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*Wishing all our readers a very
happy, healthy and peaceful 2018*

THE GEORGE INN IS OPEN.....In my role as Editor of Barford News, after Saturday's December market we went to The George and found out the following:

Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve	12-11pm	Kitchen 12-2:30pm	(Kitchen closed in evening)
Christmas Day	12-3pm	Kitchen Closed	
Boxing Day	12-6pm	Kitchen 12-2:30pm	(Kitchen closed in evening)
27 TH – 30 TH December	12-11pm	Kitchen 12-2:30pm & 7-9pm	
31 ST December	12:00 'til late	Kitchen 12-2:30pm - Evening – Cold Buffet	
New Years' Day	12:00-10pm	Kitchen 12-3pm (closed in evening)	
2 nd January	CLOSED		



The General Manager is a lovely man called Alex (some of us remember him from his Unicorn Inn days) and the Chef is a very talented chap called André)

(SEE PHOTO Alex on the left, André on the right)

To book a table reservation or any queries contact Alex on 01869 338160 or email contact@thegeorgebarford.co.uk

The menu is under development but as we speak they are serving:

STARTERS: Ham terrine, leek & potato soup, tiger prawn

MAINS: Beef goulash, fish 'n' chips, mushroom risotto, roast chicken, ham, egg & chips, confit duck leg

DESSERT: Toffee pudding

as well as pizza from the pizza oven. As I say this is very much under development, more choices are on their way, including Sunday Roasts etc....and take-aways will be available on all menu items. Exciting times ahead and many redundant cookers I'd imagine...and lastly, I had a peek at the rooms and they are breath-taking and should be available in a few weeks. Please check exact timings with Alex on the above number.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 6th December in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Styles, Hobbs, Eden, Best, Charman, District Cllr Williams. and Mr Best (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer).

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 1st November 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: None

District Councillor's Report from District Cllr Bryn Williams:

Castle Quay – Cherwell District Council is to acquire the current Castle Quay shopping centre and also the Castle Quay 2 development. This is a considerable commitment, but it is believed that it will ensure that the centre of Banbury can develop in a way and at a speed that is in the best interests of the town rather than being controlled by a third party who may decide to redevelop Castle Quay in a way that's not conducive to the long-term benefit of Banbury and the district. The decision on whether to proceed will be made at December's full council meeting on 18/12/17.

Horton Hospital - The outcome of the independent judicial review at the Royal Court of Justice in London on the fate of the Horton will be announced on 7th December.

Happy Christmas! – Bryn and his fellow Ward Councillors would like to wish the residents and PC Councillors of The Barfords a very happy and enjoyable Christmas with family and loved ones and look forward to a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Parish Matters:

The George Inn Planning Application – Application 17/02391/F has been submitted for the 6 bedroom annex. Jean-Louis Holtzhausen will contact Barford residents who have provided emails so that they can advise Cherwell Planning of their support for the application. The Parish Council will request a site visit with Cherwell Planning to confirm their support to the application.

West Close Play Area - Carole Coppin gave an update on the West Close Play Area confirming 3 quotes have been received. The preferred material is timber and the area will cover approximately 300 square meters. There is now a Facebook page and pictures were published in the Barford News. There will be additional grass cutting costs. It was resolved to form a sub-committee (proposed by Cllr. Rodney

Hobbs and seconded Cllr. Sarah Best). There will be a consultation period prior to the planning application. A presentation will be given in the Village Hall and the Play area will be pegged out in West Close.

Trees on The Green – the pruning has been completed but one tree was virtually dead.

Our Bus Bartons – There was a meeting with 3 representatives of Our Bus Bartons including the Chairman. They are investigating how they can revise routes to incorporate the Barfords. They would not expect a contribution from the Parish Council initially as they would have to test demand and viability of providing a service. They would like to bring one of the two busses to the village to raise awareness, probably on a Barford Market day. They advertised a Christmas Shopping trip to Bicester from the Barfords at the last village market but there were no takers.

Speeding – Anthony Kirkwood, OCC Highways Traffic & Road Safety, advised that there is no longer a Speed Management unit within Road Safety so they cannot provide hand held speed monitoring in conjunction with Thames Valley Police. He also advised that there are no measures that help to reduce speeding significantly. Road Bumps are most effective but cost approximately £10,000 for the first one but additional bumps are a lower cost. They must be well lit if not well signed. Flashing signs have some effect but generally just reduce the speed by 2-3 miles per hour and are not as effective as vertical calming. Signing and lining can have a limited effect (again in the order of 2-3 miles per hour). The most effective traffic calming schemes cost in the region of £70-80,000 per village. Highways should be able to provide some "Watch Your Speed" signs like Deddington. The Clerk will order signs from Mike Wasley, OCC Highways.

Allotment Water Supply – Castle Water, confirmed that they have not fitted a smart meter but have changed the meter to one that can only be read by them. Charges to date are the standing charge only (£19.81 of the £20.79 PA Standing Charge). The water usage is 268 m3 from 25th April to 30th October which is £3.65. The Clerk will investigate how the meter can be read.

Gate to footpath from Graveyard – This has been adjusted and now closes easily.

Handrail to bridge for footpath over River Swere – The handrail has been mended.

Stile at end of Horn Hill – Oxfordshire County Council have been asked to repair this.

Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting – The Leader of CDC explained about the Castle Quay proposals. The Police explained how they handle Unlawful Encampments, Parish Councillors expressed disappointment that Banbury charges for parking.

Cherwell Peer Challenge Meeting– The two biggest issues raised by Parish Councils were Planning and lack of information from CDC as representatives did not attend Parish Council meetings. Barford Parish Council advised that they shared concerns over the planning process but received a lot of feed-back from Bryn Williams who attended almost every meeting and was very proactive in getting issues resolved.

Work on The Green – The proposed date for carrying out the work to strengthen the grass edges of The Green is the last weekend in March.

May Elections – A note will be placed in the Barford News inviting parishioners to apply to be Councillors. Cllr Lisa Styles advised that she will not stand next year.

Allotment rents –It was confirmed that there is no increase.

Christmas Lunch - Cllr. Sandi Turner thanked Cllr Sarah Best and everyone else who helped to provide the Christmas lunch.

Planning Applications

Application 17/01183/F, Mead Bank, Amendment to 16/02161/F. Granted 1/12/2017.

Application 17/00357/TCA, Westfield, Fell 2 trees. Granted 14/11/2017.

Application 17/01839/F, Buttermilk Farm, Enlarge pond. Granted 7/11/2017.

Application 17/01933/F, The Homestead, Extension. Withdrawn 14/11/2017.

Application 17/01794/LB, Holly Tree Cottage, Retrospective consent. Granted 2/11/2017.

Application 17/001997/F, Blackingrove Farm, Swimming pool. Returned to CDC.

Application 17/02036/TPO, Barford House, Prune trees. Granted 29/11/2017.

Application 17/02200/F, Little Haven, Retention of Mobile Home. Returned to CDC.

Application 17/000405/TCA, Brambles, Prune and fell trees. Returned to CDC.

Application 17/00429/TCA, Barford House, Prune and remove trees. Returned to CDC.

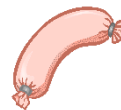
Finance

The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £598.20

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 3rd January** at 7.30pm in the village hall.



SATURDAY BRUNCH CLUB



As mentioned in last months edition we will be holding the **Silver Service Saturday Brunch Club** (instead of the village market) on the 20th January from 9-12 noon in the village hall.

ON THE MENU WILL BE:

FULL BARFORD BREAKFAST

£4.50

bacon

sausage

egg

beans

hash brown

mushrooms

tea or coffee

orange or apple juice

toast, butter & jam

(additional items 50p each)

OR

SEMI BARFORD BREAKFAST

£2.50

toast, butter & jam

tea or coffee

orange or apple juice

TAKE-AWAYS AVAILABLE

**TO GET AN IDEA OF NUMBERS IT
WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU COULD
DROP ME AN EMAIL IF YOU ARE
INTENDING ON COMING
lulu.norman@btinternet.com**

**'The Magic of Christingle'
'Zack, Cameron and Mimi East
with their Christingles with
Rev. Annie looking on.'**



Congratulations!

To **Ava Hardingham** of Broad Close
for her winning design for the
Church Christmas Card



To all our friends in the Barfords. As you know, we didn't do Christmas cards this year, instead we made a donation to our favourite charity. So, to one and all, hope you had a wonderful Christmas and all the best for 2018

THE DALY CLAN (Leon, Lyn & Hannah)



**BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE
2018
A DOG'S PURPOSE**

Our first film of 2018 is on JANUARY 20th.....A devoted dog (Josh Gad) discovers the meaning of its own existence through the lives of the humans it teaches to laugh and love. Reincarnated as multiple canines over the course of five decades, the lovable pooch develops an unbreakable bond with a kindred spirit named Ethan (Bryce Gheisar). As the boy grows older and comes to a crossroad, the dog once again comes back into his life to remind him of his true self.

This film was released in 2017 and is also suitable for children. It is classed as a Fantasy/Drama and is a PG.



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



THE BARFORDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2017

Forty-two people enjoyed another very successful Barfords Christmas Lunch on the 2nd December. The menu was pea, mint and bacon soup with french bread; beef with port, guinness and pickled walnuts with potato and celariac mash and braised red cabbage; fruit salad and cream; mince pies; christmas cake and coffee or tea. The atmosphere was wonderful, with the hall beautifully decorated by the VHMC, the wine flowed freely and, judging from the noise level in the packed hall, everyone enjoyed the occasion.

A huge thank you must be said to everyone who worked so hard to make the day such a success. Firstly to Jill Radini, Jim Booth, Philip and Emma Brodey for setting out and laying the tables. Next, a very big thank you to all the waitresses and waiters, who gave up their day to serve the food and wine, and stayed behind to clear up. These were: Grace Palmer, Lyn Daly, Sue Broughton, Sonia Cook, Melanie Doyle, Sam, Amy and Lewis Harding, Connie Neal, Jim Booth, Brian Dodwell, Dan Wolfe and Harry Holmes. Another thank you to the Barford fruit salad makers for providing some delicious fruit salads yet again. Also we are very grateful to Lorraine Langlands for making and donating the delicious Christmas cake, and Sandi Turner for making the excellent mince pies.

The final thank you goes to those who gave donations on the day, we were very grateful for these generous donations which will make a good start towards funding the lunch for next year. It is an enjoyable event, both for those invited, and for those who help to run it, and it seems to start off the festive season in just the right way.

New Team Members Needed For 2018!!

The three of us have been running the lunch for the past fifteen years (Sarah for even longer!), and we feel that it is now time to “hang up our aprons” and hand over the event to a new team. A couple of people have already suggested they might be willing to take it on, but its easier as a team, so please get in touch with one of us if you would be prepared to be part of the new team, to ensure the event can continue to run. We’re happy to help next year to ensure a smooth handover.

Sarah Best, Mary Brodey & Aggie Morrison-Booth

sarah_best05@hotmail.co.uk mary.brodey@btinternet.com woodandmetal@btinternet.com

(And, on behalf of all those who attended the lunch, I can add a huge ‘thank you’ to the lovely ladies who organise and cook for the event every year. Thank you, Mary and Sarah for a delicious meal and a super start to the festive season. M)

Family Service
St Michaels Church, Barford St Michael
Family Services have now moved to the 3rd Sunday of
every month @10:30am
Next Service will be on 21st January 2018

Join us in craft, prayer and celebration!
For any information about the Family Service please email
sallybarber@live.co.uk
Sally, Sophie, Anne



Beat the January blues



Saturday 6th January
7.00pm – 10.00pm in the Village Hall
Bring your own drink - nibbles available but bring more

If you come alone, you can find someone to play with! Anything goes. There will be a corner for charades or “active” games and a pile of other games available, or bring your own favourites and others to add to the games pile

Why? Why not. Just for fun, and for those of us who love games but who haven’t had the opportunity to play them over Christmas!

£1.00 - to cover hall costs and nibbles
Any surplus will be donated to the British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

Helen Taylor

QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS
with **SANDI TURNER**
Chairman of the Parish Council
and 'baker extraordinaire'

Guilty pleasure?

A large box of Hotel Chocolat chocs

Who would play you in a movie of your life?

Dame Judi Dench

Biggest bug bear?

The 8th letter of the alphabet.
'Aitch' is the pronunciation given by the Oxford Dictionary.

Dream dinner party guests?

Both sets of my grandparents, particularly the Irish ones whom I never met. I have so much to ask them.

Advice to teenage self?

Leave the boys until later!

Cat or dog?

Dog of course - you're never alone with a spaniel.

Top of your bucket list?

The Nile and the Temples of Ancient Egypt.

Where would you time-travel to?

17th Century Japan.

Happiness is...

Learning a new skill

NEEDED:

PART TIME CHURCH ORGANIST

As you probably know we are increasing the number of services in the two churches this year. To help us with this we are looking for someone who is willing to give up an hour a month to play the organ for one of these services. Do not worry if you have never played an organ before, most organists started out as pianists, Willingness to give it a go is far more important!

At the moment the work is shared between Guy Perry and Heather Nason. Would you like to join them?

Please contact me (elvidgetony@gmail.com, 338214) if you would like to help.

Tony Elvidge - Churchwarden

Thank You

Thank you to all friends and family for the messages and cards I've had since my accident.

I would like to say Happy Xmas to all Barfordians. Hope to be about in the New Year. What a wonderful community we live in!

Basil Butler



THE BARFORDS 2017 POPPY APPEAL: A RESULT

All Barfordians can sit back with contented smiles on their faces.

They have been very generous this year and contributed to the largest amount to the appeal that I have known since I started as the co-ordinator for the local appeal. The grand total this year from all sources amounted to £938.71. This is nearly £300 more than last year. The house to house at £667.71 was over £200 more than last year and in itself greater than the total collection for last year. The church collection was also some 60% more than last year.

Barfordians have really dug deep this year but this would not have happened without the usual willing band of collectors who willingly go round to every house in the Parish knocking doors and encouraging you to dig deep. They are:

Barbara Greenwood

Lucy Norman & Angus: who as usual not only collect in St Michael but also cover St John as well

Allison Drummond

John Langlands: who still fills his tin from Broad Close even though he has moved to Robins Close

Jim Booth and family

The complete team is made up by **Barbara Alt** with a box on the counter of the Post office and myself

Without those willing helpers I would be in a right pickle, so I thank them all on behalf of the Poppy Appeal for their willing help every year. And, of course, a great thank you to all Barfordians who dug so deeply into their pockets this year. May that support long continue for such a good cause.

Bernard Lane
Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Barfords

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE GREEN



By now you most probably will have seen the lights, courtesy of the Parish Council, on The Green and it's all thanks to one incredibly brave man, David Best, who climbed into the tree canopy while Rodney Hobbs footed the ladder.



RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

{always a Thursday}

4th Januaryblue 'n' brown
11th January.....green
18th January.....blue 'n' brown
25th January.....green

BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB



NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED

JANUARY 2018

SEED ORDERS..... For the second year we've collectively placed enough seed orders with D T Brown to earn 50% discount for the club. Thanks, as always, to Rodney Hobbs for organising this for us.

TALKS There will be a talk from FIBREX on MARCH 12th. This will be as an introduction to our visit. The talk will be on Hederas (Ivies) and Ferns, both plants we can include in our gardens.

VISITS We have a visit to FIBREX Nurseries later in the year, date to be finalised. They are specialist growers of pelargoniums, ferns, hederas, begonias and tropical hibiscus. Our talk in March will be in preparation for this.

AGM will be on FEBRUARY 12th 2018, 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. Thank you.

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

WHAT TO DO IN THE GARDEN THIS JANUARY

- Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch, do not burn it on your open fire as it could cause a chimney fire; Clean pots and greenhouses ready for spring
- Dig over any vacant plots that have not been dug already
- Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the coming season
- Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds
- Move established deciduous trees and shrubs, provided the ground is not frozen or waterlogged

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...WATCH YOUR BACKS....MAYBE FATHER CHRISTMAS HAS BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING USEFUL?

SPADE and FORK



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Mindfulness



**Find some space in your day!
led by Petrina Cassell**

**Wednesday 10th January
In the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Visitors Welcome £4.00

QUIZ

VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT
with bangers, mash & beans
SATURDAY 3rd Feb 2018
(time to be confirmed)

Teams of eight maximum
Bring Your Own Booze
Ticket Price (to be confirmed)

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

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HEDGEHOG MATTERS

3 hedgehogs behind Church St in May 2017



NELLIE AND MARGOT CAMERON WITH THE HEDGEHOG HOUSE THAT THEY MADE

After the children's hedgehog morning in September Nellie and Margot Cameron went home and made this great hedgehog shelter under their hedge. They have kindly

collected it some food too. Well done girls for doing something to help hedgehog. This is more likely to be a daytime hangout for a hedgehog in summer than somewhere that it might hibernate or use as a nest for its young because it's not sheltered enough for that. It would probably more likely to be used if the grass was long in front of it too and if it was moved further under the hedge where it would be more hidden. You can clearly see the gap under the hedge where it has access to the next garden or maybe the whole street of gardens or the field behind.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB
16th January 2018

MENU

Main Course

Beef Stew and Herb and Mustard
Dumplings
Served with Mashed Potatoes
or
Smoked Haddock Mornay
Served with Duchess Potatoes

*Both of the above served with seasonal
vegetables*

Desserts

Key Lime Pie and Cream
or
Apple and Cinnamon 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 9th January

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



A group of Barford W.I. ladies got
Together in our village hall to make
T-Shirt dresses for girls in poverty
In the developing world.



Pictured above are the ladies with
the first batch of dresses.
A total of 36 dresses were
completed by the group and friends,
with more to come in 2018.

If you would like to get
involved contact:
Cathy 338570 or Glynnis 337021.





My name is James Duffy and I live in Robins Close and I am looking for your help. I am currently raising money towards a 4-week

long charity expedition to Peru in 2019 with Camps International with several other students at the Warriner School. I need to raise over £4,000 and I am looking to raise money in all sorts of different ways, from bake sales to part time jobs.

Why Peru? Peru was chosen as an expedition location as 54% of rural communities live below the poverty line, 33% of under 15's are employed rather than at school and 18% of people are malnourished and lacking fresh fruit and vegetables.

What will I be doing? Here are some of the things we could be doing on our expedition: -

- Building schools for children lacking a good education
- Improving the health of the local communities by installing and developing local amenities
- Creating a communal greenhouse to provide vegetables all year round
- Replacing indigenous plants to combat deforestation
- Digging channels to bring water from the mountains to nearby farms and village

We will also be trekking to Lake Titicaca and up to Machu Picchu, which will be an unforgettable experience. The work I will do will have a lifechanging impact on the local community.

You can help me to raise the money I need to go on the expedition! Let me wash your car, do some babysitting or feed your cat whilst you're away – all for a reasonable fee of course! I'm quite good at mowing lawns too! Please contact me on 01869 336177 or email jeduffy@btinternet.com

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*

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**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!!

Rural crime update from: Assistant Chief Constable Nikki Ross



Reports of rural crime in the Thames Valley have increased by five percent between October 2016 and September 2017.

I would like to reassure members of our rural communities of my commitment to investigating reports of rural crime. We rely on information from our local communities and take such reports very seriously. Incidents are robustly investigated by our local policing teams who have dedicated Rural Crime and Wildlife Officers based across the Thames Valley.

Rural crime can take many different forms including burglary, robbery, theft, criminal damage, fly tipping, poaching and hare coursing. We are continuing to work with local residents, businesses and partners to raise awareness of crime prevention techniques while developing problem solving solutions to tackle rural crime.



There are often fewer witnesses to rural crimes and greater opportunities for criminals to target isolated properties and businesses. The impact of these crimes can also be greater, with people feeling more vulnerable due to their remote location.

You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of rural crime by taking a few simple steps including:

- Keeping the boundaries of your land and property well-maintained and secure
- Fitting strong locks to sheds, garages and outbuildings
- Checking security equipment regularly to ensure it is working properly
- Locking equipment away in a secure building when it's not in use
- Security marking your tools and equipment

For more crime prevention advice, and to see details of your local Rural Crime Officers, visit the Rural Crime page on the Thames Valley Police website at:

www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/protecting-your-business/rural-crime/

If you become a victim of rural crime or suspect that a crime has taken place, you should always report it to police by calling the non-emergency number, 101. If an incident is in progress, or there is an immediate threat to life, you should call 999.

You can receive the latest rural crime news from Thames Valley Police and their partners directly to your phone or inbox by signing up to CountryWatch at:

www.thamesvalleycountrywatch.co.uk/



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to date with what is
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using the links below:**

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www.bloxham.info/broadsheet
www.deddington.org.uk/news
www.steepleaston.org.uk

DOWN ON THE FARM

Personally, I prefer my ice in a gin and tonic. The stuff we had pre-Christmas merely resulted in a lot of thawing out of pipes, mending fractured plumbing and a slushy mess when it finally succumbed to warmer temperatures.

Having said that, a good frost works wonders on ploughed and cultivated land. It breaks lumps down into manageable pieces and leaves a friable top surface for drilling spring sown crops. Nature's way of achieving a tilth is always better than contriving one using heavy equipment, aside from the savings on time, fuel, breakages and compaction.

Compaction and its undesirable effect on soil health has become an increasing problem. It has been shown to reduce yield by restricting the passage of air, water and nutrients so essential to healthy plant growth.

Most of my generation in farming will remember the stunted growth and unripe grains that resulted from running through the crop with spraying and fertiliser spreading machinery. The advent of tramlines, achieved by blanking off seed drill outlets to leave unsown strips – usually at 24 or 36 metre intervals - has done much to alleviate this problem.

Now, instead of hoping that sprays and fertilisers are applied without too many overlaps or misses the operator has a clear wheel track for each turn. The use of field mapping and satellite guidance systems using signals bounced between a satellite and a receiver on the tractor has also enabled the precision application of plant nutrients.

The problem of soil compaction is not a new one. Researchers were digging inspection pits years ago to discover the effects of 'wheelings' on soil structure. A book I read recently that was published in 1954 discussed the problem in some detail – and that was when tractors and machines weighed a fraction of today's goliath replacements!



Even then, tractors were being fitted with cage wheels in an attempt to spread their

weight over a greater area. Nowadays flotation tyres have a similar effect but, as machines become bigger and heavier, this becomes harder to achieve.

The same book suggested that the detrimental effect of soil compaction on crop yield could be as much as half a tonne per acre. Given that wheat yields were less than half of what is expected today this could translate into a tonne per acre at the present time!

Many people in the industry are now saying that poor soil health is a problem that needs to be tackled if we are to continue to grow crops on a continuous basis. And compaction is not the only issue; failure to apply sufficient organic matter and the use of insecticides that eliminate the good guys alongside the bad guys are among other aspects that need to be addressed.

Using the soil simply as a carrier for nutrients added to cause plant growth is costly; much better to farm a healthy soil that can produce similar yields at less cost.

Tony Collier – Irondown Farm



A fellow villager mentioned to me that she had received what appeared to be a bogus phone call requesting bank details, worryingly, it seemed that they knew who she banked with already. It only takes a minute and a lapse in concentration to fall victim to these people, I was caught out a couple of years ago, so below I have copied some, hopefully useful, information from the Which? website.

LUCY - Ed

PHONE SCAMS

Fraudsters are cunning in their phone-scam tactics and it's not always easy or obvious to tell straight away whether it's a scam. Stay one step ahead with our tips.

What is a vishing phone scam?

These cold-call scams typically involve fraudsters deceiving people into believing they are speaking to a police officer, a member of bank staff or a representative of another trusted company or agency such as a government department. Usually, the fraudster will convince an individual that they have been a victim of fraud and will ask for personal and financial information in order to gain access to their account.

Beware giving bank details NEVER disclose the following details:

- four-digit card Pin to anyone, including the bank or police
- full password or online banking codes
- personal details, unless you are sure who you are talking to

Top tactics to watch for:

Another variation of a phone scam involves the fraudster persuading people to transfer money to other accounts or to hand over cash directly to a courier. The fraudsters are known to encourage people to hang up and call their bank to verify the legitimacy of the call.

However, a phone line can stay open for up to two minutes so the fraudsters remain on the line and play a dialling tone to trick the individual into thinking they're calling their bank. In fact, the fraudsters are still connected and the individual is not speaking to their bank but is still connected to the scammers.

To ensure you don't fall prey to this type of phone scam, remember that in no circumstances would your bank or the police ask you to take such actions. These types of requests will only come from a fraudster.

For more information visit:

www.which.co.uk/consumer-rights/advice/phone-scams



Dog fouling and the law

If you allow a dog in your charge to foul any area to which the public has access you are committing an offence. The penalty for not clearing up dog fouling can be up to £1000 if the case is dealt with by the Magistrates courts, or £50 if the owner is given a fixed penalty notice.

Town councils or parish councils provide bins in parks and other public areas for the use of dog owners. We are responsible for monitoring dog fouling, the issue of fixed penalty notices and for initiating court proceedings against offenders.

(The above is in response to a call from a very angry and upset villager who said that whilst she was walking her own dog she had picked up 6 lots of other dogs' poo from Mill Lane. PLEASE ALL DOG OWNERS – clear up after YOUR animals)

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Our library continues to thrive, although we have to work harder than ever at finding ways to meet the constantly evolving needs of our community; but the challenge is part of the fun!

We are, as always, incredibly grateful to our 'community' volunteers who turn up week after week to support the day to day running of the library; they have become absolute stalwarts of our library over the last three years. Thank you all so much for your support, (and your amazing tea-making skills!) I really don't know how I'd manage without you!



Likewise, huge thanks to our Home Library Service volunteers who regularly take books to the elderly and

housebound in our Parish and the wider community; our rhyme-time volunteers who deliver a weekly session of rhymes, music and movement to under 5's and our Friends group who are incredibly supportive of me and the library and work tirelessly to raise funds to maintain the service.... And to the myriad of other volunteers and helpers who support us in very many different ways throughout the year, we are incredibly lucky to have you all! Thank you.

I'm very excited to welcome Paul and Andrew to the team in the New Year as our 'Digital Helpers'; they will offer support getting people on-line. So, if you're struggling with setting up an e-mail account, can't find your way around your iPad or simply want to learn how to do your supermarket shopping on-line, get in touch and we will arrange sessions at the library, either on our free to use public network PC's or your own device.

Our lively Rhyme-time sessions recommence after the Christmas break on Monday 8th January 2.30; we look forward to welcoming the under 5's and families!

On behalf of myself and the library's fantastic group of dedicated and hardworking volunteers, we wish you all a very happy healthy New Year and look forward to seeing you in our library very soon!

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Film night is always popular! Wearing onesies and eating large quantities of crisps and popcorn and drinking lemonade, watching a film with friends! What could be better or more fun.

A night getting into the Christmas spirit making table and tree decorations set us up for our Christmas Party! We also enjoyed an international session during which we found out a lot more from Hannah and Connie about USA and India. Well done to them!!

Some Guides will help at the residents Christmas party at Wardington House Nursing Home. They enjoy helping with tea and singing carols and Christmas songs to entertain the residents who love to see the young people.

We're back in action on January 9th ready to tackle the challenges of a new year. Congratulations to our leader Tilly Neal for gaining her Chief Guide Award through Rangers. Well done Tilly a great achievement.

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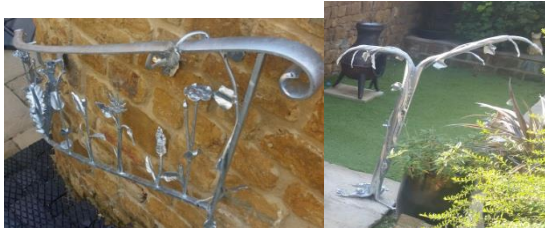


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VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

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 2nd week W.I. meeting
 Boys Brigade (Deddington)
Thursdays Open cuppa mornings
 Cubs (Deddington)
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Fridays Rainbows
 Whist alternate weeks
Saturdays Village Market 3rd week
 (except January or August)
3rd Wednesday Village Hall Management Committee

Diary dates

January

1st New Year Walk – meet at Village Hall
 3rd Parish Council Meeting
 6th Hedgehog Games Night VH @ 7pm
 10th WI Mindfulness Talk – Village Hall
 16th Tuesday Lunch Club
 20th Saturday Brunch Club – VH @ 9am
 20th Barford Picture House

February

3rd Kathmandu Quiz Night – Village Hall
 12th Garden Club AGM
 17th Barford Village Market

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