

BARFORD NEWS

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Siege Theatre presents

A close-up profile of a man's face with a beard. His skin is cracked like glass, revealing a stormy sea scene with a ship's mast and sails inside his eye area. The background is a dark, stormy sky with a bright light source.

Shakespeare's
The Tempest

FREE Preview Performance 19:30 15th
July 2016
George Inn Barford St. Michael

Festival of Open Gardens – July, August & September

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.



Gardens open on the following dates:
Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st – Banbury
Sunday 14th August – Upper Heyford
Saturday 3rd September – Broughton Grange
Sunday 11th September - Bloxham

Ball Colegrave Open Evening

Ball Colegrave are holding their annual public open evening on Wednesday 20th July from 4pm – 8pm. This year, Peter Seabrook, Gardening Editor of The Sun newspaper will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. Also joining the event will be a number of craft stands, along with some musical entertainment. As usual there will be a selection of flowering patio plants for sale near the car park and light refreshments are available for purchase. Feel free to bring a picnic if it's a lovely sunny evening! Admission £3 on the door, children under 12 free. A contribution from admissions go to Katharine House Hospice and David Colegrave Trust. (Ball Colegrave, Milton Rd, West Adderbury, Banbury, OX17 3EY)

Could you volunteer for KH Hospice?

KHH is supported by over 400 volunteers who generously give their time and skills. Our volunteers are the heart of the Hospice; without them, we would not be able to provide our services. If you have some spare time – a lot or a little – and would like to make a difference in your local community, we'd love to hear from you, and together we can find the perfect role for you. We look forward to welcoming you to our fantastic and diverse team.

We have many different roles available, below are just a few:

- Gardeners
- Fundraising volunteers
- Receptionists and administration volunteers
- Ward Clerks
- Shop staff (Banbury, Bicester, Brackley, Chipping Norton, Moreton & Shipston)
- Drivers – car and minibuses
- Village Champions
- Catering

If you would like to volunteer your time and skills to help Katharine House Hospice, please get in touch with Andy Springall, Volunteer Coordinator, on 01295 811 866, or email volunteering@khh.org.uk

Fernhill Club

With great sadness Mary Ashbridge passed away recently. Mary took over running our club after losing Avril Green, pointing us in the right direction on every aspect i.e. printing our programme, running quiz days, and also Mary's own strawberry tea.



Maggie, Joyce, Pam, Renee and all our lovely ladies, will continue the running of the club and carrying on Mary's good work. Mary will be sadly missed and we send Carole and all the family our deepest sympathy.

Maggie Blackhall,

338 938

1st Deddington Guides.

How do we do it? The sunshine dance on Tuesday mornings seem to persuade the rain, in some cases torrential, to stop at 7pm.



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

We spent a fine but chilly evening at Home Farm, Clifton, thank you to Bryony and George Fenemore, where the guides discovered that cooking pancakes on an open wood fire isn't as easy as it seems. However, we had some good (and largely) edible results

We next turned our hands to mini pioneering, and learnt reef knots, clove hitch and round turn and two half hitches that would be needed for square lashing. Thank you Alan for your help. They practiced their knots making stretchers. The resulting stretchers were really quite impressive. The ensuing race lost its direction a bit in the excitement, but a good time was had by all.

Well done to Amy Upson, working on her Baden Powell Award, organising our Ready Steady Cook meeting. The guides again cooking on open wood fires. They had some delicious food for all to taste. The rainstorm stopped play just before the end, but a good sing song in the warm, dry wood made a good end to the evening. Thanks to Janet and Brian Bond for the use of their land, also allowing the guides to explore their woods.

In our ever optimistic fashion, we drove through Thunder, Lightning and Torrential rain to Horley Scout camp site. The morning dance caused the rain to stop at 7pm as we arrived. We had a great time, building shelters in the woods, also appreciating the lovely setting.

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

SYLVIA H. BUTLER
‘Sylv’
04.02.1940 – 24.05.2016

EULOGY for Sylvia by Ron Knight

AH, SYLVIA born Murrey of course, to Lily and dear old Norman. She was strong minded, popular, involved socially, loved fun, laughter and parties and cooking!

Sylvia went to Deddington primary school (where by the way, I first met her) and then on to Deddington secondary school, in the company of her brothers.

There, Sylvie concentrated on catering, then going on to Oxford catering college, travelling with her good school friends, Norma and Jan. This was a vigorous exercise on bicycles to Aynho station and thence by train to Oxford, every day for two years!

After this, Sylvie went on to work at a Burford cafe, where she lived-in. After this spell, she turned to window dressing at Woolworths in Banbury then, somewhere in the whirl of life, she met and was courted by recently demobbed Basil Butler of Barford St. John. The result was a 53 year marriage, living first in a caravan in a field, now called Robins Close! then for two years in Bloxham and finally uprooting to the far distant Barford St. Michael in 1968.

Basil first worked in Banbury and then at Steele's Carpets in Bloxham, whilst Sylvie kept the Barfordians quaffed and engaged at The George in St. Michael.

During this time, Sylvie and Bas raised a lovely threesome - Russell, Karen and Nikolas (hence the name of the house - rus-kar-nik). a lovely family with all the ups and downs attached to such.

Sylvie was a super mum, strict but fun, and living next door to her own mum and dad, brothers and sister Pat (who sadly died in 2011). meanwhile dear old Bas was keeping watch and ensuring a solid, country lifestyle.

After a few years work at The George there was a change of landlord, but Sylvie continued to serve and cook for the clientele. After the change, Sylvie formed a great and lasting friendship with Tracey at the pub, and later with Tracey and Mick together.

Thus life went on and the children married and produced their own families. all lived within visiting distance - or close - to Sylvie and Bas, whom the grandchildren adored . . . not least for gran's super eats and fun parties!

Meanwhile, there was little that Sylvie, Bas, Tracey and Mick did *not do* together, and both families holidayed with each other many times. On the first occasion - a totally new experience for Sylvie, they flew to Ireland! everyone thought that Sylvie - when she saw the plane - would refuse to get on it! . . . but

she got on . . . and thoroughly enjoyed it!

As I said, there was little that Sylvie, Bas, Tracey and Mick did *not do*. However, Sylvie's interests also revolved around the churches of St. Michael and St. John, cleaning and flower dressing the windows and altar regularly.

Sylvie worked hard to finance and fit the present carpeting at St. Michael this she did with her long time friend, Joy Smith, and both included redressing the altar vestments seasonally.

In later years, Bas and Sylvie enjoyed holidays on the cliff coast of Yorkshire, which was a refreshing change of scene for both.

As you have heard, Sylvie was the heart and soul of the family, and the Barfords as a whole. her sad departure will leave a persistent crater in the lives of those who knew her.



Sylv with Bas taken in 2007 for our village photo project

Ron Knight

SING FOR THE QUEEN'

Thank you to everyone who helped make this service a memorable occasion, not least all of you who came along to sing and listen to Ed Newell sharing reflections 'From Barford to Windsor'. Thank you Ed - so good to have you back in Barford with us, together with Susan, Sarah and Matthew.

It is more than obvious how the Queen is admired and respected by both those she has met and those who haven't met her.

Thank you Sally Barber and the Barford Young Singers and to Guy Perry for playing the organ for the hymns. The church was beautifully decorated - thank you to everyone who contributed to this - there were some wonderful displays by village organisations, clubs and individuals making the celebrations even more special.

Tony and Jan Elvidge

Congratulations and thanks to Tony, Jan and everyone who participated in putting on such a super occasion.



Mary Ashbridge 1931-2016

Although her house was in Banbury Mary was, in many ways, a true Barfordian. Mary spent many happy hours in Barford over the past 35 years visiting her Grandchildren and more recently her Great-Grandchildren. Mary attended many village events and was a keen member of the Fernhill club taking responsibility for planning an interesting programme of activities. Mary threw herself heart and soul into everything she undertook. She was a dedicated care worker with disadvantaged children for many years and took it upon herself to fundraise thousands of pounds so that she could take the children on holiday - often in her beloved Lake District. She showed the same enthusiasm for every club or activity that she joined, never sitting back or leaving the hard work for others to do. Grandma Mary (as she was known by the people who really mattered to her!) loved children and was at her happiest when talking and playing with her family. She will be greatly missed by us all.



Deddington PFSU & Village Nursery

The school year has flown by and most of our children will soon be off to pastures new. We wish them well in their new schools and settings in September. 'Move-up day' will be on the afternoon of Monday 11th July, and will be an opportunity for those children moving up to Deddington PFSU or Deddington Primary School, to spend some time in their new classes.

Prior to this the PFSU will be holding two informal open afternoons for the parents and children joining us in September, to have a look around and to ask us any questions. These will be on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. There will also be the opportunity for the Nursery children to visit the PFSU with the Nursery staff. Holiday Club will be held at the PFSU (for Nursery to Year 1 children) from 9am – 3pm on 25th – 29th July, and from 1st – 5th August. Please return booking forms as soon as possible as spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Forms are available now from the PFSU or Nursery. We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in organising or taking part in the Four Farms Challenge. It was a fantastic day and a brilliant fund-raiser. Thank you also to everyone who has supported the PFSU and Nursery, in whatever way, during this year. Enjoy the summer!

Lucy Squires
(01869) 337484



'Thank you' from The Meat Joint

As we will no longer be attending Barford Village Market I would like to thank all our customers who have regularly supported us.

We will still be at local Farmers' Markets and delivering locally on Friday afternoons.

After attending for nearly 9 years, I now look forward to becoming a "punter" and having a cuppa and bacon buttie at the next market!

Stephanie

Our sincere and grateful thanks to Tony and Steph for the support they have given to our market. They were involved right from the start and will be missed. We wish them both well.

Lucy & Mariann

BANANA LOAF CAKE Village Show Class 24 (Men Only)

100gr Sultanas
75ml Dark Rum
175gr Plain Flour
2 teaspoons Baking Powder
1/2 teaspoon Bicarbonate of Soda
1/2 teaspoon Salt
125gr Unsalted Butter
150gr Caster Sugar
2 large Eggs
4 small ripe Bananas (300gr without skins)
60gr Walnuts
1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract

23 x 13 x 7cm loaf tin *buttered & floured or with paper insert*



Put the Sultanas and Rum in a small saucepan and bring to the boil carefully.

Turn off heat and cover and leave for at least an hour to absorb the liquid.

Preheat oven to 170°C (150°C Fan). Put the into a. Melt the Butter and add to the Sugar in a bowl (or the bowl of a food mixer if you are using one) and mix well. Add the eggs one at a time and beat in to the mixture.

Chop the Walnuts and mash the Bananas (not too much) and add them to the bowl, together with the plumped-up Sultanas. Weigh out the Flour, Baking Powder, Bicarb and Salt in one bowl and mix together. Add this to the other ingredients. Add Vanilla Extract and mix this all together lightly.

Pour into the prepared loaf tin and bake in the middle of the oven for 1-1 1/4 hours, until a skewer comes out clean. NB This cake has a habit of sinking in the middle after you remove it from the oven unless it is cooked through. Leave in the tin on a rack to cool.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

MAKING FABRIC FLOWERS



With Lynn Humberstone

On Wednesday, 13th July

Visitors (£4) welcome to join us

In the Village Hall

At 7.30pm



Deddington Beavers

If you have a child between the ages of 5 ½ and 8 years old, who would like to find out more about Beaver Scouts join us for our introductory meeting. Both parents and children welcome.

Date: Monday July 11th 2016

Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Location: Windmill Centre, Hempton Road, Deddington, OX15 0QH

To find out more before the meeting, or place your child on the 'wanting to join' list, contact deddingtonbeaver@gmail.com





The Birthday Tea Party For HM The Queen

Was held in our village hall on Sunday 12th June and turned out to be a HUGE success! The weather was wet, wet, and very wet! and so we all squeezed into the village hall. Squeezed is the very appropriate word to use as there were approximately 100 people who attended and much fun was had by all.

The photo booth proved to be a great success, with partygoers queueing for their turn (some had several) With some crazy props and a general air of fun some of the photos were absolutely hilarious. Space prevents me from reproducing them all, but I have attached just a few examples. (Contact Gunilla to arrange personal copies)

Massive congratulations and thanks to Gunilla and Lucy who organised the event, also to Sue Brown who provided celebration cup cakes and to everyone who turned out and made it an occasion to remember! Ed.



Barford Green Garden Club Notes From Our Potting Shed



We had a very enjoyable visit to Steane Park near Farthinghoe on 28th May. Many of us had lunch first at Limes Farm, Farthinghoe. We were shown round by the



Head Gardener and the gardens being quite large, the tour lasted over an hour. It included a visit to the small church and a wander through the various areas, formal planting areas and many others quite wild, water garden and lots of 'insect and wildlife homes' among the trees. There are 15 miles of grass to mow, so we should count ourselves lucky! The garden is very much a personal relationship between the owner and the gardeners. A delicious cream tea was served at the end and there was no rain.....

No further visits have been arranged, but a possible visit to Seizincote or Broughton Castle have been suggested. No further talks have been arranged either, though 'gardening in the rain and creating a Bog Garden' might be quite popular? What about.. 'How to make your garden less onerous'.

To Do In July

A lot will depend on this weather...hopefully getting drier.

Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt, Place conservatory plants outside now that it is warm.

Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise. Feed tomatoes, baskets and pots.

Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering.

Pick courgettes before they become marrows.

Start collecting seed from plants you want to grow next year, especially annuals such as *Calendula*, poppy and love-in-a-mist.

Treat apple scab. Divide Iris'.

Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up

Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs. Autumn-flowering bulbs, such as autumn crocuses, *Colchicum*, *Sternbergia*, *Amaryllis* and *Nerine*, can be planted now.

Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed

Give woodwork a lick of paint or preserver, while the weather is dry.

HAPPY GARDENING AND HOLIDAYS



'Bye for now'
Spade and Fork



Time For A Change at BN

After 18 years of involvement with BN, the time has now come for me to bow out as editor, and find someone to take my place before the end of this year.

As regular readers will know, way back in March 1998 I was recruited to the news team as joint deputy editor, working with Bernard Lane and Bill Spence, and in January 2000 I took over from Bernard as sole editor.

In September of 2014 Tony Ecclestone took over as editor, but twelve months on, he found it increasingly difficult to fit Barford News in along with his many other interests and commitments. In November 2015 I took on the role of interim editor. Now it's time to find my successor!

Articles all arrive via email and the job really entails formatting these into the 'News' layout, (presently done in Word), converting that into a pdf file ready for uploading onto Hunts (our printers) website.

If there is anyone out there who might be interested in having a go, or perhaps two people to share the job, please get in touch, my details are on the back page.

In any event, my last edition of 'the news' will be December 2016, so if you are interested, please get in touch!.

Mariann



Barford Picture House

I am pleased to say that **Age UK** have agreed to provide us with films for our next season. We will not have a projectionist so will be relying on Ray! We do however need a decent audience in order to cover our outgoings.

Dates for next season 16/17 are as follows.

**October 22nd,
November 19th,
December 17th
and then into n2017
January 21st,
February 25th
and March 25th.**

We have not decided on our films yet, so any suggestions welcome. We bring our own comfortable chairs and drinks if required. Tea and coffee provided.

Thank you, Gunilla

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

We have had quite a few new boys join recently, Jack, Alex, Charlie, Matthew & Sam, we hope they'll enjoy being Cubs. We have also lost Dylan who has left early to train with the county hockey squad. We look forward to him joining Scouts.



A small group went to the District Centenary Cub Camp at Horley in May where they took part in games & activities from the last century. The weather was kind but very cold at night & the birds were very loud at 3am!

We have been busy making shelters at The Windmill & Daedas Wood.

jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

We are now firmly into camping season, a group of Scouts tackled the annual 24 hour expedition to Horley, busing to Banbury before walking to the camp-site. They did get a bit lost in town, but worked out where they had gone wrong & arrived triumphant. They camped overnight in hammocks – a great success - & walked back to Deddington the next day footsore but pleased with themselves.



Next came Aqua Camp- sailing, kayaking, dragon boating & all things wet. Great fun & it didn't matter that it rained. New camp favourite – chicken fajitas! pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

Spartans Explorer Scout Unit

Over the past month we have had a variety of evenings at the Horley Campsite focused on fire lighting techniques. We have made some Swiss candles, which is a log of wood with sticks in it, it would have been fun to light but all the sticks were damp so none of our fires worked. This is about all we have done over the past month as there has been a half term holiday in the middle.

We are also collecting bikes for the charity Re-Cycle on the 25th of June from 10-2pm all welcome.

Oli Betteridge Spartans E.S.U.

Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959



**Responsible teenager available for
babysitting and dog-walking jobs in
Barford St Michael and the surrounding
villages.**

**Please contact Ella Booth
01869338406 / 07885 998279**

**Barford Village Market
Saturday 16th July
10am to 12noon in the Village Hall.**

Welcoming our new meat producer from Paddocks Farm, with their lovely selection of sausages, burgers, bacon etc.

Also we have a good range of local producers selling eggs, savouries, cakes, bread, honey, dairy produce, preserves, greetings cards and wrapping papers, Fairtrade items, hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items. Plus Chris with a great display of alpine plants and Joan's superb range of plants at bargain prices.

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

Down On The Farm

Spring is a great healer and, after a slow start, our spring beans, barley and linseed have taken off. Grass, which grew profusely through last autumn, took longer to renew its energy for a new season.

Two litters of piglets running on the paddock have been weaned, dosed for worms and injected against pneumonia. After the pneumonia scare we had last year this has become a routine for all weaners to prevent recurrence.

As on most livestock farms we carry out our own routine veterinary work only calling on the vet for new or unforeseen problems.

Veterinary Science was part of the general agriculture course at college where lectures were bolstered by practical work with long suffering local vets. My own such mentor was a humourless Scotsman with little patience for students and a liking for maximum speed between calls.

I particularly recall one outing when his visits included an urgent case of bloat. This is a problem caused by ruminants over-indulging in young or fresh grass, and particularly clover, which starts a fermentation process that produces enough gas to balloon the stomach to huge proportions, endangering other internal organs. Fast treatment is vital.

By the time we arrived the unfortunate cow had been led into a loose box where she had collapsed into a slowly expanding heap.

"Right boy, sit on her legs to stop her kicking," my mentor snapped. "You will know, I hope, that I am going to use a trocar and cannula. I stick the trocar in between the last two ribs, insert the cannula like this, and there it goes." His deft actions produced a soft hissing as the pressurised gas started to expel.

After a while he looked up: "Know what the gas is, boy."

I managed a flustered 'er' before brain paralysis born of lack of knowledge robbed me of further speech.

"Good grief boy, don't they teach you anything at that ruddy college – its methane; here watch this."

And producing a cigarette lighter he held it near the hissing and struck the flint.

The result was quite dramatic. A dull yellow flame briefly lit up the loose box and flickered into the shadows and the startled cow staggered to her feet and lurched off through the open door followed by its owner. Since my mentor was on hands and knees searching the floor of the loose box for his lighter I went off to help in the search for our unfortunate patient.

"You won't forget the name of that gas in a hurry, will you," he muttered as we careered through a hapless Berkshire village at almost twice the speed limit towards our next call

"Indeed no Sir. Methane – it is burned into my memory as you might say."

It was probably an unfortunate choice of words that may well have influenced his end of term report to my Veterinary Science lecturer suggesting 'this student appears to have little aptitude for the subject'. Or words to that effect.

Tony Collier
Iron Down Farm

Banbury Museum

British Life Photography Awards Exhibition

A showcase of contemporary, imaginative images that capture the essence & spirit of British life

25 March - 9 July

Fresh from the award announcements in London, this exciting exhibition is made up of works by professional and amateur photographers - promising to be both poignant and humorous. There are ten separate categories including street life, rural life, portraiture and a special award for the best documentary feature.

Banburyshire Life Exhibition

A local picture of British Life

25 March - 9 July

Café Red

Complementing the British Life Photography Awards exhibition in the Museum's main gallery, the exhibition features a selection of photographic images from our area taken by members of the Banbury Camera Club, celebrating British Life from a 'Banburyshire' perspective.

Free Entry - Donations Welcome

Shop @ Banbury Museum

New arrivals at Banbury Museum this month...

As the sun starts to appear a little more regularly, we've just taken delivery of new stock which is nearly as dazzling! Our charming storage tins are from Rachel Ellen Designs, an independent greetings card and stationery designers established in 1997 and based in a Victorian print factory in Nottingham.

Rachel who was previously a professional ballet dancer, started the company hand painting cards literally from the kitchen table in her London apartment. A year later her future husband Justin, also a former ballet dancer (they met in Phantom of the Opera in the West End) joined the company. They haven't looked back, and Rachel Ellen Designs are one of the leading stationery and greetings card designers in the UK.

The shop at Banbury Museum is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:45am – 5:15pm; Wednesday 10:00am – 5:15pm and Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm.



Sunday 17th July
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 explored 'The Rising Sun' and eatICE CREAM!!

And decorated a church window for 'Sing For The Queen' service

July will be on the theme of 'work, rest and play' with a holiday theme

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)

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Barford Village Hall

Saturday

20th August 2016

Entries 9.00-10.30 am

Judging 11.00am

Viewing & Prize Giving

2.30 for 3.00pm

With classes to suit everyone

Of all ages

**Entry Forms will be in
August's Barford News**

From The Fire Station



It has been yet another busy month for the crew at Deddington. Looking at the log we are still being called out on average once a day but it feels less hectic than the past months. I feel that this is due to incidents being smaller and having big gaps between them. We can go quiet for days then get called out four times in one day. People often say is there a pattern to being called out and I can say that there is no way of predicting anything at any time.

Our crew was called to a fire at Hook Norton vets. It started in a generator and was quickly dealt with causing very little disruption to the surgery. Luckily Hook Norton, like Deddington, has its own fire station and this goes to prove that a quick response is paramount in dealing with fires. Three fire engines attended this incident the third being from Banbury.

Deddington has also attended a fire in a warehouse in Upper Heyford this was in a unit that does industrial shredding of paper. This has been the third time that this has happened to the same unit. The cause was an e-cigarette battery being discarded into the recycling. When you discard batteries always be very careful they do not end up in the recycling bin. You can put all of your old batteries in a bag and leave them on top of your recycling bin and the council will take them away for you.



Road traffic crashes have been less this month which is always a blessing. I wish I could say the same for chimney fires. One in particular became really troublesome and the crew had to go back to it three times. The fire had got into a void in the chimney and was impossible to put out in a conventional manner. The outcome was that the rescue tender was mobilised and they put a camera down the chimney to find exactly where the problem was and then the crew had to remove a portion of the chimney to get to it and put it out. Whenever a chimney has been difficult to put out the incident is left open for re-inspection. The crew left the incident at one o'clock in the morning and then had to go back at four and again at eight. This causes a lot of disruption to the home owners and they were left with a big hole in their chimney. Far easier if they had just had it swept.

Training has gone into high gear this month with the crew doing first aid refreshers. For example, a road traffic crash exercise involving crews from three stations, a hazardous material exercise in Banbury and a day's water training. The water training is one of the best training events on our calendar. It involves rescuing people from rivers and lakes. One part of the exercise is wading safely in six inches of water which sounds quite straight forward but when it is racing at five meters per second it is almost impossible to stand up. The crew form a V shape all supporting the person in the front which makes it just possible to move forward. The fire service is always on call even on training days. Half way through this day, a hiker appeared and said he had seen a deer stuck in a fence. Three of us broke off from the exercise and walked to where the deer was well and truly stuck. It was a little Muntjac that had its back legs caught in the wire fence. I quickly lifted it out and it was safely on its way completely unharmed by its ordeal.



Really big congratulations to Firefighter Lewis Mahony who is now Crew Manager Lewis Mahony. He was already able to take the fire engine out in charge but only as a Firefighter. As a Crew Manager he will be more involved with training and the day to day running of the station.

The Four Farms Challenge was a huge success. The crew did the marshalling for the event. This was a massive undertaking with nearly 300 people running the course. The event helped raise money for our Firefighter's charity and Deddington Nursery and Primary School. The organisers for this event were Chris Fenemore, Neil Skinner, Juliet Morris, Alexander Elvin, Cath Rose and Lucy Sydenham. We would like to thank them for the work that they put in to make this event go so well. Really big congratulations to Firefighter Tom Hall who raised £1,450.00 pounds for the Firefighters charity by cycling from London to Paris. He completed the three hundred and fifty miles in just four days.

Tim Parker

Crew manager, Deddington Fire Station



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!!

Deddington Library News

It's been another busy month in the library; our Rhyme times are going well; we have two in July before the summer break, so do come along and join in the fun on Monday 11th and 25th July at 2.30pm. These sessions are volunteer run, so please do come and show your support, the little ones have a lovely time singing rhymes and shaking a rattle or tambourine!



If you happen to get your copy of the 'news' just before the end of June, don't forget, we have an author event on Friday 1st July, Joanna Rossiter and Linda Newbery are teaming up to entertain in the library. 7pm for 7.30 start; wine and canapes on arrival, Adults £6.00 concessions/over 65/s£5.00. Tickets from the library. Do come along and support us, hopefully with the money raised, we can buy some new books for the library!

We are gearing up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge! The children's theme is 'The Big Friendly Read', as usual, lots of stickers and fun things to collect, with medals and certificates for those who read six books over the course of the Summer; so please do bring the children along to join in the fun and keep them reading over the long summer holidays!

The Adults theme is 'A Midsummer Night's Read!' Do pop in and get the details, lots of prizes to be won too!

Finally, but by no means least! Deddington Bookworms are going from strength the strength; here's what they had to say about the latest read; "Notes from a Small Island" by Bill Bryson (first published 1995). "In this travelogue Bryson spends seven weeks touring Britain before returning to the USA and during his journey reflects on the several years he spent in this country and how it both appeals to and often bemuses him."

Although the book is beginning to date, the group liked Bryson's refreshing view of the British people's characteristics and their way of life, noting idiosyncrasies that we take for granted. Some felt it was an effort to get into the book but everyone agreed it was well worth doing so and appreciated the many amusing anecdotes and perceptive comments. All said they would enjoy reading further books by this author."

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Maggie's 50 Annual event 11th June

This was the fifth year we have held the event, and it was attended by Maggie's daughter Ruth and her sister Amanda.

The cyclists from outside the village were allowed to park their cars in the car park at the back of the George pub.

Unfortunately we again failed to get a good group photo at the start because for safety reasons we decided to let the riders start as they booked in rather than sending them off en mass.

We had 37 cyclists on the actual ride and three others who opted to ride separately at different times.

The weather was just perfect for cycling, and as usual we had the regular helpers Stewart Crichton, Ray Potts and Tony Bastable who acted as support drivers and marshals at the major junctions to assist safe crossing.

Tony Shrimpton acted as back stop and I also rode at the rear as sweeper after booking out the riders.

I have to say in my case this was just as well as a lot of the newer riders such as Rachel Reeves and Rachel Speight have improved to the point they are difficult to keep pace with.

The ride never has been a race, but some always like to pace themselves, and again Jerad Alcock, and Ben Bradley put in incredible times at 2hrs 11 minutes and 2 hours 15 minutes respectively. Young Lydia Watts was the fastest female with an really impressive time of 2 hours 56 minutes and Gwen Van Spijk finished not far behind in 3hours 3 minutes.

The average was closer to 3 hours 30mins and some took a little longer, but everyone achieved their goal which was simply to cycle 50 miles.

We were again looked after at Boycott Farm who had provided a discounted menu of tea or coffee and cakes together with the use of the marquee, but some opted to sit outside..

Back in Barford St Michael landlord Martin allowed us to hold our BBQ in the pub garden. The BBQ (Sausages and Burgers) had an array of salad dishes provided by Rachel Reeves, Gill Archer, Rachel Speight, and Pete Wheeler.

We held a raffle for the first time and Keith Bennett very kindly assisted with selling the tickets.

To my knowledge the ride was accident free and no one had to be transported back in one of the support vehicles.

This year I estimate we have raised approximately £1,700 for the Maggie Harvey Trust supporting brain tumour research. Our target is to raise £10,000 and we are 77% of the way towards achieving that goal.

A big thank you to all the people who donated, the helpers, and cyclists for their support.

George Williams



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A Mystery For The Summer by Roscoe

One of the journeys which, when the snow is piled high in winter, should only be done in daylight, is the old route between Chipping Norton and Banbury - only a bit more than twelve miles or so, but even today, seemingly over-long, twisting, and for the most part, still very dark except where it passes through a large settlement such as Bloxham. On the Norton side of South Newington, close by an area rejoicing in the name of 'Potato Town' the road divides at Tollgate Cottage, and offers a route through Hempton and Deddington, eventually taking the traveller through to Buckingham and beyond to London. This ancient route forms an artery for sections of a countryside cycling pattern, and is very rewarding to those with an eye for the natural world, offering splendid views of escarpments, dells and hills, together with diversions to some of the smaller villages that dot the valley of the river Swere.

To the south of Potato town, a large game estate, one of many in this area of Oxfordshire, borders the road for a good distance between Pomfrey's Castle, and Irondown hill, and features several old and interesting tracts of woodland. Foremost amongst them is a small spinney containing a very special tree. To understand why it is special - I suppose 'unique' might be a better word - one needs to realise that during the run up to the D Day invasion of the French coast on June the 6th 1944, many military units practised their manoeuvres all over this country on similar estates to this one. One such regiment practising tank warfare on this particular tract of land was of American origin, and spent many weeks here, perfecting their skills, before embarking, one grey windswept morning for the beaches of northern France.

Whether they survived the terrible onslaught of the invasion, I know not. But they were not going to be forgotten, for some of the young men from this unit left their mark in history by carving their names in the bark of this 'special' tree for posterity. While the ravages of time and weather over the intervening seventy-odd years have served to reduce the sharpness of the carvings, it did not obliterate them, and they still stand as a remarkable testimony and memorial to the forgotten youth of yesterday. Names like 'Tex', Jonny and 'Wilbur' stand out, together with their hometown origins and ages, and pose a remarkable 'feel' for what their future held.

And here's the thing: each year around Remembrance Day, someone - unknown and unseen - leaves a wreath at the spot beneath that tree where those names are carved. Who, why and what for, you might ask?

Yet the strangest puzzle is still to be solved. Not far from this spot, deep in the leaf spoil that litters the same spinney, there is another mystery. The remains of an old bicycle frame, its tyres and leather saddle long rotted, is buried upright in the earth, next to another tree. Of a great age and vintage design, there is no doubt. The metal badge that proudly proclaims it to be a 'Hercules' is still in

place, and it is clear, that once upon a time, it must have been wheeled into the wood, leaned against a tree - and then left!

There it has stood over the years, gradually disappearing under the annual fall of leaves, seemingly sinking deeper and deeper into the earth, abandoned and forlorn - and shrouded in mystery.

To add a further conundrum to the equation, a few yards from that object, is what, to the questioning eye, might be construed as a low mound, also leaf covered from many autumns, which closely resembles the size one might need to occupy a grave - about six by three feet. Time has blunted any sharp outlines but the existence of all poses tantalising questions: what are they doing there; are they connected in event or completely separate? Moreover, is there a story waiting to be discovered?...

Deddington PTA Diary Dates



2nd July Village Fete

at the school in the field.

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30th	Oxford Downs	Away	1.00

Second XI

2nd	Long Marston	Away	1.00
9th	Shipton III	Away	1.00
16th	Horspath IV	Home	1.00
23rd	Bicester & North Oxon II	Away	1.00
30th	Wolverton II	Home	1.00

Sunday Fixtures

3rd	Coventry Ramblers	Home	2.00
10th	Headington Quarry	Home	2.00
17th	John Goffe XI	Home	2.00
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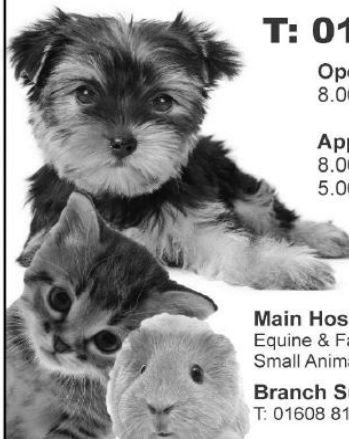


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Pool night (George)
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1st week parish council (not August)
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2nd week – Deddington History Soc.
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Thursdays Aunt Sally (George)
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Fridays Rainbows
Whist alternate weeks

Saturdays Village Market 3rd week (not Jan or Aug)

3rd Wednesday Village Hall Management Committee

Diary dates

July

11th Deddington Beavers meeting
13th Fabric Flowers at WI Meeting
15th The Tempest @ The George
17th Messy Church – Village Hall

August

20th Village Show
24th Village BBQ
25th Church Fete

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