



MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 26th March at 10:30am

AT DEDDINGTON CHURCH

there will be no services at either of the Barford churches



Village Clean Up Morning
Saturday 4th March
10.00 am at Village Hall

This is part of the national Great British Spring Clean weekend. So please mark the date in your diary and join us for our annual litter-pick around the villages

We supply bags, pickers etc
please bring your own old gloves
Refreshments served for all volunteers at 11.15am

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 1st February in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Hobbs, Turner, Eden, Styles, Charman, 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 December 2016 were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor's Report from County Cllr Arah Fatemian:

Speed monitoring - County Cllr Fatemian confirmed that he had chased the Highways department to contact the Parish Council to arrange speed monitoring.

District Councillor's Report from District Cllr Bryn Williams:

Swere River Clearance – District Cllr Williams advised that he had arranged for Cherwell District Council to collect the waste from the Swere after the clearance.

Parish Matters:

Speed monitoring – The clerk is still waiting for Nigel Clarke from OCC Highways to contact him.

Bus Survey – A meeting will be scheduled with Our Bus Bartons to discuss the survey results and determine if bus services can be provided in the Barfords.

Swere Clearance – The river clearance that was due to take place on Saturday 18th February at 10.30 has been postponed due to high water levels. This will be rescheduled when levels are lower.

Footpath Liaison – Caroline Belson has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate any matters regarding footpaths in the parish. Other people volunteered but Caroline's application was the first to be received.

Date for the Annual Parish Council meeting - The date for the 2017 meeting is 26th April 2017.

Damage to the Green – Bernard Lane and Richard Palmer presented proposals and

estimates for reinforcing the turf with mesh to prevent ruts by cars and lorries driving over the village green. The Council is investigating how to reduce the cost of the work by using local equipment and labour.

Allotments – Jeff Elliot has collected the rents for 2017. One complete and one half plot are vacant this year. Please contact Jeff or David Best if you are interested in renting an Allotment. Jeff has kindly cleared the vacant plots. The Parish Council approved expenditure on weed killer for further clearance and wire netting to stop the rabbit infestation.

Access to Murreys Lane from the north side of the village green – Damage has been caused to the bank between Murreys Lane and the road running along the north side of the village green by vehicles turning left down the lane. The Parish Council will investigate solutions to this.

Planning

Application 16/02161/F, Mead Bank – Returned to CDC and awaiting decision at time of meeting but this has subsequently been granted on 10th February

Application 16/02216/F, Buttermilk Farm, new house – Granted by CDC on 19th January

Application 16/02217/F, Buttermilk Farm, new stables – Withdrawn 19th January

Application 16/02283/F, George Inn, new building – Returned to CDC and awaiting decision.

Application 16/02287/TPO, Dyers Farm, tree pruning - Granted by CDC on 3rd January

Application 16/0359/TCA, Brambles, tree removal – Granted by CDC 2nd January

Finance

Payments in the month - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £237. This was approved unanimously.

S137 Grants – The deadline for applications for grants is the end of March and a decision on grants will be taken in the April meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 1st March** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

**CHARITY DINNER, SATURDAY 1ST APRIL 2017
ARRIVE 7PM FOR 7.30PM**

As it was never our intention to make a profit from the Tuesday Lunch Club meals we would like to use the surplus that has accumulated to fund the above event. This means that all of the proceeds will go to the Kathmandu Helpless Children Mother Centre, which we know is a charity close to Barford's heart. There will be a maximum of 48 places available (6 tables of 8). While there are no reserved seats, if you would like to make up a table of 8 with friends and or family, let us know in good time and a table will be reserved where possible.

The menu is given below and, like the Tuesday Lunch Club, all you need to do is ring or email us with your choices. However, unlike the lunch club, we will require payment at least a week in advance of the meal to confirm your booking. This will not be refundable. While we will put jugs of tap water and glasses (tumblers and wine) on the tables you will need to bring any other drinks with you (alcoholic or otherwise). Leon is kindly providing a pre-meal Gin Cocktail, or a non-alcoholic alternative.

There will also be a raffle so please ensure you have some cash with you. This event is for a very good cause so please try and make this a sell out.

**MENU
STARTERS**

Smoked Salmon Terrine, served with Lemon Butter
Croûtes and Baby Leaf Salad.

Or

Cream of Celeriac, Carrot and Potato Soup, served
with Croutons and a Bread Roll

Or

Creamy Stilton Mushrooms, served with Garlic Bread

MAINS

Steak, Mushroom and Ale Pie, served with
Boulangère Potatoes

Or

Sauté Chicken Breast, with Celery, Apricots and a
White Wine Sauce, served with New Potatoes

Or

Smoked Haddock, **with a Herb and Cream Cheese
Sauce, served with New Potatoes**

Or

A vegetarian option is available on request
**The main courses will be served with seasonal
vegetables**

DESSERTS

Strawberry and Raspberry Meringue Roulade

Or

Passion Fruit Crème Brûlée with Shortbread Biscuits

Or

Chocolate and Bailey's Profiteroles

Coffee or Tea Mint Chocolate

**The cost of the meal is £20 per head
(ANN & MICK PEARSON 01869 337074)**

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

On SUNDAY 19TH MARCH I am running the Reading Half-Marathon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and would like to raise as much money as I can for this truly amazing cause.

If you would like to, please donate:
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ClaireCox-2017 or in person at Holly Cottage, Townsend by SATURDAY 18TH MARCH. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.....Claire Cox

***"We are millions of supporters,
professionals, volunteers,
campaigners and people affected by
cancer. Together we make sure
there's always someone here for
you, to give you the support, energy
and inspiration you need to help you
feel more like yourself again. We are
all Macmillan".***



CROCKERY AMNESTY

Would you all mind looking
through your cupboards for any
crockery that may belong to the
village hall.

To protect your identity, you can
leave any items in the porch of
The Old Chapel and I will ensure
they return to the hall.

THANK YOU, Lucy Norman

THE HORSE CHESTNUT LEAF MINER PROBLEM IN THE PARK (SOUTH NEWINGTON ROAD)

I would like to give a huge thank you to all those people who came out on a very grotty morning on Sunday 12th February, including some chums from Bloxham, to assist in a mad scheme to clear away leaves from around the base of the conker trees in South Newington Road. It was a fantastic turnout. I know the faces but I don't know all the names so won't even try to list them, but you know who you are.

So many people turned out to help, that for them, I can only hope that the exercise has been successful and that we will see an improvement in the trees from which we have removed the leaves. I would like to say a big thank you to Philip for providing his Land Rover and trailer to carry the many sacks of leaves to the barn for eventual burning, and I hope that all the mud has come off. Well it is an "off roader" after all. Also, a big thank you to Roger and his JCB for clearing a lot of leaves before we even got there, and for carrying sacks to the barn. Also thank you to everyone for providing sacks, wheel barrows, rakes, children and banter. I hope you didn't all get too cold and wet.

I know it was not possible to do the whole of "conker alley" but from the stretch that we did we should be able to tell if it is going to be successful. I will give an update in the summer. If it is successful we could do it all again around December time maybe?

Once again, many thanks to all those who helped, the spirit of Barford lives on. Live long and prosper my friends, and let's hope the conker trees do the same.

Best wishes Ray (PS a pair of gardening gloves were left behind, please contact me on ☎337736 to claim)

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BARFORD ST MICHAEL FAMILY SERVICES - 1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY [MONTH @10:30AM](#)

February saw a slight change to the family service. We welcomed 16 children, their families, and many others. The subject was LIGHT! As part of the new style service we had the chance to pause for thought and take part in craft and prayer. At the same time we sipped on coffee and nibbled on some homemade cakes, whilst catching up with friends and sharing thoughts.

**Next Month's service is on March 5th and we shall be thinking about
TEMPTATION!**

Come along, listen, watch, craft and eat cake.

Please look out for information about children and family Easter craft in next month's Barford News.

**For any information about the Family Service please email
sallybarber@live.co.uk
Sally, Sophie, Anne**





THE GEORGE UPDATE

Dear Barfordians

Happy new year and we apologise for a late update.

Building works are still going strong inside and out and we are happy with the progress that's been made. As you might have noticed the scaffolding has come down which means pointing, thatching and chimney work is now complete. There were a couple of structural issues which needed to be resolved and that was the main reason for the scaffolding staying up for this long. Thank you for everyone's patience while this was going on.

We know that everyone wants to know when the 1st pint will be pulled and believe us we would like to do that ASAP. Unfortunately due to the time of any planning application it is extremely difficult to determine an opening date. We have one or two more planning applications that has to run its course and hopefully these will be last ones that we have to submit. Once, FINGERS CROSSED, these have been approved we will have a much better idea of that very, very important date!!

Again a huge thanks to everyone on both sides of the Swere for your support and patience.

Regards, Laura and Louis

200 Club results FEBRUARY draw

£15, 173, Becky Dyson

£10, 152, Peter Turner

£5, 19, Diana Bastable

The draw took place at
Thursday Cuppa morning

BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE Our LAST film of our 2016/17 season will be on March 25th. *Bridge of Spies* is a 2015 historical drama legal thriller film directed and co-produced by Steven Spielberg. Based on the 1960 U-2 incident during the Cold War, the film tells the story of lawyer James B. Donovan, who is entrusted with negotiating the release of



Francis Gary Powers—a pilot whose U-2 spy plane was shot down over the Soviet Union—in exchange for Rudolf Abel, a captive and convicted Soviet KGB spy held under the custody of the United States, whom he represented at trial. The name of the film refers to the Glienicke Bridge, which connects Potsdam with Berlin, where the spy exchange took place.

Our new Season will start next October when we shall be looking to bring you a varied and enjoyable programme.

Many thanks to all who support the Picture House. We will be able to donate our surplus income, after rents, to the Village Hall. Details of this in the April BN.

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
720521Tickets £4.



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LOCALLY..... keep up
to date with what is
happening in our
surrounding villages
using the links below:**

www.adderbury.org/whats-on
www.bloxham.info/broadsheet
www.deddington.org.uk
www.steepleaston.org.uk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 26 April 2017** in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council Chairman will report on their activities during the past year and there will also be a report from the Chairman of the village charities.

The reports are followed by an 'Open Forum' when any villager can raise any topic relevant to the village, ask questions and make (appropriate) comments. Where necessary points raised will be put on the agenda for discussion at the Parish Council meeting on 3 May 2017.

Apologies and written questions may be sent to the Chairman if you are unable to attend.

Hope to see you there

Rodney Hobbs: Chairman

01869 338078

barfordparishcouncil@gmail.com

A PLEA FROM RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS TO IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

A villager from Barford St Michael has reported the increase in dog mess across the village, especially in West Close and along the South Newington Road.

Cherwell District Council provide 'poop bags' free of charge and are available from the following outlets:

- PDSA Church Lane Banbury
- Bodicote Post Office
- Bloxham Post Office
- Taste Buds, Adderbury

"Dog poop often contains roundworm larvae, which cause blindness. If a human ingests a roundworm larva, it can migrate through the body causing disease to the brain, lungs, kidneys, liver, heart or eyes. So when people (especially children) touch soil, dog toys or anything that has been in contact with dog faeces and then touch their mouths, they can become infected"

The penalty for not clearing up behind your dog is up to £1,000 if taken to court, but there is also provision for a fixed penalty scheme with a fine of £50 in England.

Welcome

To new Church Street residents
Ishbel McInnes & Paul Freeman

We wish them every happiness
In their new home



VILLAGE HALL CHAIRMAN

Les Hall will be stepping down as Chairman of the village hall committee at the AGM in April.

If you are interested in taking on this role then please contact Les on

☎ 338659 for more information

WHO: Les Hall, Treasurer for the Village Hall AKA The Human Calculator
FROM: Broad Close

Q. how long have you lived in The Barfords?

A. 15 years

Q. favourite thing about The Barfords?

A. New friends

Q. where were you born?

A. Somerset

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

A. Roast Gammon, Mincemeat tart,
good red wine (Cannot do 3 courses)

Q. best day of your life?

A. Today (or any day)

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

A. John Arlott, Richie Benaud, Neville Cardus
(cricket writers)

Q. dream holiday and why?

A. Palaces of India – will not happen because
I will not go on a plane.

Q. favourite film?

A. The Lady and the Tramp

Q. what really makes you mad?

Bad pet owners

Q. which Super Power and why?

A. Time travel – undo all the daft things I did
or said.



TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

21st MARCH 2017

12.30PM for 1PM

Menu

Main Course

**Chicken, Smoked ham and Leek Cobbler
Served with Broccoli, Carrots and New
Potatoes**

Or

**Salmon and Broccoli Pasta Bake
Served with Garlic Bread**

Desserts

Tropical Meringue Roulade

Or

White Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake

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, by**

Tuesday 14th March

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



FOR SALE two tan/brown
leather chairs for sale. 32"
wide x 35" high x 32" deep. Hardly
used, excellent condition, originally
purchased from John Lewis. £150
each, or near offer

Contact Carol on ☎ 338114



What a busy term we have had so far; our Foundation class have celebrated the Chinese New Year with a trip to the May Fu 2 to try Chinese food whilst Year 4 have visited Harry Potter World to fire their imagination for some fantastic writing opportunities. Hopefully we will share some of their work next month. The Year 1 children have become palaeontologists digging for dinosaur bones and finding fossils fascinating. Year 6 visited 'Junior Citizens' to help them understand how to be safe in everyday life. Year 3 and 4 had a Stone Age Day where they knapped flint to make arrowheads and managed to build an Iron Age roundhouse in the hall! When asked what his favourite part of the day was, a Year 3 pupil said *"Stone Age day was the best; my favourite bit waseverything!"* Year 5 have been enjoying their brass lessons and are persevering to improve just like Year 2 who are making great progress learning the ukulele; they have graduated to playing C and F chords to enable them to learn 'Sur Le Pont d'Avignon'; very cross-curricular learning French at the same time. The whole school has visited church for the 'Candle mass' community communion, which proved to be a very thought provoking but calm time with beautiful singing by all.

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2nd March and as reading is

one of our focus areas this year the School Council have planned an entertaining day. More on this next month (www.worldbookday.com is a great website to explore). Friday 3rd March is Fairtrade Day in school. Our Fairtrade Group have organised, a non-uniform day where we can wear the Fairtrade colours of blue, green or black, a Fairtrade raffle and cake sale to promote the Fairtrade message. After school you are welcome to visit the Fairtrade goods stall between 2.45pm and 3.45 pm in the Year 3 classroom. We are proud to be a Fairtrade school so do support us if you can.

Finally we have been given a baby... a baby grand piano! It now sits proudly in the corner of our hall so thank you for a very kind donation.

Anne Hunsley | Tel: 338430

DEDDINGTON GUIDE REPORT

We're getting well into our stride after the New Year break, fit and full of enthusiasm for another busy term.

Our Patrol activities are in full swing, with the guides having lots of exciting activities preparing for various badges and awards.

In the middle of this, the guides have started rehearsals for our grand production later this term in aid of charities which the guides will choose.

More news next month!!

Maggie Rampley. 01295 810069
Marion Trinder. 01869 340806
Catherine Blackburn Banbury

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

The Parish Council sets aside a sum of money every year for distribution to village organisations in need of financial support.

Any village organisation can apply for a grant (though there is no guarantee that the application will be successful!!)

The timetable is:-

Grant applications must be submitted to the Parish Clerk by 31 March 2017

Applicants may, if they wish, present their case to the Parish Council at the meeting on 5 April 2017.

The Parish Council will decide on the grant applications at their meeting on 3 May. Applicants may be present at this meeting but will not be allowed to comment on their application.

Application forms and guidance notes are available from the Parish Clerk,
David Best 01295 720566 davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com

or the Parish Council Chairman
Rodney Hobbs 01869 338078 barfordparishcouncil@gmail.com



Maggie's 50 2017

81%

50 mile cycle ride Saturday 10 June 2017 (6th year)

Starting from The Village Hall, this is a circular route with a stop off at the half way point for refreshments. The ride will finish back at the Village Hall and followed by a BBQ to start from 7:00pm. £20 Entrance fee including BBQ - £5 for under 16's
Proceeds go to the Maggie Harvey Trust. www.maggieharveytrust.com which was set up to contribute to funding into Brain Tumour Research £8,121 has been raised to date!
81% on the way towards reaching our Maggie's 50 fund raising target of: £10,000 !!!!!!!

We plan to start practice rides weather permitting Wednesday evenings & Sunday Mornings mid to late March. These will leave from the Barford village hall.

Contacts: Tony Shrimpton/ Rachel Reeves

Tony - Mobile 07887 986862 email tonyshrimpton@hotmail.co.uk

Rachel-Mobile 07914 843429 email r.reevesserby@gmail.com

See our website: www.Maggies50.org



CAN YOU VOLUNTEER FOR KATHARINE HOUSE?

Our volunteers are a vital part of the work we do for people and families facing life-limiting illnesses in our community. They help us with everything from catering to complementary therapies, and they save us around £400,000 every year. We're always looking for volunteers to help us, and we'd love to hear from you if you have some time to spare. Volunteer roles include:

Catering Assistants - Kitchen Assistants - Receptionists - Complementary Therapists - Patient Drivers - Shop Volunteers - General Day Hospice - Ward Clerks - Gardeners

For more information please contact Joanna Morris, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01295 811866 email volunteering@khh.org.uk, or visit www.khh.org.uk/volunteering

SAVE THE DATE: MIDNIGHT WALK 2017

Our 11th Midnight Walk will be taking place on Saturday 24 June 2017. If you'd like to take part or volunteer, please save the date in your diary! You can sign up on our website at www.khh.org.uk.

KNITTING PATTERNS BOOKLET NOW AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD

If you'd like to knit some knitted novelties for our Easter Knits campaign, you can now download the Easter Knitting Patterns booklet directly from our website - www.khh.org.uk/easter-knitting

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



RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES *{always a Tuesday}*

28th February.....blue 'n' brown
7th March.....green
14th March.....blue 'n' brown
21st March.....green



**ANNUAL MEETING
AND BRING AND SHARE SUPPER**
On Wednesday, 8th March
In the Village Hall
At 7.30pm

**Please come along to enjoy shared
food and make your choice of our
next president**



BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB



**NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED
MARCH 2017**

OUR AGM was on February 13th at 7.30 in the Village Hall. 22 Garden Club members were present. Apologies were received from Janet and John Morris, Angus and Lucy Norman and Helen Taylor.

- Members were welcomed by Gunilla Treen in the Chair.
- Minutes of 2016 were accepted unanimously as an accurate record.
- Gunilla's Chairman's Report summarised the year's activities. Ask for details.
- Steven Bunce presented the Treasurer's Report. Ask for details, we have £517.16 in our account to 31st Dec 2016.. The subscription remains at £5, with 48 households having paid.
- Election of Committee members. The existing members – Stephen Bunce, Linda Newbery, Anne Radford, Helen Taylor and Gunilla Treen - were re-elected en bloc, proposed by Pat Evans and seconded by Mariann Young. Two new members, Jenny Greeves and Janet Morris, were also elected, proposed by Gunilla Treen and seconded by Linda Newbery.
- Gunilla outlined plans for the year: a possible Nosy Gardens afternoon (if volunteers come forward) and a visit to Coton Manor Gardens on Saturday 6th May (see below)
- Plant Swap: Sarah Best kindly agreed to host this as usual, on Thursday 25th May at Street Farm, Barford St John. Mariann Young offered to act as back-up in case Sarah is not available.
- **AOB:**
 - Gunilla suggested a visit to Broughton Grange later in the year. Many members have already been, but it might be fun to go as a group and will investigate a possible guided tour.
 - The new Bloxham Nursery offers a loyalty card, in conjunction with Wyatts Farm Shop in Great Rollright, which entitles holders to 10% discount on plants, and other special offers. Linda will email members about this and arrange for the cards to be supplied. Our members can now benefit from discounts at most of the local garden centres.

- Trevor Stevens proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee.

The meeting concluded at 8.20, followed by a talk on 'A Garden that Buzzes' by our member Margaret Murdin, Chairman of Trustees of the British Beekeepers Association.

'A GARDEN THAT BUZZES' was fascinating and of great interest to everyone who has a garden.

We learned a lot about which plants and flowers are best for bees, their patterns that attract them, their pollen and nectar capacities and the ways in which one can tell if they have been pollinated or not. Old fashioned 'musk' roses are certainly not designed for bees in mind! Tina Hirons gave the vote of thanks after many questions.

Dates to put in your diaries.....

Visit to Coton Manor, Saturday 6th May

Coton Manor is a beautiful and varied privately-owned garden near Guilsborough, Northamptonshire, with attractions including a large bluebell wood, streamside planting, formal areas, herb garden, flamingoes, and more. The Stableyard Cafe serves lunches and snacks, and there's an excellent plant nursery. The gardens and cafe are open from 12 onwards, so you can arrive in time for an early lunch or later if you prefer. It's a drive of about an hour and fifteen minutes from the Barfords and we can share lifts of course. Admission is £7, £6.50 concession, and if we can muster 15 or more people for our group we'll be entitled to the reduced rate of £6 each. Please let Linda Newbery know if you'd like to go: Coton Manor has an excellent website - Coton Manor - English Country Garden - with photographs of the garden in every season as well as the programme for its own Garden School there, which runs sessions by eminent speakers such as James Alexander-Sinclair, Chris Beardshaw and Anna Pavord.

TO DO IN MARCH.....Protect new spring shoots from slugs; Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes; Plant summer-flowering bulbs; Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials; Top dress containers with fresh compost; Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed); Cut back *Cornus* (dogwood) and *Salix* (willow) grown for colourful winter stems; Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early; Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters; Prune bush and climbing roses.

Lots to do as usual, but lighter days are coming.

SPADE AND FORK



SAFE & WELL VISITS

My name is Lucy Bates and I am part of the Oxfordshire County Council Communications Team working with the fire and rescue service to raise awareness of their FREE safe and well visits.

Our firefighters will visit you at home to see what they can do to help you reduce the risk of fire.

What does a visit cover? It combines a Home Safety Check to help reduce the risk of fire in your home, such as checking and fitting smoke alarms and helping you make a fire escape plan. We can also offer you advice and support to help your health and wellbeing. During the visit firefighters are able to provide advice and support to reduce any immediate risk from falls, fire, flood or power cuts, along with advice to help protect you from scams and doorstep crime.

You can request a visit online at: <http://www.365alive.co.uk/safewell> or call our Community Safety Helpline on 08000 325 999. If a loved one or friend would benefit from a visit please let them know about our Safe and Well visits.

Do you have a fire safety concern or question? There's lots of great tips and advice to help keep you and your family safer at home on www.365alive.co.uk or you can call our Community Safety Helpline on 08000 325 999.

BBC TWO

Do you own something broken that you'd love to see restored?

In a new Ricochet TV series for **BBC TWO** a team of Britain's most passionate and skilled crafts people will rescue broken objects and restore them to their former glory.

If you have a damaged heirloom, a prized antique, a loved one's treasured possession, or anything else that needs restoring get in touch now:

01273 224829 **repair@ricochet.co.uk**

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HEDGEHOG MATTERS - 2 The last few weeks have turned into quite a cold winter so let's hope our local hedgehogs are all tucked away snug somewhere and are coping with it. We're pretty sure that we know where two are and I think another isn't far away but of course we wouldn't disturb them to find out. There may be others and we only know that there are at least three because they were all seen at the same time in autumn.

A consistently cold temperature in winter is much better for hogs than one with a varying temperature going from cold to warm then colder again. During milder spells they are sometimes triggered to wake, perhaps their bodies tricked into thinking it's spring, but then food is very scarce with a lack of insects, meaning that they can lose weight and if they decide to hibernate again they may not be a sufficient weight to survive the winter

Last year hedgehogs tended to hang around at night where we have bird feeders hanging. I think it is the slugs that gather in the same area that they are really interested in. I put mealworms under the feeder for them too, which they love and are a tasty treat although apparently their only nutritious value is protein.

At the beginning of November when the weather became colder and food scarcer I began putting a bowl of meat based (not fish based) cat food down. This could only be done



once they appeared due to the plethora of opportunistic cats (you know who you are) on the block and I had to hide behind a car to avoid putting the hogs off yet still be around to chase any cats away. The hogs all fed from it and after a couple of nights of cat food, the big hog disappeared. We're guessing that as it turned colder then, it went off to hibernate, being of quite a hefty weight and with a full tummy. Hedgehogs who have late litters can't hibernate until their young are old enough to feed themselves. If the smallest hog was the offspring of the big one then it was now feeding independently and perhaps mum had realised that food was being made available for her young. We haven't seen it since though we have an inkling that it is in a neighbour's hedgehog box.

Whilst I can't find the relevant figures in time for this Barford news, it is sufficient to say that quite a proportion of hedgehogs, often small juveniles, or unhealthy hogs, don't survive hibernation but of those that do survive their

first hibernation, many can live for up to seven years or more.

Hedgehogs need to be at least 450g to stand even a chance of surviving hibernation but generally only those of 600g or more stand a good chance of survival. My neighbours are used to my night time eccentricities, crawling around in the undergrowth with a head torch and hiding behind cars but luckily none of them were around when I went out with my weighing scales on bonfire night! It's not uncommon to weigh juvenile small hogs when it turns cold and I'm glad that we did because the smallest was only 320g and the larger one 460g. There are various opinions about low weight juveniles in winter but the general recommended advice is either to feed them in the wild or to bring them in and overwinter them. It is more common to bring them in because it's harder to keep an eye on them in the wild and to know if they have got into difficulty. Most hedgehog sanctuaries and wildlife hospitals are stuffed to the ginnels with underweight juvenile hogs in winter and this was the case in November with no room at the inn. These hogs had no then but to spend two weeks in our quiet back bedroom in their pens sleeping by day, eating and rustling by night, eating tonnes of cat food and rapidly gaining weight. When coughs worsened, a sign of lungworm and other hedgehog parasites, the wildlife hospital took them and both were treated. Many rescue centres keep their juveniles until the spring. Once they have reached an adequate weight and are healthy this one will first acclimatise them in outside pens at the hospital before releasing them if the weather is forecast to be good for the next five days. I had asked if our hogs could come back here but wasn't really expecting that until spring so was surprised when we got asked to take the male back before Christmas when it was milder, along with another female who was ready for release after having an injured foot from a road injury. The other female wasn't quite ready and will be coming back later - lucky male. We carried on feeding for a couple of weeks until the cats became a problem and the hospital recommended stopping. Soon after this, both disappeared, one to a hedgehog box and the other to nestle down no doubt amongst the tall tree roots with vegetation that they have used before.

That's the back story of the hogs. Next month, down to business with one of the biggest things we can all do to make our village more hedgehog friendly. **Hedgehog talk in the Village hall in April. Date TBA**

Helen Taylor

FROM THE FIRE STATION Deddington was called out 28 times in January. There was a person's reported house fire in Banbury. Person's reported means that that there is a fire in a property and that someone is still in the property. Luckily, they had managed to get out. There was also a fire in an industrial unit in Cropredy. More chimney fires, one of which could have quite easily turned into a house fire. The unusual circumstances were that the chimney had a metal liner in it. When the liner had been installed they had not cleaned the flue. The radiated heat in the metal liner caught the chimney alight. Our problem was that the flue was being sealed by the liner and was impossible to gain access. Smoke was starting to seep through the tiles on the roof. The result was to take the top of the chimney off and pull the liner out to be able to put water down the chimney and extinguish the fire. When having your chimney lined always make sure that this is done by a qualified person and that you have documentation for it because if you do not this can invalidate your insurance. The Crew have also attended several road traffic collisions and been called onto the M40 to a car fire.

Recently I have had an engineer out to make my tumble dryer safe. There has been a national recall on kitchen appliances with tumble dryers being the biggest danger. The seal on the front of the dryer is the main problem allowing lint to get into the motor which can then ignite. The engineer recommended that the filter was cleaned before every use. This was something that we were already doing and this was confirmed when he opened it up and there was only a small amount of fluff in the tumble dryer. With the new larger seal my tumble dryer is now deemed safe but I would never leave it unattended whilst it is running. You should check with your manufacture to see if yours is safe.

This month's training is focused on breathing apparatus with half the crew going to Morton in Marsh training college for their annual refresher. The Brigade have brought out a new high rise technical training session and some would say that it would be unlikely to be used by us.

However, only last year we had a fire at Mondelez (formally General Foods) in Banbury where high rise procedures were used. A new scrap car has been delivered to our compound for use to do some more road traffic collision training.

Remember that you should have a working smoke alarm on every floor of your property and they should be checked every week. I check mine when I put the bins out every week, it helps me remember to check them.

***Crew manager, Tim Parker
Deddington Fire Station***

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DOWN ON THE FARM.....The breeding ewes came into the lambing shed just before the cold, wet snap. It is good to see them in their airy, dry, strawed up pens divided by walk-through feeding troughs. Makes shepherding easy too!

We made the walk-through feeders about thirty years ago. Originally I got plans from the agricultural advisory service but found that their design involved floor-based troughs with the side rails supported by cross braces. Hard to walk down carrying a bale of hay or bag of feed and impossible to move backwards without tripping over the braces when dispensing the feed.

I did ask why they were designed in that way instead of being raised to avoid the cross bracing and was told, rather tartly, that sheep, being grazing animals, prefer only to eat at floor level. These are the sort of people we have to deal with in this industry.



The racks we have made are raised eight inches so that they can be braced at the bottom to give a clear floor feeding area. Over three decades the sheep have never declined to make use of them!

By the time this appears in print lambing should have started and (hopefully) we shall have been able to let our long suffering laying hens out to pasture again.

I had thought we would see a drop in egg production with the change of environment forced upon us by the 'bird flu' epidemic but, after a brief blip, they have carried on much as before.

On the pig front we have located another couple of new suppliers of Gloucester Old Spot weaners (eight week old piglets). This will save us having more breeding sows of our own although it does mean extending the quarantine area for piglets coming on to the farm to avoid introducing unforeseen disease problems.

Housing the sheep has seen the usual fans of the system moving in: they include sparrows, a pair of robins, a wren and some collared doves. They all appear to enjoy the warmth, company and food availability and, judging by the 'whitewash' on the concrete floor some rodent shaped mammals have also moved in and attracted the attention of our barn owls. They are lovely birds but they do know how to make a mess!

We regularly monitor our 'wildlife' after planting host trees and shrubs, bird friendly plants and erecting nesting boxes and feeders. In the past few days we have counted 18 different bird species not including largely nocturnal barn and tawny owls and various birds of prey.

One surprise visitor was a Weasel which popped out of a hole in the lawn, played around for a while and then disappeared as quickly as it had arrived. A smart little animal with its chestnut coat and white front it can easily be confused with the slightly larger Stoat.

Actually, all one has to do to clarify identification is to remember the following old saying:

'A Weasel is weasely recognised while a Stoat, of course, is stoatally different.

So there you are: that should have cleared up that little problem.

Tony Collier – Iron Down Farm

The Big Lunch takes place annually in June – but you can join in and host one whenever you like. This year's Big Lunch is on Sunday 11th June 2017. The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project. The aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours annually in June in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.

The Barfords have had many very successful Big Lunches over the last few years and it is a great event. Everyone usually brings their own food and drink, share with friends and generally have a good time in the Village Hall garden.

I have been organising this lunch for the last few years, with help from my friends. I have decided to hand over to someone else now. If anyone is interested contact me on gt.designs@btinternet.com and I can send links which detail everything necessary.



DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY It's been a busy term! The PFSU children have been finding out about Chinese New Year. We made lanterns, listened to Chinese music, made up our own lion and dragon dances, and sampled Chinese food. Thanks once again to the May Fu II restaurant, who welcomed us in to see their New Year decorations, and cooked us some delicious food. Alongside this, we have been finding out about pets, and have welcomed a variety of dogs, cats, rabbits, and even a horse, in to pre-school.

Thank you to everyone who bravely brought their pets in to meet us. We wrote to the vet to invite her to come in and tell us all about her job, and Juliet Morris visited us to tell us all about her work. Thanks Juliet. Next term we will be thinking about new topics including transport and Mother's Day.

Lucy Squires | 337484



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Village and local events diary

Diary dates to the editor by 15th of each month please

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Church of England March

**1st March – Ash Wednesday Benefice Service @
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- 5th Family Service @ 10.30am - BSM
- 12th Holy Communion @ 09.00am - BSM
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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

March

- 1st - Parish Council Meeting
4th - Village Clean Up Morning
8th - WI, Annual Meeting
18th - Village Market
25th - Picture House 'Bridge of Spies'
21st - Tuesday Lunch Club
31st - Parish Council Grants deadline

April

- 1st - Charity Dinner in the village hall
26th - Annual Parish Meeting

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