

BARFORD NEWS

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BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET? SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER?

We are hoping to be able to hold our market in the village hall. Please make a note of the date and plan to come along to support our stallholders. More details to follow in November's Barford News



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020

This year Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday 8th November. In the three weeks before then there would normally be a door to door collection selling poppies round the Barfords. Unfortunately, because of the virus door to door collections have been cancelled throughout the country.

Do not despair, from 17th Oct you will be able to donate to the Poppy Appeal and obtain a poppy from one of the many Static Points you will find in Supermarkets, other shops, Banks, Building Societies, public houses, and similar organisations, The static point for the Barfords will be in The George.

The normal annual appeal, through the generosity of the Nation, is well over £40m .It will be difficult to reach that target this year. So please get in the giving mood and be as generous as you can when donating at the static points or privately.

Bernard Lane, Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Barfords

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 2nd September 2020 using Zoom Video Conferencing and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Cox, Charman, Best, Cosgrove, County Cllr Fatemian and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). Apologies were received from District Cllr B Williams. No members of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2020 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian:
Nothing to report

Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams:
See separate report.

Parish Matters:

Children playing signs on Murreys Lane – Children have been observed running across Murreys Lane to and from West Close. The Clerk will ask OCC Highways about children playing signs and/or markings in the road. It was agreed that no request would be made to OCC highways at this time to make the road one way although all feedback to the suggestion had been positive apart from one parishioner. Incidents and near misses should be reported.

Rectification of items identified in the Playsafety report – It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain quotes for remedial work.

Pruning of Pyracanthas on Village Green – It was agreed that the quote from John Blackhall would be accepted to prune the Pyracanthas.

Upgrading noticeboards outside the Village Hall and Townsend – It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain prices for new noticeboards to match the Parish Council ones as they are in a poor state of repair and it is difficult to stick pins in them.

Allotments – It was agreed that the allotment rents would remain the same for the coming year. Mr Jeff Elliot would like to stand down as co-ordinator so the Parish Council will seek a volunteer. There is currently a waiting list for allotments so it was agreed that the three allotment holders who have not cultivated their allotments will not be issued a new agreement for the coming year.

Gates to West Close – The Clerk repaired the large gate at the bottom which had dropped on its hinges and re-attached the foot gate at the top of West Close

Walking up The Rock – Pedestrians have been observed walking up The Rock. This is extremely dangerous and is unnecessary as there is a footpath. It was agreed that a notice would be put in the Barford News.

Village Hall reopening – It is hoped that the Village Hall will be reopened by the end of October.

Bishops Close Street Sign – This is damaged, and it was agreed that the Clerk will report this to Cherwell District Council.

Advertising on signs and posts – Advertising is being attached to signs and post around the villages. It was agreed that this would be removed.

Mobile Post Office – The Parish Council is trying to organise a visit from a mobile Post Office for one hour, one day a week when the Post office at the Manor House closes.

Planning:

20/01056/F – Buttermilk Farm – variation of conditions – Permitted by CDC 3/07/2020

20/01081/DISC – Little Barford Mill – Discharge of conditions – Permitted by CDC 10/07/2020

20/01599/F – Crown House – extension – Support response sent to CDC by Parish Council

20/01538/TCA – Brambles, Lower Street – Fell Eucalyptus – Permitted

20/01646/TCA – Merriweather Cottage, High Street – Fell Conifer – Permitted

Finance:

Payments – The Clerk sought approval for payments totaling £8,526.28. This was agreed unanimously. £7,275.88 of this expenditure is for the Village Hall which will be repaid from a grant from Viridor.

Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall if restrictions have been lifted or by video conferencing if they are still in place.

Please note that this is a summary of the minutes from the meeting. The full minutes can be viewed in the Parish Council noticeboards or at www.thebarfordvillages.co.uk in the Parish Council meetings page.

Members of the public wishing to attend video conferencing meetings are reminded that they should email the Clerk at davidbest.bardfordspc@gmail.com who will email back the log in details.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE BARFORD PARISH COUNCIL – 02/09/20

Official council meetings are still being conducted remotely on 'Microsoft Teams' and parish council meetings largely on Zoom, or if social distancing can occur on site or in person, although these are still rare.

The main talking point over the past month and into the near future will be on whether it is now time for 'Unitary Councils', it was discussed and abandoned a few years ago but in the current climate it is very much back on the table. As all councils across the country both at county and district level struggle to balance the books, all manner of options are being considered. I feel that on this occasion a unitary for Oxfordshire is a real possibility with the prospect of saving several million pounds each year. My concern as it was previously is whether the personal contact and effectiveness of a larger organisation will be as good as it has been at a district level.

The above and several other important topics are to be discussed at the next full Cherwell District Council meeting on September 7th namely.

1) The delegation of enforcement powers from Oxfordshire County Council to Cherwell District Council under Covid-19 legislation. This as it states is to grant more localised powers to the district council in the event of further outbreaks of Covid-19. The recommendations in the report are intended to allow CDC to accept and take advantage of the delegation of powers to promote public health and reduce the spread of infection from the coronavirus; Covid-19.

2) Revised Budget 2020/21 – This report proposes a revised budget for 2020/21 to reflect the financial impact of Covid-19 and includes proposed savings required to achieve a balanced budget. As the title suggests, in order for Cherwell District Council to maintain their frontline services have to address the original budget pre Covid-19 as there has been considerable overspend across several departments. It is recommended that the council approve the savings, revised budget and the use of £1.2m of reserves to maintain services. The report to the Executive on August 20th set out a forecast financial impact of Covid-19 of £6.7m, based on the position at the end of July 2020. Government grant income of £3.2m (including

£1.4m towards losses of income) had been forecast towards this resulting in forecast net costs related to Covid-19 of £5.3m. In arriving at the revised balanced budget for 2020/21, proposals totalling £2.4m have been put forward by services to reduce expenditure or maximise income in year. By approving the revised budget it will help CDC to control costs for the remainder of the year.

3) The partial review of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 – Oxford's Unmet Housing Need. As the title suggest this is the ongoing debate about where the additional housing to accommodate Oxford's unmet housing need will be located. It has been a controversial and fiercely debated topic with the housing being proposed in the Kidlington, Yarnton and area between north Oxford and Kidlington, namely the North Oxford Golf Club. The Inspector's report concludes recommending the partial review with certain modifications. While it is a controversial topic and affects a large part in the south of the district, there is no immediate impact to the parish of Barford and those lying in the north of the district.

All of the above, together with the agenda and further detailed documentation can be found on the Cherwell District Council website.

Bryn Williams | Deddington Ward |
Cherwell District Councillor





GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

We've already passed Earth Overshoot Day for this year

... more than a month ago. It's the point by which we've used up all the food, energy and resources the Earth can provide in a year. From that date onwards we're using more than we have. It's like going into overdraft at the bank. This date each year is calculated by **Global Footprint Network**. For each nation they work out the average carbon footprint of each person set against the country's biological resources – plants, livestock, crops, trees and forests to soak up carbon.



The date of Earth Overshoot Day has fallen earlier and earlier in the year since it was first calculated in 1961. This year has seen a small improvement, the date falling a little later than in 2019 – that's because the Covid pandemic has caused a big reduction in air flights and road travel worldwide.

Nevertheless, Earth Overshoot Day 2020 fell on August 22nd. That means that for the remaining 131 days – more than a third of the year – we're using more than the Earth can sustain. We'd need 1.6 Earths to provide enough for the way we're living in 2020.

www.overshootday is a fascinating website. You can find out much more there about how the date is calculated, and how various nations compare. Which country consumes the most? The USA, you might think – but the States is in fifth place, behind Qatar, Luxembourg, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait. If every nation consumed as much as Qatar, Earth Overshoot Day would fall on February 11th. But we certainly can't feel smug as a nation: if everyone lived as we do in the UK, Overshoot Day would fall on May 16th.

#MoveTheDate looks at ways in which we can all help to push that date back by living more sustainably: for instance by eating less (or no) meat, avoiding food waste, nurturing nature, not supporting fast fashion, using public transport where possible and challenging political leaders. Do we care enough to change our habits? Can we do better? For the sake of all life on the planet, I hope so.

*Guest contributions to this column are welcome. Do you have a green idea to share? You can take over the whole column or send in a smaller section. Email **Linda Newbery**: L.newbery@btinternet.com*



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Since returning to school on the 2nd September, here at Deddington Primary School, we have been celebrating how incredibly lucky we are to be back together again. Having all year groups back and all staff in, we have been enjoying our reunited school community.

We have welcomed our new F1 pupils into school, and they have been doing extremely well during their first few days at school.

With the weather being kind, we have been able to use our playground and parts of the field, for the year group 'bubbles' to enjoy playing on. Even though they are apart from other children, each class has loved having the opportunity to have the freedom of using the outside environment once more. We would like to thank the parents/carers for their enormous support as we endeavour to continue our staggered starts and ends to the school day. We appreciate how difficult it can be to adhere to such rigid timings but appreciate the support of all adults at this moment in Term 1.

We are all looking forward to the weeks ahead now, as we head towards Autumn.

DENISE WELCH

OVER-75s TV LICENCE

Now that over-75s are not automatically eligible for a free TV licence any longer, the only way to qualify is by claiming pension credit.

To check if you are eligible to apply for pension credit, you will need the following for yourself and your partner: National Insurance number; bank account details; information about your income, savings and investments, pensions (if any); details of housing costs.



The Age UK benefits calculator is at [https:// benefitscheck.ageuk.org.uk/](https://benefitscheck.ageuk.org.uk/)

If you think you are eligible, you can apply online at www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim

or call the pension credit claim line on 0800 99 1234.

If you need help, call Age UK Oxfordshire helpline on 0345 450 1276,

10.00am–4.00pm, Mon–Fri, or the national Age UK Helpline on 0800 169 65 65, 8.00am–7.00pm daily

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

The settings fully reopened at the beginning of September, and our new children have settled in quickly. We have been gradually introducing the children to their new routines and activities, and we have been spending lots of time outdoors enjoying the lovely weather. We appreciate everyone's understanding that some things are a little different this term. Please ask us if there is anything that is still unclear. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th October at 8pm, via Zoom - an invitation will be sent to all our families

Lucy Squires, 337484



Welcome

to two families moving in soon

Matt & Kristina Ball
with their 3 children into Lower Street
&

Alek Gutans & Toria Ewart-Perks
into Church Street

we hope you will all be very
happy in your new homes



Thank you
Thank you
Thank you

To all Barfordians who have been incredibly kind to me this year in so many different ways. I have received many cards, letters of support also plants, flowers, cakes, practical help as well as generous hospitality.

I feel blessed to live in such a loving caring community.

So, thank you for extending the 'Village Safety Net' to include me.

Kathryn Wheeler



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs & Scouts

Well here we are still waiting for the opportunity to get back to face to face meetings. Risk assessments have been drawn up but the goalposts keep moving, so we keep returning to the drawing board! I just hope we'll still recognise the Cubs & Scouts when we get back together – some of them might have started shaving (not you though Mimi).

Well done to all of them who joined in with online activities including the weekend camping events organised by the Scout Association – it added a few Nights Away to their badges.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again soon, possibly on zoom if not in person.

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Peter Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Explorers

We are now moving with caution to being able to see one another face to face in limited groups. During the period from May until the end of August we have had a virtual meeting most weeks. Lots of variation in what we did from games to discussions about Black Lives Matter, LBGTQ+ and badge work covered.

The Unit have gained badges for baking, really looking to trying that out when we're able to, hiking and sleeping out, all be it that it was in our own back gardens.

We've said goodbye to our oldest Explorer as he turned 18 but were able to present him with his Chief Scout's Diamond Award and a message from the UK Chief Commissioner.

So all a bit different as we move forward but we're still around. If you are interested in joining the Unit contact any of the leaders at:

spartanexplorers@gmail.com

Janet Duxbury spartanexplorers@gmail.com



DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Unusually little library news at the time of writing I'm afraid!

Since libraries have been allowed to re-open OCC have opened 19 libraries. These serve the largest number of people; essentially they are city and large town locations which are now open.

This was quite an operation as they all have to have a Covid-19 risk assessment for the building to see how the building will work to ensure 2m social distancing. There is a huge amount of work reorganising furniture and so on to create one way systems, where the quarantined returned books will be kept, where people sign in for track and trace, installing card payment machines (to reduce cash handling) to name but a few. It's a massive piece of work and no two libraries are the same!

They are now starting this piece of work for the remaining libraries, but again, it takes time. There is no date yet for when Deddington will reopen, but be assured it will happen and you will be the first to know!

Don't forget your library card is still valid in any of the other OCC libraries that are already open. The closest libraries open near to here are Banbury, Chipping Norton, Kidlington and Bicester. To check which libraries are open and their opening times please check

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/find-](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/find-library?utm_term=nil&utm_content=)

[library?utm_term=nil&utm_content=](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/find-library?utm_term=nil&utm_content=) Before you go as some libraries are working on amended hours since reopening.

Meanwhile, don't forget our downloading service for eBooks and eAudio at

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While eMagazines and eNews

at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/enews>

You just need to be a library member, so if you're not, please go to www.libcat.oxfordshire.gov.uk and click on 'join the library' – simples!!

Stay safe and keep reading!

Stella O'Neill, Library Manager

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DEDDINGTON HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

flu vaccination clinics for over 65s have already started. The under 65 vaccine won't be available until early October but you can **book your appointment now**.

During this unprecedented national crisis we need your help to reduce demand on our service. Please avoid doing the following:

1. Requesting prescriptions for Paracetamol if you are not already prescribed it regularly. We are struggling to get supplies
2. Requesting asthma inhalers that you have not needed for years "just in case". The supplies do not exist to fulfil these orders
3. Stockpiling medications - we will continue to issue prescriptions in one month batches to avoid excessive strain on the supply chain

If you are likely to be self-isolating, please think ahead and organise local friends or community volunteers to help collect your medications

Thank you for helping us to keep essential services running smoothly.



RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

{always a Thursday}

1stgreen
8thblue 'n' brown
15thgreen
22ndblue 'n' brown
29thgreen

Another book from Roscoe

Following on from the success of 'Jack's Adventures in Banburyshire' And 'Jack's Missing Mosquito', I am pleased to offer:- The Third Jack Bonner and Rob Hinde book:

'Jack & the Beast of Banburyshire'

The old house has held its secrets very well, over the years.

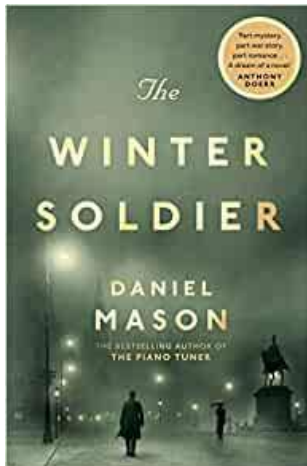
When those two intrepid friends from the Warriner school, Jack and Rob discover the old place, hidden in the trees, they are trying to track down a mystery predator that is slaughtering the local farm geese. The house is a shadow of its former self, abandoned and in ruins. Yet all is not what it seems and there are further secrets to be discovered – some so terrifying that it beggars belief.

If that wasn't enough, a girl called Winnie appears on the scene, not at all what the boys might expect to see in a mere girl. Clever, feisty, afraid of no one and with a degree of bravery and initiative the boys can only admire, as they quickly learn when all three are in deadly danger – and not just from the human sort either. The three friends must use all their skills and ingenuity to bring a very nasty situation under control.

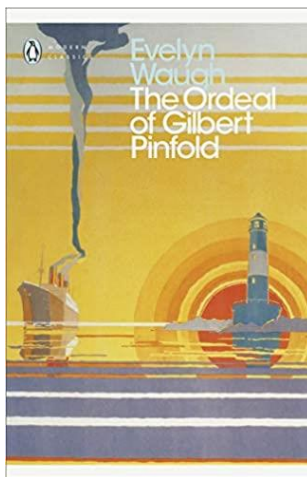
(Age range as always: 'Young at Heart'!)

-Released Oct/Nov!

Reading recommendations from BARFORD BOOKCHAT



The Winter Soldier, by Daniel Mason, is a sombre but gripping read by the author of *The Piano Tuner*. It tells the story of Lucius, a young medic serving in the imperial Austrian army during and immediately after the First World War. There is plenty of literature about the Allies and the western front from Wilfred Owen's poetry to the prose of Robert Graves. This is a very different, but highly sympathetic view as seen from the 'other' side of the conflict, as Lucius deals with the wounded Habsburg troops battling against the Russian Cossacks. It is a sad tale of the sorrow of war, the impact of shell shock and post-traumatic stress, but also offers a fascinating perspective on the sudden collapse of an empire, the rise of nationalism in central Europe and at the centre, a touching love story. **Suzanne Bowers**

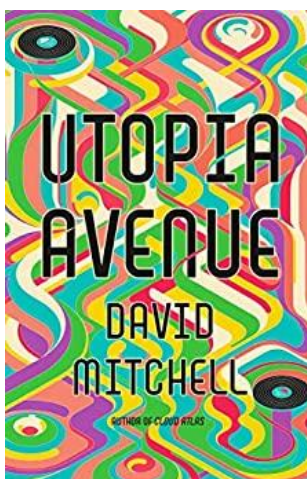


The Ordeal of Gilbert Pinfold is Evelyn Waugh's penultimate work. Although he denied that his satirical novels were based on his own experience, minimal literary sleuthing unearths a clear connection between life and work. His first novel, *Decline and Fall* (1928) draws on his employment as a prep school master after his modest degree.

Published in 1957, *Pinfold* is presented as a novella, but is - as Waugh confirms - a memoir. In the 1950s he was beset by doubts and troubles, which prevented completion of his *Sword of Honour* trilogy. When self-medication with chloral and bromide didn't release him from torment, he set off for Ceylon.

In *Pinfold*, during the voyage, he hears voices and suspects plots against him, some involving violence. Characters are drawn on figures from his recent life, including a radio reporter, Angel. In a 1960 interview – available on BBC iPlayer – Waugh describes *Pinfold* as an account of his only nervous breakdown. What saved him, apparently, was a change in medication recommended by his doctor. Whether or

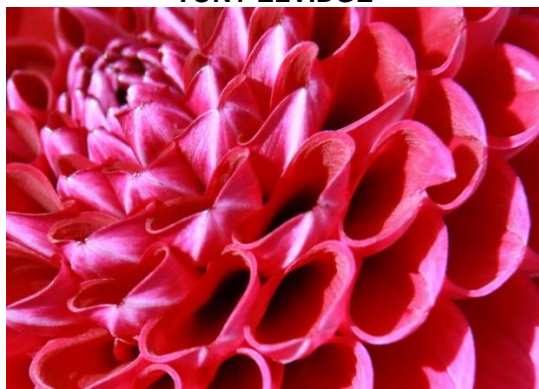
not we warm to Waugh's staunchly cynical, right-wing views and conversion to Roman Catholicism, what is not in doubt is his accomplished literary style which draws us into his world. **Trevor Arrowsmith**



Utopia Avenue, by David Mitchell, is set in the rock scene of the late 1960s, immediately appealing to those of us who grew up to the soundtrack of Beatles, Stones and The Who. We follow eclectic rock group Utopia Avenue from student gigs and seedy dives to heady acclaim that brings inevitable temptations and conflicts. But, David Mitchell being a writer of innovation and ambition, there's more: when lead guitarist Jasper de Zoet, autistic and introverted, struggles with psychotic episodes he conceals from his band-mates, we go off in a different direction altogether, in fact into a fantastical earlier novel of Mitchell's. Alongside excessive name-dropping – the book is scattered with brief appearances by Bowie, Jagger, Joplin, Cohen and more – there's insightful writing about the process of writing, refining, performing, and the exhilarating *esprit de corps* when things go well. **Linda Newbery**

Barford Bookchat started during lockdown as a weekly online sharing of reading recommendations. With restrictions eased, it will continue as an occasional meeting in the garden of The George. If you'd like to join us (numbers permitting), contact Linda Newbery: L.newbery@btinternet.com
 For a book review every Monday, all by writers and independent booksellers, follow **Writers Review**: www.reviewsbywriters.blogspot.com

**Our Garden Club
Photographer of the Year
is
TONY ELVIDGE**



**Judge Chris Normandale says:
"Great colour and an unusual angle."**

Category winners and runners-up:

Wildlife in the Garden: winner, Tony Elvidge;
commended, Linda Newbery

Trees or wildflowers in the landscape: winner,
Martin Gannon; commended, Gunilla Treen

Pets or people in the garden: winner, David
Crowther; commended, Nick Belson

Close up: winner (and overall winner) Tony Elvidge;
commended, Nick and Caroline Belson

Favourite place in the garden: winner, Nick and
Caroline Belson; commended, Gunilla Treen.

Best entry by under-16 photographer: Isla Blee

Big thanks to professional photographer Chris Normandale for taking the time to judge the competition, and also to the 21 people who entered more than 120 pictures and kindly donated £236 to Katharine House Hospice, making this a great (and fun!) fundraiser.

200 CLUB SEPTEMBER Draw

£50, 039, Maggie Motley
£15, 175, John Langland
£10, 061, Michelle Scanlan
£5, 059, Preece Family

The draw took at Broad Close with
coffee and apple cake!

**Village Hall Update
WE HAVE DOORS!**



Work at the village hall is storming ahead, and despite minor delays because of difficulty in getting steel joists and a key worker suddenly having to self-isolate we are well on the way to having a much improved village amenity. We hope that the decorating will be finished in late October, then there will be some hard labour required from the village hall committee.

We Need Your Help on 25th October
Offers of help for cleaning dust from every
imaginable surface (plus quite a few you'd
never think about), hanging curtains, sorting
out boxfuls of 'useful stuff' would be VERY
much appreciated - 07768 378758.

We will do our best to be ready to take bookings by early-November but things do seem to change rather rapidly at present so we hope that people will understand if matters arise necessitating a change of plans.

As regards to bookings, it's time to get creative! Just because we can't organise events for a hundred people it doesn't mean that we can't get together in smaller more discrete groups, and groups of six will have absolutely no problem in socially distancing in the hall! Please do think of booking the hall for socially distant events and we can all dream of the day when we can all crowd in together.

BARFORD ST. MICHAEL – A Short History

Part 2

*(Taken From A History of the County of Oxford:
Volume 11, Wootton Hundred (Northern Part),
Pages 45-58)*



In the later 18th century there were at least two licensed houses in the village, the **Pole Axe** in the area of the present **Rock Cottage** and the **Windmill**, on the corner of the Green, on the site of the present **Barn Elms**. **Glebe Cottage**, Horn Hill (dated 1750) and **Laurel Cottage**, Church Street,

illustrate the changing styles of the 18th century, the former retaining many of the traditional features of 17th-century local houses, the latter, built some 25 years later, more obviously Georgian in detail. A house in Hornhill (**Dyer's Farm**), inscribed J. S. Harris 1828, and **College Farm** have ashlar fronts of 3 bays and 3 storeys typical of Midland farmhouses of the period. The principal 19th-century additions to the village were the two nonconformist chapels, the rebuilt vicarage-house of 1855-6, and the school of 1875. The village hall of 1925 was the gift of Francis Taylor of Rignell House.

Of the outlying farmhouses in the parish two, **Buttermilk** and **Rignell Farm**, were built long before parliamentary inclosure **Rignell House**, in a park west of the village, was built in 1911 by Francis Taylor, lord of the manor; he had lived in the Argentine, and his attempts to keep stock by ranching methods are remembered vividly in the parish.

The character of the village was altered by extensive house-building in the 1960s and 1970s. Local stone was used for many of the houses fronting the village streets, and there was an attempt to blend the style of the new houses with that of the older buildings. In the separate estate developments brick or reconstituted stone were used. The Hornhill area has been little affected by modern changes, the chief developments being on the southern edge of the village, on both sides of High Street, and along Church Street and Lower Street, amounting in all to c. 80 new houses by 1978.

Manors and Other Estates.

An estate of 5 hides was held in 1066 by Abingdon abbey. By 1275 the manor, later **called BARFORD CHESNEY**, had passed to Richard of Seaton. The Seaton family held Barford for two hundred years. In c1806, the manor went to Thomas Hall, and it remained in the Hall family of Weston Colville for over a hundred years. The manor was sold c. 1910 to Francis Taylor, who did not acquire the manor house, but built **Rignell House** for himself.

The site of **Chesney manor** is to the north west of the church where a rectangular moat, whose south side is now filled in, encloses the present house and a group of farm buildings; the site includes fishponds, presumably medieval. The manor has a formal walled garden, perhaps early 18th-century, joining it to the road; the curtain wall contains two sets of grandiose gate piers. Two medieval corbels are reset on an outside wall but the house appears to be an early 17th-century reconstruction following an earlier plan.

A second estate in Barford comprising 4 hides had been held by Alwin in 1066. From the 12th century it had the name of **BARFORD OLAF**. By 1380 **Olaf** was sold to William Wykeham, bishop of Winchester, for the endowment of New College, Oxford. 1336 Barford Olaf was in the hands of John Seaton, lord of Chesney manor. From about 1514 Brasenose College, Oxford, built up a freehold estate of 6 yardlands by purchasing tenements in **Barford Olaf**. The college increased its holding in the parish in the late 19th and the 20th century.

Economic History.

The pre-inclosure fields of Barford, stretching from a point southeast of **Tomwell Farm** in Deddington to **Iron Down** in the west of Barford, were shared with Hempton hamlet in Deddington,. The cropping of a holding in June 1681, 5 ridges of winter corn, 15 ridges of barley, and 9 ridges of peas, shows the one-third proportion of peas. The portion for 1 yardland, sometimes called 'one man's mowth', was said to be 2 loads of hay. The meadows, called Chief or Great mead, Small mead, and Overmore, lay east of the village, roughly between the river and the road to **Blackingrove farm**. Also mentioned were Summer leys (adjacent to the village, north of Hornhill) and Inmead, shares in which seem to have been attached to **Barford Olaf**. **Buttermilk Hall Farm** had appeared by 1767, the name suggesting a concentration on dairy farming; in 1794 it seems to have been pasture, whereas **Rignell** was partly arable.

In 1808 the two farms accounted for the bulk of the manorial estate, about 50 a. remaining as a large garden and orchard with closes and meadows attached to the manor house. By then the whole estate was in the hands of Thomas Hall.

The gentry families, all held land outside the village and their residence in Barford was largely a matter of chance, unlike the more deeply rooted yeomen and husbandmen below them. Many lived entirely from their own land; The pattern of land-holding changed little during the 18th century. The yardlands were used as taxation units at least until 1762. The number of owners recorded was about 32 in 1680, 35 in 1760, and about 30 in 1786.

Of the families prominent at the end of the 18th century the Owens were prolific and apt to divide land among the younger sons. In contrast the Lovedrens (originally Lovedream) show a slow ascent. From the 16th century there was a regular succession of Lovedrens leasing the Brasenose college holding, which gave them a position somewhere near the top of the yeomanry. The estate built up was the largest accumulation in Barford in the 18th century, and at inclosure Richard Lovedren was allotted 100 a. in Barford and 42 a. in Hempton. The later generations styled themselves gentlemen, and kept a wine-cellar, and the household of Joseph Lovedren, depicted in the census of 1851, with its four servants and three visitors, was rivalled only by that of his brother-in-law, Richard Hall, at **Buttermilk Farm**. By 1854 Joseph had moved to Sheffield, and in 1863 he sold his house and land, and transferred the Brasenose lease to Richard Hall.

Trade

Despite its proximity to the market town of Deddington, Barford always had a few traders and artisans. Those prosperous enough to leave a will in the 17th and early 18th centuries included a blacksmith, wheelwright, mason, weaver, tailor, hemp-dresser, and baker.

The censuses of 1841-61 reveal a small redpottery industry in Barford, employing some three or four persons, which ceased in the 1860s. Otherwise the trades represented were the expected ones; besides those mentioned above shoemakers were common, there being six including journeymen in 1841. By 1851, though the population had increased, the number of traders and artisans had sunk about 20 per cent, a decline that continued slowly. The tailor and 2 bakers of 1861 had gone by 1871, the number

of wheelwrights dropped from 6 to 3, and shoemakers from 6 to 5, the craft apparently ceasing in Barford in the early 20th century. The butcher and blacksmith of 1861 were still there in 1871, and the number of grocers increased from 1 to 3; the sharpest rise was in the number of masons, carpenters, and other building craftsmen, from 6 in 1861 to 17 in 1871 (including apprentices). In the 20th century, until the village began to attract commuters, the agricultural occupations predominated, and only one or two shops are recorded. A mill worth 9s. was attached in 1086 to **Barford Chesney**. By the 13th century it was held with 1 yardland by Richard the miller. It was in use as a corn mill until c. 1908. The mill race, buildings, and remains of the mill wheel and gearing survive. In the early 13th century a fulling mill, known as Northdown mill (Nordunmille), lay upstream of Barford mill, with a little meadow attached. Fulling mill ham survived as a place name in the 17th century, and was probably the site known within living memory as **Dingle mill**.

Local Government.

In 1279 the bailiff of Wootton hundred held a view of frankpledge each year in the Seaton manor, a custom preserved by the annual court of Wootton hundred which met at Barford until 1925. No other record of manorial courts survives. In the 17th century the churchwardens acted as senior overseers of the poor.

The overseers were appointed annually, and were chosen from among a dozen leading farmers, perhaps on a rota basis as the same sequences of names sometimes recur. The parish spent £134 on the poor in 1776, an average of £240 in 1783-5, and £283 in 1803, c. £1 per head of population. Between 1800 and 1830 costs per head of population ranged between 15s. (1823) and £1 14s., rather above the average for the area. Total costs in 1831 were £475 or c. £1 8s. per head. In 1803 there were 22 adults on regular outrelief and in 1813 there were 27 Roundsmen or 'yardland men' mentioned in the surviving overseers' books. In 1803 the unemployed were apportioned to farmers according to the size of their farms and they were paid by their employers.

Under the Act of 1834 the parish became part of Banbury poor law union; in 1894 it was included in Banbury rural district, and in 1974 in Cherwell district.

(Still to come, Education, Village Charities and Churches.) as space allows. MY

CHURCH MATTERS



*You shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the
Lord your God
for the good land he has given you.*

Deuteronomy 8:10

Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient. In Britain, we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. Harvest Festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them.

The people of Israel were called in Law to observe certain Harvest Festivals during the year to always pause and give thanks. To remember that the provision of plenty was a gift of God. The Old Testament situates Harvest Festivals within the agricultural harvests but they were filled with Spiritual meaning as well. Pentecost, the celebration of the barley harvest, became associated with the gift of the Law of Moses to the people on Mount Sinai. The provision of bread from heaven, the Word of God.

In the New Testament, these agricultural harvests show God's spiritual harvests of souls into His Kingdom. The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13. 1-9; 18-23) is an allegory about the Kingdom of God. We are being encouraged to look carefully into the parable as a meaning for our own lives. God (the farmer) sows good seed (his message). Just as a planted seed starts to grow, the Word of God starts to deepen and grow within a person. It is the 'soil' that it lands on that determines its growth.

The deeper meaning of this parable is a lesson about God's Word and the responses from those who hear it. Not everyone who hears Jesus' words will listen or respond to it because we can have a 'soil' problem in our hearts.

The different soils in the parable represent the different responses to Jesus' message. People respond differently depending upon the readiness of their hearts. We can hear and read God's Word carefully, attend church and participate in life groups but if the soil of our hearts is full of rocks, thorns, or hardened from the trails of life, our fruit will be minimal.

What is the condition of your heart soil? From time to time we may all grow a few thorns or accumulate a few rocks. (Guilty!)

The good soil of our hearts may give money generously to those less fortunate but the thorny or rocky patches of soil choke out time for praise or acts of service. The fertile heart soil may be bordered by a hardened path of intolerance or an unforgiving nature.

Take special care of the soil of your heart. It's easy to end up with unbalanced, poor soil.



The Harvest Moon, exhibited 1872, George Mason

Sue Addison, Churchwarden

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Boys Brigade (Deddington)
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Fridays Rainbows
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3rd Wednesday Village Hall Management Committee

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