (and see next item). Early bird prices available on the website.

Capability Brown 300th Anniversary: We are lucky to have several Capability Brown landscapes within easy reach – Compton Verney, Rousham, Stowe and Blenheim Palace. Some of these venues are staging exhibitions to mark the anniversary – all of them great places for a summer visit. Did you know that a day ticket to Blenheim Palace, grounds and gardens can be upgraded to a year pass at no extra cost?

TO DO IN JUNE now that summer is here:

- Plant out summer bedding and seed-raised plants once all danger of frost is past
- It's not too late for direct sowing of fast-growing annuals
- Cutting back clumps of spring-blooming perennials such as brunnera, oriental poppy

and hardy geraniums (the 'Chelsea Chop') can encourage a second burst of flowers

- Stake tall perennials to prevent flopping or wind damage
- Keep tubs and containers well-watered, using rainwater or recycled 'grey' water when possible
- Spring bulbs can now be lifted and dried off in the sun, then cleaned and stored in a dry place ready for re-planting.
- Secure tomato plants to canes and pinch out the side-shoots. You don't need to start feeding until the first truss is set.

Happy Gardening! **SPADE AND FORK**

Thank You

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the people of the parish for their support in the recent district council elections. As you know the Deddington Ward has been extended to include Hook Norton in the west and Somerton in the east. As a result there are now three district councilors representing the Deddington Ward but I shall still be your first point of contact in this parish and look forward to continuing to represent you to the best of my ability.

Thank you.
Bryn Williams.

The BARFORDS' VILLAGE SHOW

Barford Village Hall

Saturday

20th August 2016

Entries 9.00-10.30 am

Judging 11.00am

Viewing & Prize Giving

2.30 for 3.00pm

Show Schedule on Page 14

Entry Forms in August's Barford News

1st Deddington Guides

A busy start to the term!

Congratulations to Connie and Hannah who carried our Queens and Company on St. Georges day at our amazing Guide Parade (with some very welcome members of scouting) in Banbury, a good turn out from all, well done.



Hannah & Connie with Banbury Mayor

The guides accepted the challenge of the quiz around the village, followed by a belated Easter egg hunt.

Then after some preparation for outdoor activities, we enjoyed our first "cookout" of the season (thank you to Vivian Bouverie who made us welcome in her garden on more than one occasion so far) The guides were brilliant with their fire lighting and cooking skills, aah, the smell of the wood smoke. We concluded that lovely, but cold evening, with a large promise ceremony around the camp fire, with marshmallows and sparklers to celebrate.

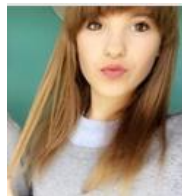
Our "Incident" hike around the village and castle grounds was good fun, we learnt a bit about the emergence of Spring and the neighbouring countryside and really appreciated the castle grounds site.

For once on a Tuesday, the rain defeated us last week and prevented us from putting tents up, but we managed to put up small tents indoors, so we weren't defeated all together.

The senior guides are proving to be good teachers and organisers, passing on their skills to our younger guides, we now have 33 guides in the company.

Maggie Rampley. 01295 810069
Marion Trinder. 01869340806

Catherine Blackburn Banbury



Alice's BIG Shave

I am shaving all of my hair off for CLIC Sargent because I want to raise awareness of children's cancer

As a teenage girl, hair is seen as one of the most important features. However to me I see it as a way of helping others.

I am going to donate the length of my hair to WIGS FOR KIDS so that another child can benefit from the hair that I can so easily grow back.

As this doesn't seem enough, I am also shaving my head for CLIC Sargent to raise further funds for children and families who are going through a hard time.

So help me to help others by giving generously.
<https://www.justgiving.com/Alice-Colmer>

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

The date of Alice's BIG shave is 25th June 2016

(although this may change depending on hairdresser availability :))

Raising money for



CLIC Sargent

Charity Registration No. 1107328 and SC039857

CLIC Sargent is the UK's leading cancer charity for children and young people, and their families. We provide clinical, practical and emotional support to help them cope with cancer and get the most out of life. For more information, please visit www.clicsargent.org.uk

Charity Jumble Sale 23rd April

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items, came and supported and especially those who helped out on the day.

We raised £560 which will be split between the Parable of talents charities and the African Thelesho school supported by Deddington Primary school.

The remaining items went to Helen and Douglas House.

Thank you!

The Brown Family



Maggie's 50 2016

The (5th year) 50 mile cycle ride is on 11th June
The route is the same as last year.

Meet at **12:30 for 1:00pm** Start From 'The George'. It's a circular route with a half way stop off at Boycott Farm Shop near Stow School for refreshments.

£20 Entrance fee including BBQ

The proceeds will be donated to Maggie's trust:
www.maggieharveytrust.com

The BBQ starts at 7pm at The George and includes a vegetarian option. Anyone who can't make the bike ride is very welcome to join us for the evening and pay for food at the BBQ. We will welcome your support

£6,072 has been raised to date 60% on the way towards reaching our Maggie's 50 fund raising target of: £10,000

See our website: www.Maggies50.org

We plan to continue the cycle rides after the Maggie's event throughout the summer.

We meet Wednesdays at 6:00pm & Sundays at 10:00pm from the village hall.

There will be a meeting at the VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 31st May at 8:00pm please bring your entrance money to the meeting.

Contacts: George Williams Mob. 07801 956642
 e.mail gselog@gmail.com

Tony Shrimpton Mob. 07887 986862
 e.mail tonyshrimpton@hotmail.co.uk

Rachel Reeves Mob. 07914 843429
 e.mail r.reevesserby@gmail.com



Leon Daly & Mick Bullard

Invite you to join them

In the Village Hall

on Sat 18th June

For an evening presentation

of

Trekking in the Himalayas

and their visit to

Kathmandu Children's Home

Doors open from 7:30pm for 8pm start.

Admission free.

Donations welcome.



Sunday 19th June

Join us at BSM village Hall

3pm – 4.30/5pm

Come and join in with the fun.....

In May we had great fun with Glitter and.... Ate Cake!!

In June we will enjoy exploring 'The Rising Sun' and eatICE CREAM!!

Bring your Kids, your Mums Dads Grannies, Grandads, Aunts & Uncles, Carers

The More the Merrier!!

We would welcome your donations of unwanted craft materials – to help us along the way.

(email Sophie Holmes at – holmestowers@gmail.com)



Ed's Postbag

Dear Ed.,

With reference to the note of the Parish Council meeting in the latest edition of the 'News' regarding the use of bird scarers I would add my response as follows.

I haven't complained about the volume, frequency and number of hours that the devices were set to operate on any given day, although I feel that I would have been justified in so doing.

The Council meeting note records that no action could/would be taken as 'this is a rural community'. Community is the operative word here, namely that one's actions should have regard and consideration for others within it? One of the nice aspects about living in the Barfords is that this is generally the case, in my experience.

However, The National Farmers Union long ago published a Code of Practice regarding the use of these devices, also listing alternative methods of bird scaring. I won't attempt to reproduce the CoP here, but there are recommendations as to how the sound from the devices can be attenuated, made more directional, and therefore mitigate causing undue nuisance or alarm to the populace, including pets, horses and riders etc. The CoP also refers to the Environmental Protection Act and the obligations that it imposes.

Concerned Villager
(Name supplied)

Barford St. Michael Carpet Bowls Club Financial Report for Year Ending 31.3.2016

<u>INCOME</u>	
Opening Balance	869.55
Member's Subscriptions	602.50
Member's Annual Dinner	<u>154.00</u>
	1,626.05
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Hire of Village Hall	486.00
Member's Annual Dinner	243.00
Refreshments	54.00
Miscellaneous	<u>7.00</u>
	790.00
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Hire of Hall 5.1.15 to 29.3.16	234.00
YEAR END NET POSITION	602.05
Net Bank Position at 31.3.2016	744.09
Cash in Hand	91.96
	836.05
A. HAND, TREASURER	
2. 4. 2016	

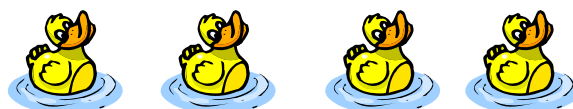
Lost Whist Tables Can You Help Us Locate Them?



During recent weeks three of the whist tables have 'disappeared' from our village hall. If you have borrowed them and perhaps, put them in your garage and forgotten to return them, please would you get them back to the hall as soon as possible?.

The tables are needed for our fortnightly whist drives and are used by several of our other regular users.

Thank you
VHMC



The Annual Barford Duck Race

(in aid of the playground funds)

will be held

**in Jelfs's field behind the George
(subject to contract).**

Sunday 26th June 2016.



The usual 4 races followed by a champions race followed by the popular "run what ya' brung race".

There will be a BBQ and hopefully a bouncy castle (tbc).

Watch out for times on local noticeboards.

T'committee



Deddington Library News

Deddington Library are very pleased to present "An evening with.... Award winning author & Patron of the Friends of Deddington Library, Linda Newbery & Joanna Rossiter, author of *The Sea Change*; A Richard & Judy Summer Read!"



***Deddington Library,
Friday 1st July 7pm for 7.30 start.
Complimentary Wine and canapes on arrival
Tickets £6 adult; £5 over 65/concessions.***

Linda is a regular and hugely appreciated supporter of our lovely community library; she will be talking about her adult novel '**Quarter Past Two on a Wednesday Afternoon**' recently released in paperback with the new title, '**Missing Rose**'.

"Linda Newbery's first adult novel is marked by the same slowly unspooled suspense as her 2006 Costa Award-winning YA novel *Set in Stone*." – **Telegraph**

We are also very excited to welcome a newcomer in our midst, Joanna Rossiter, who will be taking about her debut novel '**The Sea Change**' which has received fabulous reviews!

"What a debut from Joanna Rossiter. *The Sea Change* is a haunting, utterly compelling story. We think it's a triumph of storytelling." RICHARD & JUDY

The authors will be reading from their books and are happy to discuss them and answer audience questions. They will also have some of their books to sell on the night which they would be happy to sign for you!

Do come along and help support Deddington Community Library! It's sure to be an interesting and fun evening!

Other news.....

'Deddington Bookworms!' met on Monday 9th May enjoying a lively discussion on their first book! Our first Bookworm review below;

"Everyone enjoyed reading '*The Greatcoat*' by Helen Dunmore and would recommend it as a good read, but with reservations. It was generally felt that it wasn't a book you could truly immerse yourself in because it was a novella; it was also as a ghost story, so it wasn't plausible in parts. It did, however, give a great deal of insight into war and post-war life, both in a civilian and a military context. We all felt that Helen Dunmore's other novels would be worth exploring." AH

The Rhyme-time group met for their monthly session on Monday the 16th May, another lively, happy session for the children and parents/carers alike!

Our next session date for your diary is Monday 13th June.

Stella O'Neill
Library Manager, 01869 338391
Deddington.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Welcome

To two new families
In Broad Close

Dan and Jo Coppin

With children

Ivy and Eddie

And

Carrick and Sophie Cameron

with

Margot and Nellie

Also to

The Hawes family

Neil, Julie and son Liam

Recently arrived in

Townsend

We wish all three families a happy time
living in our lovely village

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB NEWS

Anne, our wonderful Tuesday chef
is awaiting knee surgery.

As yet, the date of her 'op is uncertain
and so we will not be hosting
lunches during June or July

The date of the next lunch will
be published as soon we have
more information.



Meanwhile, we send our good wishes
to Anne for a successful 'op
and a very speedy recovery!



**Barford Village Market
Saturday 18th June
10am to 12noon in the Village Hall.**

Offering a good range of local producers
selling meat, eggs, savouries,
cakes, bread, honey,
dairy produce, preserves, greetings cards
and wrapping papers. , Fairtrade items.
Locally produced cooking oils. Stained glass
items, also hand knitted woollies and
made-to-measure items
Plus Joan's superb range of plants
We also hope to have Chris and his hand-made
tubs and containers with us
(weather depending)

Not forgetting the birds - we have seeds,
mealworms, sunflower hearts.
Plus Angus & Lucy's memorable Bacon butties /
bacon & egg butties / breakfast butties!
Tea and coffee served all morning.
Come along and have a cuppa with friends and
support YOUR local market
All profits for Village Hall funds



**VILLAGE CUPPA MORNINGS
EVERY THURSDAY**

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

10.00 – 11.45

Just £1.00 per person

**pays for your cuppa and as many refills
as you can drink.**

Coffee, Caffeine free, Tea, Fruit teas available.

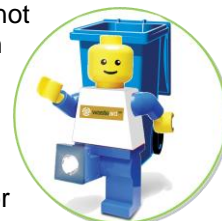
Biscuits, Cakes etc., included in the price

**Come on Down to the hall and meet up with
friends and neighbours of all ages.**

Babies and children welcome!!

Wheelie Big Summit For Waste Charity.

I am embarking on a challenge to raise money for Waste Aid UK. As Cherwell's recycling officer I work in a country that has excellent waste collections and recycles much of its waste. So I don't see the awful impacts of not collecting waste properly. Open landfills metres away from homes, sewers and fresh water supplies choked with decomposing waste. These problems are very real though, for half of the worlds population.



So I will be taking part in the Walk for Waste on 16 July up Snowdon to raise money for Waste Aid UK. To make it a little more interesting, and more befitting of a Recycling Officer, I'll do the whole trip to the top of Snowdon carrying a wheelie bin full of recycling on my back. It makes the walk more challenging and will hopefully drum up some more sponsorship for such a great charity.

3.5billion people live without decent waste management systems. This is an environmental and public health disaster.

Waste Aid UK provides waste management services where they are none, cleaning local environments, improving public health and creating jobs and livelihoods by recycling waste.

When waste isn't collected it causes many problems that we may have thought already solved. Like clean water, the pipes and sewers may be there, but if clogged with uncollected waste, disease can spread. Giving people the skills and ability to provide waste management solutions solves immediate health problems and empowers them to make real changes in their community.

I am asking people if they could sponsor me and help me reach my fundraising target of £1000.00, which could fund complete recycling kits for 30 villages, or 500 simple moulds to turn organic waste into a valuable fuel. Having done some of the Barford charity rides I know how generous Barford folk can be and how many times people get asked for donations etc. It is a relatively new charity and all money raised will go straight to where it matters.

To make donations go further I am also giving any sponsors the chance to write a message on the wheelie bin. Whether it's personal, funny, inspirational or just your name, it will be carried all the way up Snowdon at dusk & see a beautiful sunset.

Waste Aid UK is a great new charity and something that means a lot to me, if you want to support them or me, and send a man up a hill with a bin, then check out the details below.

Text WFWA86 and your donation (e.g £10) to 70070 or visit justgiving.com/AndrewsWasteWalk
Thank you for taking the time to read this

Andrew Jenkins



200 Club results May draw

£15, 006, Janet Payne,
£10, 209, Tony Shrimpton
£5, 211, Jaimie Archer
The draw took place at
A Cuppa Morning



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www.FriendsofDeddingtonLibrary.org



Friends of Deddington Library

Our latest meeting was on 3rd May to review progress, but our collective thoughts were with Jean Morris and family. Jean was a valued and active member of our community and an integral part of the FoDL, she sadly passed away on 20th April. We shall miss her enthusiasm, loyalty and zest for life, Deddington and our community will be a poorer place without her radiant smile and positive demeanor. Our sincere condolences and prayers go to her family at this very sad time.

Subscriber numbers continue to hover around 100 as they've done for some months, we seem to have reached a plateau which we're desperate to breach, therefore please spread the word as we're still aiming for 200 subscribers to ensure the library remains funded.

The calendar photo competition has already attracted 15 entries with some truly exceptional images, so please get your cameras out to capture some of the stunning scenery within our parish. Due to feedback from entrants we have two amendments to make, one is to add another age category, that of 60+, therefore we now have 5-10, 11-17, 18-59, 60+. The other amendment is to file size, we appreciate that 20Mb is large for some amateur cameras, therefore we can accept uncompressed files of 5Mb and upwards, however, if the quality is unsuitable for printing we will contact entrants to inform them and explore options to enhance the files where possible. We want as many people of all ages and abilities to get involved hence making it easier for everyone to participate, thank you for your continued support.

Bryn Williams
abw@brynwilliams.com



PHOTO COMPETITION

FoDL invite entries of photos of Deddington, Clifton, Hempton and surrounding countryside. The winning entries will be included in a new and exciting 2017 Parish Calendar.

AGE GROUPS

5-10 Years
11-17 Years
18+ Years
60+ Years



Image files min of 20Mb,
300DPI saved as High Quality JPG's
Deadline for entries July 15th 2016.

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES

by email to abw@brynwilliams.com
or on a CD/DVD to Stella at the library
For more details, visit FoDL website

Good Luck!

WWW.FRIENDSOFDEDDINGTONLIBRARY.ORG

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

June brings with it the promise of plenty of outdoor fun. We will be holding a family fun day at Nursery on **Sunday 19th June**, with a minibest trail, craft activities and a barbecue. Everyone is very welcome.

We will be holding our annual Sports Day, for children from both settings, on the Deddington Primary School field at 11.15am on **Friday 24th June**. After the activities on the field, bring your lunch for a family picnic in the PFSU garden.

On **Saturday 25th June** we will be raffling a fantastic hamper at the Farmer's Market - we look forward to your support.

Between now and the summer holidays we will be preparing the older Nursery children for their move up to the PFSU and our PFSU children for the move up to school. This will involve the PFSU staff visiting the Nursery children, the Nursery children visiting the PFSU (including two open afternoons on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July – 3.30 - 4.30pm for families starting in September), and a 'move up' day in July for all the children to visit their new setting / school. Holiday club will run in the summer holidays from 25th – 29th July, and from 1st – 5th August, from 9am until 3pm each day.

Lucy Squires
337484





Parable of Talents Update

In October last year the church gave away nearly £200 in crisp £10 notes to willing volunteers who offered to try and increase this by as much as they could.

The idea is based on a parable told by Jesus where a wealthy man entrusted his servants with large sums of money before he went on a long journey. Some of the servants had doubled the money by the time the master returned but one of them simply buried the money and dug it up when the rich man returned.

So far no one has buried their money! We have had sales of cakes, strawberry plants, lolly cards, a jumble sale in the Village Hall, soup and pudding lunches, as well as surplus things sold on eBay! We're heading towards our first £1,000!



Soup and Pud lunch



More jumble than you ever imagined!

We are half way there (the Parable of Talents challenge finishes at the end of October) and there is still a lot to come. We have a photographic competition, cut flowers, plants and much, much more.

Thank you to all who have helped so far and who will help in the months to come. The Church, The Nepalese Orphanage and The Shepherd & Bakehouse Trust are all very grateful.

It's not too late if you would like to get involved, please contact Tony Elvidge (elvidgetony@gmail.com)

Dog Owners!



There is no such thing as a 'poo-bag fairy' that goes round at night collecting bags off walls, in verges or hanging on hedges.

There is a 'black-bag' offender at the moment, particularly along the footpath from West Close to The Rock.

There is a bin located in West Close

Please use it!!

Katharine House News

Sign up today for the 10th Midnight Walk – Saturday 25th June

Since the first Midnight Walk in 2007, the event has seen over 5,000 entrants who have raised over £700,000 between them.



To celebrate Katharine House Hospice's 25th Anniversary year, we are asking people to wear silver and as many sparkles as possible. Everyone taking part will receive a t-shirt to wear on the night, as well as a medal, drink and a bacon roll after the walk.

Sign up closes on 13th June. Sign up now at www.khh.org.uk, or phone 01295 816 484.

Festival of Open Gardens –29th May – 11th Sept.

Why not come along to the ever popular Festival of Open Gardens this summer and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of some beautiful local gardens? In its 6th year, the festival supports the work of your local hospice. The festival starts over Spring Bank Holiday on May 29th and runs until September 11th. Over 30 gardens are open this year in the following areas: Adderbury, Bledington and Churchill, Bloxham, Broughton Castle and Grange, Middleton Cheney, South Newington and Upper Heyford. For a full list of gardens, please visit our website:

<http://www.khh.org.uk/event/festival-of-open-gardens/>

Win £1,000 every week with the Katharine House Hospice Lottery

By joining the KHH lottery you can make a huge difference in your local community, and you'll be in with a chance of winning one of 20 prizes each week, with a top prize of £1,000!

For more information call 01295 816484 or email lottery@khh.org.uk.

Town Centre Collection Days 2016

This year our volunteers will be visiting four local towns for street collections. If you would like to volunteer for a 90-minute collecting slot in Banbury, Bicester, Brackley, or Chipping Norton, please call Wendy Crosse in the Fundraising Office on 01295 816 484.

Dates:

Banbury – July 14 & Dec. 8,
Bicester – July 8,
Brackley – June 17,
Chipping Norton – June 29.

Katharine House Hospice on Social Media

Did you know? You can follow us on your favourite social media channels to keep up to date with news, events, and photos from Katharine House Hospice. Join the conversation – we'd love to hear from you!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/katharinehouse/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/khhosp>

Rural Police Team - by Sgt Becky Fishwick

Crime News

This month we have seen an increase in burglaries to sheds and outbuildings in the Bodicote area, including a number of sheds burgled at the local allotments. The neighbourhood team are currently investigating these matters. If you have any information in relation to these matters please contact us via 101.

Use of Off Road vehicles

As the warmer weather is arriving, we have already seen an increase in the use of off road vehicles on farm land in the rural area. Off road vehicles including quad bikes, scooters and small machines that have a petrol engine (mini motors and go peds) which are powered by an electric motor are classified as unsuitable for use on roads or pavements. Please be aware that should you use an off road vehicle on a highway, you will have your bike seized and it is likely you will be prosecuted for offences under the Road Traffic Act.

Using your vehicle in an anti-social manner on private land either with or without permission could lead to you to be dealt with under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act which could end with your bike being seized from you.

Off road bikes can only be lawfully ridden on private land with the direct permission of the landowner or at an organised, supervised off road centre, please bear in mind that you will probably need off road insurance.

There are a number of organised motorcycle groups in the area that would allow you or your child to enjoy using the bikes in a safe and controlled manner.

If you are going to use off road vehicles please wear full protective clothing and a helmet which fits correctly and is securely fastened.

Have your say dates for June:

PCSO Smith will be at the following locations:

4th - at Adderbury Queen's Birthday celebrations, between 10:30-12noon

11th – at Duckfest in Bodicote Village

PCSO Beaumont will be at the following locations:

8th – outside Bodicote Primary School at 3pm

13th – outside Bloxham Primary, School at 08:30am

Do you have a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area?

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

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.



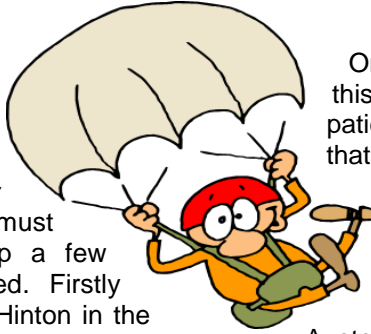
Lucy & Mick Skydiving.

There I was happily chewing away on my Weetabix when the Barford News popped through the letterbox. Thumbing through it I came to the article about our two heroes and their escapade, now call me a cynic if you must but I do feel the need to offer up a few corrections to the story as delivered. Firstly however I need to say that I went to Hinton in the Hedges with Bob Falconer, Bob lives in Robin's close and is someone with whom I travel frequently, this usually to play Golf. Now Bob's default position on the shortest distance between two points involves the Hubble Telescope, a visit to our Farm shop, an unshakeable belief in the use of 'B' and gated roads and the follow the rainbow theory. Thus I was not really surprised to find that the Airfield was bereft of people and planes when we arrived. Given that it had taken us two and a half hours to find the place, I did think that it was all over and that Mick, Lucy et al had headed off to the nearest Hostelry in search of a small refreshment. However dear reader, I was wrong and the following is a more accurate representation of the facts.

The Jump was not cancelled (as reported) because the plane needed a service, having spoken to the rather nice young lady at the airfield 'office' it would seem that the Pilot cancelled the event because Mick wanted to take his Drum Kit up with him and Lucy similarly a Crate of Pinot Grigio. An altercation took place when the Pilot and crew refused to buy in to Mick and Lucy's story that they just wanted to get into the mood before being dragged squealing and snarling from the safety of the Aeroplane.

Mickey Bullard and meticulous planning are not words that I would normally anticipate being part of the same sentence, indeed I myself have been on the wrong end of Mick's planning on many occasions and offer up the following as examples of the carnage that trails behind him like a faithful friend;

We were playing Golf at the prestigious Rosemount Golf Club in Blairgowrie. Mick had taken his camera with him in order to capture as much of the scenic beauty that he could. At the end of the game when we were in the clubhouse bar, enjoying copious refreshment and making small talk with the locals, he (Mick) suddenly announced that somebody had nicked his camera. Consternation followed as Mick demanded that 999 be dialled, the locker rooms be secured, everybody searched and that nobody leave the course. When the camera was found in the back of Ernie Murrey's van, this incidentally where Mick had left it, the only people to leave the course were us and this by invitation.



On a Golf outing to Waterstock Golf Club, this just off the M40 at Oxford, we were all patiently waiting for Mick to arrive in order that we could get the game underway. Mick who was with Robbie Moore drove past the course and only realised that all was not well when they saw planes landing at Heathrow.

Carlyon Bay Golf Club is near St Austell in Cornwall and the course runs along that beautiful coastline. Mick having hit a big slice off one of the tee's trundled off in search of his ball, he wandered down a steep slope and ended up on a naturist beach. Needless to say we lost contact with him for quite some time. By the time he returned to the course proper, there was a queue backed down two fairways. Mick was nonplussed by all of the criticism aimed his way and would only say that his ball had ended up in a bad lie and that club selection had proven extremely difficult.

It is good to hear that the jump was successful although the very nice young lady at the Airfield did report that Lucy had gone into 'melt down' and had inadvertently pulled the instructors reserve parachute. On releasing not a parachute but cheese and pickle sandwiches, a bottle of Sauvignon blanc and a straw she had only calmed down after the instructor advised her that it was a long way down and that he usually took a packed lunch just in case.

Well done Mick and Lucy for a fabulous effort!

Tommy

W.I. Walks



Once a month a group of W.I. ladies and friends enjoy a walk in our lovely countryside. Last month this took them to Hook Norton, where they were entranced by banks of wild garlic growing along the old railway line embankment.

If you'd like to join us one month, please get in touch with Christine Hall (338659) for more information.

BARFORD VILLAGE SHOW SCHEDULE

Vegetable & Produce Classes

1	Three Beetroot, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.	
2	Three Carrots, long, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.	
3	Three Courgettes	
4	Three Onions	
5	Five Shallots	
6	Three Potatoes of one variety	
7	Three Runner Beans with stalks	
8	Five French Beans with stalks	
9	Five Cherry Tomatoes	
10	Three Round Tomatoes	
11	Three Chillies (same variety)	
12	A Pair of Vegetables (same variety) not in other classes	
13	Five Single Assorted Vegetables	
14	Longest Runner Bean	
15	Three Apples of one variety, eating or cooking	
16	Dish of one variety of soft or stoned fruit	
17	A Marrow	
18	3 Eggs (same size and colour)	

Cookery Classes

19	A Cherry and Almond Cake	
20	Four Cupcakes or Muffins	
21	Six Brownies	
22	A Victoria Sponge Sandwich, Raspberry jam, no Cream	
23	A Loaf of Bread	
24	A Banana Loaf (Men only) <i>Recipe in July's Barford News</i>	
25	A Jar of Jam	
26	A Jar of Marmalade	
27	A Jar of Jelly	
28	A Jar of Chutney	
29	A small pot of Lemon Curd	

Flower Arranging Classes

30	An arrangement in a basket (max 12"w x 18"h)	
31	An arrangement of herbs (max 12"w x 18"h)	
32	A miniature arrangement (10cms/4" overall)	
33	A patriotic arrangement (max 12"w x 18"h)	

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Cut Flower Classes

34	A single Gladiolus	
35	A sunflower in a vase	
36	Three Dahlias	
37	Three Roses	
38	Four Fuchsia heads in water	
39	Four Pelargonium heads in water	
40	Six stems of Sweet Peas	
41	Vase of mixed garden flowers, 5 varieties, (<i>max.15 stems, no oasis</i>)	

Crafts

(NB Crafts must not have been entered previously)

42	A Toy (any medium)	
43	A piece of Jewellery	
44	A hand knitted or crocheted article	
45	A piece of needlecraft (<i>embroidery, tapestry, patchwork, cross-stitch</i>)	
46	You Made It, Let's See It (<i>Handmade article not covered in other classes</i>)	
47	Drawing or Painting: any subject, any medium (<i>mount or frame optional</i>)	

Photography (*unmounted*)

(13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7")

48	My Pet	
49	A Garden Bee	
50	Raindrops	
51	A Rose	

Children's Classes

7 Years and Under (age to be marked on all entries)

52	A Colouring Picture (<i>available from the Post Office from July</i>)	
53	A Decorated Biscuit	
54	A Decorated Paper Plate	
55	A Painted Stone	
56	You Made It, Let's See It (<i>Handmade article not covered in other classes</i>)	

8 - 15 Years (age to be marked on all entries)

57	A photograph (Any Subject, 13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7")	
58	A gift-wrapped parcel	
59	A Design for a 2050 vehicle (computer or hand-drawn)	
60	A drawing or painting (any subject, any medium)	
61	You Made It, Let's See It (<i>Handmade article not covered in other classes</i>)	

From The Fire Station

With 100 shouts for the first four months of the year Deddington is on target to be the busiest one-pump station in Oxfordshire. One reason for this is our ongoing commitment to keeping our fire engine turning out the door 365 days of the year.



The largest incident in the past month was at a warehouse on an airfield in Buckinghamshire. On our arrival it was clear that this was a fully developed fire. Deddington was charged with the task of supplying water to all the fire engines already at the incident which were being fed by two water carriers that were shuttling water from a hydrant several miles away. Luckily there was a large reservoir on the airfield so I split the crew and detailed one crew to take the fire engine to the reservoir and start connecting all the pipework, and the other crew to start running the half a kilometre of hose that was needed. I was really proud of the crew. Not only was it set up and running within twenty minutes, but they had paid attention to the small detail as well. The hose was protected with hose ramps where it crossed roads with traffic cones, tapered either side to funnel cars safely over the ramps. But the best part was our fire engine was pumping over 1000 litres of water per minute. The crew that made this happen were Adam Franklin, George Williamson, Nicky Istead, Colin Smith and Barney Alton.

I have not mentioned chimney fires for the past few months. This does not mean there hasn't been any, it's just that there has been so many other incidents. I can say that since I last reported on the subject we have attended on average three a month. Our advice is to get your chimney swept once a year, but that would be for light domestic use. If you use it on a daily basis or burn non-smokeless coal, then you should consider getting them swept more frequently. Your chimney sweep will be able to give you advice when to get it swept.



The crew has attended several car crashes since last month but thankfully none of them have been serious.

Training is always ongoing at Deddington and this month is no exception. Congratulation to Fire Fighter Nicky Istead who along with Fire Fighter

Tom Hall have both done their theory part of the HGV test which is the first stage to driving the fire engine. It's a long road to achieve this. The next step being the driving test and then you have to do lots of driving before you can do the emergency response course, where you spend a week driving everywhere on blue lights. I would like to thank Smiths of Bloxham for letting us come down and hone our skills. They crush the cars for us to make it really difficult for us to get into them.

Deddington has another new recruit. Adrian Spilsbury will be joining us which will bring our numbers to 15, which is one more than our maximum. He is transferring across from Watlington. He has just done his driving practical and will be doing his emergency response driving in September. This will mean that Deddington will have three extra much needed drivers by the end of the year.

Tim Parker
Crew manager,
Deddington Fire Station

1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

It's been a while since my last update, but we've been very busy. We've celebrated Burn's Night by eating Haggis, Neeps and Tatties and dancing the Gay Gordons;(photo below) we've printed tea



towels for Mother's Day (so the Rainbows can help in the kitchen, not so Mums can do more drying up!) (photo below) and had our annual visit to see the lambs at Clifton (thank you Naomi!)



More recently we've made Rainbow rock cakes; been for a walk in the bluebell woods and spotted dog, pheasant, deer, horse and human footprints; had great fun pond dipping at the Warriner farm and have attended the District St George's Day parade. Freya did a fantastic job carrying our flag, with Millie and Kitty escorting on the way there and Mazey and Daisy in the colour party on the way back.

We're looking forward to being out and about this term and making the most of the summer.

Hazel Neal
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Down on the farm

It is hard at the moment to pick up a paper, or switch on a TV or radio without being bombarded with outrageous statements, threats, even complete untruths about leaving or remaining in the EU. In terms of outrageous claims I reckon the 'stay' campaigners are well ahead of the leave mob.

War, bankruptcy, mass unemployment are predicted by no less a person than our Prime Minister. Frankly, the way things are going that appears more likely to happen across the water, in which case we may well be better off making ourselves scarce!

Predictably the National Farmers' Union has sensed the mood among its declining membership and opted for staying. I say predictably because farmers are obviously concerned at the prospect of losing EU support payments.

In actual fact farmers are now receiving less CAP support than they did twenty years ago. This is due in part to the fact that payments are tied to the declining value of the Euro and also because of increasingly heavy fines imposed by EU bureaucrats for inaccuracies, late returns, etc, a good deal of which is down to the bunglings of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

The payments are, of course, a two edged sword. On the one hand they compensate farmers for the low prices they receive for their products; on the other they keep them in a straight jacket in which their every move can be monitored and dictated by successive governments.

It seems somewhat idiotic to me that the taxpayer sees a chunk of his or her taxes given to farmers so that he or she can buy food that is cheaper by exactly the same amount. In addition of course there is the burden of a huge cost of all the bureaucratic machinery, people and paperwork to ensure that it all happens.

There is little or no doubt that farming as an industry would be better off in the long run without the annual hand out. This is unpopular with the general public, who don't always realise it is strapped to a cheap food policy, and it fetters farmers to often unworkable government policies. Indeed, it completely removes the opportunity to operate freely in a free trade area in which prices are dictated by demand and supply.

New Zealand kicked farm payments into touch decades ago. There, after a couple of lean years, the industry resurfaced as a vibrant entity, well able to stand on its own two feet.

Obviously the pain barrier caused by the change was inevitable and therein lies the rub for UK farmers. Our industry is currently at its lowest ebb for decades; borrowings have escalated by 10 % to approaching £20 billion, dairy farms are going out of business on a daily basis and all the crops planted this spring are likely to have cost more to grow than they will be worth at harvest.

It is a situation, one would think, in which risking loss of support payments would be suicidal. Even so, I know a fair number of farmers who would risk it for a better future.

Tony Collier
IronDown Farm

1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

First meeting after the Easter holidays – litter picking as part of the parish clean up. Unfortunately it rained all evening so we played some litter games, talked about it & designed some posters to warn of the dangers of it. This leader did her bit by clearing the road between The Windmill & Hempton (there was a lot).

We have also, learned to put up tents & started map reading & compass points & looked at another decade for our century of Cubs, 1920, Rupert Bear, speed records & Tutankhamen.

Planning for the district & Centenary camps are going well.

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Scouts

The Scouts are concentrating on things outdoor & have so far designed their own trail mix (energy food for hikes) learned how to make stretchers from sticks & coats & made firelighters. These we fashioned from newspaper & melted wax (trench candles) & cardboard tubes filled with tumble dryer fluff, we shall be trying them out at Horley.

A small group walked to Adderbury while the rest were on a school trip, they did very well considering how wet it was.



Some representatives from Dogs for Good plus dog visited us to collect the money raised by the Troop, £500, which was presented on a giant cheque!

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Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

Report on working towards a Platinum Award for the Deddington Explorer Scout Unit (ESU).

Over the past month we have had a variety of evenings focused on the Re-Cycle project for our Platinum Award. These have included designing posters, hopefully you should see them soon, and working out how we will collect bikes for the charity. We have started to plan a weekend out to either Oxford or London for later on this year. Part of the group have planned their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition, which they will be completing in a couple of months' time.

The great thing about being an Explorer Scout is that we are able to do our own thing. An example being that 2 weeks ago we arranged a trip to the Milton Keynes Snow Dome for ski lessons. All the Explorers enjoyed the evening and there were no broken bones or fatalities, so we will be planning to return soon.

Oli Betteridge Spartans E.S.U.
Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959.

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the St George's Day Parade, another outing for our dragon with Sam as St George who bravely rescued the damsel from the church, how big was that hat!

Surnames - continued Hypocoristics Again

We've noticed that, in the formation of patronymics (second names derived from the father's name), pet-names (hypocoristics) are used very frequently. Let's say there was someone called John, and he had a son called Walter, and this son was generally known by the shortened form Wat (Wat Johnson). Suppose he then had a son also named Walter. Well, the son had to be distinguished from his dad, so they called him Watkin ('little Wat Watson'), and of course *his* son might then be Tom Watkinson. A lot of hypocoristics are like that, such as Wilkin, Dawkin, Hopkin, Dickin (from William, David, Robert and Richard). If your surname is Atkinson, you may not know that this indicates that you had an ancestor named Adam, of which Atkin is a hypocoristic; and Adam also gives rise to Addison, Acheson, Aitken, Aitchison (the last two mainly Scottish), and others. The celebrated local scholar, Richard Dawkins, may well know that his surname commemorates someone named David (*Daw*). Indeed, sometimes the pet-naming process can apply to the names of non-humans. I'm certainly familiar with the word *cuddy* (from *Cuthbert*), meaning a little horse or a donkey (northern and Scottish), and the word *donkey* itself, replacing *ass*, may also be a pet-name (from *Duncan*). But, to return to humans – it may be thought rather sad that common traditional pet-names, such as Bob, Jim, Ted, Bill, Dick, are going out of use and are being replaced by Rob, Jamie, Ed, Will, Rick (or

Ritch). My grandson James, who is named after me, is never called Jim. But this loss is a natural process, and many traditional pet-names are already extinct, living on only in surnames

like Dickens and Hitchens. Nowadays, we wouldn't call David *Daw* or Richard *Hick* and the last *Hodge* that I've heard of is Dr Johnson's cat 250 years ago. So we may be sure that there will always be pet-names.

What's in a name?

So far I've written mainly about patronymics – names based on a father's name. Some English surnames originated as patronymics, and in one country, where they don't normally have surnames, patronymics are still usual. That country is Iceland. As it happens, there are some Icelanders now in Britain – mainly professional footballers. So, in a team list, amongst surnames like Smith, Brown and Drogba, you may encounter an Icelandic name like Sigurdsson. However, that name doesn't tell you who the player is: it tells you literally who his father is. It's a patronymic. So the list of footballers is actually saying "Smith, Jones, Sigurdur's little boy, Drogba, Ronaldo". This Icelandic's name is actually *Gylfi* – his first name.

Now, it's obvious that although many English surnames originated as patronymics, not all of them did. So let's go back a few centuries and work out what might have happened. Let's say there was a man called Tom, and of course he had to be distinguished from other men called Tom. So, as his father was called Jack, he could be called Tom Jackson. But, as it happened, he lived near a wood, so sometimes they called him Tom Wood. The village he lived in or near was called Milton, so sometimes they called him Tom Milton. Tom was a big man, so they might also have called him Tom Mitchell (Old English *mycel*: 'big'), and as he was a miller by trade, he was also Tom Miller. There were no surnames then, but one or other of these by-names would in time become a surname – a name that is passed down through the generations, and which becomes an indicator of family identity, no longer descriptive of the person who bears the name. The odd thing about surnames is that, in a sense, they have lost 'meaning'. In Deddington there is someone called Steve Miller, who is definitely not a miller of grain: he owns a hairdressing salon. We don't see anything odd about this because we no longer expect a surname to *mean* anything, so Tom Jackson's father could be named Barnaby or Peregrine or Stanislaus, Tom Milton may come from Oswestry or Bagshot, and Tom Mitchell may be of diminutive stature. Nobody's bothered! The surname is merely a family label.

At some point in the past, descriptive by-names must have become family names, and next month I'll try to suggest how and why this happened.

Jim Milroy ,
Stable Cottage,
Deddington

National Insect Week

National Insect Week encourages people of all ages to learn more about insects.

Every two years, the [Royal Entomological Society](#) organises the week, supported by a large number of partner organisations with interests in the science, natural history and conservation of insects.

. The week consists of hundreds of events and activities across UK, allowing the public to discover insects and meet the entomologists that study them. The popular National Insect Week Photography Competition is launched during the week and attracts entries from large numbers of amateur photographers. As well as promoting the importance of insect science to the wider public, National Insect Week particularly aims to encourage young people into entomology.

Past National Insect Week campaigns have been endorsed by [HRH The Prince of Wales](#), [Prof David Bellamy](#) OBE, [Chris Packham](#), [Kate Humble](#) and [Mike Dilger](#).

Events In Oxford include:-

Field trip to Bernwood Forest & Meadows, **Oxford**, Thursday, June 16, 2016 - 11:00

Black Hairstreak walk at Finemere Wood, **Quinton**, Saturday, June 18, 2016 - 10:30

Bug Bonanza at OUMNH **Oxford**, Tuesday, June 21, 2016 - 10:00 to 12:30

'Eating Our Grubs' at the Oxford Science Fair, **Oxford**, Saturday/Sunday, June 25/26, 2016 - 13:00 to 17:00

Bug Banquet for Adults at The Story Museum, **Oxford**, Tuesday, June 21, 2016 - 19:30 to 21:00

Flower Power

Whether you have a couple of acres in the countryside or a small back garden, you probably have room for a few flowers. A huge number of insects depend on flowers for nectar and pollen, so growing them in your garden – in borders, window boxes or pots – is a great way to attract a huge variety of insect visitors.

Many flower-feeding insects have struggled in recent years, however, as wild-flowers have become less abundant in the countryside and exotic and highly cultivated varieties have become more common in our gardens. Whilst the latter may appear pleasing to the eye and hard to resist when browsing at your local garden centre, all too often they offer little or no accessible food for flower feeding insects.

Selecting and growing the 'right' insect-friendly flowers is therefore not only a great way to attract insects, but also a great way to help our declining pollinator populations. With gardens covering over 1 million hectares of Britain, they could represent a real haven for flower-feeding insects – especially if we all grow those plants with real 'Flower Power'.

Getting to know your insects

A big problem getting to grips with insects is that there are just so many of them. The total number of individuals has to be described with numbers that have the distinct air of the ridiculous about them. A quintillion (a 1 followed by 18 zeros) anyone? We may as well stick to "lots" and give up for all the everyday use numbers like a billion billion are.

Even the number of different species is vast – some people estimate as many as 30 million, though most estimates tend to cluster south of the 5 million bracket. In the UK alone though there are more than 7000 different types of flies! Daunting barely begins to describe it.

However, it's easier than you think to get stuck in. Get a good book (the Royal Entomological Society's Book of British Insects isn't a bad place to start) and start by learning a few Orders. These are the big groupings within the insects, many of which you might already know – the beetles (Coleoptera), the flies (Diptera), the Lepidoptera (the "scaly winged ones" – the butterflies and moths) and so on.

After Order comes Family – the click beetles, the ground beetles, the soldier beetles... Getting to grips with these big groupings is a real advantage if you want to take your insect knowledge further – and it's extraordinarily satisfying. Just don't get disheartened if you don't find your actual beastie in a book – the full handbook of British insects would need a very large rucksack indeed...!

Grilled asparagus with chilli feta

Serves 4

200g Greek feta, drained
1 red chilli, washed, deseeded and chopped
½ x 28g pack of flat leaf parsley, washed & chopped
½ tablespoon olive oil
350g British asparagus spears
240g sunblushed tomatoes, drained, reserving 2 tablespoons of the oil
Ciabatta

Put the block of feta on a square of foil. Top with half the chilli and parsley, then drizzle with the olive oil. Seal the parcel and place directly on the hot barbecue (or in a griddle pan) for 10-15 minutes.

Meanwhile, finely chop half the sunblush tomatoes and mix with the remaining chopped chilli and parsley and the 2 tablespoons of reserved oil. Set aside.

About 5 minutes before the feta is ready, slice the ciabatta in half horizontally and grill on the barbecue (or in a griddle pan) cut-side down, for 1-2 minutes. Grill the asparagus alongside the bread, turning frequently to prevent burning.

Slice the grilled ciabatta into fingers and serve alongside the asparagus with the warm chilli feta crumbled over the top and the sunblush tomatoes on the side

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IN MID APRIL a large weather system started driving air from the Arctic Circle southward across the British Isles. Through a cold NNE wind on the 16th, fairly large snowflakes were falling in the morning. The day temperature reached 8° but, after a very angry prolonged sunset, the night dropped to -1.5°.

The 17th dawned on a white frost followed by a flawless sunrise. The cold breeze still carried an element of arctic air through the morning, with puffy cumulus cloud building. Bas Butler and I decided to take a little ride down Barley Lane to see what was around. We watched a small male Buzzard (probably from the trees on the B4031) in dispute with a larger female Buzzard (almost certainly from Mar Pool). As usual in such episodes, both birds parted without physical attack and the male headed back south. One does wonder at the reason for such occurrences.

A similar early morning quickly turned to overcast on the 18th. The local Mistle Thrushes, in full song for so long, were now silent – I expect their young had fledged and left their nests. The Greenfinches were now in good voice and locally, Kites were to be seen along the A361 right to Chipping Norton. On the same day, a male Kestrel was seen shuffling awkwardly on the Ivy-covered trunk of an Oak tree, at the eastern entry into Bloxham. I suspect there was a female present and he was trying to mate with her.

The wind had now moved to due E and despite warmth in the sun and an air temp. of 15° on the 19th, there was a cold edge to the breeze, with ensuing nights a little above or below freezing. These frosty nights continued until the end of the month.

By the 22nd I noticed how quiet the countryside had become. The Rooks were especially so, particularly those exposed on Steepness; I wondered with some concern as to how badly the frosts were affecting their eggs and young , , ,

Now, on the 23rd, a large High Pressure area to NW was acting with the Jet Stream to draw down even more cold northern air, and the next days saw sunny mornings with growing cloud that cleared late in the afternoons to give chilly nights.

Bird life became ever more quiet, the only noticeable small birds (from their calls) were Greenfinches and Blue Tits around our gardens. On the 24th I did watch a Kite diving rapidly at the ground, but the bird obviously missed its prey, and it flew off along Barley Lane. Despite the frosts, days reached 12° to 14° for a short period, and presumably from lingering day-time Sun warmth in the earth, there was noticeable Mole activity!

The 27th was notable, after a sunny start, for cumulus cloud growing into ice crystal towers

through the morning. In the afternoon furious showers and crashing storms, with thunder, erupted. These were followed by near blizzard snow and hail on higher ground well into night. These effects were driven by HP to the NW and LP to the NE, with the Jet Stream racing between them, down the eastern edge of the U.K.

On the 28th the day temp. again dropped to 9°. However, a Kite spent a little time soaring between St. Michael and Steepness, with a Green Woodpecker (The first for over a fortnight) once more calling below Steepness. On the 29th Bas Butler watched two Coot on the Manor moat, also the first for a very long time.

And so, an unkind April of bright mornings, chill winds and night frosts came to an end. The breeze had moved to SW, but still had a chilly edge. In this more ameliorative weather, I stopped for a while beside the fallow field, along Barley Lane, and was surprised to see such change! Meadow Pipits and Yellow Hammers were feeding busily; Skylarks were singing in short, fluttering flights in courtship behaviour. It was a sudden, beautiful reminder of fields resting under the less intensive agriculture of yesteryear. Clawing my way out of nostalgia, I was treated to a magnificent display of aerial diving, as a spectacularly climbing and soaring Buzzard descended in three, even more spectacular, vertical dive- stages to its trees near Mar Pool.

And so, 'Welcome May!' And please be kinder than April.

The 1st was sunny with a chilly edge to the SW breeze, but achieving 13.5°. The sky slowly clouded over from mid-afternoon, with showers into night.

Throughout the first week Nature seemed to be in complete shock and only the local village birds were evident. I saw no wild mammals at all, and only a few solitary bees, and moths at night, in the insect world. This was despite the daytime temps. rising from 12° on the 2nd to 23° on the 6th. I noted the 3rd, 4th and 5th as almost flawless, beautiful days of warm sun and southerly breeze, but nights remained stubbornly cold with frosts on the 3rd (-2°) and the 4th.

The 7th was the day of our annual twelve hour bird count. Forty-seven species were counted around the Barfords in the first four hours; among the best 'spots' were an incubating Lapwing, a Lesser Whitethroat, a couple of Sedge Warblers and a Spotted Flycatcher! We finished the day with sixty-three species in our ten kilometre square. A good result, but numbers of individuals in most species were very poor. Weatherwise, the day peaked at 27°, the night at 15°, both the hottest of the year so far!

From the 9th to the 14th, days were warm (9th, 24°; 12th, 22°) but nights fell away from 12° down

to 0° on the 14th. Nature remained determinedly under cover. A pair of Buzzards were noted at the Allotments on the 9th, a Kite at Spring Hill on the 10th, and an influx of Chiffchaffs and a few Willow Warblers on the 11th.

By now the Rookeries were more active, with a little noise, but by no means in their usual numbers. This applies equally to species as diverse as Goldfinches, Great Tits and Starlings. I suspect we shall rue that cold period, with vagaries of flowering and leafage unprecedented.

Nature (including the garden) is going to take time to sort itself out. Finally, it's a little early, but the Oaks are far outstripping the Ash in leafing-up this year —

If the Ash before the Oak
Then we must expect a soak
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Ron Knight

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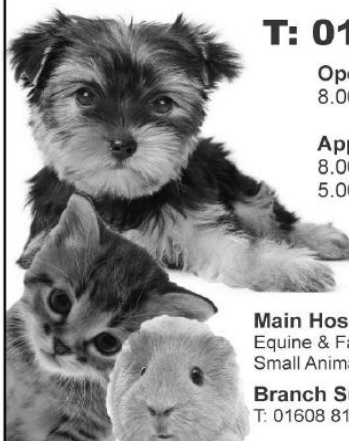


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