

BARFORD NEWS

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A BIT OF BANK HOLIDAY VILLAGE FUN.....

BBQ & BAR...village hall garden...Sunday 27 August...from 6pm
~locally sourced burgers & sausages + a selection of
delicious homemade salads ~

RAFFLE PRIZES ALL GRATEFULLY RECEIVED (via Mariann Young)



CHURCH FETE...at The Manor House...Monday 28 August ...from 2pm
games and competitions for all ages including 0-5yrs Fancy Dress, up to 11's
& adults Tug of War, raffle and bouncy castle and + tea and cake by the moat
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THE BARFORDS VILLAGE SHOW.....Saturday 9 September
in the village hall...
...for the **MEN ONLY CAKE COMPETITION** recipe see Page 7

PLEASE NOTE there is NO VILLAGE MARKET in August but we'll be
back on Saturday 16 September

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

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

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7th June 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:

Contracts for recycling – these have been renewed for another 7 years. There will be no changes to opening times.

Drainage Works in Horn Hill – these will start imminently and traffic will be restricted.

District Councillor's Report from District Cllr Bryn Williams:

Unitary Council - Cherwell has submitted an alternative proposal to the Government to the Oxfordshire County Council proposal. It is for a Combined Council with Oxford City Council and West Oxfordshire District Council. As the Government seems to be in some turmoil now and with Brexit and other more pressing issues to deal with, Barry Wood believes the subject of unitary councils may be placed on the back burner for the time being.

Partial Review of Local Plan - Part 1 - The Local Plan Part 1, Partial Review, (Oxford's Unmet Housing Need) was approved by the Executive in early June. The next stage in the process is a six-week consultation period, commencing July 17th, when representations will be invited. Unless any major changes are needed, the submission version of the plan will go before Full Council for formal approval and then on to an Examiner to ensure it is sound. The review has identified the area nearest Oxford as the most suitable and that area's further afield and to the north are less desirable, therefore the Deddington Ward is unaffected. Work can now recommence on Local Plan Part 2 with the intention of preparing a submission document by October. However, it will be 2018 before Cherwell are notified of any additional housing and numbers proposed for the rural parishes.

Community transport options – A list of services are available from:

www.communityfirstoxon.org for rural villages which suffer poor public bus services. Specific information is available from emily.lewis-edwards@communityfirstoxon.org

Oxfordshire Playing Field Association – This provides funding and advice on the facilities available for communities, plus legal and health and safety recommendations. More can be seen at www.opfa.org.uk or specific advice from Nicole O'Donnell at oxfordshirepfa@gmail.com and on 01295 817662.

Parish Matters:

Speed monitoring – The results of the speed monitoring confirmed speeding at all locations. Hempton Road was 44% of cars travelling at 31mph or more, Netherworton Road was 31% of cars travelling at 31mph or more & Barford St John was 53% of cars travelling at 31mph or more. Volunteers are requested to monitor speeding cars with a hand-held detector. This is done with the Police. Drivers of speeding cars are subsequently contacted. If you would like to volunteer please contact David Best on: 01295 720566 or 07787 496774 or davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com

Moss and weeds in Robins Close – Thomas Fox Landscaping, who cut the grass, will be asked to spray these areas and others around the villages.

Weeds by bridge – The weeds obstructing the view of oncoming traffic were cut down after the last meeting and will be kept in check.

Letter about Hedgehogs – A letter has been received asking that grass verges are not cut close to hedges and walls to preserve a habitat for hedgehogs. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Style at the end of Horn Hill – The step is still broken. OCC will be chased to carry out repairs.

Poo Bags left on walls – These are being left again, particularly along the wall of the footpath from West Close to The Rock. Dog walkers are asked to act responsibly. The situation will be monitored.

Verge at top of Murreys Lane – A silver van was seen driving over this. Posts are being considered to stop people driving over this area.

New doors for Village Hall – These will be fitted shortly.

Vegetation along north bank of River Swere – A resident has reported that areas are overgrown and may be impeding drainage. The Environment Agency will be consulted.

Graffiti on road sign – OCC Highways will be asked to remove the graffiti from the chevron sign at the top of the hill going down into Barford St John from Bloxham.

Handrail of bridge over river Swere by the Mill – This is broken. This will be mended as a priority.

Footpaths not sprayed out – the crops have not been sprayed out on several footpaths around the village. Guidance will be sought from OCC Footpaths and the land owners will be contacted if OCC confirm that this is a requirement.

Hedge leading to bridge along road out of Barford St Michael – The owners will be asked to trim this as it is forcing cars into the middle of the road.

Barclays Bank – A complaint has been lodged with the Financial Ombudsman Service over their failure to put the correct address on Bank Statements after several written and phone requests and their inability to supply savings account statements for 2017

Planning Applications

Application 17/01175/F, Barn Elms, Extension – Returned to CDC without objection

Application 17/01180/F, Ayot Croft, Dropped curb – Returned to CDC without objection.

Application 17/00221/TCA, Merriweather, Intent to fell tree – Granted 27/06/2017.

Application 17/00220/TCA, The George, Fell 2 trees – Returned to CDC without objection.

Finance

Payments - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £965.80. This was approved unanimously.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6th September** at 7.30pm in the village hall. This will be attended by Alex Keen from Cherwell District Council Planning who will explain planning policy and procedure.



WASTE & RECYCLING DAY IS CHANGING

**in Barford St Michael & St John
as from AUGUST 2017
collection day will be
THURSDAY**

**for further information visit
www.cherwell.gov.uk or call**

☎ 01295 227003



RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

{as from August it's on a Thursday}

**3rd August.....blue 'n' brown
10th August.....green
17th August.....blue 'n' brown
24th Augustgreen
31st August.....blue 'n' brown**

NEW CHURCH FOOTPATHS - 2

Unfortunately, there has been a delay in granting the permission for the new paths which means we have lost our July/August slot with the contractor. The work to dig up the existing paths and lay the concrete will now take place 29th August - 1st September and the top coat will be added the last week of September.

Tony Elvidge - Churchwarden

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB
22nd August 2017

PLEASE NOTE
one week later than usual

Menu

Main Course

Homemade Cornish Pasties
or
Celery, Walnut and Cambozola Quiche
Both of the above dishes served with
Broad beans in Parsley sauce, Garden
Peas and Herby Potato Wedges
or
Chicken, Ham and Leek Pasta Bake
Served with Garlic Bread

Desserts

Triple Chocolate Eclairs
or
Summer Fruit Meringue Roulade

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 15th August.

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

Welcome

Per and Alison Henriksen
who have just
moved to Barford St. John

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



THE BARFORD SHOW

IS FAST APPROACHING
Saturday 9 September
in the village hall

So, you need to be taking photos of 'Your Pet in Action', a ladybird, a seed head and/or a spider's web. Or try your hand at one of the cookery classes, maybe fruit scones or a loaf of bread....!!



There are many categories for everyone to enter from Children's' Classes, Flower Arranging, Vegetable & Produce to Cut Flowers and Crafts. To see the categories, dig out June's Barford News or email 'The Editor' at barfordnews@gmail.com and I can email the schedule over.



**2017 CHURCH FETE at The Manor House
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 28th AUGUST
2.00 – 4.00pm**

**We will be holding the fete in the gardens of the
Manor House, Barford St Michael**

There will be the ever-popular stalls such as bric-a-brac, raffle, bottle stall, book stall, dog show, bouncy castle, etc. We are adding some new events including fancy dress for 0-5yr olds and 6-10yr olds (come dressed in a farmyard theme), lucky dip, treasure map hunt, tug of war for children up to 11 and for adults (teams of up to 6, sign up on the day), and don't forget the wonderful tea and cakes on the terrace by the moat



We need as many donations as possible of saleable items to raise money to run our churches and the following would be gratefully received:-

- **Bottles of any sort for the bottle stall**
- **Unused/new small gifts for the tombola**
- **Unused prizes for raffle**
- **Bric a brac for the White Elephant (no jumble please)**
- **Cakes and produce (to be received at the stall on the day)**

Members of the PCC will visit each house in the village to collect any donations in the week starting Monday 21st August

Most of all we need a dry, sunny day and for you to come and join us for a fun afternoon!



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

FUTURE ACTIVITIES We are planning to do Nosey Gardens again this year. It will be on Sunday 1st October in the afternoon. Trevor Stevens, our new Committee member is organising and all members of the Garden Club will be emailed with details. It would be good to keep them going if we can. No talks have been planned for the Autumn...any ideas gratefully received.

AUGUST is usually one of the hottest months of the year - making watering essential. Try to use grey water wherever possible, especially as water butts may be running low if it has been a dry summer. August is traditionally holiday-time, so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after the garden while you are away. When you are at home, take the time to prune summer-flowering shrubs.

Things To Do Now prune wisteria; don't delay summer pruning of fruits trained as restricted forms, deadhead flowering plants, regularly watering particularly containers and new plants preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater; collect seed from favourite plants; harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready; continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries; lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners; keep ponds and water features topped up; feed the soil with green manures.

Pest and disease watch in the greenhouse Many conservatory and greenhouse pests will be active during the summer months. Check plants regularly for signs of glasshouse whitefly, leafhopper, red spider mite, mealybugs and scale insects. Clean up fallen leaves and spilt compost from benches and floors to prevent pests and diseases spreading.



**HAPPY GARDENING
WATCH YOUR BACKS.....SPADE and FORK**

1ST DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Congratulations to Hannah and Connie who ran successful Patrol Permit Camps – taking 3 guides each, aged 10 to 13 ½ they passed their assessments and all had a great weekend camp. Completely looking after themselves and having lots of fun a great achievement girls...well done!!

We had a second attempt at our ready steady cook evening. The guides cooked some very tasty meals. All cooked on open fires with surprise ingredients, thank you to Jane and Brian Bond.

It was great to be able to show off these amazing cooking and fire lighting skills to the Brownies who joined us for a sausage sizzle! A great experience for everyone. Thank you to the Catling Family for their hospitality.

We hiked on a lovely evening hike from Adderbury to Bodicote in a circular route and with a twist. Instead of following a map – the guides drew the map as they went – filling in the features on the way and a very good effort they made!

We as always conclude the term with stream walking and then we have camp to look forward to. We are back on September 5th 7 to 9pm.

**Maggie Rampley 01295 810069,
Marian Trinder 01869 340806
Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008**

200 Club results JULY DRAW

£15, 140, Rees Family

£10, 137, Margaret Murdin

£5, 152, Peter Turner

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

QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS with GUNILLA TREEN of Garden Club & Barford Picture House fame...	
Guilty pleasure?	Too much chocolate!
Who would play you in a movie of your life? Judi Dench	
Biggest bug bear?	Inefficiency and lateness
Dream dinner party guests? In alphabetical order...David Attenborough, John Berger, Monty Don, Patrick Leigh Fermor, Joanna Lumley, Christopher Murray, Grayson Perry, Julie Walters and Victoria Wood. A BIG DINNER PARTY OF COURSE	
Advice to teenage self? Take the time to find out all about my parents' families and their past history	
Cat or dog?	100% DOG
Top of your bucket list? Outer Mongolia, Greenland, Andaman Islands and Antarctica	
Where would you time-travel to? Backwards to the Middle East in early 1900's Forwards to the same places without wars to see the remains of amazing archaeological sites	
Happiness is... Being with all our family, having good conversation and fun	

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED FOR THE ANNUAL VILLAGE BBQ
Please pass any raffle prizes to Mariann Young at Stonehaven, Lower Street

Thanks loads, T'committee, VHMC



THANK YOU, ANN for being our faithful 'Market Tea Lady' for the past ten years, since the very first market held on 15 September 2007, until handing over to Les & Christine in May of this year

MEN ONLY CAKE COMPETITION GINGER SPONGE CAKE

Ingredients

200g/7oz self-raising flour
200g/7oz sugar
1 tsp ground ginger
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
55g/2oz margarine, plus extra for greasing
1 free-range egg, beaten
2 tbsp golden syrup
240ml/9fl oz hot water

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F. Grease and line a 28cm x 18cm/11in x 7in baking tin with greaseproof paper.
2. Mix the flour, sugar, ginger and bicarbonate of soda together in a bowl. Using your fingers, rub the margarine in until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add the beaten egg, syrup and hot water and mix well with a wooden spoon until combined.
3. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and bake in the middle of the oven for 35-40 minutes, or until golden-brown and the top is springy to the touch. Leave to cool in the tin.

Down on the farm.....

Harvest time is here again. Most of the winter barley and a good deal of oilseed rape has already been cut around here but we have neither crop. This is the time of year when one can see if all the autumn and spring work has paid off. In our case, not too bad: some wild oats needed roguing by hand, a bit of headland cleavers and a few other trouble spots. Otherwise we are ready for the fray.

The linseed grew quickly enough to suppress weeds this year but despite our efforts in autumn and spring some blackgrass has reappeared. Inevitable really, we shall just have to persevere. We achieved a third place with our linseed in the local crops competition this year – hopefully there were more than three entries!

I was surprised and delighted to find in our top field a patch of blackgrass with every single seed head neatly nipped off. The general consensus is that it was Roe deer; if so they are more than welcome. I left the gate open in the hope they return for more!

There is also some cow parsley in the roadside grassland courtesy of the council's minimum verge trimming policy. Topping and grazing will keep it at bay but it has spread a lot since last summer. I may have to consider a couple of arable crops to get rid of it.



The outdoor pigs got seriously sun-burned in the June/July sun. The sows are okay because they regularly use their 'wallows' to get a good coating of sun screen mud. Not a pretty sight, but it works well!

The hens seem to have got over the shock of seeing their mates slaughtered by the visiting fox and we have some pullets on order to replace the deficit.

Shearing was timely and the ewes have been comfortable on hot days.

I mentioned unshorn ewes getting 'cast' last month. It reminded me of a time when I visited Holland and noticed a sheep on its back in a roadside field.

There seemed to be nobody about so I stopped, climbed the fence, and got the sheep onto its feet. As I watched it stagger away there was a loud shout and an irate farmer appeared from the farmyard. I don't know what he was shouting but I imagine it included words like trespass and sheep stealing. Fortunately, his wife appeared behind him and she spoke some English. I explained what had happened and the glowers turned to smiles and the clenched fists to hand-shakes!

Invited into the farmhouse I was treated to a glass of something home made and with a serious after effect. I don't know what it was but it hit me ten minutes after leaving the place and I needed to spend a couple of hours in a lay-by until my vision returned to something like normal.

He should pack up farming and start producing it commercially.

Tony Collier, Iron Down Farm



DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

DO NO HARM by Henry Marsh divided the reading group. If you could get past the very graphic opening 4 chapters, the insights into brain surgery and the workings of a consultant neuro surgeon proved very interesting. The book was a candid collection of 25 short stories and cases illustrating humour, mistakes, management bureaucracy, human emotions and computer frustrations! Well written without too much "doctor speak".

We are a small, friendly group of 'bookworms' who meet on the first Monday of each month. New members are always welcome. If you love reading and would like to join us, please contact the Library for more information.

Deddington Library
☎ 01869 338391

THE BARFORD DUCK RACE 2017

A big thank you to Dan & Vicky Wolfe for the use of the field this year, this was their first time hosting the event with the promise of doing it again!!. Thanks also to Nick and Zalie Butler for running the BBQ, and to everyone who supported the event.

With Four Races 'Ducklings Down Hill', 'Five Furlong Feathers', 'Sunshine Sprint' and 'Drake Stakes' followed by the Grand Final and then the ever popular 'Run What You've Brung', Mickey Bullard was kept busy doing the commentary and generally whipping up the crowds into great excitement!

The total profit was £470, which was well up on last year thanks to the record crowd (and greatly helped by Leon's pop-up bar!). The money helped pay for the new bark recently laid in the playground along with the cost of weed control which will be done shortly. Also towards the maintenance of the playground equipment in the village hall garden (for inspections, etc). Any excess will be put towards improvements in West Close.



Top left – waiting for the start. **Top right** – Here they come!!
Bottom left – Duck Master Pete lets them go
Bottom Right – Queen Bee **Jill Hopcraft!** **Dylan Blackhall** with the 'stick' that made him winner of run what you brung race,
Imogen Cillier winner of the Grand Final (and granddaughter of the Queen Bee!)

HEDGEHOG MATTERS - AUGUST *(or life, love and death in the world of Barford hedgehogs)*

I planned to keep it short this month to keep it interesting but there's too much to say! Be prepared for positive and negative news this month. A few weeks ago I noticed that "One spot" (last year's male juvenile who was marked with one white spot for identification) seemed to be filling out and looking different - growing up. I saw him going through the pre-courtship rigmarole with a female and a couple of days later he disappeared. He'd been around every night since hibernation and like a teenager he had left home in search of excitement and mates and I felt bereft. Male hedgehogs travel further than females at this time of year, up to 2km or more sniffing out females. Soon after this, I was shown some night time camera footage of a garden right at the other side of the village where a hedgehog was feeding until a badger came along and the hog curled into a tight ball for half an hour to protect itself until the badger had gone. From the footage, it appeared to have a white mark on its bottom! I saw One spot back again a few days later with a friend then he went off again and was found dead a few days later in a back garden on the field side of Broad Close. His white spot was clear. Having had him around since very young and helping him get through that juvenile too small to hibernate period in early winter (*here and at the wildlife hospital*) this was very sad indeed, as was the second one found dead a week later in the Broad Close garden backing onto us on Church St. This one was harder to identify with no sign of a microchip left when the vet checked (for wildlife hospital research). Both were simply an empty shell of spines which can only be the work of a badger.

Many hedgehogs end up at wildlife hospitals with facial injuries caused by dogs but badgers are the only real predator of the hedgehog, being the only mammal capable of loosening them from their tight protective ball and uncurling them with long claws. Both have a similar diet which is why they are often found in the same places looking for invertebrates and seeds but obviously a hedgehog itself is a

much better find than either of these for a badger. Badgers appear to be increasing in the areas around the village. The current dry weather will make it difficult for them to find food too so the draw of the village will be greater where more food is available. As the hogs are venturing further their paths are bound to cross and once in the village I am sure that badgers can sniff out the regular routes travelled by the local hogs who unfortunately become a food source too. As sad as this is when our hedgehog population seems to be increasing and people seeing them in gardens in all parts of the village for the first time, or first time for years, it is unfortunately an inevitable fact of wild animal life. Badgers need to eat too. Instead we must focus on those remaining and work to help them as much as we can.

On a positive note one very large hedgehog is thought to be nesting on Townsend, seen out before dusk which unless they are ill is usually a sign at this time of year that they are having a break from a nest which can be very hot. This garden has been host to hedgehogs more than once in the past and I have a feeling that this is the large female that was around our own patch earlier in the year before disappearing a few weeks ago. This one was unmarked but was the largest of the hedgehogs around and last autumn I saw her with One spot, perhaps his mum. Fingers crossed for the successful birth/survival of these young who are now even more vital to the local hedgehog population. The odds may be against them with dry weather and badgers. This mum and other hedgehogs have had a helping hand with food from a few villagers which will have been a big help with possible young in the nest. It's now very large which is great for winter fat stores but there's one downside to very large hedgehogs. Hedgehogs don't have a fight or flight reaction to danger. They simply use muscles to curl up into a tight ball to defend themselves from predators. It is their only means of defence and they can also make their spines pricklier at this point.

Overweight or obese hedgehogs cannot curl into a ball completely, leaving their soft under

parts and faces exposed. This makes them very prone to attack by badgers because they have no form of defence. With two hedgehog deaths and now badgers around and close to a very large hedgehog mum, maybe consider cutting down (rather than stopping) the amount of food you leave for them. If mum is taken and any young still haven't left the nest they don't stand a chance of survival unless rescued. If you live in that Townsend vicinity be alert for a high-pitched bird like piping sound coming from the nest - a sign of a baby hedgehog in distress. Young are obviously more vulnerable to everything including predators, lack of food and water, strimmers, roads and deep holes. Do cover deep holes and drains where they can become trapped and die. Ponds and pools can also be an issue so consider having an escape route in the form of a ramp, stepping stones or chicken wire to climb up. Hedgehogs are good swimmers but can't climb out of steep sided ponds or pools and young do drown in this way. Be alert for dogs behaving strangely when in the garden at night too.

Please log hedgehog sighting's dead or alive on the Our Barford's hedgehog page at www.facebook.com/groups/1451099978269355/ Recording dead hedgehogs is really useful information when it comes to monitoring their numbers and whereabouts and recording new live sightings now seems even more important. **HEDGEHOG DAY FOR CHILDREN IN SEPTEMBER** – see next month's Barford news.

HELEN TAYLOR



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!!

DEDDINGTON BROWNIE UNIT AT RISK OF CLOSURE!!

The Brownie Unit is very popular and girls enjoy it a lot, however it cannot run without volunteers.

As children move up to Guides or leave, so do the leaders who tend to be parents. Brown Owl (Regine Parsons) is in need of two permanent Owls to help run the unit. With a maximum of 24 girls, the unit needs to have that support for it to run well and to be enjoyable for everyone.

This is a **FINAL APPEAL** to parents with girls in Brownies, coming up to Brownies or simply who have 90 mins to spare on a Monday evening 6 -7.30pm at the Windmill Centre, Deddington (term time only)

Please contact Regine at regineparsons@gmail.com or text/call 07733 075880 if you can help.

Thank you
Regine Parsons



to the very kind and generous lady from the High Street who has donated £20 to Barford News. As always, donations are so gratefully received, thank you.

The Team

Shepherds & Bakehouse Charity

Barford St John and St Michael
Charity Commission Registration No: 309173

Grants are made annually at the Trustee's discretion.

Young people taking A levels, attending College or University or undertaking an apprenticeship are encouraged to apply. There is a maximum limit awarded.

In order to qualify, applicants or their parents should be resident in the parish of Barford St Michael or Barford St John for at least three years.

Please give the following information on your written application:-

- 1) Your full name, age, address in Barford and length of residence
- 2) Details of where you are planning to study
- 3) Exact description of the qualification you hope to achieve
- 4) Length of course and subjects to be studied

Address your application to the Shepherds and Bakehouse Trust clerk
Carole Coppin, Barn Elms, The Green, Barford St Michael, OX15 0RN
carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk

Applications must be received by 30th September

St Michaels Church, Barford St Michael **Family Services - 1st Sunday of every month @10:30am** **Next service is on: Sunday August 6th 2017**

Last month, as a benefice, we celebrated the arrival of our New Curate Paula. This month we are inviting families from our benefice churches to worship with us in Barford. We would like to celebrate our growing church family and end our service with a family picnic. Weather permitting it will be in the grounds of the church or simply in the church itself, if the rain begins to fall.

The theme is the
TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST.

-a special day when Jesus and his friends went to pray together.

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

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



CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT
AT BARFORD VILLAGE HALL
ON SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017
7.30PM START

CHOICE OF:
Beef Madras OR Chicken Korma
OR
Halloumi, Mushroom & Butterbean Curry
all served with Rice, Poppadum,
Naan Bread and Mango Chutney
AND
for pudding a choice of Apple and Blueberry
Crumble and Custard
OR
Chocolate and Bailey's Roulade
OR
Chilled Lemon Soufflé with a
Macaroon Biscuit

All you have to do is get yourself a team of 6 people, find out what they would like for a main meal and pudding, then give Anne or Mick Pearson a call on 01869 337074 or email us at: mickpearson1@outlook.com and let us know your team name, the number of each curry and pudding the team would like and, finally, drop the money around to us by 23rd September, at the latest, in order to confirm your place.

Leon Daly is bringing his vast knowledge of quizzing to bear and will be the Quiz Master. There will be a cash prizes for first, second and third positions.

Bring your own drinks, alcoholic or otherwise. The price is £12 per person which includes the cost of each quiz team member. There are a limited number of places so don't miss out on the fun and book early. There will also be a raffle and an auction for a two course Sunday lunch for up to 12 people at the Pearson's, with a pre-dinner glass of Prosecco included, though you will need to bring your own drinks, alcoholic or otherwise, for the meal. The reserve price for the meal is £120 so ask around your family and friends to see if you can make up a table and bid on the night.

All of the proceeds from the curry meal, auction and raffle, plus the profit from the quiz, will be divided 75%/25% between the Village Hall and The Barford News.

Dear Readers

I have been trawling through back copies of the Barford News and, space permitting, we will be publishing 'flash backs' to previous years....the old editions make absolutely fascinating reading and as you will see from my first snippet, some things are as topical now as they were over 40 years ago...also if you have any memories/stories of Barford please do contact me....hope you enjoy this.... Lucy (Ed)

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BYGONE BARFORDS

Taken from Barford News Sheet
Editor : R Mehta of Rock House
Barford St Michael
Vol I, Issue II, June 1972

'Continuing your walk around Barford St Michael, along Townsend to High Street (Main Street) you might have stepped hastily off the road as two or three motorbikes whizzed past you heading down the 'Rock', hotly pursued, all unknowingly, by a car speeding down the Hempton Road.

The old wrecked car outside Barford Autobody might have reminded you to drive a little more carefully, even when you were late for work, and set you wondering whether the people inside that car had been equally 'wrecked'...after walking around the village recently a member of the PLANNING & HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT said, *"you will never get a speed limit here because it isn't possible to drive fast through Barford"....*



RAF Brize Norton: 80 Years of History

Brize Norton: 80 Years of History is a new exhibition at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum (SOFO) which explores the history of one of the country's most famous air bases. The exhibition, curated by RAF Brize Norton itself, documents the construction of the base in 1935 through to its use in the present day.

The exhibition includes various items of engineering training kit, including a section of a Tri Star Control unit which children can use. This includes a look into Brize's use during WWII as a base for parachute and glider operations – most famously, Brize squadrons were involved in dropping paratroops and launching Horsa gliders on D Day. A reconstruction of a Horsa glider which visitors can sit inside and learn more about Oxfordshire soldiers' involvement is also part of SOFO's permanent displays.

The exhibits also document the way in which the United States Airforce (USAF) changed the base when they formally accepted control of it on 16 April 1951. 21 B36 Convair Peacemaker bombers were the first US aircraft to arrive at RAF Brize Norton.

In 1965 the RAF took back control of the base, at which point it became a Transport Command Airfield before a steady build-up of personnel and facilities would see it take on a role as the Strategic Air Transport base for the Royal Air Force. This effectively set the scene for its use during modern conflict and the role the base plays on the world stage now. Links with the USAF were well maintained, however, with the base hosting several large scale tanker deployments, culminating with a major deployment supporting the air campaign in Kosovo.

Brize would play a significant part in the Falklands War, moving personnel, stores and ammunition to the Ascension Islands as well as recovering casualties and repatriations at the end of the conflict. The base's large tanker

force was also instrumental during the Gulf War in 1991.

A significant part of the exhibition focuses on stories the Royal Auxiliary Air Force Squadrons recruited locally and based at RAF Brize Norton in 1982. Namely, No.4624 (County of Oxford) Movements Squadron and No. 2624 (County of Oxford) Regiment Squadron, whose history is told through personal accounts of members' experiences.

Open now, RAF Brize Norton: 80 Years of History runs until September 2017. SOFO is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10am to 5pm, and Sundays 2pm – 5pm. **For more information visit** www.sofo.org.uk

FINAL COUNT Sainsbury's vouchers for the Deddington Nursery

Well great news once again for a third year in succession, and the collection of the vouchers for Deddington Nursery. As a village, we have collected a huge 1,779 vouchers, which I believe is probably one of the highest amounts collected so far and goes such a long way to support the nursery community.



The ladies who run the nursery Jacqui Moulder, Jo Bull and Lisa Staples would like to thank the villagers for their continued support and kind donations of these vouchers as they are very much appreciated by them, allowing the acquisition of fun, varied and valuable sports equipment that keep the children entertained for hours and hours when out in their garden play area.

Many thanks and a personal thank you from me. Véronique - Thimble Hall



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From The Fire Station

In the last six months we have been to 150 call outs and last month was one of our busiest. Deddington has attended four road traffic collisions, a car fire and several house fires. Luckily none of these became fully developed fires. There was one night in Banbury where a van was set on fire as well as a block of garages. This was suspected to be arson. The crew also attended a call out in North Aston where someone had managed to lock themselves in.

After the recent fire at Grenfell Tower our brigade has made some changes to tackling high rise buildings. With every type of incident there is a pre-determined number of pumps on attendance. This has now been changed for high rise to 10 fire engines and two aerial platforms with a multitude of other support vehicles regardless of the severity. Training this month has seen the last of the crew doing their training days for road traffic collisions and breathing apparatus. Everyone has passed with flying colours. The crew attended the Deddington school fete which is always a good opportunity for us to get out and meet our community.

Sadly, this is the last report I will be writing from the fire station due to my retirement from the fire service at the end of the month. I'm now fifty-five years old and the oldest at the station and even though the new retirement age for a firefighter is sixty, I feel that it's time to step down. When I first started back in 2006 we only had a skeleton crew and it is really heartening to see so many young people joining our station. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the crew for making my time at the station an enjoyable experience. I would also like to thank Watch Manager Chris Fenemore who was my mentor when I first joined the station and remains my mentor to this day. He is a true leader and makes the station a great environment to work in.

Please remember to check your smoke alarms every week. And for the last time get your chimneys swept!

Crew Manager Tim Parker
Deddington Fire Station



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Well, what an incredible end to our school year!

Our Sponsored Read took place just before half term in June and the grand total raised was an amazing £1900! We are all incredibly grateful to everyone out there who sponsored our children, to help us raise such a huge amount of money. THANK YOU SO MUCH ONCE AGAIN for your support.

Our sports day took place on 22nd June and all involved enjoyed this immensely. The weather was also kind, being cool and dry on that afternoon.

Our performance of 'Bugsy Malone' was sold out every night, and it seems everyone who watched said each performance from Wednesday 5th through to Friday 7th July was most entertaining and produced to an exceptionally high professional standard. The children acted and sang beautifully giving us all wonderful memories to hold forever. We would like to thank Alicia Rumsby and Seb Heffer for their HARD WORK, FABULOUS COMMITMENT and HUGE TALENT which they share with, and pass onto, our pupils every year.

Our school fete took place on the afternoon of July 15th. Thank you to all our PTA members who gave their time so freely to make this event happen, and to make it such an enjoyable event for all who came along. We are now in the swing of our summer holidays, so let's hope the weather is kind to us all in the next few weeks.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to once again wish our Year 6 leavers every success in their new schools, as they embark on their Secondary School journey in September.

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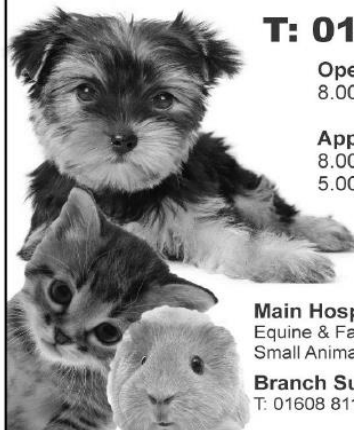
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Diary dates to the editor by 15th of each month please

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Boys Brigade (Deddington)
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Diary dates

August

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