

BARFORD NEWS

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**BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET
SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER
10AM – 12PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**JOIN US FOR COMPLIMENTARY
MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES**



Joan's beautifully wrapped, deliciously
tempting chocolates....perfect for
Christmas

Excellent selection of artisan breads

Moore & Lyon offering home-reared
meats and free range hen & duck eggs

Janet Macey - Of Berry's Orchard -
lovely selection of potted herbs etc.
along with a small selection of unique
hand decorated pots

Plus a good range of local producers
selling cakes, bread, honey,
preserves, greetings cards, wrapping
paper & crafts

Rapeseed oils, Fairtrade items, hand
knitted woollies....and treats for the
birds or simply join us for a Cuppa
with friends and neighbours!!

Come along to sample our wonderful
butties with a filling of your choice
- bacon / bacon & egg / breakfast
bacon, sausage & egg

**Wishing all our readers a
very Merry
Christmas,
your on-
going
support is so
much appreciated.**



from the Barford News Team



Christmas Carol Service with

Deddington Brass Band

Sunday 23rd December

4:00pm

Barford St Michael Church



Stay for mince pies

&

mulled wine!



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 7th November in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Cox, Best, County Cllr Fatemian and Mr Best (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and two members of the public. Apologies were received from District Cllr Williams and Cllr Charman.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 3rd October were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian:
Road Signage Funding – County Cllr Fatemian advised that he may be able to assist with funding of signage on Barford/South Newington Road.

Pothole mending – County Cllr Fatemian advised of a trial scheme to speed up the repair of potholes reported via fix my street whereby local volunteers are trained by Oxfordshire County Council Highways to inspect and prioritise mending in their local area. The Parish Council asked to be included in this scheme.

Parish Matters:

Road Safety on Barford Road/ South Newington Road – Mr C Murray and the Clerk met Mr Mike Wasley from OCC Highways to discuss what action could be taken to improve road safety. After walking and driving along the roads Mr Wasley recommended signage and warnings written on the road initially with a review after a period of time to assess improvement. Mr Wasley will supply a proposal which will be fully costed. Reducing the speed limit was discussed but Mr Wasley thought that Thames Valley Police might not support this and would be unlikely to have sufficient resources to monitor the limit. Mr Wasley advised that OCC would be unlikely to fund installation of signage before the new financial year in April 2019. Mr J Holmes, who also attended the meeting advised that Inspector Wendy Percival at Banbury Police Station co-ordinates community speed-watch initiatives. The Clerk will contact her to investigate further.

Bee Keeping on the allotments - Mr J Holmes attended the meeting to discuss bee keeping on the allotments. He had no objections to bees on the allotments but warned that they sometimes attract badgers. The beehives could be raised and/or fencing could be used to discourage badgers.

Removal of the Stage in the Village Hall – The responses from parishioners on whether to remove the village hall stage were all in favour apart from one. It was agreed to proceed with obtaining quotes before the final decision is made.

Reinforcement of The Green - This work is being re-scheduled.

Townsend Noticeboard Repair – This has been completed.

Planning Applications:

18/01413/F&LB – Little Barford Mill – Granted

18/000284/TCA – Turnstile House – response returned to CDC

18/01669/F – Coombe Hill – response returned to CDC

Finance:

Payments – The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £495.31. This was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Eden.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5th December** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



Many thanks to all the people who came to our **MACMILLAN Coffee Morning** on 29th September.

We think at least 36 people came and we raised a staggering



£360...!!....and just for information, Sue Lane won the 'Weigh the Cake'.

Lavinia, David & Isabel

CHRISTINA MARY HIRONS 'TINA'
3RD JUNE 1952 – 21ST SEPTEMBER 2018

Tina was born on 3rd June 1952, the only child of Donald and Mary England. They named her after 'St Christina's' the boarding school in Cooperstown, U.S.A where our Grandmother, had been educated.

Tina grew up in Banstead, Surrey. When Tina was 18 she left home to Study Geography and Zoology at Aberystwyth university, this cemented her lifelong deep love of nature, the environment and learning. It was here a year later she met John. They recognised at once that they had both found someone and something very special they got engaged 5 weeks later and married a year after that in 1973. The newlyweds moved to Yorkshire where Tina undertook an MSc in information Studies at Sheffield University before starting work as a Librarian in Leeds Poly – a job she enjoyed. A career break brought the unexpected joy of twins and in 1980 Nicky and Andy were born. Two years later the family moved back to Oxfordshire to be closer to family and, in 1984, Mark was born to complete the family.

Over the years Tina became involved in village life in Barford, church life in Bloxham and after her career break she very much enjoyed a second career starting as Librarian at North Oxfordshire College in Banbury and progressing to become learning resources manager across 3 campuses. One of the very many things that we are so grateful for is that because John was slightly older, Tina retired early 4 years ago to spend more time with him, in that time they have had many adventures as they travelled to China (inset), New Zealand, Costa Rica and several trips to the USA. It also brought Tina massive joy to welcome 7 Grandchildren.



Tina had so many qualities she had very strong opinions about some things which could border on annoying – she was obsessed with milk jugs and would not stand for milk bottles or containers on the table under any circumstances. She also insisted on inspecting any jar to check it was definitely finished before allowing a new one to be opened.

Tina's cancer came completely out of the blue but her attitude to it - her natural and genuine ability to always see the positives and to count her many blessings meant that the family have many very happy memories in the last five months. The care she received from the NHS, especially the Sarcoma team in Oxford, was exceptional and her family are so grateful for it.

Like Tina, John is much more of a behind the scenes man, and he has been behind the scene of every part of her life for over 45 years, over the last 5 months he has more that fulfilled the 'in sickness' part of his marriage vows. No-one could have cared for her better or with more love and she would have wanted no-one else living and breathing the ups and downs of the last few months with her. And Tina's only real concern was how John was going to cope.

Daughter Nicky said 'As a family we have reflected on what overall we will treasure and remember of Mum and we think it is this. Mum loved this life. She was able to find joy in the smallest of things – family, friendships, gardening, rock pooling, watching the sun set at the bottom of the garden, and everyday right up to her last was a day that the Lord gave – and she would rejoice. And we will to in all the days we are given because that is exactly what she would want.'

Tina was much loved by her family and will be fondly remembered by friends and neighbours.



DOWN ON THE FARM

Farming has been a bit slow to switch towards metrification, probably due to an ageing population that clung limpet-like to acres, gallons and imperial measurements.

It is not many years since land drainage spacing was measured in chains (22 yards, or about 20 metres) and grain in bushels which was a volumetric weight that varied between oats, wheat and barley. But with a younger generation coming on board we are at last getting to grips.

And I have to say it is a good deal easier. Fertiliser, for example, now arrives in 600kg big bags and spreader rates are listed in kg/hectare, so simply converting field size from acres to hectares makes the maths simple compared with trying to work out the rate in kg/acre.

Backward conversions such as this are inevitably error prone; particularly with crop spraying which includes grammes/ha for powders and litres or fractions of a litre/ha for liquids, often in a 'tank mix' of three or more different liquid or solid ingredients.

Fortunately, my good neighbour now does our crop spraying so I no longer need to spend hours playing with my calculator or wondering why I ran out of spray before I got to the end of the field.

Working things out in measures that are divided into tenths and hundreds makes a lot of sense compared to the imperial system which in reality defies logic. We had 20 shillings in a pound, 12 pennies in a shilling, 8 pints in a gallon (except in America), 1760 yards in a mile, three feet in a yard, 12 inches in a foot, and so on and so on.

The trouble is that we have never fully accepted metrification and, in some cases, even turned back to imperial weights and measures.

Some years ago, I went to our local timber yard for some four by two (4in by 2in). 'Do you mean 50 millimetres by 100', the man enquired. Having carefully measured my job in feet and inches I was slightly confused.

Some months later I returned for some more 50 by 100. 'Ah', he said. 'You mean four by two, we have plenty of that'. Clearly, he had got fed up with other customers' bewilderment; but he is still selling it in 6 metre lengths!

So, while we have litres at the petrol pumps, we still tend to measure fuel consumption in miles per gallon and retailers are now allowed to sell things such as apples and potatoes in either kilos or pounds.

Also, some livestock auctions still sell pedigree animals in guineas (£1 and 5pence) and a tape measure I bought last week shows feet and inches and their fractions on one side and metres, centimetres and millimetres below it on the same side.

This hybridisation of weights and measures is all a bit confusing; a bit like speaking two languages at the same time.

I think I'll give the brain a rest and nip down to The George for a beer. I shall be asked if I want a pint or a half. I can cope with that.

Tony Collier
Iron Down Farm



**Christmas is coming, back by popular demand
there will once again be ...**

Carols in the Pub on Friday 21 December 7.00 pm

**with Mike Horth on keyboard, Mick Bullard on
drums....other musicians are more
than welcome to join us and of
course, anyone who can sing**



RAISING FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES



The Posada is coming to The Barfords!

Make Christmas really special this year by welcoming Mary & Joseph (and lots of sheep) into your house for a night this Advent. You'll get a set of Nativity figures and a whole flock of sheep! Full instructions and a selection of books will also be included.

There will be one Posada set travelling around The Barford's, with only 24 places available please sign-up quickly to avoid disappointment.



All you need to do is, sign up to be the innkeepers and invite Mary & Joseph for one night. For more information, please call Nick Belson on 07778 0175530 or emailnick@originideas.co.uk

JACK'S MISSING MOSQUITO

by Roscoe

(The perfect stocking filler)

This gripping second book in the Jack Bonner and Rob Hinde series will be on sale from SATURDAY the 17th. November this year, at the following venues:

BLOXHAM: - The Post office and stores.

BARFORD St. Michael: - Manor Post office;
Village hall Market (Sat. Nov 17th.)
(Sat Dec 15th.)

DEDDINGTON Market: Nov. 24th. and Dec. Church Stalls.

HOOK NORTON: Brewery Shop and
Christmas Fair, Friday 30th.Nov.

KATHERINE HOUSE HOSPICE: - Shop, Aynho Rd., Adderbury.

Follow the adventures of these Warriner school lads, together with their new friend Winnie, facing unknown dangers as they seek to unravel the mystery of a missing Mosquito bomber.

Just £8.99 – (A5 illus. p/b).

'For the 'Young at heart.' Ages 9 to 90+



**BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB
NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED
DECEMBER 2018**

*I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December,
A magical thing,
And sweet to remember:
"We are nearer to spring
Than we were in September."*

*~Oliver Herford, "Hope," in
The Century Magazine, January 1914*

GARDEN JOBS FOR DECEMBER

As we approach the shortest day of the year in December you will need work to keep you warm outside, such as digging and tree pruning. Check your winter protection and if you have a greenhouse make sure the heater is working. Hopefully there are not too many jobs left to do this year so you will have time for some fireside garden planning. Check your winter protection structures are still securely in place; Check that greenhouse heaters are working; Insulate outdoor taps and prevent ponds from freezing; Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls); Reduce watering of houseplants; Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding; Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops; deciduous trees and shrubs can still be planted and transplanted, cutting back, pruning and dividing. Continue to cut back faded herbaceous perennials and add them to the compost heap or alternatively leave these until spring so that they can be used as **winter homes for insects**. Indoors, if your Christmas cactus (*Schlumbergera truncata* and *S. x buckleyi*) failed to set flower buds, it may be that the temperature is too high, more than 18°C (65°F), or that the plant is receiving light from an artificial light source after dark. Try moving the cactus into cooler conditions or away from night lighting. Pot up *Hippeastrum* (amaryllis), and bring them back into active growth with regular watering and feeding. They should give you beautiful flowers for the new year. *Cyclamen persicum*, which is often given as a winter pot plant, appreciates a cool room with good light. It is best watered from

below (i.e. into the saucer, not the pot), as wetting the leaves can easily result in fungal infections and rotting off. Keep potted indoor azaleas looking good for longer by keeping them in cool conditions and watering regularly. Remember to water azaleas with rainwater collected in a rain butt, not with tap water.

Avoid buying poinsettias that have been accidentally chilled, particularly those sold from street stalls on cold days. Once home, place them in a warm, light place, away from drafts, to ensure they last for as long as possible. Place hyacinths in a cool, bright place in the home. If it is too warm, the leaves will elongate and the flowers will fade quickly.

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

We have not forgotten **NOSY GARDENS** but the next ones will be next year. **NEXT YEAR** we are hoping to have some talks and visits as usual. Any suggestions will be welcome.



**HAPPY GARDENING & HAPPY
CHRISTMAS.....SPADE AND FORK**

For Sale

Hoover fridge 2 years old	£80
Beko freezer 1 year old	£80
Whirlpool dishwasher	£80

All in good working order
Please call Sheila on 01869 338691

FOR SALE

NEST OF 3 COFFEE TABLES
21" x 15" x 21" (overall)
£10.00 or O.N.O. - ☎ 01869 338926



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Why Barford Beats London

By Tom Greeves

Two-and-a-half months after leaving London and moving back home, I've been reflecting on how life in Barford differs from the capital. Spoiler alert: Barford is better.

Only the fantastically ignorant cling to the belief that nothing ever happens in the countryside. In the pre-1960s sense of the word, my social life is incredibly gay.

Only this morning Mick Pearson came round for a guitar jam. I have enjoyed a film night in the village hall. Big Breakfasts, coffee mornings, and village lunches await. So does the Saturday market. And I never regret ambling down to The George. (With the exception of the day after my 18th birthday, when I got spectacularly plastered. Even Steve Cook has never plastered a wall like I got plastered that fateful night.)

London has cinemas, obviously, but you need to sell a kidney to afford a ticket. Once the movie starts, you have to contend with other patrons talking to each other or reading things on their phone, which is lit up like a Christmas tree.

Because our legal system takes the lily-livered view that it is wrong to wrap an arm around the neck of such a miscreant and snap it like a twig, I stopped going to the cinema in London and watched films in my flat.

That is the London curse: in a city with millions of people, one all too often leads a solitary existence. Londoners do long hours and can be terribly sentimental about their spouse and children, unaccountably prioritising them above me. Also, London trains and buses resemble cattle trucks, so Netflix and a takeaway often seemed more appealing than an evening out.

I rarely got to know a London neighbour, whereas a casual stroll around Barford will invariably lead to a pleasant chance encounter.

A great aunt who visited us was touched by how everyone would say Hello when we were out for a walk. She decided to adopt this approach in her Hampshire town, where sadly it was seen as dangerously eccentric. If I'd tried the same in London, I'd likely have been taken for a loony or a pervert.

The best civilisations and societies grow organically and in a manageable way. They cohere. And there is a sense, which cannot be manufactured artificially, that everyone is in it together. This is absent from London, for all the bright lights and occasional excitement. It may represent the whole world in microcosm - and may even be the centre of the universe as far as some are concerned - but ironically it lacks a clear identity and it is unforgiving and unfriendly. You cannot claim the same of Barford.

When seeking consolation, I would tend to find that things didn't quite work. Yes, I might stumble upon a pretty little church or enjoy a ramble through a nice park, but always looming nearby would be some unutterably ghastly skyscraper. And hordes of people. You can't easily forget yourself in London, which may be a partial explanation for its drink and drug problems. A Londoner is anonymous and lonely, yet denied privacy and ruthlessly exposed.

Barford is beautiful and much more my kind of size and speed. I never have a moment's angst that being here means that I am not at the centre of things. For one thing, I'm an egomaniac, so as far as I'm concerned, the centre of the universe is precisely where I happen to be at any one time. For another, I love this place and the people who inhabit it very much.

Finally, after years of writing speeches and articles in London and having them mucked about with, it is nice to know that the editor of the Barford News won't sneak any additional sentences into this piece! Mind you, she is a truly superb human being, as clever as she is gorgeous, and unquestionably the best person ever to live in Barford.

(As Editor I have decided not to tweak, add or subtract any of the content of this article, I must respect Tom's opinions,....Ed....)

Another resounding success...the **BIG BARFORD BREAKFAST**.....



(approximately) 112 slices of bacon, 48 sausages, 45 eggs, 12 cans of beans, 60 hash browns, 14 packs of fresh mushrooms (well done, Carol Hopkins), 6 loaves of bread, 6 croissants and 4 yogurts later we raised an amazing **£197.20** for The Royal British Legion.

The BBB's run like clockwork. the process beginning with Maggie Blackhall on plate warming, then Tommy Blackhall gets his eggs started, next step is Angus, aided by Tommy a little bit!!, cooking and dishing up the bacon, sausages and hash browns then over to Mariann for beans 'n' mushrooms and finally back to Maggie for quality control....and by this time the egg is ready to be dished up!! Also, in the kitchen is Pete Hopkins on washing-up (his poor wash-day hands) and Harry Romain with Drying-up Elbow. 'Out the front' are Christine and Les Hall on teas and coffees, Carol Hopkins and Glynnis Eastwood are our gorgeous Silver Service Waitresses and last but not least, me (Lucy) and Jess Romain on seating, juices and toast.



{Photo: 1st Shift 9am-10:30am}

The next BBB will be in or around February 2019. Details will be in January's edition
Thank you for your support from *the Big Barford Breakfast Bunch*



Dedicated of Cross

Christian Centre Easter Day 1986

BY Alan Maddison, High Street, BSM

From 1955 until 1996 Gill (my wife, who is an artist) and I lived in Dorking attending the Methodist church in South Street, a large Gothic style church built in the 19th Century. When a new Minister came to take charge, it was agreed that it was time for a change and he organised the sale of the church and site for a development to be replaced by a small block of flats and shops. He also successfully

arranged to retain a large part of the proceeds from the sale which were subsequently put towards the building of a new Christian Centre next to the Parish church, St Mary's. together with the Minister, Gill agreed to design and execute the incised slate panel which we later had installed on the wall of the landing level of the new staircase in the Centre. The cross embodies the Crown of Thorns; the Circle of Eternity; the Peace of God; the Pentagon of the Five Wounds and the Triangle of the Trinity. Last time I visited it was still in place.



CHRISTMAS TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB
18th DECEMBER 2018, 12.30PM for 1PM
PRE-MEAL DRINK OF SHERRY OR
BUCKS FIZZ & LITTLE CANAPÉS ON ARRIVAL

MENU

MAIN COURSE

roast turkey breast
sausage and bacon (pigs in blankets)
apricot & spring onion stuffing balls
bread sauce & cranberry sauce

OR

roast top rump of beef
Yorkshire puddings
horseradish sauce

*the above main courses will be served
with roast potatoes*

OR

oven baked fillet of salmon with lemon and
asparagus sauce
minted new potatoes

*all main courses will be served
with seasonal vegetables*

DESSERTS

lemon posset with raspberry coulis and
ginger & cinnamon biscuits
apple, mincemeat and almond tart with creamy
custard with a hint of brandy
chocolate and baileys cheesecake

Finally

Coffee & Tea with Chocolates
Price £7.50

As usual please bring your own alcoholic
drinks to have with your meal
Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074
or email mickpearson1@outlook.com by
Tuesday 11th December.
Please Note: if you do not receive a reply to
your email, we haven't received it so please
call us



Christmas Services in the Barfords

Christingle Service in Barford St Michael,
Sunday 16th 4.00pm



Carol Service in Barford St Michael,
Sunday 23rd 4.00pm

Crib Service in Barford St Michael
Christmas Eve 4.00pm



Midnight Mass in Barford St Michael
Christmas Eve 11.30pm

Family Communion in Barford St Michael
Christmas Day 9.00am



Christmas Presence in Barford St John
Sunday 30th 9.00am



Come and join us and find out more about the
Christingle and the Children's Society, and how
they have made such a difference to over a million
children and young people over the last 50 years.

Family Service Sunday 16th at 4.00pm
St Michael's church



SPONSOR A SWING (OR A BIT OF ONE!)



The West Close fundraising efforts continue apace.

We were delighted to hear that the Church PCC have offered to sponsor a piece of equipment for us. It would be great if some villagers or local businesses would also sponsor some parts of the equipment. We will circulate a list of the items needed so hope that we start to get some donations coming in soon.

We have re-submitted the lottery bid and will hear from them in the New Year.

Cheques payable to: **West Close Playground**
(at Barn Elms on the Green please)

Carole Coppin

A festive poster for the Deddington Christmas Fayre. At the top, there are icons of holly leaves, a sleigh, a Christmas tree, another sleigh, and more holly leaves. Below these is a large banner that reads "DEDDINGTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE". Underneath the banner, it says "THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER 7:30 - 9:30PM". Below that, it says "ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH, DEDDINGTON". Then, it lists "JEWELLERY, CRAFTS, GIFTS, CARDS, MINCE PIES, MULLED WINE, MANICURES AND MORE". There are three separate boxes: "PICK UP A UNIQUE GIFT FROM OUR FESTIVE STALLS", "ENTRY ONLY £3", and "LIVE MUSIC FROM DEDDINGTON BRASS". At the bottom, it says "IN SUPPORT OF DEDDINGTON VILLAGE NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL (PFSU) CHARITY NUMBER: 1100275 / 1117963". There are also small Christmas tree icons at the bottom corners.

A poster for a Christmas event. At the top right is the logo for "the WI INSPIRING WOMEN". In the center is an illustration of a wine glass with a bow around its base and a small Santa hat on top. Below the illustration, it says "CHRISTMAS TIPPLE". Then, it says "A talk plus wine tasting With Louis Holtzhausen". Below that, it says "The History of Wine in South Africa from 1652 to now and the two main grapes from South Africa, Chenin Blanc and Pinotage." Then, it says "Plus an opportunity to buy the wines tasted at the end of the evening." Below that, it says "On Wednesday, 12th December In the Village Hall At 7.30pm Visitors most welcome £10".

200 CLUB RESULTS NOVEMBER draw

£15, 039, Dennis Talbot

£10, 063, Sonia Cook

£5, 100, Alan Hand

the draw took place at a Cuppa Morning



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BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE

December 8th 2018

In the Bleak Midwinter is a 1995 British romantic comedy written and directed by Kenneth Branagh. Many of the roles in the *film* were written for specific actors.including Richard Briers, Joan Collins, Nicholas Farrell, Celia Imrie, Jennifer Saunders and Michael Maloney. The film is 1hr 39 minutes long.

Out of work actor Joe volunteers to help try and save his sister's local church for the community by putting on a Christmas production of Hamlet, somewhat against the advice of his agent Margareta. As the cast he assembles are still available even at Christmas and are prepared to do it on a 'profit sharing' basis (that is, they may not get paid anything) he cannot expect - and does not get - the cream of the cream. But although they all bring their own problems and foibles along, something bigger starts to emerge in the perhaps aptly named village of Hope.



Film starts at 7.45 and doors open at 7.15. Bring chairs and any drinks you want. Tea and Coffee served.

Contact: Gunilla on 01295 720521



**See page
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details of
Cedar**

Therapy's new salon in Bloxham



A big thank you, once again, to the Delivery Division of the organisation who, come rain or shine, deliver Barford News to every single house, every single month.

In no particular order, we have Kathryn Wheeler who delivers **13** copies to Townsend & the Hempton Road, Jan Elvidge, **18**, who distributes to the High Street & The Potteries, Maisie Bird (+ Mum, Caroline) posts **17** copies to Horn Hill, Cathy Peacock, **29**, covers 'top end' of Lower Street + Rignall Hall, Bishops Close, Old Vicarage & Mill Lane; Becky Dyson pops **22** copies through the letterboxes in Robins Close; Chris Cox, **27**, is your man in Broad Close, Joyce Pearce has the 'bottom end' of Lower Street covered; Helen Honour's patch, **24**, is St John's; Rupert Moulton, **15**, sorts out Rock Close, Summer Ley and the 'bottom end' of the High Street, Mariann, **13**, deals with copies for archiving, the Vicar, library, Bloxham Editors, the Post Office have **10** copies for Iron Down Farm, Buttermilk Cottage, Farm etc plus a few copies to sell.....and last, but by no means least, Sarah & Chris Charman with a whopping **39** copies deliver to Church Street and The Green (up to Broad Close). Great job and thank you everyone.

Lucy Norman

HEDGEHOG MATTERS



With the weather being mild, it is possible that the local hogs haven't yet gone into hibernation, though food will be becoming scarcer for them, so if you know of any visiting your patch, please do leave them some meaty cat food to supplement their natural diet and a fresh bowl of water. Many people think that hogs hibernate right through winter from mid-autumn, but this is very much weather dependent. I imagine hogs in t'north will become "nithered" sooner and may hunker down before their southern counterparts who don't know the meaning of the word. If hedgehogs know the areas where they can still find food in winter, then in my limited experience, it seems they are more likely to return to those areas. More of my regular hedgehog sightings over the past few years have been in spring and autumn when they have been a nightly feature underneath the bird feeder. If you have access into your garden and a bird feeder which drops a few seeds, then autumn is a good time to have a look out after dark to see if you have any visitors. This year is the first for several years that I haven't seen any on our patch since the end of September. Perhaps neighbours have but I keep forgetting to ask.

To help them through the winter, consider leaving materials – garden rubbish, leaves, brushwood, woodpiles etc in corners of the garden or under hedges and shrubs. Leave those overgrown areas at the edges over winter or maybe consider a permanent wildlife area with longer grass at the edges. It's less work for you as well as giving wildlife extra habitat and more of a chance. Those areas, especially the woodpiles and decaying leaf litter where invertebrates will be hiding, will provide foraging areas in leaner times. Some of these might also provide an alternative hibernation site for those hedgehogs that change hibernation sites over the winter. If you have a bigger garden, such as some on Broad Close it is perhaps easier to leave some untidier areas at the hedges and edges. That said, our own postage stamp of a garden has plenty of areas that are untidy at the edges, partly planned, partly default! Let's have Messy Garden as well as Messy Church.

Towards the end of autumn, hedgehogs consider the best places to build winter nests,

which are called hibernacula. (the shelter of a hibernating creature) Favourite sites are under hedges and roots of trees, in piles of brushwood, inside compost heaps or in old rabbit burrows and underneath timber buildings and sheds. Behind sheds and garages seem to be common places too. They are usually untouched wilder areas. The area behind John Hiron's large shed has provided many a hog with a nice hidden and untouched place to shelter, in summer months too.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT IDEAS

Books. Look for "Hedgehogs", by Pat Morris or books by Hugh Warwick. Both are leading hedgehog experts and there are several interesting, informative and humorous books to choose from. Another lovely book is "The last Hedgehog" by Pam Ayres, described as a funny but thought-provoking elegy. Most of these are available from the British Hedgehog preservation Society. See their website shop at:

www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk.

This also has a lovely selection of children's books about hedgehogs and other hedgehoggy gifts for all ages as well as hedgehog houses and food. Lovely gifts whilst supporting a good cause.

Hedgehog Houses {see photo below}

The hedgehog house in the picture was made by the Learning Disabilities Project, which is another team in my work place. If anyone is interested, let me know and I will find out the



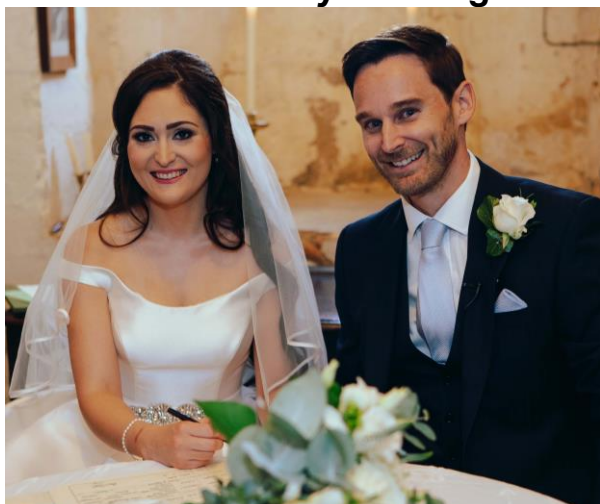
price. All profits go towards supporting the project and I can deliver it for you. The next version of it will have

the entrance tunnel to one side to allow for an even more sheltered area.

Helen Taylor

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The BN Team

1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP



Cubs

Last month a group of Cubs enjoyed a morning of Laser Tag with other Cubs from the county. It was an outdoor venue in a wood littered with old tanks, cars & even a helicopter. If the amount of shrieking, whooping & gunfire had anything to do with it, then they had a brilliant time! We spent a couple of sessions running up to the centenary looking at WW1 & the different types of people, services & animals involved in the conflict.

Jo Churchyard deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

At the October Farmers Market the Scouts ran a cake stall, the stock was all made by Scouts & parents & it was surprisingly delicious, I suspect a few diets went to the wall that weekend! They raised £61 which will go towards equipment for a Gambian Scout Group, well done everyone. Praise too for the display of poppies which adorned the gates of the cemetery for Remembrance Day, simple but effective & rather touching. We also learned about some of our original Scouts (we formed in 1911) that we know were killed & appear on the memorial – it makes it far more personal. Coming soon – the night hike to Horley.

Peter Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Explorer

Trying Again on the navigation worked well and the Unit didn't get lost and completed the Bloxham Circular walk in a good time considering it was dark.

We held a Big Broth evening to fund raise for Centrepont. It will have an international twist so should be fun. As ever the Explorers proved what good chefs they are and there were some really interesting things to eat and monies donated.

Members of the Unit attended Remembrance Parades in various villages. In Deddington there was a very poignant moment when one of the Unit read a passage about Polish Scouts in a small village in WW11 who, were the first casualties of the atrocities, merely for wearing Scout uniform. Fortunately, they were not despondent and there are now 140,000 + Scouts in Poland.

Contact: Janet Duxbury ☎ 01608 737959
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Thanks to everyone who turned out for the Remembrance Day Parade – you were a credit to the group.

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Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

The last few weeks has seen the Guides busy in their newly formed patrols, engaged in planning and organising their own activities.

We gave a nod to Halloween with some fun costumes, food and seasonal games such as apple bobbing, doughnuts on a string and the ever-popular mummy game – involving lots of paper rolls!!

We also addressed the balance with talking about various saints (All Saints Day) and what they had done in their lives, doing good for others. Definitely some positive role models there. A wonderful time was had by all painting old style with potato prints! The Guides, all clad in bin bags, had a great time painting Autumn themed masterpieces.

There is a great new Guiding activity programme being launched and we've been sampling some of the new ideas and activities. It will take us a while to blend familiar with new challenges – but were making a good start.

We had a super turnout for Remembrance Day. Well done Guides, looking amazing in their uniforms, we were very proud of our colour parties, wreath and cross representatives.

Finally, a big thank you to the Deddington Market Committee for their generous gift. We wanted the Guides to be involved with the new programme from the start and so this cheque has helped enormously towards the cost of new badge and handbooks and resources.

Maggie Rampley – 01295 810069

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& Tilly Neal

DEDDINGTON PFSU AND NURSERY

PFSU stands for: Partnership Foundation Stage Unit and is pre-school, providing care and early years education for children (aged 3-4)

We've enjoyed the Autumn with lots of walks and playing in the leaves. The pre-school children even spent a morning making their own Autumn lunch. Christmas is on the way and the children are hard at work learning songs and making cards and gifts. The PFSU children will join their friends in the F1 class for their performance of Wiggly Nativity on Monday 10th December at 2pm in Deddington Church. Nursery have their turn on Wednesday 12th December from 10 to 12, when they hold a creative morning for the children and their families, which will include singing some Christmas songs. Our Christmas parties will be held on Thursday 20th December at both settings.

Don't miss our ever-popular Christmas Fayre on Thursday 6th December from 7.30 to 9.30pm in Deddington Church. There will be mulled wine, Christmas music from Deddington Brass, and the opportunity to start (or finish) your Christmas shopping with a variety of stalls. This event is open to everybody and we'd love you to join us. Finally, can we remind our PFSU families, that the deadline for primary school applications is 15th January 2019.

Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2019, from everyone at the Nursery and PFSU.

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KNIT AND NATTER GROUP

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T'committee



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DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

Bookworms met in November to discuss **Richard Beard's** personal account of the death of a brother in **'The Day that Went Missing'**. He worked through complex family relationships, majoring on his father's personality and how his response deeply affected the whole family. The tone set was that they would "carry on regardless", never mentioning the accident that resulted in the death.



We discussed the attitude of society at that time (the 1970s). Was the response of this family typical of the time, what lay behind their inability to express anything of the shared experience on that fateful day and what, if any, improvements have happened since then to help us cope with bereavements?

Much of the book is devoted to Beard going to extreme lengths to come to terms with his part in what unfolded. Is this due to his own perceived guilt or the guilt of others? By the end of the book he has made some progress and so it concludes on a positive note. Generally, we were glad we had read it but would have some reservations in recommending it to others.

Our next book promises to be more light-hearted....' **A Spool of Blue Thread**' by **Anne Tyler**. "No one does family sagas quite like Anne Tyler" says Country Life. We meet in the library on Monday December 3rd at 6.30pm

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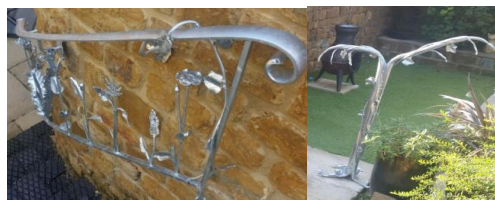
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Diary dates to the editor by 15th of each month please

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

DIARY DATES

December

1 st	Adderbury Christmas Market
5 th	Parish Council Meeting
6 th	Deddington Xmas Fayre, St Peter's & Paul's Church, Deddington
8 th	Barford Picture House-Bleak Mid-Winter
15 th	Barford Christmas Market
18 th	Christmas Tuesday Lunch Club
21 st	Carols in the Pub

January 2019

1 st	New Years' Day Walk – VH
2 nd	Parish Council Meeting

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