

In the field behind The George....



DIARY DATE.... BARFORD VILLAGE SHOW which takes place on SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER. See July's Barford News for the 'Bake Off' recipe....more details to follow.....



SUNDAY 9TH JUNE
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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 9th May in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Hobbs Eden, Charman, Cox, Best, and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). One member of the public attended the meeting. Apologies were received from District Cllr Williams and County Councillor Fatemian Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) and Village Hall Trustees:

Cllr Turner was elected Chair (proposed Cllr Eden, seconded Cllr Charman)

Cllr Hobbs was elected Vice Chair (proposed Cllr Eden, seconded Cllr Cox)

David Best was elected RFO (proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Hobbs)

Cllrs Turner & Hobbs were elected Village Hall Trustees (proposed Cllr Charman, seconded Cllr Best)

All Councillors waived their rights to claim expenses.

Minutes of the last meeting: It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2019 were a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded Cllr Best.

Public Participation:

Bees on the Allotments – A parishioner who asked for permission to keep bees on the allotments attended the meeting to confirm that no objections had been received from other allotment holders following the letter advising them of this. It is possible that the bees may be kept at another location now rather than the allotments.

Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian: None

Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams:

Local Elections - Councillor Hugo Brown was returned as one of the three Cherwell District Councillors for the Deddington Ward with 1,376 votes (Greens 523, Liberals 477 and Labour 382). My opportunity will come next

year. For this term I have been selected for Licencing (Vice Chair), Planning (Sub), Standards, and Overview & Scrutiny. I look forward to continuing to serve the Deddington Ward with my fellow councillors.

Separation from SNDC - The separation from SNDC continues as expected. However, it is becoming ever more apparent that for a number of service areas it will be necessary to decouple from that relationship whilst simultaneously joining up with OCC. There is an increasing focus on this now in some complex areas such as Communications, HR, Finance and Law & Governance. It is complex and detailed work that will require all of our senior officers to fully engage in the process.

Castle Quay 2 - Things are progressing well on Castle Quay 2, hoardings are up, there has been considerable media interest and the next announcement will be a ground breaking ceremony in June.

Grand Designs 'The Street' - Many of you will have seen the recent Grand Designs 'The Street' series, on Channel 4. It has highlighted the first 10 pioneer builds and, as expected, it has generated a lot of interest in Graven Hill, some of which is translating into sales. This has been a wonderful marketing and publicity platform for CDC, with the programme and Kevin McCloud mentioning CDC's ground breaking (excuse the pun) initiative to allow self-builders to create their own homes at the ex-MOD facility near Bicester. The positive publicity will continue in June when the BUILD IT LIVE Show is hosted at Bicester Heritage.

Community Speed Watch - The villages of Adderbury, Bloxham and Bodicote want to implement a Community Speed Watch. The police have advised how to implement one. The cost of the camera capable of recording clips of speeding vehicles with their speed is £4000 including VAT. This information would be entered into a computer at Banbury police station by a suitably vetted volunteer. The owners of the speeding vehicles would then receive a letter warning them of their speeding behaviour. There are ongoing costs such as recalibration. Other interested parishes should contact Cllr McHugh to gain further information

Parish Matters:

Play area in West Close – Work is progressing well.

Reinforcement of Village Green – Cllr Charman to speak to the parishioner who will supply the material and a new date will be set for carrying out the work.

Footpaths Officer – The Vice Chair has spoken to Sarah Postlethwaite who has agreed to assist the Parish Council with monitoring footpaths. The Parish Council would like to thank Caroline Belson for all her work previously.

S137 Grants – It was RESOLVED to pay grants of £1,300 to the Village Hall, £700 to the Parochial Church Council towards providing heating in the churches and £500 to The Barford News

Footpaths – Complaints have been received from parishioners that the footpaths passing through crops have not been sprayed off. The clerk will report this to Beth Rutterford, OCC Footpaths Officer.

Noticeboard – It was agreed that Cllr Cox and David Best will sand and treat the noticeboard.

Recycling – It was agreed that the clerk would obtain leaflets from CDC to distribute or reproduce in the Barford news

Leak Allowance Claim – There is still no response from Castle Water/ Thames Water to the leak allowance claim. The PC continues to receive monthly bills for water usage based on the readings taken by the clerk every month.

New Dog Bin – CDC are sending a representative out on Tuesday 14th May to meet with the Clerk to agree the best location in Horn Hill to locate the dog bin.

Signs for The Rock – Pedestrians are walking up through The Rock which is dangerous as they are not aware of the footpath. The footpath is on the definitive map with a reference of 121/27/10. Beth Rutterford, OCC footpaths officer, will survey the path on 20th May and raise a job card for signs.

Planning:

19/00336/F – Turnstile House – Granted by CDC on 30/04/2019

19/00402/F – The Crown House – Refused by CDC on 01/05/2019

 $19/00519/TCA - Mill\ Corner - Returned\ to\ CDC$

19/00078/ENFC – Fences and Hedges to rear of 6 Broad Close – following complaints from residents that the new fence has been outside the property, CDC has investigated the matter but has decided to take no further action.

Finance:

Accounts – The accounts ended 31st March 2019 were reviewed and agreed. An internal audit will be carried out before sending them to the External Auditor.

Annual Return – The Governance Statement was reviewed and agreed.

Annual Return – The Accounting Statement was reviewed and agreed.

Payments - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £1,422.39. This was proposed by Cllr Best and seconded by Cllr Hobbs.

Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



Dear Barfordians

I cannot emphasise enough how much I enjoy being Editor of Barford News but, despite this and after what will be 3 years, I really need to handover by the end of this year.

Everything is fine but I need to 'clear the decks' for the next 12-18 months and focus on my health and wellbeing.

So, if you fancy taking over please contact me on **2** 337678 or lulu.norman@btinternet.com and I can run through with you what is involved etc.

Thanks everyone. Lucy

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



Tuesday Evenings

Meet Outside the Village Hall

Time 6.30pm (please don't be late)

Electric bikes welcome





St Michael's Church, Barford St Michael Family service on Sunday June 16th 2019 Father's Day

Celebrating Fathers and Father figures as we worship our Father God.

Join us for breakfast—croissants, coffee, craft and celebration!

For any information about the Family Service please email sallybarber@live.co.uk

Sally & Anne



VILLAGE HALL STAGE UPDATE



HUGE Thanks to my wonderful team of volunteers who gave up part of their bank holiday weekend to come down to the hall and remove the stage.

First, **Mick Pearson**, who came one evening and scrambled about under the stage to take out and re-house everything that had been stored under there (some of it for years!!).

Next, to Andy Neal, & Nick & Zalie Butler who started by taking down scenery, then moving on to the heavy work of taking the main stage structure apart. We were then joined by the Neal girls, Tilly and Connie, who really got stuck in and proved to be stronger than expected! Finally, to Cathy Peacock for providing refreshments throughout the morning and bacon butties to finish. Everyone lent a hand to tidy up before re-hanging Jeff Elliott's wonderful panto scenery on the end wall.

Next steps will be to finish the floor to match and seeking planning permission to put double doors in the gable wall to give better access to the garden.

I hope you like what has been done so far, I am delighted with the result!

Regards, Mariann

18TH JUNE 2019 12.30PM FOR 1PM

MENU Main Course

quiche lorraine

or

red onion, broccoli and cambozola quiche both above dishes served with mixed salad, beetroot and coleslaw

or

sausage, leek and red pepper plait served with baked beans all the main courses are served with cheese and potato pie

desserts

chocolate and bailey's roulade or rhubarb crumble and custard

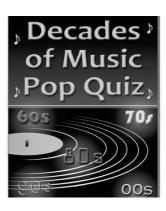
Finally

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 by Tuesday
11th June

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



I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part in the Pop Quiz which was held in the village hall on Saturday 11th May.

Around 55 people – 9 teams, turned up and over £450 was raised which will help fund my trip to Peru in July where I will be helping local community projects. Special thanks to Al James our quiz master, as although the crowds were a bit raucous at times, he battled through and the eventual winners were the 'Quiz Team Aguileras' lead mainly, (I believe) by Leon Daly.

Thank you again for all your support.

Jamie Allen







never lose your keys again!!

TASSEL MAKING

WORKSHOP

with Sandi Turner
on Wednesday 12th JUNE
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
Visitors most welcome £5



PARISH PIXELS

Our church insurers are running a photo competition that could provide £5,000 for our churches.

We are looking for a single photo showing what makes our churches special, whether taken by a professional photographer or someone using a smart phone. It could be anything related to the church from the volunteers who help in and around the church, to the children at family service; from the unique architecture to the spectacular views.

There will be more details released about the competition later in the month but meanwhile start taking photographs that show our churches to be unique and special!

> Tony Elvidge & Sue Addison Church Wardens



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

DOWN ON THE FARM

I don't know who parks their camper van by the church in Barford St Michael but it always gives me a pleasure to see it because it brings back the memory of an occurrence many years ago and a coincidence of the sort of proportion that numbs the mind.

It happened like this.

I was working in an editorial office in London in the days before computers when every office employed at least one secretary; some, like our news room would have three or four.

A newcomer to our office of eight people was a secretary called Heather. She sat at the far end of the office and, aside from her name, all I knew about her was that she came from Sydney, Australia. She had been with us for some months when we all attended a leaving do for a colleague who was moving on. I was talking to this colleague when Heather came in and, as she passed, he stood up and said: "Ah, Mrs Holdsworth, so glad you could come".

Something stirred in my mind but I could not get to grips with it or the enormity of the coincidence if what I was thinking was true. A short time later she passed me to leave for home and I turned and said: "Heather, is your husband by any chance English and called Richard?"

She looked puzzled but answered: "Yes he is."

"In that case I think we were at the same agricultural college as students," I replied. And, after a bit more conversation, it did indeed turn out to be the same Richard.

I don't know how many secretaries were employed in London in those days. A quarter of a million? Who knows. Nor do I know how many offices they worked in – a hundred thousand or so, again who knows. But I do know that the odds on Heather pitching up in our building let alone my own office would be pretty long. Probably long enough to cause a £1 bet to bankrupt any of the leading betting firms!

I had not known Richard particularly well because he was in a different student group, but I did recall that he once told me he planned to emigrate to Australia after college. I asked Heather what he was doing and she told me that he had a job (I think with a brewery) but spent all his spare time converting a Volkswagen van into a camper van and had a 'bee in his bonnet' about there being a big market for such a vehicle. The first one was almost finished and he planned to advertise it the following week.

Over the years I lost touch with Richard and Heather but I know he built a thriving business doing Holdsworth Conversions on VW's and other vehicles employing a lot of people in East Berkshire.

So, whoever it is that parks his Holdsworth Conversion by the church, keep on doing it because it reminds me of this happy coincidence so many years ago!

Small world isn't it.

Tony Collier Iron Down Farm

One for the diary.....

Music Night
Barford Village Hall
14th September at 7:30pm

Book early as this gig will sell out. It is being advertised first in Barford News before it is



launched on the internet. This is to give people from the village the first chance at tickets.

It is in aid of the Kathmandu kids

home and the line-up is as follows....

Chris Leslie
Ric Sanders
Vo Fletcher & support
by Dolly Mavies

Tickets: £15:00 each Contact: 01869 338061

HEDGEHOG MATTERS

Thanks to two separate people who made contact about seeing hedgehogs in two separate parts of the village. Very sadly, both of these were dead, which is a disaster so early in the hoggy season. It's really important to know about them and report them because it helps to shape our local hedgehog story. As usual, please do get in touch if you see or have seen any hedgehogs, dead or alive and leave a message with the approximate date, location, whether they looked big or small and also whether they were whole or just a shelled out hedgehog skin. It is more important than ever to report your sightings. Details of how to get in touch are at the end.

We knew of at least two hedgehogs at the end of last season, with probably a male and a female still around in the autumn. If these two departures were a male and a female then the chances of our local population increasing are more limited. We have no idea how many other hedgehogs, if any, are in our close vicinity. This is hard to tell easily unless a number are seen together in the same place (or at similar times in different parts of the village) or unless there are any with real distinguishing features to tell them apart, or we mark them, which can be difficult. It may be worth us as a village considering doing a type of survey which involves ten different footprint tunnels being placed in different parts of the village for a number of consecutive nights. This will give us a good indication of whether we still have hedgehogs in our midst and would be an interesting thing for people in the village to get involved with.

The dead hogs were found towards the end of April and another on 12th May. Both these hogs were found in different areas of the village to the two live ones seen last month but fresh hedgehog poo in one of the gardens that spotted a live one also stopped appearing after the death was reported. One of these departed hogs was a "shell" - a hollowed out prickly skin with the rest of its remains being eaten by something. It's thought that the other one was too, as far as the squeamish finder dared to look. One of these hogs was large and the other was medium sized.

Foxes and dogs can cause hedgehog mortality but badgers are the main natural predator of hedgehogs and they also compete for similar prey. Last time I saw Hugh Warwick, one of the national hedgehog experts, he mentioned that there was some research going on about the predation of hedgehogs by foxes. Perhaps it is more common than previously thought so I'll look into that and try and find out more. If hedgehogs die from natural causes they can then of course be eaten by badgers or foxes too or dragged elsewhere to be eaten.

It is thought that badgers and hedgehogs can coexist, as they have for thousands of years so long as there is enough feeding and nesting habitat for both. High badger numbers can have a significant impact on hedgehogs locally but badgers aren't the single most important factor affecting hedgehogs. There are many reasons for their decline, with loss of habitat or fragmentation of it by roads, development and new fences being some of the main contributory factors. They are also declining severely in parts of the country with low badger densities too.

I will seek advice from Hugh Warwick as well as an ecologist who lives in our village and the Wildlife Rescue, about whether it is wise to release any more rehabilitated hogs from the rescue into our environment. I had been debating this a few weeks ago but decided not to this year because we knew that at least one of each sex was present in the village with hopefully more around too. Our hedgehog population has declined by a third since the year 2,000 ("State of Britain's hedgehog report 2018") This is a critical time for our hedgehog population, nationally and I am sure probably locally too, especially if our local hog population was already very low compared to twenty or more years ago when apparently a number of residents used to see them more regularly.

It is more crucial than ever that as many of us as possible connect our gardens with a 13cm or CD sized hole and even make them some steps to climb obstacles! If you didn't see the two documentaries "Saving Britain's Hedgehogs" on 5 on 1st and 15th May, they are well Channel worth seeing on I player. I haven't seen the second one yet but the first programme gave a good summary about many of the things that I regularly harp on about in the Barford news that we can do to help hogs and I'm sure that the second programme will be as good. It also gave a good insight into life at the wildlife hospital and hazards facing hogs etc. Well worth a watch. Hopefully there will be some better news next month. Let's remain optimistic and all do our bit.

Helen Taylor 01869 337850 or contactable by e-mail via Lucy the editor.



WEST CLOSE PLAYGROUND OPENING 11TH MAY 2019

Well, we could not have wished for more.....
Revd Annie Goldthorp kindly blessed the
playground, the ribbon was cut by the two lucky
children to have their names pulled out of the hat

and then a sea of little (and middle sized) people running towards the playground

equipment was the loveliest sight and just demonstrated perfectly that we had done the right thing - for the children and future children of Barford.

The sun shone for a while and then a few drops of rain came, but it did not put the children off from playing, climbing and exploring the new equipment.

Reports and comments so far are positive and the playground has been well used every day since the



opening. The football goal move has seemed popular too for the football fans.



Thank you to the playground committee members, Jo Coppin, Carole Coppin, Jo Giles, Sophie Holmes and Karen Gardner for each contributing their part to bring it all together.

Thanks goes to everybody that has donated time, money, experience, advice, and physical labour. Hopefully, by the time you read this a sponsor board will be located in West Close showing the main

fundraising contributors and a framed picture will have been unveiled in the village hall.

HAPPY PLAYING KIDS - ENJOY!!



A little reminder - The Duck Race on the 7th July at 2pm will be the main fundraiser to raise money for the playground maintenance so please come along and enjoy the afternoon - fingers crossed for healthy ducks and sunshine.





BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED JUNE 2019

"Mine is the Month of Roses; yes, and mine The Month of Marriages! All pleasant sights And scents, the fragrance of the blossoming vine, The foliage of the valleys and the heights. Mine are the longest days, the loveliest nights; The mower's scythe makes music to my ear; I am the mother of all dear delights; I am the fairest daughter of the year."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

On **Sunday June 2nd** there is another of our **Nosey Gardens**. this is a MEMBERS ONLY EVENT, everyone should have received details of places and times. On **Monday 17th June**. **7.0 for 7.30**. in the Village Hall, the Garden Club will have an unusual talk and demonstration by **Lois Golding of "Little Garden**".....**FLOWERS......FLOWERS**.

Lois is a floral designer and artist based in South Warwickshire. She studied photography at Falmouth University, Cornwall, where her love for the rich yet simple tones of analogue film grew. But it was the experience of living in Cornwall - lazing on beaches, getting lost in sub-tropical gardens, and appreciating the true magic of the landscape that led Lois to recognise her love of nature, and inspired the next step in her journey. Floral design calls on an eye for composition and an instinct for colour, both qualities practiced intently in the art of photography. Combining this with a love for cultivating and growing, Little Garden has developed into something truly unique. Her arrangements are wild and chaotic, full of foliage, dripping with delicacy, and punctuated with bold dramatic colours. Her floristry has that 'just picked' style - an impression of natural woodland, yet with flowers expertly placed. Here are some of the ideas of things she will discuss....flower varieties that do and don't work, choosing and maintaining flowers all year round, when and how to cut your flowers, conditioning flowers & vase life.

Lois will show simple methods of arranging some flowers and the finished arrangement will be raffled. Raffle tickets will be £1 each, so remember to bring some money. The talk will be followed by a Q&A. Please think of some questions to ask her. Admission for this talk is FREE for Members. If you

wish to bring a friend NON MEMBERS will pay £4. Refreshments as usual. Any queries to Gunilla or Linda.

On **Sunday July 28**th anyone is welcome to visit **Broughton Grange**. It is a Charitable Open Day **for NGS** If you remember we had a talk about the NGS last year. The gardens are open from **10am to 5pm**. This garden is very close by and well worth a visit. (description below). The following prices apply: - entry to the gardens £8.00, children (under 16) free. Entrance to the gardens on open days is **cash only**. **We are not on a guided tour** we just need to know how many people are interested and we suggest a time of **11.0am**. **Refreshments & Plant Nursery**.

"The gardens are beautifully set in 350 acres of parkland, farmland and open meadow, with planting that owes its origins to the Victorian era. In the early 20th century and under the ownership of Lady Ottoline and Philip Morrell, figures such as Bertrand Russell and Lytton Strachey were entertained on the estate. Broughton Grange now represents one of the most significant private contemporary gardens in Britain. The gardens' development accelerated in 2001, when leading landscape designer Tom Stuart-Smith was commissioned to transform a six acre south facing field into a walled garden. This impressive new garden, walled on two sides only, features three individually themed terraces and has been designed in strong relation to the surrounding rural landscape. Since the late 1990s, other parts of the gardens have been beautifully developed and from 2003 onwards, a significant arboretum has been planted. Further development of the arboretum will remain an ongoing project over the coming years".

The **guided visit** to **Avondale Nursery** near Coventry is still being arranged, look at emails for final dates and costs. It will probably be on a weekday.

THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDEN IN JUNE.. hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds; position summer hanging baskets and containers outside; mow lawns at least once a week; plant out summer bedding; stake tall or floppy plants; prune many spring-flowering shrubs; shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch. ALL THESE TIPS ARE ON THE RHS WEBSITE



Have fun....SPADE AND FORK

CHURCH MATTERS



The next big event in the church's calendar is Pentecost or Whit Sunday (9th June) where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. This was pictured in the Bible as a rushing wind and flames settling on the disciples' heads which gave them the ability to explain what was happening in many different languages. The excitement of the disciples created quite a commotion at the time with the followers of Jesus being accused of being drunk!

This is the day the church was born when Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, talked enthusiastically to the crowds and a large number were converted. Since then Christianity has continued to grow and expand throughout the world with more than two billion Christians worldwide making it the world's largest religion.

Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth and is celebrated 7 weeks after Easter or 50 days after the Passover. Pentecost is also called Whit Sunday, especially in the UK.

As with a lot of things there are different views as to the origin of the name. One view is that it is a derivation of 'wit' (as in wit & wisdom) and signified the outpouring of the wisdom of God on the disciples.

Alternatively, it is a derivation of 'white' based on the wearing of white dresses by the young women coming to church on Whit Sunday and children wearing white when they came to be baptised or confirmed on that day.

Whitsuntide, the week following Whit Sunday, was one of the three holiday weeks the medieval villein was given off during the year. A villein was a serf, a poor peasant, tied to his land and unable to move away without the Lord of the Manor's permission. Villeins were expected to work on the Lord of the Manor's farm and were at his beck and call as well. A more recent and freer version of the villein might be a Scottish crofter.

The idea of a Whitsuntide holiday continued until fairly recently with Whit Monday as a

Bank Holiday and the school's half term week during the summer term was invariably the week after Whit Sunday. Whit Monday was dropped as a Bank Holiday in the early '70s to be replaced with the Spring Bank holiday in late May.

You may have noticed that the colour of the altar cloths we use in church changes throughout the year. We use red for certain special Sundays such as Pentecost.

During the year the colour of altar cloth we use depends on the church's season. We have five key seasons.

Advent comes first with the build up to Christmas, then the Christmas season itself, followed by Lent and then Easter. The church's Easter season finishes with Pentecost and then we have the Ordinary Time season. This season celebrates the words and deeds of Jesus as he travelled around the Galilee

White altar cloths are used for Christmas and Easter, purple for Advent and Lent and green for Ordinary Time, the longest season. So, as we change from the Easter season to Ordinary Time you will see a change to the colour of altar cloth we use this month.

Tony Elvidge, Churchwarden



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!!



This year's St George's Day was quite spectacular - so many Guides, Rangers, Brownies, Rainbows, Leaders and many Scout Groups with a super band. The crowds were out in force, showing their appreciation. A great demonstration of the strength of Girlguiding and Scouting in Banbury and surrounding villages. We were very proud of all the Guides who turned out looking very smart. Special praise to Amelia M and Isabella who were our colour bearers and did an excellent job. Well done too to Jemima A who was chosen to be part of a small team who "brought the house down" with the entertaining 12 days of camp.

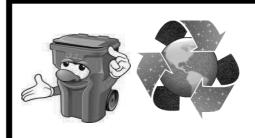
We bravely went straight into our annual show on the first meeting of the term – "modern Cinderella". Thank you for all the support – with donations, raffle and cake stall we raised £75.00, we'll add to that and send £50.00 to B.A.R.K.S and £50.00 to Banbury Young Homeless Charity.

We have enjoyed our first cookout of the year. – Aah! The smell of the woodsmoke. Great fun! Sausages and beans cooked beautifully on a lovely evening, in beautiful surroundings. Thank you to the Fenemore family,

Camp preparations are underway now early this year, at the end of May. We practiced tent pitching and bedding rolls, just hoping for good weather now.

> Maggie Rampley 01295 810069 Marian Trinder 01869 340806 and Tilly Neal 07557 095681





RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

{always a Thursday}

6th June......blue 'n' brown
13th June.....green
27th June.....blue 'n' brown
30th June....green

BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET SATURDAY 15th JUNE



10AM - 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

More plants of the season at bargain prices!!

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

Delicious Artisan Breads direct from French baker Tierry

Plus a good range of local producers selling eggs, savouries, cakes, honey, dairy produce, rapeseed oils, preserves, greetings cards and wrapping paper

Fairtrade items, hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items.....and for the birds we have seeds, mealworms, sunflower hearts

+ Míck & Anne's bacon butties/bacon & egg butties/breakfast butties TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING FROM THE KITCHEN

HALL & FERNHILL CHARITY

Barford St Michael or St John residents can apply for grants from this charity and all applications will be at the Trustee's discretion. People of **every** age are eligible and grants can be awarded for a wide range of needs. One area of need that might qualify is -

Unexpected Expenses

Most of us budget to cover our day to day bills throughout the year but sometimes a sudden illness or problem might arise that we hadn't anticipated. If a change in circumstances is causing difficulty we may be able to assist.

Many other needs could also be considered so please contact one of the Trustees (John Hirons, Helen Honour, Les Hall, Barbara Greenwood, Maggie Eden, Jill Hopcraft, Rev Annie Goldthorp and Zalie Butler) for more information.



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

This month has been extremely busy for our Year 4 and Year 6 children in

particular. For the first time for us at Deddington, the Year 4 pupils went to Kingswood Activity Centre in Staffordshire where they spent three days and had a most fantastic time. They participated in some excellent outdoor learning activities which helped the children develop a great sense of independence. All our Year 4 pupils gained enormously from this trip. The Year 6s also made their annual residential trip to Yenworthy Lodge from Monday to Friday at the start of May. The whole class was tremendous in taking part in every possible activity they encountered, including surfing, rock climbing, walking, map orienteering, rock pooling and more.

The Year 5 children have recently started work on 'The Prince William Award' programme. This was set up by the Prince in 2017. The Award is to help children build their character, resilience and confidence, hence empowering them to 'be their best'. All children are thoroughly enjoying this experience and benefiting from being involved in the work.

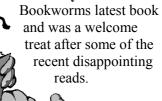
The Year 6 and Year 2 pupils have been working through the Government set 'Standard Assessment Tests', or SATs, over the past few weeks. We are exceptionally proud of their hard work and positive attitude towards everything they have done.

Finally, we are pleased to see the weather gradually improving, allowing us all to use every part of our lovely school field and grounds.

DENISE WELCH

DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

All the Rivers by Dorit Rabinyan was the



This is Dorit Rabinyan's third novel about

which she said she" hopes

people will read "All the Rivers" for its love story, and not because of the free-speech controversy surrounding it."

The story is about two lovers, an Israeli woman and a Palestinian artist who meet in a New York cafe not long after the September 11 attacks. The main character Liat, is an Israeli translation student who is working in New York for a short while. Hilmi, her lover, is a Palestinian artist, a misty-eyed dreamer, based in New York.

Liat struggles between the love she feels for Hilmi and the fact that she cannot commit totally to a relationship which she knows her family and friends will disapprove of.

The Bookworms found some of the dialogue between Liat and Hilmi, particularly the arguments about politics and religion, slightly tedious and waffly. However, the general consensus was that it is a good read. The book sparked an interesting debate about politics, culture, and education in Israel (and the world in general) today. It is worth 'googling' the name in the dedication but only after you've read the book!

Our next book is **The Secret Life of Bletchley Park** by *Sinclair McKay*.

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1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP



Regretfully, we had to abandon our annual St George's Day Parade this year, the windy weather would

have played havoc with our dragon & flags.

This term both sections will be concentrating on their Outdoor Challenges, pioneering, firelighting, geocaching & map reading.

A group of both Cubs & Scouts took part in Jamboree on the Trail, a day when scouts around the globe all take part in a hike. We walked from Deddington to Bodicote, only two hefty showers & nobody eaten by a bear!

We have also adopted the planter at our end of the village.

Coming up – District Cub Camp at Horley & Scout camp at Rough Close, Coventry.

Cubs

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Explorers

To date the Explorers have spent all their evenings outside this month. We started off with a game using radios at Horley. Leaders were very successful in disappearing in the woods for the whole evening, never to be found! This was followed by a very wet evening of cricket outside at The Windmill. There were some interesting techniques but also some very powerful strokes of the ball.

The most recent event has been at the County Awards Day at Youlbury Scout Activity Centre near Oxford. We were proud to have both a Platinum and a Diamond Award presented to two of the Explorers by Tim Kidd, Chief Commissioner of England.

What's next? Lots more outdoor activities after competing in a quiz for the Guides. Let you know how we get on next month. If you are interested in joining the Unit contact any of the leaders. Janet Duxbury 01608 737959

spartansexplorers@gmail.com

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.

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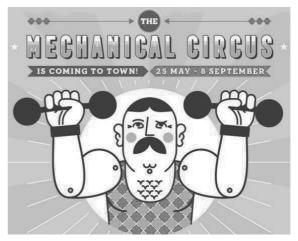
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There is a possibility of a table being donated should there be interest, so in the first place it would just mean getting a small group of friends working together to get the idea off the ground. Posters will be on the village hall notice board with further information.

Please contact Veronique Semple, Village Hall Chair at vhmcbarford@gmail.com or call 01869 338050

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There's still time to join the Flower Power Midnight Walk and help make a difference for your local hospice this summer.

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DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

This term the PFSU children have been learning about 'The World Around Us'.



We have been watching tadpoles turn into frogs, doing mini-beasthunts on the school field, feeding the birds, gardening and receiving postcards from around the world. We also spent a sunny morning exploring the Castle Grounds.

At Nursery the children are learning about farm animals and pets. We have an indoor 'pet shop' role play area, and have transformed our outdoor area into a 'farm yard' complete with eggs to collect, animals to feed and horses to ride! During June we will be holding a Fathers' Day breakfast for all our Nursery Dads and Grandads. We hope you can join us at Nursery on Wednesday 12th June from 9.30-11.00am. At this time of year we also begin preparing our older Nursery children for their move up to the PFSU, and our PFSU children for their move up to school in September. Dates for your diaries are our open afternoons (for all the new PFSU families) at the PFSU on Tuesday2nd and Wednesday 3rd July from 3.30 - 4.30pm, which will give you and your children an opportunity to have a look round and to meet the staff. There will also be a 'move up' afternoon for all children moving up to PFSU or school during July.

Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Four Farms Challenge - we hope you enjoyed the day!

Lucy Squires 2337484



Knit and Natter Group

We are a small and friendly group who love to knit (or crochet) and natter! We meet on the first

Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Holly Tree Club and for 2 hours knit, relax and chat with no interruptions! New members are always welcome and so if you love knitting and would like to join us, please contact Cheryl on 07789 966486 for more information or just drop in to the Holly Tree when we next meet.



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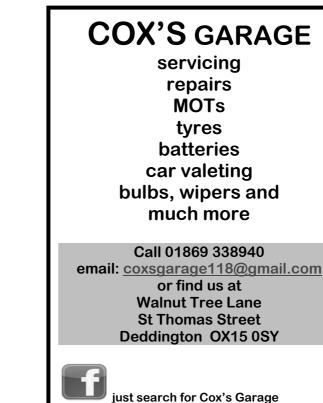


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1st week parish council (not August)

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Thursdays Open cuppa mornings

Cubs (Deddington)
Scouts (Deddington)

Fridays Rainbows

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3rd Wednesday Village Hall Management Committee

DIARY DATES

Saturdays

June

5th Parish Council Meeting

8th Bloxham Fun Day

9th Spring Hill Farm OPEN FARM DAY

12th WI Tassel Making with Sandi Turner

15th Village Market

17th Garden Club Talk

18th Tuesday Lunch Club

23rd WI 70's Party

July

3rd Parish Council Meeting

7th Duck Race

28th Garden Club visit to Broughton Grange

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