

BARFORD NEWS

APRIL 2019

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West Close
playground
committee



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The new playground is all set to go!!

We are very grateful to everyone who worked hard or donated money to this project.

Building work starts on **23rd April** and hopefully it will be completed around **7th May**.

There will be a board in the field listing our major sponsors and a second board in the village hall listing everyone who helped to make the playground happen - if you want your donation to be anonymous please let us know as soon as possible.

There will be a grand opening event in the field on **Saturday 11th May at 2pm**. There will be more details of this next month but please put the date in your diaries for now.

Our main source of funds for the maintenance and safety checks on the equipment will be the **DUCK RACE** so please note the date of **Sunday 7th July** and let's

hope for good weather and healthy ducks!.



**Barford St John
&
St Michael**

**Village Clean Up
Morning
Saturday 6th April
10.00 am at Village Hall**

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 the bags and have a few grab sticks/pickers

**Please bring your own
old gloves**
(and pickers if you have them)

**Refreshments served for all
volunteers at 11.15am**

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 6th March in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Eden, Cox, Best, District Cllr Williams, County Cllr Fatemian, Mr Best (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and three members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllrs Hobbs and Charman

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 6th February were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Public Participation:

Residents shouting at young residents on bikes and playing - A young resident attended the meeting to advise that residents regularly shout at young residents playing and riding bikes in the Barfords. Residents also tell young residents not to ride bikes on West Close and The Green. The Parish Council considers that riding bikes on West Close is acceptable. The young resident asked if skate park ramps could be installed on west close. The Parish Council advised that this may be considered in the future but the current plan is to just install play equipment

Road Safety on Murreys Lane – Another young resident attended the meeting to raise the issue of cars speeding on Murreys Lane endangering the safety of pedestrians. This is aggravated as there is not a path all the way along the road and the intermittent sections of pavement are difficult to access due to overgrown hedging, wet leaves and moss. The Parish Council will clear the sections of pavement, consider painting the kerbs so that they stand out to motorists and consult with OCC Highways about making the lane one way up the hill.

Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian:

Budget - The Oxfordshire County Council budget has been passed and there is a 3% increase in Council Tax. Included in the increased spend will be adult social care.

Recycling - DEFRA named OCC as the leading recycling county in the country.

Pot Holes – Over the last 12 months 40,000 pot holes have been repaired. This is an increase over the previous 12 months in which 34,000 were repaired.

20mph Speed Signs – OCC Highways are fairly relaxed about Parish Councils erecting 20mph speed signs. It was agreed that the Clerk will ask

Highways for permission to mount them in Barford St Michael & Barford St John.

Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams:

Decisions passed at the February 25th Full Council Meeting:

Business Plan 2019/20 & Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/20 - 2023/24 - Adele Taylor, Executive Director Finance and Governance was satisfied that the budget prepared for the financial year 2019/20 is prudent and makes allowance for the costs of providing services in accordance with the Councils approved policies and service plans. I consider that the budget proposals set out in the report are robust. The level of reserves is sufficient to meet the known risks within the budget taking account of the Councils robust financial management framework. It is important that the implications arising from separation from South Northamptonshire Council are closely monitored and reviewed. The financial management arrangements, close working with partners and strategic oversight will ensure that this can be well supported and managed.

Council Tax for 2019/20 - Residents will pay £5 a year more towards their district council services as CDC agreed the increase at February's full council meeting. It is the first increase in 10 years and was brought about by the demise of Northamptonshire County Council and the subsequent termination of CDC's 'Joint Working' arrangement with South Northants District Council.

Members Allowance - 2019/20 - The council resolved to accept the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel to increase the members allowance for 2019/20 from £4,284.00 p.a. to £4,392.00 p.a. The Panel noted that those Members who responded spent an average of 40 hours per month on council duties. This was more than the average response of 33 hours per month in the survey last year.

Parish Matters:

Play area in West Close – The goalposts on West Close will have to be moved from their current position which is where the play area will be located. Councillors will meet at West Close immediately prior to the next meeting to decide on the new location.

Village Clean-Up – The date has been set for Saturday 6th April at 10.00am. Those participating

will meet at the Village Hall. This has been advertised in the previous edition of the Barford News.

Road Safety on Barford Road/ South Newington Road – No report has been received from Mr Mike Wasley, OCC Highways, following the meeting to discuss road safety improvement. It was agreed that the Clerk will email Highways to chase them for the report.

Repairs to play equipment at the Village Hall – These will be completed in March.

Play Equipment Supplier Credit Control – Sovereign have confirmed by telephone that CCC Finance have taken over their credit control and collection services.

New Dog Bin – The new larger capacity dog bin which will replace the existing bin opposite Barford St Michael Church has been ordered. It is dark green in colour (the existing bin is red).

Fibre Broadband in Barford St John – Further work has been completed. A new cable is being run from the Bloxham exchange past the airfield and down the hill. There are a couple of blockages in the conduit which must be cleared by digging up before this can be completed. Fibre cable has been run from the manhole in the road to several telegraph poles. Terminal boxes have been fitted at the top of the poles to which supply cables connecting to the houses will be plugged in. The conduit from the manhole to the telegraph pole outside Street Farm is also blocked which will necessitate digging up Mead Road. The contractors working this week have reported the blockages in the conduits. The job to clear them will have to be issued and the work completed. This will enable the cabling to be completed to the terminals at the top of the telegraph poles. Once that has been completed Open Reach will make the connections from the telegraph poles to the houses.

S137 Grants – An application has been received from The Village Hall Committee. Application forms have been emailed to the Barford News and the Parochial Church Council. The deadline for applications is 31st March.

Leak Allowance Claim – No response has been received back from Castle Water and/ or Thames Water to the last communication from the Parish Council.

Water coming out of road at Broad Close – Water has been seen coming out of the road at Broad Close. This will be reported on "Fix my Street", OCC's web reporting system.

Planning:

19/00049/TCA – The Old School House – Prune Tree. Returned to CDC without comment.

19/00285/F – Coombe Hill – demolition of existing barn and replacement. Returned to CDC without comment.

Finance:

Payments - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totaling £4,699.48. This includes £4,007.70 for the new boiler in the Village Hall. This was proposed by Cllr Eden and seconded by Cllr Cox.

Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Patchwork and Quilting Class

Barford Village Hall

Sunday 5th May 2019

2pm – 4pm



Fancy having a go at patchwork and quilting. Come for an afternoon of sewing and learn how to make this clever little block. Beginners welcome

Book your place, £12, limited places

Telephone Cathy 07799460016, or look up Patchwork Robin on facebook

DOWN ON THE FARM

'We thought we'd take a bit of a holiday,' my employer said to me one day. 'We haven't been away for some years and we could do with a break.' I liked the 'we' bit. The instruction had clearly come from the wife; he had only recently stopped complaining about the cost, the heat, the foreigners and the food after their last excursion. He added that they would be away for ten days and mentioned some Greek island I had never heard of. 'Reckon you can manage things here?' He asked.

It was a bit of an unspoken compliment; I had only been working on his Devon farm for eight months and he obviously thought me competent enough to leave in charge. The ten days passed quickly enough during which time I worked hard on the routine chores and several other jobs that had been awaiting attention.

On his return, aside from moaning about the cost, the foreigners, the food and the heat, he seemed pleased enough to find all the stock still alive and crops still growing. I thought I'd give you a bit of a bonus for the work you have done, he said. So if you take the fat lambs to Hatherleigh market next week you could see if you can buy a couple of in-pig gilts and we can have one each.

In those days vendors mostly got in the ring with their stock and talked up their good points. One such was leading his Devon steer round the ring when I arrived and constantly berating the auctioneer and onlookers about the bids being totally inadequate for such a fine beast. Eventually he stopped, ground his latest cigarette end into the sawdust and, pointing a nicotine stained finger at the auctioneer, shouted in rich Devonshire: 'If youm cain't do better 'n that oi'll take the beast ome'. And off he and his beast went. That's the third week running he's done that the man next to me remarked.

Our lambs had sold well enough and I managed to buy two in-pig Wessex gilts. They were not too even; one was a big rotund specimen, the other a slightly smaller version.

On the way out I passed the man loading his Devon steer into an antiquated old horse box. Presumably he would have to tell the wife they were in for another week on the bread and dripping. Back at the farm my employer eyed the gilts which I had put in the orchard. I'll have her he said, pointing the stem of his pipe at the rotund gilt. You can have the other one. I was a bit miffed having at least expected the decision to be more fairly based on the toss of a coin. The one he had chosen certainly looked the better pig. The gilts farrowed a few days apart some three weeks later. Mine had nine piglets and raised them all; his had five and laid on one of them.

I never really understood the term 'poetic justice' but it did seem to fit this occasion quite nicely.

Tony Collier
Iron Down Farm



Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch

For many years there has traditionally been a pre-Christmas lunch for Senior citizens in Barford. However, following our decision to step down from organising it, we have not had any volunteers to take it on. If anyone is interested in forming a new team to organise it, we'd be delighted to hear from you, and would be happy to work with you to restart it.

However, if we don't have any volunteers by 1st May then we will close the bank account for the group. The remaining money in the account will be divided between Bakehouse & Shepherd's Charity and the Helpless Children Mother Centre in Kathmandu.

**Mary Brodey, Sarah Best
& Aggie Morrison Booth**

BARFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL 2019

7.30 PM, VILLAGE HALL

All residents are invited to the meeting to meet the Parish Councillors and hear what the Parish Council has been doing in the last year.

Have a say, ask questions and make suggestions.

Agenda

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's Report

Election of the Committee

Open Forum

After a short break this meeting will be followed by:

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE A.G.M.

All Barfordians are urged to attend this meeting and have a say in the Open Forum. The committee is keen to hear the views of everyone on the running of the Hall, the facilities provided and the activities available.



BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE - April 6th 2019 THE SHAPE OF WATER

This is our **last film of the season**. It is a beautiful, mesmerising fairy tale of a film directed by Guillermo del Toro and starring Sally Hawkins. (119 mins rated R)

"Elisa is a mute, isolated woman who works as a cleaning lady in a hidden, high-security government laboratory in 1962 Baltimore. Her life changes forever when she discovers

the lab's classified secret -- a mysterious, scaled creature from South America that lives in a water tank. As Elisa develops a unique bond with her new friend, she soon learns that its fate and very survival lies in the hands of a hostile government agent and a marine biologist."

It is a Beauty and the Beast fable where both get to be beautiful and neither has to be beastly. The two of them are part of a world that Del Toro has dreamed into existence with authority, confidence and miraculous detail.

[The Shape of Water](#) won the Oscar for best picture at the 90th Academy Awards last year, defeating strong competition from Get Out, Lady Bird and Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri which incidentally was the first film we showed back in last October. It also won an Oscar for Best Original Music Score.

Film starts at 7.45 and doors open at 7.15 - bring chairs and any drinks you want
Tea and coffee served - Any queries please contact: Gunilla on 01295 720521

ALL OUR FILMS ARE PROVIDED BY AGE UK and all proceeds including hall rental
go towards the upkeep of the Hall

Our thanks to AGE UK and also thank you to everyone who supports The Barford Picture House
NEXT SEASON begins in OCTOBER.



**BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB
NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED
APRIL 2019**

*"The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day.
When the sun is out and the wind is still,
You're one month on in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
a cloud come over the sunlit arch,
And wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you're two months back in the middle of
March."*

- Robert Frost, Two Tramps in Mud Time, 1926

Sunshine and showers dominate April. Spring is finally in evidence as daffodils and flowering trees start to bloom. Expect the inevitable April showers this month but with sunny days too, when you can turn your attention to the lawn. It's an exciting month, with indoor-sown seeds well into growth, and it's also time to start sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts. Our **AGM** was held on **February 25th 2019**, when new membership subscriptions were collected and cards issued. Committee members were all re-elected and Lavinia Crowther has joined them. The Minutes are available to view if you wish. Contact Linda Newbery. Trevor is busy organising **NOSY GARDENS**. Details as soon as they have been finalised. **THIS YEAR** we are planning to have some talks and visits as usual.

Sunday APRIL 7th Evenley Wood Garden with RARE PLANT FAIR. Open 10-4, Admission £6 (cash only) Suggest meeting at 11.0. Anyone interested please let Gunilla know on 01295 720521 or gt.designs@btinternet.com. Car sharing to be sorted among yourselves, just let her know how many to expect.

Thursday MAY 23rd PLANT SWAP for Members This year a change of venue. Sue Lane at Westfield, Lower Street has kindly offered to host.

FUTURE VISITS...Broughton Grange on JULY 28th Avondale Nursery with a guided visit. To be arranged

ALL MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THEIR CARDS BY NOW. KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR EMAILS DELIVERED TO YOUR INBOX.

Margaret Murdin alerted us to the dangers posed by the **Asian Hornet**, which kills honey bees and other pollinators. It is already prevalent on the Continent and in Jersey. Sighted in other counties

too. Sightings should be reported to www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet. Margaret has offered to give us a talk on the subject.

GARDEN JOBS FOR THIS MONTHKeep weeds under control; Protect fruit blossom from late frosts; Tie in climbing and rambling roses;

Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors; Start to feed citrus plants; Increase the water given to houseplants; Feed hungry shrubs and roses; Sow new lawns or repair bare patches; Prune fig trees; Divide bamboos and waterlilies; Keep weeds under control; Protect fruit blossom from late frosts; Tie in climbing and rambling roses; Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds. Seed: sowing outdoors.....Many vegetables, annuals, biennials and herbaceous plants can be grown from seed sown outdoors. The secret to success is to prepare a good seedbed, free of weeds and with a crumble-like soil-surface texture.



SPADE AND FORK



**APOLOGIES for having
to postpone THE
SILVER SERVICE BIG
BARFORD BREAKFAST**

**that was due to take place on
Saturday 23rd March.**

Unfortunately, the number of people pre-booking this time was quite low so it didn't make sense to go-ahead.

We will get another date in the diary, hopefully around June/July time – holidays permitting.

We loved that before people could just walk in and get a 'top notch' breakfast without booking but realistically we are going to have to ask people to pre-book to enable us to order the food we need and avoid a lot of wastage etc. Of course people are still welcome to turn up on the off-chance but places cannot be guaranteed.

Thanks everyone and we look forward to serving you soon.

The BBB Team

Barford St Michael Village Hall
Saturday 11th May
7:30pm

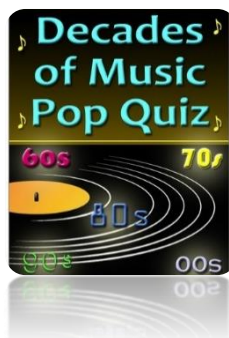
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 JAMES INVITES YOU
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 Contact Rick Allen on ☎07747865903 or
rick.allen@allenschofield.co.uk**



***Proceeds towards Jamie Allen funding his
 trip to help community projects in Peru
 later this year***



VHMC

***A wonderful opportunity to support
 the Barfords village community***

**Please come and join the Village Hall
 Management Committee at the**



**forthcoming
 AGM and hear
 what we have
 been up to for
 our Barford
 community**

**in 2018 and take the opportunity of
 joining the small team of volunteers. It
 is a great way of getting involved in
 village life**

**The meeting will be on 24 April at
 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Veronique Semple
 Chair**



COTTAGE TO LET

**2 bedroom cottage to let on
 local farm**

**Please call
 01869 338635
 for more information**



**Welcome to
 Sarah, Steve & baby Aurora**

**who have just moved into our
 beautiful villages to run
 The George Inn.
 We wish them lots of
 happiness here in
 The Barfords...and good luck...!!**

WHAT DID YOU DO DURING THE WAR?

This is the story of one youngster, Gill Maddison (High Street, BSM) who among many thousands who were taken from home, some for years, during the Second World War.

In September 1938 a Headmaster of a school in west Surrey was given orders to close his school that afternoon at 4 o'clock and to make the preparations to receive a large number of children and adults the next day that were being evacuated from London. This was somewhat premature and the school was then told to open as usual the next day. 12 months later in September 1939 a mother



and her 3 children (one of which was Gill) were told to report with some luggage and their gas masks (in the now well known cardboard box and string) at Southfields Secondary school ready to board a bus to travel to the nearest main

line station via Wimbledon. There they were loaded onto trains for the onward journey to their destination which after only an hour turned out to be Woking in Surrey - much to the disappointment of two little boys who thought they were going to Devon or Cornwall. Woking was thought to be something of a disappointment being fairly close to the large manufacturing complex of Vickers aircraft factories who were fully engaged producing the Wellington bombers for the RAF, a probable target for the German bombers. On arrival all the families were divided into sections and directed to their intended billets. The family consisting of the mother, elder daughter, her younger sister and younger brother were directed to stay with a family named Denny (or maybe Dennis) in a house on the corner of Carlton Road... It must have been pretty crowded. The mother was to return home and after a few days the elder daughter was moved a few doors away to another house in Carlton Road with a family named Knight. This was on the corner of the road and it is believed that many years later it became known as 'Tante Marie' and run as a cookery school by Gordon Ramsay.

Gill was to stay there for the rest of the war. As a result of this split the other two were sent to separate houses in Horsell, a part of Woking. Gill ended up in Whopshot Avenue, the first of a number of billets she was to be moved to during her time away. In one of these homes the father ran a business in the old Covent Garden market so the family was never without vegetables and some fruits which helped with the then rationing of staple foods. During this time Gill and her sister attended the same secondary school which had been set up in a large country house call Barricane in St Johns Hill. The pupils from Mayfield School

in Putney were taught there on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays while the girls from Woking Grammar used the old premises of the Grammar school in Park Road. Later they managed to accommodate them all together in the one location. Meanwhile Gill's brother attended the boys' junior school. He was quite lucky in that he escaped the billets for a short spell when the air raids stopped, returning home to live with his mother and father staying in a house in Epsom belonging to relatives who had gone to live in the USA at the beginning of the war.

In 1948 Gill, who had by now, been moved six times for reasons that have never become clear although all in one case it arose because Gill made a complaint about the state of the house and the complete lack of hygiene. In 1943 Gill was again moved to her last billet to stay in a large mansion-type property named Bylands; the owners being a family named Bond. This consisted of a middle-aged maiden lady and her two bachelor brothers. The residence being much larger than any Gill had lived in previously with separate servants' quarters where two maids, the chauffeur and the gardener lived. The two bachelor brothers had business in the City and went to London every day. The house followed a fairly strict routine, Gill always eating with the servants but every Sunday they were all expected to attend the Lady of the house in the drawing room for a short service and given tea. On one occasion Gill's brother managed to find his way to Bylands to pay her a visit and on calling at the front door was told in no uncertain terms that he should go to the servants' quarters at the rear, he never ventured there again.

Gill found the weekends boring with no close friends and the two maids busy entertaining members of the military, so she decided to take out her bicycle, which today would have been called a bone-shaker, having only one brake and no gears, and set off to try and make her way home to visit her mother and father in Wimbledon Park. Quite the adventurer for a 15 year old and only having ridden short distances on minor roads previously, braving all the heavy military traffic on the main roads she eventually arrived safe and sound, if not sunburnt and tired.

Her next adventure come the winter was to go to the main Post Office in Woking and volunteer to carry out temporary postal work during the Christmas holiday. She found the work quite enjoyable apart from the weather which was sometimes pretty unfriendly. After having been away from home for over five years, Gill eventually went back to join her sister and brother who she had seen little or nothing of and to live as a family again and going back to Mayfield Girls school in West Hill, Putney.

A.M.

**CAN YOU
SEE YOURSELF**

**BEING AN
ON-CALL
FIREFIGHTER?**



Have you ever thought of becoming an on-call firefighter?

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service are looking for On-call Firefighters to join their team!

Do you want to earn extra money, serve your community and save lives in a rewarding role? If so, a career as an On-call Firefighter might be just the thing for you.

On-call Firefighters are the backbone of the fire service and anyone can be one. If you're employed full-time, are a parent, out of employment or just have some spare time, you can respond to emergency calls.

On-call Firefighters are trained and paid for their time and service - and on average are expected to be called out two or three times each week for about an hour at a time - this can be at night or during the day.

They are looking for anyone over the age of 18, who is physically fit (this can be worked on), doesn't suffer from vertigo, claustrophobia or dislike the sight of blood. They need good common sense, to be enthusiastic, reliable and honest.

If this sounds of interest, please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncallfirefighters

BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET SATURDAY 20th APRIL



10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

First plants of the season

Moore & Lyon with their lovely selection of home-reared meats, sausages, burgers, bacon etc.

Delicious Artisan Breads direct from French baker Tierry

Plus a good range of local producers selling eggs, savouries, cakes, honey, dairy produce, rapeseed oils, 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

+ Mick & Anne's bacon butties/bacon & egg butties/breakfast butties

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING FROM THE KITCHEN



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The past month has been another active one for us here at Deddington Primary School. In early March we had

a fabulous visit from a West End company which delivered a workshop entitled 'Bringing Books to Life'. Each class took part in a dance performance linked to "Where The Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak. It was a great day which was very much enjoyed by all, and it served as a great introduction to the arrival of the Scholastic Book Fair which came into school on the following day. This year we took a record amount of money which will enable us to buy around £600 worth of books from Scholastic for our children to read in school. Thank you to all of you in our community who contributed to raising this money through buying from the Book Fair. World Book Day then followed on Thursday 7th March and the children dressed up as 'Wild Things'! It was a fabulous day and another focus day on reading took place.

Fairtrade Day played its usual important part in our school life. It culminated in a sale of cakes and biscuits at the end of the day, and was supported by a huge number of pupils, parents and families. Thank you too for this support.

In Sport Year 3 and 4 children took part in a Dodgeball Tournament at the Warriner School and 2 teams of Year 6 pupils took part in a Hockey Tournament at Bloxham School. One of these hockey teams is now going through to the next round later this month. Good luck to those children involved.

Finally, let's hope spring is soon here to stay when we can all enjoy spring flowers, some sunnier days and lighter nights!

DENISE WELCH



DEDDINGTON PFSU & VILLAGE NURSERY

We have enjoyed meeting lots of visitors this term including some interesting vehicles and several musicians. We're also enjoying our regular rhyme times with Annette from the library. We'd like to thank everyone who has given up their time to visit us, and helped make learning even more interesting and varied for the children.

The PFSU have re-started regular outdoor learning sessions in the 'forest' area in the school grounds and enjoyed a Spring scavenger hunt and lots of exploring. The Nursery will be holding an Easter Parade on 2nd April for all our Nursery families. Our holiday club runs in the Easter holidays from 8th -12th April. Please ask at the PFSU or Nursery if you need any more information on either of these activities.

Lucy Squires ☎337484



Volunteer Driver Service North Oxfordshire was established April 2012 as a project of Citizens Advice.

Volunteer drivers use their own cars to take people to appointments where there is no reasonable alternative transport available.

Passengers pay a 45p a mile charge to help cover the driver's fuel cost. Please call 0300 3030 125 for further information or to book a journey.



**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB
16TH APRIL 2019
12.30PM FOR 1PM**

MENU

MAIN COURSE

braised lambs liver and grilled bacon
served with mashed potato, smashed swede
& carrot and savoy cabbage
or
cod mornay
served with new potatoes, peas and
parmesan tomatoes

DESSERTS

bakewell tart and custard
or
triple chocolate eclair

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
by Tuesday 12th February
Please Note: if you do not receive a reply to
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please call us

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INSPIRING WOMEN

**LAUNTON HANDBELL
RINGERS**

**will be entertaining us
on Wednesday 10th April
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Visitors Welcome £5



**WANTED
SUNDAY 23 JUNE**

**Models to walk the catwalk for
Barfords WI 70 Party in the
Village Hall. No previous
experience needed - just a
sense of fun!**

**Also needed vintage clothes
and accessories, on loan,
representative of 70 years of
fashion.**

**Please contact
01869338221 or
01869337021 or
see Glynnis or
Kathryn**

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

HEDGEHOG MATTERS

Hedgehog Matters started to let people know who weren't aware already that we had an active hedgehog population in Barford and to talk about what we can all do as a community to help them thrive successfully here and in surrounding villages, doing our bit for the plummeting national population. It is also to monitor them and perhaps follow their local stories as much as we can which adds a bit more interest and makes it more real. This relies on people reporting if they have seen a hedgehog (whether dead or alive) and every bit of information is important each year for monitoring and also helps to build a picture or write a story of their survival and which parts of the village they are perhaps using most. I go on about this often and



am a bit of a nag **but please do be roving reporters and keep reporting them.**

April or May and June are the times when you may be most likely to see one, or perhaps just hear it as they are out and about searching for food to replace their fat reserves lost during hibernation and later on males will be looking for mates. It always gives me great joy to see my first hedgehog of the year. **You can call me on 01869 337850 to report sightings but could also put them on the Hedgehog Street website as well if you want.** It is simple to use and interesting to look at and you will find it at www.hedgehogstreet.org

Sadly, I have noticed that April or maybe May are also the time when we see most dead hedgehogs on the road. Last year I was regularly driving between Oxfordshire and Yorkshire and saw no less than 31 dead hedgehogs on the road in these two counties and Warwickshire, mostly in April and May. In time I will add these to the Hedgehog Street website. It all helps to build a picture of where there are still hedgehog populations nationally (assuming the squashed one wasn't the last one in that area). If it's safe to do it, I will always stop to check if a hog on the road is actually dead, because a number do end up at wildlife hospitals having been found in this way and are successfully treated for injuries and rehabilitated. Some aren't so lucky and need to be euthanised to put them out of their misery. Wildlife can sometimes look motionless but isn't always dead so do consider ringing Tess at the

Nutkin Ward on 07733220266 (see her Facebook page) if you find any injured wildlife on the road. She will be able to advise or maybe come and collect it. Some people think that wildlife should be left to its own devices and though there are times when I may agree with this, if it has injuries from man-made causes then this seems a little unfair. I'll save my own roadside hog stories for another time!

The roadkill hedgehogs that I've seen have been on a mix of main or busy roads in town and country, with probably more in rural areas. Both have their own hazards either through busyness or lack of light and people driving at speed especially on rural roads. Few are immune with one small one even being run over on Robin's close the year before last. Most that I have seen have also been on roads surrounded by hedges and woodland, fields or scrubby areas.

The exception to this is three dead hedgehogs that I saw in close succession on what had been until recently a large overgrown scrubby area on the edge of Leeds but which was now a brand new housing development surrounded by wooden fences. This was probably a sure case of loss of suitable habitat and foraging areas followed by a total destruction of or lack of access to the regular hedgehog thoroughfares and no access to newly created habitats in the form of gardens. Instead just a barrier of a fence that a hog probably can't even see the top of thus forcing it into busier areas and the need to cross busy roads more often.

National hedgehog expert Hugh Warwick who lives in Oxfordshire **has mounted a petition calling for "hedgehog highways" to become compulsory in all new builds.** Every signature helps and almost half a million people have signed so far. Please consider adding your name and sharing this petition with others for when this is presented to the Secretary of State for Housing. You will find it at www.change.org/p/help-save-britain-s-hedgehogs-with-hedgehog-highways If this becomes law it could give hedgehogs a fighting chance.

Food can still be scarce in spring so if you do see a hog in April I am sure it would relish some meaty cat or dog food and the usual water. Hogs also lose water from their lungs as they breathe out even in hibernation so they will be looking for a drink when they come out.

Helen Taylor

CHURCH MATTERS



By the time you read this we will be about half way through Lent. How did you get on with giving up things? I'm afraid I lapsed within a few days and then picked it up again! Or maybe you tried the Lenten Challenge or the Christian Aid 'Count your Blessings'?

Easter is late this year. The date is fixed as the Sunday after the full moon following the Vernal Equinox; both words are derived from Latin with vernal meaning spring and equinox from equal night, i.e. when the day and night are equal lengths.

A tradition for Good Friday (and much earlier these days!) is the Hot Cross Bun with its symbolic cross decorating the top. It's difficult to trace its origin. One suggestion comes from St Albans in Hertfordshire where Brother Thomas Roccliffe, a monk at St Albans Abbey, developed a recipe for Alban Buns which he distributed to the poor on Good Friday.

Easter Eggs are particularly delicious, especially if you've given up chocolate for Lent! Eggs symbolise new life and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

When I was young my parents put cochineal in the water when they boiled eggs on Easter morning making the eggshells go pinky red. Jan's uncle would hold an Easter Egg Hunt around his garden where all the family would search for them, a tradition we continued when our children were young.

So why do we call Good Friday 'good' when it is such a dark and bleak event commemorating a day of suffering and death for Jesus? Why not Bad Friday? In German the day is 'Karfreitag', or 'Sorrowful Friday' which might seem more applicable. Some believe it is a derivation of 'God's Friday'. Whatever the origin, the name Good Friday is entirely appropriate because the suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible as it was, marked the dramatic culmination of God's plan to save his people from their sins. So Good Friday had to happen for us to receive the joy of Easter; our sins forgiven.

For Christians, Good Friday and Easter are crucial days of the year because they celebrate what we believe to be the most momentous few days in the history of the world. Ever since Jesus died and was raised, Christians have proclaimed the cross and resurrection of Jesus to be the decisive turning point for all creation and the promise for our life after death.

Tony Elvidge, Churchwarden

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£25, 129, George Cooke-Yarborough

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DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK

REVIEW - The Narrow

Road to the Deep North by

Richard Flanagan managed to excite the group on many levels. After several below par books, this one was a cracking read and managed to shake off the curse of “nominated for a major prize, truly dire book”. Set during and after the Second World War, the book centres on Australian POWs, under Japanese guard, and enslaved to build the “Burma Death railway”.



You will need a strong stomach in places to get through this epic tale – some of the group finding the graphic horrors too much. It is a multi-layered tale that focuses on Surgeon Dorrigo Evans and his personal battles with life, love, adultery and the struggle to do what’s right by his men. The novel explores the complicated relationships within family and society in Australia, between the POW men and their captors. The barbaric behaviour that results from situations of power is abhorrent – the post war Australian justice almost matching the Japanese / Korean expendability of life. As to the brief delving into human vivisection – many of us struggled with this one. The Author obviously gained a lot of material from his father’s experiences in such a camp. The results of living through hell, and the struggle with coming out of the other side, is superbly portrayed for both sides and leaves one with a sense of great sadness for all concerned.

A definite must read and a general 8/10 from the group. Our next book is A Woman’s Work by Harriet Harman.

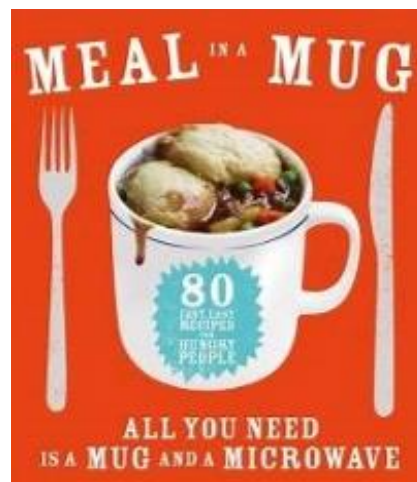
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{always a Thursday}

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25th April.....blue ‘n’ brown



{as mentioned in March’s edition this recipe is kindly supplied by Jo Churchyard – Deddington Scouts}

This gooey bread-and-butter pudding is so easy to make. You can vary it by using a flavoured dark chocolate, such as ginger or chilli or milk chocolate

CHOCOLATE ORANGE PUDDING

SERVES 1

PREP COOK TIME: 4 mins

Ingredients

1. Slice white bread, crusts removed
2. Softened butter for spreading
3. 6 pieces of dark chocolate, chopped
4. 1 egg
5. 2 tbsp caster sugar
6. Grated rind of 1 orange
7. 100ml of milk

1 spread the bread with the butter then cut it into squares. Arrange in the bottom of 300ml/½ pint microwaveable coffee cup. Add the chocolate pieces, nestling them amongst the bread

2. in a small bowl or jug, whisk together the egg, sugar, orange zest and milk until the sugar has dissolved. Pour this over the bread mixture

3. microwave on high for about 1 minutes 50 seconds or until just set. Stand for 1 minute before serving



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

The Cubs have been working on topics for their Personal Safety badge, this included, the dangers in & around farms & yards, staying safe when swimming & at the beach & behaving sensibly when out & about on their own. It was interesting how many of them did not know their address!

We've also made some very passable short cake biscuits – even I chanced one.

Coming up next – Communicator badge

[Jo Churchyard deddingtoncubs@gmail.com](mailto:JoChurchyarddeddingtoncubs@gmail.com)

Scouts

We finished the first section of the Navigator badge with a frantic game of map symbol bingo & constructed a sign post indicating the name, distance & direction of a parents place of birth, blimey some of you have travelled!

Next we 'celebrated' National Science Week by making Wiggle Robots that leapt about on three felt tips, creating a marvellous pointillism masterpiece.

Peter Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Explorers

It has been interesting listening to podcasts and working out what, as a Unit, might be included in any Podcast we made. There were lots of different items listened to from music to comedy, quiz shows to science. A vast array of subjects that reflected the variety of young people who are in Scouting.

Having made mini torches to be able to take anywhere the explorers then tried to see how good they were at an "Apprentice" style evening. Those selling a rubber bath duck won! World Book Day saw costumes from Bear Grylls to BP and a few varieties in between.

We have a District Party coming up soon so will let you know how that goes.

We've invested a further 3 young people into the Unit to date this year. We've always got room for anyone else if you want to come and join us.

Janet Duxbury 01608 737959.
spartansexplorers@gmail.com



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1st Deddington Guides

We are continuing to try new activities and challenges from the new programme and having fun in our patrols working together. We celebrated Thinking day, the joint birthday of Lord and Lady Baden Powel, in traditional international style. We played games and sang songs from around the world and tasted a huge range of fruits from around the world

Thank you to Charlotte and Tilly. They used their phones to find out about a range of countries around the globe and share their knowledge with the other guides, we had fun trying to find the countries on the world map.

Some Guides attended the District Thinking Day event and enjoyed making dishes from Australia and South America, performing the Haka, making African masks and using Henna decorations from India. It was fun to celebrate with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers from all over the district and we collected some money to send to girls across the world in poorer countries.

Next look out for our annual entertainment in aid of charity! All girls 10 and over are welcome.

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY



Not much news from the library this month – mostly because I've not been there! I'd like to say I was

somewhere sunny and hot as I usually am for a couple of weeks in March, but I have to shatter that illusion; I have been doing Jury Service for the last 2 weeks. But I'm very sure Linden has been looking after you all very well in my absence and I'm sure you made her welcome to Deddington Library!

We are still receiving the remainder of the new books purchased from the Brierley-Kelsey fund, they are a lovely addition to our stock and very much appreciated. By the time you read this, I will also have my 2019-20 budget from this legacy too, so if you have any recommendations for books, please do let me know...very happy to consider them; especially new authors!

A brief reminder that on the first Wednesday of the month we hold a Health Visitor lead baby clinic, this has been getting quite busy and it is so lovely to see so many parents, carers and little ones using the library! The next session is 9.30-10.30am Wednesday April 3rd if you'd like to come along

Our Rhyme time sessions for Under 5's and families on Monday afternoons, 2.30 – 3pm; term time only, continue to be popular and much enjoyed by all who attend – including the volunteers and myself!

Don't forget, we also have Ancestry, Find My Past and the 1939 Register free to access on the library PC's, you don't even need to be a member! Come along and 'Find your Past'!

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

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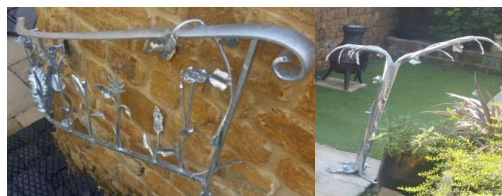
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Regular weekly/monthly events

Mondays	Beavers (Deddington) Boys Brigade band practice
Tuesdays	Guides (Deddington) Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar
Wednesdays	Brownies (Windmill - Deddington) Fernhill Club 1 st week parish council (not August) 2 nd week W.I. meeting Boys Brigade (Deddington)
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

April

3rd Parish Council Mtg

6th Village Clean Up

6th Picture House – The Shape of Water - VH

10th WI – Launton Handbell Ringers - VH

16th Tuesday Lunch Club – Village Hall

20th Village Market

24th PC Annual Parish Meeting + VPMC

27th Bloxham Bowls Club Open Afternoon

May

5th Patchwork & Quilting Workshop - VH

11th Playground Grand Opening

11th Quiz Night at the village hall (Jamie Allen)

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