

BARFORD NEWS

FEBRUARY 2019 Price 50p where sold

BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET SATURDAY 16th FEBRUARY



10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Back again after our Christmas break

**Joan with her beautifully gift-wrapped chocolates, perfect for
Birthdays Mothering Sunday or Easter**

**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

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 2nd January in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Eden, Charman, Cox, Best, District Cllr Williams, County Cllr Fatemian and Mr Best (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). Apologies were received from and Cllr Hobbs.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5th December 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:
None

Parish Matters:

2019-20 Budget – Minor amendments had been made to the budget which were agreed when it was reviewed in the December meeting. The final budget was agreed (unanimous). The Precept was agreed (unanimous). The Clerk will send the Precept Demand to Cherwell District Council before the deadline of 18th January.

Allotment Water Bill – Thames Water had rejected the Leakage Allowance claim from 2017. This has been challenged again as the justification for rejection was incorrect. Castle Water had issued an amendment which still contained a high bill for 2017 when there was a leak but the 2018 water usage is correct and based on the monthly meter readings submitted by the Parish Council. It was agreed to pay the Castle Water for water usage in 2018 but withhold payment for 2017 when there was a leak from the water meter and abnormally high water recorded.

Footbridge along footpath 121/1 running east from Horn Hill – The damaged footbridge has been replaced.

Road Safety on Barford Road/ South Newington Road – The report from Mr Mike Wasley from OCC Highways has not yet been received following the meeting to discuss road safety improvements.

Brambles in West Close – Mariann Young reported that brambles had been cut down at the edge of West Close but left. Sarah & David have collected them and sent them to recycling.

Emergency Salt Bags – A pallet of salt bags has been delivered. It was agreed that some will be taken to both Churches in case of icy weather. There is a salt bin at the Village Hall and this will be kept topped up from the bags.

Repairs to play equipment at Village Hall – The Playsafety ROSPA report recommended some repairs. The report indicated that the gate next to the village hall had some decayed timber but this has been checked and it is very minor and the gate is strong. There are some wooden slats on the play equipment which are decayed and they will be replaced. There are folding seats on one of the picnic tables which will be secured to prevent entrapment. The bark under the play equipment will be topped up to 300mm.

Lottery Grant for West Close – A grant of £10,000 has been approved by the National Lottery

Broadband in Barford St John – Better Broadband Oxfordshire advised last month that the projected completion date for more rural villages has been delayed from December 2018 to June 2019. A reply was sent pointing out that the fibre cable was installed in Barford St John in May 2018. The response was that Barford St John should be completed by the end of March 2019.

Gardens Along Netherworton Road – Residents have contacted the Parish Council observing that there seems to be a pattern of encroachment of gardens onto the verge along Netherworton Road from some houses in Broad Close. The Parish Council will raise this query with Cherwell District Council Planning.

Correspondence: None

Planning Applications:

18/00341/TCA – Staddlestones – Granted.

18/02126/LB – Crown House – Returned to CDC without objection.

18/02137/F – George Inn – Garden Gazebo – Returned to CDC without objection.

Finance:

Payments - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totaling £409.30. This includes the cheque to Castle water of £198.88 This was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Eden.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6th February 2019** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The George Inn



Winter opening hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	6pm-10pm
Kitchen closed	
Wednesday	12pm-10pm
Food served	12pm-2:30pm & 7pm-9pm
Thursday	12pm-10pm
Food served	12pm-2:30pm & 7pm-9pm
Friday	12pm-11pm
Food served	12pm-2:30pm & 7pm-9pm
Saturday	12pm-11pm
Food served	12pm-2:30pm & 7pm-9pm
Sunday	12pm-6pm
Food served	12pm-5pm

Have you seen our new
burger & pizza menus?
Available Wednesday to
Saturday.

We are now taking
bookings for upcoming
events including
Valentine's Day on
Thursday the 14th of
February, Mothering
Sunday the 31st of
march and the Easter
long weekend, keep an
eye out for our menus
coming soon!

Telephone: 01869338160

The George Inn is available for
any of your event needs,
birthdays, anniversaries,
christenings & wakes. With
menus to suit any occasion just
give us call for more info.

BURGER MENU

Child's cheeseburger & fries 6.25
Single burger & cheese
Double cheeseburger & fries 12.50
Double burger, cheese & salad
Breakfast burger & fries 14.50
Burger, sausage, bacon, mushroom, egg & salad
Texas burger & fries 14.50
Burger, bacon, cheese, mushroom, bbq sauce & salad
Blue burger & fries 13.50
Double burger, blue cheese & salad
Chicken burger & fries 12.50
Chicken strips, cheese, bbq sauce & salad

PIZZA MENU

Margherita 10.00
Mozzarella cheese & tomato sauce
Veggie 11.00
Triple cheese, roast peppers, onion, garlic mushrooms, cherry tomato &
spinach
Pepperoni 11.00
Triple cheese & pepperoni
Hawaiian 12.00
Triple cheese, ham, bacon & pineapple
Italian 13.00
Triple cheese, pepperoni, chorizo, & salami
Chicken supreme 13.00
Triple cheese, chicken breast, mushrooms & onions
Meat feast 14.00
Triple cheese, pepperoni, salami, ham, steak & chicken
Supreme 15.00
Triple cheese, chicken breast, beef, pepperoni, red onions, mixed peppers &
black olives
Garlic Bread pizza 3.00
Cheesy Garlic bread pizza 4.00

Email: contact@thegeorgebarford.co.uk

DOWN ON THE FARM

As lambing time approaches, I often wonder if



we 'coddle' our sheep too much. Indoor lambing has its attractions, of course – easier management, shelter from the elements,

day and night inspection, and so on.

But it also has its costs. Aside from the building there is the straw bedding, the need for careful hygiene, additional feed, electric lighting and extra help with night work. There is also the cost of cleaning out the shed and spreading the muck.

When lambing outside, the sheep spread their own muck; no straw, no electricity, and no night work.

One of my first jobs was as shepherd on the Wiltshire Downs running 800 breeding ewes. The only buildings were a hay shed and a traditional clap board barn.



As sheep lambed, they were moved to an adjacent field. Any problems such as triplets, ewes without enough milk or with sickly lambs were left in straw bale pens at

the gateway between the two fields for later attention. Pre-lambing the ewes were fed hay, post-lambing they also got a small ration of concentrates. It was a cheap system.

I don't think that lamb mortality was any higher than with an indoor system and ewes got enough exercise to keep fit so the cases of difficult lambing were few and far between

I will always remember the interview for that job. I met the owner's son on a Sunday morning and turned up in shirt, collar and tie, flannel trousers and my old college blazer – as one did in those days. It was mild for early March, so I didn't bother with a coat.

After some preliminary chat he took me in his Landover to see the sheep, by which time it had started to rain.

Half way around the field, we found a ewe lying on its side. "What's the matter with that sheep?" asked my prospective employer. Sliding open the window, I peered through the now cascading rain. "She's got a problem lambing", I replied.

"What would you do about it?" he asked. I told him I would give her some help or she probably wouldn't survive. At that he switched off the engine and we stared at the drops of rain the size of marbles exploding against the windscreen until, after a few seconds, I got the message.

Shrugging off my blazer I stepped out into the monsoon. It took several minutes to extract the lambs, check the ewe for milk and get her on her feet – by which time I was soaked to the skin. Hauling myself back into the cab, I told him she had twins, plenty of milk, and the lambs were OK. He reversed the Land Rover so that he could see for himself – the ewe was standing licking one lamb and the other was trying to get to its feet.

As we drove away he said: "You haven't got a job at the moment, have you?" I admitted I hadn't, having just returned from working overseas. "Right", he said, "you can start tomorrow, I'll see you in the yard at 7 am."

Tony Collier
Iron Down Farm

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

19th FEBRUARY 2019

12.30PM for 1PM

MENU

Main Course

Chicken tikka masala (mild)
with pilau rice and poppadoms

or

Beef lasagne

or

Vegetable lasagne

both served with garlic bread and peas

Desserts

Apricot and white chocolate bread and
butter pudding
served with cream

or

Chilled lemon soufflé
with ginger and cinnamon biscuit

Finally

Coffee & Tea

Price £5.00

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

Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869

337074 or email

mickpearson1@outlook.com

by Tuesday 12th February

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



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!!

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INSPIRING WOMEN



IN THE KITCHEN WITH

ANNE AND KATHRYN

Join us for a

COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

By

Anne Pearson & Kathryn Wheeler

Wednesday 13th February

in the Village Hall At 7.30pm

Visitors Welcome £5.00



to the very kind and generous lady from
Bloxham who donated £10, the High
Street couple who donated £1 (you
know who you are...), £20 from a
lovely couple in Townsend and £5 from
an item sold through Barford News.

As always, donations are so gratefully
received, thank you.

The Team



BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED

FEBRUARY 2019

"There is always in February some one day, at least, when one smells the yet distant, but surely coming, summer."

Geretrude Jekyll

Spring is in sight. This month there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again.

GARDEN JOBS FOR THIS MONTH

Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover; Chit potato tubers; Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches; Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off; Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering; Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'; Prune *Wisteria*; Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges; Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea; Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses; Clear mole hills from lawns and put the fine soil on veg beds.

Our **AGM** will be held on **February 25th, 2019**, when new membership subscriptions will be collected and cards issued. Committee members will all be up for election. Any others who would like to join us please contact Linda or Gunilla. It is not a very onerous task.

We have not forgotten **NOSY GARDENS** but the next ones will be next year. **THIS YEAR** we are

hoping to have some talks and visits as usual. Any suggestions will be welcome.

All members should have received an email about seed orders, AGM and other things.....See you all on February 25th, bring along anyone else who might want to become a member.



SPADE AND FORK



**keep an eye out
in next months
edition of
Barford News
for details of the
next Big
Barford
Breakfast**



RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

{always a Thursday}

7thgreen
14thblue 'n' brown
21stgreen
28thblue 'n' brown

NEW YEAR'S DAY – WINTER WALK 2019



Well the weather was better than last year, but the turnout was slightly smaller. Even so, 57 people completed the walk along with quite an assortment of canine friends. In addition to the usual mix of hard-core walkers, there were others (not pictured) who just came for the soup and still others who sent a donation. Whichever group you belong to – ‘Thank you’, we raised £205 towards the kids home in Kathmandu.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

The Parish Council sets aside a sum of money every year for distribution to village organisations in need of financial support.

Any village organisation can apply for a grant although there is no guarantee that all applications will be successful.

The timetable is as follows:

- 1. Grant applications must be submitted to the Parish Clerk by 31st March 2018**
- 2. Applicants are encouraged to present their case to the Parish Council at the meeting on 3rd April**
- 3. The Parish Council will decide on the grant applications at the meeting on 1st May. Applicants may attend this meeting but will not be allowed to comment on their application.**

Application forms are available from the Parish Clerk

David Best 01295 720566 davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com



DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS BOOK REVIEWS

When we met in December, we discussed **A Spool of Blue Thread** by Anne Tyler. The story covers several generations of the Whitshank family and centres on the home they live in and their relationships.

Unfortunately, what promised to be a good read failed to live up to expectations. We were disappointed in the style and skill of the text, especially after reading the hype on the book cover. As some members failed to finish the book it is not one we would recommend.

At our January meeting the book discussed was **The Outrun** by Amy Liptrot and there were mixed feelings both amongst the group and individually. The book opens tantalisingly with a brief description of Amy's entry into the world and where she grew up (the Orkneys). Then how she ended up in Hackney and vividly portrayed her descent into alcoholism and the depths of despair she reached.

Most of the group found the descriptions of Amy's struggle with alcoholism, the details of the AA 12 step programme and how it supports people to reach sobriety very interesting. However, we mostly found Amy's introspection somewhat rambling and sometimes the book became disjointed. Whilst the stories from Hackney weren't popular, in the end, the group agreed it was necessary for Amy to share an account of that very difficult and painful decade.

In contrast, her writing about living on Mainland (the main island of the Orkneys) and Papay (one of the smaller islands) was engaging. One can feel the excitement of seeing the 'Merry Dancers' as she has 'swapped disco lights for celestial lights' and cold-water swimming to shock her senses away from her addictive and obsessive nature. She does not cut herself off from the outside world, using the Internet to enhance her understanding of the natural world. By developing routines, she finds it possible to avoid slipping back into alcoholism although the reader is left in no doubt of the daily challenges she faces and continual struggle to avoid doing so, be warned - this could be a 'marmite' book; one of our group really disliked it, they said they definitely would not recommend it and would rather watch paint dry!

We have had a number of new Bookworms join our group recently, which is wonderful, welcome to you all.

Deddington Library | 01869 338391



Update on West Close Playground

Just before Christmas the Lottery Awards for all funded us a fantastic £10,000 towards the proposed playground for West Close - Christmas really did come early for us! We now need residents' help more than ever so we can get the rest of the money and so that we can start building this playground in the summer of 2019!



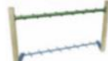




We would like to ask the people of the Barfords to consider sponsoring particular pieces of equipment. Or if you know of a local business/organisation that would like to donate, then please get them involved too. Donors will also have the opportunity to add a dedication that will go onto a board located at the playground.

We would be most grateful for any contribution no matter how small. Please pop any contributions with your name to either Carole or Jo Coppin (Addresses below). Cheques need to be addressed to *West Close Playground* and drop it into one of the contacts below or for bank transfers please contact either:

Carole Coppin: Barn Elms, The Green. 07768 378758 carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk

Jo Coppin: 21 Broad Close, Barford St Michael 07935 321405 joannebray@hotmail.com

Can you help us by sponsoring our list of items?

Your Donation	What it will pay for
 £10	Log swing with cradle seats for toddlers (130 donations needed)
 £20	Log swing with large basket seat (100 donations needed)
 £30	Horizontal monkey bars for little monkeys (20 donations needed)
 £45	Grassguard tiles (150 needed)
 £80	Adventure trail (30 donations needed)
 £100	Climbing tower (100 donations needed)
 £185	Simple bench seats (3 needed)

All of the above prices include installation



This morning
(Sunday 6th Jan)
I walked my dog as usual. Like most responsible dog owners, I picked up after my dog. However, between Church Street and

the entrance to the allotments I also picked up after 7 other dogs.

Now most dog owners that I know will pick up after their own dogs, but there are clearly a few that don't. We do seem to be having an influx of visitors to our village, so if you know them, please remind them to pick up after their dogs.

I have not yet encountered anyone not picking up, but if I do, I will challenge them.

Regards
A Responsible Dog Owner

CAROLS AT THE GEORGE UPDATE

Thank you to all the instrumentalists who gave so freely of their time to ensure that the evening of singing Carols and Festive songs in The George was such a wonderful success. Thank you also to Michael and his staff for all the work they put in moving furniture and providing refreshments to ensure the smooth running of the evening.

Lastly thank you to everyone who came and supported this annual event. The evening raised a magnificent £200.00 for our chosen charities. The Alzheimer's Society and Barford Children's Playground.

Glynnis Eastwood



BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 9th, 2019

This month we are showing

THE HUNDRED FOOT JOURNEY

The film is a 2014 American comedy-drama-romance film directed by Lasse Hallström from a screenplay written by Steven Knight, adapted from Richard Morais' 2010 novel of the same name. Produced by Steven Spielberg and Oprah Winfrey.

The film lasts for
2hr 4 mins.

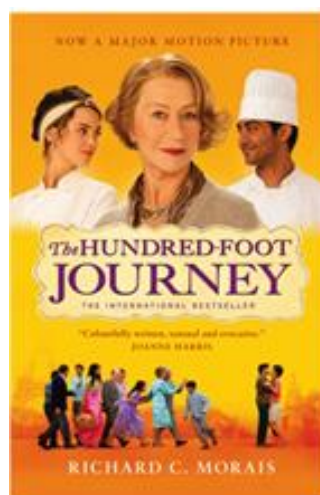
The film stars
Helen Mirren,
Om Puri, Manish
Dayal and
Charlotte Le Bon.
Hassan Kadam
(Manish Dayal) is
an

extraordinarily
talented and
largely self-
taught culinary
novice. When he

and his family are displaced from their native India and settle in a quaint French village, they decide to open an Indian eatery. However,

Madame Mallory (Helen Mirren), the proprietress of an acclaimed restaurant just 100 feet away, strongly objects. War erupts between the two establishments, until Mallory recognizes Kadam's impressive epicurean gifts and takes him under her wing.

Film starts at 7.45 ~ Tickets £4 each
Tea and coffee available
Bring your own alcohol and/or chairs
if you wish. Information available from
Gunilla on 01295 720521



HEDGEHOG MATTERS

Due to bad time management this was written in about ten minutes this month to meet the deadline for the BN editor so hopefully it's all accurate!

If any hogs are still out and about they will be looking for every bit of food that they can find so if you have access to your garden, keep an eye under your bird feeders at night where there may be bits of left-over seed. Remember that other wildlife, like birds also need water in winter so change a bowl of water regularly. Leaving a small ball in the bowl will help to stop it from freezing. With the weather forecast to become colder soon, any that haven't yet hibernated will no doubt be heading that way soon.

It seems to have been the fashion for the last few years to have wildlife on everything from clothing to bags, mugs, cards and



notebooks. It struck me before Christmas though that sadly, our native European hedgehog (*above photo*) that we are all so familiar with is declining even more rapidly on all these things than it is in reality. That's fast, because in reality it's declining rapidly too (though I can't remind you of that rate of decline now as I'm writing at breakneck speed) In fact our native hog is almost extinct on all the things mentioned above and has been replaced by the smaller, paler, squatter and depending on your viewpoint, cuter hedgehog, the African pygmy hedgehog.

It would be easy not to notice this unless you are very familiar with our native hog and unless you have a picture of them both side by side to compare. I have put them both together here and you can see the difference in size and body length. Sadly, even google hedgehog images are dominated by Pygmy's and there are few pictures of our native hogs. Pygmy pictures are usually of baby or young hogs too, no doubt tempting more people to consider them as pets because they look cute.

African pygmy's (*photo below*) are a hybrid of two other types of hedgehog and became popular as pets in the United State since the 80s, being bred in captivity for pets. I do wonder how 'tame' these really are. They have increased in popularity in this country in recent years but as they are solitary, smelly, nocturnal, and need special heated care, some irresponsible pet owners release them into the wild once they realise that they do not make ideal pets.



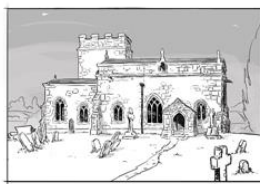
Most are unlikely to survive in the wild because they are tropical

creatures not suited to our cold climate. The lucky ones get seen and handed in to wildlife rescues centres. They are also more likely to be predated in the wild because they are easier to see.

If you do ever see a pygmy or an albino hedgehog, please ring Tess at the Nutkin ward. Her details are on the internet or in Hedgehog Matters in previous copies of Barford news.

Helen Taylor 01869 337850

CHURCH MATTERS



We are hoping this will become a regular feature in Barford News telling you about what has happened and will happen in Barfords' churches.

It was great to see so many at our services over Christmas! Many thanks to Revds Annie & Paula for the memorable Christmas services and to Deddington Brass who played so well at the Carol Service. Thanks too, to Sally and her team for the Crib Service and the reuniting of the sheep from the Posada journey around the village, so carefully organised by Nick & Caroline.

This month includes Valentine's Day with all its connections with romantic love! Little is known of its origins but many think it relates to this story.

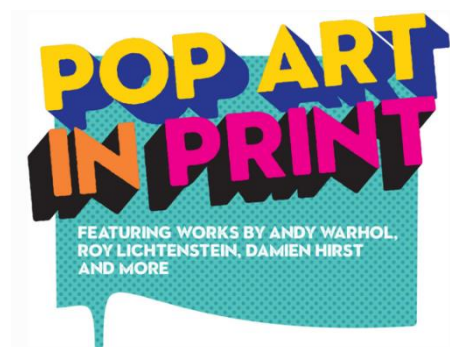
In the third century, the Roman Emperor Claudius II Gothicus was having a hard time recruiting enough soldiers. He thought this was because Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families behind, so he cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. Thousands of couples saw their hopes of love dashed and no one seemed interested in standing up to the emperor. Step forward a simple Christian priest named Valentine. He began to secretly marry soldiers before they went off to war. Emperor Claudius found out about the secret ceremonies and had Valentine thrown into prison and ordered him to be put to death.

As Valentine was awaiting execution, he fell in love with a blind girl, the jailer's daughter. On the eve of his execution, Valentine is said to have written her a sonnet in ink that he squeezed from violets. Legend has it that his words made the blind girl see again. It was a brief romance because the next day Valentine was clubbed to death by Roman executioners.

Barfordians are known for their support networks, their support of charities and many other things which as individuals we don't think of as acts of love but they probably are! As Mother Teresa once said 'Do ordinary things with extraordinary love.' and I think we all strive to do that when we can.

As a church we believe in a God of boundless love; a love that brought God down to earth as the Christ child celebrated at Christmas and such love to pay the price for our sins on the cross on Good Friday.

Tony Elvidge
Churchwarden



BANBURY MUSEUM

1st December 2018 – 3rd March 2019

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

£5 adult, £4 concession, £3 children
(under 5's free)

Featuring work by Andy Warhol,
Roy Lichtenstein, Damien Hirst and more
Drawn from the outstanding collection of Pop

Art graphics from the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, this exhibition showcases work by iconic artists of the 60's and 70's alongside contemporary artists influenced by the modern age's most important art movement.

FROM THE FIRE STATION.....For this month's article I thought it would be good to introduce some of the crew at your local Fire Station. We are currently recruiting at Deddington, so if this sounds like something you would be interested in,



please come by on any Tuesday night between 7.00 and 9.00pm for a cup of tea and a friendly chat.

Chris Fenemore, Watch Manager, 16 Years at Deddington:

Between managing our farms in Clifton and North Aston, I also manage the crew at Deddington Fire Station. Twenty years ago, we suffered a serious fire on the farm which was my first introduction to the fire station. Shortly afterwards I read in the Deddington News that the station might close due to a lack of crew and I knew this was my chance to make a difference. As an incident commander I get to direct my firefighters to resolve challenging operational incidents which is hugely rewarding.

George Williamson, Crew Manager, 6 years at Deddington: I joined Deddington Fire Station to start a flexible career that allows me to give something back to the community. I work as a maintenance manager at Featherton house. The staff there are really supportive which allows me to give lots of cover during week days. The best part of the job is the excitement you get when the pager goes off – you know you're going out to help people when they need it the most.

Nicky Isted, Crew Manager, 6 years at Deddington: Joining the Fire Service was a dream of mine from when I was a kid. Now, years later, I get to drive the fire engine to real emergencies and help get fire engines to where they are really needed as soon as is safely possible. Working in Adderbury gives me the chance to go on lots of callouts, and the extra money at the end of the month is very useful too.

Adam Franklin, Firefighter, 12 years at Deddington: When I moved to the area I thought the local fire station would be a great place to meet people in the village. Since then I have made many close friends through the Service. I'm lucky to have a flexible job as a gardener and a caring partner who supports what I do. My advice to anyone thinking of joining would be, if I can do it, you can too.

Emma Flint, Firefighter, 6 years at Deddington: The excitement of not knowing what we're going to when we get called out is amazing. Every job we go to is different and there are lots of situations where we get to help people. The training we do every week is fun and it helps that we usually manage to fit a cake in too. When I changed my career, I thought this would be something rewarding to do.

Now I fit it around my childminding job and being a mum to my two children.

Barney Alton, Firefighter, 3 years at Deddington: I grew up in the community and saw the fire station as an exciting way to learn new things and help local people. I work in different places doing carpentry so I had to limit my hours with the Fire Service to evenings and some weekends. I have since had the opportunity to transfer into the whole-time duty system and have adapted my cover around my new shift pattern.

Andy Hayward, Firefighter, 1991–2011, 2017 onwards: I followed in my uncles' footsteps when I first became a firefighter at Deddington. I had to move to Banbury in 2002, where I served with the Banbury retained station until 2011. I'm lucky to be able to have re-joined Deddington last year with the support from my partner. I work as a firefighter at London Oxford Airport and can adapt my cover at Deddington around my shift pattern and my young family.

Adrian Spilsbury, Firefighter, 5 years at Watlington and Deddington: When I moved to the area I already knew I wanted to be a part of Deddington fire station as I had already served two-and-a-half years with Watlington. As a farrier I usually work alone so getting called in to work with a tight team with the fire service is fantastic.

Taken from an article for Deddington News by

**Chris Fenemore
Watch Manager**

DROP IN COFFEE MORNINGS

EX SERVCEMEN'S HALL, BLOXHAM
Every Friday morning ~ 10.00 – 11.00am



**On the first Friday of each month we will
have a produce stall offering a small
range of baked goods, preserves and
plants in season**

**Order baked goods through
Sue Myburgh - 01295 261480
email susan.myburgh@btinternet.com**

**South Newington
Occasional Singers**
warmly invite any villagers from Barford
to join our singing group which meets
on Saturday mornings

We have a professional conductor, Stuart Dunlop, who lives in South Newington and is Director of Music at the University of East Anglia, and also have a professional piano accompanist, Joe Cummings, recently graduated from the Royal College of Music. We sing a range of music including classical and modern (e.g. Rutter, Bach, Beatles, traditional folk) but not major choral works, practising them ahead of a few performances which we give each year.

We're a friendly group of singers, men and women, around twenty of us, all voice parts, of all ages and abilities, and we'd love a few more singers to join us, so please do come along one Saturday.

No audition necessary, just turn up and see if you enjoy it. We rehearse from 10.30 – midday on Saturdays in term time, with a short break for a coffee. You don't have to come every week, and it only costs £5.00 a session.

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**Letter to the editor Barford News
Ref Tom Greeves article**

I was very disappointed to see Mr Greeves take over a whole page of our wonderful Barford News to put forward his political opinions.

As a left-leaning remainder my beliefs are entirely different from those of Mr Greeves but I would never presume to use our village newspaper to promote my personal viewpoint.

One point I feel I must challenge is Mr Greeves assertion that 'principle and conviction are surely admirable qualities'. The divisions caused by Brexit are likely to last for many years and so I believe that it is now time for people with strong principles or convictions to put those aside, to listen to others and to try to seek compromise.

Carole Coppin



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KEEP UP TO DATE WITH KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE EVENTS We're looking forward to a busy 2019 here at Katharine House, with plenty of fundraising and hospice events throughout the year. From Midnight Walks to mountain treks, open days to volunteer opportunities, you can find out more about what's happening at your local hospice at www.khh.org.uk.



Unfortunately, there was another burglary in the village over the Christmas period so below are some recommendation from the Thames Valley Police website.

BECOME A CREATURE OF HABIT

Try to get into the habit of following your own course of action when you lock up your home. This will ensure that you don't forget anything. Here's what we recommend you do before you go out:

- **close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you're only going out for a few minutes**
- **double-lock any door**
- **make sure that any valuables are out of sight**
- **keep handbags away from the letterbox or cat flap and hide all keys including car keys, as a thief could hook keys or valuables through even a small opening**
- **never leave car documents or ID in obvious places such as kitchens or hallways**
- **in the evening, shut the curtains and leave lights on**
- **if you're out all day, then it's advisable to use a timer device to automatically turn lights and a radio on at night**
- **set your burglar alarm**
- **make sure the side gate is locked**
- **lock your shed or garage**
- **lock your bike inside a secure shed or garage, to a robust fitting bolted to the ground or wall, like a ground anchor**

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY –

What a great start to the New Year we have had! Attendance at the first rhyme times of the year has been excellent! It's so good to see lots of parents, carers and little ones attending this. Our rhyme time hosts put a lot into these sessions and it's so good to see them well supported. Don't forget to come along to future sessions, Monday afternoons, 2.30 – 3pm; term time only. We really need another rhyme time volunteer, so if you are interested in helping please contact me for details. Our rhyme time hosts do one session every 4-5 weeks, come along and visit a session to see what we do!

By way of exciting New Year News... Some years ago, we were fortunate enough to be left a legacy by a lady, Kaye Brearley-Kelsey, who lived in the village and who very much enjoyed using the Deddington library. Although it is not a gift in perpetuity, this legacy will greatly benefit Deddington Library stock for the next few years. So, before Christmas I spent many happy hours choosing books and placing orders with our suppliers! I'm very pleased to report that these books have already started arriving in the library and are very welcome additions to our normal stock. Last year's budget was spent over a range of genres and age groups, in particular this time, on teenage stock, new crime authors and a lovely top up of junior stock for the 8 – 12-year olds, as well as some adult non-fiction. I hope you enjoy the new stock choices and if you'd like to make recommendations for future purchases, please do get in touch.

While SPARK settled down last year, and I eventually got to grips with it, ordering books from the library catalogue can occasionally be a little slow, and while I can of course do this at the counter, you may prefer to do this yourself as the public system is a little quicker! I, or one of our volunteers, can show you how to access your own on-line library account on the Library PC's where you can order books, renew the ones you have and access the wealth of information the online service has to offer. If you want to have a look at home, go to:

www.libcat.oxfordshire.gov.uk/web/arena/my-account

you just need to have your 10 digit borrower number from your library card and PIN number to hand. I can issue your PIN number at the counter if you don't have it yet.

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

Stella O'Neill | Library Manager | 01869 338 391

DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

It has been lovely to welcome so many new children to the PFSU and Nursery this term, and we hope you all enjoy your time with us. This term the PFSU children are finding out all about animals. We have had some pets in to visit us and we are writing to the vet to invite her to come in and tell us all about her job. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year. The Nursery children are learning all about transport and numbers, as well as continuing with their regular activities such as walks, playground visits and yoga! Dates for your diary include a car boot sale, on Deddington Primary School playground, on Sunday 24th March, and the Four Farms Challenge (10K, 5K and fun run) at Deddington Castle Grounds on Sunday 12th May.

Lucy Squires



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

We finished the autumn term with the Local Knowledge badge, the Cubs indicated on a map where all the important services were in the village & then added a few of their own, apparently Deddington would benefit from having a fun fair, water park & giant chocolate fountain!

We then decorated some bird houses with anything we could find in the craft boxes. They were to say the least 'unusual' & any birds moving in would probably need therapy!

Jo Churchyard deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

The Scouts also ended the term in a festive mood, making some chocolate 'lollies' to stir into hot milk. Although I think many of them were eaten on the way home.

We also took a group on a night hike from Adderbury to the campsite at Horley. It was a near perfect evening, cold but fine & having completed it in approx. 4 hours were treated to burgers before settling down for a night in the toasty bunk room.

We have finally bought the drinks bottles, first aid kits & whistles to send to the 16th Kombo Scout Group in The Gambia.

Peter Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Explorers

Gosh where has the year gone to? We had a busy December helping put up posters for the Tractor Run for Katharine House, had a board games evening, went to Horley with 1st Bloxham Scouts and played Frisbee Golf in the dark – yes that was a challenge but the "holes" were illuminated, unlike the Frisbees! – and managed to free ourselves from the Scramm! Rooms in Banbury.

Now we're looking forward to welcoming new members and the exciting things that are planned for 2019. Check back here to see what we've been up to. Happy New Year.

Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959
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Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas card delivery again this year – proceeds go towards our equipment insurance.

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£10, 187, Bradshaw Family

£5, 178, Jess Romain

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£10, 147, Jeremy Eastwood

£5, 112, Danielle Semple

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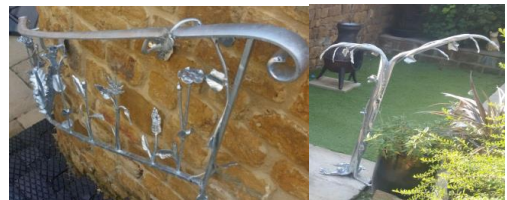
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VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

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FEBRUARY

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Thursdays	Open cuppa mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)
Fridays	Rainbows Whist alternate weeks
Saturdays	Village Market 3 rd week (except January or August)
3rd Wednesday	Village Hall Management Committee

DIARY DATES

February 2019

6 th	Parish Council Meeting
9 th	Picture House-The Hundred Foot Journey
13 th	WI – Cookery Demonstration
14 th	Adderbury Farmers' Market
16 th	Village Market is back
19 th	Tuesday Lunch Club
25 th	Garden Club AGM – village hall

March 2019

30 th	Playground Charity Dinner (Page 13)
31 st	Parish Council Grant Application deadline

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