



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Parish Council and the West Close Playground Committee will be providing a public consultation for the intended playground in the West Close field (Murreys Lane), on Saturday 24th February from 2-4pm in the village hall.

Everyone is invited to attend

This will give you an opportunity to see the intended layout of the play equipment in detail, ask questions, and provide any written comments.

The intended play area boundary has been staked out in the south west corner of the field (top, Murreys Lane entrance) for those who wish to view it in situ. The plan is for the goal post to be moved along the top (in the same line) and turned to face the opposite way so as to be an appropriate distance from the play area, whilst still maintaining plenty of space for people to sit and enjoy the view in the rest of the field.

Please come down on the 24th February and let us know your thoughts.

West Close
playground
committee

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 3rd January in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Hobbs, Eden, Charman, District Cllr Williams, County Councillor Fatemian and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer).

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 6th December 2017 were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor's Report from County Cllr Arash Fatemian:

Energy from Waste Plant – The County Council has celebrated converting the first 1 million tons of waste to energy.

District Councillor's Report from District Cllr Bryn Williams:

Horton Hospital – The CDC and collective councils lost their appeal in High Court on the Horton Hospital.

Parish Matters:

West Close Play Area – Carole Coppin reported on behalf of the sub-committee advising that the Village Hall has been booked for 24th February for the public consultation.

The George Planning Application – There are 50 emails to Cherwell District Council in support of the application for a detached single storey extension to provide accommodation.

Grass Cutting – This will go to tender. The current suppliers provide a very good service.

Parish Council Grants – A notice will be placed in the Barford News inviting applications from village organisations.

Speeding – “Watch Your Speed” signs have been ordered from Oxfordshire County Council

Planning Applications

Application 17/01997/F, Blackingrove Farm, Swimming pool. Granted 7/12/2017.

Application 17/000405/TCA, Brambles, Prune and fell trees. Granted 19/12/2017

Application 17/02391/F, George Inn, single storey detached annexe. Returned to CDC.

Finance

The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £250.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th January** at 7.30pm in the village hall.



Many thanks to all of you who have contributed to our church funds by using easyfundraising.org.uk in the last couple of months. Our latest total is £87.29 and, although it doesn't sound that much, it all helps towards the running and maintenance of the churches in the Barfords.

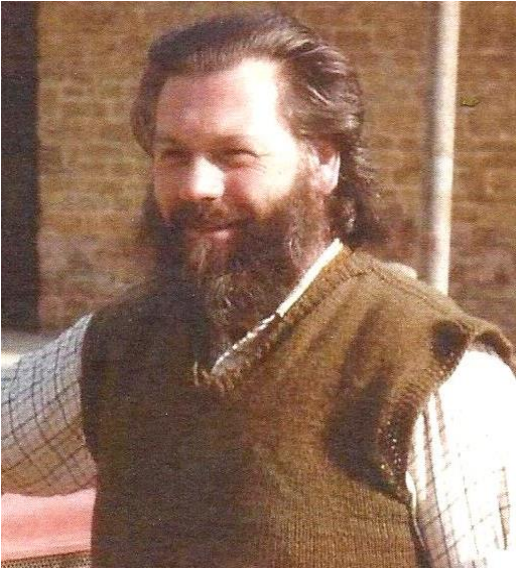
If there are any more people who do their shopping online or book their holiday online, I would ask you to go to the easyfundraising.org.uk website first, find the retailer you are going to use for your shopping, ask for the donation to be sent to **St Michael's Church - Barford** and finally click 'Go Shopping' or 'Shop Now'. You just carry on with your order online in the normal way but the retailer will send a small percentage of your total bill to easyfundraising to be added to our funds.

It's very easy and there's no extra expense to you, so please use it as much as possible and thank you again for your help in raising funds.

Cubby Brett, Churchwarden



**Welcome to Harriet Orr-Ewing
who has just moved into a cottage
in Lower Street....we wish her a
happy time here In our lovely
villages**



DAVID JAMES TEW 1/3/32 – 30/11/17

The words 'David Tew' and 'Barford' are inseparable. Born in Barford, lived in Barford, worked and died in Barford. Truly a man of the place and perhaps a rare thing in this modern age.

David will be remembered for many different reasons. He started life as a carpenter, then on to architecture, building and farming. Many will remember him for his driving skills, or lack of them, mostly with one wheel in the gutter or on someone's neatly mown verge. Although most of the time he drove extremely slowly but not necessarily on the correct side of the road.

David married Jean in 1953 and moved to Grove Ash Cottages on Great Tew estate when Paul and Hazel were born, Colin came along when they were in Hempton. In 1963 David, Jean and their family moved into Brasenose College Farm.

Of course, David came from the generation that drove to the pub, had their fill and then drove home. Luckily there were fewer cars on the roads. In fact, being born opposite the village pub must have had a profound effect on him as he spent most evening's and many a lunchtime in a pub. Famously drinking half pints of Hooky ale and playing darts and telling jokes.

He played the church organs within the parish for 60 years starting when he was 15, although the beer may not have helped as sometimes his timing was a little off and the congregation would find themselves singing a hymn to music being played at the wrong speed or tempo or even a completely different tune.

And so, to farming. Cattle and hay in a "dog and stick" fashion was David's way but the farm remains where he lived happily for over half a century, running the building company and the farm until he was 79. He said that he had no regrets in life and until his recent illness he lived a very contented and fulfilled life.





BARFORD CAROL SINGERS

On Monday 18 December the usual gang gathered to sing carols around the village. We started in Robins Close, moved to Broad Close, the Green, Church Street and Lower Street before calling it a night. This year we collected in aid of Shivia (see below). As a village, you should be mightily proud of yourselves as, in a short time (just over 2.5 hours) we collected £180.00

I am sorry if you live in a part of the village that missed out this year, but we were a very small band of singers and having sung gustily for over two hours we were exhausted!! It would be fantastic if next year we could have a band of twenty singers split into two groups to cover both of our wonderful villages, so come on you budding singers join us it is a good night and next year we could reconvene at the pub for a well-earned beverage of some kind!!!!

This year we returned to the George after a gap of two years, for our annual Carols in the George event. It was great to be back! We had a truly fantastic evening, borne out by the number of you who turned up to sing and support us. There were so many that Alex at one stage in the evening ran out of clean glasses. The amount raised was £225.00.

Once again Barfordians have turned up trumps raising a magnificent £405.00 for Shivia the charity supported by Laura and Louis Holtzhausen. So, thank you for your generosity and support.

Some information about Shivia - Shivia's mission is to empower the poorest to create livelihoods, boost income and inspire permanent change

THEIR GOALS:

- to help people living on or below the poverty line in rural West Bengal earn an income from home
- to provide people in need with the tools and training to start a market-driven enterprise
- to innovate and develop our programmes to ensure the best outcomes and impact for our beneficiaries

THEIR VALUES:

- excellent governance and transparency in all that we do
- responsiveness to the changing needs of our beneficiaries
- sustainability for Shivia and our beneficiaries
- regular impact measurement and reporting to donors



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Wednesday 28th February 2018

12.30 – 1.30

**Cherwell District Council,
Bodicote House, Banbury, OX15 4AA**

To book a place or for more information please contact:

Julie Brain or Shelley Edwards

Email: Communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Tel: 01865 815000 option 2

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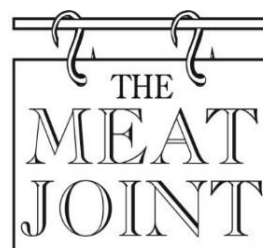
to the very kind and generous lady & gent from Townsend who donated £20 to Barford News. As always, donations are so gratefully received, thank you.

The Team



....a big **thank you** to Alex from The George Inn who is kindly donating the bacon for the monthly village market. This is a great help and will make such a difference to our profits.....and of course another big

thank you to Steph & Tony from Iron Down Farm who continue to donate the eggs every month, it's really appreciated.



from the VHMC

QUIZ

VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT
with bangers, mash & beans
SATURDAY 3rd February
Doors Open at 7pm
Quiz starts at 7:30pm

Teams of eight (maximum)
Bring Your Own Booze
Ticket Price £10

CASH PRIZES..!!!

TO BOOK PLEASE CALL ☎338061
*in aid of The Helpless Mother Children's
Centre in Kathmandu*

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INSPIRING WOMEN

TOM GREEVES
A popular and well known local man will be sharing his experiences in a talk entitled....

**'Working with Politicians
& Other Comedians'**

**on Wednesday 14th February
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**An evening not to be missed
Visitors Welcome £5.00**

DOWN ON THE FARM

Sadly, Boris our old boar and Clarissa one of our older sows have departed to Cirencester market. Both had done their time and Clarissa had become so deaf that, unable to hear their squeals of protest, she had laid on half of her last litter of piglets.

One of the most prolific sows we have had she arrived from Kent with a litter of nine and has since produced 67 piglets in five litters – a good average for a Gloucester Old Spot.

Several people have asked me how our outdoor pigs fared in last December's snow and ice. The answer is that they mostly stayed in their field arks, occasionally casting a jealous eye at sheep wearing their thick woolly fleeces.

Pigs are stoic and entirely optimistic animals. They suffer the odd set back on the basis that everything will get better. As such they are easily pleased and appear to have an unfailing sense of fun.

Sheep on the other hand are the pessimists among all farm animals. As far as they are concerned things are pretty grim and only likely to get worse.

The two species remind me of that great film Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid when, escaping the law in the US, they get off the train in Bolivia to find a barren, neglected waste covered with excrement from half-starved rooting pigs.

Butch (the optimistic pig) smiles and says: 'Well, all Bolivia can't be like this'. Sundance (the pessimistic sheep) retorts: 'How do you know? This might be the garden spot of the whole country; people may travel hundreds of miles just to get to where we are standing now'.

Don't get me wrong, I like sheep. Otherwise I would not have spent most of my life shepherding.

But they are dour animals that spend much of their life bleating which, according to my dictionary, is 'to make the characteristic cry of a sheep: to talk complainingly or with a whine.'

Okay, they do show the odd bit of excitement, for instance when they are moved to new pasture. But the melancholy soon returns.

Lambs are much more fun. They gambol and skip about and play chasing games, but this wears off as they age and begin to inherit their parental negativity.

People may say it's not much fun being a sheep. But in fact they are free to roam and probably get more attention than any other farm animal due to their stupidity in getting tangled up in brambles or wire, eating too much lush grass and becoming 'cast', or pushing their wedge-shaped head through wire netting and then being unable to withdraw it. Not to mention lameness and a host of other ailments.



Even so, sheep have been a part of the landscape and economy of these islands for centuries; until recently their population outstripped that of humans in Great Britain and their wool made fortunes for people in the middle ages and beyond. They have appeared prominently in the bible, attracted camera lenses and artist's brushes, and adorned Easter and Christmas cards.

Actually, I feel I am reaching an age and a stage where pictures of sheep are more appealing than having to cope with the real thing. Perhaps their negativity is infectious; I should spend more time with the pigs.



Tony Collier
Iron Down Farm

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB **20th February 2018**

MENU

Main Course

Honey Roasted Gammon and a
Cumberland Sauce
Served with a Jacket Potato

or
Cottage Pie

or
Cottage Garden Pie
(Vegetarian)

All served with seasonal vegetables

Desserts

Banana, Bailey's and Chocolate
Bread & Butter Pudding

or
Chilled Lemon Soufflé with a Ginger
Biscuit

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 13th February**

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

QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS with Alex from THE GEORGE INN

Guilty pleasure?

A cheeky pint once my shift is over...!!

Who would play you in a movie of your life?

I am told Tom Ellis would be a good
match (I think the staff are after a pay
rise...!!)

Biggest bug bear?

People who fail to grasp opportunities
in favour of an 'easy life'

Dream dinner party guests?

A bit clichéd but I would love to talk
to David Attenborough, he has lived
such a fascinating life discovering cool
and interesting animals, Rik Mayall who
would have been awesome (RIP)

Advice to teenage self?

Keep going and make sure you get to
University (eventually!!)

Cat or dog?

Definitely a dog person

Top of your bucket list?

I would love to dive the Great Barrier
Reef before it falls apart anymore

Where would you time-travel to?

The 60's would be great fun I am sure

Happiness is...

Great company, great food and great
wine...!!



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Christmas productions proved to be most successful in the last full week of term before the Christmas holidays. The F1, KS1 and KS2 productions were enjoyed by each audience in turn and most importantly, the children themselves absolutely loved taking part in their plays and evenings of singing. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who donated money to the new charity "Space2Learn". This has been set up to raise money for educational facilities in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. At the end of each of our Christmas performances members of the audience kindly donated money for this charity and we managed to raise £644.83 altogether. THANK YOU all so very much.

On Wednesday 13th December, we had our school Christmas Dinner, cooked by our wonderful kitchen staff. The children enjoyed turkey and all the trimmings, had Christmas Crackers to pull and Christmas music to listen to, or sing along with, in the background. It was the most fabulous lunchtime for everyone involved.

On the last Friday of term, the children supported the charity 'Save the Children' by wearing their Christmas jumpers for the day, and donating £1 each for the privilege of doing this. We raised a large amount of money to the total of £180. Thank you to everyone who helped this day to happen. During the afternoon of Friday 15th December, children took part in the 'Christmas Fun Run'!! This event was to increase our fitness and to bring fun and enjoyment to all by running in the school grounds ☺.

We would finally like to thank the 'Red Lion' pub in Deddington for the raffle they organised leading up to Christmas, to raise money for more books for our school. The raffle was drawn on Christmas Eve and overall £265 was raised for us to spend on valuable books for our pupils. This was truly fantastic so THANK YOU all very much.

**Happy New Year to everyone
from all of us at Deddington Primary School
Denise Welch**

I do....again..... After a cancelled Honeymoon to Las Vegas 7½ years ago (*incident involving a broken leg and cheap Champagne*), Angus and I finally 'hit the Strip' and renewed our Vows at Gracelands Chapel, Las Vegas on Thursday 11 January 2018.

Just in case you're not sure who is who, the photo below left to right...Angus, The King and Me...and for those eagle-eyes amongst you, the shadow at the doorway was no other than David Streeter, former Barfordian, who was on a Conference there and turned up with a bottle of bubbly....maybe the most surreal day of my life but definitely my second happiest.

Thank you to everyone who watched it live on Facebook, your kind messages made the whole day even more special.



Lucy (Editor)



**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!!



BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE 2018

DUNKIRK

Saturday 24 February

The evacuation of DUNKIRK is one of the most momentous events in history, let alone World War II. The way the director treats the subject matter is with incredible respect, never glorifying the situation with lots of violence or explosions. Rather, he lets the intensity of the film build and speak for itself, immersing the audience in the tension throughout the film. Right from the very first frame, Dunkirk doesn't let go of the tension. Instead of having a load of exposition, it places the audience right in the middle. Allied soldiers from Belgium, the British Empire and France are surrounded by the German army and evacuated during a fierce battle in World War II.

DOORS OPEN at 7.15....

FILM STARTS at 7.45

Bring your own chairs/drinks etc if you wish
Tea and coffee available
Contact Gunilla on 01295 720521



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www.adderbury.org/whats-on

www.bloxham.info/broadsheet

www.deddington.org.uk/news

www.steepleaston.org.uk



1ST DEDDINGTON GUIDES

We are in full Go mode for the new year. Many plans are a foot for a Winter Camp night at half term, and for an exciting spring entertainment in aid of charity. But in the meantime, by way of relaxation we made ourselves wonderful hats just in case that invitation to Harry's wedding should come through the letterbox.

Maggie Rampley

Marian Trinder

Catherine Blackburn & Tilly Neal

VILLAGE NATIVITY EVENT



Dear Ed

Please pass on to all concerned my thanks and congratulations for the wonderful walking nativity that took place on Saturday 23rd December.

From the start in Broad Close to the finish in our Church it was a magical and thoroughly uplifting event, enjoyed by young and old. Approximately 100 people followed the performance around the village with yet more joining the congregation in St. Michael's Church.

A wonderful new event in our Christmas celebrations, which, I hope, will become another Barford tradition.

Mariann Young



NEW YEARS DAY VILLAGE WALK.....What started out looking like a pleasant day for a walk all went pear shaped when the weather took a nasty turn. Down came the rain!! So, Pete Eden who was offering a taxi service to the sodden masses brought 7 car loads back early.

We had a massive turn out, 72 braved the weather, but thankfully there was hot soup to warm up the walkers on their return. After expenses, we made over £250 for Kathmandu and the donations are still coming in (from people who didn't even walk).

So, a big thank you to all who took part and/or donated.
T'committee

Race Night...come and have a flutter in the village hall on

Saturday 17th March 2018

(St. Patrick's Day)

Time (to be confirmed) | Ticket Price (to be confirmed) | Bar (to be confirmed)

in aid of The Helpless Mother Children's Centre in Kathmandu

Check the Barford News & village noticeboards for updates

T'Committee, LSD



PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

The Parish Council sets aside a sum of money every year for distribution to village organisations in need of financial support.

Any village organisation can apply for a grant although there is no guarantee that all applications will be successful.

The timetable is as follows:

- 1. Grant applications must be submitted to the Parish Clerk by 31st March 2018**
- 2. Applicants may, if they wish, present their case to the Parish Council at the meeting on 4th April**
- 3. The Parish Council will decide on the grant applications at their meeting on 2nd May. Applicants may attend this meeting but will not be allowed to comment on their application.**

Application forms are available from the Parish Clerk

David Best 01295 720566 davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com

BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY 10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Back again after our Christmas break

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

Paddocks Farm, with their lovely selection of sausages, burgers, bacon etc.

Delicious Artisan Breads direct from French baker Thierry

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

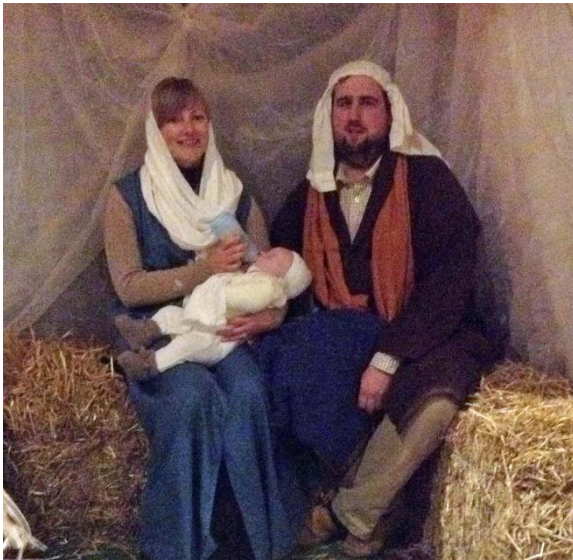
**Fairtrade items, hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items
.....and for the birds we have seeds, mealworms, sunflower hearts**

**PLUS Angus & Lucy's bacon butties/bacon & egg butties/
breakfast butties**

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING FROM THE KITCHEN



THE BARFORDS' WALKING NATIVITY 2017



BARFORD LIVE NATIVITY - SATURDAY 23rd DECEMBER

Thank you to everyone who came to the Live Nativity. It was so good to have all the support. Bringing the Christmas story to the village with its powerful message and reminder of 'God with us' was at the heart of the preparations. The weather was just right for the late afternoon walk and a very real community spirit dominated the route, singing carols along the way. Huge thanks to everyone who took part, for the wonderful costumes and also to those who helped in any way to make the afternoon most memorable and enjoyable.

Led by George the donkey, three 'inns' were visited searching for a room for Mary and Joseph. The shepherds were found looking after their sheep and after a visit from angel Gabriel we joined the stable scene in church.

Here the angels sang beautifully 'Away in a manger' before the arrival of the three wise men. Seasonal refreshments were served in a very packed church with happiness and celebration for the Christmas story.

Tony, Sophie, Nonie, Nick and Jan – the 'nativity team'

I just wanted to write to say a huge thank you to all those involved in the walking nativity that took place here in Barford on Saturday 23rd December.



I don't think words alone can adequately describe the event. It was both humbling and uplifting at the same time.

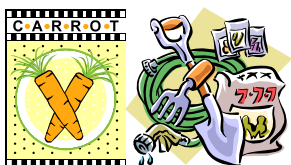
It started in Broad Close with the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary in Nazareth and followed the story of our Saviour's birth as we moved around our village. The innkeepers were particularly believable as were the shepherds gathered around their fire with sheep on hand at the Manor. We progressed to church where we found 'Mary, Joseph and the new born Prince of Peace safely ensconced in the stable. Angels (the children) sang Away in a Manger to be

closely followed by Three Wise Men each with gifts and a song to sing. It was wonderful, the congregation, of whom there were many, joined in with songs of adoration and the evening ended with refreshments of Christmas cake and mulled wine. A truly magical start to the Christmas celebrations, a reminder, if one was needed, of the true message of the saviour's birth.

Thank you once again to all those whose inspiration and planning to try something different paid off. To those who took up the challenge and played their part and lastly to those who turned up in support of the event. It was a wonderful village event full of the message that Christ brought us at his birth in Bethlehem 2000 years ago.

**Yours, Glynnis Eastwood
Broad Close**





BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED FEBRUARY 2018

TALKS There will be a talk from FIBREX on March 12th at 7.30. This will be as an introduction to our visit later in the year. The talk will be on Hederas (Ivies) and Ferns, both plants we can include in our gardens. They are specialist growers of pelargoniums, ferns, hederas, begonias and tropical hibiscus.

VISITS We have a visit to FIBREX Nurseries later in the year, date to be finalised. Another possible visit might be to the newly opened GARDEN MUSEUM in Lambeth, London. This could be combined with a visit to CHELSEA PHYSIC GARDEN? Where we could have a guided tour. Have a look at their websites. These are places where one might not normally go on ones own, but both well worth a visit. To be discussed at the AGM?

AGM will be on FEBRUARY 12th 2018, at 7.30 pm, followed by a short talk from Janet Payne about her visit to Japan. We are also planning to have a SEED SWAP on this evening, so please start collecting any seeds you may have, put into a paper envelope and LABEL with the seed type and your name, together with growing instructions. Thank you. I know Linda has emailed you all the details. I will email members the Agenda and Minutes of 2017 AGM prior to the meeting. New Membership cards will be issued so please bring your money, £5 per household, giving you discounts at various garden centres.

IN THE FUTURE 2018 will be the Garden Club's 25th Anniversary (in December). We will plan a celebration to mark this on Monday December 10th, 2018, with possibly a talk by Priscilla Frost about wonderful gardens to visit in the Yellow Book Gardening Scheme.

WHAT TO DO IN THE GARDEN THIS FEBRUARY Spring is in sight ...This month there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again,

it's time to prune shrubs and climbers, such as *Wisteria* as well as evergreen hedges. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover; Chit potato tubers; Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches; Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off; Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering;

Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'; Prune *Wisteria* Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges; Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea; Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses; Prepare new seed beds for new lawns to be seeded in the spring; Turf can be laid provided the soil is not too wet or frosted and do not walk on the turf for several weeks; Mole activity increases in February as this is the mating and nest building season!!! Remove the largest hills, flatten and re-firm before overseeding in the spring.

All this information and much more can be found on the **RHS** website, with more detailed information on Ponds, Lawns, Trees and Shrubs etc.

HAPPY GARDENING and WATCH YOUR BACKS.....Spade 'n' Fork



200 CLUB RESULTS

DECEMBER Draw

£100, 023, Joyce Pearce

£50, 016, Lisa Styles

£25, 148, Linsey family

£15, 197, Melanie Doyle

£10, 171, Jo Blackhall

£5, 193, Hazel Neal

The draw took place at The Christmas Lunch

JANUARY Draw

£15, 195, Lavinia Crowther

£10, 60, Les Hall

£5, 71, David & Judy Hobbs

*The draw took place at a village
Cuppa Morning*

Hedgehog Matters

Last week someone said that there would be nothing to write about for this month's Barford News because hedgehogs are hibernating now. As it happens there are a lot of interesting things to say about hibernation and myths that we might have that need dispelling. This anorak thinks so anyway.

Before Christmas I contacted a national hedgehog expert and author who live locally to ask for advice. I had gently covered some of our hedgehog house with pond liner where I think a hedgehog is hibernating (seen going in there at the end of October). I was thinking that I was doing it a favour by providing extra insulation during the really cold weather. He advised against it. This is what he said "My concern with your set up is the lack of movement of air causing a build-up of moisture.

The hibernaculum that hedgehogs build within whatever structure they find (hedgehog house or bramble bush) can be remarkably good at insulating the animal so I think as long as there is a plentiful supply of leaves it will be fine. Don't be shocked if it chooses to relocate during the winter, they seem to do that more often than one would think" - Note the final bit and don't be too concerned if you see a hedgehog out and about in winter especially if it looks a decent size. If it is small though or looks unwell or you see it regularly I would be really keen to know please. After he said that I uninsulated the house which in hindsight is in a very sheltered and cosy spot under the hedge anyway. Hedgehogs not using a man-made box who have made their own hibernaculum, use dry leaves held together by the surrounding support of brambles or logs. The walls are made up of a wad of flat packed leaves up to 10 cm thick. They are weatherproof and provide good insulation, apparently so effective that for most of the time the inside of the nest is kept between one to five degrees centigrade even when the air temperature outside it falls to minus 8 degrees or rises above ten degrees.

It's thought that the winter nest site is so important for the success and survival of hedgehogs that the availability of suitable nest sites and building materials may be one of the major factors that determine hedgehog distribution. This untouched sheltered area behind Church Street on a small incline amongst deep roots with overhanging ivy to keep the fallen leaves dry and brambles seems to fit the bill perfectly. I am sure it is the reason why our little patch is favoured by them.

I have carried on putting out a few meal worms under our bird feeder every night because this is the spot that hedgehogs discovered themselves was always a reliable place to find food. Research by experts including the one mentioned above does show that many hedgehogs change nests at least once in the middle of winter which can be for a variety of reasons. When they do they will look for food before they hibernate again. As food is very scarce at this time of year I put some out so that any hedgehogs that do wake and look for food will know a reliable place to come. Thus far the mealworms have still been there in the morning and have been gobbled up by the blackbirds then. At any other time of year, they definitely wouldn't be there in the morning and usually disappear before I go to bed, with the water bowl going down too. When this happens, I can usually hear a hedgehog even if I can't see one. By leaving food every night in the winter I will be able to tell if a hedgehog has been around.

As some of the local population was lost last year I will contact the wildlife hospital soon in the hope that they will consider us as a good potential release site for rehabilitated hedgehogs or overwintered juveniles.





1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

CUBS

At the end of last term some of the Cubs, having visited Hook Norton Vets, continued to work towards their Animal Carer badge while others concentrated on home safety. We also made snow-globes which contained Lego Christmas trees and enjoyed an evening of snow related games which included turning Cubs into snowmen (with loo rolls). They followed this by making racing chariots with chocolate bear drivers, who, having survived the race, did not survive the trip home! We welcome Flynn & Finlay to the pack this term & hope they enjoy their time with us.

The charity collection at the market, where we displayed our wonderful guys raised £110 for Clic Sargent. JoChurchyarddeddingtoncubs@gmail.com

SCOUTS

The Scouts have continued working on the go-kart which we inherited & needs a bit of TLC (& brakes!) & they turned their talented hands to making 'milkman's' or magic wallets from duct tape. This meant most of them were glued down to the table for a good part of the session & has inspired us to do it again when we fancy a peaceful evening!

The film night was a great success, formal dress & mocktails at Hempton School Room.

Peter Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

At the October Farmers Market Finn raised £30 for Downs Syndrome Association, selling his Deddington Photo Quiz, very well done.

EXPLORERS

Having done activities that spanned hiking to raising money for Children In Need last term this term sees us covering everything from the Guide Dogs to Fairtrade including dancing and fundraising in between!

Have you ever wondered how much, or what, that odd item Auntie Gertie left you is worth? Well we have a valuation evening on **Saturday 24th March** at The Windmill Centre. A Fish and Chip supper will be included for £10 and monies raised will be divided between the International Otter Survival Fund and a charity working to assist vulnerable young adults. Start at 19.00 finish 21.30 with auctioneer Edwyn Pym from Jones and Jacob Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers, Watlington. Bring 1 item per person and look forward to an evening of stories about the antique industry and a valuation.

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY



We start the New Year by welcoming Paul and Andrew to the team as our 'Digital Helpers'; they are offering one-to-one support to get people on-line. In particular, using Word, Excel, E-mail, Outlook, Internet Banking and smart devices. I'm sure you will have noticed, more and more banks and services are making us go online to get what we want by no longer offering services in the traditional manner – so don't get left behind, let us help you keep up with the world around us!

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I'm very pleased to notice we are starting to see new members joining the library from Deddington Grange! I'd like to wish them all a very warm welcome to Deddington and hope they will be very happy in our lovely Parish. It would be great to see our new neighbours fully involving themselves within the clubs and groups in the community, bringing with them new energy and ideas which in turn will help keep Deddington the lively and vibrant community we know and love!

Stella O'Neill | Library Manager | 01869 338391
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DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW



Our latest read was **Gone Girl** by **Gillian Flynn**.

If you enjoy 'the whole guessing game thing' then this could be a book for you! It is a real page turner. From the moment each of us began reading the book, we were all looking for the twist.

Early on in the book, the reader learns about the disappearance of Amy, Nick's wife of 5 years. The author presents the story of how they met, married and then ended up living in the run-down town of North Carthage in Missouri and Amy's disappearance; alternating (chapter by chapter) through either Nick's narration of the present or Amy's past tense diary. Most of the book worms liked this presentational style - but a couple did voice they found it slightly off putting.

That aside, it becomes clear very quickly that the relationship has turned rocky and there is deceit on at least one side. Initially, Nick tells the reader that he is telling lies as we hear about his adulterous relationship. Amy's diary on the other hand, tells of her attempts to mend the failing marriage. As the story unfolds it becomes clear that Amy's diary is also a 'lie' and it is questionable which character is the most dislikeable.

We think that's enough for you to know if you haven't seen the film as we don't want to spoil the plot if you are enticed to read it! We all thought it was worth it.

New members are always welcome. We meet on the first Monday of the month and all books are provided, free of charge, by the Library. If you would like to know more contact the Library on 01869 338391 or email James (james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk) or Janet (jss@talktalk.net) for more information.



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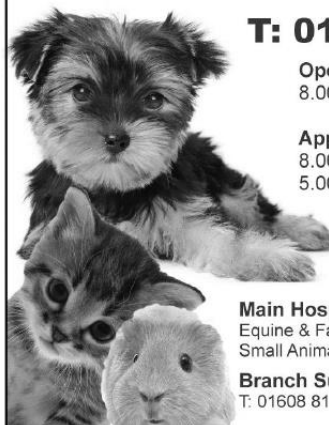
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3rd Kathmandu Quiz Night – Village Hall

7th Parish Council Meeting

14th WI – Tom Greeves ‘Working with Politicians & Other Comedians’

12th Garden Club AGM – Village Hall

17th Barford Village Market

20th Tuesday Lunch Club

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