

BARFORD NEWS

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THE POPPY APPEAL 2017

To all Barfordians

The year yet again, has rushed by and it is already time to talk of the Annual Poppy Appeal and remind all Barfordians that Remembrance Sunday is on 12th November.

I am sure there is no real need to stress to you all the importance of supporting both these events financially and in spirit. Equally there is never a lessening in the need for funds to enable the Royal British Legion to carry out its important work helping the veterans of all our recent conflicts. Those who were injured in Iraq and Afghanistan still require care and support. In addition, there remain the servicemen and their dependants affected by the 1939/45 war, Korea, Malaysia, Falklands, and other smaller conflicts

To help toward raising these essential funds the door to door and counter selling of poppies by the Royal British Legion starts on Saturday 21st October and ends on Saturday 11th November. Between those dates willing volunteers will be knocking on your doors selling Poppies and asking for a contribution to The Poppy Appeal Fund. Your generous contributions will be used by the Royal British Legion to help those Servicemen and their families who are in need and continue to need your help.

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY WHEN YOU GET THE
KNOCK-WEAR YOUR POPPY WITH PRIDE**

Bernard Lane
Poppy Collection Organiser for the Barfords

P.S I am still looking for a collector for St John to relieve Lucy and Angus. If there is anyone willing please give me a ring on 01869 338956 for further information

NEW SEASON BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE FIRST FILM-OCTOBER 21ST

La La Land is a 2016 American musical romantic comedy-drama film written and directed by Damien Chazelle. The film's title refers simultaneously to music, the city of Los Angeles, and to the idiom for being out of touch with reality. A great, fun, film that will have you dancing!

BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE

2017 / 2018

Welcome to our 2017/18 Season of films

OCTOBER 21st	"LA LA LAND"
NOVEMBER 18th	"LION"
DECEMBER 16th	"THE BEATLES" (The Touring Years)
JANUARY 20th	"A DOG'S PURPOSE"
FEBRUARY 24th	"DUNKIRK"
MARCH 24	"THE LAST PICTURE SHOW"

Come along to our Village Cinema in the Hall
£4 on the door, £20 Season ticket 6 films

OUR FILMS ARE KINDLY SUPPLIED BY AGE UK
All Proceeds are for Village Hall funds

SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE, BRING OWN ALCOHOL

DOORS OPEN AT 7.15

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contact Gunilla on 01295 720521

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 6th September in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Styles, Hobbs, Eden, Best, Charman and District Cllr Williams. County Cllr Fatemian and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer) gave their apologies for absence.

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

Presentation from Alex Keen, Team Leader, Minor Developments, CDC Planning

Although specific applications were not discussed, the presentation was informative and gave all those attending the meeting a better understanding of the planning process and how decisions are made. The presentation was followed by a Q & A session with Councillors and many public participants. The community can support or oppose applications by writing or preferably emailing the planning office with specific reasons for supporting or opposing an application.

County Councillor's Report from County Cllr Arash Fatemian: None

District Councillor's Report from District Cllr Bryn Williams:

Horton Hospital – An appeal to keep the hospital open will be heard before Christmas.

Parking – Funding has been approved for PCSO enforcement officers visiting problem areas to enforce parking regulations.

Deddington Plan – Work on this is beginning next month and will be submitted to Cherwell District Council by the end of this year.

Parish Matters:

Planning Application for The George – There is widespread support from the community for the redevelopment of The George. It was decided to collect email addresses from villagers at the village market so that they can be informed when the new application is submitted to Cherwell. They can then email Cherwell Planning giving specific reasons for their support e.g. public interest. If you did not submit your email at the village market but would like to support the redevelopment of the George, please give it to the Parish Clerk, David Best at davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com or 01295 720566.

Speeding in the Village – A participant suggested placing "Watch Your Speed" notices around the village.

Play Area on West Close – Councillor Styles responded to a question on progress by advising that a meeting is scheduled on 7th September to discuss designs and quotes.

Planning Applications

Application 17/01175/F, Barn Elms, Extension – Refused

Application 17/01180/F, Ayot Croft, Dropped curb – Granted.

Application 17/00220/TCA, The George, Fell 2 trees – Granted.

Application 17/01304F, Buttermilk Farm, Alterations to outbuildings – Returned to CDC.

Application 17/01456/F, The George, Replace 2 windows – Returned to CDC.

Application 17/01449/F, 3 Summer Ley, 2 storey extension – Returned to CDC.

Application 17/00348/Disc, The George, Discharge of conditions – Returned to CDC

Application 17/01183/F, Mead Bank, Amendment – Returned to CDC.

Application 17/01565/F, Buttermilk Farm, Variation of condition – Returned to CDC

Application 17/01691/F, 19 Robbins Close, Extension & replace conservatory – Returned to CDC.

Finance

Payments - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totaling £8,571.64. This was approved unanimously.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4th October** at 7.30pm in the village hall.

THANK YOU

To everyone who responded to my piece in September BN asking for donations for Polly Preedy.

I am pleased to say that at the time of writing this (13th Sept), I have received £210 in cash donations, plus a very large bag full of baking ingredients.

These will be much appreciated!

Again, many thanks, Mariann



NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB

Are you a member of our Garden Club? Gardeners with any level of experience (including none!) are very welcome. For just £5 a year for your household, you will receive a membership card which entitles you to discounts at a number of local garden centres. You will receive invitations to talks and outings, and an email newsletter to alert you to local events and offers.

On **Sunday 1st October**, we're holding a **NOSY GARDENS afternoon**, 2–4 pm, for members only. This is a chance to see two village gardens and to chat to their owners about projects, plans and planting. Members have received an email with details. If you belong to the club and have *not* received a recent update, please contact Linda Newbery by phone on 337526 or l.newbery@btinternet.com to ensure that she has your correct email address.

Our committee is planning talks for the winter months and outings for next year. Rodney Hobbs has kindly agreed to continue organising our **seed orders from D T Brown** – more details in the next *Barford News*. Last year we reached the top rate of discount, so maybe we can match that this year!

Jobs for October

- Think about next year's seed orders in time to get member discount!
- Divide hardy perennials
- Prune climbing roses
- Bring tender plants into a greenhouse, porch, conservatory or indoor windowsill
- Don't hurry to cut down seed-heads – many of them will provide food for birds and insects over the winter months
- Don't make your garden too tidy – toads, hedgehogs and other wildlife will use dead leaves and fallen twigs as cover

- Clean bird-baths and feeders ready for winter use

Happy gardening!

SPADE AND FORK



Dear Barford's

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the lovely people in The Barfords who supported my darling Sally through her ordeal.

I would also like to thank those who have supported and continue to support me and my family during and after Sally losing her brave fight.

The village is special because the people who live in it are special.

Lastly, an incredible £695 was raised for Katharine House through donations at Sally's funeral. Thank you.

George Williams & Family



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INSPIRING WOMEN

**Two Bars of Chocolate a Day
Can Help Prevent Stroke or Heart Disease –
True or False??**

**Dr. Lynda Ware tells us more
at our meeting on
Wednesday 11th October
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Visitors £4.00



St Michaels Church, Barford St Michael
Next family service is on October 1st @10:30am

The theme for this service will be
'How do you show God's Love?'

Join us in craft, prayer and celebration!

News from the Benefice Family service team

From January 2018 there will two family services in the benefice each month.

First Sunday @ St Peter and St Paul Deddington

Third Sunday @ St Michaels Barford St. Michael.

Future Dates:

October 8th 10:30 am Harvest @ Deddington

October 15th 4pm Harvest @ Barford

October 31st 5:00- 7:00pm Benefice Party of Light- celebrate the light that is Jesus @ Barford

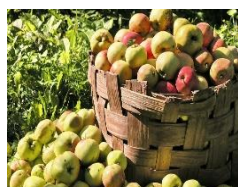
A party of light celebrates the light in the darkness and is a non threatening alternative to Halloween.

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

Sally, Sophie, Anne



TURN YOUR APPLES INTO YOUR OWN APPLE JUICE AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE CHURCH



Last year we took our own apples to Drovers Hill Farm who are professional apple pressers. The results were delicious and this year we'd like to try and expand the idea to produce a Barford' Apple Juice, whilst raising funds for the church. Drovers Hill Farm charge £1.65 to produce each 750ml bottle of apple juice. So, the idea is to charge participants £2.25 to have their apples turned into juice, thereby raising 60p per bottle for the church.

How it works - We take delivery of apples from anyone who wants to be involved and lives in Barford St Michael or St John from **25 September – 1 October**. Participants will pay according to the number of bottles they get back from their apples. As a rough guide 1.5kgs of apples produces one 750ml bottle. For example, if you deliver 15kgs of apples you will get 10 bottles, so you would pay £22.50 with £6 going to charity.

A few things to note

- The production process pasteurizes the juice meaning it lasts up to 2 years
- It doesn't matter what type of apples you have. All apples, cookers and eaters, will be mixed together
- Apples need to be firm, clean, grub and rot free
- For packing purposes please deliver in square/oblong cardboard or plastic boxes or crates – rather than bags, or buckets
- We will weigh your apples when you drop them off, but we are initially limiting orders to 50kgs/30 bottles per family as we'd like to try and take all of the apples in one load
- If yields from the apples provide more than we have estimated we will offer the excess for sale

We're also looking for a design for a Barfords Apple Juice label. The label is 10cm x 7cm and can feature colour. If you would like to put forward a design you can either provide it in paper form when you drop off your apples or send it via email to abby.lord@zen.co.uk

Barbara Alt will judge the entries. Any questions please call Abby on 07734 140777

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Barford's Annual Christmas Lunch 2017 - Saturday 2nd December

The Barford's Christmas Lunch is an annual get together and lunch for people in the villages aged 60 or over and their partners. We will send out invites at the beginning of November. The lunch has for many years now been a much-enjoyed social occasion and a warm beginning to the Christmas season. If you are able to attend, it would be lovely to see you at the lunch so that Barford residents can enjoy a merry Christmas together. We do try to keep a list of invitees, but we don't know of every eligible resident so please let us know if you do not receive an invite.

The three of us have run the lunch for a very long time now, but unfortunately one of our wonderful volunteers cannot be involved this year. We really need some more support in order to run the lunch, so please if you could help with preparations beforehand, come to help on the day or could make a fruit salad for pudding, contact us. We are keen to welcome new volunteers, both those who can help just this once and those who would like to contribute to the lunch both this year and in the future. Please contact Mary on 01869 338397 or mary.brodey@btinternet.com

We hope to see you at the lunch
Aggie Morrison Booth, Mary Brodey & Sarah Best

2017 Barford Church Fete Breakdown				
		2016		2017
	STALLS	TAKINGS £	STALLS	TAKINGS £
1	BOTTLE STALL	119.5	BOTTLE STALL	265.3
2	tombola	169	tombola	152
3	punch	165.6	punch	181.9
4	raffle	246	raffle	274.4
5	white elephant	293.33	white elephant	177.26
6	guess the weight of cake	21.4	guess the weight of cake	18.2
7	book stall	133.6	book stall	182
8	plants	0	plants	0
9	teas	435.8	teas	407.6
10	GATE	507.42	GATE	560.17
11	dog show	51	dog show	48.1
12	treasure hunt	0	treasure hunt	24
13	cakes & produce	182.9	cakes & produce	168.1
14	toffee apples		toffee apples	25
15	bouncy castle	30	bouncy castle	20
16	DONATIONS	0	DONATIONS	0
17			welly wanging	72.39
18			lucky dip	10
19			face painting	-10
	TOTAL	2355.55	TOTAL	2576.42

DOWN ON THE FARM

At the time of writing our linseed still languishes brown and damp on the hill awaiting some dry weather for combining. Otherwise we are just about on top of the work with subsoiling all the lower fields completed to take out the compaction caused by heavy machinery. This is a job that needs doing while the soil is dry so there is good break up of its structure.

Also, the annual soil analysis showed acidity in some fields so we have needed to apply 100 tonnes of lime across the affected areas to elevate the pH. This is vital for the uptake of plant nutrients and therefore fundamental to growing decent crops.

Currently we are lowering the orchard hedge which had completely outgrown hedge trimming capability. The contractor-owned machine is an excavator arm attachment which has a hydraulically operated clamp that grips the sapling and a scissor type knife below that cuts the offending growth off at the required height.

Its work rate is phenomenal and it will cope with growth up to the size of young trees making a neat job of lowering the growth to normal hedge proportions. But it does leave a huge pile of residue for burning – roll on November 5!

Giant machines working on a similar principle are used in Canada and other parts of the world to harvest whole trees and include a stripper to take off all the branches and cut the trunk into cord wood of appropriate length; one man instead of a team with chain saws – such is progress in forestry work.

The next job at Iron Down will be to establish our winter crops and put the rams in with the ewes for next year's lamb crop. The pigs farrow all year round so that is a regular job for the boars.

Our new young boar is growing well and will be ready for action next spring. At the moment, he is busy trying to digest all the windfall apples in the orchard.

There are still 30 or so pigs running outside but I have started to get them in out of the wet as housing becomes available. They don't seem to mind the rain but they do get quite excited about

being under cover in a warm dry pen on clean straw. I often envy them as I trudge back out into the wind and rain to do the chores!

The main objections to leaving them outside in the winter months are threefold. Firstly, the days are short so feeding times are compressed, secondly, they take to rooting up all the grass which has to be levelled out and reinstated and, thirdly, they tend to eat more to compensate for their chilly living conditions.

On all three fronts, it is more cost effective to bring them in, not to mention an easier life for the person who has to see to their needs.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

Kindly note that there will be no Tuesday Lunch Club in October (boo) but the gang will be back on the 21 November (hurrah), the menu will be published in next month's Barford News.



RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES *{always a Thursday}*

5th October.....green
12th October.....blue 'n' brown
19th October.....green
26th October.....blue 'n' brown

QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS

The one and only... **ANN BEESELEY**

Guilty pleasure?

Drinking Baileys from the bottle

Who would play you in a movie of your life?

Elizabeth Taylor

Biggest bug bear?

Litter bugs

Dream dinner party guests?

Nelson Mandela, Michael Palin, Dalai Lama, Dame Cicely Saunders & my paternal Grandmother

Advice to teenage self?

Use condoms when necessary

Cat or dog?

Dog

Top of your bucket list?

Visit China or learn to ride side-saddle

Where would you time-travel to?

England, 1888 onwards until 1934 (my father's birthdate till mine!!)

Happiness is...

Being on a sunny, sandy beach in South Africa with all my family (quite the MatriarCh...!!!)



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 HEALTH CENTRE

FLU VACCINATIONS

Book now by calling us on 01869 338611

Seasonal flu is a highly infectious illness caused by a flu virus. The virus infects your lungs and upper airways, causing a sudden high temperature and general aches and pains. You could also lose your appetite, feel nauseous and have a dry cough. Symptoms can last for up to a week. We offer 'at risk' groups the flu vaccine at a certain time each year to protect you against the flu virus.

You may be invited for a flu jab if you are:

- over 65 years of age
- pregnant or have:
- a serious heart or chest complaint, including:
- asthma
- serious kidney disease
- diabetes
- lowered immunity due to disease or treatment such as steroid medication or cancer treatment
- if you have ever had a stroke

ALL healthy children who are aged 2, 3 and 4 years old are invited to receive a new flu vaccine this year. This is in the form of a nasal spray.

Welcome

to **3** new families

Les & Sue Lane

**who have just moved to Lower Street,
ALSO Kathleen Kolakowski & Neil Gillam**

&

**Elfti McKenzie with Kit and Archie
all of whom have just moved to St. John
we wish them every happiness
in their new home**



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S DIY 1,2,3 FOR FREE SCHEME is changing

The current scheme which has been running at their Household Waste Recycling Centres for 15 years allowed residents to deposit up to three DIY waste items for free before being charged a small fee of £1 for each additional item.

From the 1st October 2017, this changes to a small fixed fee per item of £1.50 for most non-household or DIY items.

Residents can still deposit household waste for free at their local Household Waste Recycling Centre.

More information about the changes can be found online at:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste

What can I dispose of for free, and what will I get charged for at Household Waste Recycling Centres?*

Household Waste No charge			Non-household waste Charges apply	
household waste	household & garden chemicals	hard plastics	tyres	wood & timber
mixed paper & card	gas bottles	small appliances	building materials	Charge: Roofs, doors, string bands. No charge: No charge.
cardboard	mattresses	large appliances	plasterboard	
mixed glass bottles & jars	carpet	scrap metal	hardcore & rubble	
garden waste	furniture			

*For more details and a complete list visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste

How much will it cost to dispose of DIY waste at a Household Waste Recycling Centre?

Washbasin or sink £1.50	Toilet pan and cistern £3	Shower Door or Tray £1.50
Bag* of soil/rubble £1.50	Bag* of stonework or bricks £1.50	Car tyres £5 per tyre

For bigger projects you might want to consider commercial collection

E.g. skip hire
£100+

*For all these materials a bag refers to a 25kg bag or equivalent volume of loose material.

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste

1ST DEDDINGTON GUIDES

We ended the term with brilliant fun, stream walking at Barford – Everyone's favourite, and everyone soaked from head to foot by the end!

Camp at Shutford was Awesome. 2017's changeable weather prevailed and we kept the fire going in strong winds and pouring rain, ensuring we had hot meals and hot water. Well done Guides – A real challenge. We saved the large mess tent from taking off – All hands-on deck! The weather meant we had to be flexible with our programme but there was plenty of time for fun and games involving Mad Scientists, kidnaps and challenges, smugglers and border guards. An amazing water slide, a hike to hooky for ice creams and fun in the park. Plenty of singing and drama and home spun entertainment! The dawn expedition to the Roll Right Stones was a little short on amazing sunrise but Bacon butties on return seemed to compensate.

We're back for an exciting new term. So, who knows what fun and games, challenges and learning new skills and ways to help each other in community lie ahead? We'll keep you posted!

We are also enjoying the company and assistance of Young Leader Charlotte and Adult Leader Tilly – Both former Guides – Welcome back to both we are loving your input.

Maggie Rampley – 01295 810069

Marian Trinder – 01869 340806

Catherine Blackburn – 01295 258008

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WELCOMES A NEW PRODUCER**

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2017 VILLAGE SHOW WINNERS

Vegetables & Fruit Classes	First	Second	Third	Cup Winners
3 beetroot	Cathy Alsworth	Mike Boyd	Jack Styles	Veg & Fruit
3 carrots	Adam Styles	Jack Styles	Trish Field	Mike Boyd
3 courgettes	Mike Boyd	Mariann Young	Linda Newbery	
3 onions	Mike Boyd	Chris Charman	Bernard Lane	
5 shallots	Mariann Young	Mike Boyd	Sarah Locke	
3 potatoes	Mike Boyd	Harry Holmes	Linda Newbery	Cookery & Preserves
3 runner beans	Cathy Alsworth	Trish Field	Mike Boyd	Ann Beesley
5 french beans	Linda Newbery	Jess Romain	Chris Charman	
5 cherry tomatoes	Sandi Turner	Linda Newbery	Jess Romain	
3 round tomatoes	Mike Boyd	Mariann Young	Sandi Turner	
3 chillies	Linda Newbery	Sandi Turner	Mariann Young	Flower Arranging
Pair of vegetables	Mariann Young	Chris Charman	Lisa Styles	Linda Newbery
5 single vegetables	Cathy Alsworth	Mike Boyd	Linda Newbery	
2 sweetcorn	Abby Lord	Ann Beesley		
3 apples	Tony Collier	Jess Romain	Mariann Young	Cut Flowers
Dish of fruit	Sophie Cameron	Matthew Williams		Linda Newbery
Longest Marrow	Basil Butler	Nick Belson	Caroline Belson	
3 eggs	Tony Collier	Linda Newbery	Ed Craig	
Cookery Classes				Crafts
Cherry & Almond cake	No entries			Ann Beesley
4 fruit scones	Jill Hopcraft			
6 brownies	No entries			
Victoria sponge	Sophie Holmes	Jill Hopcraft	Gillian Boyd	Photography
Loaf of bread	No entries			Nick Belson & Tessa Dodwell
Ginger cake – men	Pete Hopkins	Bernard Lane	Angus Norman	
Jar of jam	Angus Norman	Amalie Craig	Nick Belson	
Jar of marmalade	Ann Beesley	Sophie Holmes		Allotment Cup
Pickled onions	No entries			1st Jeff Elliott (60 points)
Jar of chutney	Ann Beesley	Sophie Holmes	Angus Norman	2nd David Baxter (47)
Pot of Lemon curd	Ann Beesley			3rd Steve Cod (38)
Flower Arranging Classes				
Arrangement in jug	Linda Newbery	Anne Linsey	Gillian Boyd	
Foliage arrangement	Anne Linsey	Jonathan Day Simons	Gillian Boyd	Children's Classes
Miniature arrangement	Linda Newbery	Ann Beesley		
Single colour arrangement	Cathy Peacock	Linda Newbery		Junior Cup
Cut Flowers				Ellie Dodwell
3 Asters	No entries			
A Sunflower	Eleanor Dodwell	Lucy Holmes		Most Entries
3 dahlias	Basil Butler	Trish Field	Abby Lord	Ellie Dodwell
3 roses	Sophie Cameron	Jess Romain	Stephanie Collier	
4 fuchsia heads	Sandi Turner	Jess Romain		Most Points
4 Pelargonium heads	Linda Newbery			
4 marigolds	No entries			Ellie Dodwell & Ben Linsey
Vase of 5 garden flowers	Linda Newbery			
Crafts				
Bookmark	Eleanor Dodwell			
Christmas tree decoration	No entries			
Knitted/crochet article	Jill Hopcraft	Jo Giles	Petrina Cassell	
Needlecraft	Cathy Alsworth	Sandi Turner	Ann Beesley	W.I. Cup
You made it...	Mike Boyd	Ann Beesley		Ann Beesley
Drawing/painting	Nick Belson	Jess Romain		
Photography				
My pet in action	Tessa Dodwell	Nick Belson	Angus Norman	
A ladybird	No entries			
Spider's web	Nick Belson	Stephanie Collier	Tony Collier	
Seed head	Tony Collier	Tessa Dodwell	Eleanor Dodwell	Victor Ludorum
7 & under				1st Linda Newbery (28 points)
Colouring picture	Finlay Gruber	Margot Cameron	Nellie Cameron	2nd Mike Boyde (22 points)
Decorated biscuit	No entries			
Decorated jam jar	No entries			
Original Lego model	Adam Styles	Jacob Giles	Finlay Gruber	
You made it, let's see it	Hugh Craig			
8-15 years				
A photograph	Jack Styles	Eleanor Dodwell	Ben Linsey	
Book Cover design	Eleanor Dodwell			
4 decorated cupcakes	Eleanor Dodwell			
Drawing or painting	Eleanor Dodwell	Theo Hobday	Patrick Craig, Lucie Holmes	
You made it, Let's see it	Eleanor Dodwell	Ben Linsey	Jonathan Linsey, Josie Lord	

HEDGEHOG MATTERS – OCTOBER

Firstly, to clarify something that someone asked, the hedgehog picture in last month's Barford news was used as a gap filler by Lucy the editor. It wasn't a Barford hedgehog but an African Pygmy hedgehog which I think may have featured in a past BN too. More about these perhaps in a later issue.

Badgers are one issue for our local hogs but it's even sadder and unnecessary for them to be killed by being run over on a quiet cul de sac! Sadly, this is what happened to what looked very much like a hoglet of not much more than four months old on Robins close last Saturday night. Robins close is a known hot spot for hedgehogs and close to what was a suspected nest. This hedgehog could have been the link to the next generation and ultimately the survival of any Barford hedgehogs. **Please drive slowly and carefully in the village especially from dusk until dawn!**

We've had a hedgehog box in our garden since December which I thought had never been used as we've never seen or heard any signs of action. Not suspecting anything, I recently checked it to see if other wildlife had used it..... and found a sleeping hedgehog, oblivious to my intrusion. It was around the garden at night for the next week but no sign of it since. Some that I have spoken to also haven't seen any recent hedgehogs yet others have seen recent poo (always a good sign!) This time of year is an important time to have a look or a listen in your garden after dark. If there are small hedgehogs out there it's important that they are putting on enough weight before it gets cold so that they have enough fat reserves to hibernate and survive the winter. Please tell me if you see any.

There are some things we can all do to help our hedgehogs who will be looking for somewhere to overwinter in the next few weeks or months depending on when it turns cold and how much food is available. It can even be as late as December or January. One reason thought to be playing a part in hedgehog decline is a lack of suitable hibernation sites. Less hedges, countryside and scrubby ground, a change in garden styles, lack of garden access as well as our habit of tidying everything up in the garden before winter all play their part. Leaving grassy and overgrown edges to the garden along hedges and around evergreen shrubs and plants can be helpful. Piles of branches, logs or brash in the garden may also be used to hibernate along with the compost heap.

Even more important is leaving some of those dead leaves around in the garden. If you want to tidy them leave some in a pile in a corner or at the edge. Leaves are very important and research shows that they are what a hog will use out of choice to line their hibernation chamber with, with brambles as the preferred outer layer, giving good protection from predators, a bit like an extension of their prickly skin. Leaves give the optimal level of insulation but if they aren't available, dry grass and other materials will be used. Perhaps only those with large gardens may have

room for an overgrown bramble patch or be willing to have one but I have noticed a few good hibernation areas in the village without them.

Investing in a **hedgehog house** is even better. It might be used for hibernation, nesting daytime sleeping or not at all! Having it is no guarantee that anything will use it, or maybe not straight away or every year but I am a big believer that if you have it and in the right place they will come eventually. Myself and a neighbour have four hedgehog houses between us in the gardens and the hedge line behind and at least three of these have been used in the last year. There are many types of hedgehog boxes or you can make your own. I am happy to show mine to anybody who is thinking of buying one because some are really poor quality, even hazardous and not worth the money like photo 3 here and others are great (1 and 2)



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For more information on making your own go to <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/leaflets/L5-Hedgehog-Homes.pdf> although the cardboard box house looks better avoided as it's insubstantial and again potentially hazardous with the plastic. There are several things to consider whether building or buying one: a 13cm entrance hole, an entrance tunnel or chamber to prevent predators, siting of it with a south facing entrance if possible and cover around it, such as an overgrown corner or by a hedge.

More about hedgehog houses next month. Happy hog watching/ housebuilding.

Helen Taylor



**Our Fabulous
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SUMMER IN BARFORD



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St Michael's Church

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We were inspired by Jenny Green and Mariann's piece in last month's BN and would like you to bring gifts of in-date food (*baking ingredients are very welcome*) to the service that we can send on to Polly Preedy for her help feeding the homeless people in Banbury. Alternatively, cheques (P. Preedy) or Morrisons Gift vouchers are very useful to her as well. Anything that you bring and Polly can't use we will send to the Banbury Food Bank.

KINDLY NOTE the church will be open from 10:00 on Saturday 14TH for donations of gifts for Polly and flowers to decorate the church.



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BARFORD CHURCH FETE 2017

Well, wasn't the weather spectacular! The sun shone all day and everyone seemed to have a great time. We had record breaking takings as well with nearly £2600, a welcome addition to the churches coffers!

It is impossible to thank everyone but I will give it a try! Thanks to the Alt family for letting us use their grounds, for providing such fantastic teas and counting all the money after the fete. Thanks to those who set up the fete and took it down, thanks to all the stall holders and helpers on the day. Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed themselves and if I have forgotten to thank you - THANK YOU. Please see the breakdown of the takings on the day (Page 5) and with a £15 donation brought the proceeds to £2591.42.

Tony Elvidge, Churchwarden



Our Village Show

Another enjoyable show day with a record number of children entering the various classes (just 6 entered a total of 15 items last year and 19 entering 40 items this year!). Adult entries were only slightly down, with Cookery and Cut Flower classes having fewer than in previous shows. Despite a rather 'difficult' growing season (aren't they all?) the vegetable classes had some excellent entries.

A big 'thank you' to all who entered and to those who came along to support the show. Thanks also to Sandi and her dedicated team, (namely, Cathy Alsworth, Jess Romain, Anne Linsey, Mariann also Harry Romain, Basil Butler and Chris Cos who always help with the set-up...ooh not forgetting Paul, Sandi's husband, who put up the signs), who put the show together every year, continuing a village tradition that goes back to October 1926. We would like to encourage all our 'new' villagers (those you have lived here for less than 20 years!!) to have a go next year – why not try? Children win cash and adults win cups....



VILLAGE BANK HOLIDAY BBQ

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us on a lovely summer evening. We sold out of salads, with only 3 burgers left at the end of the evening plus a few sausages which were sold to eager buyers. Thanks to Henry at Hook Norton Butchers for giving us a great deal on his excellent produce. Our profit for the village hall funds was £795, which was an increase on last year.

A very happy and enjoyable evening with Barfordians old and new plus quite a few of our friends from the Campsite. Thanks to you all.

VHMC



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:

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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.

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200 Club results SEPTEMBER draw

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WRITERS REVIEW



Are you looking for regular book recommendations? Barford author Linda Newbery, with friends Adele Geras and Celia Rees, hosts WRITERS REVIEW, a literary blog. A review is posted every Monday, by one of the three or by a writer guest, covering fiction, non-fiction and occasional poetry. The blog's first anniversary in July was marked by a special guest post by Tracy Chevalier, and there was also a special joint tribute to the novelist Helen Dunmore. You can find the blog at: www.reviewsbywriters.blogspot.co.uk and you're welcome to leave comments on any of the posts.

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The summer term was a month of camps & trips. We took a combined group of Cubs & Scouts to the County Camp (Oxonjam) held at Blenheim Palace, three days of activities & entertainment which included climbing walls & abseiling, inflatables, roller blading, cinemas, a planetarium, mini tanks, a simulator & tents & tents full of games & crafts. There was even a fire juggler! These activities were spread over four huge zones, the boys spending half a day in each before returning tired & grubby to our campsite. The organisation was fantastic, all done by volunteers & even the weather was kind only raining one night, meaning we took down dry tents, making us leaders very happy.

CUBS A group of Cubs & Beavers then spent a day at the annual Fun day held at Woodhouse Park near Bristol. We travelled by coach with others from the District & yet again had a riotous day caving (straw bale maze) back woods cooking, racing pedal cars & quad bikes & enjoying a free funfair - we all went on the dodgems together plus all the usual sideshows.

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SCOUTS We spent our summer camp at our local campsite at Horley where the Scouts learned some valuable survival techniques including a night in homemade bivvies', backwoods cooking, fire-lighting & water purification.

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to the very kind and generous lady who has placed a small ad and donated £15 to Barford News. As always, donations are so gratefully received, thank you.

The Team

If you have enjoyed reading any of the adventures (*in previous Bloxham Broadsheets*) of 12-years old Jack Bonner, and his best friend Rob Hinde, you might like to know that Roscoe intends to publish a collection of 12 short stories, including some of the above, together with a brand new novelette - set around the Barfords - later this year. The intention is to have copies available for purchase in time for Christmas.



The title of the book will be 'Jack's Adventures in Banburyshire' by Roscoe. They are specifically targeted for the young at heart, including grown-ups, and would make an ideal Christmas present. So, please watch for further news of 'where and when' in Barford News.

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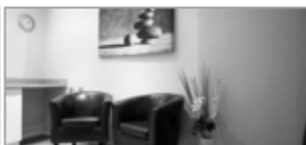
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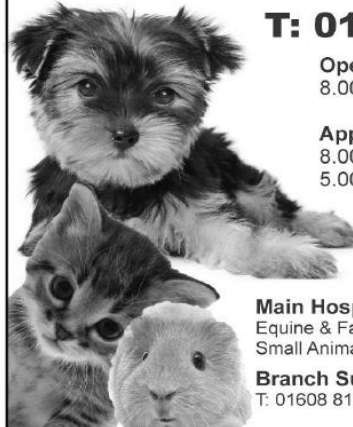
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Village and local events diary

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1st BGGC Nosey Gardens

4th Parish Council Meeting

11th WI – Talk by Dr Ware

21st Village Market

21st Barford Picture House – La La Land, VH

November

21st Tuesday Lunch Club, Village Hall

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