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**8TH NOVEMBER
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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!!

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

**ALL SOULS SUNDAY
5TH NOVEMBER**

4:00-5:00pm Barford St Michael
come to light candles and spend time quietly remembering those who are no longer with us

6:00pm Deddington All Souls Service
including reading the names of the departed



**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
9:00am Barford St Michael**



Lest we forget

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 4th October in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Styles, Eden, Best, Charman, County Cllr Fatemian, District Cllr Williams. and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer). Cllr Hobbs gave apologies for absence.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 6th September 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 – Oxfordshire County Council are introducing charges at council tips of £1.50 for non-household waste.

Parish Matters:

2018/19 Budget – The Chairman presented the proposed budget for 2018/19.

This was discussed and agreed. Proposed by L Styles and seconded by P Eden.

Play Equipment – The working group have agreed ideas and received quotes. These will be presented at the next meeting.

Planning Applications

Application 17/01304F, Buttermilk Farm, Alterations to outbuildings – Granted 21/8/17.

Application 17/01456/F, The George, Replace 2 windows – Granted 6/9/17.

Application 17/01449/F, 3 Summer Ley, 2 storey extension – Granted 6/9/17.

Application 17/01565/F, Buttermilk Farm, Variation of condition – Withdrawn.

Application 17/01839F, Buttermilk Farm, Pond enlargement – returned to CDC without comment.

Application 17/01794/LB, Holly tree cottage, retrospective listed building consent – Returned to CDC without comment.

Finance

Payments - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totaling £658.60 This was proposed by L Styles and seconded by S Best.

Any Other Business:

Style on footpath at end of Horn Hill – This has still not been repaired. The Clerk will chase OCC.

Gate at footpath from churchyard – This is not being closed properly allowing sheep to escape. A sign will be placed at the gate and the use of a spring to assist closing will be investigated.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 1st November** at 7.30pm in the village hall.



New Year's Day Winter Walk

Meet outside the Village Hall @ 10.30
bring kids and dogs
on your return you will be served
hot soup and crusty bread

£5 per head for adults - kids go free



LITTLE TYKES DOUBLE SLIDE AND ACTIVITY CENTRE

Well used but in good condition, needs a new home in return for a donation to the Church please.
Please call 01869 338300



NEW PATTERN OF CHURCH SERVICES FOR 2018

You may have seen elsewhere that we are changing our family service in 2018. We are also changing some of our other services. The new schedule from January 2018 is:

1st Sunday	10.30am	Communion Service
2nd Sunday	9.00am	Communion Service
3rd Sunday	10.30am	Family Service
	4.00pm	Evensong (This will be 6.00pm during the summer)
4th Sunday	9.00am	Communion Service
5th Sunday	9.00am	Communion Service

All the services will be in St Michael's church apart from the 2nd and 5th Sunday when it will be in St John's church.

We hope this pattern of services will enable more of you to come to church at times that suit you.

Tony Elvidge, Churchwarden

BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER - 10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Joan with her beautifully packaged chocolates

Chris with Alpines

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

Andy Gill and his fantastic hand-made pots

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

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

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

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

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING FROM THE KITCHEN



NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB

We held a very enjoyable **Nosy Gardens** afternoon on October 1st. Hazel Neal and her family in Broad Close and Janet and John Morris in Rock Close showed us around their gardens and made us very welcome. As these sociable, informal occasions are popular with members we are looking to hold **two** such afternoons next year. If you're willing to open your garden – to members only - please let Trevor Stevens know.

On **Monday 20th November**, Ron Knight will give a talk on **Wildlife in your Barford Garden**. He will advise us on what to look out for and how to make our gardens wildlife-friendly. Village Hall, 7.30 pm; members £3, others £4

Seed Orders: Don't miss your chance to order seeds at a good discount. Rodney Hobbs is organising our joint order, and we hope to place enough orders to qualify for the top rate of discount, which we managed last year. Catalogues and order forms can be collected from the box outside Pear Tree Cottage on the green, and Rodney needs all completed orders by 22nd November. There is no charge for delivery, and you don't need to pay for the seeds until you receive them. Each customer receives free labels and trial packets of seeds, too.

The Committee is busy planning talks, outings and more for next year, so watch this space. If you're not a member, do join us!

Jobs for November

- This is the time to plant bare-rooted trees, shrubs and roses
- Divide mature clumps of rhubarb while they're dormant
- Outdoor containers that might be at risk from frost can be protected with bubble-wrap or horticultural fleece
- If you feed wild birds in your garden, you can buy a range of suitable nuts and seeds at Barford Market each month
- Clear up fallen leaves and store them in cages, bins or bags to make leaf-mould
- Order your seeds for next year! See above

Happy gardening! **SPADE AND FORK**



VILLAGE 200+ CLUB

The 200+ Club is a fundraising scheme which supports our village hall. Tickets are just £6 annually and members may hold as many tickets as they wish. Members are issued with a membership number for each £6 spent. All membership numbers are entered into the monthly prize draws, in which cash prizes can be won.

12 monthly draws offering guaranteed prizes of £5, £10, £15, every month plus £25 once each quarter. Plus £50 twice a year and a Christmas bonus of £100. 50% of the total value of subscriptions is retained for hall maintenance, the remaining 50% is used as prize money.

More members means increased prize money and more funds for our hall. £6 for each annual subscription is such a small price to pay towards supporting our lovely hall. So please - have a go? And help raise funds to maintain YOUR village hall. For just over 50p a month you can really make a difference.

Existing members will be contacted soon. If you would like to join please contact Les on 338659 to reserve your tickets. 200 Club members must be 18 years or over.



Well, your Barford News went all snazzy last month with its first ever, ever, ever colour edition and we really hope you enjoyed it.

This was all made possible with the support of this year's Parish Council Grant and your very generous donations.

Further colour editions to follow.....**Ed & Team**



RESULT OF THE CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT

Anne and I would like to thank everyone who came to the Curry and Quiz Night and made it such a huge success. We thoroughly enjoyed it and hope you did too. We would also like to thank Julie and Clair for their much-needed help with the catering, Mariann and Cathy for running the Raffle and Leon for supplying and comparing a superb Quiz. Finally, a thank you to the teams who won prizes and then donated them back to the evening's cause, which meant we topped £1,000.

We are really pleased to say that the evening made £1,023.63 and we have donated £255.91 to The Barford News and £767.72 to the Village Hall.

Anne & Mick Pearson



**TO ANNE & MICK
PEARSON & TEAM**

Thank you so much for organising the recent Quiz and Curry Night in aid of the village hall and Barford News. Events such as this do not just happen, they take a lot of time, effort, preparation and.....of course cooking and it is very much appreciated.

from the Barford News & Village Hall Teams

The WI have been out and about again. This time the destination was King Stone Farm, Little Rollright, where the workings of the robotic dairy parlour were explained to them by farmer David Haine.



The cows decide for themselves when they need milking, wait patiently for their turn in the robotic milker and then take themselves off to the field or barn. The computer recognises each cow from the tag around her neck and the automatic gates are one way only, so the cows can't avoid being milked. It all sounds quite incredible, but it worked very efficiently. A fascinating visit all round. Our next two meetings have a local flavour. This month Sandi Turner will be helping us to make a pottery box and in December Gwen Van Spijk and Austin Lawler will be leading a seasonal entertainment. Visitors (£4) are welcome at 7:30 in the village hall on the second Wednesday of each month.

Congratulations!

To Laura & Louis Holtzhausen

on the safe arrival of
Ludwig Guy Helgardt
on 4th October, at 7lb 2oz
A baby brother for
Lettie and CC - we wish little 'Ludie'
a healthy and happy life



RAISING MONEY FOR THE BARFORD CHURCHES

As you all will be thinking about buying Christmas presents and perhaps going away on holiday or doing your weekly online shop, this is a good time to be able to join in a fundraising scheme for the benefit of the Barford Churches.

Easyfundraising.com is a way of buying commodities online and the participating companies you buy from donate a small amount to the beneficiary you have named. It doesn't cost you anything but it will boost the funds for your churches. There are over 3,000 participating retailers and brands include John Lewis, Booking.com, Amazon, M&S, Argos, Tesco and many other well-known retailers.

If you would like to take part, go to **Easyfundraising.com** before going online for your weekly shop, buying gifts, and paying for holidays and click on the beneficiary you would like the donations to go to, which is **St Michael's Church - Barford**. One way of never forgetting, is to install **Donations Reminder** on your laptop or PC.

Our new paths have used up most of our reserves and we have other ideas to bring our church into the 21st century, so please look out for all our fundraising projects in the coming year. **Easyfundraising.com** is an effortless way to help

Cubby Brett
Churchwarden for the Barfords



BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE in THE VILLAGE HALL NOVEMBER 18th



Our second film of the season is **LION** - An astonishing true story that's treated with an admirably light and artistic touch, rather than an overly dramatic heavy hand. Be prepared to cry -- a lot -- at this wonderfully cast tearjerker about a man

who searched for his birth family across a continent, with only decades-old memories to guide him. Over 80,000 children go missing in India each year and Saroo was just one of them.

Doors open at 7.15 pm and film starts at 7.45 pm
bring your own drinks and chairs if you wish
tea and coffee available



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Guilty pleasure?

Watching any crime/murder mystery docs
on TV

**Who would play you in a movie of your
life?**

Ewan McGregor

Biggest bug bear?

Brexit. I work across Europe extensively
and the impact will be bad. It's just a
question of how bad. This is an
arts/creative industry wide held opinion.

Dream dinner party guests?

Ian McEwan, David Bowie,
Ben Ainsley, Kate Winslet,
Sophia Coppola

Advice to teenage self?

Don't start smoking. Listen to advice but
follow your own instinct. Consideration
of others is a vital life skill.

Cat or dog?

We have both but I'm allergic to cats.

Top of your bucket list?

To sail to the med and then across the
Atlantic and beyond.

Where would you time-travel to?

A grassy knoll, Dallas, Nov 22 1963,
46, Lower Belgrave Street, London, Nov 7
1974.

Praia da Luz, Portugal, May 3 2007.

Happiness is...

Gwen Van Spijk

Welcome

to 4 new families

Anne & John O'Brien
with daughters Lois & Nikita who have moved
to Mead Road, Barford St John

~

the Britton family
Ian, Katherine, Holly & Sam
who have just moved to Broad Close

~

Jack & Bryony Day plus 'Bump'
newly arrived in Townsend

~

AND LASTLY a very belated welcome to
Stuart and Sarah who moved to Robins Close 3
years ago!!

we wish them all every happiness



Congratulations!

To Paul and Ishbel of Church Street
who sneaked off to Gretna Green
to be married over the old anvil
and returned as **Mr. & Mrs. Freeman!**
we wish them every happiness!!



Down on the farm

The linseed is harvested, its straw baled and gone for boiler heating, and last year's pig muck spread and ploughed in. Also, the winter crops (wheat and barley) are sown and the stubble sown fodder rape growing ready to finish the store lambs.

All that remains is to plough the fields that are scheduled for spring sown linseed and barley. It has been a better year by far than 2016 - but we need to be better again if we are to face the changing agriculture of the future.

Changes there will be. Whether they will benefit the long-term prospects for farming remains to be seen. State aided plans to protect and enhance the environment are almost inevitable – I don't quarrel with that, but what the industry needs (must have) are stable markets. The yo-yo effect of market prices during the past couple of decades has been catastrophic and largely thwarted any prospect of forward planning.

While larger acreage farms are largely pursuing arable rotations with the inherent dangers of decent returns on one area having to support poor returns on another, smaller farms are increasingly taking the plunge into specialisation. A good example of this was seen during the recent visit, organised by Barford WI, to a dairy farm that has embraced modern technology to give their cows and themselves a better life.

It was refreshing to see a family run small acreage farm that has done its sums and invested in robotic milking and computer technology for just 100 milking cows – small scale by modern standards.

Cows milking themselves 'on demand' with concentrate feed automatically dispensed according to computerised reading of 'chips' they wear on their collars has taken much of the drudgery out of dairy work. Starts at 4.30 am and finishes at 6pm have been replaced by 8am to 5pm 'office hours' with reliance on computer telemetry to warn of any out of hours problems with cows or equipment.

All the two people and a part time lad have to do is keep feed hoppers topped up, bed up the cow cubicle lying quarters and clean up the muck and slurry. Cows can stroll down to the field to graze when they have automatically milked themselves (the exit gate won't open until the computer chip on the collar verifies this).

In winter months, a mixer feeder wagon provides the roughage ration to which they have access on the same basis.

OK the investment today would be well north of a couple of £ million; but given good management and a stable milk price it will provide a decent living on a family farm.

Is this the future? For some maybe it is, but all farms tend to be different and their farmers have differing aspirations. It is, however, a good example of one family that has decided that carrying on in the same old time-honoured fashion is no longer an option.

Tony Collier, Irondown Farm



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

2nd November.....green
9th November.....blue 'n' brown
16th November.....green
23rd November.....blue 'n' brown
30th November.....green

UPDATE FROM ROD WALLINGTON.....

Roscoe informs me that plans to publish his collection of short stories, entitled, 'Jack's adventures in Banburyshire' - in time for Christmas, are proceeding well.

It is hoped that copies will be available for sale at locations in Bloxham and Barford, so watch the December issues of the Bloxham Broadsheet and Barford News for final details!

A WONDERFUL CLIMAX FOR MY GB JUNIOR 18 WOMENS' ROWING EXPERIENCES

After long and hard trials and selections processes, I was chosen to represent GB under 18s in a quadruple scull at the World Championships held in Lithuania in August this year. Some 750 under 18 year old rowers from 59 countries worldwide were taking part in what turned out to be a truly exciting and memorable event.



Following selection and 3½ weeks of hard training the GB team of 32 rowers set off to Lithuania. My quads two qualifying races went really well with us finishing second in both and facing a huge challenge in the final. There were 6 countries in the final Rumania and Germany being the favourites leaving Switzerland to be our main rivals and USA and the Netherlands. We set off hard and had a lead over the Swiss up to just over 1250 meters, at which point the Swiss started to gain. They kept up the pressure and despite rowing the race of our lives managed to gain and finish just 3 seconds ahead of us to take the bronze medal. This stunning result does mean that our boat is now ranked as fourth in the world at the junior 18 level and it is wonderful to be able to say that, and to take this on to my future endeavours as an under 23 GB rower and other possible GB representations. My move to Exeter university will hopefully allow me the opportunity of developing further and to carry on with my trials and GB aspirations.

**Danielle Semple
Thimble Hall**

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB 21st November 2017 MENU

Main Course

Steak, Mushroom and Ale Pie served with
Mashed Potatoes

Or

Fish Pie made with Salmon, Smoked Haddock
and Cod Topped with Mashed Potato
**both of the above dishes served with a
selection of vegetables**

Desserts

Pear and Ginger Upsidedown Pudding and
Custard

Or

Chocolate and Baileys Cheesecake

Finally

Coffee & Tea

Price £5.00

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

**Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074 or
email mickpearson1@outlook.com by**

Tuesday 14th November

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from 2nd December**

20p Per Item

LAST COLLECTION

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER





BYGONE BARFORDS

Taken from BARFORD NEWS SHEET –
APRIL 1976



A VILLAGE BENEFACTOR In the village hall there hangs a picture of a rather ordinary looking man in a cloth cap. Who is he? Where did he come from? Why is his picture hanging there? There are questions which many newcomers to the village must have asked

as I did when the picture first came to my notice. A little research amongst those who remember him has revealed the following answers. He was Frances Taylor and he had Rignall Hall built and made his home there. He planted the fine avenue of chestnuts leading to Rignall. His coming must have caused no small stir amongst the local inhabitants because he had recently hailed from America where he had a cattle ranch. He was frequently seen in a ten-gallon hat, on horse-back, brandishing a lasso which he used in fine cowboy style to capture any one animal from his herd.

He took a lively interest in village life and in the welfare of the inhabitants. His kindness and generosity are well remembered. He gave jobs to the young people who had little alternative in those days but to 'go into service'. The impression given is that he created work where it was not essential for his benefit but more for the good of the village people who would have otherwise had to journey further afield to seek work. He gave parties to the village children and these events are remembered with obvious pleasure by those who attended them, Francis Taylor is buried in St Michael's churchyard. But by far the most important piece of community service he performed was the building of the village hall. This building has watched over various village events; the social, the dance, the concert, the bazaar, the harvest supper, the committee meetings and such organisations as the WI have all found a welcome (if not always a

warm one) in this pleasant building. Long may it stand to his memory.

BY BETTY TREVOR

.....BUT IN TRUE MEDIA FASHION IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE BARFORD NEWS SHEET DATED OCTOBER 1976 THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION WAS PUBLISHED....

"We regret that in the last issue of the news sheet some facts concerning FRANCES TAYLOR were incorrectly reported and we wish to apologise for this and give here a correct version.

Frances Taylor had Rignall Hall built in 1911. He did not plant the avenue of chestnuts leading to Rignall; they were planted by Professor Jackson who lived at Rignall after Frances Taylor in the 1930s.

Frances Taylor was not American. He originally came from Sussex, from where in later years he did visit the Americas. He settled in Argentina for a number of years where he had a cattle ranch. On his return to England he had Rignall Hall built.

Also, a little more information regarding the village hall. When Frances Taylor had the hall built he collected one penny from all the residents of the village so that it should be their hall".

BY LUCY MORRIS



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HARVEST FESTIVAL



About 50 children and adults joined us for our Harvest Festival celebrations in St Michael's church led by Revd. Annie. The church was beautifully decorated with stunning dahlias autumn flowers and pumpkins. Jen Green took home an overflowing boot full of produce for Polly Preedy who will use it to feed the homeless in Banbury.

If you missed the service and would like to help Polly, please contact Mariann Young. Jen & Mariann are pictured above with the donations for Polly.

200 CLUB RESULTS OCTOBER DRAW

£15, 27, Richard Palmer

£10, 180, Paul Wilson

£5, 42, Lucy Norman

The draw took place at
Tuesday Bowls evening

Come and Join Us!!



The Adderbury Ukulele Group welcomes anyone who loves playing ukulele! Or who would like to learn to play. We play and sing along together every week, our ages range from 15 to 91, with everything in between!

Our club meets every Monday night at the Bell Inn, Adderbury, from 7.30pm 9pm. It's free to come along and there is no pressure to attend every week. Join us whenever you can, to strum, sing, drink, and be merry! All levels welcome!

Beginners – don't be shy! Don't wait until you "get better", we can offer a beginner's class at 7pm to help you get started. Phone or text Steve on 07762 058624 for details. Bring your ukulele or we can arrange to lend you one. We look forward to seeing you.

To learn more contact one of our members:-

Steve at steve.ashby@gmx.co.uk

Cheryl at rocklea@supanet.com

Mariann at mariann.young@btinternet.com



Coming Soon! QUIZ NIGHT



with bangers, mash and beans

Saturday 3rd February 2018

in the village hall

Teams of 8 max

TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED

*in aid of The Helpless Mother Children's
Centre in Kathmandu*



ADDERBURY XMAS MARKET at St Mary's Church on 2nd December-11-4pm

Come to a traditional Christmas market with lots of stalls for buying your Xmas presents. There will be cards & crafts for sale, perfumes and unusual gifts & jewellery.

We have homemade soup or hot dogs for lunch, tea & cakes in the afternoon in Church House, or mulled wine & mince pies in the Church.

Santa will be in his grotto for the children from 11-1pm and 2-4pm. For more details of the programme, look on www.adderbury.org.



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with what is happening in
our surrounding villages
using the links below:**

www.adderbury.org/whats-on
www.bloxham.info/broadsheet
www.deddington.org.uk/news
www.steepleaston.org.uk

DEDDINGTON PFSU & VILLAGE NURSERY

It has been an enjoyable first term at Pre-school and Nursery. Our new children have settled in quickly and we have enjoyed getting to know them and their families, and introducing them to all our fun activities. We held our Annual General Meeting on 3rd October and elected a new committee to lead the settings during the coming year.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting, and particularly to our new and retiring committee members. We were also delighted with the support for our PFSU parents' information evening and the refurbishment weekend at the Nursery. The Nursery building is looking better than ever! By the time you read this our first fund-raiser of the year, our Halloweenies party, will have taken place, and the second, our

Christmas Fayre in Deddington Church on Tuesday 5th December, will be rapidly approaching. Christmas is coming!

Lucy Squires - ☎ 337484

DON'T MISS OUT – WORKING PARENTS OF 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

Working parents of 3 & 4 year old children may be entitled to 30 hours free childcare per week. This includes those who are self-employed and some parents on zero hours contracts.

To find out if you are eligible visit
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>.

To join those already benefiting apply by the beginning of December for a January start. The Family Information Service has information about childcare providers in your area. Visit fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk

**SUE BROWN
CHILDREN, EDUCATION & FAMILIES DIRECTORATE
OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**



HEDGEHOG MATTERS



Fourteen children came along to the family hedgehog morning with mum or granny and all seemed to enjoy themselves. They learnt more about hedgehogs and their lifestyle and what we

can do to help them in our gardens and most children wrote a pledge on a hedgehog they'd made saying what they were going to do to help them. Some were going to have a go at making hedgehog houses from various things to put somewhere sheltered in their gardens and most were going to have a water bowl in the front or back garden. **If any children do make a hedgehog house, why not send a photo of it to the Barford News** and put it on the our Barford Hedgehogs Facebook site at:

www.facebook.com/groups/1451099978269355

It may inspire others to have a go. The children got to see and feel some old dried hedgehog skin and were surprised to feel how prickly the spines were! Only one child had seen a hedgehog before unlike older people who I'm sure will have seen hedgehogs as a child, all the more reason to educate and inspire our young people who are the future guardians of our environment and to raise awareness generally. Our hedgehogs live a precarious existence as has been seen this year and every little bit we do increases their chances of survival in their tough wild world. The children all made a paper-plate hedgehog and Ron Knight enjoyed judging the colouring competition, though it was hard to judge them because more children bought their colouring on the day. All were great. Theo Hobday's was fantastic. The money raised from a collection at the evening hedgehog talk in June raised just enough to cover the cost of the village hall for both events so thanks to all who contributed. When I recently went to change the straw in our garden hedgehog house in case anything came to hibernate, I found a sleeping hedgehog in it and decided to check its condition and weigh it the next night at dusk because it looked as though it might have been in poor condition. When I did it wasn't there but I've seen a healthier looking one since, (maybe the same one) along the hedge line behind us heading for another box. Great news that not all have been eaten or run over!

Check bonfires for hedgehogs before lighting! It may be a bit of a cliché to say this because everyone has heard it many times, yet wildlife hospitals do have hedgehogs that have been rescued from fires and last year someone told me their own horror story about lighting a bonfire and realising too late that there was a hedgehog in it. I wonder how many more perish that way that people may not even be aware of in their bonfires. An unlit bonfire is very inviting to a hog and exactly the kind of place you'd be likely to find one, safe (it thinks) sheltered and warm, possibly even to hibernate. It's hard to check the middle of a big bonfire but do try. The ideal thing is to move and rebuild a bonfire just before you light it.

Hedgehog Houses A log pile, a paving slab raised on bricks, or under a patio are all potential hibernation sites in the absence of sufficient natural sites, or you can be creative making one with whatever you've got. Put plenty of dead leaves and maybe straw in it and leave some more lying around so that any potential users can line their own chamber. **Remember** there are several things to consider whether building or buying one: a 13cm entrance hole, an entrance tunnel or chamber to prevent predators, place it with a south facing entrance if possible to avoid prevailing winds and cover around it, especially the opening such as an overgrown corner or by a hedge. Vegetation and stones around it will help to protect it. Then leave well alone however tempting until the end of spring, just in case

Helen Taylor

zzz...

Paper plate hedgehogs





DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

It was with great pleasure that I visited Deddington Primary School in early October to present the children who had completed the Summer Reading Challenge with their medals and certificates. It was a lovely assembly and I'm always so pleased to visit, they make me feel so very welcome!

We are currently seeking volunteers to become 'Digital Helpers' (previously a Computer Buddy!) to get in touch! It would be very helpful to have a couple of volunteers with good computer skills to give us a couple of hours a week/month to support others in the community who are less skilled. Basic, but competent skills would help others 'get online'! For example, showing people how to set up an e-mail account, use basic word and excel, log onto the internet to search the web, even help with using peoples own iPads and Smart Phones! It's all about getting started! If you can offer any support to others in this respect, do please get in touch with me at the library, we'd love to hear from you!

Rhyme-times for Under 5's and families is held every Monday from 2.30pm in the library. Grateful thanks to our team of volunteers for supporting this! Do come and join us, it's good fun!

Christmas is rapidly approaching, and we will have some additional Christmas stock in the library to cover the season. Not only children's books, but adults too, so if you want to start feeling Christmassy, call in and pick up a Christmas title soon!

It is with great sadness that I report one of our community volunteers passed away recently following a long illness; Celia was one of the first volunteers to join us, she was always enthusiastic and willing and has been greatly missed by the team here at the library since her illness forced her to retire. Our thoughts go out to Colin and family at this terribly sad time.

We look forward to seeing you in the library very soon!

Stella O'Neill, Library Manager



DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

We all enjoyed our latest book - **The Wasp Factory** by **Iain Banks** despite finding it fairly shocking and disgusting in parts.

The story is set in a community in the far north of Scotland on an island. As well as killing three of his family before the age of 10, Frank, the central character, gets a great deal of delight while he is growing up from meting out undeserved punishment on any living thing that passes by.

Frank's father Angus, an eccentric doctor, is part of the psychological puzzle of the novel, going every now and again to Inverness to sell drugs he has made at home. The book entices you to read on and it is well worth it as the final chapter contains a real twist to the story.

This book certainly won't appeal to everyone but it's worth reading if you are looking for something a little different to read.

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House Move



Oh no they didn't!!

**John & Lorraine Langlands have moved
to Robins Close NOT Bishops Close as
published last month edition
(Apologies for the 'senior moment' I
would have been right 40 years ago!
Mariann)**

**We still hope that they will be very
happy in their new home**

(NOTE FROM THE ED....Mariann, You're Fired)



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Get your free Santa suits and take part in a jolly jog or winter walk after a Rockin' Robin warm up! People's Park will be in full festive spirit with a brass band, music from Radio Horton, and hot drinks for all taking part. This year there's also the Christmas Trail - a children's treasure hunt for our younger supporters. Tickets are £15 for adults, £8 for children, and £40 for a family (2 adults & 2 children). Plus: join our procession of Santas at 4pm in to the town for the Banbury Christmas lights switch on. Please sign up today to join the fun and help people in our community facing life-limiting illness.



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LIGHTS OF LOVE

You are warmly invited to our services in Banbury and Brackley to come together with other members of our community to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. You are most welcome to dedicate a light on the Christmas tree and leave a handwritten message in one of our books of remembrance – please visit www.khh.org.uk/lights to do so. Led by the hospice chaplain, a special part of the service is the blessing of the books of remembrance which this year will contain your personal handwritten messages. Our Lights of Love events are open to everyone, but if you are unable to attend in person you can still dedicate a light and your message will be displayed in the books of remembrance at your chosen service.

Lights of Love Banbury – St Mary's Church, Thursday 30 November, 7.15pm

Lights of Love Brackley – St Peter's Church. Wednesday 6 December, 7.30pm



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The Friends of Deddington Library are delighted to announce that our 2018 Parish Calendar is now on sale! A launch event was held on Friday 22nd September at the library for the photographic competition winners and sponsors, at which the calendar was revealed for the very first time! The top three winning entrants of the photographic competition were presented with a large canvas print of their winning entry and the remaining finalists and Sponsors were presented with a complimentary calendar. It was a lovely evening, much enjoyed by all.

We've had a fantastic response to the photo competition and received some excellent entries; it was extremely difficult to choose the final 12 images for the calendar, but we hope you'll agree the 12 winning entries are stunning. We are grateful to all the entrants and hope you'll continue shooting images of our wonderful parish and countryside for entry in next year's competition. We are also extremely grateful for such a positive response from the sponsors we approached; the parish businesses have really been behind this initiative; we sincerely hope they are as pleased with the results as we are!

We then ran a very busy market stall at the Farmers Market on Saturday 23rd September at which we promoted and sold the calendar. The take up was exceptionally good, and we hope that many within and beyond the parish will support it as you did last year. The 2018 Parish Calendars continue to be on sale at the library and will be available at the October and November Farmers' Markets too. Reserve yours by e-mailing books@deddingtonlibrary.org, phoning the library on 01869 338 391 or just calling in and picking one up!

Bryn Williams
Friends of Deddington Library



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

In September we took a group of 11 Cubs to the District Cub Camp at Horley. The theme of the camp was 'Pirates' & we all dressed accordingly, lots of skulls & crossbones & even a parrot.

The boys took part in lots of pirate games & activities, cannon-ball target, archery, shooting & 'talk like a pirate'. On Sunday they built catapults & spent a happy hour shooting ping-pong balls at each other. The camp fire was a great success – I will never eat a banana with a straight face ever again!

Back at the Windmill we have made helmets & shields & re-enacted The Battle of Hastings.

jochurchyard@hotmail.com



Scouts

The Scouts have been back to basics so far this term, they helped to erect the tents for Cub camp, refreshed their skills with a Trangia & made a jam sandwich. They had to make their sandwich (roll) from scratch, so some made bread rolls, others made blackberry jam & the rest attempted to make butter with a jar & marbles. The bread & jam were a triumph but we ate them with very thick cream instead of butter. Everyone wolfed the results down with relish!

pete.churchyard@gmail.com

**Reminder that Remembrance Day Parade is on
November 12th**

007TM LICENSED TO THRILL

Not content with giving us their wonderful annual pantomime, Deddington Players treated us on Saturday 7th October to a James Bond themed evening of music, dance and laughs at the Windmill Centre. In a cabaret style layout, with a well-stocked bar, an hour of music and dance got the audience nicely into the mood. It featured a rousing selection of 007 music from Deddington Brass, delightful solos from Becky Jones and J James, and beautifully performed dances from Deddington Youth Dance Company.

The interval allowed the audience time for further refuelling as well as a hotly contested (Google-assisted??) James Bond and music quiz. And then to the laughs, a hilarious one-act spoof by the brilliant Deddington Players, produced by Martin Squires. From the opening scene, with Miss Funny Money (Annie Goldthorp in secretary mode) manicuring her nails and announcing that she was 'doing some filing', pun followed pun. With the audience by now well into the mood, the cast occasionally struggled to keep a straight face. But the puns and punch lines were delivered with excellent timing. Heroes and villains occupied their parts with aplomb and the Scottish hoteliers kept both cast and audience laughing at their outrageous accents.

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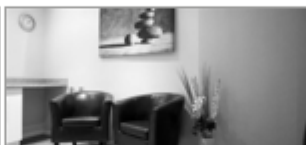
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Village and local events diary

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

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Church of England November

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Sunday 12th	9:00am Remembrance Sunday BSM
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Thursdays	Open cuppa mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)
Fridays	Rainbows Whist alternate weeks
Saturdays	Village Market 3 rd week (except January or August)
3rd Wednesday	Village Hall Management Committee

Diary dates

November

1st Parish Council Meeting
8th WI Making Pottery Boxes – VH
18th Barford Market – Village Hall
18th Barford Picture House – LION – VH
20th Ron Knight 'Wildlife in your Barford Garden'
21st Tuesday Lunch Club – Village Hall

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2nd Adderbury Xmas Market – St Mary's
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