

BARFORD NEWS

JANUARY 2019

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forget, there is
no village market
this month, see
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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 5th December in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Charman, Best, District Cllr Williams and Mr Best (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). Apologies were received from County Cllr Fatemian and Cllr Cox.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7th November were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian: None

Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams

Joint Working- The unravelling of CDC's 'Joint Working' relationship with South Northants District Council continues apace with staff being offered the opportunity of staying at CDC or migrating to SNDC. The reorganisation is on schedule for CDC to be self-sufficient by next summer and fully independent by March 2020. Whilst this is happening the new arrangement with OCC is gearing up with closer working relationships on back office and operational activities.

Thames Valley Police- In a recent briefing with Chief Inspector Emma Garside of TVP, she confirmed that dwelling/household burglaries are down, however there is a worrying escalation in what's known as 'County Lines' crime. This is where young people are recruited in the cities surrounding our district and then travel by train to Banbury, Bicester and now Kidlington to deal and supply drugs. There is also a new wave of crime known as 'Cuckooing' which is where criminals befriend vulnerable and/or older residents living alone, gain their trust and then proceed to use their house as a base for crime. This could be drug dealing, storing proceeds of crime or using the address to receive proceeds of crime. It is not happening in rural areas just yet but we should be aware and be vigilant of suspicious activity.

Castle Quay- The development of Castle Quay and Castle Quay 2 continues with the re designing of the pedestrian access and entrances to CQ1, it is envisaged that the units

facing the canal will be offered to Food and Beverage outlets whilst the internal units will be retail. This will allow later access to CQ1's restaurants and bars accessible from the canal side, while the retail outlets will close at normal business hours. CQ2 is scheduled for completion in Q1 of 2021 and contain additional two storey parking, a new 117 room Premier Inn, a 10-screen cinema as well as several bars and restaurants, again facing the canal and making the area more of a destination for tourists and visitors to the town.

Environment - Something for the gardeners amongst you, due to the extraordinarily dry weather this summer, CDC have collected 928 tons LESS green waste to date than in the previous year.

Parish Matters:

Road Safety on Barford Road/ South Newington Road – The report from Mr Mike Wasley from OCC Highways has not yet been received following the meeting to discuss road safety improvements.

2019-20 Budget – The draft budget was reviewed line by line. Some minor amendments were agreed. The final budget and Precept will be presented and agreed at the next meeting.

Repairs to play equipment at Village Hall – The Playsafety ROSPA report recommended some repairs. It was agreed that the clerk will obtain quotes for a new gate and the other remedial work.

Reinforcement of The Green - This work will be carried out in March 2019.

Allotment Water – Castle Water has not responded to the clerk's last letter of 22nd November so the case has been escalated to the Consumer Council for Water.

Works on land to the north of Summer Ley – Several house owners along Summer Ley contacted the Parish Council about a new entrance to a field and the digging of a ditch. They were concerned that this may be a precursor to a planning application. The PC has no knowledge of a planning application for this land.

Footbridge along footpath 121/1 running east from Horn Hill – A broken bridge has been reported that goes over a ditch near the Sewage Works. The clerk will report this to OCC and contact CDC to check if they will repair or replace it (CDC has recently replaced bridges along footpath 121/9 running SW from Mead Farm).

Correspondence:

A letter was received from Bernard Lane thanking the PC for the donation to the Royal British Legion

Planning Applications:

18/01669/F – Coombe Hill – Withdrawn.
18/01902/F – Maple Cottage – returned to CDC without objection.
18/00284/TCA – Turnstile House – Granted.
18/00341TCA – Staddlestones – Returned to CDC without objection.

Finance:

Payments - The Clerk sought approval to pay cheques totalling £738.02. This was proposed by Cllr Eden and seconded by Cllr Charman.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2nd January 2019** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

JOY SMITH
10TH AUG 1944 – 21ST OCT 2018

Joy was born in Souldern in 1944 where she enjoyed childhood days with her three siblings. The family moved to Deddington where Joy attended the Windmill Secondary School and two years later met future husband Tom, she was 13 and he was 14.

They were together from that point on, they married in 1964 and set up their first home in Deddington where their first daughter Alison was born.

The family moved to their newly built bungalow in Barford in 1966, Rachel came along in 1967 followed by Becca in 1971. Joy did lots of job around the village and both she and Tom became particularly active in the church. Joy took on the village post office and small shop in the mid 70s, which she managed for 15 years from their bungalow in Church Street.



After the girls had left home Joy and Tom moved to Banbury where Joy worked in the Christmas shop – her dream job as she loved Christmas. In 2016 Joy had her first stroke, which had life changing consequences for the couple, although in typical Joy fashion there was lots of fun and laughter as well as some tears. It was while on holiday in Swanage that, after subsequent strokes, Joy passed away with her family around her. .

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



HEDGEHOG MATTERS

Just when I was wondering what to write for December, someone rang on 10 December from the High St end of Townsend to say that they had just seen a hedgehog in their garden! The dog was in the garden in the evening and reappeared with blood on its nose. Glen investigated and found a hedgehog out and about.

Worried that his dog had injured it, he took it over to Tess at the Nutkin Ward in Middleton Cheney (tel 0773322026 or see the Nutkin Ward Facebook page). She checked it over and "it" was a female who seemed to be ok with no injuries, weighing in at 720g. As this is over the minimum 600g weight which is normally what hedgehogs need to be to survive the winter, she was happy for the hog to come back to his garden in Barford and be released. She looked healthy and active.

Apparently, she had undisturbed fur on her abdomen, so she hadn't been suckling young recently, which is good. Young hedgehogs would be unlikely to survive if still around at this time of year. Glen did the right thing by taking this little lady to be checked over and by releasing her in the same place, whilst putting food and water down for her. She chose not to take this and had gone when he came back later to look.

It's possible that she hadn't actually hibernated yet because winter has not until thus far been really cold on too many days (unlike five days later as I write this from a very cold, wild bit of Yorkshire!) It may also be that she had started to hibernate but had come out again to look for food on a milder night. Many people still think that hogs hibernate right through autumn and winter but this isn't always thought to be the pattern anymore. Tess at the wildlife hospital says that the big boys apparently do tend to head off earlier for a big sleep because they're weighty enough to be able to do that. As gender equality doesn't exist in the hoggy world, they aren't left with the responsibility of rearing babies in the autumn either.

It struck me that the hog in Glen's garden, which he found behind some wire netting, may have somehow built a hibernaculum underneath it, using the wire for protection. Hogs will often hibernate in dips under areas of brambles, making their winter nests underneath them. The

brambles act as a roof structure or a shell, providing a safe haven from predators. Wire stored on the ground can be a hazard for hogs because they can get tangled up and immobilised in it but I wonder if they could sometimes use it in the same way as brambles. This is just speculation on my part. It isn't uncommon for dogs to attack hedgehogs, with many being seen at wildlife hospitals for injuries' usually on the face and nose. With luck, a hog will have time to roll into a ball when faced with an inquisitive dog. This time it was Glen's dog that got "prickled" assuming that it was the hog that caused the dog's bloody nose.

If you have dogs and want to prevent them from injuring hogs when they go in the garden at night, you could try the following before you let your dog out. Put any external lights on. Open the back door and stand on the doorstep for a minute or two talking or making a bit of noise before you let your dog out, so that any hog will have a chance to scurry off or at least roll into a ball. Be wary if the dog seems to be inquisitive or sniffing around one area, especially if you know that hogs have been seen in your general vicinity.

Glen also left a gap at the bottom of his garden gates when he had new ones fitted. This is yet another testimony to how important those gaps or holes are. For every new fence or gate that goes up with no access points, our local hogs may be cut off from not just one, but possibly a whole row or network or back gardens which may be vital for them to find sufficient food or to bump into mates

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Thank you on behalf of the local hedgehogs for all you do to help them. Many of you are doing something and every little bit helps this much loved but rapidly declining mammal to survive. Some areas no longer have hedgehogs so we are lucky to still have them in our midst. Let's hope it's a successful year for them in 2019!

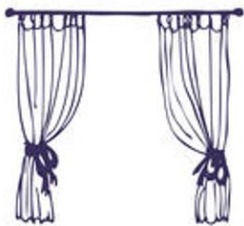


HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON FROM THE HOGS
Helen Taylor 01869 337850



CONGRATULATIONS

to Becca & Tom Coker
who were married in St Michael's
Church on Saturday 8th December 2018
We wish them every happiness



FOR SALE
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pair of used,
in good
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large dark

pink velvet curtains

fully lined with triple pleat heading and
hem weights - drop 2.03 metres

each curtain measures approx. 1.65
metres wide at top pleated edge,
includes a pair of matching
rope/tassel tie backs and curtain
hooks.

contact Carol on 338114 for any more
information or to view

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB 15th JANUARY 2019 12.30PM for 1PM

MENU

Main Course

Traditional beef stew with herbie
dumplings served with mashed potatoes

or

Smoked cod loin and spinach mornay
served with Duchess potatoes

**BOTH MAIN COURSES WILL BE
SERVED WITH SEASONAL
VEGETABLES**

Desserts

Sherry trifle

Or

Sticky toffee pudding served with
vanilla ice cream or double cream

Finally

Coffee & Tea
Price £5.00

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 8th January

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



BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE.....JANUARY 12th 2019

This month we are showing **TWO DOCUMENTARIES**, one about our Generation and one about the 1960's Generation.



The first is called **IN OUR HANDS**. This is an inspiring story behind the blood, sweat and tears of the British farmers seizing the Brexit moment to outgrow the industrial food system. Hugh Fearnley-Wittingstall of River Cottage describes the film as 'Powerful and inspiring. A film that deserves a wide audience who will no doubt champion a better way of growing, shopping, cooking and eating'. The film features North Aston Dairy among other enterprises. The film lasts for about one hour.

The second film **MY GENERATION** is an absolute must for anyone who loves the '60's or who wants to become more familiar with that pivotal era in our cultural history that created a revolution! It uses one man's perspective to inform a time-capsule overview of 1960s London that should charm audiences of all ages and persuasions. British film icon **Michael Caine** narrates and stars in this film, the vivid and inspiring story of his personal journey through 1960s London. Based on personal accounts and stunning archive footage, this feature-length documentary film sees Caine travel back in time to talk to **The Beatles, Twiggy, David Bailey, Mary Quant, The Rolling Stones, David Hockney** and other star names. This film lasts for 1 hr 25 mins.



There will be a short break between the two films

THE FILMS WILL START EARLY THIS SATURDAY - Films start at 7.15

Tea and coffee available. Bring your own alcohol and/or chairs if you wish.

Tickets £4 each Information available from Gunilla on 01295 720521

QUIZ

QUIZ NIGHT WITH FISH & CHIP SUPPER

With Christmas and New Year done, you need something to look forward to. Well, come and join us for a fun quiz night.

**Saturday 26th January 2019
Barford Village Hall
Doors open 7:30, quiz to start 8:00pm
£10:00 per person, which includes a fish and chip supper {BYOMP}
Teams of 8 people maximum.....Bring Your Own Booze**

**There will also be a raffle with some great prizes
Please call 01869 338061 to book your team place. We do need you to book early to help with the catering. When booking let us know if you have fish or chip allergies and we can make alternative arrangements
This is a fund raiser for the Kathmandu Kids Home**

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QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS
with Nick Belson of High
St., 2018 Winner of the
Best Allotment in the Barford Show



I've been a graphic designer for over 40 years working as a consultant to many Christian organisations including Bible Society in Swindon. I'm also a volunteer for 'Pets as Therapy' and every Thursday along with Ghillie we visit The Ridings in Banbury.

I was born in Moreton in the Marsh and brought up in a village called Icomb, very similar to The Barfords. We moved here almost 3 years ago to be closer to family especially our daughter Amy and our son in law Sam.

Guilty pleasure?

Sneaking sugar in my tea and coffee when Caroline, my wife, isn't looking!

what did you want to be when you grew up?

A goalkeeper for Manchester City, I've had to content myself with being a lifelong Man City fan! However, I did have trials for Cheltenham Town when I was 16.

Biggest bug bear?

Sunday Opening – I'd like to go back to Sunday's being a special day spent with friends and family –no shops open!

Favourite song:

Morning has Broken sung by Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens) it's a song with

great sentimental significance, having featured at my Wedding 39 years ago and my daughters 2 years ago. It's been a part of many happy and sad events for our family. So very special!

Top of your bucket list?

Having moved 9 times during our married life, I'd like to think we've finally found our 'End of the Rainbow' in The Barfords.

Where would you time-travel to?

This is an easy one!!... 30th July 1966 – World cup final when England beat Germany 4-2. I was 6 years old.

Happiness is...

Having a nice cup of tea and a biscuit (with Sugar, don't tell Caroline) at the allotment on a warm sunny day looking across the fields!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

RENEWABLE ENERGY
Without the Hot Air!



with Robin Stafford Allen
on Wednesday 9th January
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
VISITORS WELCOME £5.00

DOWN ON THE FARM

The new chickens arrived last week and were fitted with green leg bands to identify them from the rest of the flock. They are well grown pullets and while the older birds eyed them with some suspicion, they decided not to take them on, so there was no fighting to speak of.

Like the others the new birds are hybrids based on the old Rhode Island breed. When I first started I had Rhode Island and Light Sussex hens and Saddleback and Large White pigs – all now classified as ‘rare breeds’. I suppose I am heading the same way!

Actually, I feel fortunate to have witnessed the changes in agriculture from reaper binder and threshing machine to the combine harvester and all the other advancements over the decades.

My Grandfather had one of the first tractors on the Yorkshire Wolds. It was a Fordson, and jealous neighbours said he only got it for the wartime petrol allowance.

Later he added an American built Case tractor under the Lease-Lend arrangement; it was an orange colour with wide mud wings and a hand operated clutch.

Not long after my eighth birthday he hitched a roller to the Case and took me with him to roll a twenty acre field seeded to grass. I sat on the mud wing while he rolled the headland and then, to my surprise, he sat me in the seat and showed me how to operate the controls and make the turns.

After a couple of these he muttered: ‘you’ll do: I’ll bring you a sandwich at lunchtime’. And to my astonishment he

jumped off the tractor and I watched his retreating back as he walked across the field to the farmyard.

The terror of advancing headland hedgerows slowly passed; there was no power steering in those days and it took all my strength to make the turns.

It was tedious work; the roller was an old converted horse roller not much more than 2 metres wide and with the shafts bent together and a tractor drawbar bolted to the ends. It seemed the field would go on forever.

By lunchtime I advanced the accelerator a couple of notches to speed things up whereupon Grandfather arrived and shouted at me to slow down: ‘you are going too fast to let the roller do its job’, he yelled. And he stormed off, forgetting to give me the promised sandwiches.

By three o’clock an East wind had sprung up and I was chilled to the marrow.

That evening I was slowly thawing out by the kitchen range when I heard my mother, who had been away for the day, giving Grandfather a piece of her mind.

‘The little beggar would only have wandered about getting into mischief’, he retorted. ‘So, I put him on the tractor, so I knew where he was.’

I rolled a field of my own last autumn with an eight-metre-wide roller and a tractor with cab, heater and power steering. At the speed dictated by my Grandfather all those years ago (and never forgotten) it took just over two hours.

Tony Collier
Iron Down Farm

Dear neighbours and fellow Barfordians

My article is to give a personal thanks to all of those in the village that very kindly donated their remembrance crosses that we received in the post to my cause. Our parents having returned to Belgium in 1993 used to put poppies on the headstones of 31 World War 1 British soldiers who are buried in their local cemetery in Belgium. But since 2009 following the loss of our parents, my sister and I have taken on this mantle. So now we put wooden crosses in remembrance, so a huge thanks for your kind support.

11th November 2018 was a very special day for us all and I was very fortunate to be at the Menin Gates — Ypres, Belgium along with thousands of people from all over the world. We were all there with one thing in mind—to commemorate the end of World War 1 and to Remember All those who had valiantly fought to defend their country but who had lost their lives for peace and an end to the tragic losses!

We arrived on 10th November at Ypres where we found St George's memorial church which was so beautifully decorated. The steeple and railings were draped with poppies and the inside was equally wonderfully filled with flags, kneelers, crosses and wreaths, left in preparation for the following morning's service.

We were present for the Last Post on Saturday evening which was just as memorable and full of emotion as ever. The participating bands and groups from all over the UK who marched past were there for both Saturday evening and Sunday morning events. Sunday although very cold remained dry. The atmosphere was one of warmth, respect, a time for sharing stories, telling one another why we were there and how proud we all were of our loved ones and what they had done for us all. There were two parades one in the morning at 11, and the other to be led by the King and Queen of Belgium at 8pm. Everyone in the processions were so proud of their involvement and being given the chance of participating in such a momentous parade and this shone through. There must have been more than a hundred wreaths that were all placed under the gates and I added one of the crosses there that I'd received and had the personal message 'For all those who fought for us.'

On 12th November we drove to one of the many Somme cemeteries where our great, great uncle Norman Andrews is buried and placed a cross in his memory. Then it was onto the cemetery in Theux for our 31 soldiers and obviously our parents. There bathed in sunlight, with the Union Jack flying high in their honour, we placed our crosses and spent a few moments remembering the soldiers and our parents. The sad irony for these brave soldiers is that they died not in combat but from the Spanish flu that ravaged the surviving troops.

Once again, many thanks to you all for helping with this very special centenary remembrance event.

Veronique Semple – Thimble Hall



Film night is a hugely popular annual event. The Guides in their relative peer groups, each visit a leader's home to watch their chosen film. Dress Code – Onesies! A very lively evening enjoyed by all! Possibly helped by pop, popcorn and other sweet treats!



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

Two of our senior Guides Hannah and Connie led an activity where

each group had to dress a model in an evening dress made from recycled materials! Some creations were truly amazing.

We continue to enjoy activities from the new programme and are planning to become more involved in the various badge activities next term.

Our senior Guides meeting was very fruitful in terms of moving forward as potential leaders, sharing ideas, exploring the Guide programme in more depth and coming up with great ideas for the future.

Christmas activities soon became our focus, trying our hand at creating table centres, 3D card making and icing biscuits. This led to our final meeting of the term. The Christmas party – A very exciting way to conclude the term – But quite the end.

Some Guides will be helping and singing carols at the Wardington House Nursing Home Christmas Party, and some Guides travelling to Switzerland next year will be involved in fund raising activities.



DEDDINGTON PFSU & NURSERY

Happy New Year! Our Christmas festivities were much enjoyed by all our children and families. Nursery had a creative morning where the children made reindeer hats, iced biscuits, and listened to Christmas stories, to name just some of the activities on offer. They finished by performing their specially-learnt Christmas songs to their families, complete with bells and ribbons and actions!

The PFSU children joined with their friends in the F1 class for a delightful performance of 'Wiggly Nativity' in Deddington Church. They worked incredibly hard to learn all the songs, and even made their own costumes. They also had two decorations afternoons where parents came along to help their children get the classrooms ready for Christmas.

Still to come as I write this are our Christmas parties, and then a well-earned break for all after a long term.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre - We hope it got your celebrations off to a good start.

Lucy Squires



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!!

The Poppy Appeal 2018

What a wonderful response Barfordians have made to this year's Poppy Appeal. From all sources a record sum of £1,165.27 has been given. That is a wonderful recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War.

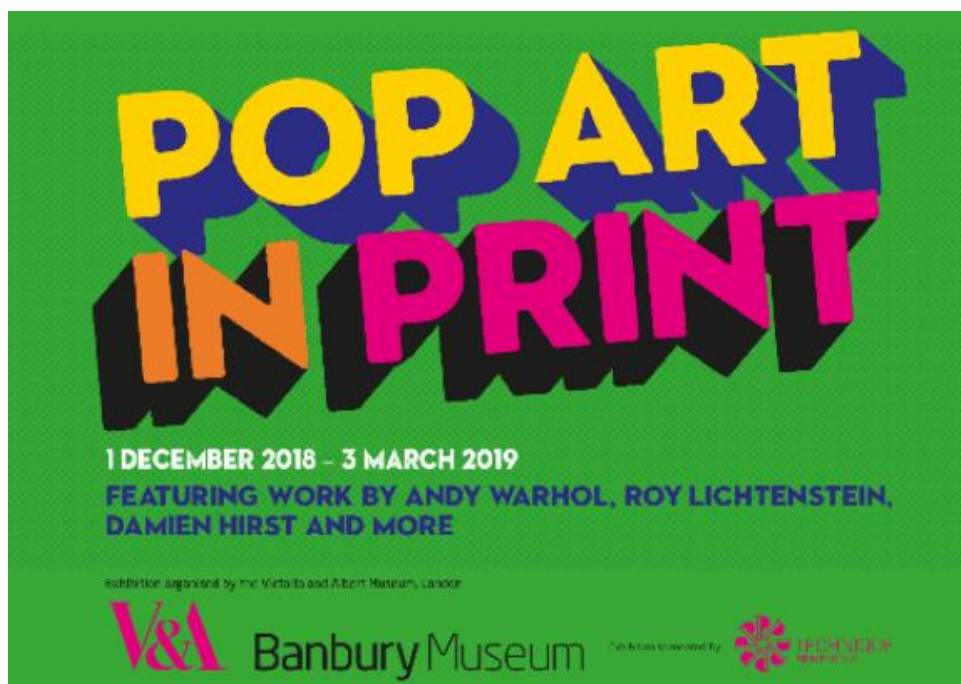
This year's collectors who trudged round the Barfords, knocking on every door in the Parish, sometimes two or three times if there was no answer the first time. Their persistence resulted in £583.20 being raised. The Post Office and the George counters contributed £93.67. The Remembrance Day Church Service collection was a generous £241.20 and there was a magnificent donation by The Big Barford Breakfast Team of £197.20, being the takings from the November Big Breakfast. To top off the total the Parish Council donated £50.00. The total result of the Poppy Appeal which I am pleased to repeat, was a magnificent total of **£1165.27**.

The door knockers were John Langlands, Barbara Greenwood, Jim and Aggie Booth, Lucy Norman and Angus, myself and Jan Elvidge. Jan is new collector who stepped rapidly into the breach when Alison Drummond a long-standing collector could no longer do the round. The other collectors all have several years' experience of knocking on doors and never decline when I ask them if they are still up for it each year. Then there is Barbara Alt who has had a box on her counter for many years and The George after a year's absence because of the refurbishment. All these lovely people really make life easy for me when November comes around. Jan, welcome into the fold.

I must mention specially the generosity of Lucy and Angus. They collect for the Poppy Appeal every year and volunteered a couple of years ago to extend their normal round in St Michael to include the whole of St John because I could not find a local volunteer.

This year's Poppy Appeal has been a really successful story of willing people happy to regularly help a good cause and others to delve deeply into their pockets to provide for the needy. It gives me great pleasure to thank all Barfordians on behalf of the Royal British Legion for their generous support.

Bernard Lane
Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Barfords



Readers of the Barford News may well feel that it is an oasis of sanity, isolated from the madness of national politics, especially Brexit. I hope to be forgiven for disturbing that peace. I'm honestly not going to lecture or proselytise, but I do have a few musings and anecdotes.

Firstly, it's amazing how things change. My first foray into non-student politics was campaigning with anti-EU organisations about twenty years ago (intriguingly, we didn't hear the word "Brexit" until much later). We were a ragtag bunch of misfits comprised of old school socialists and right-wing firebrands. My friend James and I were often the youngest in attendance by several decades. (One day I might tell you about how that led to us being photographed with a couple of Page 3 girls for a story in a national newspaper.)

When I moved into party politics to work as a researcher for the Tories, a minuscule number of MPs advocated withdrawal from the European Union. Nobody who hoped to become a minister dared do so. I know that many ardent Remainers still consider being pro-Brexit an eccentric and mad viewpoint. What is undeniable is that back in the late 1990s it was an utterly fringe view. Today it's mainstream. I would not put money on any Remainder MP succeeding Theresa May as Conservative Party leader. I look back on some of those oddballs who were fighting the (in my view) good fight back then. They might have been so obsessive and weird that one would run through traffic to avoid talking to them, but their determination and constancy played a pivotal role in keeping the question alive and in eventually forcing the holding of a referendum. Regardless of one's personal views, principle and conviction are surely admirable qualities.

That, above all, is my key insight when it comes to this issue - that contrary to received wisdom, really quite a lot of people are motivated by a wish to do what they believe to be the right thing. Had Kenneth Clarke been willing to moderate or obfuscate his devotion to the European Union, he might well have become Prime Minister, and he knew it. Meanwhile, older voters are frequently damned as selfish bigots for voting to leave the EU, yet my experience of old people is that they are intensely interested in the future, often enduring privations so that their grandchildren

will be okay. There is no evidence that they voted selfishly.

My friends and I learned in infancy that you don't always get your own way and that someone isn't necessarily a monster because they have the temerity not to agree with you. It's high time that this lesson was learned in Westminster. Referenda are imperfect, to put it mildly. The quality of the debate that surrounds them tends to be dire. A lot of can't (I like to give proof-readers a challenge) was spoken by politicians in the run-up to the 2016 vote, but two things strike me about that.

Firstly, slogans about NHS funding slashed across the side of buses weren't the half of it. We were also promised an economic apocalypse by pro-Remain politicians if we voted to leave the EU and subjected to ludicrously precise (and therefore fictional) projections about the state of our economy ten years' hence. The canard that only one group dissembled does not stand up to scrutiny.

Secondly, the influence of politicians and commentators is massively overestimated. Opinion polls may have shown lots of people undecided on how to vote a few months before the referendum, but that is not proof that their minds were swayed by what prominent people said. I strongly suspect that many of us made up our minds quite independently of anyone else. The beauty of the polling booth is that it protects those among us who consider politics to be an intensely personal and private matter. That's why the establishment and the pollsters got such a shock in June 2016.

They might have been less surprised if they had joined me for two separate cab journeys with Jamaican cabbies a few weeks before the poll. Both told me they were voting Brexit because they were sick of excessive immigration. Politics is so much more complex than the commentariat would have us believe, because people are so complex.

Finally, I'm not not sold on this idea that there needs to be a special and unprecedented "People's Vote". I'm fairly sure that, whatever my flaws, I am a person - and I distinctly remember voting already.

Tom Greeves



BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB

NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED

JANUARY 2019

"January is the quietest month in the garden. ... But just because it looks quiet doesn't mean that nothing is happening. The soil, open to the sky, absorbs the pure rainfall while microorganisms convert tilled-under fodder into usable nutrients for the next crop of plants. The feasting earthworms tunnel along, aerating the soil and preparing it to welcome the seeds and bare roots to come."

Rosalie Muller Wright
Editor of *Sunset Magazine*, 1/99

GARDEN JOBS FOR January, often the coldest month □□ Now is a great time to plan for the coming gardening year and to order seeds and plants. Enjoy the fresh air, on dry sunny days, and check your winter protection, stakes, ties and supports are still working after any severe weather. Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch; Clean pots and greenhouses ready for spring; Dig over any vacant plots that have not been dug already; Disperse worm casts in lawns; Inspect stored tubers of *Dahlia*, *Begonia* and *Canna* for rots or drying out; Prune apple and pear trees; Start forcing rhubarb; Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the coming season; Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds; Make a polythene shelter for outdoor peaches and nectarines, to protect against peach leaf curl. January might be the middle of winter but as the days lengthen the garden starts to grow.

Houseplant care.....Check that light levels are sufficient for houseplants. They will need light to carry on over the winter, and can easily be forgotten in a back or spare room that receives little natural light, or with the curtains left drawn. They are best moved to sunny windowsill until March.

Don't leave houseplants on windowsills behind the curtains on frosty nights, especially if your windows are not double glazed.

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. **THIS YEAR**, we are hoping to have some talks and visits as usual. Any suggestions will be welcome.

HAPPY GARDENING AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.....



SPADE AND FORK

Barford Village Market

**A reminder that we give our
Producers a well-earned break
and
do not hold a market in January**

**Next market will be on
16th FEBRUARY 2019**

The total raised from the markets held in 2018 was £1,114.99. which is made up from table rents, teas, the bread stall and the bacon butties. After the May profit of £120.10 was donated to Katharine House hospice, the remaining £994.89 was added to Village Hall funds. Market profits provide a valuable contribution towards the maintenance and everyday running of the hall.

Thank you for your support throughout 2018, we look forward to seeing our faithful customers next year!!

Happy New Year to All!!



Matt Clacy who is Cotswolds Club Junior Champion qualified to play in last week's Junior European Open. He was ably assisted by his mum Sandra who caddied for the first 4 days of the tournament.

He played some great golf on the two courses at Alcadeisa Golf on the Costa del Sol in Southern Spain. However, it appeared that he had missed the cut to play in the fifth and final round last Thursday. Danny Phillips (head Pro) Jamie Allen (Junior Captain) and myself (Junior Organiser) travelled over to Spain on Wednesday evening with the intention that Jamie would caddy on the last day. Due to Matt not making the cut we went out on the Wednesday to celebrate Matt reaching the Open event. He did have a couple of beers but we were all a bit tired to went to bed having agreed to organise a tee-time for the four of us to have a friendly knock on the Thursday morning.

Sandra, Danny and I were in the pro-shop at Alcadeisa early having left the boys in bed and were booking the time when all hell broke loose. Matt had got a text from another playing Junior asking him why he wasn't ready to play the final round. Apparently, they had extended the cut and Matt was in!! No-one had told Matt. He was still in bed at 8.10 when he got the text and his tee-off time was 8.32 am AND he had to be on the 10 minutes before this. Sandra and I were trying to sort a trolley and buggy for us to follow him on the course whilst Danny was explaining to the organiser why Matt was likely to be late full expecting an instant disqualification. Amazingly whilst Danny was doing this on the first tee Matt appeared with clubs ready to go. Even more amazingly Jamie was with him ready to carry his clubs AND they were the first pair there.

Matt played well but putting was difficult and he scored a gross 83 finishing 55th out of 90 playing Juniors. What a fantastic achievement.

On the next day the competition was the International Pairs which was open to all Juniors and adults who were at the event.

The weather was very dicey when Matt and Jamie teed off at 8.30 am (they were the first pair to start the comp) and there was some heavy rain on the first 9. Due to another visit to the local bar the previous evening Jamie wasn't in the greatest condition and the boys only scored 1 point on the first hole in the four ball better ball stable-ford format. They soon

warmed up though and Matt got a great birdie on the 4th hole for 4 points. At the 9-hole stage they had scored 20 points. Acceptable but not spectacular. Jamie had now fully recovered and went par, par, par, par, bogey, birdie to score 18 points in 6 holes. Matt sorted out the last few holes and they ended up with 25 points on the back 9 totalling 45 in all!

Danny felt this would be enough to win with the back 9 score if count back was needed. There was a total of 40 pairs playing so it meant a couple of visits to the scoreboard as the day went on. Finally, we knew there were 3 pairs on 45 points so hopeful the lads had won.

We all got changed for the Presentation Dinner on Friday evening attended by over 400 people and covered by Sky Sports, We met the organiser on the way in and asked him if 25 points on the back nine was enough. He said no they were third as the other pairs had score 27 & 29 points on the back 9. You can imagine how we all felt. Poor Jamie was almost in tears and Matt was in shock.

We sat down at our allotted table and prepared to drown our sorrows. However, the Pairs result was announced first and it was wonderful that the boys had indeed won. Jamie went mental jumping up and down. The organiser was joking with us. What a wag!!!

David Livingstone representing Sky Sports congratulated the boys who now have qualified for next year's Junior European Open in Spain. Jamie will have to get to work on his handicap as it is a scratch comp!!

I need to mention how great it was to spend the 3 days with the boys but also with Sandra and Danny. Sandra was a great example of a parent who is dedicating time and money to her child so he has the best chance of realising his dream. I know Danny enjoyed the trip especially to see how the boys have benefited from his coaching and encouragement, He is a credit to our golf club.

My heart was bursting with pride as a Junior Organiser and a dad.



FROM LEFT:

Jamie, David Livingstone of Sky Sports, Matt Clacy & Danny Phillips

RICK ALLEN

TOP 10 FACTS ABOUT NEW YEAR'S DAY

1. From the 12th century until Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752, the official new year was not on January 1 but on March 25.
2. Officially in England, 1751 was the shortest year ever, lasting only from March 25 to December 31.
3. Scotland had changed its New Year's Day to January 1 in 1600.
4. January is named for the two-headed god Janus who could look backward and forward, to the old year and the new, at the same time.
5. If you don't want to be bothered starting a new calendar or diary today, you can dig out one for 2007 and re-use it. Days of the week are the same.
6. In Ethiopia, New Year's Day is celebrated on September 11 or 12.
7. In 1362, Ukraine, Lithuania and Belarus were first to start the official year on January 1.
8. J Edgar Hoover (first director of the FBI) and Kim Philby (British spy) were both born on January 1, in 1899 and 1912 respectively.
9. January 1 is celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church as the World Day of Peace.
10. An old superstition thought it unlucky to sweep your floor out of the door on January 1. For good luck, you should sweep from door to hearth.

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are now very close to the end of term and the end of 2018 here at the Primary School.

All the children have had a busy few weeks what with Christmas performances, which were all amazing, and our very first Christmas Fayre. This was a huge success, where we sold lots of crafts and edible goodies, all produced by the pupils. We managed to raise over £530 to donate to our amazing PTA.

In sport, our Year 5/6 boys Cross Country team was hugely successful in their running and the children concerned are now through to the County finals. One pupil in KS1 came third in the North Oxfordshire Cross Country finals and one KS2 pupil came 9th. What an amazing achievement for each of these children, both of whom we are extremely proud. Years 1 and 2 took part in a morning of dance and enjoyed every moment. The theme of the session was 'Dance Around the World'. A selection of KS1 and KS2 pupils also participated in the 'Change4life' event which consisted of a selection of activities such as archery and games. It was a day which was enjoyed by all.

We also had a wonderful time listening to the Swedish Choir in church on Friday 7th December. They sang to all of us and then our children in turn sang 'Light of the World' to them.

We were incredibly fortunate to have 'Be Space' set up in our Reflections room for several days at the start of this month. It was beautifully constructed by Mary Phillips, assisted by Reverend Annie and other members of the congregation.

All children in school were able to visit the room over the course of a few days. The atmosphere in there was something quite incredible, so serene and calming. It was a privilege for us all to experience this and we would like to thank Mary, Reverend Annie and all others for their time and hard work in enabling this to take place.

Finally, we would like to wish you all an exceptionally happy Christmas and a peaceful 2019.

DENISE WELCH



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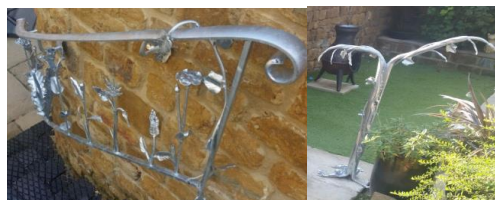
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Diary dates to the editor by 15th of each month please

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Fridays	Rainbows Whist alternate weeks
Saturdays	Village Market 3 rd week (except January or August)
3rd Wednesday	Village Hall Management Committee

DIARY DATES

January 2019 – NO VILLAGE MARKET

1 st	New Years' Day Walk – meet at the VH
2 nd	Parish Council Meeting
9 th	WI – Renewable Energy Talk - VH
15 th	Tuesday Lunch Club – village hall
26 th	Kathmandu Charity Quiz – village hall

February 2019

6 th	Parish Council Meeting
16 th	Village Market is back
25 th	Garden Club AGM – village hall

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