



*wishing all our readers a  
very happy; healthy and  
peaceful 2017  
~ from The News Team ~*

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> December in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Eden, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### County Councillor's Report:

**Road Repairs** – OCC Highways have been chased up for the additional road repairs and they have confirmed that they will be carried out.

**Speed Monitoring** - Nigel Clarke from OCC highways will contact the PC directly to liaise re speed monitoring devices (they can only be ordered direct by the PC).

**Keep Warm Well** - Pharmacies across Oxfordshire will be providing free thermometers this winter to make sure their homes are warm enough to keep people well. Patients over 60 will be offered information cards, provided by OCC, when collecting prescriptions that will remind them one of the best ways to stay well during the winter is to stay warm, and advise them to have their home heated to at least 18°C. The free hot water bottle shaped card also feature a thermometer to test the temperature of their home to make sure it's warm enough. People with concerns about their heating bills will be advised to contact the Affordable Warmth Helpline on 0800 107 0044. The free helpline provided by an independent charity and funded by local councils offers free advice and guidance on reducing energy bills, heating homes efficiently and affordably, and available grants and financial assistance. For more information or advice on how to keep warm and well this winter visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/keepwarm](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/keepwarm)

**Regional Adoption Agency** - OCC is developing plans to transform its adoption services by joining forces with neighbouring councils. The aim is to create a Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) for the Thames Valley to improve outcomes for both children and adopters – including the ability to match children with families more quickly and improve support services for adopters. It follows a Government paper setting out plans for all adoption services to be

delivered through RAAs by 2020. OCC would be the host authority within a partnership known as Adopt Thames Valley, alongside six other councils (Bracknell Forest, West Berkshire, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham, Swindon and Reading) and two Voluntary Adoption Agencies (PACT and Barnardos). All partners have begun work to develop the new shared service across the geographical area covered by the councils. The Government has advised that a grant of £300K will be made available to help set up the new service.

**Shared Lives Services** - Families across Oxfordshire who choose to share their lives and homes with adults in need of social care have been given high praise by The Care Quality Commission inspectors in October. The Shared Lives service in Oxfordshire has been running for more than 25 years and involves those in need of care sharing the home of Oxfordshire residents who have been trained and approved as "shared lives households. There were five key measures in the inspection judging whether the service was safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led and inspectors spoke to the county council, shared lives families/households and those receiving care. In every single category the CQC rated the Oxfordshire Shared Lives service as "good". The service supports people across all client groups from 16 upwards and the oldest person the scheme has supported was 103. There are usually around 120 people using the service at any one time - about 70 people live long term with Shared Lives Carers and the remainder have short breaks or a few hours support during the day. Training and vetting is undertaken very carefully before people/families qualify to become approved in the shared lives scheme

**Oxford Transport Charging Scheme** - A study is to be carried out to look at ways in which an ambitious package of transport measures for Oxford could be funded. OCC's Cabinet has approved a report which gives the go ahead for work to begin on an outline business case for a workplace parking levy scheme and investigate the opportunities for a congestion charging scheme – the first step in a process that will be kept under review and consulted widely on before any final decisions are taken.

**Oxford to Cambridge Expressway** - Plans to improve connectivity between Oxfordshire and Cambridgeshire have been in development for several years. The focus is an 'Expressway' – a motorway-standard road – that would run east-west across part of southern England linking the A34 first to the M40 and then on to the M1. The plans received a boost in the recent 'Autumn Statement'. This initiative is driven by central Government and OCC will have only consultee status. Details can be found at: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/571353/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-strategic-study-stage-3-report.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/571353/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-strategic-study-stage-3-report.pdf)

**District Councillor's Report from Cllr Bryn Williams:**

**Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan** - The Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan has been recommended by CDC's Executive for adoption at the Full Council meeting on December 19th.

**Cherwell Lottery** - CDC Executive recommends the launch of a Cherwell Lottery which will help fund discretionary support to voluntary and community organisations active in Cherwell. The lottery will be operated by an External Lottery Manager (ELM) that will share the risk with CDC.

**Council Tax** - Will remain the same in 2017-18 with no increase for a successive eighth year, to be approved at the Full Council meeting on December 19th.

**Free Parking** - Free Parking in all CDC owned car parks in Banbury on Small Business Saturday, December 3rd 2016 and 'Free after Three' parking during January 2017

**Parish Matters:**

**Christmas Tree Lights** - The Clerk met David Rogers from Deddington who explained how the lights in Deddington are powered. Most of the components have been purchased for the lights in Barford St Michael. It was agreed that a timer with an approximate cost of £36 should be fitted. It was agreed that only 2 batteries would be purchased at this stage (Deddington have 4) in the hope that the batteries could be fully charged in 1 day and connected again before switching on.

**Our Bus Bartons** – 3 surveys have been returned to date. The closing date is 23<sup>rd</sup>

December. The results will be reported at the January meeting.

**Play equipment, West Close** – A meeting is planned with the play area advisor in January

**Trees on the Green** – It was RESOLVED that a Whitebeam will be the replacement for the dead tree on the green.

**Swere Clearance** – It was RESOLVED that the river clearance will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30. A notice seeking volunteers will be placed in the Barford News.

**Agreements for Allotment Land & Stonepits Field** – The current agreement with Barbara Alt for the lease of the Allotments field expires on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023. It is hoped that the Alts will agree to renew it.

**Village Hall Crockery** - It was noted by the organisers of the Christmas lunch that some of the Village Hall crockery had either disappeared or had been broken.

**S137 Grants for 2017** – Applications will be invited for S137 Grants next year and a decision on allocation of grants will be made in March/April.

**Concealed Entrance Sign** – A request has been received to place a concealed entrance sign in the road at the rock to warn vehicles of the entrance at the lower end of the Rock. OCC Highways will be consulted.

**Date for the Annual Parish Council meeting** - The date for the 2017 meeting needs to be agreed. The proposed date is 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017. This is to be confirmed.

**Parish Charities** – The constitutions of the two Parish Charities are being reviewed. It is possible that two members should be nominated by the Parish Council. This will be confirmed as soon as possible.

**Horse Chestnut leaf miner** – The Forestry Commission recommends that damage from the pest can be reduced by removing fallen leaves during the autumn and winter and composting them thoroughly to destroy the over-wintering pupae. This may help to preserve the trees along South Newington Road. The owners of the land will be asked if they would like a working party to carry out this work.

**Councillor Vacancy** – Chris Charman has put his name forward for the vacant position.

**Access to road along the northern edge of the village green** – Complaints have been received about parking along this road and blocking other cars in as there is

insufficient width for two cars to pass. This will be discussed with OCC Highways.

**Damage to the grass along the southern edge of the green** – soil and grass seed will be used to repair the damage in the spring.

### Planning

Application 16/01822/F & 16/01823/LB, The Old Stables – Granted by CDC

Application 16/00258/TCA, Dove House – Granted by CDC

Application 16/01934/LB, George Inn – Granted by CDC

Application 16/00325/TCA, Dyers Farm – Returned to CDC with no objections

Application 16/02216/F & 16/02217, Buttermilk Farm – Returned to CDC with no objections

Application 16/02237/F & 16/02238/LB, George Inn – Returned to CDC with no objections.

### Finance

The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totaling £280. This was approved unanimously.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.30pm in the village hall.



### DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

Deddington Bookworms recently read **'A Life Like Other People's'** by **Alan Bennett**. It was originally published as part of his autobiography, 'Untold Stories', but as a separate book in 2009.

Amusing at times but depressing at others, Bennett explores family relationships, his parents' lack of confidence leading to social unease and gives a poignant account of his mother's depression and later dementia.

The group felt it was a gentle rather than compulsive read. Some disliked the lack of chronological order but agreed that the photographs enhanced this moving and insightful description of Bennett's family life.

**Deddington Library - 01869 338391**

## CLOSURE OF BLOXHAM COUNTRY MARKET



Regrettably Bloxham Country market will cease trading after the last market on 21st December 2016.

This is due to loss of producers, and therefore falling income, and rising costs.

We are very sad to take this action as we appreciate the support we have had from many loyal customers over the 50 years we have traded. We will miss the social contact that the Market has provided every Friday.

Some of our members will continue to sell their goods at the Barford monthly market so drop in for a cuppa and see what they have to offer.

Any enquiries about the market or orders for baked goods in the future contact Sue Myburgh on 01295 261480, email

susan.myburgh@btinternet.com.

Thank you again for your loyal support over the years.

**Sue Myburgh**

**On behalf of Bloxham Country Market**



### Adderbury Food Market

Held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at  
The Institute, The Green, Adderbury  
OX17 3NE

#### 2017 Dates:

9 <sup>th</sup> February	10 <sup>th</sup> August
9 <sup>th</sup> March	14 <sup>th</sup> September
13 <sup>th</sup> April	12 <sup>th</sup> October
11 <sup>th</sup> May	9 <sup>th</sup> November
8 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> December
13 <sup>th</sup> July	

Wide range of local producers selling meat, poultry, eggs, savouries, vegetables, cakes & tarts, honey, coffee, gin & liqueurs, preserves and lots more.

Guest stalls provide monthly variety. There is a bar and hot food to eat in or take away.

**6.00pm – 8.00pm**

**[www.market.adderbury.org](http://www.market.adderbury.org)**

A not-for-profit community project



## TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017

12.30PM for 1PM

### Menu

#### Main Course

Pork, Cider and Winter Vegetable Casserole  
With Herb Dumplings

Served with Savoy Cabbage and Mashed  
Potatoes

OR

Lamb Moussaka made with Aubergines &  
Potatoes

OR

Vegetable Moussaka

Both these dishes served with Peas & Carrots

#### Desserts

Pineapple Upside down Pudding and Custard

OR

Sherry Trifle

#### FINALLY

Coffee & Tea

Price £5.00

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](mailto:mickpearson1@outlook.com)

by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Please Note: if you do not receive a reply to  
your e-mail, we haven't received it so please  
call us

## Poppy Appeal 2016: Results

### The Barfords Have Done It Again!

It has been another excellent  
result for the Barfords' Poppy  
Appeal. The total collection  
amounted to £754.23, up £53.16 without The  
George this year, which is a great result.



As to the sources of the collection: £559.76  
came from door to door collections and the  
Post Office, £119.47 from the Remembrance  
Day Service and there were donations of  
£50.00 from the Parish Council and £25.00  
from The Fernhill Club. Once again The Royal  
British Legion thanks all Barfordians for being  
so generous. It is only by this generosity that  
the Legion can continue its wonderful and  
very much needed work. A successful and  
bounteous Poppy Appeal provides so much  
for the many ex-servicemen in need.

Thanks must again go those uncomplaining  
and regular volunteers who knocked on  
doors, sold you a poppy and collected your  
money: John Langlands, Barbara Greenwood,  
Jim and Ella Booth, Alison Drummond, Lucy  
and Angus Norman, (who with their usual  
good will volunteered to cover Barford St.  
John again this year), and Barbara Alt. All  
were silver tongued in persuading everyone  
to open their purses and give generously.

Thanks to you all. Let's have an even better  
year in 2017.

*Bernard Lane*

*Poppy Appeal Organizer for the Barfords*

## SWERE RIVER CLEARANCE



**Saturday 18th February 2017  
at 10.30am**

**Following the previous successful  
clearance of the river by the bridge,  
volunteers are requested for further  
clearance. This helps the flow of the  
river and reduces flooding after  
heavy rain.**

## 200 CLUB RESULTS DECEMBER DRAW

£100, 102, Angela Murrey

£50, 99, Diane Burton

£25, 136, Heather Nason

£15, 164, Cubby Brett

£10, 86, Margaret Evans

£5, 168, Tomasin Atherton

The draw took place at  
The Tuesday Christmas Lunch

## From The Fire Station

The Crew was called out forty-two times in November which is a very busy month. So much work goes on behind the scenes to try to keep our callouts to a minimum. There have been more road traffic collisions than normal and several have been very serious with people needing to be cut out. There have also been more car fires than normal. The crew are still attending more chimney fires than they would like. There have been more house fires than normal. I do not think there is any reason for the increase in callouts but feel that Deddington fire station is available twenty-four seven and with the new mobilising system which sends the nearest fire appliance to an incident, plus our geographical location are all factors for this increase. County wide incidents are less than in previous years.

Training last month has included using our new compound for practising our extrication techniques. I would like to thank Station Manager Chris Barber for coming down and running some RTC (road traffic collision) scenarios. Chris who lives in Barford St Michael has spent many years in charge of our specialist rescue tender that is based at Kidlington and knows everything there is to know about rescuing people from cars. Our annual breathing apparatus assessment, which is now being held at Morton in Marsh, will have crew attending over the next couple of months. Watch Manager Chris Fenimore, myself, Fire Fighter Emma Glover and Fire Fighter George Williamson did our assessment this month and all passed. The assessors said that WM Chris Fenimore was an amazing BA wearer.

Well done to Fire Fighter Nikki Istead who has now passed her HGV and can now drive the fire engine. She and Fire Fighter Tom Hall will be doing their emergency response driving, which will enable them to drive on blue lights in the new year.

Remember to check your smoke alarms every week. I would like to finish by wishing everyone a safe and merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**Crew Manager Tim Parker**  
**Deddington Fire Station**

## WARNING TO DRIVERS USING MOTORWAY SERVICES

Lucy Billen (Police, Media Officer, Thames Valley Police)

Drivers using motorway services stations, particularly those along the M4 in Berkshire, are being warned that thieves could be using technology to prevent people locking their vehicles and then steal from them.

Thames Valley Police officers are warning people to make a manual check that doors are locked before leaving their vehicles. This advice follows a spate of 14 thefts from vehicles at motorway services in Berkshire. In many of the cases there was no obvious sign of a break in and no damage was caused to the vehicles as items were stolen from them. Officers are also appealing for anyone who visited the services during the dates outlined below and have any dashcam footage to please get in touch as they may have vital information for the investigations.

At Chieveley Moto Services on M4 at junction 13 between 24 November and 1 December two vans, two lorries and a Mercedes car were entered and items including tools, a suitcase and laptop were taken. At Reading Moto Services M4 junctions 11-12 between 26 November and 28 November two Range Rovers, a Jaguar, a Mercedes and a Fiat 500 were all accessed by unknown means, ie no obvious sign of a break-in, and various pieces of luggage were stolen from the vehicles. At Membury Welcome Break M4 at junctions 14-15 between 24 November and 26 November two Land Rovers, a Mercedes and a Renault were accessed by unknown means. Luggage, wallets and cash were stolen. Investigating officer, Sgt Alan Hawkett of Newbury Police Station said: "I strongly recommend that any members of the public visiting motorway services stations anywhere in the country keep all valuable items in their possession when away from their vehicle. Offenders may be using technology to prevent your vehicle from locking therefore we would advise a manual check of the doors before leaving your vehicle. "I am appealing to the public who use in car dash cameras who may have been at any of the above service stations on the above dates and times to contact me. You may have captured an offence or offender on camera. I am extremely keen to review the footage.".....Anyone with any information or dashcam footage relevant to these incidents is asked to call 101 using ref 409 27/11/2016 or email [alan.hawkett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:alan.hawkett@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

This is a new idea for Barford News....hope you enjoy it.  
**Nominations for future 'victims' please....Ed**

**WHO:** Mariann Young, font of all Barford knowledge and general all-round 'good egg'  
**FROM:** Barford St Michael

**Q. how long have you lived in The Barfords?**

A. 36 years

**Q. favourite thing about The Barfords?**

A. The Community spirit

**Q. where were you born?**

A. Haswell, Co. Durham

**Q. last meal, 3-courses.....?**

A. Prawn cocktail, rare Tbone chips and coleslaw, Black forest gateaux ('cos that was the first posh one I had!)

**Q. best day of your life?**

A. Leaving school

**Q. dinner party guests, dead or alive..pick 3?**

A. Late Dowager Duchess of Devonshire  
 Brian Redgrave, David Attenborough

**Q. dream holiday and why?**

A. India – cos I haven't been and should have

**Q. favourite film?**

A. Anything with either Cary Grant or Audrey Hepburn

**Q. what really makes you mad?**

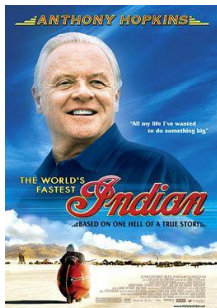
A. How many do you want??  
 Lack of respect, poor use of English on TV, litter, National flag flown upside down!!.....

**Q. which Super Power and why?**

A. International peace-maker

**BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE** Our first film of 2017 will be on January 21st.....not to be missed...to keep us all 'up to speed' after Christmas and New Year festivities! Highly recommended by a couple of our cinema goers.

**The World's Fastest Indian** - This is a 2005 New Zealand biographical sports drama film based on the Invercargill, New Zealand speed bike racer Burt Munro and his highly modified Indian Scout motorcycle. Munro set numerous land speed records for motorcycles with engines less than 1,000 cc at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah in the late 1950s and into the 1960s. The film stars Anthony Hopkins, and was produced, written and directed by Roger Donaldson.



1920 Indian Scout 'Burt Munro Special' — the 1920 Indian Scout portrayed in the film started life as a 600 cc motorcycle with a designed top speed of 55 mph. Munro's streamlined record-setter was substantially modified; with capacity being increased to 950 cc, and a recorded speed of 205 mph. These modifications were largely done in Munro's workshop, using basic methods and tools as depicted in the film. Four motorcycles are used in the film to depict the actual 'Munro Special'; two of which were replica Indian Scouts, the others being Ducatis. Antarctic Angels Bikes — the motorcycles ridden by the New Zealand bikers comprise largely of early- to mid-1960s Triumphs and BSAs. Most of these motorcycles are twin cylinder models, and are 500 cc or larger. Burt's car (New Zealand) — 1954 Vauxhall Velox, inline six cylinder engine. Typical of the many British-built cars common in New Zealand at the time.

**Doors open 7.15, film starts at 7.45.**

**Bring your own chairs if you wish and any drink other than tea or coffee which is provided free of charge**

**Contact for Picture House is Gunilla on 01295 720521 .....Tickets £4.**

## **UPTON HOUSE AT WAR: LAST CHANCE TO SEE!**



After a very busy Christmas season Upton House is preparing for a fresh start in 2017.

Our presentation across the site will be changing in March from our current 1940s display, and being taken back in time to the 1920s. We will be looking at 1927 when Viscount Bearsted purchased Upton House and set about creating changes to make the house we see today. Visit during the weekends in January to get a final glimpse of Upton House

during the Second World War and discover the stories of those who lived here. Tap on the typewriters, discover the important secret and philanthropic work the family undertook and take a stroll in the fresh air on our Winter Walk. For information about your visit and our opening hours please visit our website on <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house-and-gardens>



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2016!** From everyone at Katharine House, a huge thank you to all of you in our community who have helped Katharine House Hospice over the last 12 months. Whether you volunteer your time, donate to our shops, take part in the Midnight Walk or Santa Fun Run, climb a mountain or hold a cake sale or fashion show, you're making a real difference to hundreds of people in the local area who are facing life-limiting illness. We couldn't carry on providing our services without your help. Thank you again, and we look forward to seeing

you all in 2017!

### **COULD YOU VOLUNTEER AT KATHARINE HOUSE?**

We're always looking for volunteers to help us deliver a variety of services. Volunteers are an integral part of the work we do in our hospice and in the community.

**Volunteer roles include:** Catering Assistants | Kitchen Assistants | Receptionists | Complementary Therapists | Patient Drivers | Shop Volunteers | General Day Hospice | Ward Clerks | Gardeners

For more information please visit our website ([www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk)) or contact Joanna Morris, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01295 811866, email [volunteering@khh.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@khh.org.uk)

**UPCOMING EVENTS** Remember you can keep up to date with all our events and everything that's happening at the Hospice, as well as buy tickets to our events and donate to Katharine House by visiting our website: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk)

**DO YOU KNOW SEO?** Do you have experience optimising website content for search engines? Can you help us fine tune our content to make it easier for people in our community to find what they're looking for? If you can spare a few hours to help us provide a better online service to people facing life-limiting illnesses, please get in touch with Chris on 01295 816 484, or email [chris.higgins@khh.org.uk](mailto:chris.higgins@khh.org.uk)





**Pictured above, Sarah, Aggie & Mary with some of their team  
THE BARFORDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2016**

SIXTY PEOPLE ENJOYED another very successful Barfords Christmas Lunch on the 3rd December.. The menu was Smoked Salmon and quail's egg, Stuffed Chicken breast with potatoes Boulangere and green salad; fruit salad and cream; mince pies; christmas cake and coffee or tea. The wine flowed freely throughout and the atmosphere was wonderful, with the hall beautifully decorated by the VHMC, and, judging from the noise level in the packed hall, everyone enjoyed the occasion.

A huge thank you must be said to everyone who worked so hard to make the day such a success. Firstly to Cicely Best for helping with food preparation before the event. Then to Jim Booth, Emma Brodey and Julie Hawes for setting out and laying the tables. Next, a very big thank you to all the waitresses and waiters, who gave up their day to serve the food and wine, and stayed behind to clear up. These were: Julie Hawes, Liz Callow, Lyn Daly, Sue Broughton, Sonia Cook, Ami and Lewis Harding, Connie Neal, Emma Brodey, Anna and Rose Lord, Jim Booth and Brian Dodwell. Another thank you to the Barford fruit salad makers for providing some delicious fruit salads yet again, Aggie Morrison-Booth, Liz Callow, Sam Harding, Sue Broughton, Sally Barber, Barbara Allen, Tess Dodwell, Carol Warner, Hazel Neal and Julia Winter. Also we are very grateful to Hazel Neal for making the vegetarian main course, Lorraine Langlands for making and donating the delicious christmas cake, and Sandi Turner for making the excellent mince pies. A big thank you to those who made donations following last year's lunch.

The final thank you goes to those who gave donations on the day, we were very grateful for these generous donations which will make a good start towards funding the lunch for next year. It is an enjoyable event, both for those invited, and for those who help to run it, and it seems to start off the festive season in just the right way.

Aggie Morrison-Booth, Sarah Best And Mary Brodey

And, on behalf of all those who attended the lunch, I can add a huge 'thank you' to the three lovely ladies who organise and cook for the event every year. Thank you, Mary, Aggie and Sarah for a delicious meal and a super start to the festive season.

## DOWN ON THE FARM

Just when all the jobs were done and all seemed settled for the winter the prospect of the dreaded bird flu came along. For poultry units that are shed-based there is no problem but for free-rangers things are not so easy.

Basically we are required to keep our hens indoors for 30 days quarantine so there is no contact with migratory wild birds. After that – in early January – providing there are no outbreaks in the UK we should be able to let them out again. The problem for free range poultry keepers, and we are tiny in scale compared with the big boys, is that housing is usually 'roosting only'. It is simply not roomy enough to facilitate 24/7 occupation.

In our own case we have been able to eject some pigs from one of the enclosed pens and divide the laying flock between that and the existing hen house. It will disrupt their egg laying capability as does any environmental change, but it keeps us legal. Anyway, there we are. On the plus side it will give the orchard a rest and cause the fox population to look elsewhere for their Christmas dinner with the added bonus of not having to find a torch that works and shut them up every night.



A friend of mine with a few hens tells me he may have to wring their necks because his hen house is too small for full time occupation. I suggested he sold them but he thought they were probably too old to attract a buyer. It reminded me of a time, years ago, when I was driving through Kent and saw a sign outside a farm which read '12 WEAK OLD CHICKENS FOR SALE'. Ideally 'weak' should have been spelled 'week' to signify age of the birds, but whether the gaffe was tongue in cheek to attract attention or a genuine mistake I don't know. I took a photograph of it anyway for future amusement.

Another sign I recall connected with laying birds was in Western Australia: it read 'Emu farm – visitors welcome'. Turned out it was run by aboriginals under a government scheme designed to stop them going walk-about. Judging by the empty huts I passed on the

way in, the walk-about prevention bit was not a huge success.

I was shown round by a young aboriginal who told me that a female emu lays an average of 24 eggs in a season but that they had managed to get the figure up to 30. I asked whether this was due to improved nutrition and better breeding techniques.

He seemed puzzled. "No, mate," he replied. "What we do is take a forked stick and when the old emu lays an egg we rake it out. After a while she will look round and say to herself, 'Blimey, I thought I just laid an egg'. And quite often she'll lay another. But when she gets to 30 she's bankrupt."

He told me this in all seriousness, no hint of amusement in his dark brown eyes. I spent the 150 miles driving back to Perth trying to work out whether he had made it all up. By the time I got there I reckoned he probably had.

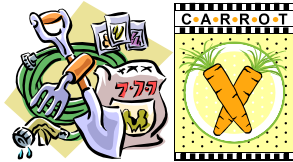
**Tony Collier – Iron Down Farm**

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

**7.30pm On Wednesday,  
11th January**

**Our Programme  
Is still to be  
Confirmed**

**Visitors (£4) welcome  
In the Village Hall  
At 7.30pm**



**BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB  
NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED  
JANUARY 2017**

**SEED ORDERS** can still be submitted through January. Rodney can take more seed orders in January, still with the possibility of discount?

Thanks. We did well to reach 50% discount this time. Following Caroline Tait's talk we thought it would be nice to visit Coton Manor in Northamptonshire.

Bluebell time is very impressive there and we will organise with her. Keep a look out for dates. May is probably the best time.

**TO DO IN JANUARY.** The coldest month? In January, your garden could need protecting from frosts, gale-force winds and heavy rain. Check stakes, ties, fleeces and other supports for damage and consider moving plants to sunnier positions to maximize light. Don't forget to keep feeding the birds, food is scarce for them over winter. You can also start planning next year's vegetable plot. Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch; Clean pots and greenhouses ready for spring; Dig over any vacant plots that have not been dug already; Repair and re-shape lawn edges; Inspect stored tubers of *Dahlia*, *Begonia* and *Canna* for rots or drying out; Prune apple and pear trees; Start forcing rhubarb; Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the coming season; Make a polythene shelter for outdoor peaches and nectarines, to protect against peach leaf curl. Pruning and renovation of many deciduous trees, shrubs and hedges can be carried out from now throughout the dormant season. It is easier to see what you are doing when the branches have no leaves. Continue to plant bareroot deciduous hedging plants and trees. Stakes should be put in place before the rootball to avoid damage to the roots. Plant roses, but avoid areas where roses were previously grown as this can lead to problems with replant diseases. Lots here to keep us all busy.....all advice comes from R.H.S. website, well worth consulting for any problems.

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News....very much appreciated**



## **SOME NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE GEORGE INN BARFORD ST MICHAEL-PART 2**

In the last issue of the Barford News there were two conundrums in my historical tour of the George building. First, which Thomas Owen built it, and second, if an absentee Thomas Owen was the "TO" on the datestone, why did he build such a robust and impressive yeoman's house and not occupy it himself?

**JOHN COLEMAN TENANT FARMER IN 1680** I think I have some answers. As hinted last time, the owner of the building and the adjoining land were described in the Enclosure Award of 1808 as Rev E Venner. I am confident that Venner was a descendant of that branch of the Owens of Barford who moved first to Clifton and then to Deddington in the early 1600s. This means that the relevant Thomas Owen did not build the house for himself. By this time he was living as a gentleman in conditions of some splendour in Shenington, probably in the Manor House. (see Victoria County History, Shenington). He still owned land in Barford St Michael. Therefore he needed a tenant to farm his Barford lands.

Research on the internet indicates that tenant farming was the norm in many Oxfordshire villages. (Barford St Michael was unusual in its number of owner occupied farms). The gentry needed a fixed income from their land to service their genteel lifestyle, often financed by mortgage. Tenancies at a relatively low fixed rent supplied this, and allowed the tenant farmer to put by some money in good times to tide him over in the bad times. Tenancies were usually renewed annually but it was the norm for a good tenant farmer to stay on the land for many years, even over several generations. A good tenant looked after the soil.

The tenant of Thomas Owen's land was John Coleman. According to the Victoria County History he was definitely in this role in 1680, farming 2 yardlands (about 80 acres). This was the year after the George building was completed, according to the datestone. So the building must have been erected by Thomas Owen for his valued tenant John Coleman (perhaps by enlarging an earlier cottage).

**MORE GENERATIONS OF COLEMANS UNTIL 1831-2** Several generations of Colemans farmed the land and inhabited the George building- which probably was known in the village as

"Coleman's". It is likely that the Colemans originally came from Bloxham. John Coleman, probably the grandson of the 1680 John Coleman, was an Owen tenant in 1760. It seems he married Avis Horseman of Bloxham in 1737, and died in 1770. His only son was another John Coleman, who was left all his livestock crops and farming equipment in his father's will. (daughter Anne, married to Thomas Tims, was left one shilling.)

This John Coleman was born in 1742, and married Hannah Austin, a daughter of the prosperous farming family who lived at the Old Turnstile. Together they had three sons and two daughters, who must have been brought up in the George building. The building would have been full-with farm servants probably occupying the attic rooms. John died in 1797, leaving his flock of sheep, cattle, crops, farming and dairy equipment to his wife for life and thereafter to his children equally. The tenancy was continued by his widow Hannah (evidenced by a reference in Venner's will). No doubt she was helped by their three sons. William, the youngest son, took over the tenancy probably before his mother died in 1832. William married Jane Dowell from Ardley in 1819 and they had two girls and two boys-once again filling the George with children.

**WILLIAM COLEMAN -SUCCESSFUL TENANT FARMER** At this time I am guessing that William was a go ahead young farmer who was looking for advancement. The Banbury Guardian shows the Venner estate, including the homestead, was put up for sale in 1831. I imagine this was because William was leaving for greater things, and the Venner estate chose to sell up rather than risk another tenant who was not so good as William.

William aged 45 then emerges in the 1841 census as farmer of 250 acres at Worton Grounds Farm. This farm can be seen today, with rather splendid farmhouse, at the end of the drive with the lodge at the end of it (Blackpits Lodge), off the Deddington-Chipping Norton Road just before Iron Down Hill. Part of the land was called Blackpits because it was a burying ground for victims of the Plague. Interestingly two Owen brothers of the Barford branch of the family were also tenant farmers of large farms in Nether Worton, including Manor Farm. This is the farmhouse, recently renovated, which you can see from the road down into Nether Worton.



William's sons went on to be successful farmers in Essex. Of his older brothers, John stayed in Barford and was in 1841 living on his own means at age 70 (perhaps supported by his brother), and Joseph was a farm labourer in Swerford.

**A NEW DYNASTY AT THE GEORGE** What happened to the George after the Colemans left? A young stonemason called Joseph Morrey (later the name changes to Murrey) from Wroxton came into some money from his mother's will, married Martha Tims from Deddington, and settled in Barford. He seems to have bought the George and the field behind it in about 1831, being part of the Venner estate. It is likely that Joseph's brother John owned some land and a house in Horn Hill in 1808 so this is probably why Joseph chose Barford to set up home in.

The rest of the Venner land was probably bought by other landowners in Barford to enlarge their holdings.

Stonemasons were aristocrats among tradesmen. They tended to travel around with their work, but would carry out farming when at home. Martha and Joseph raised a large family in their new home, which was probably called "Morrey's" by this time. This is how the Murrey dynasty of Barford started.

In the next instalment, I hope to show how the building became a pub.

**SUE CHRISTIE, BROAD CLOSE**

## YOUR BARFORD MARKET

The 'Market Team' thought you may be interested to know how much the market earnt in 2016. Well, it was a very impressive £1,123.57 made up from table rents, teas, the bread stall and last but not least, the bacon butties. As you can see the market is important for the hall and helps enormously towards the cost of everything from lightbulbs to loo rolls and cleaning windows to cutting the grass.

As always, these things don't just happen. The market has a great team (the tea-ladies, the table-getter-outer up at the crack of dawn, the market signs putter-upper and of course our loyal stall-holders!) and great supporters such as Steph & Tony Collier from Iron Down Farm who donate the eggs.

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## NATURE NOTES 155

I closed the *Nature Notes* as I took a short bird watching trip to S.Wales, where my 'best' bird was a Curlew Sandpiper on the Loughor Estuary. I came back to a cold day of heatless sun on the 10th of November. Nature was keeping its head down after a night of heavy rains. The 11th was similar but displayed an interesting contraflow of high level cloud moving from north-west, whilst the wind was southerly at ground level. Heavy rain before 8am became day-long fine drizzle from a heavy overcast on the 12th.

A northerly breeze on the 13th cleared haze to give a bright sunny day at 9°, spurring a Kite to go hunting over Broad Close at St. Michael. A return to barren, drizzly overcast on the 14th cleared for a few minutes at about 7pm to give a view of the 'Super Moon'. On a close approach, this was the largest that the moon had appeared since 1948! Unfortunately it was too high above the horizon at that time to give any meaningful size comparison to the 'normal'. A very mild night at 10° followed.

The erratic weather continued. Through rain on the 15th, the day temperature reached 12°, then clear moonlight overnight brought only a light temperature drop to 7.5°. During a fine period on the 17th, three Kites hunted between Bloodybones and the Airfield main-gate. At about 7pm I drove down Irondown at about 45mph; as I was approaching Barley Lane junction I saw two red eye-spots against the dark hedge in front. They immediately disappeared. I slowed immediately, then had to slam on my brakes! Two female Fallow Deer had walked slowly out of the dark, into the road, and stood still! When I stopped, the second deer's legs were below the visual level of my car bonnet. They then slowly moved off the road onto the verge opposite. I was shocked and horrified, and very thankful that I had stopped just in time. I was equally thankful that the driver of the car behind me had kept a good distance back and braked exactly as I had done. The end result could have been horrific.

On the 18th, a bright sun rose on a 'shivering' SW wind at -0.5°, yet there was no ground frost. Hunger, I imagine, was causing Kites to appear everywhere – 3 circling round St. John, 2 circling over Irondown as a third

chased a Sparrowhawk into the trees, and a fourth a little further along the B4031. I suspect they were looking for pheasant road-kill.

The next two days were very cold (4°) the 18th sunny, the 19th overcast and drizzly as a Low Pressure area approached. Three Nuthatches were reported on feeders at Buttermilk Cottage and Kites continued scavenging around and over the Barfords and Deddington. The next two days were gloomy and cold (7° day, 4° night) with Kites over Deddington and Hempton on the 24th.

On the 25th LP gave way to HP which persisted to the end of the month, the wind blew from from NE, slowly veering to SE. It was cold and, at last, the Winter Thrushes started appearing in numbers. Bas Butler reported 30+ Fieldfare and a large female Kestrel flying around the allotments on the 25th. Chris Murray saw 4 Herons ground feeding near Rignell and the 3 Nuthatches at Buttermilk Cottage.

On the 27th, really large numbers of Redwing arrived. On a bird census myself and two friends reckoned on an extended flock of over 300! There were also groups of Fieldfare, but not in such numbers as the Redwing.

The 26th was a cold day, flawless sunshine and a beautiful sunset. A cloudless night proved to be the coldest to date, my thermometer recorded -8°. The 29th, also a day of flawless sun, retained the night's frost all day in shaded areas. Night produced another very hard frost at -7°. It never fails to amaze me that, in such night-time temperatures, tiny, weak and slow flying Winter Moths still patrol our lanes and hedgerows looking for their wingless females. There are several moth species that fly at this time of year, some quite robust and furry, such as the (well named) December Moth. And so November drifted into history on slightly softer sunshine, chilled at 3.5° in the afternoon, then dropping away to -5° at night.

The 1st of December saw another flawless sun rise on a white frost, that again persisted in shade until after another flawless sunset (4.5° daytime max.) One of the 'top of Irondown' Buzzards was active as also was one of the Kites. The 2nd was frost free and windless, but overcast. Bas Butler was delighted by a Little Owl near the allotments. It was not easy to see, unless you knew where

to look, and it sat motionless for a long time, watching the activities of the day. A roadkill Pheasant, close to Bloxham on the Barford Road, attracted a Kite, but this was kept away by several Magpies.

The 4th and 5th were fairly clear, with night frosts at  $-6^{\circ}$  and  $-5.5^{\circ}$  respectively. The cloudless sunrise of the 5th rose on this frost, but attained  $4^{\circ}$  later on. Windless falling mist and fog produced a deeply gloomy day on the 6th, but temperatures remained above freezing. Sun broke through a flat overcast around mid-morning on the 7th and the temperature rose to  $10^{\circ}$  by afternoon. Sadly, this did nothing to fill the near empty and silent hedgerows of our countryside. The intense trimming and tidiness of today's field and roadside hedges, field borders and verges is deeply damaging to ALL our wildlife, from insects to birds and mammals. This is true also of deep ploughing old/ancient grasslands and applying total weed killers. This destroys our important and varied plantlife – for which there is no replacement. At this time, people were remarking on the range in temperature between the 28th of November ( $-8^{\circ}$  at night) and the 7th of December ( $+10^{\circ}$  by day) – a difference of  $18^{\circ}$ !. On the 9th, a day of dimpled overcast with patches of yellow sunlight, quite large numbers of Redwings crossed the Barfords and there appeared to be a strong increase in Mistle Thrush numbers. These latter appeared to be aggressive toward many other birds; I watched an attack by a Mistle Thrush on a Great-spotted Woodpecker.

The 10 was a dark lowering day (horrible). Cloud density increased heavily, bringing steady rain from mid-day into night.

A pleasant day of hazy sunshine characterised the 11th. Around midnight, a Tawny Owl was hooting below Steepness. There was also a report of a robust Barn Owl to the west of St. Michael.

The erratic weather, hardly describable as winter, continued through the 12th (overcast, drizzle, gloomy) and the 13th (moderate fog, raw cold, overcast, rain) droning on until, as I complete these *NOTES* on the 14th, the weather has changed again. The weather has become sunny, from a misty sunrise through to sunset, with an afternoon

high of  $9^{\circ}$  – and the Redwings and Fieldfares are gorging the Hawthorn berries!

Happy New Year to Everyone – Thank you for your observations and please keep them coming.

*Ron Knight*

**DON'T FORGET**  
that the New Year's  
Eve party at the  
Village Hall has  
been **CANCELLED**

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## **Rock'n Roll Night**

Despite the awful weather on the evening of Saturday the 10th, it did not put off party goers attending the Rock'n Roll Night in Barford Village Hall.

Freeway Jam put on a stonking performance and they also had a guest member for the second half. They invited Bernie Marsden (of Whitesnake) to join them. This was the icing on our Christmas cake.

The bar was serving non stop, and by the end of the evening we had made a profit of just over £1,100 in aid of the Kathmandu kids home.

So a massive thanks to Freeway Jam, Bernie Marsden, John Romer of Turpins Lodge Brewery for his generosity, in supplying of the beer, to our volunteer staff and a big thank you to all who attended and help make it a cracking night.

T' committee

### GARLIC & HERB BUBBLE BREAD



I first tried this yummy "tear and share" treat made by Hazel Neal using her own recipe – there are many

recipes/versions on the internet (savoury and sweet) – it is also known as monkey bread.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- White Bread Dough (*Either make your own bread dough by hand or make basic white dough in a bread maker or buy frozen dough – enough for a standard white loaf*)
- 2 (125g) packs Lurpak Garlic Butter (or make your own)
- A small handful of freshly chopped herbs (parsley and chives are good). If you haven't got fresh herbs, use dried herbs

Melt the garlic butter

I used a really deep 10" round solid bottom cake tin (any shape of largish, deep solid bottom tin will do). Don't use a loose bottom tin or all the butter will run out and wreck your oven.

#### METHOD:

1. Well grease the tin with some of the garlic butter then stir whatever herbs you want to use into the melted garlic butter
2. Ensure dough has had its first prove. Divide dough into 16 - 18 balls on a floured surface. Gently roll each dough ball in the melted butter and herbs and place in tin.
3. Cover the tin in cling film and put in a warm place for a second prove for about an hour – the dough balls will double in size and nestle into one another
4. Remove cling film and place in a pre-heated oven 175C (Fan about 165C) for about 30-45 minutes until nicely browned – timing will depend on size/shape of tin and your individual oven.
5. Remove from oven and brush the rest of the melted butter all over the top, down the sides and between each bubble. Leave in tin for a bit so the butter gets fully absorbed.
6. Turn out of tin and eat warm.

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

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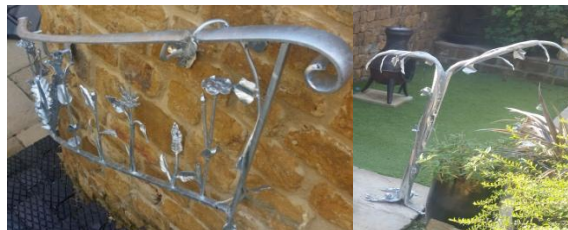
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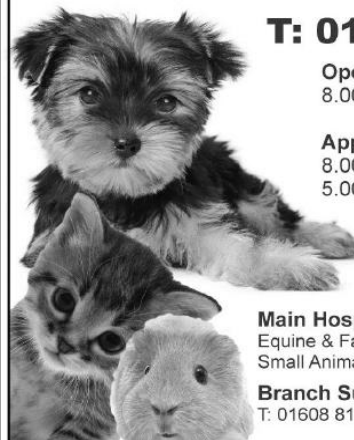
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CDC website: [www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk) – Parish Council minutes at [www.cherwell-local.com](http://www.cherwell-local.com)

## Village and local events diary

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

### Church services

#### Church of England January

- 1<sup>st</sup> Family Service @ 10.30am - BSM
- 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion @ 09.00am - BSM
- 15<sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer @ 04.00pm - BSM
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion @ 09.00am - BSM
- 29<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion @ 09.00am – B'ford St John

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](mailto:anngoldthorp@yahoo.co.uk)

#### Regular weekly/monthly events

- Mondays** Brownies (Deddington)  
Boys Brigade band practice
- Tuesdays** Guides (Deddington)  
Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar
- Wednesdays** Fernhill Club  
1<sup>st</sup> week parish council (not August)  
2<sup>nd</sup> week W.I. meeting  
Boys Brigade (Deddington)
- Thursdays** Open cuppa mornings  
Cubs (Deddington)  
Scouts (Deddington)
- Fridays** Rainbows  
Whist alternate weeks
- Saturdays** Village Market 3<sup>rd</sup> week (not Jan or Aug)
- 3rd Wednesday** Village Hall Management Committee

#### 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](mailto:holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com)

#### Masses:

Saturday - 6pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday - 10.30am Mass  
Weekdays Normally 9.15am, can be  
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#### Diary dates

##### January

1<sup>st</sup> - New Years Day Walk, 10.00 VH

11th W.I. Meeting 7.30 VH

17<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Lunch Club

21<sup>st</sup> - Picture House 'The World's Fastest Indian'

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