

# BARFORD NEWS

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our traditional  
BARFORD BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND  
ANNUAL VILLAGE BBQ on SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST  
at the Village Hall



BBQ & BAR from 6pm  
serving locally produced burgers and sausages along with  
a selection of delicious home-made salads

RAFFLE PRIZES ALL GRATEFULLY RECEIVED  
*(Via Mariann please)*



For details of this year's  
Church Fete, 27<sup>th</sup> August,  
please see Page 7



**The BARFORDS' VILLAGE SHOW**  
**Barford Village Hall**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
See Page 5 for this year's recipe  
(*with a twist*) and Page 14 for the  
colouring picture - Class 52 -  
Children 7 Years and Under  
(*also available at the Post Office*)  
Entry Forms will be in September's  
Barford News

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> July in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Best, Cox, District Cllr Williams, County Cllr Fatemian and Mr Best (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer).

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian:** None

**Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams:**  
**Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan** - The referendum result of June 21st, 2018 was 91.6% of those who voted were in favour of the Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan will therefore be recommended for approval and adopted at the July 16th Full Cherwell Council meeting.

**Cherwell Community Lottery** - Recommendation from the Executive to approve and adopt the lottery at the Full Council meeting on July 16th and that officers develop criteria for the acceptance of supported 'Good Cause' organisations within the district.

### Parish Matters:

**Road Safety** – Reports have been received of excessive speed and increased use of the back roads surrounding the parish, notably the road linking Iron Down Hill with South Newington. Mr Christopher Murray has reported a number of incidents along this road. Other Parishioners have also raised this issue, which was discussed at length. It was agreed that Oxfordshire County Council Highways would be asked to investigate reducing the speed limit from the current 60 mph. Speed reductions also require the agreement of Thames Valley Police. Specifically, OCC Highways has been asked to:

1. Install a "Black Box" to monitor traffic (this is the first step when applying for a reduced speed limit prior to review by OCC Highways and Thames Valley Police).
2. Cut the hedges so that vehicles are not forced into the middle of the road.

3. Install additional warning road signs such as Agricultural Machinery, Horses, Concealed Entrances and Blind Brows.

The speed of cars through the villages was also discussed and County Cllr Fatemian, in response to questions from Councillors, confirmed that there is a moratorium on the introduction of 20 mph speed limits.

**Parking in the Potteries** – Three residents of The Potteries attended the meeting to complain about the letter that the Parish Council had sent to all the residents of The Potteries. The Vice Chairman explained that the letter was sent in response to a number of complaints that had been received regarding dangerous parking at the junction of Horn Hill and The Rock. Prior to the meeting, one of these residents had written to the District Councillor and the Parish Council complaining about the letter. District Cllr Williams and the Clerk had immediately replied to this letter and both contained apologies for any offence caused. The Chairman also apologised on behalf of the Parish Council in her summing up.

**Reinforcement of the Village Green** – this has previously been agreed by the Parish Council and a date will shortly be set for carrying out this work.

**Broadband to Houses along South Newington Road** - Better Broadband Oxfordshire confirmed that the cabinet serving these properties has been upgraded to fibre but speeds are still quite slow. A request has been submitted for a further upgrade.

**Broadband to houses in Barford St John** - Fibre has been run to Barford St John but further infrastructure work needs to be completed before the houses are connected. Better Broadband Oxfordshire cannot give a precise date for completion of the work but confirmed that it is still on schedule for completion by the end of 2018.

**Hedges overgrowing roads** – The Parish Council has received a number of requests from residents for hedges overgrowing roads to be trimmed. The Parish council is contacting the owners to request that they are trimmed.

**Barford Villages Website** - The Parish Council section is being updated.

**Newcomers Letter** - Mariann Young has updated this letter to people moving into the villages.

**Bees on the Allotments** – A request was received to keep bees on an allotment. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to all allotment holders to see if they have any objections to this.

**Weed Spraying** – Cllr Hobbs requested if this had been carried out. The Clerk confirmed that Thomas Fox applied herbicide to the footpaths on 25<sup>th</sup> June but will check with them if this included Robins Close.

**Broken bridge on footpath between Barford St John and The Mill** – The Clerk will report this to OCC for them to contact the owner to request repair.

**Unused Allotments** – Four Allotments are not being cultivated. Jeff Elliot has contacted the holders to check if they still want to continue with them.

**Allotment Water** – The response from Thames Water on the leak allowance claim for last year is still outstanding. Water usage in June was 50 cubic metres/ £68 (YTD 80m3/ £109)

**Advisory speed signs from OCC Highways** – Another email has been sent to Mike Wasley, OCC Highways, asking for an update on availability of advisory speed signs.

**External Audit** – Parish Councils with an income or expenditure less than £25,000 in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 are exempt from an External Audit. The exemption form was returned to the Auditors and the Annual Return and other accounting documents have been posted on the Barford Villages website.

**Planning Applications:**

18/00423/LB – Sunnycote, Lower Street - Granted

18/00638/F – Blackingrove Farm - Granted.

18/00908/F – West Close Play Area

18/00711/F – Barleycorn, The Green

**Finance:**

**Payments** – The Parish Council agreed payment of cheques totaling £1,312.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



## Birthday Party



Our Barford Rainbows celebrated their 11th birthday with a party in the village hall. They enjoyed party games, a video of themselves, lots of party food, and a special cake. Hazel was presented with two apple trees in thanks for her work with the unit since it started.

Pictured with the Rainbows are Hazel Neal centre, flanked by Sam Brown and Sophie Cameron along with two young leaders Grace Swadling and Amy Upson.



to the very kind and generous couple from the High Street who donated their 200 Club winnings of £15 to Barford News. As always, donations are so gratefully received, thank you.

The Team

**SADLY, NO-ONE HAS COME FORWARD TO HELP RUN OUR  
VILLAGE MARKET. WITHOUT A SMALL TEAM OF  
VOLUNTEERS (2 OR 3 PEOPLE), THE MARKET  
WILL NOT CONTINUE**

**Please get in touch with Mariann if you are interested**

**☎ 338570 or [mariann.young@btinternet.com](mailto:mariann.young@btinternet.com)**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
To Connie Neal, of Broad Close  
and  
Hannah Coull of Deddington  
on gaining the  
Baden Powell Challenge Award**

The Baden-Powell Challenge Award is the highest award a Guide can gain. It should be personally challenging and involves sustained effort over a period of time. Guides must complete 10 challenges from five different categories known as 'Zones' – 'Healthy lifestyle', 'global awareness', 'discovery', 'skills and relationships' and 'celebrating diversity'. They must also go on a specified residential weekend away from home with other Guides also working to complete their Baden-Powell challenge before they can be given the award



**ADVICE FROM: Home & Community Safety  
Station Manager  
Oxfordshire County Council**

**BE WATER AWARE  
THIS SUMMER**

With the weather warming up, long sunny days and the summer holidays in sight, there is a temptation to cool off in one of Oxfordshire's many rivers and inland waterways. And while there may not be any river monsters waiting down there, unfortunately rivers and waterways can be very dangerous places - 255 people accidentally drowned in 2017 in the UK.

That's why, at this time of year, Oxfordshire's Fire and Rescue Service is reminding all residents to Be Water Aware to help everyone stay safe this summer.

**Would you know what to do?** knowing what to do when someone gets into trouble in the water could help save someone's life:

**Call:** 999

**Float:** tell them to float on their back

**Throw:** something that floats... and don't jump in yourself

Find out more: [www.365alive.co.uk/BeWaterAware](http://www.365alive.co.uk/BeWaterAware)



## VILLAGE SHOW FAMILY BAKE OFF!

**CLASSES 22** (Victoria Sponge)  
**23** (Men Only) AND  
**59** (Children under 15 Years)

All three classes will be judged separately, and then against each other to give the overall winner!

Here is the recipe to be used:

### VICTORIA SPONGE

- 200gr white caster sugar
- 200gr margarine (Stork or similar soft baking marg)
- 3 eggs
- 200gr Self Raising Flour

1. Set oven at 180°C (160°C Fan or 350°F). Grease and line two 7" sponge tins with greaseproof paper.
2. Beat the margarine and sugar together until lighter in colour and a fluffy texture. Add the eggs, beating in one at a time, with a spoonful of the flour with each egg. Add the remainder of the flour and mix in gently until it is all incorporated.
3. Divide equally between the tins, ensuring the mixture is level, and bake on the same shelf for 35-40 minutes until risen and pale brown. Do not open the oven while baking as this may cause your sponges to sink. Sponges should be left to cool on a wire rack and turned out after 10 minutes.
4. When completely cold, turn one sponge upside down and spread with raspberry jam. Place other sponge on top. Dust with icing sugar.



### CHARITY DINNER IN AID OF THE BARFORD PLAYGROUND FUND

We are looking to put on the above event on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 at Barford Village Hall with all proceeds going to the Barford Playground Fund.

We will provide a three-course meal for £20 a head. There will be a maximum of six tables with eight places on each, though one table could have ten.

The purpose of this notice is to get you to pencil the date in your diary, and to start thinking about organising a table full of friends.

The menu, and details of the event, will be in the September edition of The Barford News.

We do hope you will support this very worthy cause.

**Anne and Mick Pearson**



Our Whist Drives held fortnightly on a Friday in the village hall from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June have raised £250.00.

The money has been shared between the Church (£125.00), the Students' Charity, Shepherds & Bakehouse (£62.50) and The Katharine House Hospice (£62.50).

Thank you to all those who help and support – new players are always welcome.

**Judy Hobbs | 01869 338475**



## DOWN ON THE FARM

We harvested our winter barley on July 12 – so much for the predicted 'late harvest' – with a reasonable yield and 13 per cent moisture content. The straw was 'damp' however and needed another day of sun before it could be baled.

The moisture content was predictable after two months of hot weather and no rain. And at less than 14% there is no drying charge.

At one time merchants accepted grain at 18% mc and a man called Rothery invented an adjustable attachment for grain auger conveyors to add water to dry grain to bring the moisture content to that level. It meant that grain harvested at 14 % could be sold at 18% and the merchant was actually buying 4 tonnes of water for every 100 tonnes delivered.

This questionable, although perfectly legal, practice was soon spotted by the grain trade which reduced the allowable moisture content to 14%; a level better suited to the export trade and the risk of 'wet spots' causing products deterioration in bulk shipments.

The rain forecast at the time of writing will be a blessing to farmers and gardeners whose crops have suffered from lack of moisture over the past two months. Grass fields will turn from brown to green again, but a rapidly germinating weed burden will be a problem. Predictably the rains will also herald in the school holidays!

The land we 'fallowed' this year after considering it too late to plant spring barley has been topped to control weed growth and add some organic matter to the soil. But the opportunity to kill off the blackgrass has been a failure; the blackgrass seeds stubbornly refused to germinate in the dry conditions. Some rain may get them going so that we can spray them off.

At least the pigs have enjoyed wandering about in the 'empty' fields and chewed off some of the weed cover. We shall need to fill in their wallows before the land is cultivated. It is amazing how deep they manage to make them, but I reckon they bring out about half a

kilo of mud every time they have a bath and ten baths a day would therefore remove approaching 5 kilos of soil (about a bucketful) a day!

The sheep look well as they tend to do in a dry summer. The worm egg burden they pick up off lush grass is much reduced and, although they don't appear to have much grass to eat, what they do get is high in dry matter and nutritionally better for them than the wet bulky forage they feed off in a wet season.

The only arable crops we have left to harvest are the winter wheat, which seems to have survived reasonably well, and the linseed which has seen no rain since it was planted and will have suffered in terms of yield as a consequence.

Then it will be a case of spreading last year's pig muck, ploughing it in and getting the land ready for planting and a renewed battle with the elements for, hopefully, a better harvest in 2019!



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

**2<sup>nd</sup> August.....blue 'n' brown**  
**9<sup>th</sup> August.....green**  
**16<sup>th</sup> August.....blue 'n' brown**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> August.....green**  
**30<sup>th</sup> August.....blue 'n' brown**



# **BARFORDS** **CHURCH FETE**

**August Bank Holiday Monday**  
**at 2pm**

**Manor House, Barford Saint Michael**

Tug of War, **Dog Show**, Bouncy Castle, **Fancy Hat Competition**,  
Cakes, **Bric-a-Brac**, Books, **Tombola**, Raffle, **Summer Punch**,  
Treasure Map Hunt, **Bottle Stall**, Delicious Teas by the Moat

## HEDGEHOG MATTERS

**SIGHTINGS AND RECORDS** - Monitoring sightings of any wildlife species, whether alive or dead is important. It helps to provide a picture locally and nationally of how well a species is doing at the current time and in the current climate as well as providing information for landowners, conservation bodies, councils and developers. In the same way that the RSPB and other bird organisations monitor bird populations, birds along with other wildlife and plants are monitored by several different organisations and individuals. This information is fed back to TVERC, who are the Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre, one of a national network of local records centres and part of the National Biodiversity Network. It is for them that I keep records of our Barford hedgehog sightings every year, as well as ones in neighbouring villages that people have mentioned.

**It is for this reason that I ask you to let me know if you have seen a hedgehog this year, whether dead or alive. There are a number of ways of getting in touch.** Ring and leave a message on 01869 337850 or put a note through the door of 10 Church St. Please give the rough date of your sighting and the address. Alternatively, you could post it onto the Our Barford Hedgehogs Facebook page though obviously you won't want to leave your address there so the first two ways may be easier. We set up the Facebook page to encourage people to log their sightings and talk hedgehog without taking up a lot of space on the general Barford site but it's not been used by many people despite many seeing hedgehogs last year. If you do want to use it go to: [www.facebook.com/groups/1451099978269355/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1451099978269355/)

Of course, it's also great just to know how our local hogs are doing, where they are choosing to hang out this year and if they have any friends. Barford News is always more interesting if there is a local story to tell!

I am working away from Barford now and only home at weekends so there's little time to see people and chat to find out who has seen hogs. I have few evenings at home to check my own patch too but on those that I have, I haven't seen any for a long time and the food I put down is always still there at bedtime. For the past two years I have been fooled in the same way, thinking that the usually present hedgehogs had come to harm somewhere, but they have later returned in the autumn after a summer of exploration and adventure like a student returning from their travels, so I haven't entirely

given up the possibility of seeing them later in the year. Both this year's new arrivals from the Wildlife Hospital however, chose to venture in other directions sooner in the year and weren't seen as often, plus the older not so healthy hog, Palebot, disappeared at the same time. There were sightings for a couple of weeks in a back garden on Broad Close, field side, and also in a front garden on Townsend earlier in the season but I haven't heard of any others so if you have seen any please do get in touch. Your sightings are important and help to piece together our hedgehog story.

**HOT WEATHER EFFECT** - It is possible that they may have succumbed to the hot weather and died from dehydration. I guess a hedgehog selecting a spot to make its nest or just choosing a spot to sleep for the day at dawn when it's cooler, doesn't know whether that spot is going to be a sun trap later in the day. Hedgehogs can dehydrate during the day and if they can't find access to drinking water at night, may not survive the long term dry weather. Many of their juicy insect food sources are also sheltering in the hot weather and are harder to find. Wildlife Hospitals and hedgehog sanctuaries are reportedly being inundated with calls about animals struggling to find water. Young hedgehogs are particularly vulnerable and many baby hedgehogs are being handed in very dehydrated. There are concerns that this could be devastating for the already declining hedgehog population. There have been reports nationally of hedgehogs found dead or struggling in ponds and swimming pools after falling in whilst trying to drink. As mentioned last month, hedgehogs can swim but they can't get out of steep sided ponds so a ramp, or steps made from different sized stones can be a life saver. If building a pond, have a shallower end with pebbles to provide a way in and out for wildlife or consider adapting your pond.



**Please remember to leave a shallow bowl of water in your front and back garden for hedgehogs and other wildlife**

**and top them up every evening. Plant pot trays are good for this and are shallow enough so that baby hedgehogs can access them without drowning.**

Helen Taylor





## ROAD MAINTENANCE & POTHOLE REPAIRS

The Parish Council has received a "Summer Factsheet" from Oxfordshire Highways (a department of the County Council) and a summary of the report is given below.

- The road network managed by Oxfordshire County Council is 2,994 miles long.
- The network is made up of: A roads (15%); B roads (10%), and C or unclassified roads (75%). The high proportion of C and unclassified roads, which are often not built to modern standards and in rural locations, makes highway maintenance a major challenge.
- The A34, M40 and A43 are managed and maintained by Highways England.
- Our total budget for carriageway repairs for 2018/19 is around £11m.
- It would cost around £250m to bring the network to an acceptable standard, and then would require an annual capital investment of £21m to keep them at that standard through resurfacing.
- In addition, £5m a year is needed for regular maintenance (gully cleaning, pot hole repair, grip cutting, siding out etc).
- Oxfordshire has fewer miles of road assessed as 'good' than the national average, but fewer in a 'poor' condition. We also have a higher percentage in 'fair' condition than the national average.
- Fix My Street is the main way to report any highway defect that does not pose an immediate safety or injury risk found on our roads.
- Reports on Fix My Street peaked at 8,456 reports for the month of March.
- Inspectors mark-up potholes with one of two coloured paints. Red is for potholes that we will fill within either two or 24 hours depending on the circumstances, and white for all others i.e. up to 28 days.
- We currently have 18 crews working on our roads – the largest number we have ever

used. In the summer, we would previously have had six.

- We have doubled our minor patching crews from two to four, and also doubled our minor works gangs from two to four.
- We have recently bought a new Dragon patching machine. We now have two Dragons in Oxfordshire, with a third shared with two other highway authorities.
- We have dealt with 23,809 potholes since January 2018. This is 64% up on last year and equates to fixing and average of 3,968 potholes a month.
- Pothole fixing peaked in March with 5,146 being repaired.
- We have dealt with a total of 28,358 defects (potholes, drains, damaged signs etc) in total since January 2018.
- Repairing a pothole costs between £25 to £80 per sq metre, depending on depth.

### How to report a problem on Fix My Street

- Visit [fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk)
- Enter an Oxfordshire postcode, or street name and area.
- Locate the problem on the map.
- Enter details of the problem. You can submit pictures if you have some, but don't try to take them if it's not safe to do so. If you can get a picture try to provide one that shows the defect and the area around it so our inspectors can find it on site – close ups of potholes don't help too much.
- Confirm the report and Oxfordshire County Council will investigate.
- If you are reporting an emergency please do not report it online but ring our Customer Service Centre on **0345 310 1111**.





Hello fellow Barfordians

This September I've challenged myself to take part in a ride from London to Paris to raise funds & awareness for Myeloma UK.



Recently my Uncle has been diagnosed with myeloma and I had to admit to not knowing anything about it. Myeloma is a blood cancer arising from damage to the DNA during the development of plasma cells and is currently incurable.

Though it is a terminal condition, treatment can be given to help control the disease and thanks to the wonderful treatment that my Uncle is receiving his condition has stabilised. This is in no small part thanks to the work of Myeloma UK.

So, if you can spare any money to sponsor me it will be very much appreciated. Please use the link below or, if it's easier, I can accept cash or cheque donations at 3 Church Street (please drop them through the letterbox in a marked envelope)

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paul-surtees1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paul-surtees1)

Thanks in advance!  
Paul Surtees, Church Street

### A big thank you to the Big Barford Breakfast Team

Thanks to you for your kind donation to the church. It was much appreciated.

Tony Elvidge – Churchwarden

## 200 CLUB RESULTS JULY draw

£15, 116, David Baxter

£10, 144, Bradshaw Family

£5, 109, Ron Knight

The draw took place at a  
Cuppa Morning

### THANK YOU TO THE BIG BARFORD BREAKFAST TEAM

A big thank you to the wonderful team at the Barford Brunch. They donated profits from the July brunch to the West Close Playground, it's such a fab start to our cause and will make a huge difference! Thank you also to everyone that went down to the hall and enjoyed a hearty breakie, isn't our village fantastic!

West Close Playground Committee



### VILLAGE CUPPA MORNINGS EVERY THURSDAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL 10.00 – 11.30

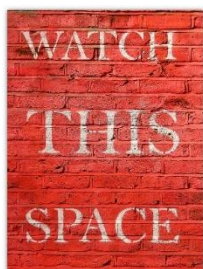
Just £1.00 per person pays for your cuppa and as many refills as you can drink including coffee, caffeine free, tea, fruit teas available - biscuits included in the price

Come down to the hall and meet up with friends and neighbours of all ages - Babies and children welcome!!

## BEAR WITH US.....VILLAGE HALL WORKS:

There's quite a bit going on at the hall at the moment.

We are making good progress in building the



new bar area. A fantastic team effort from Nick and Zalie Butler, also the floor has been stripped ready for treating and varnishing, thanks to Les Hall.

We are very much looking forward to this being completed during the next few weeks.

VHMC



### the 3<sup>rd</sup> **BIG BARFORD BREAKFAST**

took place on **SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY** and considering the footie and tennis were on and it was about 100°F outside

we did so well. The kitchen gang rustled up 44 Full English, 5 Lighter Breakfasts and 6 butties, raising an impressive £155 of which £35 went to Barford News, £20 to the church and £100 to the Playground Committee.

While I have your attention, I would like to apologise for the potato croquettes, Banbury Sainsbury's were suffering a hash brown shortage so sent me croquettes instead.

Hopefully, staff holidays permitting, we will be holding the 4<sup>th</sup> BBB in late October, keep an eye on your Barford News for details.

## TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

**21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2018**

### MENU

#### Main Course

chicken supreme wrapped in smoky bacon  
with a white wine and mushroom sauce  
served with duchess potatoes  
or  
oven baked salmon fillet  
with a hollandaise sauce  
served with minted new potatoes

#### Desserts

rhubarb fool and macaroon biscuit  
or  
tiramisu

#### Finally

Coffee & Tea

**Price £5.00**

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

**Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869  
337074 or email**

**[mickpearson1@outlook.com](mailto:mickpearson1@outlook.com)**

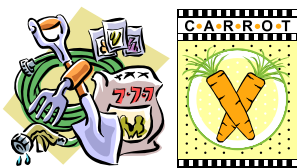
**by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

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



**YOGA classes  
starting in the  
village...see**

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## BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED AUGUST 2018

### NOSY GARDENS

Nosy Gardens afternoons or evenings have become a regular feature during the summer months: two or more members opening their gardens for members only. On a glorious evening in late June, several of us visited **Lucy and Angus Norman's** garden at The Old Chapel and the Memorial Garden next door which they lovingly tend. The allotments were also able to be visited, where **Caroline Belson** was on hand with information and to answer questions. MANY THANKS TO ALL OF THEM.

**Trevor Stevens** reports: "The weather was absolutely spot on. It turned out just as I had hoped with the nosy gardens being much more than looking at flowers and veg. The hosts at both locations went well beyond the call of duty. Both sites gave us a view of what can be made of the space available and what can be achieved by jolly hard work. It was interesting that both sites also gave us an insight to the history of the villages and residents past and present. I'm sure those members who could be torn away from the footie on the television enjoyed the experience and I look forward to feedback that will help us find more members willing to share the pleasure they get from their gardens." We already have one volunteer for later this year; if anyone else is prepared to welcome fellow members to their garden in September or October, please let Trevor know. [trevorstevens49@hotmail.com](mailto:trevorstevens49@hotmail.com)

On **Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>** 6 of us went to **Bridewell Gardens**. "Bridewell Gardens are Social and Therapeutic Horticulture (STH) practitioners who use gardening as a familiar hands-on activity to help individuals transform aspects of their lives. Clinically-evidenced outcomes for STH include reduction in anxiety, depression and feelings of stress; increased self-esteem; increased attentional capacity and cognition; improved mood and psychological wellbeing; and building a sense of connection, belonging or social inclusion." We arrived just before 2.0. This was a general open day so there were other visitors. We had a tour round

the large garden, full of interesting ideas, mixed plantings of fruit and vegetables. We tasted the award winning sparkling wine and saw the vineyard. Everyone who comes as 'a client' is involved in all aspects of gardening, from planting and potting up to hedge laying. They may attend for up to 2 years. There is also a blacksmith shop and a wood working shop. Several of them have now gone on to be gainfully employed. A very hot afternoon, competing with the tennis and football but well worth the visit.

### NEXT VISIT: Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Burmington Grange, Cherington, 2.30 pm.**

This is the day before the garden opens for the National Gardens scheme, and the brochure describes it as: "Interesting plantsman's garden extending to about 1½ acres, set in the rolling hills of the North Cotswolds with wonderful views over unspoilt countryside. The garden is well developed considering it was planted 15 yrs ago. Small vegetable garden, beautiful sunken rose garden with herbaceous and shrub borders. Orchard and tree walk with unusual trees." We will have a guided tour by the owner, and teas will be provided. £5 for entry, £4 for tea and cake; parking in field. Please let Linda or Gunilla know if you are coming.

### IMPORTANT DIARY DATE:

#### **25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TEA PARTY:**

**Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>, Village Hall, 2.30 pm**

To mark our **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** we will welcome two very special guests:

**Sibylle Kreutzberger.** Sibylle trained at Waterperry, and in 1959 was appointed by Vita Sackville-West as Head Gardener at **Sissinghurst**, together with her partner Pamela Schwerdt. After Vita died in 1962, they stayed on until 1990, managing Sissinghurst for the National Trust and contributing to the development of this most prominent and influential British garden, Sibylle's achievements were recognised by the award of **Fellowship of the Royal Horticultural Society**. She will talk informally about her gardening career and will answer our questions. Don't miss this unique opportunity to gain insights into the development of Sissinghurst and a notable life in gardening.

Our other guest will be **Anna Greenland**, who will talk about her Vegetable growing history, starting with a tiny greenhouse in Cornwall and ending up as Head Gardener with **Raymond Blanc's** veg. patch at **Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons**.



**Anna** is at the heart of the organic growing movement. For over a decade, she has followed her passion, growing the highest quality organic food for star chefs Raymond Blanc, Tom Aikens and Jamie Oliver. As Head Gardener at Soho Farmhouse, Anna created the vegetable, fruit and herb gardens from scratch. She also designed the first vegetable garden at **Kew Gardens** in recent times. She shares her knowledge through classes, talks and collaborations. She recently won a **Gold Medal** at Hampton Court Flower Show. Anna made her show debut with a mini treasure trove for picklers and preservers in **Herbs for Preserves**. In only 3x3m, there was inspiration here for urban gardeners in this pretty outdoor larder with ingredients for pestos, vinegars, oxymels (medicinal vinegar and honey extractions) and quick pickles using coriander, basil, fennel and other herb plants. Anna also showed how you can make skincare salves with marigolds, medicinal spoonfuls of turmeric, ginger, garlic and rosemary for colds. (At the Dig In Cookery Theatre.) She will talk 'vegetables' and answer any questions. There will be a lovely TEA to celebrate and will include special Anniversary Cake.

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED to 60. £3 Members and £5 visitors.**

Please email Gunilla on [gt.designs@btinternet.com](mailto:gt.designs@btinternet.com) or Linda on [l.newbery@btinternet.com](mailto:l.newbery@btinternet.com) BY THE END OF AUGUST and payment must be made. **After this date tickets will be available to other Garden Clubs.**

#### GARDEN JOBS FOR AUGUST:

- Deadhead roses to encourage repeat flowering
- Plant out rooted strawberry runners
- Plan entries for the village Produce Show
- Sow quick-maturing salad crops
- Keep container plants well-watered
- Cut herbs back hard to encourage a new spurt of growth



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## Celebrating Summer

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On Sunday 5th August we will be holding service to celebrate summer with hymns, readings and a glass of Pimms! This will be in place of the usual 10.30am Holy Communion service.

It will be an opportunity for the village organisations to participate by decorating a window or space in the church to add to the festive atmosphere.

Please let me know as soon as possible if your organisation would like to contribute.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

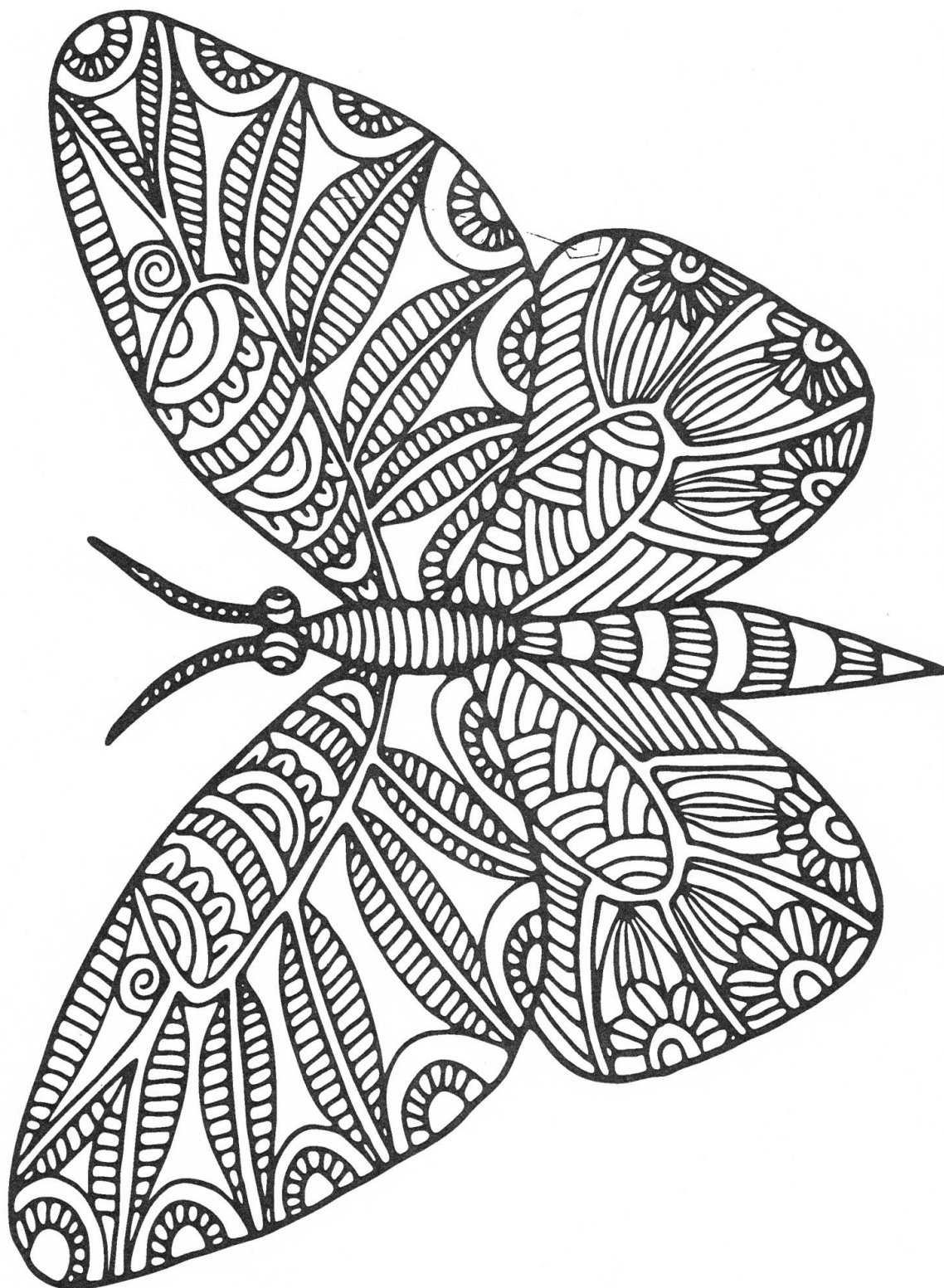
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#### 1<sup>st</sup> Deddington Guides

We have been very busy with all of our summer activities and getting ready for summer camp, so will give a full report when we return...!!

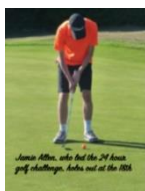
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 and Tilly Neal





## **JAMIE ALLEN'S 24 HOUR CHARITY GOLF CHALLENGE**

*JUNE 24th - June 25th, 2018*



I have been lucky enough to be given the opportunity of a lifetime, by The Warriner School, to go to Peru next summer. The project is called camp Peru which is run by a company called Camps International. They visit a multitude of less developed countries around the globe, giving people a chance to make an impact and help people in these countries. In Peru, I will be doing community work for most of the duration of my stay. This could range from building houses to helping out at schools. I will also get the opportunity to climb up to Machu Picchu. But, for this experience, I need to fundraise as part of the acceptance conditions.

So, on 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June I took part in a 24-hour Charity Golf Challenge. It started at around 7:30pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> and I played through the night and the next day ending in 129 holes played, 40 pars, 2 birdies, 28 lost balls.....and lots of money raised, a quite amazing £4,000 so far, for my trip and the amazing charities above. A thoroughly successful 24-hour charity golf challenge – thank you for your support

**Jamie Allen, Rock Close**

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Carole Coppin, Barn Elms, The Green, Barford St Michael, OX15 0RN

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**Applications must be received by 14<sup>th</sup> September**



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## **FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS – MAY - SEPTEMBER 2017**

Our Festival of Open Gardens is back this summer with over 30 gardens open. This year we also have some fantastic garden talks from renowned local gardeners, as well as a flower festival, not to mention teas and home-made cakes at many of the gardens. More information at [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens), or call us on 01295 816 484.

Remember you can keep up to date with all our events and everything that's happening at the Hospice, as well as buy tickets to our events and donate to Katharine House by visiting our website: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk)

### **Festival of Open Gardens Dates:**

6 August - Heyford Park  
5, 7 & 9 September - Broughton Grange  
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For more information please contact Joanna Morris, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01295 811866 email [volunteering@khh.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@khh.org.uk), or visit [www.khh.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.khh.org.uk/volunteering)



A villager has asked me to report that a visitor of theirs had his van broken into on the night of Sunday 15 July on the corner of Church Street and The Green.

The thieves were after tools (which were not on show), they did manage to get a few but, unfortunately, over £4,000 of damage was done to the van during the process. It's believed the same 'people' broke into vehicles in Banbury and Bloxham on the same night.

Lucy (Ed)







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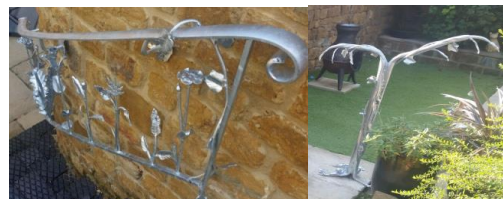
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# VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

## CHURCH SERVICES

### Church of England

### AUGUST

5 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrating Summer	5:00pm	BSM
12 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	9:00am	BSJ
19 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	10:30am	BSJ
26 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	9:00am	BSM

For details of Deddington and Hempton services  
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<b>Tuesdays</b>	Guides (Deddington) Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Brownies (Windmill - Deddington) Fernhill Club 1 <sup>st</sup> week parish council (not August) 2 <sup>nd</sup> week W.I. meeting Boys Brigade (Deddington)
<b>Thursdays</b>	Open cuppa mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)
<b>Fridays</b>	Rainbows Whist alternate weeks
<b>Saturdays</b>	Village Market 3 <sup>rd</sup> week (except January or August)
<b>3rd Wednesday</b>	Village Hall Management Committee

### DIARY DATES

#### August – NO MARKET

5 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga Class – village hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrating Summer, BSM Church
21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday Lunch Club
26 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ
27 <sup>th</sup>	Church Fete

#### September

5 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup>	Barford Village Show – village hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	Village Market
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Charity Dinner – village hall

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