



**It's time for the BIG LUNCH
neighbourhood get-together!!
You are invited to a very special street party on
Sunday 18th June - 1pm to 3pm**

In the Village Hall & Garden (if fine!!)

Anyone who will be in our villages on that date is invited - bring friends and family and some picnic food and drink

The aim is to get as many people as possible across the UK to have lunch with their friends and neighbours once a year in an act of friendship, community and fun

For more information contact Carole Coppin on 338 937



**The BARFORDS' VILLAGE SHOW
see pages 3 & 4 for details**

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 3rd May in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Hobbs, Turner, Eden, Styles, and District Cllr Williams and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer).

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: Sandi Turner was elected Chairman of the Parish Council and Lisa Styles was elected Vice Chairman.

Appointment of Responsible Officer: David Best was appointed Responsible Officer

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5th April 2017 were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor's Report from County Cllr Arash Fatemian:

There was no county council report due to the Council Election Purdah

District Councillor's Report from District Cllr Bryn Williams:

There was no district council report due to the Council Election Purdah

Parish Matters:

Speed monitoring – The installation of the black box monitors is imminent.

Footpath Issues – Caroline Belson reported that a small tree had fallen across the left fork of the footpath from the bridge at the bottom of Mill Lane that runs through Mead Farm land. Caroline managed to move it aside clearing the path. Also reported was a broken step at the style of the footpath at the end of Horn Hill. Oxfordshire County Council has been requested to repair this.

Poor Broadband in Barford St John – Better Broadband Oxfordshire has confirmed that superfast broadband should be delivered by the end of 2018 to all premises in Barford St John except 3 that are covered by OX15 OPR postcodes. This is subject to contractual signoff for the Phase 3 plan.

Seat along Netherworton Road – The grass, cowparsley and brambles have been cleared from the seat along Netherworton Road.

Representatives to the Village Hall Committee – Sandi Turner and Rodney Hobbs were appointed Parish Council Representative to the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor Vacancy – Volunteers are sought for the vacant councillor position. Please contact David Best if you are interested on 07787 496774 or davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com

Reinforcement of the village green – It was agreed to proceed with reinforcing the village green to prevent/ reduce damage by vehicles driving over it.

Approval of expenditure for the replacement of the Village Hall doors – Expenditure was approved to replace the Village Hall doors.

Planning Applications

Application 17/00295/F, 5 Summer Ley, Alterations – Granted 5/4/2017.

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

Application 17/00630/F, Chalet Bungalow, Townsend, amendment to original application 16/00710/F – Returned to CDC and awaiting decision.

Application 17/00812/DISC, The Old Stables – on circulation.

Application 17/00792/TPO, Barford House, remove tree – on circulation.

Ayot Croft - A site meeting was held with Cherwell Planning about a window in Ayot Croft alterations that is larger than the plans. Matthew Chadwick, Cherwell Planning Officer, recommended that the matter is reported to the Enforcement Officer.

Chalet bungalow next to Ayot Croft - The PC also communicated their concerns to Matthew Chadwick that Cherwell District Council does not appear to have followed the correct process with this application.

Finance

Grants – Grant payments were approved to the Barford News for £500, the Parochial Church Council of £750, the Village Hall for £1,000 and Deddington Library for £100.

Payments – Approval was given to pay cheques totaling £1,040.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th June** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB - 20th June 2017

MENU

Main Course

Beef Lasagne

Served with Mixed Salad and Garlic Bread

Pan Roasted Salmon Fillet with Hollandaise

Sauce

Served with Peas and Parmesan Tomatoes and

Minted Potatoes

Desserts

Lemon Posset with Raspberry Coulis and

Shortbread Biscuit

Or

Rhubarb and Ginger Crumble Tart with Custard

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 e-mail mickpearson1@outlook.com

by Tuesday 13th June

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

We are getting a new Curate!



Paula Smith will be joining
Deddington and the
Barfords as our new Curate
(a trainee vicar) in July for

3½ years. She will be joining a long
tradition of Curates (many of you will
remember Ed Newell, John Dane & Dan
Inman) who have worked, and lived in the
Barfords. Paula will work 3 days a week (2
work days plus Sundays) whilst continuing
her current job working as a carer.

There will be a welcome service for Paula
in Deddington Church on 2nd July at
10.30. Please come along to meet her and
stay for a bring and share lunch.

We wish Paula every success in her new
journey with the church.

Tony Elvidge, Churchwarden

The BARFORDS' VILLAGE SHOW Barford Village Hall

**Saturday
9th September
2017**

Entries 9.00-10.30 am

Judging 11.00am

**Viewing & Prize
Giving
2.30 for 3.00pm**

**Entry Forms in
September's Barford
News**

**see next page for full
show schedule**

BARFORD VILLAGE SHOW SCHEDULE

Vegetable & Produce Classes

1	Three Beetroot, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.	
2	Three Carrots, long, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.	
3	Three Courgettes	
4	Three Onions	
5	Five Shallots	
6	Three Potatoes of one variety	
7	Three Runner Beans with stalks	
8	Five French Beans with stalks	
9	Five Cherry Tomatoes	
10	Three Round Tomatoes	
11	Three Chillies (same variety)	
12	A Pair of Vegetables (same variety) not in other classes	
13	Five Single Assorted Vegetables	
14	A Pair of Sweetcorn	
15	Three Apples of one variety, eating or cooking	
16	Dish of one variety of soft or stoned fruit	
17	Longest Marrow	
18	3 Eggs (same size and colour)	

Cookery Classes

19	A Cherry and Almond Cake	
20	Four Fruit Scones	
21	Six Brownies	
22	A Victoria Sponge Sandwich, Raspberry jam, no Cream	
23	A Loaf of Bread (hand or machine made)	
24	A Ginger Cake (Men only) <i>Recipe in August's Barford News</i>	
25	A Jar of Jam	
26	A Jar of Marmalade	
27	A Small Jar of Pickled Onions	
28	A Jar of Chutney	
29	A small pot of Lemon Curd	

Flower Arranging Classes

30	An arrangement in a jug (max 12" w x 18" h)	
31	A foliage arrangement (max 12" w x 18" h)	
32	A miniature arrangement (10cms/4" overall)	
33	An arrangement in a single colour (max 12" w x 18" h)	

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2017

Cut Flower Classes

34	Three Asters	
35	A Sunflower in a vase	
36	Three Dahlias	
37	Three Roses	
38	Four Fuchsia heads in water	
39	Four Pelargonium heads in water	
40	Four Marigolds	
41	Vase of mixed garden flowers, 5 varieties, (max.15 stems, no oasis)	

Crafts

(NB Crafts must not have been entered previously)

42	A Bookmark (any medium)	
43	A Christmas Tree decoration	
44	A hand knitted or crocheted article	
45	A piece of needlecraft (embroidery, tapestry, patchwork, cross-stitch)	
46	You Made It, Let's See It. (Handmade article not covered in other classes)	
47	Drawing or Painting: any subject, any medium (mount/ frame optional)	

Photography (unmounted)

(13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7")

48	My Pet in Action	
49	A Ladybird	
50	A Spider's web	
51	A Seedhead	

Children's Classes

7 Years and Under (age to be marked on all entries)

52	A Colouring Picture (available from the Post Office from July)	
53	A Decorated Biscuit	
54	A Decorated Jam Jar	
55	An original Lego model	
56	You Made It, Let's See It. (Handmade article not covered in other classes)	

8 - 15 Years (age to be marked on all entries)

57	A photograph (Any Subject, 13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7")	
58	A design for a Book Cover (computer or hand-drawn)	
59	Four Decorated Cupcakes	
60	A drawing or painting (any subject, any medium)	
61	You Made It, Let's See It. (Handmade article not covered in other classes)	

BARFORD NEWS

The BBC did it in the 1960's, now in 2017 the Barford News is following suit.....we're 'going colour'.

Thanks to the grant kindly awarded us by the Parish Council, the Barford News will include a bit of colour up to 4 times a year, maybe Christmas, Easter or photos from the church fete and the Annual Village BBQ.

May I take this opportunity as Editor to thank the Parish Council for, once again, supporting us and helping to take The Barford News to another level.

Lucy, Caroline & Mariann

THE BARFORDS' VILLAGE SHOW.....Are you a whizz in the kitchen?

Then why not enter one (or more) of the 'Cookery Classes'. Dazzle with a cherry & almond cake, amaze with a loaf of bread and for those lovely gents amongst you, stun with the 'Men Only' Ginger cake, recipe will be in August's edition.....time to start practising....

SEE PAGE 4 FOR THE FULL SHOW SCHEDULE.....



Plant Sale Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported my plant sale

on 13th May. When added to profits from sales of tomatoes etc at Bloxham coffee mornings the total this year is a marvellous

£520.00!

to be shared among Deddington Guides, St. Michael's Footpath Fund and Shepherds & Bakehouse Trust.

Thank you all so much

Mariann

I will be selling plants at the Bloxham coffee mornings every Friday in the Ex-Servicemen's Hall, 10.00 – 11.30



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Our meeting on
Wednesday 14th June
will be a
Natural Dyeing Workshop

Exploring natural and fool proof dyeing techniques for an organic approach to colouring fabrics. Come along and have a go and surprise yourself at what you can produce!!

In the Village Hall at 7.30pm
Visitors £4.00



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

Our visit to **COTON MANOR** was excellent. About 12 people went and wandered around in small groups, through all the various parts of this beautifully planted garden. The highlights were of course the bluebells and also the various breeds of chickens and ducks in the flower beds and the waterways...not to mention the flamingos!!! It was an extremely cold day and the wind was bitter. We were nevertheless uplifted by the garden and many of us want to visit at another time of year. We were able to warm ourselves up with delicious lunches and teas and several people were tempted by the wide variety of plants for sale. Needless to say the following day, Sunday, was hot and sunny.....typical. Talking of the weather we are far from over the cold days and record frost was recorded in South Newington a few days later. To date May 12th, we have had no rain for almost one month and maybe a hose pipe ban might follow?

BURFORD FESTIVAL - Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June. There will be over 25 Open Gardens and many talks by people such as Mary Keen, Clive Nichols, Helen Dillon and Lord and Lady Heseltine. Details be found on www.burfordfestival.org

JOBS TO DO IN JUNE Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds. Be water-wise, especially in drought-affected areas; Pinch out sideshoots on tomatoes; Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes; Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside; Mow lawns at least once a week; Plant out summer bedding; Stake tall or floppy plants; Prune many spring-flowering shrubs; Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch; Cut box hedges and keep an eye out for blight. All this information and much more can be found on the RHS website, with more detailed information on Ponds, Lawns, trees and shrubs etc.

.....**SPADE and FORK**



**VILLAGE CUPPA MORNINGS
EVERY THURSDAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL
10.00 – 11.30**

Just £1.00 per person pays for your cuppa and as many refills as you can drink including coffee, caffeine free, tea, fruit teas available - biscuits included in the price

Come down to the hall and meet up with friends and neighbours of all ages - Babies and children welcome!!

Welcome

to

**Wendy Dickins and son Sam
who have recently come
to live at 4 Broad Close**

**we wish them every happiness in
their new home**



**200 CLUB RESULTS
MAY DRAW**

£15, 148, Linsey Family

£10, 89, Jan Elvidge

£5, 34, Chloe Cooke-Yarborough

**The draw took place at
Thursday Cuppa morning**

WHO: ANNE & MICK PEARSON (Tuesday Lunch Club Creators)

FROM: Church Street

Q. how long have you lived in The Barfords?

11 years in September

Q. favourite thing about The Barfords?

We find it such a sociable place

Q. where were you born?

Anne – Banbury

Mick – Birmingham

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

Anne – Prawn Cocktail; Rib Eye Steak; Lemon Posset with Raspberries

Mick – Smoked Mackerel Pate; Toad in the Hole with onion Gravy; Semolina (with a blob of strawberry jam)

Q. best day of your life?

We've been lucky and had a few, but our wedding day, the birth of our children, and then grand-children are the top ones

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

Anne – Julie Walters; Peter Kay and Caro Emerald

Mick – James Taylor; Brian Johnston and Judi Dench

Q. dream holiday and why?

We'd love to visit New Zealand. Heard so many good reports about it. Better get on with it before we pop our clogs

Q. favourite film?

Anne – Ryan's Daughter

Mick - My Beautiful Son

Q. what really makes you mad?

Anne – Litter louts

Mick – Just about everything these days

Q. which Super Power and why?

Anne – Fire. Would cut down on the heating bills and make melting the sugar on my brulees so much easier.

Mick – Flight. Huge saving on holiday travel



Maggie's 50 2017

**50 MILE CYCLE RIDE
SATURDAY 10 JUNE 2017 (6TH YEAR)**

81%

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 !!!!!!!

Practice rides, weather permitting Wednesday evenings & Sunday Mornings.
These will leave from the Barford village hall.

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See our website: www.Maggies50.org

DOWN ON THE FARM

My Apache rain dance appears to have done the trick. Actually, of course, I am telling fibs; the mid-May showers were nothing to do with me – but extremely welcome all the same.

The dog, which had taken to lying in the sun on the doorstep, is a bit hacked off; but everything else on the farm is enjoying the benefit.

The rain arrived plenty late enough for the grass and spring sown crops but they have both perked up, although the spring barley is showing nothing like the growth it should have at this time of the year. However, given a decent growing season, it may just about catch up.



We appear to have one intelligent chicken. It is the only one that has found some way of escaping the orchard and has taken to strutting around the garden as if it owned the place. It has taken to following us about and joined us in a bit of gardening at the weekend – with very mixed results. In fact it has just wandered into the office and fixed me with a beady eye as if to ask why I am not outside doing something useful. I shouldn't have left the door open because its intelligence doesn't appear to include controlled lavatorial habits. I clipped its wings yesterday when I put it back in the orchard so clearly flying is not the way it escapes.

Its cleverness in the garden unfortunately doesn't extend to knowing which plants we want to get rid of and which ones we want to leave alone. I confess that when it comes to gardening I have a similar problem; a bit like my Yorkshire cousin who, if he can't get a tractor and cultivator through the garden gate, reckons its not worth the hassle.

Shearing time is looming once again but we could do with a rise in temperature before that happens. We have already had one or two ewes 'struck' (burrowing maggots that hatch from fly eggs in the fleece) so shearing will help with that problem.

Another nuisance is that they get 'cast'; in other words they lie down, roll over slightly and then can't get a foothold to get up again. Unless they are assisted they expire, which in reality is what sheep do best.

The trick is to get them on their feet and hold them for a bit until they get rid of the wind from both ends that is caused by a build up of gases in the rumen. Otherwise they are likely to repeat the suicide mission by falling over again. Unlike my chickens, they have little in the way of intelligence.

Anyway, I must go and find a trowel or something; it appears to have patterned the carpet with something unpleasant that it must have eaten earlier.

BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET SATURDAY 17th JUNE 10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Joan with excellent plants

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

**Andy Gill and his fantastic pots

**Plus a good range of local producers
selling eggs, savouries, cakes, bread,
honey, dairy produce, preserves,
greetings cards and wrapping paper

**Fairtrade items, hand knitted woollies
and made-to-measure items**

**.....and for the birds we have seeds,
mealworms, sunflower hearts**

**Angus & Lucy's bacon butties/bacon &
egg butties/breakfast butties**

**TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL
MORNING FROM THE KITCHEN**



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.

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 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.**



CONSIDERING YOUR NEIGHBOURS WHEN IT COMES TO BONFIRES – taken from Cherwell District Council website

“There are no laws preventing you from having the occasional bonfire however, it must be reasonable and we urge you to respect your neighbours. If you do have to light a bonfire then please follow these guidelines”.

- Check for hedgehogs
- Only burn dry material
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres or anything containing plastic, foam or paint
- Never use engine oil, meths, petrol or paraffin to light the fire or encourage it
- Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions, smoke hangs in the air on damp, dull days and in the evenings
- Avoid burning when the wind will carry the smoke over the roads or into other people properties
- Avoid burning at weekend or on bank holidays when people want to enjoy their gardens
- Avoid burning when the air quality in your area is ‘poor’ or ‘very poor’
- Never leave a fire unattended or smouldering

Annual Parish meeting 26 April 2017

Chairman's Report

The PC met 10 times in the past year, all meetings are public and every meeting has a slot for public participation where you can make representations to the council. It DOES make a difference. We are also the Trustee of the Village Hall (but do not run it) and nominate 4 trustees of the 2 village charities.

There are times when I wonder just what Parish Councils are for, especially in small communities such as ours. Do we have any real power or do we just think we are needed when really, we are not? At first sight it would seem that we have no useful role to play. District and County Councils have far more influence and seem to take little or (more usually) no notice of what we think, especially on planning matters. However, as I went through the minutes of the previous year the value of the Parish Council became more and more obvious. True our influence on the bigger issues is not great but it is the little things that, if ignored, become a problem. Few people notice what is being done – until their NOT done!

19 Planning applications and a 5 tree work applications were considered during the year and, where appropriate, comments made. The planning department assure us that our comments are taken into consideration but sadly I can't remember any case where our views seemed to have had an effect on the decision.

Things like the cutting of verges, keeping footpaths passable by trimming vegetation and ensuring styles are maintained, provision of allotments, providing and maintaining notice boards and street furniture and reporting potholes and other problems with our roads - all little things that wouldn't get seen to if the PC wasn't there. It's not always the most exciting stuff but housekeeping rarely is. Simply being available for all village residents to talk to about whatever village matter is bothering them is, I believe, of immense value. We are grateful to several people who help us in these things, Jeff Elliott who administers the allotments, Caroline Belson who recently volunteered to be our Footpath monitor and Emma Best for her work on the village web site. Also, Mariann Young and, more recently, Lucy Norman who do a fantastic

job editing Barford News and publicising PC matters.

For many years Bernard Lane has mowed, fertilised and weed killed The Green and kept it looking lovely and George Williams and Tony Bastable have kept the triangle of grass at the Netherworton Road junction in fine condition. In addition, many householders maintain the verge in front of their properties and I'm sure everyone greatly appreciates their efforts especially as they do the work voluntarily and without being asked. I must also mention the daffodils planted by the late Mick Cook and, more recently by his son Steve. They have been particularly beautiful this year.

Other issues considered this year, with varying degrees of success, include: -

- The tree in the middle of the seat on The Green died over the winter and a replacement whitebeam has been planted and is flourishing. In the autumn the other trees will be pruned. The job was kept 'in village' and Ashley Stephens was employed to carry out the work on our behalf. The state of verges around the villages is a regular topic of discussion especially the severe damage to The Green caused by vehicles being forced to mount the kerb by inconsiderate parking. Bernard Lane and his neighbour, Richard Palmer, has made proposals for installing re-enforcing mesh to protect the grass and by doing the work ourselves, the cost will be kept at an affordable level
- The perennial issue of speed through the villages following representations from a village resident has been revisited. As a result, speed monitoring devices will be installed soon to monitor traffic speeds for 2 weeks. In themselves they won't stop speeding but they will provide evidence of the scale of the problem which can be presented to OCC to see what, if any, steps could be taken.
- The lack of public transport is another problem and David has been consulting with the Bus Bartons group to see if the Barfords could be included in their scheme and a survey of village residents was carried out. No decisions have been taken as yet but financial aid from the PC would be needed if it were to proceed. I have to say that I'm not very optimistic that we will get a bus service though.

- Dog fouling continues to be a problem and the CDC Dog Warden has started extra patrols to try to deter the irresponsible people who allow their dogs to foul at will and/or dump their waste bags in the hedge. Please report anyone you come across not controlling their dog or failing to properly dispose of the mess. The PC provides 4 dog bins around our villages and pays CDC to empty them.
- The suggestion of installing play equipment in West Close continues to be investigated and Lisa has been working quietly in the background to come up with proposals. I'll ask her to give a brief update when I sit down. Once firm proposals are in place there will be a public meeting before any decision to proceed (or not) is taken.
- Grants are made to village organisations from council funds and we send representatives to CDC's Parish meetings.
- Lastly, and again following representations from a villager and a lot of work by David festive lights brought Christmas cheer to The Green and received many complements.

We receive great support from Arash Fatemian, our County Councillor particularly in highway matters and after lots of lobbying he persuaded OCC Highways to find some money to improve the condition of Lower Street. It's not perfect but the surface has improved considerably. Bryn Williams, our CDC councillor keeps us updated on the goings on at Bodicote House and, amongst other things, continues to search for solutions to the poor mobile phone and broadband coverage in the villages.

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of being a Parish Councillor is the fact that everyone can have their say at the meetings. We may not agree all the time and differing opinions may be expressed, forcibly at times, but all views are respected and at the end of the meeting we remain friends. As I mentioned earlier there is a vacancy on the council. We have the power to co-opt someone so if anyone is interested please let David know. The new councillor will serve until the next PC elections in May 2018. You might also like to consider standing for election in May 2018, new blood is always welcome on the PC, it certainly is not a 'Closed Shop'

I have had the privilege of being Chairman for the past 8 years and appreciate the tolerance and

support of my fellow councillors. However, after much thought and soul searching I have decided that the time has come for me to step aside and allow someone else to take the helm so at the next meeting on 3 May, a new Chairman will be chosen. I will remain as a Parish Councillor at least until May 2018 when the whole council will be up for election and I will, of course, give whatever support I can to the new Chairman without interfering in the way they run things and to represent my fellow villagers on the council as best I can. May I also thank everyone in the village for their tolerance and support over the past 8 years; it has been an honour to lead the PC during that time.

Rodney Hobbs | Chairman | 26 April 2017

HEDGEHOG MATTERS – JUNE

What a fantastic turnout of 38 people, including four children for the hedgehog talk this week and at least another five who wanted to come but couldn't. Testimony to how many people have a fondness for this prickly little creature which is declining in Britain at the same rate as tigers are globally. Great to know that a few people have seen hedgehogs in their garden this year which obviously encourages interest. The talk was a presentation written by the Hedgehog officer from the Peoples' Trust for Endangered Species for people to give locally to inspire their local communities. It looked at Hedgehog ecology and habits based on research and then went on to look at some of the hazards facing them in modern life and what we can do to help as individuals and communities. It did seem to inspire people and there was a lot of enthusiasm for helping hogs as well as individuals who lived back to back talking about how to link theirs and other neighbour's gardens. There were also other ideas. We agreed to start a **Barford hedgehog facebook group** so that local people and those from surrounding villages can keep in touch to discuss any relevant hoggy matters or upcoming hog activities and tell people about any new "hedgehog holes", hedgehog sightings and roughly where so that we can see how linking up gardens is working and, add pictures of their new hedgehog houses and anything else they want to share. We have had

a small technical hitch to get this up and running for this month's Barford News but hopefully by the time that you get this we can have details of the group on the normal Barford Facebook page. Other ideas are to have a **hedgehog day** which includes a little talk for children, some hedgehog crafts and also making hedgehog houses of various types- adults and children as well as having a big map of Barford where people can mark their "hedgehog holes" and hedgehog sightings so that we can see how we are linking up. The big map could also go to a village market for people to add their sightings and "hedgehog holes". Every bit helps and increases their chances of finding a mate, or good foraging and suitable nesting and hibernation sites. How fantastic and important to get children involved too, some who may otherwise only see hedgehogs in captivity during their lifetime.

I also intend to contact the wildlife hospital to see if they have at least a male ready for release because we know that there are at least two females around, who don't seem to be nesting yet and a juvenile male who is too young to mate. Hopefully there are other males around doing their stuff but just in case. Sometimes hogs aren't released back to their original sites if for instance they were found close to busy roads or areas that have just been developed etc or other inappropriate places. Radio tracking shows that they cope perfectly well and survive in new areas because they aren't territorial.

Tips to help hedgehogs this month. **Take care when strimming!** Hogs use a nest of some sort every day of their lives; daytime hangouts, proper nests or hibernation sites and they can change daytime sites frequently. **We know that they are there somewhere and it could be on your patch.** They frequently end up at wildlife hospitals with strimming injuries, some having to be euthanized and it's unknown how many get killed in this way and left undiscovered. Check out areas to be strimmed with your hand or whatever other method you can think of if it is a large area first. Consider leaving a wild area on your patch or if you have

a big garden an unmown border along one edge. As well as another "hang out" are it will be another foraging site.

If you find a nest leave well alone. Cover it up again and retreat straight away. Adult hedgehogs have been known to eat their young if disturbed in the first few weeks. When disturbed with older young they are more likely to move them to another nest. Resist the urge to let the children get too close and watch from a distance and keep dogs away. Sometimes a mum may be seen out in the daytime having a break from the nest or feeding herself. So, if you find a nest with young and no adult don't assume it has been abandoned and watch from a distance for a while before seeking advice from Vale Wildlife Hospital.



Happy hog watching.....
Helen Taylor

THE ANNUAL ADDERBURY GATHERING WITH SPEAKER TOM BULMAN SPEAKING ON "ORGANISING COMMUNITIES"

Date: Sunday 18 June 2017 @ 3pm
Location: Adderbury Quaker Meeting House, Horn Hill Rd, West Adderbury, OX17 3EW.

Banbury and Evesham Quakers invite you to the "Adderbury Gathering", our annual public talk, at the Adderbury Quaker Meeting House, off Hill Horn Road, at 3pm on Sunday 18 June. Followed by afternoon tea. All are welcome - no charge. Tom Bulman is a community organiser for Citizens UK – he will be talking about the approach Citizens UK take, and their exciting and engaging campaigns in Milton Keynes. Come and learn about Living Wage campaign (including special Tea Bags) and "Weaving Trust" amongst other activities across the community. Citizens UK is an alliance of diverse communities taking action for a thriving, more inclusive and fairer UK.

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Our Festival of Open Gardens is back from May to September with over 30 gardens open. This year we also have some fantastic garden talks from renowned local gardeners, as well as a flower festival, not to mention teas and home-made cakes at many of the gardens. More information at www.khh.org.uk/gardens, or call us on 01295 816 484.

Festival of Open Gardens Dates:

27 & 28 May - South Newington
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17 & 18 June - Swerford
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5, 7 & 9 September - Broughton Grange
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This was a lovely morning and we managed to raise a fantastic £400!!

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**To those who gave cakes or ate cakes.
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To the lady who bought shortbread to take to Scotland.

To all the 'girls' who worked hard on the day and to the gentleman who paid £1 for a slice of the cake he had just donated!



DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

At almost 700 pages long our members looked forward to settling down and reading **The Children's Book** by **A.S. Byatt**.

However, with the words 'you should never judge a book by its cover' ringing in our ears, each and every Bookworm arrived at the next meeting feeling a slight sense of failure, ready to confess to giving up at around page 300 (if not before!).

The book is set in Edwardian England and follows the lives of two generations of a number of interlinked families living in the Kent countryside. The fact that this encompasses the lives of around 20 children and their associated family and friends, added to the very detailed and often, diverse, descriptions of subjects ranging from works of art to pottery kilns to fairies, makes this book far too detailed.

As we all love to read we don't like to put an unfinished book down but this was, unanimously, not enjoyed by the group.

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RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

{always a Tuesday}

30TH May.....green
6th June.....blue 'n' brown
13th June.....green
20th June.....blue 'n' brown
27th June.....green

1ST DEDDINGTON GUIDES We began everybody's favourite term with a reminder of safety practice around open fires, and an opportunity to "rekindle" (sorry!) our fire lighting skills. We love to cook in a variety of ways out of doors, but we started small by toasting marshmallows and making smores on mini-fires. ("Smores" because you'll want S'more - marshmallows between 2 biscuits).

Our next challenge involved some knotting skills, to make a net in which to carry an Easter Egg, in a relay race. The race was fun! And chocolate eggs were enjoyed by all, but I think our knotting needs some more work!! Thanks are due to Mr & Mrs Fenemore who gave us space to have our first cookout of the year! Bangers and Beans! Aah! The smell of woodsmoke!! We had the added bonus of seeing our first swallows of the year.

We are already planning tent pitching, First Aid, Hikes and Shelter Building! We are looking forward to lots of Fine Tuesdays!

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DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

It has been a short but busy term. The PFSU children have been learning about 'The World Around Us', and have been watching tadpoles turn into frogs, and caterpillars turn into butterflies. We have been mini-beast hunting on the school field, and making bird feeders to attract birds to our gardens. Looking ahead to next term, will be preparing all the children for their moves up to their new schools and settings from September.

There will be two open afternoons at the PFSU for the new September children and families to come and meet us. These will be on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th July from 3.30 to 4.30pm. There will also be 'move-up' afternoons for the children moving up to the PFSU and to the Primary School on Monday 10th July. Holiday Club will run in the summer holidays from Monday 24th – Friday 28th July, and Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August, from 9am until 3pm. Thank you to everyone who supported the Four Farms Challenge. It was a great success. We are still collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and would welcome any donations at either the PFSU or the Nursery.

Lucy Squires ☎ 337484



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last month Year 4 and Year 6 had a special time on their residential visits; this is what they thought in their own words.

Grendon Hall by Year 4

Before Easter our Year 4 class spent three days and two nights at Grendon Hall, an outdoor residential learning centre in Northamptonshire. Before we went most of us felt a mixture of emotions. There were so many challenges that we had to face. Many of us had never stayed overnight, anywhere without our families! We wondered if we could cope.

We surprised ourselves with the things we were able to do. Like make our own beds, no, not just pull the cover over, actually put a duvet cover on a duvet and a pillow case on a pillow! We had to keep our rooms tidy, which was a challenge for some of us but with daily room inspections we got into the habit of keeping our belongings organised. The activities were really challenging but with lots of perseverance and team work we were able to do our best. Since we have been back in Deddington, we have been writing about some of the feelings we had whilst we were away and the things we achieved.

"I was super excited, I could burst!!!! Tarzan was my favourite activity (a high rope course) because we worked together. I LOVE heights so this was awesome! The best part was my team chanted my name and it gave me more confidence. As usual, once I had done it, I wanted to do it again. I had the best experience ever!" by Ella

"At Grendon Hall I was looking forward to everything! When I got there I realised there was a high rope course, so I became really scared because I don't like heights. My nerves made me shake as I took my first step, then another one and another until I was in the middle of the wire and I knew I could complete the course. I breathed. Hard pride swelled up inside me. I HAD DONE IT!!! I faced my fear and just did it." by Will

Year 6 - Yenworthy

On Monday 24th April we (Year 6) said goodbye to our parents and set off for 5 days at Yenworthy Lodge which is situated on Exmoor National Park.

During the week we became closer as a team and found out even more about each other and ourselves. We loved the freedom we were given to explore the grounds and the Exmoor area, we even loved having to do a lot of things that our parents usually do for us, for example making sandwiches, doing the hoovering and keeping our rooms tidy! We discovered new talents which we never knew we had, some of us found out we were good at rock climbing, surfing, map reading etc. All the staff were really friendly and encouraging, helping us to fulfil our potential. Through them we learnt about: The wild life (even catching a rare eel at an old Victorian outdoor pool in Lynmouth never seen in that part of the world before!); the geology of the coast line; the geographical features of the moors and even more about the folklore behind the story of Lorna Doone –a favourite of ours- which we even got to re-enact. The views and scenery were beautiful, we could see right across the Bristol Channel to Wales and after a hard day exploring we knew we could rely upon the evening meal being delicious, it certainly kept us going.

Yenworthy was a very memorable experience because we got to do a lot of unique activities, such as ourselves- it's amazing what you are capable of with just a little self-belief.

By, Lily, George, Izzy, Annie-Rose, Dylan, Alfie, Rosie and Benjamin A. (Year 6)

Finally, we are really proud of Alfie Barbeary, an ex-pupil, who was recently chosen to play for the Under 16 England Rugby team against Wales. Alfie went onto score a try to contribute to a winning score for England. Fantastic! Watch out for our next school production, 'Bugsy Malone' which will be on at the Windmill Centre on Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July. Posters will appear around the village and details regarding tickets will be on the school website.

This is my last copy and I will be leaving you in the capable hands of Mrs Welch who will keep you in touch with all the happenings at school.

Anne Hunsley -338430

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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 June

Sunday 4 th	10:30am	Family Service	BSM
Sunday 11 th	09:00am	Holy Communion	BSM
Sunday 18 th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	BSM
Sunday 25 th	09:00am	Holy Communion	BSM

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Thursdays	Open cuppa mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)
Fridays	Rainbows Whist alternate weeks
Saturdays	Village Market 3 rd week (not Jan or Aug)
3rd Wednesday	Village Hall Management Committee

Diary dates

June

7 th	Parish Council
10 th	Maggie's 50
10 th	Great Tew Fete
11 th	Open Farm (Spring Hill Farm)
14 th	WI – Natural Dyeing Workshop
17 th	Village Market
18 th	Big Lunch
20 th	Tuesday Lunch Club

July

2 nd	Welcome our new Curate
2 nd	Duck Race

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