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**CARE FOR A CUPPA? IT'S FOR KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE**  
**Barford Village Hall, 10 -11.30 on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**



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## Parish Council Notes

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

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 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:**

**Unitary Council** – Oxfordshire County Council approved their proposals for a county wide unitary council at their March 14<sup>th</sup> cabinet meeting. Their proposal has been presented to The Secretary of State. CDC, West Oxon and Oxford City will present an alternative proposal in the following weeks and invite residents and parish councils to public meetings and an emergency Parish Liaison Meeting to discuss their alternative proposal.

**Dog Fouling** – District Councillor Williams has contacted the CDC Dog Warden regarding the dog waste which is being deposited near but not in the provided Dog Waste Bins. Christopher Cundy, CDC's Dog Warden who is now liaising with the Council.

### **Public Participation:**

**Footpaths Co-ordinator** – Caroline Belson, who has taken on this role attended the meeting and it was agreed that any footpath issues will be reported to the Clerk who will then report them to OCC.

**Grants** – Presentations were given by representatives of the Barford News, the Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Committee who have all applied for grants from the Parish Council. Deddington Library has also applied for a grant. A decision on grant allocation will be taken at the next meeting.

**Prevention of damage to the Village Green** - Richard Palmer and Bernard Lane presented a revised estimate £900 for materials (matting, gravel and topsoil) for reinforcing the village green with mesh to reduce damage caused by cars and lorries driving over it. This was agreed provisionally. A final decision will be taken at the next meeting.

### **Parish Matters:**

**Speed monitoring** – Nigel Clarke, OCC Highways, has confirmed that "black box" speed monitors will be fitted after the Easter Holiday.

They will monitor the number of vehicles and the speed of the vehicles for one week. They will be fitted on Netherworton Road, Hempton Road and on the hill in Barford St John. The cost is £100 plus VAT for each black box.

### **Dog fouling on footpaths and West Close** –

The clerk met with Chris Chundy, the CDC Dog Warden and walked round Barford St Michael with him pointing out the areas of concern. Prominent signs were attached at either end of West Close at Murreys Lane and the start of the footpath at the Turnstiles. The Warden will patrol for 2 months and a review will be carried out. The clerk met with the Alts to discuss the issues in the field at the back of Broad Close. As well as dog mess not being cleared owners are walking their dogs without leads where there are sheep that are about to lamb. Signs advising of penalties for dog fouling and asking owners to keep their dogs on leads in the field will be put up around the village.

**Damage to verges** – Several residents have reported damage to verges in Townsend and Lower Street. Oxfordshire County Council Highways has advised that damage should be reported at [viafixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://viafixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk) however due to budget restrictions repairs to verges are a low priority. Highways recommended that whenever possible, residents should contact the people responsible for the damage to repair it.

### **Pre-planning consent for affordable housing by David Tew Ltd** – David Tew Ltd

has written again to the Parish Council seeking their views and the views of the wider village community on affordable housing. The Council has responded by advising that it gives opinions on all planning applications received from Cherwell District Council on their merit considering the needs of the villages.

**Surface water in Lower Street** – A resident reported persistent surface water in Lower Street. Thames Water has attended to a drain and the situation has improved.

**Splashback tiling in Village Hall** – It was agreed that tiling would be carried out in the Village Hall to facilitate cleaning when bacon butties are cooked.

**Governance of Hall and Fernhill Trust and Shepherds and Bakehouse Trusts** – the Council approved the 4 nominated trustees, John Hiron, Helen Honour, Barbara Greenwood and Les Hall who will serve for 5 years.

**Shed and Greenhouse requests on allotments** – A request for a shed on one allotment and a greenhouse on another were agreed.

#### **Planning Applications**

Application 16/02237/F, George Inn, Alterations – Granted 27/03/2017.

Application 16/02238/LB, George Inn, Alterations – Granted 27/03/2017

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 17/00515/F, Buttermilk Farm, Build Stables – Returned to CDC and awaiting decision

Application 17/00535/F, 2 Broad Close, Extension – Returned to CDC and awaiting decision

#### **Finance**

**Payments** – Approval was given to pay cheques totaling £226.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting is on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm in the village hall.



to a lovely lady in  
Townsend and another lovely lady in  
the High Street who kindly donated  
£10 each to Barford News funds, it's  
really appreciated.

The Team



## **Plant Sale**

at

**Stonehaven, Lower Street**

**Saturday 13th May**

**11am till 2pm**

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**AT:**

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## FROM THE FIRE STATION

Deddington was called out 17 times in March. The crew

have attended a mixed bag of incidents in the past Month. There was an incident where a BMW car had lost control and crashed through the wall of a warehouse, just opposite Morrison's supermarket in Banbury. The cause of this is not known at this point but the driver of the car was very lucky not to be seriously injured. A couple of days later our crew was called to a warehouse fire which was very close to the car that crashed through the wall. How the fire started is unclear but the quick actions by our fire crews managed to stop the fire developing and losing the building. It's not believed that these two incidents are related but just a coincidence that they happened so close to each other within a couple of days.

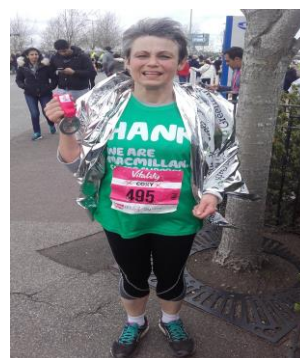
Deddington are still attending chimney fires. One that is worth a mention happened in Clifton. When we arrived, I checked the heat of the flue with the thermal imaging camera and found that there was very little heat. The occupier had assured us that there were flames and thick black smoke bellowing out of the chimney pot. On closer inspection, I noticed that the chimney had no cowl on it. This seems to happen every year at this time, when people have had their chimney swept and then have a bird decide to build a nest in it. You would be amazed to see how many sticks a Jackdaw can put down a chimney. Our advice is that all chimneys should be lined and have a cowl on the top. There was also a fire in the open in Steeple Aston. This was started when someone had discarded their coals from a barbeque onto their compost heap before they had cooled. This caught fire but unfortunately was situated just behind their garden shed and summerhouse. The fire quickly spread to the buildings which could have been lost if not for our quick action which stopped the spread of the fire. Our advice is not to have compost heaps close to any structure because they can catch fire for many reasons and not just due to thoughtlessness. Our crew was also called to a suspected heart attack. He was working on the roof on the building site just opposite our fire station. These sorts of incidents are always difficult to deal with because the actions that you take sometimes have to be unconventional and are always determined by the condition of the casualty. With the ambulance and our specialist rescue unit in attendance it was decided that the casualty needed to be brought down as quickly as possible. We had the hydraulic platform on route but decided that it would take too long to arrive and get set up. The

quickest way was to attach the stretcher to the crane that was already on the building site and lower them that way. This is operating outside of our guidelines, but for some time now Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue have implemented operational discretion. There have been events in other parts of the country which hit the headlines because fire crews have not been able to rescue someone due to health and safety and operational guidelines. Operational discretion allows us to work outside of these guidelines for a specific task.

The main training event this month was a water rescue exercise that was held in Banbury. It was an assimilation of three people that had capsized their boat on the river Cherwell. The exercise was a great success and involved crews from Banbury, Hook Norton and Deddington.

The annual car wash was a huge success raising nearly four hundred pounds for the fire fighter's charity. Our next big event will be the Four Farms Challenge which will be held on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. This is always a fantastic day out and we hope to see everyone there.

**Crew manager Tim Parker Deddington Fire Station**



**Thank you, Barford!** Huge thanks to everyone who so generously donated towards my half marathon run for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks to you, not only did I raise £750 for this amazing cause, but I also managed to get round in a personal best time!

Here are some before, during and after photos. By the way, my shirt's not a tribute to Hank Marvin (!), it simply says THANKS. Thanks to you for supporting, thanks to the people we've loved, thanks to Macmillan for the work they'll continue to do for all people who need them.

**Claire Cox**



**CHARITY DINNER – SATURDAY 1ST APRIL**  
**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNE & MICK PEARSON**

and their excellent team of volunteers (Gunilla Treen, Julie Hawes, Kathryn Wheeler and Ray Cox) for the fantastic three-course dinner they provided for 42 hungry supporters.

Thanks also to Leon Daly for providing a pre-meal gin cocktail.

Anne & Mick used the surplus from their regular Tuesday lunches to fund the entire dinner.

With the addition of raffle profits plus a very generous donation, the total raised on the evening was an incredible £1,044, all of which will go to the Helpless Mother Children's Centre in Kathmandu.

Leon Daly gave the very well deserved vote of thanks. A fantastic evening and an excellent result.



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on 01235 548578  
for any further information.

## DOWN ON THE FARM

We have had some pretty iffy spring seasons over the past decade but this one has been a real cracker.

No rain to speak of to slow down turning out ewes and lambs, enough moisture to get crops away, and time to do all the land work properly without having to worry about compaction or bringing tyre laden loads of mud into the yard. However, at the time of writing (mid-April) we do need some rain! Spring sown crops are beginning to falter and grassland could do with a good soaking to keep grazing going.

We are slowly upping the pig numbers to cope with increasing demand and the three new gilts (young sows) are now served. They should produce in July/August.



The hens are laying well (about 80%) and if anyone else in Barford would like eggs delivered just let us know (01869 338635). We deliver on Tuesdays.

The dry weather has also enabled us to get the 'forestry work' done without making a mess. We planted a lot of trees some 30 years ago and the recent work involved eliminating alternate trees to give the rest of them some space in which to flourish. As someone commented after the event, it is possible to make improvements by eliminating things just as one did by planting them in the first place.

It is not always easy to bring oneself to carry out drastic pruning work, although it usually pays in the long term.

My Grandfather was a hard pruner. I can just recall my mother asking him if he would prune our unruly hedge in Yorkshire while we were away somewhere. When we returned she was horrified to find that we had no hedge. He had virtually cut the thing off by the roots. My father was in the army trying not to get himself killed in North Africa at the time. When he came home three years later we had the best hedge in the village!

**Tony Collier, Iron Down Farm**

## Welcome

**to Ian and Kate who have recently come from Duns Tew to live in Robins Close with Charlie (mad cat)**

**&**

**Nick, Gisela (Gis), Elsie and Jerome who have moved into Townsend we wish them every happiness in their new homes**



*And the  
Winners  
are...*

**Will Anderson, age 11 and  
Matthew Day-Simons, age 10**

**who found the 3 hidden 'bunnys' ....well done and  
we hope you enjoyed your  
choccy treat**

## House Move



**The Linsey family  
Paul, Anne, Ben & Jonathan  
Have moved from 4 Robins Close  
To 14 Broad Close  
(more football space!!)**

**WHO: Bernard Lane (Chief Grass-Cutter of The Green & Past Barford News Editor)**  
**FROM: The Old School House, the Green**

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

A. 34 years

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

A. The General friendliness and willingness to join in

**Q. where were you born?**

A. Gosport, Hants...a long time ago

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

A. Pate,  
B. Lamb chops and veg,  
C. Crème Brulee

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

A. Wedding Day

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

A. Colin Cowdrey  
B. Maggie Thatcher,  
C. Fred Truman

**Q. dream holiday and why?**

A. Any time in Australia. I think the country and the people are great. They do what they say they will do.

**Q. favourite film?**

A. Destry Rides Again: 1939: Jimmy Stewart and Marlene Dietrich. It was the film in which Marlene first sang "See What The Boys In The Back Room Will Have".

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

A. Prevarication by politicians

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

A. Great Britain. Because it is.

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## ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS



**George and Freda Parker**  
Of High Street  
Who celebrate their  
**BLUE SAPPHIRE WEDDING**  
**ANNIVERSARY (65 Years!!)**  
On 10th May



**John & Lorraine Langlands**  
Of Broad Close  
Who celebrate their  
**GOLDEN WEDDING**  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
On 27th May

#### HEDGEHOG MATTERS – 4

It's fabulous that **at least three hedgehogs have survived hibernation** and been spotted in the last few weeks along the undisturbed hedge line behind Church Street. Two must rest up amongst the undergrowth here during the day because the familiar sound of their rustling can be heard from different parts of the hedge just after dusk, with one emerging from the left and one from the right, both heading for the very small amount of food that I put down, mainly to try and monitor their numbers and whereabouts. I think one of these is the male juvenile born in the autumn. This went to the wildlife hospital at the start of winter because it was too underweight to survive hibernation and was released back here during a mild winter spell once it had put on weight. The other I think is the female released back with it following a leg injury which had healed. I have also spotted a larger hog drinking from the water bowl close by. With all three being in the same area and their paths crossing regularly hopefully new hoglets will be born somewhere in the area this year!

**A shallow bowl of water changed daily can be a lifesaver for hedgehogs.** Lack of sufficient drinking water can be problem for them especially in extended dry periods as we are having now and during the summer. I believe that a hole in our fence combined with a bowl of water is what has attracted hogs to visit our garden nightly for the last three years and we have seen them drinking regularly. Even if you don't know whether hogs are visiting your garden or not, a shallow bowl of water in your front or back garden will be another option for them if they are already coming and may attract them in if they are not, providing that they have access. A dog bowl is too deep for hoglets and they have been known to drown in things as deep as this so something the size of a cat bowl is better.

**Breaking news!** Just been out for my nightly look around and seen two hogs appearing to be starting the courtship ritual. The bad news that I have just looked up is that they do not reach sexual maturity until their second year of life and at least one of these is a juvenile.

A few people have said my hedgehog column is cute or sweet, especially the part last month about "hedgehog holes" – ensuring that hogs have access to your garden to find sufficient food and putting your hole on" The BIG hedgehog map" on the website. It might be cute but I think of it more as vital to help ensure the success of our local hedgehog population who need access to as many gardens as possible for food. If you don't yet feel inspired come to the meeting below to find out more about the life and habits of hogs and some of the hazards and problems that they face plus what we can do to help.

#### HEDGEHOG TALK

TUESDAY 16TH MAY  
AT 7:30PM IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL



#### Bloxham Bowls Club

Bloxham Bowls Club is starting its new and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary season in May. The anniversary is being celebrated with some special fixtures including a mixed Bowls England match and one against our oldest opponent, Adderbury Bowls Club. Other events, both social and playing, are also being arranged. Throughout the season – May to September – the Club will be competing in the Oxfordshire Men's League and the West Oxfordshire Mixed Triple League as well as many friendlies with local sides.

Members are reminded that the club joining night is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Anyone who is interested in joining can come along that night or to the club on any Monday night when club evenings are held for members to come along and practice or just meet up outside of matches.

For further information look at the club's web site, [bloxhambowls.org.uk](http://bloxhambowls.org.uk) or contact The Secretary, Rod Ostler, 01295 720531.





**A reminder to members that  
we will be choosing our  
RESOLUTION  
on Wednesday, 10th May**

**Followed by  
The Conveyor Belt Game!!  
In the Village Hall  
At 7.30pm  
Visitors (£4) you are most welcome to  
come along**

**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Menu**

**MAIN COURSE**

Sausage, Leek and Chorizo Plait  
or  
Asparagus, Red Onion and Brie Quiche

Both meals served with Cheese and Potato Bake,  
Ratatouille and Summer Vegetable Medley

**DESSERTS**

Ginger and Honey Panna Cotta with  
Rhubarb Compôte  
or  
Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Cream

**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 9<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET  
SATURDAY 20th MAY  
10AM – 12PM IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL**

**Andy Gill and his fantastic pots  
\*\*\***

**Paddocks Farm, with their lovely  
selection of sausages, burgers, bacon etc.  
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**Plus a good range of local producers  
selling eggs, savouries, cakes, bread,  
honey, dairy produce, preserves,  
greetings cards and wrapping paper  
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**Fairtrade items, hand knitted woollies  
and made-to-measure items.....and for  
the birds we have seeds, mealworms,  
sunflower hearts**

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## BAKE-OFF JUDGE ASKS YOU TO CARE FOR A CUPPA

Our Care for a Cuppa campaign returns this May, with supporters across the community holding coffee mornings and afternoon teas to raise money for their local hospice. And this year, we're delighted to have newest Great British Bake Off judge, Prue Leith, supporting our campaign. Here's what Prue had to say:

### Care for a Cuppa Campaign: by Prue Leith, March 2017

No one wants to die in hospital. We all want to be somewhere where people have time to listen, and chat, and maybe share a cuppa. We want to be surrounded by loved ones, in a homely, relaxed, atmosphere. And we want to be looked after by doctors able to prescribe the drugs we need to keep the pain away.

The Hospice movement, and especially hospices like Katharine House, which are well supported with an energetic board and a bunch of enthusiastic volunteers, really are the answer to many a family's prayer. There is almost nothing as bleak as having a relative die in a hospital ward. However well-meaning the staff, hospital inevitably means long hours of boredom, institutional meals, family and friends unable to visit as much as they'd like, and above all a longing to go home. But home sometimes isn't the answer either. Families may feel desperate at the responsibility of caring for someone terminally ill and just worn out by the relentless nature of long term care.

For 25 years Katharine House has provided professional but friendly and warm palliative care, along with a lot of sympathy, comfort and, yes, fun for the patient, plus help and understanding for the families. The hospice charges nothing. There is a ten-bed inpatient unit with two family rooms, a day hospice, and staff can look after people at home too. Needless to say, all this needs MONEY! The team at Katharine House has turned fund-raising into something that people enjoy doing. And they do it extraordinarily well, dreaming up endlessly imaginative fund-raising events. They have a legacy scheme, a local lottery, and each July they hold a Midnight Walk through the streets of Banbury, a very social merry event. They need to be energetic fundraisers: the hospice and its services cost £3.6 million to run and they only get a third of that from public funds, leaving almost £7,000 to be found every day.

'Care for a Cuppa' is the newest Katharine House initiative and it has been going like a bomb since 2014. This year it will run from 8 – 14 May with events large and small in homes, clubs and societies, villages, and town halls, and in the canteens of many local businesses across north Oxfordshire and south Northamptonshire. Most people opt for a traditional afternoon tea or coffee morning, but there are variations such as a 'Breakfast Bap Cuppa' or 'Care for a Cocktail'. Katharine House Hospice in Adderbury will hold its own 'Care for a Cuppa' event on its Open Day on May 12th. I hope you can join in the Cuppa campaign by organising your own event or coming along to the one at the Hospice.

For information on events, or to download a fundraising pack visit [www.khh.org.uk/cuppa](http://www.khh.org.uk/cuppa)

### OTHER NEWS FROM KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE: 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](http://www.khh.org.uk/open-day)



### Deddington Bookworms monthly book review

The Bookworms last read, **A Kind of Loving** by Stan Barstow, was another great read.

The story is about love and loneliness and introduces Vic Brown, a young working-class Yorkshireman. Vic is attracted to the beautiful but demanding Ingrid, and as their relationship develops Vic finds himself trapped by the frightening reality of his girlfriend's pregnancy and is forced into marrying her and moving in with his mother-in-law. Vic ultimately comes to terms with his life and what it really means to love.

The group highly recommended this book as it was easy to read and a great insight into working life in the 60's.

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

**Deddington Library | 01869 338391**

## IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR OUR BARFORD BIG LUNCH!!

Everyone is invited to join us in a village street party on Sunday 18th June in the Village Hall and Garden - Please mark the date in your diary!

The Big Lunch idea is to get as many people as possible throughout the UK to have lunch with neighbours once a year, bringing the community together for friendship

More details next month



### DUCK RACE 2017 – SUNDAY 2 JULY

Yes folks, the Duck Race is on. The new owners of the field behind the George Inn have kindly given us permission to hold the village annual Duck Race there and this year it will not clash with the tennis or F1 or any other major sporting event, so make a note in your diary and come along and try and back a winner.

Sunday 2nd of July. The ducks will be parading around the paddock at 2pm in time for the first race at 2.30. There will be 4 heats followed by a grand final featuring the first, second and third winners of all the previous races to find the overall winner of 2017. This will be followed by the very popular "run what ya' brung" race, where contestants enter anything that floats, though please don't use a twig as it's hard to distinguish it from other debris floating in the river, and it may leave you scarred for life (as happened in last years race), when a your debris is overlooked!.

There will be a BBQ and refreshments available. There may also be a Bouncy Castle (not yet confirmed) – but watch out for news on that front.  
All profits go towards the Barford Playground upkeep.

### Coming Soon - Barford Village Show

Classes for Vegetables and Produce    Cookery    Cut Flowers

Flower Arranging    Crafts    Photography

Plus plenty of opportunities for children to show off  
their skills!!

Full schedule will appear in June's Barford News





## Deddington News - May 2017

The Easter holidays have been and gone but before we finished for the break we all had a visit to church to reflect on the 'Stations of the Cross' installation. All the classes made a contribution and sort to represent the Easter story in a variety of artistic and interactive ways.

As reported last month our hockey team went onto earn a place to represent North Oxfordshire in the Oxfordshire School Games Years 5 and 6 Mixed Finals. As in the two previous qualifying rounds Deddington did not concede any games to any other school or any goals! In the final they faced Fir Tree School which ended in 0-0, therefore the final result came down to penalties, Deddington kept their cool and their goal keeper, Riven Smith, managed a spectacular save which secured the championship. Everyone is extremely proud of the level of skill the children have demonstrated and their positive attitude towards each game, they also thanked Bloxham School who provide them with equipment, coaching and use of their facilities. So as county champions we have a super trophy and lots of amazing memories of a great sporting achievement. A huge well done to everyone involved.

Our focus this month is on all things academic with a little escapism thrown in. Before the Year 6 have to complete their end of school assessments they will have spent an exciting week at Yenworthy Lodge, in Devon, on their residential trying lots of fantastic activities such as surfing, orienteering and abseiling. With the better weather, hopefully, on its way all our sporting activities will move outdoors with clubs beginning for athletics and cricket. We are also redesigning our quiet area so that we can have a place to reflect and relax when we don't want to be so busy. So, we will keep our fingers crossed that the sun is on its way.

Anne Hunsley | ☎338340

## BARFORD ST MICHAEL CARPET BOWLS CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR ENDING 31/03/2017

<b>INCOME</b>	
OPENING BALANCE (NET)	602.05
MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS	648.00
MEMBERS' ANNUAL DINNER	168.00
MISC	2.50
	<b>1420.55</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL	270.00
MEMBERS' ANNUAL DINNER	240.00
REFRESHMENTS	50.95
MISC	7.50
	<b>568.45</b>
<b>SUNDRY DEBTORS</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL 05/01/16-28/03/17	234.00
<b>YEAR END NET POSITION</b>	<b>618.10</b>
<b>BANK POSITION AT 31/03/2017</b>	<b>826.09</b>
<b>CASH IN HAND</b>	<b>26.01</b>
	<b>852.10</b>

A HAND | TREASURER | 01/04/2017

## 1<sup>ST</sup> DEDDINGTON GUIDES

During a busy spring term we have been occupied in a great variety of ways culminating in rehearsals and performances of our pantomime 'Girl Trouble'. Our backstage team responded particularly well to the challenge of finding props and costumes for a huge cast of characters, and our actors did us proud!

Thank you to everyone who supported us and helped us raise £150 towards 'Save the Children' and 'Dogs for Good'.

We attended church for Mothering Sunday and helped with the service, and are now looking forward to the annual St George's Day parade in Banbury. We will then be set for our favourite term of outdoor activities.

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## HALL & FERNHILL CHARITY GRANT ELIGIBILITY

The Hall and Fernhill charity was set up in 1895 in order to benefit Barford residents. In recent years the Trustees have been able to provide a small sum to a large number of older residents. The Governing Documents for the charity say that the Trustees 'should not commit themselves to repeat or renew relief granted'. Trustees have, therefore, decided that they will open up the application process to ensure that the funds available should go to those they would help most.

Grants can be awarded to people of any age and can be used to help with -

**Health related costs** such as transport expenses for hospital visits, foot care, medical equipment or aids.

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**Infirmity related costs** such as gardening or decorating.

**Special payments** to relieve sudden distress.

**Provision of items** such as furniture, bedding, clothing, or fuel.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive and all applications will be at the Trustees discretion. Applicants should be resident in Barford St Michael or St John. Applications can be made at any time throughout the year. Those wishing to apply for a grant may speak informally to any of the Trustees. Formal applications should be by email or letter to the clerk.

The Trustees are aware that some people may be reluctant to apply so we would ask friends or neighbours to encourage them to do so. Any contact will be in strict confidence.

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## BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB

### NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED - MAY 2017

Dates to put in your diaries.....

#### Visit to Coton Manor, Saturday 6th May

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**PLANT SWAP**, our annual get together, will take place on Thursday 19th May. Once again Sarah Best has very kindly agreed to host it at Street Farm, Barford St. John. Bring a plant or plants.....bring something to drink.....eat some tasty titbits....swap your plant for someone else's! Very simple, great fun and good chatter.

**TO DO IN MAY**.....Summer's on its way. As bulbs fade and herbaceous borders grow in leaps and bounds, it is now clear that summer is approaching. Sowing and planting out bedding can begin, depending on regional weather variations, and you can take softwood cuttings. It's also time to get back into the lawn mowing regime, as the lawn will be loving the warmer temperatures this month bring. Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants; Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining; Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas); Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible; Regularly hoe off weeds; Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days; Mow lawns weekly; Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges; Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs; Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs and black spot on roses.



.....bye for now, fork & spade....

## FROM CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Residents have the opportunity to let Cherwell District Council know what they think of its services by completing the annual satisfaction survey this spring.

From early May, residents and businesses will have six weeks to complete a short questionnaire allowing them to give feedback on the council's services, whether it provides value for money and the quality of its day-to-day operations.

The information provided will be used to help the council prioritise its budgets and service provision for future years and make improvements in areas where people have reported concerns. Cllr Barry Wood, leader of Cherwell District Council, said: "We want to hear from the people we are working to serve how they feel about the services we offer. This is their chance to tell us what works well, what could be improved and what they think of Cherwell overall.

This year, the survey has been shortened to encourage more people to take part. The survey will be available to complete online and hard copies will be available in Cherwell's offices, Link Points and in local libraries. A number of hard copies will also be distributed to selected addresses across the district with a pre-paid envelope for people to return their completed survey. Cllr Wood said: "This is the chance for people to really feedback their views; if people don't tell us what they think then we may not be aware to address any issues. We would encourage as many people as possible to have their say to ensure the service they receive is the best we can possibly provide."

As last year, the survey will once again be conducted by an external market research organisation, Marketing Means, to ensure all information returned remains entirely confidential. The survey will be available to complete online from the beginning of May. You can access it by logging on to Cherwell District Council's website or clicking on [www.marketingmeans.co.uk/cherwell2017](http://www.marketingmeans.co.uk/cherwell2017). Alternatively those who would prefer a hard copy can request one by calling 01295 227001.



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## 200 Club results APRIL DRAW

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## FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY- Update

We met on April 4<sup>th</sup> to review progress to date and plan future fundraising projects. Unfortunately, the company used for recycling the empty ink cartridges no longer take the cartridges we received most of in our 'Trash for Cash' fundraising, we have looked at many other recycling companies but can't find one to take our cartridges so have an increasing number of cartridges we can't recycle so are returning them to their manufacturers rather than landfill. Reluctantly, we have decided to stop collecting them. Thank you to everyone who donated spent cartridges but we are now working on other fundraising initiatives for this year that we hope will be more productive moving forward.

As mentioned in my last update, we are full steam ahead on the 2018 Deddington Parish Calendar and Photo Competition so please get your cameras out and start shooting in and around our wonderful parish. Send in your entries as soon as you've taken them, don't wait until the final deadline which is August 18<sup>th</sup>, files should ideally be 5mb or larger and saved as high res Jpegs, but we'll review all images presented to us.

Our subscriber base is holding up well but we are still some way below our goal of 200 subscribers, so please spread the word and encourage friends, family and neighbours to support a very worthy community asset by becoming a Friend of Deddington Library subscriber.

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July we will be holding our first annual Parish Garage Sale! So look out for posters and more information on this. In the meantime, sort out your garages and plan what to get rid of! For the uninitiated, this is like a car boot sale, but you don't leave home! You register your garage sale with us for a fee and we produce a map of all the 'sellers' which we give to your customers on the day of the sale! A great way for the library to make some money... and you! So, get sorting!

Finally, we're currently looking to increase our FoDL Committee with at least a couple of new members, so if you have some skills that would prove useful to us such as fundraising, marketing or web/social media then we'd love to have you on board. Likewise, if you're just keen, have some time to spare and want to join us to contribute in any way you can, we would love to hear from you too!

Thank you  
Bryn Williams  
abw@brynwilliams.com



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

2<sup>nd</sup> May.....green  
9<sup>th</sup> May.....blue 'n' brown  
16<sup>th</sup> May.....green  
23<sup>rd</sup> May.....blue 'n' brown

## DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

Spring has finally sprung and it has been great to get out and about to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air. The PFSU children have visited the Castle Grounds to look for signs of Spring, and welcomed a new-born lamb into pre-school. We planted flower and vegetable seeds in the garden, and have done several 'Forest School' sessions.

We all celebrated Mother's Day by making cards and gifts for our Mums, and enjoyed looking for Easter eggs in the PFSU and Nursery gardens. The messy play morning was a huge success and we hope you all enjoyed the messy fun.

Have you remembered to book your place on the Four Farms Challenge on 14th May?

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**In April, we reflected on the importance of friends in our lives and that a very important friend to all of us is Jesus. Friendships are special and not to be taken for granted and even though no friendship is perfect, a strong one, like the one we share with Jesus, can see you through good times and bad.**

**We also planted a bulb. When asked the question what is the connection between a bulb and resurrection? someone told us that a bulb is actually dead and it is with love and care, that like Jesus, it springs to life and brings so much beauty.**



**Next Month's service is on May 7th and we shall be thinking about  
'The Good Shepherd'**

**Grown-ups, please bring a tea towel! And be prepared for popcorn! (All will be revealed)**

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**For any information about the Family Service please email [sallybarber@live.co.uk](mailto:sallybarber@live.co.uk)**

**Sally, Sophie, Anne**



Good Friday & Easter Crafts April 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

Well, what an afternoon! 21 children and 16 adults took part in craft activities together. It was wonderful to see both young and old get stuck into, making, painting and sticking. Much glitter was used to decorate a large cross for display in the church. The glitter, showing the light and sparkle that Jesus brought into our lives, on Easter Sunday, when he rose from the dead. I found out very recently that the hollow egg symbolises the empty tomb. What a lovely connection. Cards we made, highlighted the colourful joy of Easter Sunday and the plain and simple cross that Jesus sacrificed himself on for us. Thank you to all of you who came to join in, thank you to the wonderful band of volunteers who made tea, poured squash and helped tidy up afterwards.

If you want to find out more about family services please email [sallybarber@live.co.uk](mailto:sallybarber@live.co.uk) for more details.

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#### Church of England May

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<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion BSM</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>Evening Prayer BSM</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion BSM</b>

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phone Revd Annie Goldthorp, Vicar, Deddington  
with Barford, Clifton and Hempton on 01869 336880  
email [anngoldthorp@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anngoldthorp@yahoo.co.uk)**

#### Methodist Chapel

For details of services contact:  
Mr Robbie Pilkington  
01295 811367

#### Roman Catholic

Holy Trinity Catholic Church,  
26 London Road, Chipping Norton, OX5 5AX  
Phone: 01608 642703  
Parish Priest: Father Tony Joyce  
Email: [holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com)

#### Masses:

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

#### Regular weekly/monthly events

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

#### Diary dates

##### May

<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Garden Club outing - Coton Manor</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WI, Resolution followed by Conveyor Belt Game</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Katharine House Coffee Morning</b>
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Plant Sale @ Stonehaven</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday Lunch Club (TLC)</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Hedgehog Talk, VH at 7:30pm</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Garden Club Plant Swap</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Village Market</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Phoenix Cards Pop-Up @ Jackdawes, Horn Hill</b>

##### June

<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Big Lunch</b>
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**In an emergency call 999**

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