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THE BARFORD NEWS FIND THE 'bunny' COMPETITION is here.....Calling all 12's and under's....the word 'bunny' has been slipped into this edition of your Barford News so hop to it and find all 3.....first 3 correct answers received via email (*please include name, age & address*) to the Ed wins a chocy treat.....CLOSING DATE: 12th April PS the 'bunny's' above do not count..!

BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET EASTER EGG HUNT



open to all 12's & under, maximum 2 eggs per 'chocy-hunter'
SATURDAY 15TH APRIL.....10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL
GOOD LUCK!!



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 1st March in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Eden, Styles, Hanmer, Charman, Best, District Cllr Williams and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer).

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 1st February 2017 were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

District Councillor's Report from District Cllr Bryn Williams:

A361 Working Group – District Cllr Williams is a member of the A361 Working Group which will explore ways to improve the safety and efficiency of the road within the district. Barford PC will be contacted for their feedback on issues encountered by parishioners using the A361.

Mobile Signal Working Group - District Cllr Williams is a member of the Mobile Signal Working Group which will identify the areas within our district suffering from weak or non-existent mobile coverage. Barford PC will be contacted for their feedback on mobile coverage within the parish. The information will be passed to OFCOM, the government and the mobile networks.

Castle Quay 2 - This was voted through at the full council meeting on 20th February. The new development will face the canal rather than the current design which backs onto the canal. It will contain an eight-screen cinema of 30,000 sq ft. A 117-bedroom hotel and 3,700 sq ft restaurant, rumoured to be a Premier Inn. Six independent restaurants, a 30,000 sq ft supermarket, a new pedestrian bridge across the canal and a new car park for 990 vehicles.

Unitary Council – Please see separate letter entitled “Proposal to consolidate District Councils in Oxfordshire.

Public Participation:

Damage to car in Townsend – A resident of Barford St Michael reported that the tyres and wheels of his car were damaged by concrete protruding at the edge of the road in Townsend. This was caused when the road was narrowed when Western Power were carrying out work. Western Power reimbursed him for the damage. The clerk will investigate further with Oxfordshire Council Highways.

Pre-planning consent for building in field at beginning of Summer Ley – David Tew Ltd wrote to the Parish Council requesting their views and the views of the local community on house building in the meadow at the beginning of Summer Ley. The members of the public that attended the meeting were mostly house owners in Summer Ley. The members of the public expressed concerns. Although the Parish Council support the requirement for affordable housing it does not consider that this is a suitable site for development.

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.

Play equipment, West Close – A meeting took place with Trevor Stewart, the play area advisor, who is working on proposals.

Dog Fouling in West Close – The Parish Council has received complaints about an increase in dog mess being left around the village, particularly in West Close. Bags are also being left rather than put in the bins provided. The clerk is contacting the Dog Warden to agree what action can be taken. The clerk will also request signs for the footpath from the back of the church.

Allotments – Requests have been received for the erection of a shed and a poly tunnel on the allotments. It was agreed that both could be erected.

Horse Chestnut Leaf Miner Problem – The Parish Council would like to thank the volunteers who cleared up the leaves under the Horse Chestnut trees belonging to the Alt family in The Park, South Newington Road. The recent clean-up was a community initiative prompted by a member of the village.

Trees on The Green – One of the trees on the Green which had died has been replaced. The other trees will be pruned later in the year.

Planning

Application 16/02161/F, Mead Bank – Granted 10/02/2017

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

Application 17/00295/F, 5 Summer Ley, Alterations – Returned to CDC and awaiting decision.

Application 16/00710/F, build chalet bungalow next to Ayott Croft – Building work has commenced but the Parish Council has been advised that the original plans have been revised. Cherwell District Council has advised that it has not received a variation of condition application and that if the development is not in accordance with the approved plans it should be reported to the Planning Enforcement Team.

Finance

Payments - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totaling £302. This was approved unanimously.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5th April** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 26th April** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

VILLAGE CLEAN UP MORNING – 4TH MARCH

A total of 40 adults and children turned out for the clean up morning,. Some very new faces, and some familiar ones from many previous years. After a very wet start to the weekend the weather was kind and the sun came out for us. There was far less litter this year than in previous ones, but there was the usual collection of beer cans, car parts and a stash of several Vodka bottles. A few folks escaped before the photos were taken, but hopefully, everyone is listed here. Huge and grateful thanks to everyone involved



Top Left: Valerie Cavallero & Ava, Tess Dodwell & Ellie, Sophie Cameron with Margo & Nellie, Vicki Wolfe with Bella & Dan **Top Right:** Simon & Sophie with George **Bottom:** Anne & Mick Pearson, Cathy Peacock, Ishbel McInnes, Janet Morris, Paul Freeman, John Morris, Joanna Cooke-Yarborough, Trevor Stevens, Kim Hobday, Barb Greenwood, Linda Newbery, Hazel, Barney & Connie Neal, Jacque Thunder, Trish Field, Vicki Wolfe (& Dink). **In Front:** Theo Hobday, Dan & Bella Wolfe **Not pictured:** Jeff Elliott. Christine Hall. Howard & Natalie Timms. Mariann Young

Our sports teams have been busy displaying



lots of our school values during events recently. In particular, the Year 5/6 hockey team had an excellent tournament competing against Partnership schools winning

through to the North Oxfordshire finals. All the hockey coaching the classes have received from Bloxham School has paid off in a very confident but sporting approach to the competition. So, a huge well done to them and good luck in the next matches.

We need your help; our eco group 'The Energizers' are collecting old prescription glasses to recycle through an organisation called 'Vision Aid Overseas.' They are recycled for the precious metals and the money raised is used to support programmes overseas because 1 in 10 people in Africa can't see properly to learn and earn because they need glasses. So please have a rummage in drawers and cupboards and bring your old unwanted spectacles to school where there will be a collection box by the entrance. Thank you in anticipation of your help. We are also collecting school vouchers from Sainsbury's to add to our sports and playground equipment so if you have any vouchers we have a collection box in our reception and they will be gratefully received.

We are looking very smart around school at the moment with some long overdue building work to improve our Year 1 classroom and new doors to our KS1 entrance. Further building work will take place to create a new cloakroom for Year 2 thus enabling the KS1 toilets to be redesigned.

Finally, we had a lovely time celebrating 'World Book Day' creating lots of story hats which we wore for the day. A lot of time and effort was put into creating the fabulous hats. It was great to do something different from dressing up. We cherish books at Deddington and want to become an outstanding reading school. Have a

look on our school website, www.deddingtonprimaryschool.co.uk, for more information.

Anne Hunsley ☎338430

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The Friends of Deddington Library would like to thank Thea Jones of Barford for raising an impressive £30.00 from her sponsored walk after Christmas. Her contribution has been added to the funds raised from our other fundraising activities, including our calendar.

On the subject of our calendar, we would like to thank everyone who bought and supported our 2017 Calendar, sales were good and the feedback on the quality of photography and the quality of the product was positive. Based on sales, the support and the fact that it raised much needed funds for the library we are running the photo competition again this year with winning entries once more being printed in the calendar.

We've moved away from specific age categories but still encourage and invite entries from members of all age groups. Entrants do not have to live within the parish, however the photos should be taken within the parish of Deddington. Therefore, within and around the countryside of Clifton, Deddington and Hempton. File sizes are to be a minimum of 5Mb, 300dpi and sent as JPG's, if you're unsure just send them in and we'll get back to you if they need revising. The entry deadline will be August 18th which is later than last year and gives entrants the opportunity to include shots taken during the holidays. Send entries to abw@brynwilliams.com or drop off on a CD at the library.

Many thanks
Bryn Williams
Friends of Deddington Library

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PROPOSAL TO CONSOLIDATE DISTRICT COUNCILS IN OXFORDSHIRE

Residents of Barfords will, no doubt, be aware of the discussions surrounding the future Governance of Oxfordshire. Oxfordshire County Council is pushing the idea of a Unitary Authority (the so-called One Oxfordshire proposal) under which arrangement the current structure of County Council, District Councils (including Cherwell) and Oxford City Council would be swept away to be replaced by one uber-council for the entire County, essentially a land and money grab by the County Council. While this idea may have superficial appeal - fewer buildings, fewer staff, fewer Councillors (undoubtedly a popular move!!) - the following points should also be considered:

- a) Council tax will increase for residents if a unitary council were to be introduced to cover the costs of implementation.
- b) For years Oxfordshire County Council has increased its share of council tax whilst reducing services, meaning residents pay more for less.
- c) On the other hand Cherwell has frozen its share of council tax for the past seven years without reducing services. When taking into account inflation, residents now pay less for more from Cherwell.
- d) Oxfordshire County Council's previous poor performance in managing budgets and delivering services has led to cuts in services such as children's centres and buses which have a particular impact on the most vulnerable members of society.
- e) Cherwell is a strongly performing council which has repeatedly intervened where the county council has failed – this option would be lost if a unitary model were to be introduced.
- f) Cherwell has taken innovative steps to generate income to address reductions in Government funding. These include the Build! project and Graven Hill Village Development Company.
- g) The predicted savings cannot be guaranteed. There is also no reference to increasing service provision to residents

implying the only options will be reductions or maintaining the status quo.

h) Cherwell has supported the growth of a strong economy; the district's unemployment figures are the lowest on record (less than 300) and the total amount paid in business rates is the highest for all of Oxfordshire.

i) Local issues which are of huge importance to the local community, such as protecting the Horton General Hospital, will be diluted amongst the county's wider issues and considered a distant problem to a city-based unitary authority.

j) A single point of contact will be a single point of failure. CDC is a successful council; it does not fail.

The Councillors of Deddington Ward, and Cherwell District Council as a whole believe that a Unitary Council will not prove to be of long-term benefit to Residents of Cherwell, either financially or in terms of representation. Cherwell District Council has launched a petition "Stop Plans for a Unitary Authority in Oxfordshire" which we would urge all those who care about how they are represented to sign. The petition can be found at: www.change.org/p/stopplans-for-a-unitary-authority-in-oxfordshire

Bryn Williams
District Councillor, Deddington Ward



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held this year directly after the 6pm Evensong

Service on Sunday 23rd April. This is the opportunity for everyone in the villages to hear what has happened during the year with regard to your church and what is planned for the future. There is also a meeting at the beginning to elect your two churchwardens for 2017/18. The meeting will start at 7pm and there will be refreshments available in the church. I would urge you to come along and take an interest in the running of your churches as they are an integral part of our villages and your opinions are valued.

Cubby Brett



DEDDINGTON LIBRARY UPDATE Rhyme-time will take a short break over the Easter holidays, the last session will be on Monday 3rd April at 2.30 with a Spring/Easter theme. It would be lovely to see all our regular attenders and new faces alike at this lively Monday afternoon session; Rhyme-times will recommence on Monday 24th April.

We are very much looking forward to our Ancestry/Family history evening on Thursday 6th April, it promises to be a very interesting evening. Last month I mentioned various research sites the library Public Network PC's have access to, quite forgetting of course, that one of the most important resources is in fact the 1939 Register! You will recall though, I mentioned this last year when we first gained the subscription.

The 1939 Register from Find My Past is dubbed 'The Wartime Domesday Book', it was a comprehensive census taken on 29th September 1939 and provides an unprecedented insight into civilian life at the outbreak of WW2. 65,000 'enumerators' were employed to visit every house in England and Wales to take stock of the civil population. The information recorded was used to issue identity cards, plan mass evacuations, establish rationing and co-ordinate other war-time provisions. In the longer term the 1939 Register would go on to play a central role in the establishment of post-war services like the NHS. The 1939 Register is hugely significant and the only surviving record of the population between 1921 and 1951 as the 1931 census was destroyed during the war and the 1941 census was never taken. Each record includes the names of inhabitants at each address, date of birth, marital status and occupation. So, if you're interested in Ancestry and Find My Past, the 1939 Register is for you! Access to all of these and much more is free in the library, no need to be a member (although we'd love you to join of course!), just come along and log-on! Don't forget, our 'Bookworms' meet on the first Monday of the month and would welcome new members. Just contact me at the library for more information.

Happy Easter! Stella O'Neill Deddington Library Manager | 01869 338 391 |
Deddington.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

FROM THE FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD The "bat" boxes constructed by Boys Brigade are in fact bird nesting boxes....not that the wildlife will be confused since they are decorated in pearlescent acrylic paints and colourful feathers of which any Mardi Gras carnival would be proud. You might wrongly assume that the not neat joints and misaligned sides denote poor workmanship, but the reality is that the children purposely allowed the entry of light so that the nestlings would not fear the dark. Apparently birds will enlarge the entry hole to ensure good access and various species might well take turns to use the same box, so.....keep watching and let me know what you see.

Our Wood is going to feature in the Woodland Trust's magazine "Broadoak" soon, which all Woodland Trust members and registered Friends volunteers receive. Do take a walk down to the Wood and also look at the WT website which shows a number of stunning photos as well as giving detailed information about the species of trees and management plan.

If you would like to become a Friend of Daeda's Wood and be entitled to come to our AGM in April (date tbc) it costs £5 p.a. If you join as a new member this month you need pay nothing more until April 2018.

For more information please visit www.deddington.org.uk/community/daedaswood

WHO: Revd Annie Goldthorp
FROM: The Deddington Benefice

Q. how long have you lived in The Barfords?

A. *I have been Vicar since 12 February 2015 – I actually live in Deddington but serve The Barfords too.*

Q. favourite thing about The Barfords?

A. *The wonderful sense of community – everyone looking out for each other. Also love the fact you are so social!*

Q. where were you born?

A. *I was born in Cheltenham*

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

A. *Ooh – tricky! Probably starting with something light like quinoi with roasted butternut squash and spinach. Main course would be fish – sea bass and samphire with some simple summer berries and cream to finish.*

Q. best day of your life?

A. *The day I was ordained – surrounded by all my family and friends in Coventry Cathedral. It was also the day my Springer Bertie was born!*

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

A. *Again...tricky. Shakespeare; the late, great Leonard Cohen and Rev Richard Coles.*

Q. dream holiday and why?

A. *I would love to go to India – the sounds and the colours are all so vibrant. Also, the most wonderful architecture of the palaces contrasted to the very poor, derelict areas would be such food for thought and reflection.*

Q. favourite film?

A. *So many to choose from....but would probably settle for 'A Good Year'*

Q. what really makes you mad?

Bad driving – not indicating, sitting in the middle lane of the motorway and thoughtless parking!!

Q. which Super Power and why?

A. *I don't think there should be a Super Power - we were all born equal.*



PARABLE OF TALENTS - FINAL FIGURES

We have finally totalled up the money raised by the Parable of Talents initiative and it comes to a grand total of £3473.43! This gives £1,157.81 to each of the Nepalese Orphanage, Shepherd & Bakehouse Trust and Barford Churches.

It never fails to amaze me how generous people in the Barfords are both in terms of their effort and their donations. Who would have thought that so much has been raised from such a small initial investment of £170!

Very many thanks to all involved, Tony Elvidge

FROM THE FIRE STATION.....

Deddington was called out 22 times in February. The most worrying call was a report of a person on fire at a caravan park just outside of Bloxham. This turned out to be a false alarm and was just a pile of rubbish that was being burnt on the site. Whether this was maliciously or accidentally called in I think will never be known but I would like to think that it was accidental. There was also a call to a house fire in Barford St Michael. The owners had left their property and the call was made by the neighbour who had heard the smoke alarm. Smoke was coming from the front door and the windows were blackened. On arrival teams were quickly dispatched into the property to deal with the fire which had started in the kitchen. The fire did not have a chance to fully develop due to all the external windows and doors being closed. The heat from the fire in its early stages had been hot enough to melt the smoke detector on the ground floor, so without a doubt it would have developed into a complete house fire if it had enough air to fuel it. Even though all the external windows and doors were closed all of the internal doors had been left open. This meant that the whole house had been affected by smoke damage. The owners of the property were a young family with three children under the age of five and quite understandably were devastated. The fire service will always try to find temporary accommodation for people made homeless and can call on the Red Cross to give assistance to people who have lost their homes. The cause of the fire was unclear at the time so a Fire Investigation Officer was called to try and find out the cause. Talking to the owners, they assured us that the cooker was off, but there was a mobile phone that may have been left on charge. I will report on this next month after I have read the report from the Fire Investigation Officer. Our advice is to always shut all your internal doors and check all electrical equipment is turned off at night and when you go out. The high winds in February caused very little damage to our community but the crew were called to the Windmill Center in Deddington where a large white cricket shield had been blown over onto a car.

The whole crew have now completed our annual breathing apparatus assessment at Morton in Marsh training college. This month the focus is on RTC (Road Traffic Collision) techniques and I would like to thank Station Manager Chris Barbour for coming down to the station and refreshing us on old and new car cutting techniques.

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

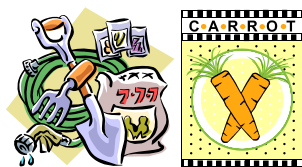


WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?
Giving up chocolates or going for The Full Purple?

Whether you rock on Bacchus Bash Sunday, eat up the meat on Collop Monday, make pancakes or carnival on Tuesday, or get ashed on Wednesday, there are just forty, fasting days to Easter. So do join us at St. Peter's, South Newington, for two services of Taize music, poetry and reflection, at 4.00pm on the second Sundays in the month, March 12th and April 9th. And bring in The Lenten.

200 Club results **MARCH draw**

£25, 213, Lucy Archer
£15, 012 George & Freda Parker
£10, 198, Lorraine Langlands
£5, 116, David Baxter
The draw took place at
Thursday Cuppa morning



BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED

APRIL 2017

DIARY DATE.....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 **BEFORE MAY 1st** if you'd like to go: l.newbery@btinternet.com 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 APRIL

Keep weeds under control; Protect fruit blossom from late frosts; Tie in climbing and rambling roses; Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds; Start to feed citrus plants; Look at your lawn and deal with it; Plant summer bulbs; Watch for slugs and snails;

NOW SOMETHING FOR CHILDREN IN THE GARDEN**Watering** A favourite activity for young children. Depending on the weather, watering plants in pots and containers could be an enjoyable daily chore using a child sized watering can. If you have planted tomatoes etc. in a greenhouse, they will also need regular watering.

Sweet Peas If you missed the chance to plant them under cover in January, now is the time

to consider planting them outside. Designing and building a wigwam style frame for sweet peas (or garden peas) is a fun activity for school aged children.

Weeding Not always a popular chore for adult gardeners but one which children often love. Choosing an area where the distinction between weeds and plants which you want to keep is clear can be a sound precaution!

HAPPY GARDENING...SPADE and FORK

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

18th April 2017

Menu

Main Course

Braised Lambs Liver with Bacon
Served with Mashed Potato

Or

Fish Pie (Smoked Haddock, Cod & Salmon)

Topped with Mashed Potato

Both meals served with Spring Greens,
Peas & Carrots

Desserts

Apricot and White Chocolate Bread & Butter Pudding

Or

Raspberry Cranachan

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 11th April.

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

HEDGEHOG MATTERS - 3

Our local hogs will soon be coming out of hibernation and when they do they will be hungry and busying themselves with looking for plenty of food and soon after that in search of a mate, or in the case of the male, mates. Radio tracking has shown that male hogs can travel up to 2 km a night in search of food and a mate with female hogs travelling on average 1.2km. In the breeding season some males travel as far as 3km. A large part of their nocturnal "day" is taken up with moving from place to place, garden to garden, hedges and scrub. Luckily for them, most front gardens in Barford are open providing easy access. Back gardens though are often a different matter.

One of the major reasons for hogs decline is the advent of the garden fence which has replaced hedges over the years and continues to do so because of ease. Fences have also become more secure. A hedge replaced by a new fence is an impenetrable barrier to a hog and can suddenly block its access to a whole network of gardens and sources of food along with the chances of finding a mate. It reduces the amount of land available to them and it may be that that particular garden had provided access to a whole network of other gardens and field margins. Hedgehogs will only be visiting your garden if they have access - if you have a hedge, a gate with a gap underneath or a fence or wall that by design or default has a hole in it. There is also a lot of evidence showing that people who had a garden inaccessible to hedgehogs and who didn't see them, did very quickly have them visiting regularly after they made their gardens accessible with a hole or gap

...So my aim is to encourage as many Barford households as possible to make their gardens accessible to hedgehogs. This will increase their chances of breeding and survival as well as finding suitable nesting and hibernation sites and places to lie low during the day. ***What is a small thing to us can make a big difference to them and their survival.*** It is also a lovely thing for us to see and for children who may never have seen one to learn about.

Accessibility from front garden to back is great but even better is linking up with neighbours back gardens so that hogs can go along a series of them through a network. Hogs can pass through the hedge at the back of Church St into

at least one garden at the end of Broad Close. From there they can cross that garden, pass under a side gate then have access to all the front gardens on Broad Close which they would otherwise have to walk much further to reach. How fantastic too if they could have access to a network of back gardens and field margins which might otherwise be inaccessible on Broad Close, with most houses having no front to back access for them. **13cm by 13cm is sufficient for any hedgehog to pass through. This will be too small for nearly all pets. Remove a brick from the bottom of a wall, cut a small hole in a fence if there are no gaps, dig a channel underneath your fence. A piece of pipe could be put in place if you want. Raise the height of the bottom of your gate, or a part of it. If you are thinking of having a new fence installed, ask your fencer to leave a 13x13cm hole, as we did. It is even possible to get hedgehog friendly gravel boards from some suppliers now. See www.hedgehogstreet.org for more information about these.**

Put your hole on the BIG hedgehog map. Hedgehog Street (see above) was set up by the Trust for Endangered Species and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) to encourage whole communities to work together to help hedgehogs. I have signed Barford up to this and our first hedgehog hole is marked on the map. The site also has pictures of holes and ideas for how to do it. You can map your holes location exactly as well as any hedgehog sightings, dead or alive on here. If you have a gap by default under a gate or a hedge then these could be marked too. If you don't use a computer ask someone else or me to do this for you.

If everyone adds their hedgehog access points to the map we can start to see the bigger picture of the areas that they have access to and try and link up more gardens, filling in the dots.



St Michaels Church, Barford St Michael

Family Services - 1st Sunday of every [month @10:30am](#)
We had another great service in March thinking about temptation – could you have resisted eating the marshmallows on offer? 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 April 2nd and we shall be thinking about Jesus the Resurrection and the Life!
Come along, listen, watch, craft and eat cake.**

******* New for 2017 we are hosting ...**

Easter Crafts on Good Friday 14th April

3.00 – 4.30 at the Village Hall

Lots of different craft activities for all the family, the Easter Story, refreshments, cake and a chocolate egg or two!

For any information about the Family Service please email

sallybarber@live.co.uk

Sally, Sophie, Anne



FOR SALE

EHRMAN TAPESTRY KIT

Part finished tapestry cushion cover and full size beech wood frame for sale.

All the tapestry wools needed to complete it plus many more.

One careful owner!

£25.00

(proceeds to Church funds)

Contact Ann Budd ☎ 338514

'FIAMMA'

BIKE COVER PREMIUM S suitable for covering 2 bikes on back of Caravan or Camper. Unused, £25



Contact Gunilla on
01295 720521



**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:
MIDNIGHT WALK 2017** Our 11th

Midnight walk will take place on Saturday 24th June. This year's theme is 'Animals', so bring your rabbit ears, slip in to a zebra onesie, or join your friends in a giant caterpillar. Whatever shape, size, or type of animal you choose, you're sure to have a memorable Midnight Walk! Before **30 April** the "Early Bird" entry fee is £15. (£20 thereafter) Please sign up today to help raise money for your local hospice. Sign up at www.khh.org.uk/midnight-walk

HOSPICE OPEN DAY – 12 MAY (2-5PM) Drop in to the hospice on Friday 12 May from 2 to 5pm for cake and a cuppa to find out more about what we do. Find out how you can get involved as a volunteer or fundraiser, or how you can refer someone to us. We hope you'll be able to join us! For further information, please visit www.khh.org.uk/open-day

CALLING ALL KNITTERS! EASTER KNITS NEEDED

This year's Easter Knits have been so popular we are now in need of even more. Our knitted ladybirds, chicks and bunnies raised over £7,000 last year. If you're a knitter, why not try your hand at making some of our Easter novelties? For more information and our knitting patterns, please get in touch or visit www.khh.org.uk/easter-knitting

EDUCATION COURSES FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

We offer a range of educational opportunities including short courses, placements and visits for doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, care assistants and students. We also run training sessions for our staff and volunteers. This year we have three courses available for those working in health and social care. The courses on offer are

'Introduction to Palliative Care for Health Care Professionals', 'Communication in End of Life Care for Health Care Assistants' and 'Introduction to Palliative Care for Health Care Assistants'. These courses are charged at a fee ranging from £125 - £200 and will be run at Katharine House Hospice. You can find out more information and book your place for any of the courses via our website, www.khh.org.uk alternatively you can contact Annie Essex on 01295 811866 or annie.essex@khh.org.uk.

Welcome

to

**Emilian & Anna Bilaniuc
& daughters**

**Rebecca and Deborah
who have recently
come to live in St. John**

**we wish the family every happiness
in their new home**



**FIND OUT WHAT'S ON
LOCALLY..... keep up
to bunny 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/news
www.steepleaston.org.uk**



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May 17th 1.30pm SOFO

James Campbell's The Drawings of EH Shepard

Wednesday 8th March 7pm | £10.00

Synopsis: Shepard's War E H Shepard, artist, illustrator and author best known for his iconic illustrations of Winnie-the-Pooh and the Wind in the Willows, also served with distinction as an officer in the Royal Garrison Artillery between 1915-1919. Using previously unknown and unpublished materials, Shepard's War tells the fascinating story of one officer's war experience, on the Western Front at the Italian front, and including his encounters with the Prince of Wales and with Ernest Hemingway, the death of his only brother in action, his own bravery and award of the MC, his work for the Intelligence corps, the operations of a field battery and much more. Told through his own inimitable drawings, illustrations, cartoons, photograph and writing, and using a gentle humour to prick the pomposity of the enemy, this is a unique and personal history of an illustrator's war. James Campbell has been the Chairman of The Shepard Trust since 2010. His book, Shepard's War, covering E H Shepard's First World War experiences, was published in 2015 by LOM Art. He is currently working on a book about E H Shepard and the creation of the Winnie-the-Pooh images, which is due to be published in 2017, to coincide with a major Winnie-the-Pooh exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum in London.

Shrabani Basu's 'Queen Victoria and Abdul Karim'

Wednesday 12th April 7pm | £10.00

Synopsis: Queen Victoria remained the face of the British empire's rule in India. Spoken about but never seen in the subcontinent and a ruler from afar, she seemed to epitomise the hauteur of colonial rule. However, one book lay bare her warm and compassionate side, often seen in the company of an Indian attendant, Abdul Karim. Shrabani Basu's 2010 book *Victoria & Abdul: The True Story of the Queen's Closest Confidant* is a rare insight into a little-known and yet beautiful relationship. The non-fiction book is being adapted to the screen by renowned British filmmaker Stephen Frears. The legendary Judi Dench plays Victoria, while Indian actor Ali Fazal is playing Karim. The movie will be released in 2017.

When Karim was sent to Britain as a "gift" to the British monarchy, little did anyone know that it would be the beginning of an extraordinary bond. Basu's effort chronicles the companionship shared by Victoria with her "Dear Munshi" and the many attempts made by the royal family to subvert the relationship. Basu, who has previously written *Spy Princess The Life of Noor Hayat Khan*, *Curry*, and *For King and Another Country*, is visiting SOFO with her talk on the book.

Down on the farm

Spring at last! Dreary dank days behind us and all the signs of plants and blossoms coming to life.

The laying hens were let out at the end of February and behaved like school kids at end of term after a long incarceration because of the threat of Bird 'Flu.

For some reason in England DEFRA has imposed a system of post code areas outside of which we can let free range hens out but within which they have to be kept in. It seems an odd system and hard to understand the logic. I would have thought they should all be kept in or allowed out, as was the decision in Scotland and Wales.

Anyway we are just on the right side of the post code area so they are once again enjoying the great outdoors and easier to manage as a result.

Lambing is nearing completion and has gone well so far with few problems. There are a few 'on the bottle' but not as many as in previous years.

Dealing with lambs from triplets and those that have been rejected or lost mothers is always a bug bear. Basically a breeding ewe is only equipped to rear two lambs; they will manage three, but it is usually best to take one away and either foster on to another ewe that has a single or rear it by hand on a bottle or milk bar.

The best option is 'wet fostering' which involves taking a triplet lamb and rubbing it in the fluids of a ewe that has just given birth to a single so that she accepts it as her own. This is not always possible and the alternative is to yoke her up so that she cannot harm the introduced lamb and hope she will eventually give in and accept the newcomer.

It doesn't always work; I have known ewes deliberately lie on the 'stranger' and suffocate it or bash it around the pen until it is taken away.

In the past shepherds often used to take the smallest triplet lamb away and dispose of it on the basis that the remaining two would thrive and the time taken to hand rear an orphan lamb would be better used to cope with the rest of the flock. Of course they didn't have recourse to the milk powders and artificially produced colostrum we have today.

The alternative nowadays is to put orphans on a milk bar which is an artificial milk container with rubber teats. They do well on this system but it is not cheap and I doubt that the economics stack up, especially if labour is taken into account. I know of farms with large flocks that end up with sixty or more lambs reared in this manner.

The best options for smaller flocks are either to find someone willing to rear the lambs which can then come back to the farm after lambing, or simply to sell them for a few quid to people keen to have a pet lamb of their own.

Certainly the sheep farmers I know would shy away from the old shepherd's way of 'knocking 'em on the head.' Lambs can find enough ways of their own to dispense with life

Tony Collier, Iron Down Farm

DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

We will be holding a messy play morning on Saturday 1st April from 10am to 12noon in the PFSU garden (behind the Primary School), where the children can squelch, pour, mix and splat to their hearts content. This event is open to *all* children aged up to 6 years, and costs £5 per child, including a drink and biscuits. We ask that children are accompanied by an adult. Please bring a towel, a change of clothes, and come in old clothes as the paint may stain. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available to purchase. The Four Farms Challenge will be held on Sunday 14th May. This a 5K and 10K and children's fun run around Deddington Parish organised in conjunction with the Primary School PTA and the Deddington Fire Service. It starts and finishes at the Castle Grounds where this year there will be even more family activities including hook-a-duck, splat-a-rat, face painting, glitter tattoos, and a pirate adventure obstacle course. To register for the run or for more information visit www.fourfarmschallenge.co.uk

We are collecting the Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers and would welcome any donations at either the PFSU or the Nursery. As charities, the extra sports and cooking equipment we are able to purchase with the vouchers is much appreciated.

Lucy Squires ☎337484



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Home help came next with an evening of ironing, tea making & the washing of both crockery & windows.

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Scouts

Scouts also marked Founders day, starting with a riotous game of Schoolboys & Butcher-boys followed by a Lego observation round &, to illustrate his love of nature & the spread of Scouting worldwide – animals carved out of a potato! We joined the Explorers for n early Red Nose Night where we played games from around the world then spent an evening discussing bullying in all its forms.

pete.churchyard@gmail.com

Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

Exciting times for the Explorers. We have just had 3 Platinum Chief Scout's Awards and 3 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards presented. Alec Stanworth, the Acting District Commissioner and Jo Hawtin the Assistant County Commissioner, D of E came to make the presentations. These are the first of these awards to be gained by the Unit members and we hope a further 4 Platinum Awards will be gained soon. One of our leaders, Carissa, also got her wood beads. She's now completed her training which takes ages to do and shows how committed she is to helping us out. We did a Comic Relief evening to celebrate getting our various awards and the Scouts joined us for an evening of games.

Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959.
spartansexplorers@gmail.com

**Date to remember – St George's Day Parade
– weekend of April 22 / 23**



DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

The book worms last book was **Guernica by Dave Boling**. Here's what we thought....

Some of us prepared ourselves to read the book, anticipating with trepidation the story of the bombing of Guernica. However, the author introduced Guernica some years before the bombing and it took some of us a little time to become absorbed. In fact one person skipped straight to the chapters on the bombing as they didn't like the descriptions of the main family.

On the whole, the club would recommend the book. Although the story was felt to be slightly formulaic by some, the historical portrayal of the Basque community; their language, food, accommodation and way of life drew most of us into the life saga. It connected us with the characters before the portrayal of the cruel annihilation of Guernica town and its inhabitants by the Germans. The depiction of the attack was fairly comprehensive and we were shocked by the cold-hearted mercilessness with which the Germans bombed and shot the civilians.

The story as a whole helped the readers understand more about the political context and treatment of the Basque people.

We meet on the first Monday of the month, new members are welcome. Contact the library for more information.

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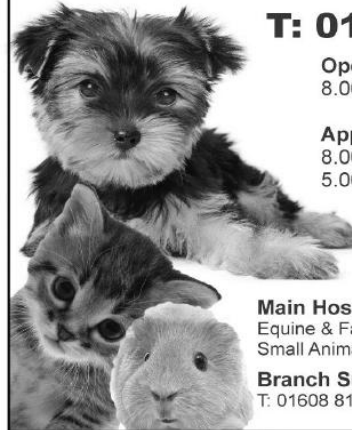
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Village and local events diary

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

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Fridays	Rainbows Whist alternate weeks
Saturdays	Village Market 3 rd week (not Jan or Aug)
3rd Wednesday	Village Hall Management Committee

Diary dates

April

- 1st - Charity Dinner in the village hall
- 9th - Taize, St Peter's, South Newington
- 12th - WI – 'The Yellow Hat Tribe' Talk
- 15th - Village Market (+ Easter Egg Hunt)
- 18th - Tuesday Lunch Club – Village Hall
- 26th - Annual Parish/VHMC Meeting
- 23rd - APCM @ BSM Church

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