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COMING NEXT MONTH.....

a traditional Barford Bank Holiday Weekend

firstly....

THE ANNUAL VILLAGE BBQ on SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST



at the Village Hall and Gardens

BBQ and BAR from 6pm

serving locally produced burgers and sausages

along with a selection of delicious home-made salads

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followed the next day by

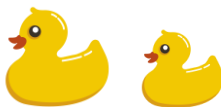
### **ANNUAL CHURCH FETE**

### **MONDAY 28TH AUGUST**

at The Manor House

games and competitions for all ages

lots of tempting stalls and delicious teas by the Moat



### **DON'T FORGET THE DUCK RACE FOLKS - SUNDAY 2 JULY**

It will go ahead as planned first race 14:30 (half 2), however, due to the George Inn not being quite ready, we are having a Beer Tent in the field and that will be open from 13:00 (1 o'clock) so you will have the opportunity to view the ducks before placing a bet and engage with other village folk (trusting the weather holds).

It will be the usual format. 4 races with medals for 1st 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> then a grand final of all the winners to find the overall champion. Of course, we will be holding the run what ya' brung" race. If it floats you can race it. Friendly advice, don't use stick and twigs they confuse the race stewards.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the children's play area So, that's Sunday 2nd July.

**See you there, T'committee**

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> June in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Styles, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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:

Following the county council elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, no particular group had a majority (more than half) of elected councillors. The Conservative group has been joined by two independent councillors to form a Conservative Independent Alliance. Arash reported that he will be serving for another 4 years.

### District Councillor's Report from District Cllr Bryn Williams:

Due to the General Election, CDC is in a state of Purdah to ensure that nothing is done or said that might give an advantage at the national level. Bryn did, however, advise the Parish Council of the new responsibilities of our 3 district councillors in the forthcoming year. They are:

**Mike Kerford-Byrnes** is Lead Member (ie: effectively a Cabinet Minister) for Change Management, Joint Working [ie: with Sth Northants District Council] and IT. In addition, he is a member of the following committees – (i) Accounts, Audit & Risk, (ii) Joint Commissioning, (iii) Planning and also (iv) the CDC Appointee to the Bicester Rural Neighbourhood Action Group. Email:

[Cllr.Mike.KerfordByrnes@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Mike.KerfordByrnes@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

**Hugo Brown** is a member of the following committees – (i) Accounts, Audit and Risk (as Vice Chairman), (ii) Budget Planning, (iii) Planning (as a Substitute).

Email: [hugo.brown@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:hugo.brown@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

**Bryn Williams** is a member of the following committees – (i) Appeals Panel, (ii) Licensing (as Vice Chairman), (iii) Personnel, (iv) Planning (as a Substitute), (v) Standards.

Email: [Bryn.Williams@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk](mailto:Bryn.Williams@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk)

## Parish Matters:

**Speed monitoring** – The installation of the black box monitors is due the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**Moss on pavement of Robins Close** – Rodney Hobbs reported that he will check this so that any remedial action can be agreed.

**Red Dog Bin** – Sarah Best offered to paint this green. This was agreed.

**Access to the Allotments** – Allotment holders are requested not to use the path through the woods to access their allotment but to go a little further and use the track.

**Parking around Barford St Michael** – Residents are requested to park responsibly around the village, particularly in Church Street where the road is very narrow. It is important to allow access for emergency vehicles along all roads

**Weeds by bridge** – These are obscuring the view to traffic coming in the opposite direction. These will be cut down by the clerk on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

## Planning Applications

Application 17/00535/F, 2 Broad Close, Extension – Granted on 26/05/2017

Application 17/00630/F, Land adjacent to Ayot Croft, Variation – Granted on 12/05/2017.

**Ayot Croft, Planning Process** – Cherwell District Council Planning has offered to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain the planning process following the complaint that the process did not appear to have been followed correctly.

**Ayot Croft, compliance with plans** – A Cherwell District Council Planning Enforcement Officer is investigating whether windows in the west elevation are larger than specified on the plans.

## Finance

### Annual Governance Statement Y/E 31/03/2017

– This was reviewed and approved unanimously.

**Accounts for Y/E 31/03/2017** – These have been audited by Jeremy Eastwood and were approved unanimously.

**Annual Return for Y/E 31/03/2017** – This was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer and will be sent to BDO, the external auditors, on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**Payments** - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £494.23. This was approved unanimously.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

**CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT  
AT BARFORD VILLAGE HALL  
ON SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**LAURA GRIFFIN**

**6TH OCTOBER 1933 – 19TH MAY 2017**



Laura was born in Rainhill, Merseyside and lived there with her parents and sister Wendy.

After leaving school Laura worked in the office of a local firm, during which time she met Alex. They were soon married and later bought their first house where daughter Helen was born. The family moved to Burton Upon Trent where Laura stayed at home to raise her family and soon settled into village life in Barton Under Needwood. A second daughter Kayt was born and two further house moves brought them to Barford St Michael in 1976.

Laura settled down to village life once again, joining Fernhill Club and helping to run the Village Hall bingo for several years. She also enjoyed volunteering at The Cheshire Homes every Sunday in Adderbury. Laura became a keen member of the W I where she made many friends and will be remembered for her baking.

She was at her happiest when her grandchildren came to visit or walking her beloved dog—BRYN along Nether Worton Road. Later in her life Laura & Alex took a liking to travelling and visited many places but her favourites were America, Canada and New Zealand.

Laura made many long-standing friends and will be remembered for her great sense of humour, quiet demeanour and kindness.



to the very kind and generous lady who has donated £100 to Barford News. As always, donations are so gratefully received, thank you.

**The Team**

## **FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY – JULY UPDATE**

Our efforts are now well and truly focused on our 2017 Garage and Yard Sale taking place on Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> between 11am and 4pm. We hope it'll generate funds for the library and give you the opportunity to de-clutter and generate some funds for your own summer holiday or luxury item you've always promised yourself!

There's considerable interest from all corners of our parish, sellers have been registering throughout June – come along, it'll be a hoot! The Sellers Map is available on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July from the library between 9.30am and 1.00pm and Hamptons in the Market Place from 9.00am to 4.00pm. Also, on the day of the sale, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from outside the Town Hall from 10.30am to 3.00pm. Do please support your community library, come along and bag a bargain!!

Our second Deddington Parish Calendar and Photo Competition is well underway; we have received 20 entries to date but would like to see a lot more as we know we've got some very talented photographers out there. Entrants are welcome from anywhere, they do not have to be within the parish or the UK for that matter, the only criteria is that the images are taken within our parish of Deddington, minimum file size of 5MB and 300DPI, get your entries in before the deadline of August 18<sup>th</sup>. Send your entries to me at ([abw@brynwilliams.com](mailto:abw@brynwilliams.com)). Still on the subject of the calendar, we have one month still remaining to sponsor, the response from businesses within the parish has been fantastic and we're extremely grateful for your continued support. If your business would like to sponsor the last remaining month, do please get in touch! Next time you visit the library, don't forget to check out our Book Sale Trolley, there's some fabulous holiday reading material available and by buying a book or two you'll be helping us to raise funds for running the library at the same time.

One final piece of news from us is that the FoDL have taken over the production of our 'Parish Welcome Packs' these contain useful local information for new residents to the parish, so if you know of anyone moving into your street, please contact [books@friendsofdeddingtonlibrary.org](mailto:books@friendsofdeddingtonlibrary.org) or pop into the library and we'll deliver a welcome pack to your new neighbours. Thank you for your continued support.

**Bryn Williams, Friends of Deddington Library**



Dear Barfordians

We are going at quite a pace at the moment at the George. Unfortunately, the levels of lime plastering and the intermediate weather has had a effect on the drying process of the lime plaster.

We have also had a frustrating time with the council regarding some planning issues which hopefully will be resolved in the not to distant future.

Hopefully the mains drains will also be sorted very soon which means all unsightly visions of the George will be put away for good!!!

As always, we would love to be in a position to give everyone an opening date but sadly with all of the above going on at the same time it would be a shot in the dark to give a time and date.

Again, thank you for all your patience in these last couple of steps. We apologise to everyone that's been affected by the building works.

**All the best, Louis & Laura**



**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

**The World of the Honey Bee  
with local  
Beekeeper Extraordinaire  
Margaret Murdin  
at our meeting on  
Wednesday 12th July  
In the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Visitors £4.00**





## Barford Big Lunch – 18th June

A great time was had by all! Despite being in direct competition with Father's Day celebrations elsewhere, 64 adults and children came along with their picnics to enjoy another gloriously sunny afternoon – for some of us, a little too sunny! As the temperature soared to 29°C....!!!

Special thanks to all who helped to set up the venue, with gazebos, tables, chairs etc. and thank you to everyone who came to support the event, enjoy time with friends and neighbours, and helped to make it another successful and happy village event.

**St Michaels' Church, Barford St Michael**  
**Family Services - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month @ 10:30am**  
**July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017**

**This month will be a benefice service and a baptism @ St. Peter  
and St. Paul in Deddington**

**THIS MONTH'S THEME IS BAPTISM AND NEW BEGINNINGS**



**We are welcoming our new curate Paula as well as Henry Winsor and family to  
our benefice. - join us in craft, prayer and celebration!**

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

**Sally, Sophie, Anne**



**BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET**  
**SATURDAY 15th JULY**  
**10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Joan's beautiful plants**

**\*\*\***

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

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**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**

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**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**

**WHO:** Cubby Brett (our previous Church Warden)  
**FROM:** Mill Lane

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

*A. 23 years*

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

*A. Being such a caring friendly village*

**Q. where were you born?**

*A. Wiltshire*

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

*A. Avocado and prawn, filet mignon  
(rare), chocolate mousse*

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

*A. Each time the whole family(all 14 of us)  
get together*

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

*A. Victoria Wood, Maureen Lipman and  
Morecombe and Wise*

**Q. dream holiday and why?**

*A. Leeward Islands in the Caribbean for the  
slow pace of life*

**Q. favourite film?**

*A. Love Actually*

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

*People standing on the edge of a zebra  
crossing while talking on their mobile*

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

*A. USA if it wasn't for Trump*

## **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 30<sup>th</sup> September**



## HALL & FERNHILL CHARITY

The Hall and Fernhill charity would like to invite residents of Barford St Michael or St John to apply for grants. 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.

**WORK RELATED COSTS** such as tools, books, fees for training courses, travelling expenses so as to help individuals earn their living.

**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. Those wishing to apply for a grant may speak informally to any of the Trustees' (John Hiron, Helen Honour, Les Hall, Barbara Greenwood, Maggie Eden, Jill Hopcraft, Rev Annie Goldthorp or Zalie Butler). 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.

### PLEASE DO NOT BE AFRAID TO APPROACH US

Formal applications should be by email or letter to the clerk Carole Coppin, Barn Elms, The Green, Barford St Michael, OX15 0RN  
carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk



**THANK YOU** to Trish Field who spent most of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, in soaring temperatures, on her hands and knees clearing the pedestrian refuges on Murray's Lane that had become clogged with weeds. Your community spirit is very much appreciated by your fellow villagers.

## OXFORDSHIRE HISTORICAL CHURCHES TRUST - RIDE AND STRIDE

The sponsored Ride and Stride this year is on Saturday 9th September from 10am to 6pm.



The money is shared equally between the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and our Barford churches. OHCT have provided substantial funding for our Barford churches over the years and will continue to do so in the future.

This is a very important fundraising event for the churches and it would be wonderful to see more participation this year from the Barfords, either from villagers securing sponsorship and taking part by walking, cycling or riding to as many churches as possible, or by sponsoring other participants. If you would like to take part, please contact me for lists of churches so that you can plan your route and for sponsorship forms.

Anne Perry | ☎ 01869 338033 or email [whitticka@hotmail.com](mailto:whitticka@hotmail.com)

## CARPET BOWLS



The Barbs are this seasons' winning team  
Another season of fun and laughter and some very good shots, and some not so good shots, came to an end.

On target mat the highest scores were:  
LADIES.....Margaret Churchill  
GENTS.....Basil Butler

We rounded off the season with a delicious meal in the village hall catered for us by Anne & Mick Pearson....and their helpers – thank you very much.

Carpet Bowls starts the new season on  
**TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**  
See you then, Margaret Churchill



## PARTY IN THE GARDEN

Held at: 6 Summer Ley, Barford St Michael  
SATURDAY 12th AUGUST 3 pm till whenever  
to raise money for Katharine House and Parkinson's

There will be a fabulous band called "Barford Rabble",  
entertainment for the children from 3pm, singers and musicians kindly donating their  
time free of charge. Food will be available but donations would be greatly appreciated  
and drinks will be on sale with all profits going to both charities

There will be a raffle and tombola....Raffle Prizes urgently needed..!!!!



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or email [lorrainesimons69@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainesimons69@gmail.com)

## 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 spiders 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 Childrens' 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](mailto:barfordnews@gmail.com) and I can email the schedule over.



## HEDGEHOG MATTERS – JULY

The Our Barford hedgehog Facebook page is now up and running now at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1451099978269355/> It is called Our Barford hedgehogs. This is a good way for people to post their sightings of hedgehogs, how many they've seen and how many white spots it had on its bottom, if any! Pictures of any new hedgehog holes for access or hedgehog houses made, wild areas created or whatever else you want to share is what the site is for. If you are putting sightings on why not put on the time of evening and your rough whereabouts on your road too so that we can begin to get a picture of where they are roaming. If you see a dead hedgehog on the road then that's useful though very sad to post too. The site has been set up in Tony Ecclestone's name. Using Facebook is a first for me and I will post through that for now. By having a separate site it keeps all things hedgehoggy in one place and won't detract from other useful news on the Barford general site.

Sarah from Robins close who works in the field has also very kindly done a map so that we can log holes and sightings for environmental records that I believe can be handed in for official statistics so thanks to her for that. Look out for this at a village market soon. I am also going to do a map for children to mark their sightings and holes on. Lack of time means that a hedgehog afternoon for children and possible box making session for anyone hasn't progressed far yet so watch this space or and notice boards. In the current weather, I doubt whether any hog would want to be in a box during the daytime anyway.

**Consider shutting garage and shed doors before dusk** and perhaps open and close them as you need them after that. There was a recent incident on Robins Close of a hedgehog being shut overnight in a garage and I have heard of previous incidents not in Barford where they have been trapped in garages and died from starvation or dehydration. Once hedgehogs are out after dusk they will explore all areas available for food and cosy nest sites including garages. As they normally only forage for food and drink at night, then if trapped soon after dusk they won't have access to food or drink during their waking

hours. Their natural instinct then tells them to sleep during the day in sheltered places so you probably wouldn't even know if you had one in your garage unless you uncovered it by accident as was the case with this one. In this heat or indeed any weather it would probably only take a couple of days for a hedgehog to become very dehydrated and hungry.



Our three regular hedgehog visitors who could be seen together in the early evening in spring seem to have dispersed more to other areas of the village and are visiting our patch at different times of the evening. There have been sightings behind the pub and regularly on Robins close. My own feeling is that they use the old largely untouched hedge line bordering the back of Church Street and Broad Close for hibernation and then disperse in the summer. They can change their daytime hangout sites regularly and one of these must be around Robins close as they are seen feeding regularly there after dusk. If young hedgehogs are to be seen it is round about now onwards so let's hope that one of them has found a mate and managed to mate successfully.

There was plenty of pre-mating activity going on a few weeks ago but we had thought that there were two females and one immature male. Hopefully we were wrong! I wouldn't normally handle a hedgehog unless there was a real need because they are wild animals but in order to help us monitor them I am in the process of marking them with nail varnish which is harmless and will come off eventually. White spots on their bottom will help us monitor how many there are and how far each one is roaming. We can't really do that properly because most of that will happen during the night but when we do see them if we record the sightings either on Facebook or on paper which you could give to me then we can get a better idea. "One spot" is last year's juvenile who emerges locally at dusk and has still been seen hanging around a few hours later so you may not see him because it is probably late by the time he ventures elsewhere. Wherever they are they will be very grateful for **shallow bowls of water** if they're passing. It's a bit of a lifesaver in this weather.

**Happy hedgehog watching. Helen Taylor**



## BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB

### NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED - JULY 2017

**PLANT SWAP** Our annual get together took place on Thursday 25th May. Once again Sarah Best very kindly agreed to host it at Street Farm, Barford St. John. The evening weather was good, apparently not so many plants as usual were brought, but everyone enjoyed the evening and certainly enjoyed Sarah's snacks.

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES** It would be good to do Nosey Gardens again this year and we have a few offers from members. Are there any more people willing to have their gardens viewed in an informal way by members only? These visits have been popular so far and it would be good to keep them going if we can.

A visit to **Pettifers** garden is currently being organised. It is in Lower Wardington just outside Banbury. - £8 for entry, guided tour and tea and biscuits - no minimum number. They have a lovely illustrated blog which is updated very frequently, well worth looking at. It is a garden of 1.5 acres and in 1984 it was created from a 'blank canvas'. They are not open at weekends but an early evening, maybe a Monday, in the next couple of months would be nice. We are waiting to hear from them and you will be informed of the date and time. They are soon to feature on Gardeners' World! That should help to get you interested. Another suggestion that has been made is to go again to Michael Heseltine's garden or Broughton Grange. No talks have been planned for the Autumn...any ideas gratefully received.

**JOBS TO DO IN JULY** Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt; organise care for houseplant while on holiday; Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise; Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering; Pick courgettes before they become marrows; Treat apple scab; Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up; Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs (yes it is that time again); Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed; Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines. All this information and much more can be found on the RHS website, with more detailed information on Ponds, Lawns, Trees and Shrubs etc.



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

## TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

**18<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

### Menu

#### Main Course

Chicken Creole (Tomato, Mustard,  
Brown Sugar, Celery and Sweetcorn Sauce)  
Served with Mashed Potato, Carrots and  
Broccoli

Or

Pork Madras Curry

Or

Mushroom, Halloumi and Butterbean Curry  
Both served with Boiled Rice and Naan Bread

#### Desserts

Blueberry Cheesecake

Or

Lemon Soufflé with Raspberries

#### Finally

Coffee & Tea

**Price £5.00**

**As usual please bring your own alcoholic  
drinks to have with your meal**

**PLEASE NOTE FROM THIS MEAL ONWARDS  
WE WILL SIMPLY PROVIDE JUGS OF TAP  
WATER**

**Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074, or  
email [mickpearson1@outlook.com](mailto:mickpearson1@outlook.com)**

**by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July.**

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

**THANK YOU from Paul Wilson  
(cards & stationery)**



**thanks to all who came/donated raffle  
prizes. A pleasant afternoon with tea and  
cakes and a little shopping raised £25  
which will go to Church Footpaths Fund**



## From the Fire Station

The crew were called out 17 times in the past month. Unlike most other months nearly all the calls were to fires. The biggest fire was at Mondelez “formally General Foods” in Banbury. The fire started in one of the pump rooms and the fire quickly developed. When crews first arrived at the scene the flames were already coming through the roof. Ten fire engines and the hydraulic platform were quickly in attendance. Our crew was tasked with supplying the water for the incident. Mondelez has its own very large water main. Being able to supply very large amounts of water to the blaze quickly brought the fire under control. The hydraulic platform was used to apply large amounts of water through the roof whilst crews fought the fire from inside the building. Within three hours the fire was extinguished and the crews had managed to contain it with no fire spread to other parts of the building.

Another fire was to a house at Bicester. Our crew was already on route to a standby at Bicester fire station. The house had been struck by lightning and the fire quickly escalated. The fire destroyed the roof and the first floor of the property. In contrast, our crew was called to a fire in a street lamp in Steeple Aston and several other house fires. There was a computer that overheated, cooking being left unattended and a light fitting that overheated. None of these incidents escalated.

Deddington has attended more car fires than usual. One in particular could have easily been more serious. A camper van was parked quite near a house in Banbury when it set on fire. The crew managed to put the fire out before it reached the house but not before it had completely destroyed the van and a section of the nearby fence.

Deddington has been involved in two training days in the past month. One at the fire collage at Morton in Marsh. This was an Incident scenario day which involves Incident command and breathing apparatus wearing. The other being an RTC (road traffic collision) day. The two days are run exactly the same where incidents are set up to simulate real life events. Everyone that took part passed and the feedback from the instructors was very positive.

An operational bulletin has been sent to us this week telling us that there is a nation recall on Beko tumble dryers. Our recommendations are that no matter what type of tumble dryer you have, you should check with the manufacturer

that they are safe and not had any issues. I think that all appliances are potentially fire hazards and should never be left unattended. Unfortunately, Deddington has had several crew leave us over the past months. Colin Smith, Michael Kolinski and Graham Harding have left due to work commitments. Deddington has now gone from fifteen down to twelve crew. Generally, there is a waiting list of people that want to join us so we have new recruits starting to go through the recruitment process. Deddington is always looking for the right people to join our station. If you would like to know more you can look at our County Council website [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncall](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncall) or pop down and see us on a Tuesday evening between 19:00 and 21:00.

**Crew Manager Tim Parker**  
**Deddington Fire Station**

## DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

Bookworms recently read ‘**Suite Française**’ by **Irène Némirovsky** which portrays life in France from the beginning of June 1940 until July 1941.

Némirovsky originally intended this would be an epic novel written in five sections. The group

noted that Suite Française did not seem to be completely edited but the true story behind this makes it all the more poignant. The author had intended to revise the first two sections

but was arrested and taken to Pithiviers internment camp, then to Auschwitz where she died in August 1942.



The first part of the book, ‘Storm in June’, focuses on the lives of a few people who represent the myriads of citizens fleeing Paris in widespread panic as German forces were about to invade. The selfish behaviour by some of the bourgeoisie is sharply detailed.

The second part, ‘Dolce’, is more of a narrative with a rural setting. The Germans stationed in the village are from a cavalry regiment and the humanity of the individual soldiers shines through as the inhabitants adapt to a different way of life. All agreed the book was a worthwhile read.

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## 200 CLUB RESULTS JUNE DRAW

£50, 21, Caroline Bird  
£25, 109, Ron Knight  
£15, 213, Lucy Archer  
£10, 172, Jeff Elliott  
£5, 29, Karen Gardner

the draw took place at  
Thursday Cuppa morning

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in their new home



*House Move*



Tom and Maggie Blackhall  
have moved from The Green  
to Bishops Close where we  
hope they will be very happy

## MAGGIE'S 50 CHARITY BIKE RIDE

18 riders turned out for the ride. The weather was kind for us albeit windy! Along with the BBQ in the evening we raised nearly £1200 for Brain Tumour Research, so a big thank you to all who took part and supported the event.



## NEW CHURCH FOOTPATHS

There is a final bit of 'i' dotting and 't' crossing to be done, but it is hoped that we will have new paths through the old churchyard (from Chapel Cottages to the porch and from the porch to South Newington Road) by the end of August. Inevitably there will be a bit disruption when the existing paths are dug up and a concrete base put down. This will probably take place in the last week of July or first week of August. At the same time the path from Chapel Cottages down to the new cemetery path will be levelled out making it easier and safer for the pall bearers to take coffins down for burial.

At the end of August, a top coat of resin-bonded gravel will be added to the concrete paths and we should then have new attractive paths that should last a lifetime.

Many thanks to the Parish Council for their generous grant towards this project.

Tony Elvidge, Churchwarden

## Down on the farm....

The shearing gang arrived, as they always do, full of old jokes and repartee. They left, as they always do, with less to say and looking as if the first couple of pints wouldn't even touch the sides. Contract shearing is a tough job. The sort of work that when you pull the first sheep onto the shearing platform it pays not to think about the five thousand or so that are to come!



The ewes always seem relieved to be free of their winter coats. But the lambs can appear confused for a time. I suppose it's like coming out of school and seeing all the mums in their altogether and trying to figure out which is yours.

The next big job will be haymaking; always an anxious time given our catchy weather. I remember once going to the demonstration in Wiltshire of a prototype mobile hay drying machine. As I neared the location I noticed a huge pall of billowing black smoke rising into the sky. I suppose most inventors have their bad days; the machine never ventured from its prototype stage. There have been several attempts at artificially drying wilted grass into hay. Few have worked and those that have were hard to justify on a cost basis: much cheaper to make the wilted grass into silage.

We have made baled silage in the past, and still do so in a wet year, but we find baled hay better fitted to our feeding system.

I have an old photograph somewhere showing two tractors equipped with sweeps (long tined rakes) that literally swept the swaths of hay to an elevator feeding a hay stack. There are six men in the picture – two on the stack, two feeding the elevator and two tractor drivers. The wages bill today would be prohibitive! It would have taken a long day to clear 10 acres and, on top of that, the old timers would have had to turn around and thatch the ricks afterwards to keep the weather out.

Nowadays one man can bale the swaths into big bales and turn around and collect the result in a day; no sweating, grunting or constant reaching for the bottle of cold tea. The hardest physical work, if there was no barn handy, would be to throw a plastic sheet over the stack of bales.

Old stagers like me now hang pictures like my photograph on the wall, if they are not too crippled with arthritis to reach that high, to remind themselves of those bucolic days when jobs like forking several tons of hay into an elevator in high summer was the norm.

It may have been hard work, but it had its fun working in a team with all the leg-pulling and wise-cracks. It can be a lonely job these highly mechanised days with just the dog or a radio for company.

**PS:** The fox has just devastated one of our batches of hens. Actually, I think it was a couple of grown cubs because they only ate three of their prey and left the other 19 corpses for me to clear up. It is a risk one takes with free range poultry.

**Tony Collier**

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## DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

The final term of the school year is always a busy one. In addition to the move-up days and open afternoons already announced, there will be a PFSU Sports Day on Friday 30th June at 11.15am, followed by the chance to share a picnic in the PFSU garden. Nursery parents have their opportunity to cheer on their children on Friday 14th July, and will receive an invitation to this event shortly. The PFSU children will be celebrating the end of the school year at a teddy bears picnic on Thursday 20th July, and also intend to visit the allotments and Castle Grounds before the end of term. Our final fund-raising effort of the year will be a picnic hamper raffle, which will be drawn during the last week of term. Donations of special food items are being accepted at the Nursery and PFSU now.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fund-raising events this year. It just remains for us to wish everyone a very enjoyable summer holiday, and to wish happiness and success to all those who are moving on to new schools or settings in September.

**Lucy Squires**  
☎ 337484

**DEDDINGTON LIBRARY** We're gearing up to our 2017 Summer Reading Challenge – Animal Agents!

Get ready for an awesome, animal-tastic reading challenge at your local library! Eagle eyed children will need to solve the strange goings on in the library this summer! From 15<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> September children across Oxfordshire can join the Animal Agents for the Summer Reading Challenge 2017. These furry, slippery and scaly friends are specially trained to use their skills and natural instincts to unravel the mystery – with a huge helping of fun along the way! Complete the challenge to get your own wristband, medal and certificate. Join up at your library. It's fun! It's free! It's local!



Our Adults Summer Reading Challenge is running again this year, with all sorts of fabulous prizes to be won. Look out for the "Oxfordshire Reads" postcards in the library to enter! Our last Rhyme-time for under 5's and families before the Summer break is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, come along and join us at 2.30 for some Summer fun! Before we break for the Summer though, I'd really like to take this opportunity to thank the Rhyme-time Hosts for delivering such a wonderful experience for the children every week. Catherine who organises the rota does a fabulous job, I'd be lost without her; Julia, Maureen, Hilary, Lesley and Susie who deliver the sessions put so much effort into them, it's always such a pleasure to hear the children engaging with them. Thank you all and have a wonderful summer. The sessions will re-commence in September, watch out for the dates in the September Deddington News!

**Stella O'Neill, Library Manager** ☎01869 338 391  
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**TAP YOUR TOES WITH 1920S JAZZ** Andy Kirkland and the Swinging Bass Band will be joining us again this summer for our annual Jazz party on the lawn. Celebrate the tunes and delights of the 1920s with us on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July; it's a great evening for all the family.. Bring a picnic, treat yourself to a drink from the bar and relax on the grass on a lovely summer evening. The gardens will be open from 6pm for picnics and garden strolls so arrive in good time and settle in for a lovely evening. The event runs from 7-9.30pm. Tickets are £15 for adults or £7.50 for children if booked in advance. If bought on the door adult tickets are £17.50. Booking is advisable. There is also a special offer on groups: buy 10 tickets for the price of 9.

**MUSIC ON THE LAWN** This summer we are celebrating in the style of the 1920s, with live music performances on the South Lawn every weekend afternoon in August. Bring the family, a picnic and relax with a Pimms on the lawn. Normal admission applies.

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#### RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

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4<sup>th</sup> July.....blue 'n' brown  
11<sup>th</sup> July.....green  
18<sup>th</sup> July.....blue 'n' brown  
25<sup>th</sup> July.....green

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

Our action-packed programme continues! The Guides are proving to be very efficient at tent pitching – Learning their ridge poles from their brailings! It was rewarding to take shelter from the cold wind one evening to update our First Aid training required to complete the Active Response badge, gained by many of the Guides.

We had a very pleasant evening for our hike around the surrounds of Deddington, and although stormy weather threatened our shelter building at Horley the rain cleared beautifully. The shelters were interesting designs and some a work in progress! But fun to build and we kept dry in the woods.

Three senior Guides Jess, Hannah and Connie did a sterling job taking their patrols to an overnight camp. The Guides planned and organised the camp independently – including the meals & activities and all the health and safety issues and had a lot of fun. Thank you to Bryony & George Fenemore at Home Farm. The Guides will be back again early next month for their test camp permit, when they will be visited and assessed by their mentors. Well done Guides!

Horley was the scene for the overnight patrol competition. Guides from all over the Cherwell Area camped out under the stars, braving the showers! They took part in various challenges to try and win the district cup! We didn't win but had a lot of fun and gained yet another great outdoor experience.

Lastly we did have to resort to plan B when strong winds prevented us having our annual Ready Steady Cook evening. However undaunted we held a Ready, Steady Pudding Activity!! With lots of lovely ingredients like strawberries, cream, meringues and chocolate etc.. The creations were amazing and very delicious.

**Maggie Rampley – 01295 810069**

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## DEDDINGTON CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL.....

The beautiful Church of St Peter and St. Paul in Deddington will be adorned with spectacular floral displays during the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July.

The Flower Festival was inspired by a long time church member who came up with a novel idea to encourage village groups and societies to create their own masterpieces and already 25 have readily agreed to take up the challenge, including several youth groups. Many clubs will define their displays by incorporating items to show what they do, so look out for flowers in a wheelbarrow, in a teapot, on a cricket bat and many other innovative designs! Various church groups and activities will be displayed in the chancel.

To add to the festivities and the atmosphere, we are thrilled that on Sunday, Deddington's popular Brass Band will play in the Church and of course, delicious refreshments will be served, to include home-made cake, on both days. There will also be a grand raffle with many prizes, including a unique first prize of a guided tour of the Mary Rose. The Festival is open Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 10am to 6pm and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm to 6pm. Admission is £2 adults, children under 12 free. All funds raised will be used for the upkeep of the Church. Please support us – you will be assured of a warm welcome.

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**Barford St. John and St. Michael Parish Council**

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Mr. C. Charman 07796 544363  
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Parish Council meetings in the Village Hall. 1st Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm.  
There is a ten minute space for public participation.

CDC website: [www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk) – Parish Council minutes at [www.cherwell-local.com](http://www.cherwell-local.com)

## Village and local events diary

Diary dates to the editor by 15<sup>th</sup> of each month please

### Church services

#### Church of England July

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30am Joint Family Service at Deddington to welcome Paula Smith, our new Curate (NOTE no Family Service in BSM)**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 09:00am Holy Communion BSM**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Evening Prayer BSM**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 09:00am Holy Communion BSM**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 09:00am Holy Communion BSJ**

**For details of Deddington and Hempton services 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

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

#### Diary dates

##### July

2<sup>nd</sup> Duck Race (behind The George)  
5<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> Deddington Church Flower Festival  
9<sup>th</sup> Upton House Jazz Evening  
12<sup>th</sup> WI, Beekeeping Talk  
15<sup>th</sup> Market  
18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch Club in the hall

##### August

12<sup>th</sup> Charity Party In The Garden - BSM  
27<sup>th</sup> BBQ in the village hall garden  
28<sup>th</sup> Church Fete at The Manor House

**NOTE: NO VILLAGE MARKET IN AUGUST**

#### Police contact numbers

**In an emergency call 999**

Non-emergencies call 101

Textphone 18000

Banbury office 01295 754 541

Thames Valley Crimestoppers 0800 555 111



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