



Village Clean Up Morning Saturday 14th April 10.00 am at Village Hall

This is a new date following the cancellation of 3rd March due to snow. Please come and join us for our annual litter-pick around the villages so that we can keep the Barfords looking their best.

We supply bags, pickers etc

Please bring your own old gloves

Refreshments served for all volunteers at 11.15am



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 7th March in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Styles, Hobbs, Eden, Best, Charman, Cox, District Cllr Williams and Mr Best (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer).

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7th February were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

District Councillor's Report from District Cllr Bryn Williams:

Council Tax – 2018/19 - CDC agreed at February's full council meeting that the District's proportion of Council Tax should remain unchanged for the ninth successive year

Partial Review of the Local Plan 2011-2031 Oxford's Unmet Housing Needs - There was a lively and passionate debate at February's council meeting, mainly from Kidlington Councillors as their and the surrounding villages is the area designated as most suitable for Oxford's unmet housing needs. It was eventually voted through but there were 17 votes against and 2 abstentions.

The Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal — Once more a passionate debate ensued, however it was explained that if the Growth Deal which has already been passed by all other Oxfordshire district councils was not accepted by CDC it would jeopardise our own Local Plan and place further pressure on our rural villages. The Housing and Growth deal was voted through.

National Planning Policy Framework - The consultation on the updated NPPF is now available to view and comment on from March 5th - May 10th.

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultation s/draft-revised-national-planning-policyframework.

Parish Matters:

West Close Play Area – The sub-committee reported to the Parish Council and will provide their own report to Barford News.

Elections – The clerk briefed the councillors on the forthcoming election process.

Allotment Water – A large bill has been received from Castle Water. This includes estimated water

for January but water is turned off between October and May. A revised bill excluding this will be requested. It also appears that water usage includes water that was invoiced by Thames Water and paid to Thames Water. The clerk will investigate further and resolve with Castle Water.

Maintenance of Seats and Notice Boards – It was resolved that these require treatment with preservative and that the Duke of Edinburgh's Award volunteer will be asked to do this

Parish Council Grants – to date, requests for grant applications have been received from the Village Hall, the Parochial Church Council and the Deddington Day Centre.

Broken Stile at end of Horn Hill – OCC has been requested to contact the landowner to repair the Style.

Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting – Advance notice of date of next meetings are 6th June and 7th November. Invitations will be sent out nearer the time but CDC has asked to be advised of any topics that Parish Council would like discussed.

Our Bus Bartons – has been emailed to remind them that they advised that they would bring a bus to the Barfords on market Day and review their routes to see if they could include the Barfords on a trial basis.

Planning Applications

Application 17/00429/TCA, Barford House, Prune Trees, Granted 08/01/2018.

Application 17/02514/F, Buttermilk Farm, Alternative to 16/01116/F. Granted.

Application 18/00028/TCA, Cottage Barn, prune tree. Granted 28/02/2018.

Application 17/02391/F, George Inn, Detached accommodation, Granted 9/02/2018.

Finance

The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £340.

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

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB 10th April 2018 Menu

MAIN COURSE

A trio of sausages
(chorizo, pork & leek, venison)
served with mashed potatoes and
onion gravy
OR

Oven baked fillet of salmon with asparagus & lemon cream sauce served with new potatoes.

both of the above served with seasonal vegetables

DESSERTS

Pear and almond tart and custard OR

Chocolate mousse and Bailey's cream served with a Shortbread Biscuit

FinallyCoffee & 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
by Tuesday 1st April
Please Note: if you do not receive a
reply to your email, we haven't received
it so please call us

CONGRATULATIONS
Bryony & Jack Day
of Townsend
on the safe arrival of baby
Saffron



who weighed in 8lb 4oz on 12th February we wish little Saffron a long, happy and healthy life



AMAZING ANIMALS

Training for the media

By

Heythrop Zoological Gardens

On Wednesday, 11th April In the Village Hall At 7.30pm

Visitors most welcome £5

HEDGEHOG MATTERS

Though snowdrops and bird song are often the first signs of spring, for me the sight or familiar sound of the first snuffling hedgehog, usually somewhere from the middle to end of March is an absolute joyous and welcome sign. I await it with anticipation, hoping that any local hedgehogs will have survived the winter, especially this winter, which has been colder than in recent years. As I'm working and staying away from home during the week, I'm sad to think that I'm likely to miss this first appearance and won't be able to monitor the comings and goings of our local hedgehogs very much anymore apart from most weekends. That's a great shame and I shall miss my evening explorations.

Now is the time of year when hedgehogs will be emerging so take care when driving around the village at night wherever you live as they will be out and about in search of food, having lost up to a third of their body weight over the winter. This third is their fat reserves which have been used up as fuel.

Take care if tidying up a garden border or long grass or doing a hedge tidy up/strim at the end of winter too as this is where they will be hanging out in the daytime.

The 7th February saw the launch of "The state of British Hedgehogs" published jointly be the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) and the People's Trust for Endangered Species This new report is the only (PTES) comprehensive review of the status of Britain's hedgehogs in the UK and updates the findings of the 2015 report. It describes the current status of Britain's hedgehogs a decade after they were made a priority species for conservation and shows that hedgehogs in the countryside itself are in a serious decline. However, the picture is not so bad for our towns and cities and some villages. Areas in and around towns and villages can be excellent habitats and hedgehogs often prefer them over farmland. Although the species has declined by a third in urban areas since 2000, the rate of decline is slowing, and where hogs are found, numbers appear to be growing in some places. This shows why campaigns like *Hedgehog* Street are so important and could actually help bring this species back from the brink.

In 2011, PTES and BHPS started the Hedgehog Street campaign to reverse the decline by inspiring the British public to help protect hedgehogs. British gardens are becoming poorer homes for wildlife with increased paving, decking and reduced plant life. With many more roads and housing developments being built, we're seeing a huge loss of connectivity between green spaces, leaving hedgehogs isolated. Hedgehog Street is improving urban and village areas for hedgehogs with more gardens and green spaces linked with "hedgehog highways" (holes in fences) more wild areas and log piles in gardens for insects and other wildlife and more hedgehog houses and feeding stations in gardens. It aims to inspire the British public to make their gardens hedgehog-friendly and recruit their neighbours to create Hedgehog Streets in their community. This is what I have been encouraging the Barfords to do over the last year and Barford is by default fairly hedgehog friendly by with many hedges between gardens rather than fences and some natural hedgehog highways. Several people have made their gardens more hedgehog friendly by linking them to neighbours via a hole, leaving wilder untouched areas or longer grass at edges, putting water down or making hedgehog houses and every bit will help.

Please see the lovely video, two minutes long on the British Hedgehog Preservation website under Blog, 1st Nov 2017 showing how linking those gardens and creating hedgehog highways can make such a vital difference to helping to our local hedgehogs. Children will love this cute, fun accurate video too.



We have contacted two local wildlife hospitals to put Barford down as a good release site for any overwintered or rehabilitated

hedgehogs, some which can't go back to their original site for various reasons. It would be great to know if you see a hedgehog over the next few weeks so we can try and keep an eye on local numbers. Having lost at least three last year it would be good to think that there is enough of a local population for them to continue to survive on our patch.

Helen Taylor

BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET SATURDAY 21st APRIL 10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Joan with her plants

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 bacon butties/bacon & egg butties/breakfast butties
TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING FROM THE KITCHEN



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!!



THE SILVER SERVICE BIG BARFORD BRUNCH....

 $\begin{array}{c} {\rm SATURDAY} \\ {\rm 7^{\rm TH}~APRIL} \end{array}$

from 9-12 noon in

the village hall

FULL BARFORD BREAKFAST £4.50

bacon | sausage | egg | beans hash brown | mushrooms tea or coffee \ orange or apple juice toast, butter & jam (additional items 50p each)

OR

SEMI BARFORD BREAKFAST £2.50

toast, butter & jam | yogurt tea or coffee \ orange or apple juice

TAKE-AWAYS & BACON, SAUSAGE OR EGG BUTTIES ALSO AVAILABLE



THE TEAM

1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

This has turned out to be a very short month, we lost a week to half term then another to the Beast from the East. Even so, with the help of our two D of E helpers the Cubs finished their DIY pencil pots, the Disability Awareness badge & made a short stop / go animation film for their Artist badge. We also spent an evening making pop-up Mother's Day cards.

Jo Churchyard deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

Same short month for the Scouts, we finished the Pioneering badge, making a wheelbarrow (of sorts) & have started the Photographer activity badge.

We said farewell to Jack & Dominic who have moved to Explorers, also well done to Jack for gaining his Gold Award.

Peter Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Explorers

Fairtrade has been the focus of this month. To date we've tried various products, well someone has to. Then we were challenged by one of our members to identify food stuff from photos of what they look like before they have any processing to make anything we can eat. Wow it was difficult. We got bananas, coffee and cocoa but some proved really hard.

To complete the project we're making pancakes from various parts of the world and having a Fairtrade party. Yummy!

Contact: Janet Duxbury ☎ 01608 737959

spartans explorers @gmail.com

Many congratulations to Janet Duxbury, our Group Scout Leader, on receiving her Silver Acorn Award for services to Scouting. Very well deserved!

HALL & FERNHILL CHARITY

The Hall and Fernhill charity would like to invite residents of Barford St Michael or St John to apply for grants. Grants can be awarded to people of any age and can be used to help with:

HEALTH RELATED COSTS such as transport expenses for hospital visits, foot care, medical equipment or aids.

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

INFIRMITY RELATED COSTS such as gardening or decorating.

SPECIAL PAYMENTS to relieve sudden distress. **PROVISION OF ITEMS** such as furniture, bedding, clothing, or fuel.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive and all applications will be at the Trustees discretion. Those wishing to apply for a grant may speak informally to any of the Trustees' (John Hirons, Helen Honour, Les Hall, Barbara Greenwood, Maggie Eden, Jill Hopcraft, Rev Annie Goldthorp or Zalie Butler). The Trustees are aware that some people may be reluctant to apply so we would ask friends or neighbours to encourage them to do so. Any contact will be in strict confidence.

PLEASE DO NOT BE AFRAID TO APPROACH US

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



to the lovely chap in Robins Close who kindly

donated £20 to the Barford News. Always needed and appreciated.

From your Churchwardens

I have been asked by the person who puts out the bins for the church if people would kindly not put dog poo bags in the bins. It makes the bins smell and putting out the bins is not a pleasant job at the best of times, especially if some of the rubbish has to be resorted and put into the right bin. There is a designated bin for dog poo opposite the churchyard steps on S. Newington Road so please could you use that one.

The other point I would like to make is to do with the graves. They are the responsibility of the family to look after, not the church. Any Christmas wreaths and other seasonal artificial flowers should be removed a month after the event and also the remains of the flower containers which have been laid on the grave after a burial.

It is important to keep the churchyard tidy and a pleasant place to visit, and your help in its upkeep would be much appreciated.

> Cubby Brett Churchwarden for the Barfords

THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

will be held this year in St Michael's church at 7.00pm directly after the 6.00pm service of Evensong on Sunday 15th April. You are most welcome to join us for the meeting, and also the service if you would like to!



This is the opportunity for everyone to hear what has happened in the church over the past year and to

find out what we have planned for the future.

There is also a meeting at the beginning to elect your two churchwardens for 2018/19. Do come along if you can, you will be made most welcome. There will be refreshments available.

The churches are an integral part of our villages and your opinions are valued.

Tony Elvidge, Church Warden

Tuesday Lunch Club Announcement

As many of you will have noticed on 20th March we had eight empty seats. While this may seem odd to those we were unable to offer a place to when they rang earlier in the week, we just wanted to let you know that these empty seats were the result of people who had booked being unable to attend at the last minute and had asked for takeaway meals instead. Therefore, the same amount of food was going out, just not to the table, which meant we didn't have sufficient food to cater for any extras, even though we had seats. We did have some cancellations earlier in the week and were able to offer those on the waiting list these places, strictly in the order we received the initial request.

In view of the above, and due to the additional work these meals cause, we have decided we will not provide takeaway meals anymore. Also, in future, cancellations on the day of the lunch, will be charged, unless we can fill the places with someone on the waiting list.

We do hope you understand the need for these changes.

- MICK PEARSON

DEDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB

TENNIS ANYONE?



Deddington Tennis Club is actively recruiting new members of all ages and abilities to join our friendly club.

Whether you are an experienced player looking to play league matches, a rusty player who hasn't picked up a racket for years, or someone who prefers to play social tennis, we have something for all of you. We enter several teams in the Banbury and Oxfordshire teams, run friendly inter-club competitions, offer three social tennis sessions per week and run occasional fun tournaments throughout the year.

For adults looking to improve their game, our LTA qualified coaches offer regular group coaching sessions at Beginners/Improvers and Advanced levels, as well as one-to-one coaching. Our coaches are also very keen to bring youngsters into the game; there is an active junior coaching programme, fun competitions for all ages and one-to-one junior coaching is also available.

Situated at the Windmill Centre, Hempton Road at the edge of Deddington, we have three excellent all-weather courts, two of which have recently been fitted with LED lights allowing year-round play.

For further details on what we do, when we play and how to join us, please visit our website www.deddingtontennis.com



200 CLUB RESULTS MARCH DRAW

 \pounds 25, 189, Wheeler Family \pounds 15, 099, D. Burton \pounds 10, 177, M. Dyson \pounds 5, 015, Ben & Etta Nicholson

the draw took place at Thursday Cuppa Morning



St Michael's Church
Barford St Michael
Family Services 3rd Sunday of every
month @10:30am

Next service on Sunday April 15th 2018

The theme will be "Salvation"

Join us in Craft,
prayer and celebration!
For any information about the Family
Service please email:

<u>sallybarber@live.co.uk</u> Sally, Sophie, Anne



POSTPONED RACE NIGHT

Sadly, we had to postpone The Race Night. Due to low numbers we thought it better to postpone until later in the year. It appears you cannot compete with Cheltenham gold cup and St. Patrick's night.On a different note, is anybody in the market for 15kgs of extra strong cheddar and 12 jars of Branston pickle...?

T'committee



BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED APRIL 2018

In March, Heather Godard-Key, from Fibrex, talked to us about **ferns** — one of several specialities of their nurseries. Heather brought a wide range of ferns with her, making the village hall look quite exotic, and impressed us all with her knowledge and enthusiasm.

We have **several more guest speakers** in mind for this year, culminating in our 25th birthday celebration in December. More details will appear here in future issues.

Following Heather's talk we are planning to **visit Fibrex Nurseries** for a group tour, with tea and cake. This will be in early June when the pelargoniums will be at their best – probably the first weekend of the month, but we will confirm next time. They're also holding a 60th birthday celebration weekend on 16th and 17th June, with workshops and guest speakers – some of our members (or others) may like to go to that independently.

When you're sowing seeds or dividing plants, please think ahead to our annual **Plant Swap.** Sarah Best will be hosting this on **24**th **May** at Street Farm. Following the seed swap at the AGM, in which several members participated, we'll be including seeds again here – so if you have leftovers, please packet them or put them in a labelled envelope and bring them along.

We're planning to continue **Nosy Gardens.** Several of us have enjoyed these strolls around the village with informal visits, for members only, to each other's gardens. We have yet to confirm dates and locations, but our next Nosy Gardens will be held on a weekday evening in May or June. It would be good to schedule more this year, so if you'd enjoy letting other members know what you've been up to in your garden please contact **Trevor Stevens** in person or by email: trevorstevens49@hotmail.com

We'll look forward to seeing you at one or more of our events.

GARDEN JOBS FOR APRIL:

- It's time to start sowing seeds in earnest now that the soil has warmed up – vegetables and hardy annuals.
- If you're sowing annuals, biennials or vegetables, please add a few extra for the Plant Swap!
- Repair bald batches in lawns.
- Increase watering for houseplants.
- Plant up pots and hanging baskets but beware of the risk to tender plants from late frosts and keep them in a sheltered place until May.
- Chit second early and maincrop potatoes ready for planting out in the second half of the month.
- If you have a pond, thin out or divide overcrowded bog plants.



HAPPY GARDENING! SPADE and FORK



PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Become a councillor on the Parish Council of Barford St John and Barford St Michael. You will be elected for a term of four years to represent the interests of the local community, as a whole, and promote a harmonious local environment. The Parish Council meets at 7.30 pm once a month and meetings normally last 1-2 hours so it is not onerous.

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters, crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

Nominations open for the next elections on 28th March and close on 6th April.

If you would like to serve your local community in this way, please contact the parish clerk, David Best on 07787 496774 or davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com



(taken from the Thames Valley website) NOTTINGHAM KNOCKERS IT IS A SCAM!

We have received a few reports recently that Nottingham Knockers have been operating in your area. Please read the following, thank you.

The young lads who go door to door, selling household products. Often, they have some form of ID which they display, but this is bogus. They may also hand over a card saying they are deaf / dumb / just out of prison / in the process of being reformed and working towards a better life. The bag of household products is supplied by the man who employs them. We did have a man who lived in the Thames Valley area, who organised the local lads. Traditionally they came from Nottingham — hence the name, but now, they are recruited from anywhere.

How does it work?

The lads are supplied with the full bag and charged a minimal sum for the contents - it used to be £35. They can keep whatever they make, above this amount. Usually they are deposited in an area from a Transit Van and given a list of streets to work. An hour or so later they are picked up and dropped off, in another location. They often work from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. They will knock on a door, offering cleaning items, they know to be rubbish, which the householder also knows to be rubbish. That is part of the scam. Many people will purchase items pay them something, just to go away. The price for whatever has been purchased usually comes to a note – usually £10. The householder disappears to get this - this is when the scam begins - when the note is handed over, the lad examines the condition and how long it took the person to get it. If it is crumpled, they accept it and move on. If it is crisp flat and new – they are much more interested and may engage the person in more conversation, to obtain details about them. As they leave they will smell the note. If it is slightly musty – this is an indication that there is more in the property. Those addresses are noted. The addresses of elderly / vulnerable/gullible people are all noted. These are handed to the employer and there is a small amount of cash handed over for each one.

These addresses are then sold in prisons and pubs. If there is a later break-in, the employer expects a further cut of the proceeds. These lists are purchased by all sorts of people including – tarmaccers, tree workers, roofers, dodgy builders etc. Once on a list, your address could be sold on and on. Hence the repeat nature of these persistent callers. In almost every case of a stop check – the lads have long strings of convictions, for burglary and violence. They use the skills learnt during their criminal activity to identify possible targets.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS Banbury Rural Community Engagement Forum Meeting

Banbury Fire Station, Cope Road, Banbury 30 April 2018, 6:30pm - 8pm

To identify the issues and concerns of the local community and to agree neighbourhood team priorities. Also, to arrange problem solving activity for those priorities

Contact:

BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk



Thank you to Carol Hopkins who generously donated a beautiful food hamper which was raffled off at February's Barford Market and raised a lovely £40 for Barford News....the lucky winner was our resident Barford Market Knitter, Beryl Brickliffe...Enjoy!!Ed



1st Deddington Guides

Following the adventure of our winter camp in below 0 temperatures and 60 mph winds – which we survived and enjoyed – we've been concentrating on our "Guiding's Got Talent" show!

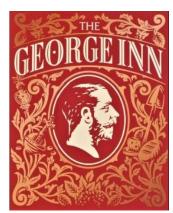
Our committee of older Guides have organised the whole event! Producing, directing, rehearsing all the participants and planning the programme. They also organised stage hands, prompters, costume and prop assistants and even directed helpers towards the raffle, hostesses and refreshments. So brilliant show – well done girls.

The winning acts were 1st Place – Victoria singing. 2nd Place – Amelia B playing the flute, 3rd Place – Gaby Irish dancing. We have raised £150.00 which we will send to the World Wildlife Fund which was Victoria's choice. We did take a break from rehearsals to celebrate our Thinking Day. We celebrated with international food and activities and with a candle ceremony. We thought about other Guides and girl scouts around the world.

We also celebrated Mothering Sunday by attending church with our colours and helped to take the collection and give out the posies. Well done Becca, Lily, Isabella and Connie.

Lastly 2 of our senior guides Hannah and Connie in completing their Baden Powell Award attended an action-packed week end in Norwich. They made friends with Guides from Cambridge, Essex, Norfolk and Lincolnshire and had great fun and took on new challenges and we are very proud of them.

Maggie Rampley – 01295 810069 Marian Trinder – 01869 340806 Catherine Blackburn – 01295 258008 and Tilly Neal



....the latest from The George Inn

...apart from 2 broken ankles, a few winter bugs,

1 car crash (no broken bones, thankfully), and 4" of snow, The George and its staff are ticking along just fine.

Just in case you are not aware, planning permission has been granted for the extra bedrooms and work has already started on this - will keep you updated on its progress and on this subject can I take this opportunity, on behalf of Louis and the team, to thank all of you who supported this on the Cherwell website, People Power prevails..!!!

RESTAURANT OPENING TIMES

WEDNESDAY THROUGH TO SATURDAY

12:00 till 2:30 and 7:00 till 9:00pm

SUNDAY LUNCH

12:00 till 2:45

no service Sunday evening at the moment, this will change once the rooms are up and running

For Reservations:

10869 338160

1097 contact@thegeorgebarford.co.uk

NOTE: If you haven't booked for the restaurant, it's always best to check with the pub first before coming

SEE BELOW....THIS SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD INITIATIVE

THAT SEEMS TO BE WORKING WELL IN HOOKY....MAYBE IT COULD WORK IN THE BARFORDS...!!



CALLING HOOKY NEIGHBOURS! Could we help?

Hooky Neighbours is a Good Neighbour Scheme, with the aim of helping one another.

Would you like a helping hand?

Quite a few people already would like some help with getting about, occasional visits or just the odd job. It might be a lift to the shops or hospital every so often, or having help with simple household jobs that need doing, or just meeting for tea and a chat.

Would you like regular or occasional assistance or company? Maybe you know someone who would like some help? We'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch:

Email Hookyneighbours01@gmail.com

Or phone/text 07930 483927 (leave a message if we're not there) and tell us how we could help, and how often, or about someone you think we could help.





Find us on Facebook

Hooky Neighbours' is a Good Neighbour Scheme supported by the charity Volunteer Link-up (no 1133530

NOTES FROM DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION

February has been a quiet month with regards to call-outs. In total we received 24 consisting of a few small fires, a couple of RTC's (Road Traffic Collisions) and numerous standbys and alarms. A standby is where we are called to

another station that is of a higher priority for cover when that station's crew is out



on a job for example Banbury and Bicester. We do on occasion get called out from these

stations but whilst we are on hold there, we use the time to train to keep our own competencies up whether it be practically or technically.

To add to this, we have been partaking in a lot of practical drills during station training with regards to Breathing Apparatus, RTC and Working at Heights. Training is a vital role in us providing a competent, effective service as you never know what you might be called out to next.

Unfortunately, I have to report some sad news that it is the retirement of Sharon Wilson. Sharon has been with us for 9 years, she joined the brigade in February 2009 and from there has worked her way up to becoming a driver and a BA Team Leader. Sharon has now moved on to a full-time station within the American Airforce. On behalf of the brigade and station we would like to thank her for the 9 years of dedicated cover she provided, Sharon will be sorely missed by all.

I did want to quickly just mention about the traffic lights in Deddington. Unfortunately, they are on occasion causing us to turn out later then we would like. In general, we should have the Pump on the road to an incident within 4-5 minutes of our pagers alerting. Since the lights have been in place there have been quite a few occasions that the crews have been stuck in the traffic and the only option has been run to the station, As of yet there seems to be no solution to the problem and we can only promise that we will turn out as quickly as we possibly can.

On a higher note, congratulations are in order for Barney Alton. You may remember in the last issue I mentioned he was about to partake in his final Breathing Apparatus Team Leaders assessment, well I am now delighted to announce that he passed with flying colours, well done Barney.

Until next time, stay safe!

FF Thomas Hall

DOWN ON THE FARM

Lambing is inching its way towards



completion and has gone well this year with none of the usual abortions and plenty of

milk to get the lambs off to a good start. The ewes were housed in excellent physical condition this year which may well explain the lack of problems.

There have been the usual difficulties with triplets with the need, if possible, to foster one of the lambs on to another ewe which has lost her lambs or a mother with a single lamb who can be persuaded to take another.

Wet fostering is the best way. It involves taking the strongest triplet off its mother and dousing it in the afterbirth fluids of the ewe that has just given birth to a single. In most cases she will then accept it as her own. Alternatively, if a ewe has lost a lamb it can be skinned and the 'coat' tied to the orphan so that she accepts its smell as her own lamb.

If all else fails, the ewe can be constrained in a position in which she can't get at the lambs for a few days until she accepts the situation and can be released.

We once tried using a patent odour spray on the single lamb and the orphan. The idea was that, unable to detect which lamb was which, she would accept both of them. However, it usually resulted in the ewe having nothing to do with either her own lamb or the orphan.

We also had four litters of piglets this month (March) so plenty of new births to herald in the spring.

At least we have no spring calving of beef cows to worry about. We ran some beef cattle years ago and, more recently, a small herd of single sucklers (beef type cows with calves at foot). The paperwork was irksome in those days, it is much easier now that recording and movements can be done 'on line', as it is with the sheep and pigs.

I spent my youth milking cows and I like them, as I do all animals, but not the monotony of twice a day milking. I prefer a varied routine where even jobs such as lambing, harvest and shearing have an end in sight. Milking doesn't, it just goes on from day to day - forever.

Cows have a somewhat spiteful sense of humour which appears to be designed to cause the milker as much annoyance as possible.

I remember visiting a friend of mine in Devon who had sold his beef cattle and built up a dairy herd from scratch. I asked him how he coped with the drudgery of the daily routine. 'I don't mind it', he replied, 'but I wouldn't do it for somebody else.'

At that moment the cow, sensing someone was behind her, sprayed him with a couple of pints of the liquid brown stuff. 'B*stard', he muttered, at which she gently kicked off the milking cluster and, while he was reaching for it, she managed to lean sufficiently to squeeze him against the stall.

Some of the other cows mooed; when she got back to the field they probably gave her an Oscar for managing all three bits of jolification within the space of less than thirty seconds.

Tony Collier Iron Down Farm

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



School life over the past month has been as active as ever, where everyone has continued to love learning and get better at getting better.

All classes recently participated in the Fairtrade Fortnight, and on Wednesday 7th March the school Fairtrade Group organised for a raffle to take place and cakes to be brought into school to sell. We managed to raise an incredible £292 which we are sharing between Katharine House Hospice and Traidcraft Exchange. Thank you so much to <u>everyone</u> who made this fundraising event possible.

In sport, lots of great achievements have yet again been made. Year 1 and 2 children have been very excited to begin tennis lessons once a week with coaches from Deddington Tennis Club. Their skills are already developing beautifully. When taking part in the partnership KS2 Hockey Tournament our team won the final. This means we are now through to the North Oxfordshire finals! Well done to those children involved. In Netball, our teams won the final and so these children will also be going through to the North Oxfordshire finals!

Finally, our fabulous cross-country teams did equally well, and they too will be taking part in the Oxfordshire County final before the end of term 4. We are extremely proud of all the children who have taken part in these events.

Towards the end of March Y6 went to Yenworthy with Mrs Cross and Mr Welch. As always, a great time was had by all. The children experienced a wide range of enjoyable and challenging activities which they will no doubt cherish forever.

On World Book Day the pupils loved dressing up as book characters, and some children came into school equipped with different character props for us to guess who they were!! It was a memorable day for us all and we loved reading and listening to stories throughout the day. Finally, we would like to wish all of you a very happy and peaceful Easter, from all of us at

Deddington Primary School.

DENISE WELCH



read **Sweet Tooth** by **Ian McEwan**. Billed as a spy

novel set in the late 60s / early 70s, it convincingly conveyed life coming out of the swinging 60s and alluded to the plight of women struggling with sexism in the work place and the old boy network of "spy recruitment" through the college system. The novel took a while to get going and rather bogged itself down at its mid point. However, persevere and it begins to hurry along, with a clever twist at the end. All in all, it failed to live up to its enthusiastic reviews and lacked the excitement of a good drama – but a reasonable read none the less.

We are now reading **Missing**, **Presumed** by **Susie Steiner** and will meet on the 9th of April at 6.30 pm in the Library, new members always welcome

Deddington Library 01869 338391



RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLLECTION DATES

{always a Thursday}

5 th April	green
12 th April	blue 'n' brown
19th April	green
26 th April	blue 'n' brown



BLOXHAM BOWLS CLUB - OPEN AFTERNOON Bloxham still maintains the village tradition of having a bowls club but to continue to thrive new members are always needed. *Membership is not confined to Bloxham residents. If you live in a neighbouring village and wish to learn more about the game or become a new member then please come along and meet us.*

Now in its 61st year, Bloxham Bowls Club provides a friendly environment in which to socialise and enjoy the game with fellow members. League and friendly matches are played against local towns and villages, providing gentle exercise and plenty of fresh air. Or if preferred, members can just have a game amongst themselves or in club competitions. The Bowls Club is located near the heart of the village in Barley Close and adjacent to the Jubilee Sports Field.

Anyone with an interest is invited to our **OPEN AFTERNOON** - **Saturday April 28**th **between 2.00pm and 5.00pm....c**ome along and see how the game is played, meet our members and have a go! All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes – we look forward to welcoming you. Alternatively, if you can't make that day but would like more details look on our web site, http://www.bloxhambowls.org.uk



A tasty springtime recipe......

pea, mint & spring onion soup with parmesan biscuits

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp of olive oil
- Knob of butter
- ½ bunch spring onion, sliced, plus a few extra to serve
- 1 potato cut into small dice
- 1 lt of hot vegetable stock
- 900g frozen petit pois
- ½ small bunch mint, leaves picked, plus a few extra to serve
- 85g parmesan (or vegetarian alternative), very finely grated

METHOD

- 1. Heat the olive oil and butter in a heavy based pan. When foaming, add the spring onions and potato. Gently fry without colouring for about 5 mins. Stir in the stock, bring to the boil and simmer for 10 mins or until the potato is tender.
- 2. Stir in the peas, bring to the boil again, then cook for about 3 mins until they are just done. Remove the pan from the heat, add the mint leaves and whizz in a blender or food processor until smooth.
- 3. To make the Parmesan biscuits, heat the grill to high. Line a baking sheet with baking parchment and divide the grated Parmesan into 6 long strips. Grill for 1 min or until the cheese has melted and is lightly golden. While still warm and a bit flexible, release the biscuits from the baking parchment with a palette or cutlery knife, then cool until firm.
- 4. To serve, heat the soup and divide between 6 bowls. Scatter with mint and sliced spring onions, if you like, and serve with the Parmesan biscuits on the side.



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Sing Day Diary Date

What: Vivaldi's Gloria and Bob Chilcott's 'The

Voyage'

Conductor: Peter Hunt

Where: The day's rehearsal will take place in Chipping Norton (venue to be announced). The day will end (after tea and cakes) with a performance in St Mary's Church, Chipping Norton, OX7 5NT

When: Saturday 16 June, from 10am - evening

performance at 6.30pm

Tickets: £25, under 16s £10 - from <u>tickets@cncs.org.uk</u>, tel 07988 233299. Sheet music will be provided

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

This month the PFSU children have been 'on the move', finding out about different vehicles and exploring our village. We visited the Castle Grounds and looked for signs of Spring. We enjoyed a visit from a police car (pressing the buttons to control the lights and siren was great fun) and will also be welcoming a tractor to pre-school soon. Children at both settings made cards, gifts, and messages for their Mums on Mother's Day. We hope all our Mums enjoyed them and had a special day.

Lucy Squires | 2 337484

THE HOLLY TREE CLUB DEDDINGTON

The Holly Tree Management Committee are a small group of committed volunteers who run the Holly Tree Club at the Horse Fair in Deddington for the benefit of its members, the over 60's in our Parish.

In order to support and maintain the building and grounds for the benefit of its members, The Holly Tree Club room and grounds are available for hire at a very reasonable cost. There are many clubs and groups who regularly meet at the Holly Tree currently. The building is also available for small parties, meetings, and other club activities too.

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We look forward to welcoming you to the Holly Tree Club!

John Finnigan Chair, Holly Tree Management Committee ■ 01869 337143



KATHARINE HOUSE As we move towards the spring and summer months (not that you'd

know it from the recent weather!), we have plenty of events and activities happening.

We are also very excited to be expanding our bereavement service, and we're looking for some volunteers who would be interested in bereavement support workers, becoming working with children, teenagers and adults to help them come to terms with the loss of someone special. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a volunteer bereavement support worker, please do get in touch, details website are on our www.khh.org.uk



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VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY Diary dates to the editor by 15th of each month please

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Sunday 8th 9:00am Holy Communion BSJ

Sunday 15th 10:30am Family Service BSM

6:00pm Evensong BSM

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Boys Brigade band practice

Tuesdays Guides (Deddington)

Carpet bowls - Sept - Mar

Wednesdays Brownies (Windmill - Deddington)

Fernhill Club

1st week parish council (not August)

2nd week W.I. meeting Boys Brigade (Deddington)

Thursdays Open cuppa mornings

Cubs (Deddington)
Scouts (Deddington)

Fridays Rainbows

Whist alternate weeks

Saturdays Village Market 3rd week

(except January or August)

3rd Wednesday Village Hall Management Committee

DIARY DATES

<u>April</u>

4th PC Meeting (+ Grant Applications)

7th Big Barford Brunch – VH 10th Tuesday Lunch Club

11th WI, Amazing Animals

14th VILLAGE CLEAN UP

15th Annual Church Meeting (APCM)

21st Village Market

21st Charity Tea, Freshfields

25th Annual Parish Meeting

30th Thames Valley Police Rural Mtg-Banbury

May

2nd May PC Meeting

19th Market

24th Garden Club Plant Swap

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