

# BARFORD NEWS

MARCH 2019

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## Mothering Sunday Celebration

Barford St Michael Church

Sunday March 31st

10:30am



HAPPY  
Mother's  
DAY



## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

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

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 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:**  
**Mid Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan** - The examiner has recommended that the plan proceed to a referendum based on his recommended modifications, the plan is available to view at CDC's Bodicote House and on the CDC website. An officer report is being prepared and will ask Cllr Clarke (Lead Member for Planning) to consider the examiner's recommendations and modifications. A referendum will then take place soon after the Lead Member decision with arrangements confirmed by the Governance & Elections Manager.

**Separation of CDC & SNDC** - As of the 1st January CDC have separated the two senior leadership teams as well as the Executive Assistants providing support to the two teams. From 14th January the Economic Growth and Planning Policy and Conservation teams have separated, these teams were straight forward separations as they already operated with a high degree of geographic independence, for example working on either the CDC Local Plan or the SNDC Local Plan. Between now and July 2019, the second and third phase of staff separations will be implemented, by this summer the majority of staff should be settled as working in either CDC or SNDC. We are still on schedule to be fully separated and independent by July 2019.

### Parish Matters:

**Play area in West Close** – the following were reported and agreed:

1. Sufficient funds have been raised to order the play equipment.
2. The build is scheduled to start on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and will take two weeks.
3. A note will be published in the Barford News (hopefully on the front cover, advising parishioners of the timing).
4. Some of the undergrowth along the Murrays Lane border of West Close will need to be trimmed back. This will be coordinated by the Parish Council and carried out before the end of February.
5. A noticeboard will be erected with details of the main sponsors.
6. A formal opening is planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bank Holiday weekend in May.

**Annual Parish Meeting** – This will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Village Clean-Up** – A village clean-up will be held in the spring and volunteers will be asked to assist. Sandi Turner will liaise with Mariann Young to agree a date which will be published in the Barford News. Cherwell District Council provides sacks, hi viz jackets and pickers etc...

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

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

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

### Planning:

18/02126/LB – Crown House – Granted.

18/02137/F – George Inn – Garden Gazebo – Refused.

### Finance:

**Payments** - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £22,231.40. This includes the deposit of £12,006.98 to Sovereign for the play equipment and the transfer of the £10,000 Lottery grant for the play area to the West Close playground account. This was proposed by Cllr Eden and seconded by Cllr Hobbs.

### Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



**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**



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## CHURCH MATTERS



No doubt we have all tried to give up something for Lent, whether it is chocolate, cakes, beer, wine or even social media. This can be quite a challenge! Lent runs for 40 days between Ash Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, through to sunset on the Saturday immediately before Easter. If you look at a

calendar there seems to be too many days! This is because the Lent period doesn't include Sundays. Most Sundays we take Holy Communion where we celebrate the memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus, almost mini Easter in its own right.

Lent is a time of fasting (which is why we give up things), alms giving (we should try to give more to charities) and prayer (a personal conversation with God) all in preparation for the coming of Easter when we celebrate Jesus's resurrection from the dead. Lent is a time of self-examination and reflection. There are alternatives to giving something up for Lent. Why not search 'Christian Aid Count your Blessings 2019' in Google or similar. This will give you different actions for each week of Lent such as a reflection or a donation suggestion. We'll have a few copies in church of Count Your Blessings if you would like one. Another idea suggested by a friend was to take on the Lenten Challenge of doing something good for someone each day of Lent. It could be as simple as a friendly greeting or an offer to help out in some way. However, if the person realises you are doing it as part of your Lenten Challenge then you have to find another good-deed to do!

Right in the middle of Lent is Mothering Sunday on 31<sup>st</sup> March and there will be a special service celebrating this in St Michael's church at 10:30am. You are warmly invited to come along. Why not join us for a Lent Study based around the film 'The King's Speech'? We will be exploring the ways in which, like Colin Firth's Bertie, we too can face and overcome our terrors to find our true and authentic voice. The course runs each Thursday evening at 7:30pm during Lent, starting on March 7<sup>th</sup> in Deddington Church. If you would like to go, please let me know.

Wishing you all a thought-provoking Lent.

**Tony Elvidge**  
Churchwarden

### **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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**
- 2. Applicants are encouraged to present their case to the Parish Council at the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com)

BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET  
SATURDAY 16th MARCH - 10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL



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

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

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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

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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



## The Ladies Academy @ Taddy

Ladies, if you have ever wanted to give golf a go or you are thinking of starting again then the Ladies Academy @ Taddy is made for you...

Starting with a FREE taster session on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** followed by 2 group lessons each week for 6 weeks!

The lessons will be provided by our PGA Professional John Stubbs & his team with the aim of building your confidence and delivering coaching that is both effective for you but most importantly ENJOYABLE

For more information or to sign up for the taster session on March 30<sup>th</sup> please email:

[golfopsmanager@tadmartongolf.com](mailto:golfopsmanager@tadmartongolf.com) or telephone 01608 737278

Address: Tadmarton Heath Golf Club, Wiggington, Banbury, OX15 5HL  
Visit: [www.tadmartongolf.com](http://www.tadmartongolf.com)

## DOWN ON THE FARM

I recently read an article in one of the farming papers about driverless tractors. This is a concept that has intrigued tractor makers and researchers for several decades but its commercialism has been defeated by costs and practicality. It has also been waylaid by progress. For example, a young farmer today using a powerful tractor and wide working implements can do four or five times the work in a day that his father did using a 40 hp tractor in the 1960s.

There were experiments at Reading University in the 1950s with an International Harvester tractor fitted with sensors that followed buried cables. It also included numerous fail safe devices to prevent the machine disappearing and causing havoc on a neighbour's farm.

This idea was progressed by the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering and a few systems were installed commercially in orchards in Kent in the mid-1960s to cope with repetitive grass mowing and spraying work. However, the high cost of burying the cables and modifying the tractors soon put paid to the idea.

All the major tractor manufacturers have had a go at developing driverless systems over the years. Radio control was used by both Massey-Ferguson and Ford in 1955; the MF system required a radio operator to stand in the field to guide the tractor which begged the question; why not sit him on the tractor seat and save the expense?

The Ford system went one better with a man driving one tractor conventionally while using radio control to operate a driverless tractor in the same field. Both systems were eventually deemed impractical and discontinued. However, as with all experimental work, there have been useful spin offs that have seen electronic sensor guidance and robotic systems introduced on conventional machinery. Cows can now be milked and mucked out by robots and combine headers can be kept in full crop using camera guidance that takes over the steering. Combine harvesters are also fitted with sensors that monitor crop yield and a host of

other functions and automatically adjust the forward speed of the machine.

GPS has also benefitted the industry in enabling in-field guidance of machinery using field mapping systems and these are also able to vary fertiliser use according to soil requirements.

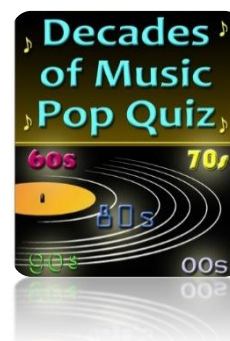
As these and other developments continue to bombard the industry, enabling fewer hands to do more work, the future for driverless prime movers with all the attendant costs and safety concerns remains bleak. However, researchers continue to nibble round the edges. An example is the commercial development of robotic lawn mowers which mow the lawn while you watch telly: how 'chore relievingly' cool is that!

**Tony Collier**  
**Iron Down Farm**

## Barford St Michael Village Hall Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 7:30pm

**QUIZ MASTER AL  
JAMES INVITES YOU  
TO TEST YOUR  
MUSIC KNOWLEDGE**

Teams of up to 8  
people - £7 pp  
(BYO drink) includes a  
cheese board with a  
selection of cheeses per team



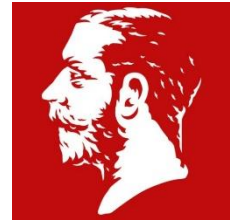
For more information and to book a table  
Contact Rick Allen on ☎07747865903 or  
[rick.allen@allenschofield.co.uk](mailto:rick.allen@allenschofield.co.uk)



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



# The George Inn



## Mothering Sunday

Bread & olives 4  
Soup of the day 5  
Chicken liver pate 7  
Garlic mushrooms on toast 7.5  
Prawn cocktail 8

Leek & cheddar tart, salad, fries 12.5  
Mushroom risotto, fries 12.5  
Beer battered cod, fries, peas, tartar sauce 13.5  
Gammon, egg **or** pineapple, chips, peas 14

Roast all served with vegetables, roast potatoes, gravy &  
Yorkshire pudding

Rare rump of beef 14  
Roast lamb 14  
Gammon & parsley sauce 14

Chocolate mousse, salted caramel 6  
Mixed sorbet 6  
Sticky toffee pudding 6  
Summer fruit crumble, custard **or** vanilla ice cream 6

Live music is back at The George! Monday the 4th of March sees the return of live music with none other than Freeway Jam.

We will be opening specially for this event from 7pm with music kicking off at 9pm. Come and join us so you don't miss what is sure to be a fantastic night of live music!

We are taking bookings for Mothering Sunday the 31st of March, with a special menu for the day and a free flower for mum!

**FREEWAY~JAM**

airport Convention  
CROPREDY

MONDAY 4th MARCH 2019  
9.00 pm  
THE GEORGE INN  
BARFORD SAINT MICHAEL  
Tel: 01869 338160



**BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM  
OUR POTTING SHED - MARCH 2019**

*Child's Song In Spring - Poem by Edith Nesbit*

*The Silver Birch is a dainty lady,  
She wears a satin gown;  
The elm tree makes the old churchyard shady,  
She will not live in town.*

*The English oak is a sturdy fellow,  
He gets his green coat late;  
The willow is smart in a suit of yellow  
While brown the beech trees wait.*

*Such a gay green gown God gives the larches-  
As green as he is good!  
The hazels hold up their arms for arches,  
When spring rides through the wood.*

*The chestnut's proud, and the lilac's pretty,  
The poplar's gentle and tall,  
But the plane tree's kind to the poor dull city-  
I love him best of all!*

Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of gardening tasks. It's time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around the garden.

**Top jobs this month** Protect new spring shoots from slugs; Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes; Plant summer-flowering bulbs; Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials; Top dress containers with fresh compost; Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed); Cut back *Cornus* (dogwood) and *Salix* (willow) grown for colourful winter stems; Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early; Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters; Prune bush and climbing roses. Get planting your bare-root fruit trees, containers and cold-stored strawberries. In late March apply a high nitrogen spring/summer lawn fertiliser to encourage good, strong growth to help the lawn recover after the winter. Report on our **AGM**, held February 25<sup>th</sup>, will appear in next months Barford News. Future visits, talks etc will be revealed..!!



Happy Gardening, **SPADE & FORK**

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

**ANNUAL MEETING  
&  
BRING & SHARE SUPPER**

**on Wednesday 13th March  
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Please come along to enjoy  
shared food and to make your  
choice of our next president**

**200 CLUB RESULTS  
FEBRUARY Draw**

£15, 074, Jeremy Eastwood  
£10, 032, Christine Hall  
£5, 213, Lucy Pennington

the draws took place at  
at a Cuppa Morning



**Welcome! to  
Catherine, Emily &  
James Barker, with Bailey**

**who have just moved into  
their new home in Townsend,  
we wish them a happy time here  
in our lovely villages**





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- An 'odd-job' man – for small jobs around the home and garden
- Advocacy



For more information and services please contact Emma at:  
[enquiries@dandelions-care.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@dandelions-care.co.uk) or call 07484 801726

## **BARFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**WEST CLOSE PLAYGROUND COMING  
THIS APRIL!**

Some more great news to report back. Yes, it is true, the West Close Playground Committee have obtained all of the money for the playground and the build will start on the 23rd April!

Sovereign, the company that won the bid and design of our playground have already been to the field in West Close and conducted their installation survey in February. The playground is now on order and parts are being made to be assembled on site from the 23rd April till the 3rd May. Please be aware that Murrey's Lane might be busy during that time. We are not sure if the road will be closed at this stage.

The 3-course dinner held by Anne and Mick Pearson will really help with funds to maintain the playground annually, so please do join us that evening. Seats are selling fast so please contact Mick on 01869 337074 or email him at [mickpearson1@outlook.com](mailto:mickpearson1@outlook.com) to reserve the last few places.

As a member of the West Close Playground Committee I really want to express my thanks to everyone that has donated to this project, either through time or much needed funds. Especially to all the amazing West Close committee members for their hours of hard work and determination. Finally, to Carole Coppin, for her invaluable contribution on grants and trust applications, obtaining most of the funds through this channel and allowing our children to finally have a village park while they are still young enough to enjoy it

We will be hosting an opening day, which will most likely happen once the playground is completed. Details of this will be in next month's issue.

**Jo Coppin**

**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB  
19th March 2019  
12.30PM for 1PM**

**Menu**

**Main Course**

**Honey roasted gammon with parsley and  
Dijon sauce served with new potatoes**

**or**

**Corned beef hash (corned beef, onion  
and baked beans) topped with mash  
potato**

**both above mains served with seasonal  
vegetables**

**or**

**Thai green vegetable curry  
served with brown rice and poppadoms**

**desserts**

**Chocolate mousse with bailey's cream  
served with a shortbread biscuit**

**or**

**Pineapple upside down pudding  
served with creamy custard**

**Finally**

**Coffee & Tea**

**Price £5.00**

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

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

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

**by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

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

**PLEASE NOTE. WE REGRET WE ARE  
UNABLE TO CATER FOR ANYONE WITH  
FOOD ALLERGIES**

# Ghillie the PAT Dog

By Nick Belson

"He's not a proper working dog is he? I've had dogs for years on my farm, they always helped with my sheep and cattle. Never let them in the house though, they lived in the barn... proper working dogs like a collie, what sort of dog is this woolly thing anyway?" ... a typical chat with one of the residents, Ghillie and I visit at The Ridings in Banbury.



It wasn't my intention for Ghillie to be a therapy dog. On a walk at the reservoir in Banbury two years ago, we met a lovely lady, who just happened to be the area organiser for Pets As Therapy a local charity based in Chalgrove. After a couple of hours of walking and chatting she said "he'd make a good visiting dog you know... here's the web address go and take a look".

The process took around six months. I did some extra training with Ghillie. Then he did a test at Deddington (In the market place!) with an independent assessor for an hour. I had to provide references, and apply for a DBS check. Then we started at The Ridings last May 2018.

We visit every week for around two hours. Meeting residents in the lounge area and in their rooms, always accompanied. They like talking about memories of their dogs, showing me pictures, giving Ghillie a treat, brushing him and mainly just having a heart to heart about their week. I always feel my objective is to make them feel relaxed have a laugh and share a few stories whilst meeting Ghillie. They always seem to miss us if we can't make it.



Residents have a range of needs to take into consideration. Quite a few are affected by dementia, as my father was, so I feel reasonably equipped to support them. Some have very little speech but become quite animated when Ghillie arrives.

It's a rewarding experience when you can cheer someone up with a little dog and chat for 10 minutes each week. I'd recommend it to anyone that wants to do something extra with their dog. I'm planning to do the Assessor Training Course next. Pets As Therapy is a very small charity, run by a lot of volunteers. I'd like to encourage as many people as possible to get involved its a very worthwhile cause. And I've witnessed it's impact first-hand.

If you'd like to know more please give Nick a call on 07778 017530. [www.petsastherapy.org](http://www.petsastherapy.org)

## THE CHIPPING NORTON SPORTS AWARDS 2019

As you know it's the awards season – the Bafta's, the Grammys and the Oscars are example of what's going on at the moment.

Last Friday evening there was another Awards event in Chippy Town Hall – the Chipping Norton Sports Awards 2019.

Amongst the winners were:

***Chipping Norton Rugby Club –  
unbeaten this season***

***Windrush Valley School Trampoline  
Team – County and National success***

***Millie Scott from Chippy School –  
European & International Equestrian  
Champion.***

The highlight for the Allen & Clacy families along with Cotswolds Golf Club was the presentation of the Under 17's Team Award to Matt and Jamie for their International Pairs



Tournament in Spain last November.

As previously said they have represented the Cotswolds Club in general and the Junior Section so well in the past and did so again on Friday evening.

We hope to have more awards next year!!

**Rick Allen**



**1<sup>st</sup> DEDDINGTON  
SCOUT GROUP**

### Cubs

So far this term, the Cubs have gained their Digital Maker badge by learning about computers and designing a game that could be played on one. We have also talked about winter walking & activities and what to wear to stay warm (apparently vests are hilarious!) plus they drew some posters illustrating aspects of the Countryside Code.

Parker, Bailey & Jack represented the pack at the annual swimming gala, they came third in their section and fourth overall – well swum...!!

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

### Scouts

The Scouts also designed games for the Digital Maker badge based on the United Nation's global objectives (impressed?) and as expected, they were more detailed than the Cubs but both involved submarines! We then moved on to some core subjects, maps, contours & calculating distances.

Peter Churchyard  
[deddingtonscouts@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonscouts@gmail.com)



The Whist Drives which are held alternate Fridays in the Village Hall have made a profit of £314 (July to December). I have

sent cheques to the Church for £157, the Shepherd & Bakehouse Trust £78.50 and the Katharine House Hospice £78.50.

I have been encouraged by an increase in players and it is nice to be able to send more money to charity. Many thanks to all those who help me along the way.

New players are always welcome.

**Judy Hobbs**





### RAVE REVIEWS FOR DEDDINGTON PANTO!

*"Great entertainment"    "Brilliant fun for all ages"    "Stunning production"*

Deddington Players 2019 pantomime, Dick Whittington, was arguably their best yet and compared very favourably with Oxford Playhouse's recent production of the same name. A cast of 50, armed with a sparkling script written by Steve Moss, Carrick Cameron and Jen Toll, gave us the traditional mix of storytelling, in-jokes, song and dance and audience participation.

The whole production flowed and fizzed, with well-timed repartee, plenty of double-entendres and great engagement from all the leading characters, aided by genuine commitment from the audience. Dick's framing for theft was greeted by indignant cries of "excuse me" from one young 'witness' in the front row who was determined to see justice done. The costumes and make-up were spectacular and the acting, singing and dancing all of a very high standard. It was particularly good to see so much talent amongst the younger members of the cast.



What a marvelously enjoyable afternoon it was! Deddington Players go from strength to strength. The bar has been set high for future years so put the dates in your diary for the 2020 production.



Sandford St Martin Cricket Club this year celebrates its centenary with events that will include a Summer Ball, a six a side tournament and a match against the MCC (tbc), and more besides.

There will of course be plenty of cricket to be played at The Park throughout the summer and this year we are focused on introducing Ladies cricket at Sandford. Laura Crofts Oxfordshire Ladies coach will be joining us at the Club to work with women and girls from all age groups who wish to be involved with Sandford St Martin's ladies cricket. So, girls, if you fancy bashing or bowling a cricket ball to ease your tension, please call for details.

We do of course need to hear from the boys and men who would like to join the Club and get playing and just enjoy playing at whatever standard or level, albeit Saturday league fixtures or Sunday friendly matches. Our indoor practice net sessions commence 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 12-2.00pm at Charlbury's Sports Centre and run-for 10 weeks, Youth & Junior indoor nets will take place at Heyford [dates tba]. There is a great need for umpires or prospective umpires especially at SSMCC. Courses are being arranged for Level 1&2 umpires and ALL umpires qualified at all levels and appear at Cherwell League matches do receive expenses. So, if you feel you may be the next Dickie Bird get in touch.

So if you wish to play or participate; in cricket at one of Oxfordshire's most picturesque venues grounds and become part of our centenary year please contact [.sandfordcc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sandfordcc@yahoo.co.uk). Or telephone Martin Roberts 01869347188 for more information.

## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



We have had another busy month here at Deddington Primary School.

We would like to begin our news by saying a MASSIVE THANK YOU

to Nicholson's Garden Centre who came to our school and refreshed our soil and fixed the beds on our school allotments. We are SO GRATEFUL for their hard work, expertise and hours of time freely donated to us. We look forward to the coming months when we can grow produce and flowers again in our garden. Several classes have been on trips. The Year 6's had a fantastic day at the Imperial War Museum London, travelling safely on the one day of snow we had on 1st February! The Year 1's visited Banbury Museum for a great morning, when they learnt about toys in the Victorian Era.

The Year 5's visited the Warriner Farm, learning about animals and wildlife. The children made some amazing clay owls during their visit.

In sport, we were lucky to have the input from a qualified gymnastics instructor from Wade Gymnastics club in Banbury, who came to teach different aspects of gymnastics to children in Years 3 and 4. Some Year 6 pupils took part in a Netball tournament at Bloxham Primary School, and one team made it all the way to the final but were sadly defeated. However, all who took part thoroughly enjoyed this competition.

Finally, we are looking forward to our annual event of a visit from Scholastic Book fair at the start of Term 4. We are hoping to raise as much money as possible through our sales, to put towards buying new books for all children here to enjoy. All the children are now looking forward to their well-earned half term break.

**DENISE WELCH**



### FROM THE FIRE STATION

December was a fairly quiet month with only five fire calls. This was due in part to our availability as two of our crew have been out of action due to sporting injuries but, as ever, we have taken this in our stride and I would like to thank the crew for the extra cover they provided, especially over the Christmas period, to maintain our high level of availability.

On a positive note to start the new year, both Fire Fighters have recovered from their injuries and returned operationally fit and back on the run. We have also been very happy to welcome Tom Hall back after a three month sabbatical.

We are pleased to report that our recent recruitment campaign has been very successful with four applications to join us being received. I will be looking forward to introducing them to you over the coming months. There are still more vacancies to fill so if you are interested in joining please give us a call, come and see us on a Tuesday night 7.00–9.00pm or visit our Facebook page.

By the time you read this we will have had our annual station inspection by the Brigade's manager responsible for service delivery. He will come out to inspect our station, our appliance and equipment and test the crew on selected operational procedures – and yes, he does wear a pair of white gloves when he goes around the appliance to check it is clean.

I never like to tempt fate but we have had very few chimney fires so far this year so just a quick reminder to have your chimney swept at least twice a year if you regularly have a fire. Chimney fires often lead to serious fires and, even if the fire is restricted to the chimney, structural damage can still occur.

*Chris Fenemore, Watch Manager*



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The first term of 2019 has flown by. We particularly enjoyed our day playing in the snow!

This term the PFSU children have been learning about animals. We have had lots of animal visitors to preschool and also a visit from the vet. Thank you to everyone who has been in to visit us.

We've also been learning about Chinese New Year and children from both settings enjoyed a lovely meal from the May Fu II restaurant. The preschool children also visited the restaurant to see their new year decorations. Thank you to the May Fu II for hosting our visit.

We're currently selling tickets for our hamper raffle which will be drawn at the end of March.

**DIARY DATE:** our car boot sale is on Sunday 24th March.

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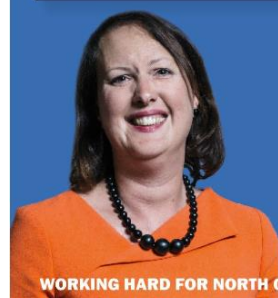
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While there will be jugs of tap water and glasses (tumblers and wine) on the tables you will need to bring any other drinks with you (alcoholic or otherwise). There may be some fund raising, i.e. a raffle, so please ensure you have some cash with you.

**MENU**

**Starters**

leek and potato soup served with croutons & bread roll  
or

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or

oriental pork meatballs with a peanut dipping sauce, lime wedges & prawn crackers

**MAINS**

steak & guinness cobbler served with duchess potatoes OR  
or

chicken breast wrapped in smoked bacon with mushroom & white wine sauce, served with minted new potatoes  
or

crunchy cheese & herb topped cod fillet with a lemon and dill cream sauce served with minted new potatoes  
or

roasted butternut squash, pepper and mushroom tagine served with Moroccan spiced couscous

**The main courses will be served with seasonal vegetables**

**DESSERTS**

sticky toffee pudding with caramel sauce served with ice cream or cream

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lemon and raspberry posset served with a ginger shortbread biscuit

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a selection of cheeses and biscuits served with a chutney, celery and grapes

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**KATHMANDU CHARITY QUIZ UPDATE**

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So, at the end of a very lively evening we came away with a whopping £675 towards our funds for the Kathmandu kids home. A BIG THANK YOU to all who attended and made the evening the fun experience that it was.

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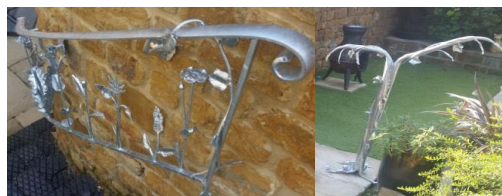
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# VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

## CHURCH SERVICES

### Church of England MARCH

**3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Giving Scheme Launch 10:30am BSM**

**10<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 9:00am BSJ**

**17<sup>th</sup> Family Service 10:30am BSM**

**24<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 9:00am BSM**

**31<sup>st</sup> Mothering Sunday Celebration 10:30am BSM**

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**Tuesdays** Guides (Deddington)

Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar

**Wednesdays** Brownies (Windmill - Deddington)

Fernhill Club

1<sup>st</sup> week parish council (not August)

2<sup>nd</sup> week W.I. meeting

Boys Brigade (Deddington)

**Thursdays** Open cuppa mornings

Cubs (Deddington)

Scouts (Deddington)

**Fridays** Rainbows

Whist alternate weeks

**Saturdays** Village Market 3<sup>rd</sup> week

**(except January or August)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** Village Hall Management Committee

## DIARY DATES

### March 2019

4<sup>th</sup> Freeway Jam

6<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> Barford Picture House, Mama Mia

13<sup>th</sup> WI Annual Meeting & Supper

16<sup>th</sup> Barford Market – village hall

19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch Club – village hall

23<sup>rd</sup> Big Barford Breakfast – village hall

30<sup>th</sup> Playground Committee Dinner

31<sup>st</sup> Parish Council Grant App deadline

### April 2019

6<sup>th</sup> Village Clean Up (see page 3)

24<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Annual General Meeting

## BARFORD NEWS

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