

# BARFORD NEWS

MAY 2019

Price 50p where sold



## PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm**

All being well and the construction being completed on time, we will be holding a Grand Opening for the playground on this date. We would like to invite you to **bring a picnic** and enjoy the new playground for the first time. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us! One of the lucky children present will be chosen (names in a hat) to help cut the ribbon to officially open the site.



**Barford Market, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 11am**

A further event will be held at 11am at the Village Hall, during the Barford Market, to unveil a complete list of those who have supported the playground with their time and/or money. Do come along to enjoy a coffee and a bacon buttie at the market, and see the list!

*(Note, a broader sponsor sign will be placed in the field by the construction contractors.)*

**BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET**  
**SATURDAY 18th MAY 10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**



**DIARY DATE....See page 13 for your BARFORD VILLAGE SHOW Schedule which takes place on SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, more details to follow.....**

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 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). Five members of the public attended the meeting. Apologies were received from County Councillor Fatemian

**Minutes of the last meeting:** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded Cllr Best.

### Public Participation:

**Parish Council Grants** – Representative from the Parochial Church Council and Barford News attended the meeting to present their applications for grants. The Village Hall Committee have also submitted a grant application. The Parish Council will decide on what grants to pay at the May meeting.

### Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian: None

### Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams:

**Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan** - The Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan has been recommended for approval at the next council meeting of Cherwell District Council. Executive Committee decision. That the referendum result of 21 March 2019 where 90.2% of those who voted were in favour of the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan which is above the required 50% be noted. (2) That it be recommended to Council that it 'makes' the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan so that it continues to have effect as part of the statutory Development Plan for the District. (3) That Council be recommended to approve the issuing and publication of a decision statement.

**Joint Working between CDC and OCC** - The report sets out the progress of the partnership since its inception in October 2018 and a series of recommendations to develop and enhance joint working. Positive progress has been shown alongside opportunities for further development. It is the view of the Partnership Working Group that the joint working model demonstrates a good opportunity for Cherwell and Oxfordshire to generate savings, deliver efficiencies and improve two tier working. The recommendations set out how this can be further developed, work continues apace with identifying opportunities.

**The OVO Energy Women's Tour** - Oxfordshire has secured an agreement with the event organisers of the OVO Energy Women's Tour. The OVO Energy Women's Tour is the UK's biggest and most prestigious bike race for women. A founder member of the UCI Women's World Tour, the race attracts the world's top cyclists – including Olympic and World Champions to compete on British roads over five days each June. All councils across Oxfordshire have agreed, in principle, at an Oxfordshire Leaders meeting on 4 March for Oxfordshire to be a host venue over the next three years. This will include hosting the overall start and finish in 2020 and 2021 and hosting

Stage 3 of the event on 12 June 2019. This is being led by Oxfordshire County Council who will contract with SweetSpot, the event organiser. The OVO Energy Women's Tour presents an exciting opportunity to showcase the county, and to maximise the potential economic value. SweetSpot estimate the economic benefits of the 2018 OVO Energy Women's Cycle Tour to be £7.7 million.

### Parish Matters:

**Play area in West Close** – Councillors met on West Close before the meeting to agree the new location of the goal post. The build is due to commence on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and will take about 2 weeks. Regular deliveries of materials will be made during the build period. It is hoped that disruption to local residents will be minimal. The official opening of the play area is planned for 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**Reinforcement of Village Green** – The proposed date for this is the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May.

**Online Banking** – Barclays Business Banking department has confirmed that the application must be initiated by two Councillors visiting the Banbury branch despite the Banbury branch advising that it should be initiated by contacting the Business Banking department.

**Leak Allowance Claim** – Castle Water emailed to say that they have had no response from Thames Water to the Leak Allowance Claim. A bill of £3.37 has been received for fixed water charges for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> February. It was agreed to pay this but not the balance brought forward of £426.65 for the period when the water meter was leaking.

**New Dog Bin** – The new larger capacity dog bin which will replace the existing bin opposite Barford St Michael Church has arrived and will replace the dog bin opposite the church, which will be moved to Horne Hill. The clerk will consult with CDC to determine the location.

**Fence on Netherworton Road** – CDC planning confirmed that they have contacted the owner of the house that erected a new fence which appears to be outside their boundary but no response has been received. CDC have also contacted Oxfordshire County Council to report the new fence and request if they wish to take any action.

**Footpath sign at The Rock** – It was agreed that the clerk would contact CDC to request signs for the footpath as people are walling on the road through The Rock which is dangerous.

### Planning:

19/00402/F – The Crown House – Returned to CDC without comment.

19/00519/TCA – Mill Corner – Granted

### Finance:

**Payments** - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £213.79. This was proposed by Cllr Eden and seconded by Cllr Cox.

### Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

# EXHIBITION

*A new exhibition of over 50 paintings by Nigel Fletcher*  
**SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL**

**12th to 27th May**

10 to 5pm each day  
Tea & cakes! more info:  
[www.nigelfletcher.co.uk](http://www.nigelfletcher.co.uk)  
07792 657 248  
[nvfletcher@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:nvfletcher@btinternet.co.uk)



## **BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE 2018/19 SEASON**

This season we showed 7 films and had a total audience of nearly 100 to our little cinema in the Village Hall. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed our films. Some were challenging, others less so. We are hoping to have another season starting in October when the nights draw in.

Please offer suggestions to Claire or Gunilla. We must thank Age UK for providing the films free of charge. We pay rent and any excess is ploughed back into general maintenance of the Hall.

At the end of last season we purchased and installed a fifth speaker above the screen to help with the dialogue element of the films.



## **Mariann's Plant Sale**

at

**Stonehaven, Lower Street**

**Saturday 11th May  
10.00am till 12.30pm**

**Perennials, Bedding, Tomatoes,  
Courgettes, Peppers...AND  
MORE!!**

**ALL PROCEEDS  
FOR VILLAGE CHARITIES**



## BARFORD LADIES WITHOUT LYCRA

Inviting all ladies in the Barfords to join a Tuesday evening bike ride.  
You may wear Lycra if you wish, padded shorts are advisable but not essential.

This is a chance to dust off that rarely used bike and join  
like minded ladies for a gentle ride in our beautiful countryside.

The aim is to enjoy each other's company whilst improving health and fitness.  
There are several different routes of approximately 10 miles starting and  
finishing at the Village Hall.

The group will decide which route they wish to tackle. This is not a time trial  
but a social ride out with plenty of stops for drinks and even more chat.

Interested ? Then come to our first outing and try it out.

*Wish to know more contact: Glynnis Eastwood 01869 337021*



**First ride Tuesday 7 May 2019**  
**Meet Outside the Village Hall**  
**Time 6.30pm (please don't be late)**  
***Electric bikes welcome***



## SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

**Spring Hill Farm**  
**Barford St Michael**  
**OX15 0PL**

**Come and see RC Baker Ltd's impressive fleet of machinery and enjoy a tractor and trailer  
ride to F&J Hambidge Farms Ltd to meet their large goat herd!**

Visit **[www.rcbaker.co.uk/ofs](http://www.rcbaker.co.uk/ofs)** for more information and  
to book your seat on one of the rides!



## DOWN ON THE FARM

Last month I mentioned being left to manage my employer's farm in Devon while he and his wife went on holiday. The ten days did pass quickly enough but not without a few mishaps.

On the first morning after their departure while attempting to start the elderly Ford tractor the starting handle spun round when the engine fired and smacked me on the jaw. Struggling back to consciousness I woke up to lots of tiny white stars and a blood stained shirt and staggered into the farmhouse to seek some help. In those days most rural telephones were on a 'party line', in other words they were shared with another property. I lifted the receiver to hear our neighbour's wife talking to a friend about organising a tea party and asked if she could possibly hang up while I called a doctor.

No she could not, was the tart reply, and I had no right to interrupt an important private conversation. She continued to moan and wail like a ruptured bagpipe until I cradled the receiver and went in search of the local doctor who patched me up, gave me some pills and suggested the impossibility of taking a few days off.

Most of the jobs on the farm I could manage myself but some needed two pairs of hands. So I was pleased when Worlington Ray paid a visit. He was a friend of my employer and called Worlington Ray for no other reason than his name was Ray and he came from the village of Worlington. It would have been more entertaining if he had come from Hoe near Plymouth. Anyway, he helped me get the sheep in to check on fat lambs and drag a platform I had made to bridge a ditch that ran through the farm; a long awaited job that would make a short cut from the garden to the orchard.

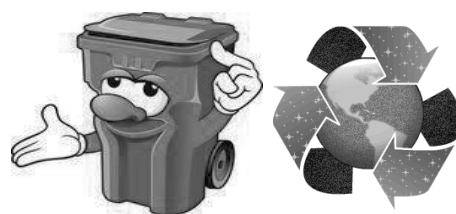
Unfortunately, during this exercise Worlington Ray slipped into the ditch which was fairly deep, wet and steep sided. I managed to haul him out but the exertion had been too much for him and, muttering something about being

late for another appointment, he squelched off back down the lane.

Having sorted the lambs I was wondering how to get them back to the field when the postman arrived. He kindly agreed to a cup of tea in return for some help. I also treated him to a large slice of chocolate cake which, earlier in the week, I had found in a tin next to the bread bin. Most thoughtful of my employer's wife, I had thought at the time, but I noticed there wasn't much of it left.

Later that evening I glanced though the post and found a card from my employer's wife. It pictured a deserted beach lapped by white tipped waves and fringed with palm trees. On the reverse it said they were having a great time and hoped all was well. There was a PS at the bottom which read: 'Worlington Ray will call in sometime this week. Could you give him the cake I left in a tin by the bread bin. I made it for his wife's birthday'.

Tony Collier  
Iron Down Farm



### RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

*{always a Thursday}*

**2<sup>nd</sup> May.....green**

**9<sup>th</sup> May.....blue 'n' brown**

**16<sup>th</sup> May.....green**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May.....blue 'n' brown**

**30<sup>th</sup> May.....green**



## DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

During the last few weeks we have celebrated Mother's Day

and Easter. The Nursery children invited their Mums in for coffee and cake, and enjoyed involving them in various craft activities. It was lovely that so many Mums could join us for the morning. The following week we held our Easter Parade where the children showed off their home-made Easter bonnets, sang some Easter songs and took part in an Easter egg hunt in the garden. We also enjoyed having our Mums in at pre-school where they enjoyed a snack made and served by the children as well as some crafts.

We have had lots of vehicles to visit us at both settings this term, including a motorbike, police car, fire engine and Morris Pickup. We'd like to thank everyone who brought in vehicles to see us, and also everyone who supported our successful car boot sale.

**Lucy Squires**  
☎ 337484

## BARFORD ST MICHAEL CARPET BOWLS CLUB Financial Report Year Ending 31/03/19

### INCOME

Opening Balance	715.50
Members' Subscriptions	603.00
Members' Annual Dinner	420.00
Misc	0.00
	<b>1738.50</b>

### EXPENDITURE

Hire of Village Hall	234.00
Members' Annual Dinner	520.00
Refreshments	56.33
Misc	11.00
	<b>821.33</b>

**SUNDRY DEBTORS 0.00**

### LIABILITIES

Hire of Village Hall	216.00
08/01/19 – 26/03/19	

**YEAR END NET POSITION 701.17**

Bank Position at 31/03/19	719.09
Cash in Hand	198.08
	<b>917.17</b>

**A R Hand**  
Treasurer



**A reminder that we will be  
choosing our  
RESOLUTION  
to put forward to national  
on Wednesday, 8th MAY  
followed by a game of Beetle  
in the Village Hall  
at 7.30pm  
Visitors most welcome £5**



## COTTAGE TO LET

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

**Please call  
01869 338635  
for more information**

## VILLAGE CLEAN UP MORNING – 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019



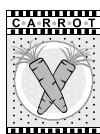
**Village Clean-Up Morning....**A total of 42 adults and children turned out for the clean-up morning. The weather was kind and the sun came out for us. Ray Cox returned with his usual haul of Vodka bottles but find of the day had to go to Vicky & Bella who came back with a very rusty, but genuine hand gun.

**Top left** – First home, Vicky & Bella Wolfe. **Top Right**– Anne & Mick Pearson, Gunilla & Chris Murray with Billie & Iris, Linda Newbery, Carole Coppin, Jo Blackhall, Tony Bastable, Ray Cox, Cubby Brett with Gracie.

**Bottom picture** Mary Baker, Jennie Steenkamp with Lottie, Harvey & Flynn, Rachel & Finlay Gruber, Helen Taylor, Patrick & Hugh Craig with grandparents The Dences, Ish & Paul Freeman, Amy, Caitlin, Owen & Basil Butler, Mary Brodey, Maggie Rampley, Hazel Neal, Cathy Peacock, Philip Brodey with Ocean, Sandi Turner, Andy & Barney Neal Tilly with Mabel and Connie with Zack.

Escapees who left before the photo call Jim Booth, Jeff Elliott, Sarah Best, Helen Honour & Mariann Young, Christine Hall

**Huge and grateful thanks to everyone involved**



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

*Spring Is Just Okay by Phil Cornish*  
*Spring has sprung, the time has come, for the*  
*greening of the trees*  
*A time of change, renewal and growth for my*  
*allergies*  
*Like everything else in this great world, Spring*  
*has its pluses and minuses*  
*But its features are quite singular when it comes*  
*to my poor sinuses*  
*A beautiful time of blossoms and buds, new*  
*branches and blue skies*  
*But I can't enjoy them one little bit through my*  
*oozing, watery eyes*  
*A neti pot, a nasal rinse, I'll try them, yes I will*  
*I'll even take a 24-hour non-drowsy worthless pill*  
*So listen cheerleaders of flowers and sun, to you I*  
*must disclose*  
*Spring is not great for all of us, especially my nose*

On **Sunday APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>** around 12 people came to **Evenley Wood Garden** and one of the **RARE PLANT FAIRS**. It was a great visit, crowded and many plants for sale. Most of us wandered around the acres of garden looking at azaleas and camellias among other special woodland plantings. Some of us decided that we would visit later in the year.

**FUTURE VISITS and EVENTS..... Thursday MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> PLANT SWAP for Members.....** this year a change of venue. Sue Lane at Westfield, Lower Street has kindly offered to host. 7.0 for 7.30pm. Bring any plants you want to get rid of and pick up some others. Bring something to drink.

**A visit Broughton Grange on JULY 28<sup>th</sup>. Avondale Nursery** near Coventry, **with a guided visit.** To be arranged, look at emails for final dates and costs.

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

**THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN MAY.....** watch out for late frosts. protect tender plants, earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining, plant out summer bedding at the end of the month - except in cold areas.

Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible: Regularly hoe off weeds, open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days, mow lawns weekly, check for nesting birds before clipping hedges, lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs....watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs.

Tie in climbing and rambling roses as near to horizontal as possible. This will restrict sap flow causing more side-shoots to grow along the length of stem. Tubs can be planted up with summer bedding in milder areas.. If you want to grow your own spring bedding for next year, many common choices (including wallflowers, pansies, and daisies, *Bellis perennis*) need to be sown between now and July in order to flower next spring, as they are biennials. Winter bedding plants can also be sown from now until July. Harden off plants raised from seed and cuttings by leaving them outside for gradually increasing periods of time. Start with only the warmest part of the day, and build up to overnight exposure. Doing this for 10-14 days before planting them outdoors permanently (whenever the risk of frost has passed), will reduce any check to their growth while establishing in their final position.

Thin out direct sowings of hardy annuals and vegetables such as radishes. This is best done in two or three stages at fortnightly intervals. Final spacing should be between 10-20cm (4-8in), using the upper limit for tall or spreading plants, and the lower limit for smaller plants. Prick out indoor sowings when they are large enough to handle without damage. Sweet peas need training and tying in to their supports to encourage them to climb and make a good display

**Gardening is apparently one of the best forms of exercise!**



**Have fun....SPADE AND FORK**



## TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

21<sup>st</sup> May 2019

12.30PM for 1PM

### MENU

#### Main Course

Coq au Vin

Served with Mashed Potato, Carrots  
and Broccoli

Or

Sweet and Sour Pork

Or

Sweet and Sour Vegetables

**BOTH SWEET AND SOURS SERVED  
WITH BOILED RICE**

#### Desserts

Rhubarb and Raspberry Fool

Served with a Macaroon Biscuit

Or

Chocolate Sponge

Served with Chocolate Sauce

#### Finally

Coffee & Tea

Price £5.00

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

Please ring Anne & Mick on

01869 337074 or email

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

by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

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

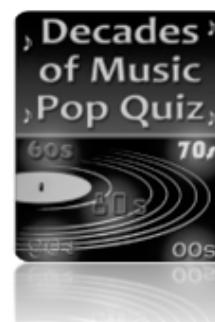
**PLEASE NOTE. WE REGRET WE ARE  
UNABLE TO CATER FOR ANYONE WITH  
FOOD ALLERGIES**

## 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 - £5 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*

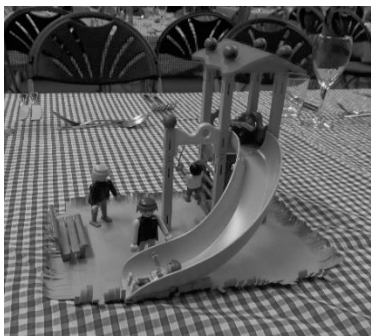
## 200 CLUB RESULTS APRIL Draw

£15, 111, Pat Evans

£10, 147, Jeremy Eastwood

£5, 101, Stuart Hobbs

the draw took place at  
a village Cuppa Morning



before and during the evening. Some really generous prizes were donated for the event and our thanks goes to all who contributed. Tommy (pictured) persevered admirably to draw and announce the winning ticket numbers above the merry noise of the evening! The total amount raised is a really great boost towards the annual maintenance and safety inspections that are necessary for the playground once it is built.

(Reminder: the main source of funds for the maintenance and safety checks going forward will be the DUCK RACE, this year SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY.)

Please note the dates on the front page for the Grand Opening of the playground and unveiling of the full sponsor list in the Village Hall. Do come along and help celebrate this wonderful achievement for the village!

## A HUGE THANK YOU!!

We would like to send a great big thank you to Mick and Anne Pearson and all of their team for providing such a wonderful dinner on 30<sup>th</sup> March, and for donating the funds raised to the upcoming new playground. As usual, the food was excellent, service was smooth, and much enjoyment was had by all!

In addition, each table had been decorated beautifully by Gunilla, using Playmobile playground sets as the table centrepieces, an example of which is shown in the photo – these were a really special touch to add to the theme of the evening – thank you!

The meal itself raised a substantial £1000. We also ran a raffle, which proved very popular and raised a further £475 from sales



## 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!!

**LIVE JAZZ MUSIC!**

Join us to enjoy an evening of live jazz in the beautiful setting of **Broughton Castle** gardens, by kind permission of Lord and Lady Saye and Sele.

- Bring a picnic, drinks, chairs, rugs and umbrellas (just in case!)
- Raffle and tombola
- Licensed bar
- Guide dogs only
- Hampers available to order in advance

**TICKETS**

This is a ticketed event - please book via [www.trybooking.co.uk/ISV](http://www.trybooking.co.uk/ISV) or call 01235 520 463.

**£15 adult/£12 concession/£5 under 16**  
N.B. Carers go free with cared for.

This event is in aid of Age UK Oxfordshire and Action for Carers Oxfordshire.

**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019** **7PM-9.30PM** **BROUGHTON CASTLE, BANBURY, OX15 5AB**  
DOORS OPEN 6pm

## CHURCH MATTERS



Over Easter there was a wide range of services in the Barfords, Hempton and Deddington recalling the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

I'm afraid I didn't make it to the 5:00am service in Hempton to watch the dawn come up on Easter Day and celebrate the bringing of the light into the church. I did however go to the Poetry Mass in Deddington on the Tuesday evening before Easter. A very moving version of the Holy Communion using a range of poems rather than the standard words.

St George, the patron saint of England, normally celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> April is famous for slaying a dragon (Spoiler Alert – Dragons don't really exist!). The dragon myth was added hundreds of years after his death as a martyr in 303 AD. St George was put to death because he refused to pay homage to pagan gods. He was certainly not English and thought to have been born in what is now Turkey and died in modern day Israel. He was probably an officer in the Roman army.

The list of saints is very long. One of my favourites is my namesake, St Anthony, who is the patron saint of swineherds! He was an early Christian monk in Egypt who had a domestic pig that reminded him to pray regularly.

Ascension Day, forty days after Easter Sunday, will be Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of May this year. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus travelled and preached with his disciples around Jerusalem. He encouraged them to carry on his work here on earth. Jesus then took them to Mount Olivet, The Mount of Olives, near Bethany (probably the current city al-Eizariya in the West Bank) where he blessed the disciples, told them to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit and was then taken to Heaven. We celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, also known as Whit Sunday, but more on this next month.

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April we had our Annual General Meeting (known as the Annual Parochial Church Meeting) where we discussed the progress we

had made during 2018 and talked about our plans for the future.

Our aim in all we do is to make our churches more appropriate for 21st Century worship whilst maintaining their historic beauty. We try to make the churches more welcoming for families with children, more accessible to old, young and everyone in between (abled, and disabled), and where we can be generally more hospitable to people who come to worship and/or visit.

We try to always remember that our mission is to 'Bring and show the love of God in the Barfords and beyond'.

**Tony Elvidge**  
Churchwarden



## 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

Everyone has their own markers for heralding the end of winter and the real arrival of spring. For me it's the sound or sight of the first hedgehog and it's always great to know that they've survived the winter, especially when there's a chance that they may be the ones that we released from the Wildlife Hospital last year. So it's great that at least two people have seen hedgehogs at different ends of the village so far this year.

The first one was spotted on 1st or 2nd April early in the morning at the end of Summer Ley. This was just a day or two after the clocks changed, but I don't expect anyone told the hedgehog that, so as the children who saw it were just getting ready to go out to school, the hog was probably getting ready to shelter and sleep for the day, having made optimal use of the dawn hours for foraging. Food isn't yet as abundant as it will be in a few weeks so every minute counts after winter weight loss in hibernation and leaner food times.

Another hedgehog, reported as "smallish", was seen in the evening on 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> April in gardens behind Church Street, so quite a distance from the other one. It's possible that this could be the same hedgehog, as of course we know that they can travel up to a mile at night, thought that is often a bit later in the season when they're looking for mates. Given the earliness in the season and the fact that both the households that spotted these hogs leave food out for them (thus perhaps avoiding the need to travel quite as far in search of food), I like to think that this may have been two different hedgehogs. If it was two different hogs in different parts of the village then those holes in fences or hedges or under gates (13cm) become even more important to connect our gardens and green spaces and provide shortcuts.

please consider joining the growing number of Barford residents who connect their gardens with hedgehog holes to help our hedgehogs meet each other – see below...!!



♥ ♥ **Lonely Hearts** ♥ ♥  
***I'm looking for a mate, looks not  
important. Please help me to  
find love!***  
♥

People on the village clean up gathered a large amount of litter. It's surprising what there is hidden in that long grass, in terms of both litter and wildlife and hedgehogs are particularly susceptible to getting tangled up or stuck in it because of their spines. I am sure that they, as well as other wildlife will benefit from everybody's efforts.

In an effort to make my long and dull article more interesting last month, Lucy the editor added a very cute photo of two baby pygmy hedgehogs. These are the non-native ones so don't confuse them with our own bigger greyer hedgehogs.

And so begins our hedgehog story for another year.....

**Helen Taylor 01869 337850**

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

*Helen – there is nothing dull about your monthly hedgehog updates. Because of you there are now a lot of people in our villages extremely interested in the care and preservation of these little creatures, your passion and love for the hoggys is truly infectious....Lucy*

BARFORD VILLAGE SHOW SCHEDULE			SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2019	
Vegetable & Produce Classes			Cut Flower Classes	
1	Three Beetroot, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.		34	A single Gladiolus stem
2	Three Carrots, long, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.		35	A Sunflower in a vase
3	Three Courgettes		36	Three Dahlias
4	Three Onions		37	Three Roses
5	Five Shallots		38	Four Fuchsia heads in water
6	Three Potatoes of one variety		39	Four Aster stems in water
7	Three Runner Beans with stalks		40	Three Pelargonium stems
8	Five French Beans with stalks		41	Vase of mixed garden flowers, 5 varieties (max 15 stems, no oasis)
9	Five Cherry Tomatoes		<b>Crafts</b>	
10	Three Round Tomatoes		(NB Crafts must not have been entered previously)	
11	Three Chillies (same variety)		42	A crafted item made of wood
12	A Pair of Vegetables (same variety) not in other classes		43	A Tassel
13	Five Single Assorted Vegetables		44	A hand knitted or crocheted article
14	A Pair of Sweetcorn cobs		45	A piece of needlecraft (embroidery, tapestry, patchwork, cross-stitch)
15	Three Apples of one variety, eating or cooking		46	You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes)
16	Dish of one variety of soft or stoned fruit		47	Drawing or Painting: any subject, any medium (mount/frame optional)
17	Longest Marrow		<b>Photography (unmounted)</b>	
18	3 Eggs (same size and colour)		<b>(13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7")</b>	
<b>Cookery Classes</b>			48	My Dressed Up Pet (eg hat, glasses, wig, clothes)
19	A Banana Loaf		49	A Butterfly
20	Six Shortbread biscuits		50	A Flower or seedhead
21	Six Pieces of Flapjack		51	Moon over Barford (day or night)
22	A Victoria Sponge, (Raspberry jam, no Cream)		<b>Children's Classes</b>	
23	A Fruit Cake (Men only) Recipe in August Barford News		<b>7 Years and Under (age to be marked on all entries)</b>	
24	A Fruit Cake (Ladies only) Recipe in August Barford News		52	A Colouring Picture (available from the Post Office from July)
25	A Jar of Jam		53	A Decorated Biscuit
26	A Jar of Marmalade		54	A Decorated Stone
27	A Jar of Chutney		55	A Monster (any medium)
28	A small pot of Lemon Curd		56	You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes)
29	A Homemade Alcoholic Beverage (small bottle)		<b>8 - 15 Years (age to be marked on all entries)</b>	
<b>Flower Arranging Classes</b>			57	A photograph (Any Subject, 13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7")
30	An arrangement in a gravy boat		58	Something made at School
31	A foliage arrangement		59	A Fruit Cake (see classes 23 & 24, Recipe in August Barford News)
32	A miniature arrangement (10cms/4" overall)		60	A drawing or painting (any subject, any medium)
33	An arrangement in two colours		61	You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes)



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Starting at Banbury Rugby Club, registration opens at 7.30pm with the walk setting off at 9.00 pm. Choose either a 10 or 6 mile circular route, finishing the walk in the dark! It's a great community event and also perfect to share with family and friends.

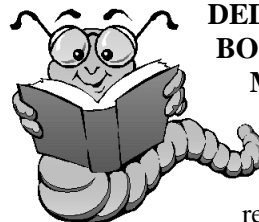
This year's walk starts at an earlier time so more people will see you and support your amazing efforts. As a well-loved Banbury event, we also want to make sure younger family members can join too. There'll be plenty of activities and entertainment pre and post event. The Rugby Club bar will also be open for post-walk refreshments, so family and friends can join you to cheer you on and help celebrate your achievement. Please sign up today at [www.khh.org.uk/midnight](http://www.khh.org.uk/midnight)

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### **DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW**

The Bookworms latest read was **A Woman's Work** by **Harriet Harman**.

As the longest serving female MP Harriet charts her career from the 70's to present day. Her feminism and fight for equality are evident throughout the book; she has worked for equal pay, employment rights for women and better representation of women in Parliament.

She is critical of the early Labour movement she became a part of highlighting misogyny and sexism in the Westminster of the late 70's but goes on to chart the changes experienced during the Blair/Brown years of government. There are some interesting descriptions of the machinations of a party in government and she doesn't hold back being critical of Peter Mandelson, David Miliband, John Prescott or the current Labour leadership.

We felt this was very interesting, but long read about politics from a woman's point of view; it certainly wasn't a party-political broadcast on behalf of the Labour party. We would recommend reading the book but beware she was a lawyer first, so there are lots of facts.

Whilst wordy with perhaps too many acronyms she does portray the tenacity and strength required to exist in Westminster and reminds everyone that equality, on many levels, is still work in progress.

Our next book will be **All the Rivers** by **Dorit Rabinyan**.

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## DEDDINGTON SCHOOL

Since last month, we've had a full and enjoyable time here at school. We managed to raise just over £600 as a result of our Book Fair sales and the books we've purchased with this money are now in school. The children are enjoying new books and new reading in their classes.

We have all contributed to creating some work in church to contribute to the Stations of the Cross. All children have been down to church to benefit from the displays and deepen their knowledge and understanding of the meaning of Easter.

Year 6 participated in a fabulous day with several schools, organised by the Oxford Diocese, when they joined with other pupils to produce a service together. This took place in Dorchester and was entitled 'Quests and Questions'. At the end of the day all children took part in an interactive act of worship which involved singing, sharing prayers and readings, celebrating children's art work and more.

Year 2 went on a trip to St John's House Museum in Warwick where they took part and dressed up in, a Victorian school. This involved some drill (marching), using a slate to write on... The children also found out about washing in Victorian times and used a water pump and mangle. The Year 2s had a great day out and this trip really brought to life their topic on the Victorians.

Some Year 5 and 6 children travelled to Abingdon to take part in a Cross-Country County Final. The weather was unkind to them but despite the rain they all ran with positive mind and spirit, representing our school admirably.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very happy Easter from everyone here at the primary school.

**Denise Welch**

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



### Cubs

We have spent the last month working for & completing the Communicator Badge. After a discussion about the general meaning of communication & some examples of past 'technologies' the Cubs made tiny morse flashers with LED bulbs & button batteries with which they sent messages. We looked (briefly) at semaphore & ships signalling, signing (I can sign the Cub Promise now), braille, codes & secret writing. We then combined all this information in a 'code trail'.  
Jo Churchyard [deddingtoncubs@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtoncubs@gmail.com)

### Scouts

The Scouts have also gained the Communicator Badge with morse code messages sent across the Windmill playing fields & fiendish codes invented & de-coded. The phonetic alphabet was learned & walkie talkies used, hopefully all this will be useful to them in the future, if only for sending 'pupil only' messages around the classroom! Did you know that you can make a really good whistle from a drinks can, we did & only one small nick to a finger.  
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### Explorers

We've been doing a variety of activities over the last month. Having decided we'd like to go out and about as the evenings are getting lighter we have done the Adderbury Circular Walk. This wasn't one we knew but with some good navigation it only took an hour and a half even though it was dark. The week before we broke up for Easter we had a challenge to go and find the answers to various questions about Deddington, including being able to use our phones to take photos!

We had to say bye to the latest Explorer to reach 18 but it was a good evening as Ben did a presentation and challenge to us all on the Holocaust. It provoked a lot of thought about how we would have reacted in the situation of trying to assist any Jews whilst keeping our own family safe. If you are interested in joining the Unit contact any of the leaders at [spartanexplorers@gmail.com](mailto:spartanexplorers@gmail.com)  
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We have some places available at Cubs for any child between 8 & 10 years old – please contact us on the above email address if you are interested.

## DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

We've had a busy month in the library. The Health Visitor led baby clinic is getting suitably busy, which is great to see! Don't forget, it's the first Wednesday of the month, 9.30am.

Grateful thanks to our two new rhyme time volunteers who have come forward and well on the way to

being trained and will shortly be running their first sessions. Rhyme times for under 5's and families are held every Monday

during term time from 2.30 – 3pm. So do come along and join the fun – lots of singing, rattle shaking and bopping up and down for all!

Our library led reading group, Deddington Bookworms, are going from strength to strength and have now reached their maximum number of 12; they have formed a friendly cohesive group who enjoy the books as they do each other's company.

There is always room for more reading groups in the parish though, so if you've ever thought of starting your own reading group with your friends, pop in and see me! I can help set it up with the library service, all the books are free to borrow, and we have multiple copies of hundreds of titles to choose from within the county.

Reluctantly, we say goodbye to one of our community volunteers this month as Maureen retires from helping us out in the library on a regular basis. She will be greatly missed, although Maureen will still be around as she is one of our Home Library Service volunteers too and intends to carry on with that role.

Thank you so much for all your hard work over the last few years Maureen; you've been a huge asset to the community team and a great support to me personally.... your tea-making skills are second to none!

This said, we welcome Helen and Jill who have been 'in the wings' for some time now. Both have joined the Friends committee and are training to be community volunteers too. I'm sure they will settle in well over the coming months and you'll all join with me in welcoming them to our fabulous team of volunteers.

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

**Stella O'Neill, Library Manager**  
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## 1<sup>ST</sup> DEDDINGTON GUIDES



Pancakes took our attention eating them was easy, cooking was not as easy as it seems but we will have a go next term when we can cook outside.

We spent the last few weeks rehearsing our spring entertainment a modern take on Cinderella when we hope to raise money for 2 local charities.

We also made good use of the lighter evenings with a quiz and challenge around the village graded according to age group. We all enjoyed this activity although it was cold and we had to keep moving to keep warm.

Some of the Guides and leaders are travelling to Switzerland in the July to visit the World Guide Centre Our Chalet and some of the Guides had a fundraising stall at the last Farmers Market. Thank you to all that supported us. We have a big quiz coming up in May.

We look forward to next term when we can be out and about every evening cooking, hiking and camping.

Maggie Rampley – 01295 810069  
Marian Trinder – 01869 340806  
& Tilly Neal

### Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Guide Entertainment evening 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre – Do come along and support us on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night at Banbury Town Hall – Teams of 4 - £5 per person entry fee email [Deddingtoncrossswitzerland@gmail.com](mailto:Deddingtoncrossswitzerland@gmail.com) for tickets.





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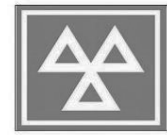
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Parish Council meetings in the Village Hall. 1st Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm  
This is an opportunity for parishioners to bring questions or concerns to the meeting in person  
CDC website: [www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk) – Parish Council minutes at [www.cherwell-local.com](http://www.cherwell-local.com)

## VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### Church of England MAY

5<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Holy Communion BSM

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

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

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

For details of Deddington and Hempton services  
phone Revd Annie Goldthorp, Vicar, Deddington  
with Barford, Clifton and Hempton on 01869 336880  
email [anngoldthorp@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anngoldthorp@yahoo.co.uk)

#### Methodist Chapel

For details of services contact:

Mr Robbie Pilkington ☎ 01295 811367

#### Roman Catholic

Holy Trinity Catholic Church,  
26 London Road, Chipping Norton, OX5 5AX

Phone: 01608 642703

Parish Priest: Father Tony Joyce

Email: [holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com)

On Call: Rev. Deacon Robert Hughes

Tel: 01295 720869

Mobile: 07766 711984

#### Masses:

Saturday - 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday – 11.00am Mass

Weekdays Normally 9.15am, can be subject to  
change

#### Police contact numbers

In an emergency call 999

Non-emergencies call 101

Textphone 18000

Banbury office 01295 754 541

Thames Valley Crime-stoppers

0800 555 111



### 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<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)

**3rd Wednesday** Village Hall Management Committee

### DIARY DATES

#### May

1st Parish Council  
5th Patchwork & Quilting Workshop – VH  
7th Ladies Bike Ride (meet at the Village Hall)  
8th WI Resolution & a Game of Beetle  
11th Mariann's Plant Stall, Stonehaven, Lower St  
11th Playground Grand Opening  
11<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night at the Village Hall (Jamie Allen)  
12th-27th Art Exhibition – Swalcliffe Village Hall  
18th Barford Market – Village Hall  
21st Tuesday Lunch Club  
23rd Garden Club Plant Swap

#### June

9th Spring Hill Farm OPEN FARM DAY  
23rd WI 70's Party

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