

A View From The Top Of Horn Hill From a Black and White Pen Drawing By Tom Eden

(For details of commissioned artworks by Tom see inside cover)

Parish Council Notes

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 5th October 2016 in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Hobbs, Eden, Turner, Styles, Hanmer, Best District Cllr Williams, County Cllr Fatemian and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer).

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7th September 2016 were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor's Report from Cllr Arash Fatemian:

Highways Site Inspection – County Cllr Fatemian inspected the road in Barford St Michael with Oxfordshire County Coucil Highways dept. Patching and repairs were agreed and these will be carried out in the coming months. Some repairs may involve temporary road closures.

District Councillor's Report from Cllr Bryn Williams:

A361 Working Group - District Cllrs Bryn Williams and Hugo Brown have set up a working group to investigate with OCC Highways the ongoing issues with the A361. These are numerous and affect South Newington, Bloxham, Banbury, Burford and Chipping Norton where ever increasing numbers of vehicles and HGV's are making life a misery for residents. Opinions will be sought from residents, businesses and users of the A361 and solutions explored with OCC.

Cherwell Local Plan, Part 2 - Part 2 of the local plan and the latest SHLAA figures will be presented to CDC Executive at the next meeting in November. Part 2 of the plan is where rural villages learn of the proposed number of new dwellings allocated to their communities

Fly Tipping - Fly Tipping continues to affect many and steps are now being taken to set up CCTV at known sites that suffer from regular tipping. CDC is also intending to introduce fixed penalty notices and fines for those caught for smaller fly tipping breaches.

Council Tax - CDC has no intention of increasing their proportion of the Council Tax, this for an impressive 8th consecutive year despite draconian cuts across local authorities.

Parish Matters:

Speeding in the villages – District Cllr Fatemian is progressing the hiring of he "black boxes" to monitor the speed of traffic in the Barfords.

Play Area Inspection – This was carried out in July but the report and invoice had been sent to the previous clerk. The present overall risk is categorised as "Low". The report recommends weeding then topping up the bark and attention to the gate post which is rotting at the base.

Our Bus Bartons – A meeting was held with Our Bus Bartons to explore whether the Barfords could participate in this scheme. Our Bus Bartons confirmed that the service is going well and in the first month 500 passengers were carried 2,500

miles. The timetables will be reviewed early next year and it may be possible to incorporate the Barfords. In the meantime, the bus is available for private hire at the weekends for excursions and shopping trips at prices well below commercial rates. The Barfords will be surveyed to establish what demand there is for bus services. Volunteer drivers and a Barfords co-ordinator would be helpful.

Notice Board in Townsend – The Parish Council has repaired the notice board in Townsend which had fallen over due to a rotting base

.Play equipment, West Close – A meeting has been held and participants brought drawings and brochures which were discussed. The views of an expert will be sought before making he proposal. Trees on the Green – a quote has been obtained for pruning the cherry, thorn trees and bush and replacing the dead tree in the middle of the seat. It was RESOLVED unanimously to proceed with the work.

Allotments – it was reported that there is now a waiting list for allotments.

Planning

Applications 16/01650/F & 16/01652/LB, George Inn – Applications returned to Cherwell District Council without comment. Awaiting decision but Cherwell District Council has asked for past photos showing the interior.

Application 16/00223/TCA, Barford House – The application for tree felling was returned to CDC without comment. The Parish Council is awaiting a decision from CDC.

Applications 16/0183/LB, The Old Stables – Application returned to CDC without comment. The Parish Council is awaiting a decision from CDC.

Finance

The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £865.20 including grass cutting & play area inspection. This was approved unanimously.

Draft 2017/18 Budget – This was presented by the Chairman and discussed. It was agreed with minor amendments and will be finalised in a later meeting. The budget must be submitted in January 2017.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would buy a Wreath for Remembrance Sunday (13TH Nov).

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2**nd **November** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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Commissioned Artworks

Black and White Pen Drawings
Pets and Landscapes a speciality!
A4 Drawing £50 approx
Contact Tom on 07415 101199
Email tomeden3034@gmail.com



The Barfords Annual Christmas Lunch 2016 Saturday 3rd December 12.45 for 1pm

This is open to all residents of the villages who over 60, and their spouses/partners. Invitations will be sent out at the end of October / beginning of November to everyone that we know of who qualifies. If you are eligible to attend and you do not receive an invitation, please accept our apologies and let Aggie know.

Please can we have your replies by **Saturday 19th November**, even if you are unable to attend, so we can plan the quantities of food to purchase. **Please let us know about special dietary requirements ie. nut allergy, gluten intolerance etc.** <u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: we are not planning on offering a vegetarian option unless informed of vegetarians attending.

Funding: Following the very generous contributions received at the more recent lunches, we will have a donations box again on the day. Whilst donations are purely voluntary, all are gratefully received and can help towards the continuation of this village event. Anyone with additional fundraising ideas please let Sarah, Mary or Aggie know.

HELPERS: Although we have a list of helpers who volunteer regularly, some have been involved for several years and are now eligible to attend. Without enough volunteers to help on the day it may not be possible to continue this event in future years. It is a a fun and friendly day and a great way to meet new people if you are moved here recently. So if you can spare 2 or 3 hours to help serve the lunchers it would be greatly appreciated. Alternatively you could donate a pudding. If you think you may be able to help please get in touch with Aggie on the above number. It is always a lovely event and starts the Christmas season off in the village. We will be in touch in the next few weeks with those people who have helped in previous years.

To volunteer or for further information please contact Aggie on 01869 338406

Aggie Morrison Booth, Mary Brodey and Sarah Best

Village 200+ Club

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

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

12 monthly draws offering guaranteed prizes of £5. £10, £15, every month plus £25 once each quarter. Plus £50' twice' a year and a Christmas bonus of £!00.

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

More members means increased prize money and

more funds for our hall. £6 for each annual subscription is such a small price to pay towards supporting our lovely hall. .So please - have a go? And help raise funds to maintain YOUR village hall. For just over 50p a month you can really make a difference.

Existing members will be contacted soon. If you would like to join please contact Les on 338659 to reserve your tickets. 200 Club members must 'be I8 years or over.



Dear Barfordians,

Mixed news on the George at the moment. We have made positive progress on the pointing works and the services infrastructure whilst re-thatching works should start soon. However, we have been struggling to agree acceptable changes to the listed building (with the council's conservation team) associated with our plans to provide B&B accommodation. This is mainly to do with means of fire escape and the issue has ultimately caused us significant delay. We are doing our best but cannot progress works more quickly until we reach agreement with CDC.

Hopefully this will be resolved soon. Louis & Laura

Parable of Talents - One Year On

At the evening Service in Barford St Michael on 16th October, the money raised so far for the Parable of Talents was shared out with £650 going to each of The Shepherd & Bakehouse Trust, The Nepalese Orphanage and The Church. Many thanks to all who have used their talents and to those who have supported them. There is still money to come in so there will be more to follow at the end of the year



John Hirons on behalf of the Shepherd & Bakehouse Trust



Leon Daly on behalf of the Nepalese Orphanage

Message On Behalf of Kathmandu Kids Home.

A huge "THANK YOU" to all the people that took up the challenge for the Parable of Talents. To all the people that entered photos, bought flowers,ate tarts....oh the list is endless. To Tony Elvidge for coming



up with the idea and for running it. Whatever you did to support it, you made a big difference to the lives of a bunch of kids in one of the poorest countries in the world.

So on their behalf. 'Namaste' and 'thank you'.

(The Kathmandu Kids Home is one of three organisations that receiveD a share of the money raised by the Parable of Talents)

Welcome

To The Crocker family, Ellie and Jason with their children Evie and Zak

who have moved into 11 Robin's Close.

Villagers who lived in Barford 20 or so years ago may remember Ellie who lived next door in 12 Robin's Close with her parents Bob and Marilyn and her siblings Ben and Viki.

After living in Banbury for many years the family are delighted to be making their home in our lovely village.

We wish them all a happy life here



Parable of Talents – Barford 2017 Calendar

The long awaited Barford Calendar went on sale at the October Barford Market and again at a special service in Barford St Michael church the following day. It has sold like the proverbial hotcakes but there are some still available and we can always order more.

If you want to make sure you get your copy then contact the Calendar Hotline at barfordtalents@gmail.com or ring 01869 338214 and ask for the Calendar Desk!

The A4 full colour 12 page calendar is available for £8.00 which includes a sturdy envelope for posting.

An ideal Christmas present for yourself, friends and family!

Kind regards

Tony Elvidge

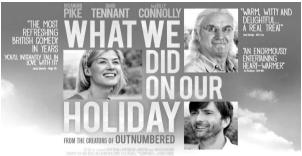


Barford Service of Remembrance Sunday 13th November 9am St. Michael's Church.



BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE

Next film on November 19th is



This has been requested by a couple of our regular cinema goers.

'What we did on Our Holiday'. is a 2014 British comedy-drama film written and directed by Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin. The film, starring David Tennant, Rosamund Pike, and Billy Connolly, was inspired by but not related to the BBC show Outnumbered.

Doug and Abi take their kids on a family vacation. Surrounded by relatives, the kids innocently reveal the ins and outs of their family life and many intimate details about their parents. It's soon clear that when it comes to keeping a big secret under wraps from the rest of the family, their children are their biggest liability... Filmed in Scotland mainly, and starring Rosamund Pike, David Tennant and Billy Connolly.

One reviewer has said......

'Absolutely loved this film. I laughed, I smiled and cried.

The script is quirky and wonderfully imaginative. In an hour and a half 'What we did on our Holiday' manages to dissect family life and reconstruct it to embrace every aspect of the complete gamut of the generations and their interactions. And it does so with both sympathy and hilarity.

Of all films ever, it's the one that has made me feel best about being human. Flawed is fine in each and every generation, but the beginnings and endings are infinitely easier than the muddle in the middle

The acting throughout is exceptional but the child actors deserve a sky-fall of medals. Great stuff!'

Doors open 7.15, film starts at 7.45.

BANBURY MUSEUM

Cold War Frontier: The story of 'Little America', RAF Upper Heyford

6 September 2016 - 7 January 2017

RAF Upper Heyford is probably the best-preserved Cold War base in Britain. It could be claimed that Upper Heyford was the largest fighter base in Europe by July 1971. Discover more about this fascinating place through original artefacts, recorded memories and rare images!

More Information Here (http://cherwell.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a4c1822c206ec32dfa60 24e63&id=f079fa1bc9&e=e6791adaf6) Free Entry - Donations Welcome

Experts on Hand: 'Cold War Frontier' A deeper experience

Saturday 8 October, Saturday 12 November & Saturday 7 January 2017, 12:30pm & 1:30 - 4:30pm

This is a fantastic chance to see and handle extra items relating to Upper Heyford's history and ask questions of those who know the site well.

Free entry - Simply drop in

Fun for families!

Join us at the Museum for crafts and activities for the whole family

Spy Games

Available 17 September 2016 - 7 January 2017 10:30am - 12:30pm & 2:00 - 4:00pm

Do you have what it takes to become a spy? Make your very own periscope and go on a secret Museum mission...Good Luck!

£1.75 per trail booklet.

Suitable for children aged 5+.

22 October - 28 January

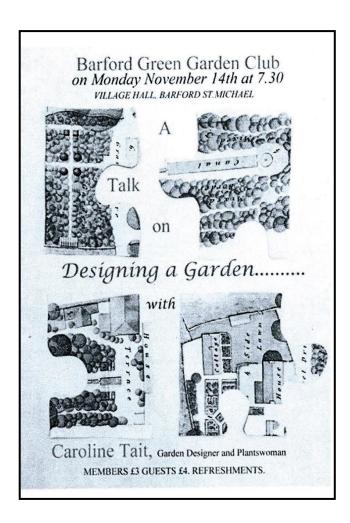
Saturdays and Oxfordshire School holidays 10:30am - 12:30pm & 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Visit our Ice World this winter and make your very own polar bear hat, a perky penguin, a pop up ice world, cosy mittens or a super sleigh.

£2 per child

Suitable for families with children aged 3+.

We look forward to welcoming you soon! Banbury Museum, . Banbury Museum Spiceball Park Road, Banbury, Oxon OX16 2PQ





A PASSION FOR PEARLS With Frances Benton

A lively and entertaining talk about the history, science, myths and legends of the world's most secretive and only living gemstone. Going back over 5000 years, pearls have been associated with wisdom, power, wealth and beauty.

The talk promises you a fascinating and sometimes hilarious glimpse into a world of beautiful jewellery and mystery

Join us to learn more about them

On Wednesday, 9th November Visitors (£4) welcome to join us In the Village Hall
At 7.30pm

Barford Green Garden Club

Notes From Our Potting Shed
Our visit to SEIZINCOTE took place on
on September 15th and about 12 people
came. Many of us had lunch at Batsford
Arboretum and went over the road to
Seizincote. We were lucky with the



weather, many looked around the unusual house and we all walked around exploring the garden, admiring the water course and lovely plantings. Great tea and home made cake in the Orangery. It is now the end of the season but next season would be well worth a visit.

In NOVEMBER......

DESIGNING A GARDEN: Talk by Caroline Tait, Monday 14th November, 7.30 pm at the Village Hall

In her 20-year career in horticulture, Caroline has worked as a florist, as nursery manager at Coton Manor, and as a designer, winning a silver-gilt medal at Hampton Court Flower Show. She is a popular speaker and regularly runs workshops on garden design. This illustrated talk will show a range of ideas for projects large and small, and Caroline will be happy to answer our questions. It will be aimed at everyone, please bring any friends you want. Members £3 and guests £4.

DISCOUNT SEED ORDERS:

Rodney Hobbs has kindly arranged to organise seed orders again this year, and has the catalogues from D T Brown. This company is particularly good for vegetable seeds, though there are flowers too. Orders through the garden club are at 25% discount, and if enough of us buy seeds this could go up to 30% - well worth having! Catalogues are available in Rodney's porch at Pear Tree Cottage, and he needs to receive orders by **Thursday 24th November.** You don't need to pay until your seeds are delivered. Do take advantage of this excellent offer.

TO DO IN NOVEMBER.... Clear up fallen leaves especially from lawns, ponds and beds; raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging; plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year; prune roses to prevent wind-rock; plant out winter bedding; cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem; insulate outdoor containers from frost bubblewrap works well; move tender plants into the greenhouse if you have one; stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks; put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden;

Look around the garden and decide what you might like to change for next year...come to our Garden Design talk!

HAPPY GARDENING SPADE AND FORK

Deddington Primary School

We are on the count down to our October holiday but we have already achieved so much so a well-earned rest is much deserved. History seems to be at the fore and this is



what has happened in just one term. In Year 6 the children have been examining the evocative descriptions of World War One, in 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo, to describe a most awful, destructive time in history. Everyone tried hard to use phrases, metaphors and similes to write their own poems. Year 5 have been concentrating on the English Civil War visiting Sulgrave Manor finding out about making choices whether side with to Parliamentarians or follow the King and become a Royalist; fitting in a pike drill and sword fight too!

Year 3 and 4 became detectives and archaeologists. Before the summer holiday they buried two trays with a variety of contents including paper, fruit, string and metal, they then unearth the trays to check how the items had changed. They could see how decay in the earth might affect something that had been buried for hundreds of years. Year 3 then had a mysterious suitcase appear which they had to investigate to find out who might have owned it. Using enquiring minds they realised that many pieces of evidence are needed to build up a picture and that archaeologist have a very difficult job because often the evidence is damaged or worn away. Stone Age work begins with a dig!

Year 2 had an 'amazing', 'awesome' and 'terrific' visit to Warwick Castle (all their own words) to look at the mighty trebuchet used as a massive weapon with which to conquer a castle. Questioning the trebuchet team provided the children with lots of fantastic information to use in recounts of the day when they got back to school. Year 1 have spent weeks thinking all things pirate! They even became pirates for a day: fortunately no one had to walk the plank. Singing pirate songs, making treasure maps and pirate galleons have made their first term in Year 1 exciting. Last but not least F1 have been thinking about 'Magical Me'; artistically their features by creating selfportraits, thinking about how bodies work, move and change as they grow, but most of all knowing they are all special with extraordinary talents.

Parents will be welcome to check just how busy we have been when they attend parents evening for the first look at books and chat with teachers about settling in to new classes. Autumn days are here!

> Anne Hunsley HLTA

Bloxham Country Market Invite you to their CHRISTMAS TASTING

CHRISTMAS TASTING MORNING

FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER

10am – 11.30am
Ex-Servicemen's Hall
Mince Pies, mincemeat,
Christmas cakes, chutneys, puddini,
Ricciarelli and more Christmas treats
ORDER TAKEN FOR CHRISTMAS

GOODS \sim \sim

Free coffee and mince pies for all our customers on Friday 2nd December

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 Health Centre 2016 Flu Clinics

FLU VACCINATION SEASON IS HERE

Saturday morning flu clinics
on the following dates
1st, 8th & 15th October and 12th November
Weekday clinics
Throughout October, November &
December

Please phone for an appointment on 01869 338611

Patient Access users book online at https://patient.emisaccess.co.uk/Account/Login

Internet Shoppers-Do You Use Amazon, John Lewis, Trainline, EBay, Debenhams, Argos? And many others??

Then YOU Could Help Barford News!!



I think most of us would agree that the Barford

News is not only fun to read but is actually a really important communication tool for our villages, keeping us up to date on events past, present and advertising from local (and trusted) future. businesses offering services ranging from tree pruning to sorting out your tax return to getting wine delivered to your door. But as with most things it needs financial support and that is why I recently signed-up with easyfundraising. It's easy to register and in 3 months, just through shopping with Sainsbury's on-line, I have raised £2.00 at no extra cost to myself! This may not sound that much but added together with the other 17 supporters in the village the total so far this year is over £186. Please see below some FAQ from their website but if you have any questions or need help with registering then please just call LUCY NORMAN **337678**

HOW DOES EASYFUNDRAISING WORK? We work with over 2,000 retailers who have all agreed to pass a donation to your cause when you shop with them. The donation is usually a percentage of how much you spend with them but it can also be a set amount, such as £30 for a new car insurance policy from Aviva. Our retailers include Amazon, M&S, Boden, John Lewis, Argos and 2,000 other well known names.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO RAISE MONEY? Firstly register with us <u>at easyfundraising.org.uk</u> and tell us who you want to support (BARFORD NEWS is already registered). It's free for both shoppers and causes to register and use. To raise money, instead of going directly to the retailer website, log into www.easyfundraising.org.uk first and click on the retailer you want to shop with. You'll then be taken to the retailer's website where you shop as you would normally. But because you visited easyfundraising first, your cause gets a donation. It really is that simple.

WHAT'S THE CATCH? No catch. Whatever you buy costs exactly the same as it would if you visited the retailer site directly. We don't take any financial information from you as all your transactions are with the retailer. We won't sell your information on and we won't spam you. And it doesn't cost you or your cause anything.

HOW DO THE CAUSES GET THE DONATIONS? Every three months we total up how much the supporters of each cause have raised and providing it is over £15, we send the cause a cheque. If the amount raised is less than £15, we just carry it forward to the next cheque-run.

BARFORDIANS AND FRIENDS



New Year's Eve Party

Due to The George Inn undergoing refurbishments, it would be a shame not to have somewhere to get together and celebrate this New Year's Eve. We don't want to lose that continuity and focal point normally provided by a local pub.

Therefore, we have hired the Barford Village Hall and will be throwing a party, with food, bar, daft games and dancing.

So make a note in your diary and watch the village notice boards and the Barford News for updates regarding, times, prices, what is included and where to book.

T'committee

Deddington Bookworms book review Children of the Jacaranda Tree

by Sahar Delijani tells the stories of imprisoned political activists, their children and other relatives during post-revolutionary Iran from 1983 to 2011. At the start of the book, characters are linked to a prison cell in



Evin Prison, Tehran from where torture and assassination unfolds. By the end of the book, the children born in the 1980s are making decisions about their futures, be it as second generation activists or making new beginnings inside or outside Iran.

The Bookworms found the subject matter extremely enlightening. The opening was gripping and the reader was easily transported to the pain and oppression of the situation. However, the group also felt that the number of characters introduced with indirect links sometimes created confusion making the book feel 'patched together'. Additionally some found the time-hopping frustrating.

Overall the group felt that the book really conveyed the pain of loss and highlighted the cruelty of the Iranian system at that time with uncompromising realism, yet somehow still managed to depict snippets of beauty from daily life. The group scored the book 7 out of 10 and would recommend it.

Deddington Library - 01869 338391

Harvest Festival 2016

The church was wonderfully decorated for our annual Harvest Festival Service with a beautiful Harvest Loaf and flowers from around the village enjoyed by the congregation and visitors alike.

We received a lot of non-perishable food stuff which was taken to the Banbury Food Bank & they were very grateful for the contributions to those less fortunate than the rest of us.

Very many thanks to all who gave the flowers and the food.

Three generations of the Lovell family read the lessons and prayers giving the service a very close connection to the local farming community.

Tony Elvidge - Churchwarden



Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

We held a successful AGM on 11th October, at which we were pleased to elect a strong new committee to take us forward into the coming



year. We are looking forward to a busy Christmas term, when our older children will be finding out about celebrations including Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. Christmas will be with us before we know it and once again we are holding our Christmas Fayre in Deddington Parish Church, on Tuesday 6th December, from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Join us for a festive evening of unique crafts and gifts, mulled wine and mince pies, and the sounds of Christmas with Deddington Brass. Everyone is very welcome.

Lucy Squires 337484



'Future dates for Messy Church
to be rescheduled,
Therefore for the moment
no messy church in November'
Contact – Sophie Holmes
01869 338184

Hall and Fernhill Trust Barford St. John and St Michael

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

The Trust is keen to receive applications for assistance from any villagers (with 3 year's residency) who are in hardship or experiencing particular difficulty.

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

Mrs. Carole Coppin, Barn Elms, The Green, Barford St. Michael. 01869 338 937

CHRISTMAS TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

6TH DECEMBER 2016

12.30PM for 1PM

MULLED WINE AND NIBBLES ON

ARRIVAL

Menu

Main Course

Roast Turkey Breast Sausage and Bacon (Pigs in Blankets) Apricot & Spring Onion Stuffing Balls Bread Sauce & Cranberry Sauce

OR

Roast Top Rump of Beef Yorkshire Pudding Horseradish Sauce

Or

Lightly Smoked Salmon Fillet
With Lemon Butter & Parsley Sauce
Served with New Potatoes
All main courses served with Seasonal
Vegetables and Roast Potatoes

Desserts

Chocolate and Baileys Roulade Chilled Lemon Soufflé and Raspberries Date and Apple Crumble Tart and Custard Finally

Coffee & Tea with Chocolates
Price £7.00

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY

As usual please bring your own alcoholic drinks to have with your meal

Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074, or email mickpearson1@outlook.com, by Tuesday 29th November.

Deddington Guides

The annual marsh-mellow toasting (and eating) was great fun, thank you to Hannah, Connie and Jess M



for sharing their expertise and using their leadership skills. We had some great fun with the wide games outdoors before the evenings became too dark (it was lovely one evening to see the sun set.from the track above Daeda's wood)

Towards the end of September we took part in the Cherwell Division Patrol Competition. Followed by a very lively campfire and singing. Our guides took centre stage on a number of occasions to lead the singing. We didn't quite sleep out under the stars as planned as heavy rain and thunder storm was forecast. But we did sleep out under an open shelter. Well done girls.

Our pet evening was very popular , we had assorted pets including chickens and stick insects, and some imaginary ones, with stories of others who couldn't come. (it would have been difficult to get a horse up to the 1st floor of the Windmill building)

We have re formed our patrols and all the guides have been happily settled. The guides voted for their patrol leader and the name of the new patrol. They are now having fun organising their own activities. These involve everything from indoor camping to fashion shows with making different chocolate recipes We are now working towards our Response badge. So that the guides can help in an emergency

All girls over 10 are welcome, they come from at least 12 villages around Deddington so it's a good chance they will know some of the girls and of course to make new friends to join in the fun.

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

Deddington PTA

We have kicked off 2016/17 with a great start. The Kids Mud Run saw the biggest number of entrants so far and a lot of fun was had by all. Thank you to Kat Onions and the team for organising the event.



For the first time this year we joined forces with the Friends of the Church for a Harvest Ceilidh (barn dance) at the Church. It was a great success with people from across our community coming together for a good knees up or spin around! We raised over £1000, which will be split equally between the two charities. Thank you to our partners at the Friends of the Church and to Neil Skinner for the lighting and the committee members and helpers who as always put on a great event.

We have more events coming up so please keep your eyes open for dates. Our next one is the Fireworks event at the School, gates open at 6pm, blast off at 7pm. Tickets on sale the week after half term and at the gate on the night.

We look forward to seeing you at our events.

Barford Village Market Saturday 19th November 10am to 12noon in the Village Hall.

Some new producers with some great ideas for Christmas presents

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Andy Gill and his fantastic pots

Joan with her beautifully gift wrapped chocolates.

Paddocks Farm, with their lovely selection of sausages, burgers, bacon etc.

Plus 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.

Also on sale

The newly published Barford Village Calendar

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.

All profits for Village Hall funds

1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP Cubs

Bailey has joined us at Cubs & Sam & Will have been invested taking our numbers to 14

We have been very busy, the boys have worked towards both their Local Knowledge & Disability Awareness activity badges. They've designed their dream village (PC note there needs to be more chocolate filled ponds!), made coats of arms & taken on a survey of local playgrounds to see how 'friendly' they are for disabled children.

jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

The Scouts had a great success with their 'Meals in a Mug'. They cooked a two course meal in mugs in a microwave, everything from macaroni cheese to spaghetti carbonara & chocolate pudding, which had to be served from a beautifully laid table, flowers and all. One patrol even included a classical music accompaniment!

The next few meetings covered drugs, a collage to illustrate the Scout law & a visit from a leader encouraging them to attend the Jamboree on the Air event.

pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

After some of us having a relaxing summer and others going to an International Jamboree in Iceland we're back to activities in and around Deddington.

To start the Autumn we had a fire lighting session at Horley as we had proved totally unable to light a fire in the summer. This time we were much better.....

A group of us have been camping to Oxford for the weekend. The HQ's of 22nd Oxford are on the Thames and we spent a lot of time walking in and out of the City centre. Firstly to do a Monopoly challenge, then to go to the Disco ice skating session and finally for a look around the Ashmolean Museum. Everybody agreed it was a great weekend.

Recently we've hiked to Adderbury in the dark. No one lost and even completing it in under 2 hours which surprised the leaders.

Now we're starting our next International/Charity challenge to be able to knit at least 1 blanket between us. This will be one of the hardest tasks as hardly any of us can knit yet. It might inspire some of us for our DofE skills as well.

Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959.

Reminder to all sections that Remembrance Day Parade is on Sunday Nov 13th, 10.15 in the Bullring Deddington, Please make sure you are as smart as possible.

DEDDINGTON FARMERS MARKET BODY WARMER

The November market is a big one. All the stallholders will be there – not least because this is the market to place your Christmas order at. Though a visit to the farmers market website (see below) will allow you to contact stallholders direct if you miss the boat (as I often do).

Given that Christmas – and all the excess it involves – is on the horizon – this month's recipe is plain and simple (apart from the cheese and cream).

BAKED ONIONS

There is a simple version and a smarter version. The simple version allows one medium sized onion per person. Brush away any dirt and loose skin on the onion. If you have the time wrap the onions in foil. But you can get away without it.

Put the onions in a roasting tin and place in a hot oven until cooked through - perhaps as long as an hour. The old trick of pushing a metal skewer through each onion speeds up cooking time.

Serve- along with a plate for the discarded skins.

Here's the smart version. Serves 4.

4 medium onions

300ml cream

a good handful of freshly grated Parmesan, Pecorino or similar hard cheese.

Peel the onions. Boil them whole until tender – about half an hour. Lift out and drain. Slice each onion in half from root to tip. Arrange, cut side down, in an oven proof dish. Pour over the cream. Season with cheese, pepper and perhaps a little salt. Bake in a medium oven for about half an hour until golden. Serve.

This works well with some decent bread and a salad of bitter leaves – if you want to be austere. It works brilliantly with a roast or with cold roast leftovers.

For more up to date information about the Market you can visit the market webpage www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk.

The Market is on Saturday 26th November from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

If you can't wait till then, there's always the Adderbury market on the second Thursday of each month at The Institute, The Green, Adderbury, 18.00-20.00. More details at: www.market.adderbury.org

Not forgetting the Barford Market on 3rd SaturdayGood shopping!

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Down on the farm

There was a joke circulating America in the 1980's about a mid-western farmer who won the national lottery. This was a time of serious austerity in US farming, a time when the paint was peeling from 'for sale' signs on neglected farm boundaries.

Consequently NBC dispatched a reporter to interview the lucky winner.

"So, how are you going to spend the million dollars you have won?" he asked.

"Waal," drawled the farmer, "I guess I'll just keep on farmin 'till it's gone."

This came to mind when I recently saw some figures for farm commodities from 50 years back. Then, in 1966, a tonne of wheat fetched £25. This compares with £130 today, but yields over the period have almost exactly doubled to just over 3.5 tonnes/acre. So the return was £44/acre and is now £455.

Sounds good so far, but the fact is that in real terms there was a reasonable profit to be had in 1966 that is now meagre by comparison.

Similarly with milk; the price in 1966 was 3.4 pence per litre which has climbed to 22ppl and milk yield per cow has doubled to 8000 litres a year. However whereas a dairy farmer with 40 or so cows could make a good living in 1966 he would now struggle to break even with a herd ten times as large.

Even the economies of scale that have been necessary over the decades have failed to shoehorn open the narrowing gaps that have occurred between costs and returns.

So, in the words of the mid-west farmer we will just have to keep on farming 'till it's gone'. Or at least until we get a few good years to patch up the deficit, which usually happens in the end.

We are more fortunate than some inasmuch as we opted to sell our livestock products direct to the consumer ten years ago when farm gate prices were grim. It also means that we can feed our wheat crop through the pig fattening yards if cereal prices crumble.

In the meantime we soldier on and make good use of the wonderful autumn we have had so far to plant next year's wheat crop. If the pound stays down against the dollar this will continue to see elevated prices on the export market, but a year is a long time to forecast currency values with any accuracy. So we shall have to wait and see.

That is the problem really; we live in a high price area of the world but trade on the world market. So inevitably we will see a lower return than those who farm in countries with lower costs.

I recall buying a car in the 1970's for £1,800. It was a reasonably top of the range model which, today, would see an asking price of at least £50,000. I could have bought the 1970's car with the equivalent of 60 tonnes of wheat. Today I would need almost 400 tonnes!

Tony Collier, Iron Down Farm

Katharine House News



Over the next few months you'll notice a difference in

the way we look. We're still the same Katharine House that has looked after local families facing life-limiting illnesses for over 25 years, but we've updated our look and feel to prepare us for the next 25 years, because we believe it's important to truly reflect what an organisation is like; its philosophy, its vision and what it feels like when you walk through the door.

On our website you can now securely donate, register for the Santa Fun Run, or buy a Christmas card with the click of a button on your computer, tablet or phone. It's much easier for you and it saves us time and money when we process everything at our end. We've also changed the structure of the site so that it's easier for you to find what you need and clear for you to understand. That's how we'd talk things through with you if you visit us in person, so we think it should be the same on our website. You can see all the changes at www.khh.org.uk

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From The Fire Station

Deddington has attended thirty-two incidents in the past month. There was a call to a hazardous material incident at the swimming pool at Bloxham school. Somebody had mistakenly mixed an acid used to lower the PH of the water into the chlorine tank. These two chemicals mixed together make chlorine gas. The swimming pool was quickly evacuated but not before eight children had come into contact with the gas. They were taken to hospital to get checked as a precautionary measure. On our arrival the main task was to evacuate the area and set up cordons. Luckily Crew Manager Lewis Mahony was on our crew that day and he has extensive knowledge of swimming pool maintenance. A breathing apparatus team was assembled to try to neutralise the gas. The team comprised of Lewis Mahony, our Station Manager Steve Anderson and a Hazardous Material Officer Paul Malloy. The team quickly assessed the severity of the situation and managed to find a neutralising chemical which they added to the gas. Once the gas was neutralised it was dispersed using large fans.

Other incidents that the Deddington crew have



attended were road traffic collisions on the M40, two car fires and a tumble dryer fire in Deddington. Tumble dryers are a particular fire risk because they have heating elements and gather lots of dust and fabric fibres. There has been a nationwide recall of tumble dryers including Hotpoint, Indesit, Creda, Swan and Proline and we would recommend that you check with your manufacturer that yours is safe. I would also recommend that you never leave any electrical appliance on whilst you are away from your home.

Deddington crew also attended a sheltered housing complex in Milton where an older adult lady had fallen in front of her entrance door and broken her hip. The only way to gain access to the property was to remove a window pane so the paramedics could climb through to treat her.

So far this month there has already been three chimney fires and one in particular is worth a note of caution. Whenever we attend a chimney fire we always question the home owner to try to find the cause of the fire and to be able to give advice so that it does not happen again. When I talked to the occupier he told me that he had become lapse in having his chimney swept, because every time it had been swept in the past, the sweep told him that

very little soot had come out of his chimney. I detailed the crew to extinguish the chimney flue and discovered that the cause was a bird that had made a nest in the top of his chimney underneath the cowl. A chimney sweep will clean the soot and resin build up in your chimney flue, but it is just as important that you check for any blockages such as fallen masonry and birds' nests.

Training this month has been focused on our core skills and lots of technical development. The crew have been outside putting up ladders and pumping water. The technical development has focused on breathing apparatus procedures and fire science. The crew also spent two days down at Home Farm in Clifton, which is Watch Manager, Chris Fenemore's farm. He also invited the rescue tender crew from Kidlington and we were all involved in large animal rescue training. This type of training is very important to us, so a big thank you to Chris Fenemore for organising that.

Congratulations to Adrian Spilsbury who has now completed his ERD (Emergency Response Driving) and is now driving the fire engine on blue lights. One of the reasons for lots of drills in the yard has been to prepare Fire Fighter Tom Hall and Nikki Istead for their end of development assessment, which they both passed with flying colours, so a huge congratulation to them as well.

In view of the amount of chimney fires that we have attended this month I will reiterate last month's safety message. At this time of year as the season changes and it starts to get colder, it is a good time to book in the Chimney Sweep and arrange for your chimneys and flues to be swept.

Tim Parker, Crew Manager, Deddington Fire Station



Each year we get more people for this outing. We will have get a bigger pan for the soup.

As usual, we will meet outside the village hall at 10am and aim to be back at around noon for soup and crusty bread at the village hall.

The soup will be (surprise surprise) "Game Soup" with tomato for the non-adventurous.

Donations of £5 are invited to cover the cost of the hall and the food.

Any profits will go towards the Kathmandu Kids Home.
(soup may contain lead shot!)
LSD

NATURE NOTES 153

AS I NOTED at the end of our last edition, real summer weather was now in charge. However, there was something of a reversal in the coming days. Furthermore, I'm afraid that there has been an appreciable reduction of observable wildlife through the following period. I do not sufficiently understand why this should be and I apologise, but the following *Notes* can thus be mainly an account of the last month's weather.

September 15th started with dense fog and sudden breezy gusts of wind from (apparently) different directions! The fog was thinning by 10.30am and vague images of sun began to appear. After 11am it became hot (24.5°) and humid for the rest of the day. Sadly, my Buddleia flowers were visited by only two Small Tortoiseshell butterflies and no other types at all – not even any Whites! Many Robins were noisily trying to set up territories and, although several were our local offspring, I'm sure that numbers were continental immigrants. Finally, the day ended on a very red, cloudy sunset.

The 16th dawned overcast, very still and showery. A NNW breeze slowly halted the showers and the sun started to break through from midday. The wind became a stiff blow with small cloud speeding across the sky, holding the temperature down at 17°. The day ended with a rather weird sky spectacle – an amazing red glow developed on high clouds all over S and SE, although the sunset was hidden behind high, dense grey cloud, as was the north! It was remarked upon by several Barfordians.

The 17th and 18th were similarly cool, both being overcast, with erratic wind speeds. For the next week (19th to 25th) the day temperature seemed fixed at 17°, with nights at 11°. The 22nd was an exception, dipping to 6°. From the 19th to 21st the air was very still, mild and overcast (on a barely detectable northerly breeze) with general rain on the 19th. Nature was very silent and out of sight, except for a pair of Kestrels along the Bloxham road, and Green Woodpeckers calling below Steepness and Hempton Hills.

The 23rd brought a flawless sunrise and a light southerly breeze, from which developed a lovely day of sun and fairweather cloud. I was delighted to find two freshly emerged Comma butterflies on the remaining blossoms of my Buddleia! After dark, two male Tawny Owls were hooting at each other, one below Steepness, the other below Hempton Hills.

Apart from more cloud and breeze the 24th was similar, and a Kite drifted slowly around Townsend. I also noted one or two Small Tortoiseshells warming on my south walls, which, I noted a little later, were trying to find hibernation sites (mainly in my house!).

There was overnight rain, then sun and blue sky between heavy clouds on the 25th. Sharp showery storms after midday cleared to give a fine evening and sunset, followed by a cool night at 8°.

The 26th rose on a cool, windless, light overcast. Becoming warmer, the air above Steepness drew

several Buzzards into the air, which promptly disappeared at the onset of rain around 11.30am. Undeterred however, a male Sparrow Hawk flew across St. Michael in a deceptive, haphazard manner, obviously watching for an unwary prey bird! After a day at only 14°, patchy sun broke through at about 4pm.

The 27th dawned on a light drizzle. This cleared on a S breeze (17°) but it took until sunset for a very wan sun to appear. After a chilly night (6.5°) a bright, colourful sunrise greeted the 28th. Clear sun with small fairweather cloud occurred over most of the day (17°) although there was a stiff SW blow in exposed places. The marked absence of visible wildlife continued. The 29th saw bright sun through substantial clouds and a few moderate showers. These didn't deter a Kite from hunting between Bloodybones and the airfield main-gate, and another quartering low over Barford St. Michael, in the cool south-westerly breezes.

The 30th was largely a repeat of the 29th weatherwise. There were no Kites however, and very little else visible. Thus September ended disappointingly, on a night of 7°, which belied the chill of the air.

October arrived through heavy fog which cleared by 9am. Locally, we then had bright sun, with showers developing from noon. Heavy downpours passed us to NW and SE – we were lucky – our neighbouring parishes got a soaking! A variable SW breeze finally brought more settled conditions by sunset.

A clear sunrise on the 2nd was followed by strong sunshine through moderate cloud on a light N breeze. It was a lovely day with an extended fine sunset, leading to a starry night at a cold 0.5°! Once again the larger birds of prey were active, with a Kite above Irondown in the morning, replaced by a Buzzard in the afternoon. Several Buzzards were also calling on Hempton Hills.

It was now that the number of game-bird road casualties became noticeable, after their release for shooting at several local places. There was also a less easily attributable road kill of small deer, several occurring on the A361 from Wykham Hill south-west to the Mason's Arms.

At this time a persistent High Pressure area to NE of the U.K. became virtually stationary. Because air circulation of HPs is anticlockwise, this produced at least ten days of NE breezes.

From a bright sunrise through ground mist on a mild, windless 3rd, a beautiful, near cloudless afternoon developed, which eventually subsided into an equally flawless sunset. A chilly night at only 4.5° followed. The next two days also produced flawless sunrises and clear days of sun at 16.5°, although the 4th had early mist, heavy on high ground.

On the 6th a light E breeze developed then, becoming NE, remained so until the 14th, variable in strength and coldness. The 6th was overcast but with sunny breaks until late morning, when cloud cover became overall. The 7th was overcast except for a few cloud breaks at sunset. Overcast all day,

the 8th revealed a little sun a half-hour before sunset.

A flawless but chilly sunrise on the 9th was followed later by a few showers from large banks of cloud. A strong sunset preceded a night falling to 0.5° and a light air frost.

The 10th and 11th both displayed a flawless sunrise. The 11th dawned also on an air frost and a grass frost. Both days bore variable drifts of cloud on a NE breeze between a windless sunrise and a windless sunset. The 12th started similarly, but large showers developed on a SE breeze in the afternoon. This sudden wind reversal appears to have been caused by a push from the LP areas to the west. Meanwhile, the Kite was again hunting near Bloodybones. On the 13th the sun rose through ragged clouds on another grass frost. Windless at first, this rose once more to a gentle, but cold NE breeze with patchy sun (11°) becoming overcast at sunset.

The frosts seem to have persuaded the last of our summer migrants to head for warmer climes. A few Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps can still be heard or spotted in shrubbery, but all Swallows and Martins appear to have gone south. The 14th was windless as the LP versus the HP pushed against one another. A colourful sunrise became quickly overcast, but soon cleared to give a lovely day of mild, hazy sun. A Kite still hunted Bloodybones corner, and a Kestrel flew between trees along Barley Lane. Now, on the 15th, a misty overcast has cleared to give long periods of sun through a light southerly breeze, warmer than of late, at 15°. Around noon, a lone Redwing flew over Townsend as I did some raking. That is the first one I've seen locally this year. However, as I close these Notes, an overcast forming about 4pm, is producing steady, gentle rain - which leaves me wondering about the forthcoming weather!

During this whole time Nature has become alarmingly quiet. In particular, many of the Robins, and even Blackbirds, have disappeared, as have so many small garden birds from countryside and village. Even such birds as Wrens and Dunnocks are few. Yes, the Rooks from Steepness continue their outward and return flights between roosting trees and feeding grounds. Woodpigeons, Collared Doves, Jackdaws and Carrion Crows seem to be in reasonable numbers, as do larger birds of prey. However, it is acknowledged that there is a decrease in bird numbers generally, alarming in some species. And the same is true for some of our wild mammals and insects.

Ron Knight

200 Club results - October draw

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Parish Council meetings in the Village Hall. 1st Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm. There is a ten minute space for public participation.

CDC website: www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk - Parish Council minutes at www.cherwell-local.com

Village and local events diary Diary dates to the editor by 15th of each month please

Church services

Church of England November

6th 10.30 Family Service, BSM

13th 9.00 Remembrance Service, BSM

20th 4.00 Evening Prayer BSM

27th 9.00 Holy Communion BSM

For details of Deddington and Hempton services phone Revd Annie Goldthorp, Vicar, Deddington with Barford, Clifton and Hempton on 01869 336880, email anngoldthorp@yahoo.co.uk

Methodist Chapel

For details of services contact: Mr Robbie Pilkington 01295 811367

Roman Catholic

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 26 London Road, Chipping Norton, OX5 5AX

Phone: 01608 642703

Parish Priest: Father Tony Joyce Email: holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com

Masses:

Saturday - 6pm Vigil Mass Sunday - 10.30am Mass Weekdays Normally 9.15am, can be subject to change

Police contact numbers

In an emergency call 999

Thames Valley Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Non-emergencies call 101 Textphone 18000 Banbury office 01295 754 541

Regular weekly/monthly events

Mondays Brownies (Deddington)

Boys Brigade band practice

Tuesdays Guides (Deddington)

Carpet bowls - Sept - Mar

Wednesdays Fernhill Club

1st week parish council (not August)

2nd week W.I. meeting Boys Brigade (Deddington)

Thursdays Open cuppa mornings

Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)

Fridays Rainbows

Whist alternate weeks

Saturdays Village Market 3rd week (not Jan or

Aug)

3rd Wednesday Village Hall Management Committee

Diary dates

November

9th W.I. Passion For pearls

13th - Remembrance Service 9am

14th Designing a Garden - Talk

19th Village Market

19th Picture House 'What We Did On Our Holiday'

22nd Tuesday Lunch club

Coming Soon in December

3rd - Village Christmas Lunch

10th - Freeway Jam

31st - New Year's Party

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