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WISHING ALL OUR READERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT 2017



Christmas Carol Service with a
Brass Band!

Sunday 17th December

4:00pm

Barford St Michael Church



Stay for mince pies
&
mulled wine!

No one should be on their own at Christmas.

No one to say Happy Christmas to, share a mince pie or pull a cracker with?

If you, or anyone you know, dreads Christmas because of loneliness or difficult memories and would like some company, then please join us for lunch on Christmas Day and Boxing Day at St Peter and Paul Church in Deddington from 1pm – 4pm.

If you would like to join us on both or one of the days, please add your name to the list at the back of the church in Deddington or alternatively, contact Reverend Annie Goldthorp on 01869 336880, email vicar@deddingtonchurch.org.



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 1st November in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Styles, Hobbs, Eden, Best, District Cllr Williams. and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer).

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 4th October 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: None

District Councillor's Report from District Cllr Bryn Williams:

Waste Charges and Fly Tipping – Following the introduction of a charge at council tips for non-household waste by Oxfordshire County Council there has not been an increase in fly tipping so far.

Boundary Review – There is a proposal for the formation of a new parish of Upper Heyford, Heyford Park and part of Somerton. 97% of Somerton residents are opposed to this.

Phone Boxes – CDC are looking at the condition of phone boxes and removal of the ones that aren't used much. The phone box in Barford St Michael has already been removed.

Anti-Holocaust Definition – CDC has agreed to adopt the anti-holocaust definition.

Parish Matters:

Play Equipment on West Close – The working group presented the 3 quotes that have been received. They are for wooden structures that will blend in to the environment. It is aimed at covering a wide range of ages. Children were surveyed on requirements. The next steps are to finalise the design, call a village meeting, go to pre-planning, commence fund raising and apply for grants. The Parish Council and the Play Area Committee responsible for the play equipment at the Village Hall intend to make donations.

Gate to footpath from Graveyard – This has been left open and sheep have escaped. This has been adjusted so that it shuts more easily. Parishioners using this footpath are requested to take care to check that the gate is shut properly.

Handrail to bridge for footpath over River Swere – This has now been mended.

Gulley emptying – The clerk has received complaints about road flooding due to gulleys not being cleaned. Oxfordshire County Council Highways has been requested to investigate and rectify.

Request for an Allotment – A request has been received from a Parishioner for an allotment. This has been passed to Jeff Elliot who co-ordinates the allotments.

Cherwell DC Focus Group – the Parish Council has been invited to a Focus Group meeting to give feedback on the services that Cherwell District Council provides. The clerk will attend this meeting.

Parish Liaison meeting – Cherwell District Council has invited the Parish Council to the Parish Liaison Meeting. Cllr R Hobbs, Cllr L Styles and D Best will attend this.

Planning Applications

Application 17/00357/TCA, Westfield, Fell 2 trees.

Application 17/001997/F, Blackingrove Farm, Swimming pool – returned to CDC.

Application 17/2036/TPO, Barford House, Prune trees – returned to CDC.

Finance

Payments – The Clerk received approval to pay cheques totalling £524.51.

Any Other Business:

Car tyres dumped in Barford St John – District Cllr B Williams will request Cherwell District Council to remove these.

Graffiti on chevron sign in Barford St John – County Cllr B Williams will request Cherwell District Council to remove this.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6th December** at 7.30pm in the village hall.



CAROLS AROUND THE VILLAGE

Join us on

Monday 18th December

Meet at junction of

Robins Close 6.30pm

Raising funds for local charities

Christmas Services
Barford St Michael Church



Christmas Eve
 2.00pm Crib Service

Christmas Eve
 11.30pm Midnight Mass



Christmas Day
 9.00am Family Communion

Sunday 3rd December
Barford St Michael Church



4.00pm Christingle Service

Join us for the Christingle service and help
THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY in their support for
 vulnerable children and young people

BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET
SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER - 10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

JOIN US FOR COMPLIMENTARY MULLED WINE & MINCE PIE



Andy Gill and his fantastic pots

Joan with her beautifully gift-wrapped chocolates, perfect for Christmas

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

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

**Fairtrade items, hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items
and for the birds we have seeds, mealworms, sunflower hearts**

**Angus & Lucy's famous bacon butties/bacon & egg butties/breakfast butties
 (see voucher on page 11)**

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING FROM THE KITCHEN





BYGONE BARFORDS

Taken from November 1975, No. 8
Editor: Mrs M Hunt of Swere Villa,
Lower Street

"The last issue of the Village News Sheet appeared in April 1974 and since that time several changes have taken place in the village. Perhaps the most noticeable are the grassing of the Village Green and completion of the Village Hall renovations.

The Village has seen the (temporary?) loss of its cricket team – apparently for the first time in over 30 years. As it is International Women's Year perhaps the ladies could have sported a side, as has been suggested by several villagers! The Barford Drama Club has also ceased to operate.

The Hempton Ladies Circle disbanded in July owing to lack of support. It originated in July 1964 in Mrs Riley's lounge and flourished for eleven years – having coffee mornings, speakers on subjects such as acupuncture, drama etc., and outings, whist drives and carol singing.

The Women's Institute and Babysitting Group continue to flourish and also the Country Dancing.

The Brownie Guides is now well established, as is the Chapel Sunday School and a Pre-School Playgroup is due to start next April. It is good to know that so much is being done in the village for children of all ages.

The Village Bus is still only a once a week affair despite the large increase in population recently. If you feel this is not sufficient, perhaps you could let the Editor know, as several people have expressed the need for a daily bus service, as we used to have about five years ago.

(I love this article as it simply highlights what a vibrant and sociable village Barford was...and still is to this day.....ED...)



For Barford Churches

Help us raise money whenever you do any on-line shopping. Over 3000 retailers will donate around 1% of your purchase to Barford churches at no cost to you. This could include your weekly groceries shop as well! This is what you do

- 1) Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/TZN73C/ which takes you to their webpage.
- 2) On the page select our cause (St Michael's Church - Barford)
- 3) Create your login and don't forget to download the reminder
- 4) Go to the retailer via the donation reminder or via the easyfundraising site
- 5) Spend lots of money!

I hope you will be willing to give it a try. The more people we can enlist the more funds we can raise so please pass the link on if you would like to.

PS We've made a start and the donations are beginning to come in, Thank-you.

Cubby Brett & Tony Elvidge, Churchwardens

BACH

Mass in B Minor

Chipping Norton Cotswold
Choral Society Baroque Players

Conductor: Peter Hunt

St Mary's Church Chipping Norton
Saturday 9th December

7.30 pm

Tickets: £15

from: choir members

Jaffé & Neale, Chipping Norton

email tickets@cncs.org.uk

telephone 07988 233299

under-16s free



Chipping Norton Choral Society - Registered Charity No. 1052861. Official of The National Federation of Music Societies. <http://www.cncs.org.uk>





THE GEORGE INN UPDATE

Dear Barfordians

Firstly, thank you for everyone's patience over the period when we had to close Lower street. It was an absolute necessity and we tried to get it done as quickly as possible. Many thanks again and we are very sorry for any inconvenience caused.

We are now coming into the last stretch of work and we are optimistic that the 1st pint might be pulled before December.

I have received a couple of emails regarding work at the George a while ago. If there's anyone still interested, please do not hesitate to email me directly.

louis@revolutionwine.co.uk

We will hopefully put our application in for the annex at the back in the next week or so and those who very kindly gave their email addresses in support will receive an email as soon as we have received an application number.

Again, thank you very, very much for all the support and we hope to have the fires roaring, wines flowing and conversation going at the George very, very soon!

Louis & Laura



..and very excitingly, a sneaky preview of the new pub sign....

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INSPIRING WOMEN

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 SHOWS

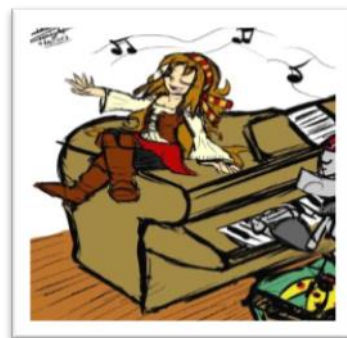
with Austin Lawler & Gwen Van Spijk

**Wednesday 13th December
in the Village Hall @ 7.30pm
an evening not to be missed....**

An entertaining and insightful evening of tales of international theatre touring adventures.

Austin and Gwen will take you behind the scenes and the programme notes to share some of their varied experiences of putting on shows and events in some of the world's far and not so far flung locations. Whatever happens, the show must go on!

Visitors Welcome £4.00



Christmas is coming, so back by popular demand there will once again be...Carols in the Pub on

Friday 22nd December 7.00 pm

with

Mike Horth on keyboard

Mick Bullard on drums, other musicians are more than welcome to join us and of course, anyone who can sing

Raising funds for local charities

Entry to primary or infant school

September 2018

Children born between

1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014

*Below is extracted from a letter to our
Parish Clerk*



We are attempting to reach as many parents as possible to ensure that applications for admission to school in September 2018 are made on time.

The most important dates in the admissions process are:-

15 January 2018 – closing date for on time applications. Parents/Carers **must** apply by this date. Online at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or on paper (forms available from the County Council website or a local school)

16 April 2018– letters offering places will be posted second-class. Those who applied online will receive an email and will be able to view the result of their application on-line.

Full details of the Admissions process are published on the County Council website.

Neil Darlington

Admissions &

Transport Services Manager

☎ 0345 241 2487

email: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

FOR SALE

Janome Sewing Machine

'Sawist 525S'

Hardly used

cost £259.00, will accept £100.00

contact Glynnis Eastwood

01869 337021



Jeremy & Glynnis Eastwood

on the birth of their first grandchild

Hugo Edward Jenkins

born Friday 27 October

at 2.04pm weighing 7.14 lbs

congratulations also to Mum and Dad,
Lynsey and Andrew

&

Angus & Lucy Norman

(Honorary Nanalulu)

on the birth of their first grandchild

Toby Simpson Norman born on Tuesday
14 November at 7.11am weighing 7.3 lbs

congratulations also to Mum and Dad,
Shevonne & Andrew

&

Lavinia & David Crowther

on the birth of their first grandchild

Francesca Serenity born on

Friday 29 September @ 3:40am weighing
in at 7.8 lbs

congratulations also to Mum and Dad,
Elly and Danny



NEW YEARS DAY WALK

As usual, we will meet outside the village hall at 10am and aim to be back at around noon for soup and crusty bread at the village hall.

The soup will be (surprise surprise) "Game Soup" with tomato for the non-adventurous. Donations of £5 are invited to cover the cost of the hall and the food - any profits will go towards the Kathmandu Kids Home.

QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS

with **Tony Collier** of Irondown Farm and generous purveyor of the eggs for the market's Bacon Butty Stall.....

Guilty pleasure?

Glass of malt whisky and a good Trad Jazz band

Who would play you in a movie of your life?

John Cleese

Biggest bug bear?

BBC News: I just need to know what is happening in the world without a succession of opinionated 'experts' who translate it to their own agenda

Dream dinner party guests?

England Rugby Union team

Advice to teenage self?

Go easy on the electronic gadgetry, see and hear what is going on around you – get a life!

Cat or dog?

Dog, preferably a Border Collie (sorry Bonnie – our Jack Russell!)

Top of your bucket list?

Trans-Siberian railway or Machu Picchu, Peru

Where would you time-travel to?

Back to the swinging sixties please

Happiness is...Wherever you care to look for it.

200 PLUS CLUB



RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR VILLAGE HALL

Tickets for 2018 are now on sale

£6 covers your annual subscription and enters you in 12 monthly draws offering prizes of £5, £10, £15 every month, £25 once each quarter, £50 twice a year & £100 Christmas bonus in December

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So please – have a go and help us raise funds to maintain YOUR village hall, for 50p a month you can really make a difference

New members – to reserve a ticket (or two!) - please contact Les on 338 659 or Mariann on 338 570



A MESSAGE FROM THE BARFORD MARKET TEAM

Usually, we don't have a market in January as the team take a month off to recover from cooking 4 million bacon rashers, making 2 zillion cuppas and flogging more bread than you can wave a French stick at....BUT being the gluttons for punishment that we are instead of having the market in January we are going to hold a '**Saturday Brunch Club**'.....it will take place on Saturday 20 January from 10-12 noon....more details will follow in next month's Barford News but what I can tell you right now is that it will involve sitting at a proper table and a Full-English.....**from Angus, Lucy & Mariann**



Thank you very much to everyone who bought a pumpkin or squash from outside my house leading up to Halloween.

£78 was raised which will go towards the upkeep of the Helpless Mother Children's Centre in Kathmandu.

Maggie Eden



HEMPTON CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We're very excited that Father Christmas and his Elves will be returning to Hempton's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 2nd December at 11am. Last year he popped in for the first time and enjoyed meeting the children so much he agreed to return!

He has his own festive Grotto in the pleasant grounds of Hempton Church so do bring along your children to meet him and join in the fun.

There's lots of activities including face painting, making reindeer food and bauble decorating. We have a fantastic raffle with many brilliant prizes including a meal for two at Deddington's premier pop-up restaurant, Knife & Fork.

Also, home-made cakes, tombola and great value bric-a-brac. Delicious soup and bacon rolls. Our ever popular 'Select A Diary Date' is back with a chance to win £50. Katharine House Christmas cards also on sale.

All funds raised benefit our Old School Room and Church, the only public building in Hempton. Please come and support us – we're only a mile from Barford. You'll be assured of a warm welcome!



FOR SALE

Two drawer single divan with mattress, under two years old and a Hotpoint washing machine, 4kg load,



approximately 5yrs old - full working order, slightly scratched casing. **Donations**

please for village Fernhill Club

– please call Helen on 01295 720987

Hall & Fernhill Charity

Barford St Michael or St John residents of any age can apply for grants from this charity. Costs relating to health or infirmity, or payments to relieve sudden distress can be considered and all applications will be at the Trustees discretion.

Work related costs

One area featured by our governing documents relates to helping individuals make their way in life. People can request contributions towards the cost of items such as tools and books, or for fees for training courses of a vocational nature. The costs of transport to work related training courses may also be eligible.

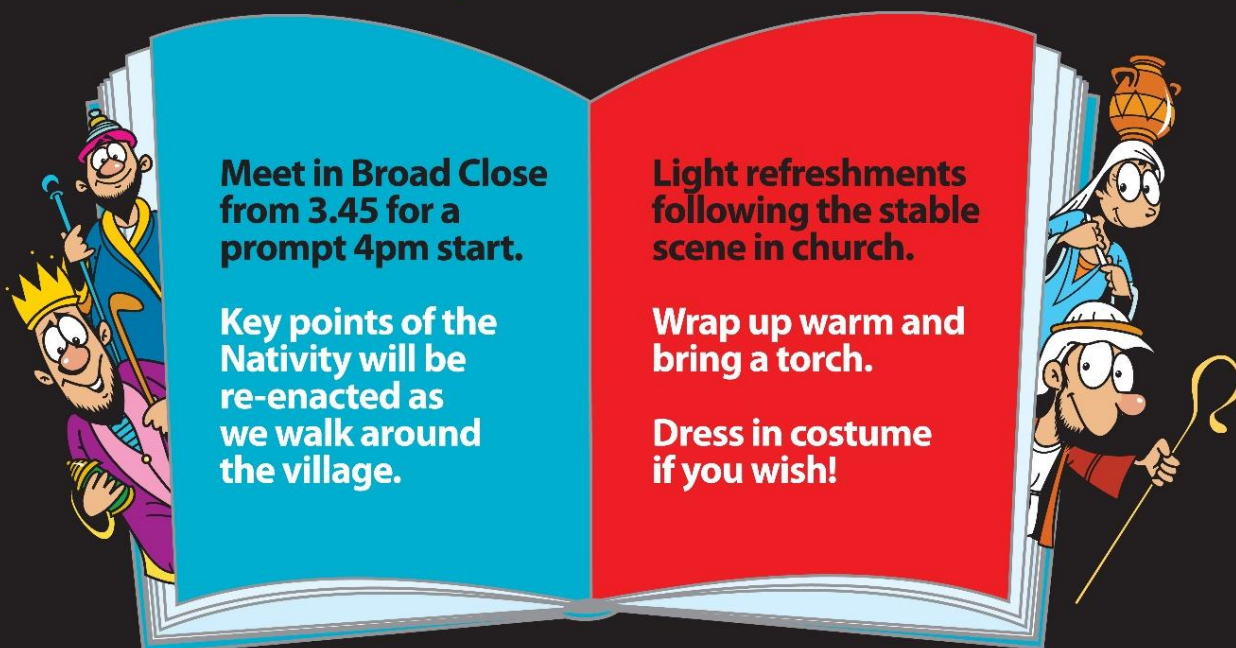
We are aware that people in rural areas are likely to need to drive and that the costs relating to learning to drive and insure a car are very high so support in this area can be considered.

The Trustees (John Hirons, Helen Honour, Les Hall, Barbara Greenwood, Maggie Eden, Jill Hopcraft, Rev Annie Goldthorp and Zalie Butler) can offer further information or applications can be made to the clerk –

carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk

**Barn Elms The Green Barford St Michael
07768 378758**

The Nativity in Barford St Michael



Saturday 23rd December 2017

West Close

**playground
committee**

Many of you may have heard that we have been trying to bring a new playground to Barford for a while now. A survey was sent out over a year ago asking for support, and with those responses we have put together a committee of eager parents and grandparents who have been working hard behind the scenes! We are really pleased to let you know that progress on the intended children's playground in West Close (the field next to Murreys Lane) is going well, with three companies now having provided some exciting possible designs with which to move forward.

These are in the process of being presented to the Parish Council for review and comments. We have created a new Facebook page (see link below) dedicated to sharing the latest playground news with the village. If you are interested to see some pictures of the (preliminary) designs and generally keep up to date with what's happening, do take a look. If anyone would like to be involved, please contact a committee member - commitment isn't essential! However, the wider skill base we have, the better, so if you feel you might want to help, do let us know via the Facebook page or contact details below. Progress will be posted on Facebook and we shall also be updating everyone regularly in the Barford News.

For more information, please contact - Karen: 336829 or Carole: 07768 378758
Or 'like' our facebook page - fb.me/westcloseplayground



Down on the farm

I am often asked how it was I became a farmer considering that my parents were not in farming. All I know is that it was a passion from a very early age.

Actually, my mother was the daughter of a farmer and almost all her relatives farmed in Yorkshire. When I was a small boy my father was in the army, mostly overseas, and mother took various jobs to eek out the family funds. As a result, being something of an encumbrance, I was often parked out with various of her farming friends and relations.

Thinking back, I am always struck by the sheer hard graft the farm women endured. There was little for them in the way of 'mod cons' on most farms. Water would be pumped from a well, toilet facilities were invariably in a shed at the end of the garden path and, as daylight dwindled paraffin lamps would be lit. Only one uncle who farmed in a village had electricity and I was fascinated by being able to flick a switch when the whole room would light up – just like magic!

While farming men would work from dawn until past dusk their womenfolk put in even longer days, often not sitting down to sew, or darn socks, until late in the evening. As a result, I was usually left to my own devices and spent my days wandering around looking for birds nests, watching work being carried out on the farm and generally 'messaging about'.

An exception was my Aunt Phyllis. A tall, stern, gaunt woman she had been a school teacher before she married. She didn't do 'messaging about', indeed she considered it necessary to instil some learning into my little used brain.

Even the Italian and German prisoners of war sent to help on the farm seemed scared of her; a Regiment of Aunt Phyllis's may well have shortened the war by a couple of years.

The day I arrived I was told that I must learn a new word every day. A new word a day will give you a useful vocabulary of 100 words in a year, she

stated (hopefully her teaching had not included mathematics). Otherwise, she added dismissively, you will grow up to be an ignoramus like everyone else around here; an unflattering aspersion presumably aimed at her immediate family, friends and neighbours.

Some days later I was standing by the garden gate trying to digest the latest 'new word' when a local youth appeared on his bicycle. Hello, I called out. He turned in his saddle as he cycled past and, seeing my diminutive figure shouted out: Bugger off. Well. Imaging my excitement. This was entirely a 'new word'.

A minute later I burst into the kitchen where Aunt Phyllis glanced up, knife poised over a partly peeled potato. Well Tony, what have you been up to? Keeping out of trouble I hope, she added severely. Drawing myself up to my full height of three feet something and sticking out my puny chest I grinned at her.

Bugger off, I said.

Lying on my bed behind a locked door, nether regions smarting from the beating they had endured I listened, stomach rumbling, to the murmur of adult voices and the sound of cutlery scraping almost empty plates downstairs. Learning new words, I reflected, was a risky business. I should employ my brain in a different direction.

That may well have been the day I decided to become a farmer



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!!



BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday 16 December

THE BEATLES - EIGHT DAYS A WEEK
The Touring Years. 12A

The band you know. The story you don't.

Our pre-Christmas film is great fun for those who remember The Beatles and those who have heard of them.

Filmmaker Ron Howard examines the early years of the Beatles, from their club dates in Liverpool, England, to their concert tours in Europe and the rest of the world.

Doors open at 7.15pm and film starts at 7.45pm. Bring chairs and any drinks you want.

Tea and Coffee served
Contact: Gunilla on 01295 720521



**Ho-Ho-Ho all the way to jingle-
belling 50p off your bacon butty
at December 2017's market....you
must give your Ho-Ho-Ho
everything you have to redeem
this once-in-a-lifetime offer....and
remember.....
No Ho Costs You More Dough!!**



**CHRISTMAS TUESDAY
LUNCH CLUB
19th DECEMBER 2017
12.30PM for 1PM**

MULLED WINE & NIBBLES ON ARRIVAL Menu

Main Course

Roast Turkey Breast
Sausage and Bacon (Pigs in Blankets)
Apricot & Spring Onion Stuffing Balls
Bread Sauce & Cranberry Sauce

or

Roast Top Rump of Beef
Yorkshire Pudding
Horseradish Sauce
The above main courses will be served with
Roast Potatoes

or

Mediterranean Vegetable Plat with
Dauphinoise potatoes
All main courses will be served with Seasonal
Vegetables

Desserts

Tiramisu
Apple, Mincemeat and Almond Tart with
Custard
Mango & Passion Fruit Meringue Roulade

Finally

Coffee & Tea with Chocolates
Price £7.00

**PLACES ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE
BOOK EARLY**

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 12th December

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



1ST DEDDINGTON GUIDES The weeks seem to fly by! Our meetings are the usual whirl of activity!

The patrols, under the guidance of newly elected patrol leaders never cease to come up with some imaginative and creative activities that they have planned and organised themselves.

We did nod in the direction of Halloween and had fun dressing up and eating! Our favourite games are eating doughnuts from dangling strings! Apple Bobbing and the “Mummy” (Egyptian) game. This involves racing to wrap your “mummy” from neck to toes in loo roll

The following week Hannah and Connie (working towards their Baden – Powell Award) organised some fun activities connected with Bonfire night and made a presentation, explaining the history and back ground. Well done to them.

Well done to our participants in the Remembrance Day Parade in the village. We had a super smart turn out and particular praise to all those who laid wreaths, on our behalf or who were in the colour parties. We were all very proud of you.

All sorts of plans afoot for the remainder of the term.
Maggie, Marian, Catherine and Tilly



FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY
www.FriendsofDeddingtonLibrary.org



The committee met on 13/11/17 to review calendar sales and explore new and exciting fundraising events planned for 2018. We are also intending to attend more events in order to reach a wider audience ahead of Christmas. Therefore, by the time you read this we will have attended the November Barford and Deddington Markets, as well as the Christmas Bazaar in the church. We'll also be at the Hempton and Nicholson's Christmas Fairs on December 2nd so please come along if you've still not bought a copy of the calendar, the perfect Christmas present.

We are ahead of last year's sales and this year's target so please don't leave it too late, all the funds go to keep Deddington Library open and operational with the volunteers doing a fantastic job of supporting Stella and her team. We would like to thank everyone who's supported the library over the last 12 months in various ways and wish you and your families the very best for Christmas and a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year to all. Thank you.

Bryn Williams | abw@brynwilliams.com

A SPECIAL REQUEST



On the 20th of December the R C BAKER Ltd Charity Christmas Tractor Run will be going through Lower Street. Can we ask if people could kindly, where possible, not park along Lower Street during the early evening (*exact time to be confirmed on Barford Facebook page*) to allow the tractors through with ease.

They hope to make it even bigger and better this year, with all profits going to Katharine House Hospice, so if everyone looks out for the tractors and collection, it should be quite a sight!

200 CLUB RESULTS NOVEMBER DRAW

£15, 158, JEAN STATT
£10, 005, ROBIN COX
£5, 083, THE DODWELLS

THE DRAW TOOK PLACE AT
THURSDAY CUPPA MORNING

FINAL REMINDER FOR CHRISTMAS 2017
- that great stocking filler -



JACK'S ADVENTURES IN BANBURYSHIRE
(featuring Jack Bonner and Rob Hinde)
12 Short Stories + a Novelette by Roscoe

NOW AVAILABLE at the following locations for £7.99

BLOXHAM Post Office

BARFORD Manor Shop & Post Office also available at
BARFORD MARKET Barford Village Hall on Saturday
16th December

DEDDINGTON MARKET Church and Square on
Saturday 23rd December

REMEMBER....these tales are for the '*young at heart*'
regardless of age

DON'T DELAY, BUY TODAY (limited run only)
Roscoe will sign your copy for free

CHRISTMAS FAYRE IN DEDDINGTON

The beautiful historic Church of St. Peter and St. Paul will provide an atmospheric setting for the 2017 Deddington Christmas Fayre on Tuesday, December 5.



Enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie or pamper yourself with a manicure before browsing the eclectic range of festive gifts and goodies on offer while **Deddington's very own brass band** gets you in the mood for Christmas by playing a selection of seasonal favourites. With up to 30 stalls selling textiles, jewellery, crafts and a wide range of creative Christmas gifts, as well as an array of festive food and drink, there is something to appeal to all tastes. You might even win a Christmas cake, among other exciting prizes, in our seasonal raffle.

The Fayre will run from 7.30pm until 9.30pm and tickets, which can be purchased at the door, are priced just £3

All proceeds raised will go to support the work of Deddington Nursery and Pre-school



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Time seems to have flown by since the last newsletter! We have been having our usual busy time

in school, with lots of exciting events taking place.

Our fireworks display took place on Friday 3rd November, and a sparkling and exciting time was had by all who attended. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising this great evening once again this year.

In the first week of November some KS2 children took part in the annual 'Children Singing for Children' concert, at St Mary's Church in Banbury. Our two special songs were sung last in the concert, after six other schools had already performed on their own. There is NO DOUBT at all that our performance was seen to be extraordinarily good, with many adults there (not just our own pupils' parents) congratulating us on our outstanding singing and performing. We enjoyed every minute of this concert, and all of us are already looking forward to the same wonderful event next year!

The School Council held a competition in early November when they asked everyone to design and make suitable parking posters to put up around school. The purpose of this was to help make our school safer at the beginning and end of each school day. We had over 90 entries in all which was just amazing. After collecting in the poster designs, the School Councillors then had the extremely difficult job of picking the winners, but after much deliberation and support from Mr Evans initially, and then a school governor, one winner was chosen from each class in school. The winners were presented with a certificate and prize for their hard work and creativity 😊. Well done to those children and to all others who entered this most worthwhile competition.

Some KS1 children took part in a partnership Cross Country event at the Warriner school

and did extremely well, showing fantastic perseverance and sportsmanship. We were all very proud of their achievements. Our KS2 children will also be competing in their Cross-Country event at Sibford School later this month.

We are now looking forward to our forthcoming Christmas performances and the 'Christmas Jumper Day' in aid of the charity 'Save the Children', on Friday 15th December. Christmas is coming soon!!!!

DEDDINGTON PFSU AND NURSERY

Christmas is always a busy and enjoyable season at the PFSU and Nursery, and this year promises to be no exception.

We kick off with two 'decorations afternoons' at the PFSU, when PFSU children are invited to bring in their families for a creative afternoon to make our pre-school look really festive. These afternoons will take place on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December from 1.30 to 3.00pm. The PFSU children will be presenting their Christmas production with the F1 class, Whoops-a-Daisy Angel, on Monday 11th December at 2pm at Deddington Church.

The Nursery Christmas production will be on Friday 15th December. The Nursery Christmas party will be held on Tuesday 19th December and the PFSU party will be on Monday 18th December. Our Christmas Fayre will be held in Deddington Church on Tuesday 5th December. Everyone is welcome from 7.30 to 9.30pm to enjoy mulled wine, mince pies, carols from Deddington Brass and stalls selling unique and special Christmas gifts. As there is no Deddington News in January may we remind our PFSU families that applications for Primary School need to be made by 15th January 2018. Please put the date in your diaries! It just remains for me to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Lucy Squires ☎ 337484

HEDGEHOG MATTERS

All quiet on the local hedgehog front, unless you know otherwise? I last saw a hedgehog on 21st October which is about the same time that last year, the largest healthiest looking of three hogs disappeared off the scene for the winter. It had plenty of fat reserves to see it through. It was hard to tell the size of the recent one because it scuttled off into the undergrowth when it heard me and headed to the deluxe hedgehog house where I'd also seen it heading a week before. That is filled with hay and dry leaves, deep in the undisturbed undergrowth with an overhead ivy canopy for an extra roof. Though not small, it wasn't an enormous hedgehog either so hopefully it's an adequate weight to survive the winter with the added help of its great location. I didn't want to stress it out by pursuing it through the undergrowth to weigh it. It was still mild then, but insects and other natural food had become scarcer so through October I'd started putting cat food out to help it put on a bit of weight. Every bit will help if it's a cold winter. To avoid local moggies finding this in the same place, I randomly catapulted it spoon by spoon into the undergrowth no longer worrying that the neighbours think I'm mad - they just know now! The fact that it had headed twice for that house in the last few weeks is a pretty good sign that it was claiming it for its long winter "sleep". It would be nice to think that it was the same one that arrived last December from the Wildlife Hospital, spent the winter in that house, then went through the mating rigmarole several times in spring before disappearing off in early summer for a few weeks hopefully to nest. Perhaps it's come back "home" to the same box and safe hedge line. Who knows. In spring two females were seen doing the mating thing here behind High St (not together you understand) and one then the other, as well as the male disappeared off our patch where they usually hung around all evening. There were hedgehog sightings all over the village including parts where they hadn't been seen for years. There was one nest definitely suspected on Townsend with the female displaying typical new mum or soon to be mum behaviour. Then all went quiet and no young were seen anywhere apart from one possible large juvenile found dead on Robins Close in September after being run over late one Saturday night.

Two hedgehogs were found dead in separate Broad Close gardens in July, both shelled out and looking like the work of badgers. One of these was last year's male juvenile who had just reached maturity. Perhaps the other was a pregnant or new mum and if it was, then any babies in the nest wouldn't have

survived. We entered last winter with three hedgehogs that we knew of in the village because



that many had been seen together in one go. There may have been any number of others that no one knew about. It's really hard to tell without marking them all and that's difficult. We enter this winter with one known of or seen recently. With three deaths this year that means that there may have been at least four around last spring (unless the dead one on Robins Close was definitely this year's young. It was hard to tell) As a lot of hedgehogs seem to head for this hedge line in the winter and now there's one, and with no recent sightings in other locations I'm inclined to think that the local village population has dropped. As stated in the first Hedgehog Matters in last January's Barford news, recent surveys show that there are now less than a million hedgehogs in the UK compared to over 30 million in the 1950s. Numbers are declining by a few percent each year. It's estimated that by 2025 although we will still have hedgehogs their numbers won't be sufficient for a viable breeding population. It's easy to see how this can be if the hedgehog likely to be now hibernating out the back of us can't find a mate any closer than Deddington, or maybe as far in the opposite direction. Surveys show that hedgehog populations are greater around the edges of villages than in the countryside or towns.

Although there are far more hedgehogs than tigers in the world they are declining at the same rate. With their habitats being carved up by roads and new developments all the time this is not a trend that's likely to reverse without a concerted effort from all sides and unless new developers incorporate mitigation plans into their developments. This is the reason why I wanted to raise awareness of them and their plight in our villages.

In the spring I plan to contact the wildlife hospital because we are a good release site for rehabilitated or overwintered hedgehogs. Despite badgers being reasonably close by we have a great habitat for them and not too busy roads. For now, that seems to be the Barford St M hedgehog soap opera played out for another year with the known survivor having a well-earned hibernate. Hmm – sounds like a good idea. **If you see one now it would be good to know. Please give it some cat food too.**

Helen Taylor ☎ 337850

Thank You!

To the young people of 'The Barfords' and their parents

We are extremely fortunate in 'The Barfords' to be able to enjoy Halloween in the confident knowledge that the young people show such impeccable manners, respect, and gratitude. I was so impressed at their ingenuity, controlled excitement and sense of the occasion. They were truly a credit to themselves and their parents, I even received a thank you card from two trick-or-treaters, addressed to 'The Halloween Lady'.

It's sometimes easy to take for granted how blessed we are, to be part of a community where the young people play such an integral part. They thoroughly deserve a BIG THANK YOU!! After an amazing 52 witches, wizards, wolfs, ghosts and black cats!! I think I might have to stock-up on even more treats for next year!

Caroline from Hempton



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Cubs

Having made costumes & props for our Battle of



Hastings topic, we decided to continue the theme & use them to dress our guys at the market. They were a sight to behold, created lots of interest & raise £110 for Clic Sargent.

As part of the Our World Challenge the Cubs celebrated The Day of the Dead with pictures of relatives (& pets), sugar skulls, painted faces & a chance to try some Mexican nibbles! Next a super visit to Hook Norton Vets as part of the Animal Carer Badge, very interesting (including the two-faced kitten). jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

The Scouts have been continuing with topics for their Creative Challenge, a trolley, I Spy Guide to the campsite at Horley & a charity photo competition. They discussed the new ideas for an improved Windmill Centre & came up with, for them, sensible suggestions. They also celebrated The Day of the Dead, making fajitas & snacks, painting ridiculous faces (some ridiculous to start with!) & destroying a piñata. They also joined the Explorers for a wide-game & Children in Need activities. pete.churchyard@gmail.com

Explorers

Oh no! The hike, reported to be taking place last month, wasn't a total disaster but we did have a delay whilst negotiating the fields that had cows in them. No one was harmed and we got to the chip shop! Since then we've been planning a Children in Need evening for 16th November which will happen in the Jubilee Hall in Bloxham. We'll tell you next month how we did. We also organised a wide-game for the Scouts. We didn't lose any of them ...Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959. spartansexplorers@gmail.com

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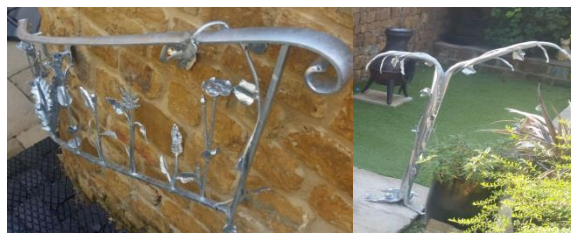
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Diary dates to the editor by 15th of each month please

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 Cubs (Deddington)
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Saturdays Village Market 3rd week
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3rd Wednesday Village Hall Management Committee

Diary dates

December

2nd Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch
2nd Hempton Christmas Bazaar
5th Deddington Christmas Fair
9th Bach Mass – Chipping Norton
13th WI Around The World in 80 Shows-VH
16th Barford Village Market
16th Barford Picture House – The Beatles
18th Carols Around The Village – BSM
19th Tuesday Lunch Club – Village Hall
20th Tractor Parade through the village
22nd Carols In The Pub
23rd Nativity Around The Village
25th/26th Xmas Lunch – Deddington Church

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20th Saturday Brunch Club – Village Hall

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