

# BARFORD NEWS

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## *Barford Village Market*

*Saturday 21st May*

*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 at bargain prices.

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

## Parish Council Notes

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Eden, Turner, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**Public Participation:** There was none

### Report from District Councillor Williams:

Cherwell District Council was voted 'Entrepreneurial Council of the Year' and 'Housing Council of the Year' at the Local Government Chronicle awards in London last week. Cherwell was the only council in the UK to get two of these highly competitive accolades.

The parish clerk is in direct contact with Oxfordshire County Council to try to improve the broadband speed in Barford St John

**Parish Councillor Vacancy:** No applications have been received for the vacant position.

**Play Equipment, West Close:** A working group will meet for the first time on 13<sup>th</sup> April to consider an initial design.

**Condition of the roads in the Parish:** Some repairs have been completed including a hole in the road in 'The Rock' but a blocked/ broken drain is believed to be causing the trouble. District Councillor Bryn Williams will contact Oxfordshire County Council.

**Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration:** An application for a grant from Cherwell District Council has been submitted for a photo booth so that villagers who attend the Big Birthday Tea can have a permanent record of the event.

**Christmas Tree Lights:** Various alternatives were discussed. It was RESOLVED to purchase 2 sets of lights (400 bulbs) to hang in a tree on the green. This was proposed by Cllr Best, seconded by Cllr Hanmer and passed unanimously. District Cllr Bryn Williams will obtain details about the wiring and battery configuration that Deddington use.

**Incorrect road name in Barford S John:** Cherwell District Council has agreed to change the road sign from Mead Lane to Mead Road, which is the correct name.

**Damage to Barford St Michael Village Green:** The pros and cons of various options were discussed including short posts (which must be 18 inches back from the kerb), weight restriction for lorries, road widening, reinforcement covered by thin layer of soil and grass. It was RESOLVED to pay for top soil and grass seed to fill the ruts and monitor the situation.

**Poor Broadband speed in Barford St John:** The clerk is working with Oxfordshire County Council and has written to all householders.

**Bird Scarer Complaints:** The bird scarers are being used to stop pigeons eating the crop of Oil Seed Rape that has been planted. This is a temporary measure until the crop has grown tougher. It was felt that no action would/could be taken as this is a rural community.

**Planning:** Two new applications and one appeal have been received since the last meeting:

1. Application 16/00490/Q56, Springhill Farm, Barford St Michael, OX150PL – The Parish Council confirmed no objections to Cherwell District Council.
2. Application 16/00377/F, Dove House, Lower Street, Barford St Michael, OX15 ORH - The Parish Council confirmed no objections to Cherwell District Council.
3. Application 15/01354/F, Land to rear of Applea Banks, Lower Street, Barford St Michael – An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government following refusal of a planning application. It was RESOLVED to write to the Planning Inspectorate objecting to the appeal on the grounds that it adjoins a village amenity open space for the use of all residents (owned by the Parish Council) that could be impaired by any change of use. The Parish Council also has concerns about planning applications for building if the appeal is upheld and is requesting a condition that no application received for building on the land is granted within the life of the Cherwell District Council Local Plan to 2031.

**Finance:** The Parish Council has approved the following grant 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 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** 'Big Birthday Tea' – grant of £100 towards the cost of the photo booth hire and a big birthday cake.

**Other Parish Matters:** The Parish Council has been notified of a lack of access to a public footpath leading to Barford St John. This will be investigated and discussed further at the next meeting.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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### Barford Picture House

We concluded our season of 6 films with 'High Society' on March 19th.

Our other films this season have been 'Far from the Madding Crowd', 'Dr Zhivago', 'Paddington', 'The Full Monty' and 'Salt of The Earth'.

Our audiences have varied in number and we try to include a variety of films....one classic film, one comedy, one documentary, one childrens, one current film and one other.

Throughout the season tea and coffee are served at no charge, some people bring their own drinks and after rental of the Hall we have been able to donate £131 to the Village Hall.

We are extremely grateful to AgeUK who provide all our films.

We have decided to try one more season, starting in October and continuing until March 2017.

Thank you for your support

Gunilla Treen, Clare and Ray Cox.

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

A reminder to members that  
We will be choosing our resolution

**On Wednesday, 11th May**

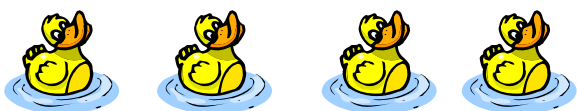
Followed by

Scattergories with wine!

Visitors (£4) welcome to join us

In the Village Hall

At 7.30pm



### 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 July 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 in the next Barford News  
and local noticeboards.



T'committee



### 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!!**

## Church Treasurer



After many years of sterling work Jeremy Eastwood is standing down as our treasurer. 'Thank you' for all your hard work Jeremy!

Are you willing to step into his shoes?

We are looking for someone to take over this role as soon as possible. Experience with book-keeping or accounts would be a definite advantage but not absolutely essential.

Please contact me (elvidgetony@gmail.com, 338214) for more details.

Tony Elvidge  
Churchwarden



## Green Plastic Compost Bin No longer needed



Free to the first caller  
Contact Mariann 338570

## Barford Carpet Bowls Club

Another season of fun and a lively social occasion.

The winning team this season was the Chucks, well done Les and team.

Les can't stop smiling.

The highest scoring lady on the target mat was Jill Hopcraft, and John Langlands was the highest scoring gentleman.

Thanks to John, Bob and Martin for turning out in all weathers to put the mat down each week, to Diana for refreshments, and all the ladies who help with drinks and washing up.

We ended the season with a delicious meal in the Village Hall, thanks to Anne and Mick Pearson and their helper. Plenty of wine and much laughter, and a good time was had by all.

We always welcome new members, so please come along and see what fun we have in the Village Hall on Tuesday nights.

The next season starts on Tuesday 13th September at 7.15pm.

Margaret Churchill



## Two 'Not To Be Missed' Barford Celebrations

### SING FOR THE QUEEN

#### Songs of Praise Celebration on 12th June

As part of the celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday there will be 'Songs of Praise' in Barford St Michael Church at 10:30 on 12th June lasting about an hour.

### BIG BIRTHDAY TEA PARTY

#### On Sunday June 12th

starting at 2.30, with music from 3.0 - 4.0 in the Village Hall and Garden. This is to take the place of the annual Big Lunch.

# **Plant Sale**

**At  
Stonehaven  
Lower Street  
Saturday 14th May**

**11am till 2pm**

**Perennials,  
Pelargoniums, Fuchsias  
6 packs of Bedding plants,  
6 packs of Vegetables  
Tomatoes, Peppers  
And more!  
All proceeds  
for Barford News**



**Girlguiding UK**  
*girls in the lead*

## **1st Deddington Guide Report**

Camp fire songs and stunts were the order of the day, when we entertained families and friends at our Charity Show.

Our show raised £140.00, to be shared between Helen Douglas House and B.A.R.K.S. Both charities were chosen by the guides. A very good effort, well done guides

Before Easter we were pleased to welcome Victoria, Bethany and Lily to the company at their Promise Ceremony.

We rounded off that evening with team racing games and challenge competition with Easter eggs to be earned.

We are now looking forward to getting back together for the start of the summer term, when we like to get out and about as much as possible.

Maggie Rampley. 01295 810069  
Marion Trinder. 01869340806  
Catherine Blackburn Banbury



**Sunday 15th May**

**&**

**Sunday 9th June**

**Join us at BSM village Hall**

**3pm – 4.30/5pm**

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



**Last month we had great fun with Water Themed Stories and....Ate Lots of Cake!!**

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

**The More the Merrier!!**

**We would welcome your cake donations too – to help us along the way.**



## 1st Deddington Scout Group

### Cubs

Our decorated bird boxes should be on their way to Daedas Wood & we will soon spend some evenings down there trying to find them.

The Cubs have finished their electronics projects with mixed success, our milk bottle lights didn't work very well! We could have spent more evenings perfecting them, but, quite frankly, we've got better things to do. Summer's here & we are looking forward to spending as much time outside as possible.

We said goodbye to George who will be moving on to Scouts, making way for some new Cubs.

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### Scouts

We challenged the Scouts to another 'egg out of the window' test & this time, using all manner of scrap items, all the 'pilots' survived, well until they were taken home & put into an omelette!

We are also looking forward to a summer of roaming wild, climbing trees, camping & burning food.

The boys joined with a few of the Cubs to raise money for Sport Relief. They passed a glowing baton hand to hand from The Windmill to Hempton bus stop raising £34.67.

Richard & Toby have now moved on to Explorers & Patrick & Ben to pastures new, good luck to all of them.

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### Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

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

This month we haven't done too much for a change because the Easter Holidays have prevented the unit from being able to meet up.

We have had two meetings over the past month, the first we sat, ate chips and discussed our plans for the future and what we are going to do. At this meeting we planned to do many exciting things that hopefully should be in some of the future reports, these include: going to London and staying overnight; going skiing in the Milton Keynes snow dome; going trampolining in Banbury; and many more.

Some of us were able to meet for a couple of hours during the Easter Holidays, in which we went around Deddington cleaning the road signs so that motorists can see them better

Oli Betteridge Spartans E.S.U.

Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959.



13 Scouts, Cubs & Explorers joined together for a (wet) morning cleaning 'street furniture' in Deddington. We started at The Windmill & cleaned signs, bus stop, telephone box etc until our equipment failed. We shared a well earned bun under the town hall as a reward.

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### Deddington and District History Society

Our April speaker was Don Ratcliffe, Chairman of the Hook Norton Local History Group, on the subject of Hook Norton's lunatic asylums, the first of which opened in 1725. At first sight the fact that by the 1830s Hook Norton had two asylums (at a time when there were only twenty in the whole country) would seem to confirm our suspicions about Hooky but Don assured us that the inmates were not local but drawn from far afield. Asylums were private entrepreneurial enterprises. At their peak the asylums housed 70 people. National legislation, which in 1845 ordered each county to build a public asylum (Oxfordshire's being at Littlemore) led to the demise of private asylums and those at Hook Norton closed in 1854.

The Hook Norton asylums, which were in single ownership, seem to have been humane institutions by the standards of the time. Elsewhere inmates were locked away and forgotten, experimented upon, or exploited for profit by charging visitors to come in and view them for entertainment. Hook Norton espoused the gentler, more humane treatment espoused by Quaker pioneers in the field of mental health. The results were remarkable: 50% of 634 patients housed there between 1828 and 1854 were discharged as totally or partially recovered. This was a fascinating and often moving talk on a little-known topic.

Our speaker on Wednesday 11 May will be Alice Foster on the Cookham artist Stanley Spencer, in particular on his response to the First World War. We shall start at 7.30pm, and all are welcome.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204  
Moira Byast (Secretary) 338637

## NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED

### Dates to Remember

**28<sup>th</sup> May Visit to Steane Park Gardens, afternoon.** For details of this enchanting garden, which is between Farthinghoe and Brackley, see [www.steanepark.co.uk](http://www.steanepark.co.uk). The cost is only £4.50, and we'll be shown round by a gardener before having free time for wandering or refreshments – cream teas will be available. To confirm our group visit we need a minimum of 10 people, so please contact Linda – [L.newbery@btinternet.com](mailto:L.newbery@btinternet.com) – if you'd like to come.



**Capability Brown** is 300 this year. Exhibitions and walks in one of his landscapes at **Compton Verney**, from March 16th. We could make an informal trip?

### TO DO IN MAY Summer's on its way.....

As bulbs fade and herbaceous borders grow in leaps and bounds, it is now clear that summer is approaching. Sowing and planting out bedding can begin, depending on regional weather variations, and you can take softwood cuttings. It's also time to get back into the lawn mowing regime, as the lawn will be loving the warmer temperatures this month brings.

Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants. Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining. Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas). Collect rainwater and investigate ways to recycle water for irrigation. Regularly hoe off weeds. Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days. Mow lawns weekly. Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs. Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs.

Continue to plant up bog gardens. There are many beautiful plants which enjoy a damp spot, such as *Iris ensata* 'Katy Mendez', left. Tidy and mulch with composted bark or garden compost. Thin out, cut back or divide excessive new growth on established aquatic plants. You can still plant new aquatic plants this month. Plant vigorous specimens in aquatic plant baskets to contain them. Top the surface with a layer of gravel to prevent the fish from stirring up the compost.

Use a stiff-bristled brush or pressure washer to remove algae from paths. A proprietary algae killer may help. Remove dirt and algae from walls, paving and patios. Pressure washers can be rented if necessary. Check and repair pergolas, arbours and arches if needed. In dry spells, you can treat timber structures with wood preservative and stain. Only do this in a well-ventilated space, to reduce the risks to your lungs and eyes. Make sure you use appropriate products. Creosote, for example, is no longer legal.

Go through your shed and remove any old, out-of-date garden chemicals. If in doubt of how to dispose of them, your local authority tip should be able to help.

Happy Gardening



'Bye for now'  
Spade and Fork



### Katharine House Hospice Open Day Sign up today for the 10<sup>th</sup> Midnight Walk Saturday 25 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Early bird entry fee this year is £15 for those who sign up before 30 April, and we ask for a **minimum** of £25 sponsorship from each walker (£50 per family). You can sign up now at [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk), or phone 01295 816 484.



### Oxford Artweeks: Katharine House Day Hospice Art Exhibition – 23-27 & 30 May 2016

The Katharine House philosophy has always been to take a holistic approach to patient care, which means more providing more than just medical care to patients and bereavement support to families. A large part of this is the use of art and music therapies to provide physical and psychological support to patients. This May, the Hospice has been chosen to take part in the Oxfordshire Artweeks programme, and artwork created by KHH patients will be on display in the Hospice during the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Why not come along to see the wonderful creations – and the stories behind the artwork?

Event	Description	Date
Festival of Open Gardens	Open your garden in aid of KHH	Throughout Spring & Summer
Oxford Artweeks at KHH	Patient artwork – and the stories behind them – on display at KHH	23-27 & 30 May
Hospice Open Day	A chance for people in the local community to visit the Hospice and learn more about what we do	13 <sup>th</sup> May
KHH Midnight Walk	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Midnight Walk in aid of KHH	25 <sup>th</sup> June
Further details from our Fundraising Office : 01295 816484		

## Down on the farm

At the time of writing spring had not managed to make an appearance. As a result of its lateness and constant showers we still have to drill 30 acres of spring beans. I try not to think too hard about the effect this will have on yield. At least the spring barley is up and growing, although a bit more sun would help.

Most of the ewes and lambs are out on grass now so it will soon be time for the annual chore of mucking out the lambing shed. The dogs used to love waiting for the feed racks to be moved so that they could pounce on any mice that had set up home underneath.

Sadly my old faithful sheep dog, Max, died last autumn and I have not yet had the heart to replace him. He made 14 years which is good for a working dog.

I worked out that Max was the eighth working Collie I have had over the years. They have all been wonderful pals, each one with his or her own personality traits. I only ever had one bad one. Unfortunately he had dipped too thoroughly into his ancestral gene pool and crossed the extremely fine line between herding and hunting. Regrettably I had to have him put down.

My first Collie was an eight year old I inherited from a retiring shepherd. Called Carlo he was the most laid back dog I have ever encountered. Nothing fazed him, everything was done strictly in his own time and the only turn of speed he ever showed was when he was called for his supper.



Increasingly fed up with his continual recalcitrance I paired him with a young collie I bought in North Wales. I called him Dingo and he was a workaholic; a furry ball of pent up energy. This suited Carlo just fine. He would sit in the shade, virtually comatose, while Dingo did the running about. He could then be woken up to do a bit of work in the pens which did not require too much effort.

One day Dingo was unable to work, having stepped on a thorn which poisoned his foot. I woke Carlo, shoved him into the Land Rover and drove to the field from which we needed to get sheep back to the handling pens.

Having coaxed him out of the vehicle I called out: 'Carlo, get bye'. He swivelled his head in some surprise and looked at me; then peered over his shoulder as if to make sure the order had not been directed elsewhere.

'Carlo, get bye', I repeated and, sensing my annoyance, he set off in his usual ambling style in the general direction of the flock.



I watched him vanish behind some thorn bushes but when, after some minutes, not a sheep had moved and I went to see what was afoot. I found Carlo stretched out in the sun behind the thorn bushes. He had reached a state close to hibernation from which immediate recall seemed unlikely.

Tony Collier  
IronDown Farm



## Banking for Victory at Upton House & Gardens

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the WWII victory celebrations across the country so we are really gearing up for our victory celebrations!

Our project to break the world record for the longest line of knitted bunting is now well on its way, with hundreds of triangles already donated. If you like to knit and have some spare time please do have a look at our website for details and the pattern.

We have whole range of events going on this summer to celebrate all of which you can book now on our website:

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse)<<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse>>

### VE Weekend, 7th & 8th May 11am-4pm

Celebrate victory with us and enjoy a weekend of WWII displays, re-enactments, food and even a themed pub! Book in advance for a special tea dance or victory tea. Normal admission prices apply.

### AGA Workshop: VE Afternoon Tea 9th June 10am - 2pm

An exclusive chance to see our kitchen come to life with an inspiring AGA demonstration. Celebrate victory with us and enjoy afternoon tea prepared on the AGA and explore Upton House on a private tour. £20 per ticket.

### Victory Jazz Party 9th July 7-9:30pm (gates open 6pm)

Celebrate victory with us! Bring a picnic and enjoy some classic jazz in the beautiful grounds of Upton House. Enjoy the gardens as the sun sets and dance the night away. Advance tickets £15 adult £7.50 child.





## Fund Raising Lunch

**Sarah & Glynnis**

**Thank everyone**

**who supported their lunch at**



**them to raise £200.00 for**

**The Parable of Talents charities**

USE YOUR TALENTS TO HELP US RAISE MONEY



FOR  
THE CHURCH  
NEPALESE ORPHANAGE  
SHEPHERDS & BAKEHOUSE



Mattress for sale.

18 months old. Synergy mattress from Dreams.

4'6" double. Pocket sprung with memory foam topping.

Cost over £600 looking for £60.

Looks like new.

01869 338061 for details.

### **WELL, MICK AND I DID IT**

After being moved from the 9<sup>th</sup> April because the plane was in for servicing (big sorry to Tommy Blackhall who turned up to wave us off) and after many months of meticulous planning, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April Mick Bullard and I jumped out of a plane at 13,000ft and plummeted towards earth at 120mph and it was OUTRAGEOUS.

Three charities were chosen and these are the Kathmandu Helpless Children Mother Centre and The Katharine House Hospice, both charities being very close to The Barfords heart and Parkinson's UK, a charity very close to my heart having been diagnosed in 2010.

So, 66 sponsorship pledges, 500 raffle tickets and many donations later I can report that so far, as donations are still coming in, we have raised c£900. This is an amazing amount of money and will truly make a difference to the lives of all those who are supported by the above charities.

Lastly, fellow Barfordians, Mick and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous and kind support. Watch this space for the next challenge!!

Lucy & Mick



## **TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB**

**24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016**

### **Menu**

#### **Main Course**

Bacon, Leek and Brie Quiche

Or

Mediterranean Vegetable Plait

Topped with Pine Nuts and Pumpkin Seeds

Both served with

Cheese and Potato Pie and summer vegetables

### **Desserts**

Banoffee Pie and Caramel sauce

Or

Honey and Ginger Panna Cotta with Rhubarb Couli

**Price £5.00**

To book and notify us of your choices please ring

Anne & Mick on 01869 337074

and let us know by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Coming Soon.....**

#### **Barford Village Show**

With classes for Vegetables and Produce. Cookery.

Flower Arranging/ Cut Flowers. Crafts. Photography

Plus lots of opportunities for children to show off their skills

The full schedule will appear in June B.N.

## From The Fire Station

Another really busy month at the station and still going wherever we are needed. With eighty shouts since the beginning of the year, it really is feeling more like a full time job. A very memorable day was when the crew were called to a thatch fire relief just outside Swindon! On arrival at the station I first read the turnout sheet and when I saw the address I had to ring our control room to make sure that it was not a mistake. It was correct and we had a day out in Swindon.

Another interesting call was to Banbury where smoke was coming out of a letterbox in a block of flats. A neighbour spotted it and looking through the letterbox found the flat full of smoke. The neighbour kicked down the front door! We strongly advise against doing this because of the risk of flashover or backdraft. The difference between the two, without getting into the science of fire, is that backdraft happens when a compartment is full of flammable smoke without any air. Opening the door would let the air rush in causing it to ignite into a fireball. Flashover is when a compartment that is well ventilated and is already on fire, is so hot that the smoke catches fire as well. Opening the door would make the fire rush towards you. Trust me if the gentleman in question knew this and has ever seen evidence of either of these, kicking in the front door would have been the last thing he would have



done. When we arrived at the scene we quickly realised that there was a strange odour and it all became very clear when the owner came home. The owner had sealed up the flat and let off three very large flea bombs which caused the smoke. As they are toxic, he locked up his flat and went to the pub for a couple of hours. I am pleased to say that no one was injured at this incident.

The crew has attended another car crash at Hopcroft Holt. Two cars collided just outside the petrol station and a lady was trapped in her car. It was fortunate that this location is equal distance from us and Kidlington where the rescue tender is based. Ourselves and the rescue tender arrived at the same time. Incidents like this move at a very fast pace. We took the roof off the car and she was in the ambulance in about twenty minutes. The car that was unfortunately quickly turned into a convertible, was a Ford Mondeo and I must say it felt as tough as a German car. The lady was taken to hospital by ambulance and all the crew wish her a speedy recovery.

A storage warehouse that shreds paper in Upper Heyford caught fire for the second time in as many months. It always amazes me that the second time you do something how much quicker the task is achieved. The crew was back in the station within an hour and fifteen minutes.

Training is always ongoing at Deddington and this month is no exception. A huge congratulation to Fire Fighter Nikki Istead who has just come back with a really good pass on her breathing apparatus team leader's assessment. This now means that she can lead her own team into burning buildings. This assessment is really difficult to pass and rightly so. This I feel is the first step to becoming an officer and being in charge of a fire engine. The second huge congratulations is to Fire Fighter Lewis Mahony who has just passed his Incident command assessment meaning he now can be in charge of the fire engine and has already been out twice. One call was to a car fire on the M40 and the second was to an industrial unit fire in Banbury. These two fire fighters have worked really hard to pass these assessments and it is a huge asset to the station to have more of the crew trained to this level which helps us keep our fire engine turning out the door twenty-four hours a day, 365 days of the year.

On Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> the crew will be attending the Four Farms Challenge which is the Deddington annual running event. Supporting our community is important to us and we have Nikki Istead and Sharon Wilson running in the event and Tom Hall is cycling the route. The rest of the crew will be marshalling to help keep everybody safe. We hope to see you there.

Tim Parker  
Crew Manager Deddington Fire Station

## 200 Club results April draw

£15, 179, Blackhall T

£10, 134b, Hopcraft Jill

£5, 203, Bullard Tim

The draw took place at  
A Cuppa Morning

## Thames Valley Update

Earlier this month I held a meeting at the police station and asked a representative from each Parish Council in the Banbury Rural area to attend. During this meeting each Parish Council was given the opportunity to put forward the issues from within their parish and from this information we have set our priorities for 2016/2017.



The Community Priorities for 2016/2017 are:

### 1) Speeding

We will continue to support the community to reduce speeding through our villages with the use of Speedwatch whenever possible. Anyone who would like further information on Speedwatch can contact the NHPT on

[BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

### 2) Parking particularly outside and around schools

We will continue to complete High Visibility Patrols around our schools where parking is an issue and will deal with any parking offences robustly.

### 3) Anti-Social Behaviour

We will continue to take a robust approach to Anti-Social Behaviour

We will continue to engage with community and as the summer approaches we would be happy where possible to attend any village events to increase our opportunities to engage with the Rural Community. If you have any events that you would like police to attend within the Rural Community please do not hesitate to get in contact with us we can be contacted via 101 or via email at [BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

## TEAM NEWS

Last month we welcomed PCSO Claire Brennan who has joined the Rural Neighbourhood Team. Claire previously worked as the Station Duty Officer at Banbury Police Station and in the Control Room for Thames Valley Police so she has a lot of experience to draw from. We are pleased to have her on the team and over the last month she has been out and about getting to know the local area and engaging with the community.

## CRIME NEWS

Over the last two weeks we have seen an increase in thefts of electric fencing and electric fencing battery units. Offences have occurred in Tadmarton, Milcombe, Adderbury and Broughton areas. We are currently investigating these matters but if anyone has any information in relation to these offences please can you contact the Rural Neighbourhood Team.

## 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](mailto:deborah.hextall@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk).

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## Surnames

### Sons and Daughters

Surnames, as we know them, are rather recent in human history, and this month I'd like to consider one particular type – the kind that is derived from names of personal relationships, especially relationships to fathers. Such names are called *patronymics*. Sally Magnusson is a television presenter whose father was Magnus Magnusson. Magnus was Icelandic, and his second name was a simple patronymic: he was actually a son of someone called Magnus. Sally, however, is obviously not the son of anyone. In Iceland, where most people do not have surnames, her second name would be Magnusdottir because she is the *daughter* of Magnus. Very sensible, you might think! British names like Johnson, Davidson, Anderson, originated as patronymics, but they have become surnames because they are now handed down through the generations. So we see nothing wrong with calling a woman Mary Johnson or Sally Wilson, even though Mary and Sally cannot be the sons of anyone. But what if we are strong feminists?

### Matronymics and hypocoristics!

In the previous piece I was discussing surnames and ended by noting the paradox that a woman might have a surname ending in -son, such as Wilson, even though she cannot be the *son* of anyone. So – what if you're a feminist? Again, if you're Icelandic, you have no problem. The novelist, Yrsa Sigurðardóttir is 'the daughter of Sigurða (not Sigurð!)', and this is a *matronymic* – Sigurða is her mother. Among English surnames, a very few did actually originate as matronymics, Margerison and Widdowson, for example, but there are vast numbers of patronymics. The name 'Richard' gives rise to Richardson, Richards, Ritchie, Ricks, Rix, Rickard, Richard, Ritchins, but also Dickson, Dixon, Dick, Dickey, Dickens, Dicks, Dickinson. These last are based on the pet-name (technically a *hypocoristic*) 'Dick'. There used to be another pet-name 'Hick' (now obsolete), which gives rise to another set – Hick, Hicks, Hitchin, Hitchins, Hitchcock, Hickson, Hickox. All these, and more, from the name 'Richard', so it seems that pet-names are very productive (they probably arise from children's usage – in these cases difficulty in pronouncing the sound of R). If we move on to Robert and Roger, we have more hypocoristics beginning with H or D. The surnames Hobson, Hobbs, Dobson, Dobbs, Dobbins are from Robert, and Hodge, Hodgson, Hodgkins, Hodgkinson, Dodge, Dodgson are from Roger. But that's only the beginning of the fascinating story of English surnames ....



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## Friends of Deddington Library Update

The Friends met on April 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss a fundraising project which we've been planning for some time, it will hopefully inspire all budding photographers in the parish and beyond.

We are inviting entries from every age range and ability to submit a high resolution image taken within the parish, so in Clifton, Deddington, Hempton The Barfords and surrounding countryside. Entries will be judged by the FoDL committee in late July and the top four entries in each age category will be published in a Friends of Deddington Library 2017 Calendar which will help raise money for our library. Winning entries will get a free copy of the calendar and their name printed next to their entry. More detailed information available at the library or in our advertisement elsewhere in this edition. Good luck, we look forward to seeing your efforts over the coming months.

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## Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

Our Easter holiday club was a great success and we are looking forward to a busy term ahead. Ian Taylor will be visiting both settings on 17th and 18th May to take informal photographs of the children at play. These will be available to order and are always very popular. The PFSU will be holding a parents' evening on May 25th from 7 to 9pm. We have a couple of fundraising events coming up this month. On 3rd May (9 - 11am or 8-10pm) there will be a Boden party at 15 The Beeches, Deddington. This is your chance to buy Boden's new season range at 20% off. Tickets are only £3 and include refreshments and a raffle ticket. Also coming up is the Four Farms Challenge on Sunday 22nd May - get your running shoes on! Our recent wine-tasting event raised £600 and we'd like to thank Sophie McCarthy, one of our pre-school Mums, without whom this event would not have been possible. And finally a few further thankyou...Nursery would like to say thankyou for all the kind donations over recent weeks. Some of these were anonymous, and we would like to say thankyou to you for thinking of us. The PFSU would like to say thankyou to Mark Conlan for bringing in his gas van to show us, and to Vicar Annie for introducing us to her lovely dog. Sam Brown has joined us this term to do our administrative work and we'd like to welcome her to the team.



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**Deddington Library News**

Our reading group, the newly formed 'Deddington Bookworms!' met for the first time on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April for an interesting an informative session led by Mary, one of our librarians, who offered to come and support the group for the first meeting. It was interesting to hear what everyone expected from the group and to discuss their preferred reading ... and what they didn't like to read too! The first book to be read is The Greatcoat by Helen Dunmore. Hopefully, one of the group will volunteer to review the book for next month's copy of DN (was that tactful enough Bookworms?!)

There are still a couple of places available in this group; if you'd like to join us, please contact me at the library.

The Rhyme-time group met for their monthly session on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, another lively, happy session for the children and parents/carers. We still need volunteer support for these sessions, so if you have half an hour to spare on Monday afternoons once a month and you're happy to sing nursery rhymes and rattle a tambourine with the under 5's (and parents/carers) please do get in touch!

Our free public Wi-fi is proving popular with people bringing their own devices into the library to do work & homework etc; perhaps we could organise some 'peer to peer' iPad & tablet sessions too. If you are interested in taking part, either as a volunteer trainer, sharing your knowledge or in updating and improving your skills, learning how to use your iPad or tablet more effectively, do contact the library. Let's see if we can get the 'know-how' and the 'need to know' in the same place at the same time!!

Likewise, if you would like to get 'on-line' and learn to use a PC, set up an e-mail account or just learn to search the internet, do get in touch; if there is a demand we can try to set up some PC 'taster' sessions, again, if there is anyone computer literate that would become a 'computer Buddy' to support these occasional sessions, we'd love to hear from you!

Finally, I'm very pleased to announce we will be holding an author event on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July; Joanne Rossiter, author of The Sea Change, a former Richard & Judy Summer Book Club pick, along with award winning author and Patron of FoDL, Linda Newbury, will be with us on the evening. Put the date in your diary, tickets will be limited, more details to follow!



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**Ed's Postbag**

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AT THE END of my last offering I wrote 'Overcast and windless at sunrise, a chilly NE breeze is now moving the small twigs'. Thus it continued with bitter overcast weather (5° by day) from 16th to the 18th of March, with Nature keeping its head down. And here I give a not so local little tale – on the 17th I came across a compact flock of 12 Fieldfares moving slowly eastward along a hedge at Great Rollright. Nothing unusual there, but, on the 19th I watched a compact flock of 12 Fieldfares moving slowly eastward along a hedge at South Newington! Same valley, same direction, same behaviour. Was this the same group moving slowly back to Europe? I would like to think so. Anyway, that horrible chill was now accompanied by fine, mizzling precipitation in the air and the day temperature rose to 6.5°.

Next day was (officially) the last day of Winter. It dawned overcast on a chilly NE breeze, but patchy sun broke through in late morning and, although broken, continued with some warmth until about 3pm when it clouded over.

March 21st and Welcome Spring! With a wind change to NW the air became milder, with lovely sun and fairweather cloud. Birds marched out in full strength, especially birds of prey. They were, of course, starving and looking for any small birds or mammals moving into open areas, also looking for food. I came across a small Sparrow Hawk trying to circle over Hempton Hills, but it was driven away vigorously by Rooks and Jackdaws. Bas Butler had a field-day at the allotments, watching a Kestrel, a Sparrow Hawk, 2 Kites and 2 Buzzards, all in the space of one and a half hours! It wasn't to last however, hazing over around mid-day, the sky became overcast by mid pm. after a max temp. of 9°. It dropped to a frosty -1.5° overnight.

A bright sunrise on a white frost welcomed the 22nd which was windless, but clouded over by 7.45 am for the rest of the day. Never-the-less the afternoon reached 8.5° and the Mistle Thrush at Barford House Lake gave a good performance (remember him from 10th March and earlier?). In fact he was under competition from another Mistle Thrush singing on Fernhill. This bird was bravely singing against a backdrop of Raven honking from lower down the hill. A Kestrel had reoccupied a roadside lookout on the Bloxham road and a Green Woodpecker called from below Steepness.

After a night of 3.5° the 23rd rose misty and chilly under a dense, day-long overcast with negligible W airs, closing on a milder night of 6°.

Under a light WSW breeze, the 24th was mild under very hazy sun through a bright overcast. Drizzle started late morning becoming wetter and more breezy through into night. Even so, a Kingfisher was spotted at Little Barford Mill whilst the Mistle Thrush sang and the Green Woodpecker called below Steepness. More excitingly, the first appearance this year of a female Hen Harrier was

reported by Bill Brown. He saw her circling over Broad Close and later flying north. Buzz Murrey had also had a good spot, namely a Barn Owl at Fernhill and another below Hawk Hill, but this had been early in the morning.

The 25th was a pleasant day of clear, warm sun, all day from sunrise, but a cool NW breeze kept things under control. Even so the afternoon achieved 14°; Green Woodpecker and Mistle Thrush were still in good voice, and I became one of the lucky ones to spot the Hen Harrier, again between Fernhill and the village, in the afternoon.

The 25th stopped much of the activity with a stiff blow from SSW. Drizzle and then rain from mid-am was capped by a ferocious cloudburst on a gale in mid-pm, the rain continuing into night.

Hazy cloud and strong sun greeted the 27th and went on to give a pleasant day, although still fettered by the edge to that SSW wind (8.5°). A Raven, croaking its way around Townsend was the only wildlife of note (even the Mistle Thrush was silent). From late afternoon rain, sometimes heavy, went well into night.

It was still raining until about 8am on the 28th, after which fitful sun appeared through that persisting high, cold WSW wind. Later the wind dropped though remaining cool, and warm sun through streams of cloud held sway (11°), until evening showers came in. Early in the morning the Green Woodpecker was noisy below Steepness. During the day, I was drawn outside by the frequent calls of Buzzards. There were three calling and circling close together below Hempton Hills. After a while they broke into a pair and a single bird, at which point the single bird broke away and flew quickly (for a Buzzard) north westwards. The pair, led by the large female then drifted away southward over Steepness. I saw no physical contact between any of the birds. Now, was this a male testing his own territorial boundary, or making a play to attract the female. Or were the pair finally driving away one of their last year's offspring?

The day's events ended at 6.45pm with one single, explosive, hoot from a Tawny Owl at the foot of Hempton Hills. Something had got closer than he wanted, maybe a Grey Squirrel?

From the 29th until the 6th of April, I can say no more! I left for Scotland with my old schoolmate for some bird watching between the Cairngorms and the Great Glen. The highlight was to have great views of Slavonian Grebes, which we had missed two years ago, and then terrific flocks of Redshank, Curlew, Eiders, Scaup and Pink-footed Geese on a visit to Cromarty Forth.

And so April arrived whilst I was away – how lovely to come back to Barford now!

On the first two days after my return, I did little and saw nothing, except showers and sunny periods. And the burgeoning of lambs in the fields.

By the 8th I was starting to wake up and, after a night of near frost, I rose on a sunny morning with

banks of cloud. There was a light NW breeze which became more brisk later and with showers in the afternoon. I went round to see Bas Butler, who was rejoicing to have had two swallows flying round his garden. I too was so pleased to hear 'my' Mistle Thrush still in full voice.

Next morning was one of warm sun through fairweather cloud but a cool W breeze. The Rooks, by their 'caws' and yodels, were happy nesting on Steepness. A Kite was soaring along Barley Lane near Spring Hill farm and Chiffchaffs in several places had found voice and were singing well. In the evening Blackbirds, Robins and Songthrushes were singing such that one could hear the birds away into the far distance.

After a night of  $-1.5^{\circ}$  a near flawless sun rose on a white frost, which quickly lifted – and the Mistle Thrush sang from the top of his Ash tree below Steepness and the temperature slowly rose to  $11^{\circ}$ . After mid-day it became overcast, turning to steady rain overnight at  $7^{\circ}$ .

On the 11th a big Low Pressure area had developed to SW and was moving in. A bright general overcast developed slowly becoming more dense, and then over mid day rain started, became heavier and continued steadily through the night

The hazy morning of the 12th produced a vague, patchy sun by mid morning on a light SSE breeze. Nature was so silent and invisible. Once again everywhere was utterly sodden from the long and frequent rains.

The haze cleared after mid-day to give a lovely afternoon and this encouraged several species to to celebrate over the water-logged countryside. Sky Larks were singing flitting over the set-aside along Barley Lane and below Irondown; The Spring Hill Kite was soaring on thermals rising from the farmyard and buildings; a Lapwing was engaged in serious aerobatic displays, typical of a breeding site, in the west of the parish, and my M. Thrush sang endlessly. A temperature of  $15^{\circ}$  was reached in the afternoon and Swallows were investigating the outbuildings at the Manor, as was a Great Spotted Woodpecker – only he was looking for insect grubs and not nesting places. To finish the day off (apart from the Evening Chorus that is) the Green Woodpecker put in a good period of calling below Steepness.

After a chilly night of  $3^{\circ}$ , the sun filtered through a high level haze to give a really pleasant spring day (the *first!*) on an almost windless 13th. The Hawthorn was now starting to green widely on the hedgerows. (Some first appeared here and there in late February – early March). The Blackthorn was now staggeringly prolific in many places – and so white! Very extended in its blooming this year, ranging through petal fall to only just breaking flower bud.

On the 14th, following a little overnight rain, the day was pleasant with variable sunshine and still almost windless (westerly). Unfortunately it became showery after mid-pm with overnight rain. Having a little wander round, I only spotted a Buzzard watching from an Oak tree between Fernhill and Barley Lane. Sadly there was no trace of the earlier Lapwing, but the Sky Larks were singing well between Irondown and Buttermilk as well as along Barley Lane (which also held numerous pheasants).

The 15th was a miserable day of drizzling overcast, mild, on NE airs. This is the fore-runner of a large system funnelling air down from the Arctic Circle over the next few days and probably caused the absence of and wild life.

Now, as I close these notes on the 16th, after a night and early morning of rain, there is a cold NNE wind blowing and appreciable flakes of snow are falling with it!

It has been such a changeable, harsh Spring, with living things, particularly plants and trees, held in such a confused state of re-awakening from an almost non-existent winter.

Let us hope for a drier, more pleasant month's end and onward into May.

*Ron Knight*



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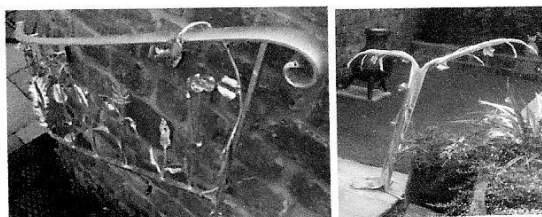
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**First XI**

**April**

23rd	Cropredy	Home	1.00
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**May**

7th	Cropredy	Away	1.00
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**Second XI**

**April**

23rd	Cropredy II	Away	1.00
30th			

**May**

7th	Shipton II	Home	1.00
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**Sunday Fixtures**

**April**

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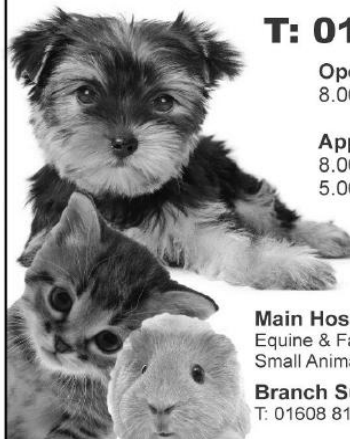


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8th 9.00 Holy Communion BSM

15th 6.00 Evening Prayer BSM  
3 - 5pm Messy Church BSM Village Hall

22nd 9.00 Holy Communion BSM

29th 9.00 Holy Communion BSJ

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### Methodist Chapel

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Parish Priest: Father Tony Joyce  
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**Wednesday** 9.30am – 1pm

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**Diary dates to the editor by 15<sup>th</sup> of each month please**

**Regular weekly/monthly events**

**Mondays** Mobile library (alt. weeks)  
Brownies (Deddington)  
Boys Brigade band practice

**Tuesdays** Guides (Deddington)  
Pool night (George)

**Wednesdays** Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar  
Fernhill Club  
Pub quiz night (George)  
1<sup>st</sup> week parish council (not August)  
2<sup>nd</sup> week W.I. meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> week – Deddington History Soc.  
Boys Brigade (Deddington)

**Thursdays** Aunt Sally (George)  
Open cuppa mornings  
Cubs (Deddington)  
Scouts (Deddington)

**Fridays** Rainbows  
Whist alternate weeks

**Saturdays** Village Market 3<sup>rd</sup> week (not Jan or Aug)

**3rd Wednesday** Village Hall Management Committee

**Diary dates**

**May**

**11th W.I Meeting**

**14th Plant Sale at Stonehaven**

**15th Messy Church, 3-5pm VH**

**21st Village Market, VH**

**24th Tuesday Lunch Club**

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