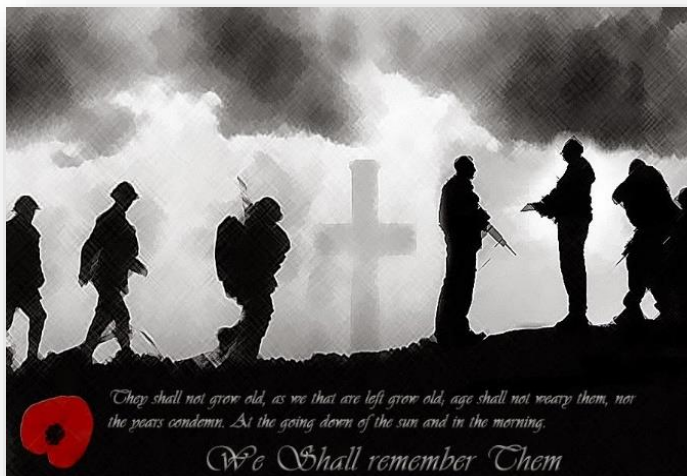


BARFORD NEWS

NOVEMBER 2018

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Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 11th November

9:00am Barford St Michael

Lest we forget



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

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

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5th September were unanimously resolved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian: OCC/ CDC Partnership – The formal partnership commenced on 1st October.

Expenditure from Reserves – The Cabinet has approved spending of anticipated revenue that it will receive from building developments that have been approved in Oxfordshire in advance of receipt by drawing down from reserves which will be topped up when the income is received. This will enable immediate expenditure on school buildings and road repairs etc...

Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams: Joint working relationship with South Northants District Council – Cherwell District Council has for the past two months and over the next two years will be unravelling the joint working relationship with South Northants District Council.

Members of staff who have been working at both councils will choose which council they wish to work with. CDC's objective is to ensure it has replaced departing staff and can operate without SNDC's support by the summer of 2019. It is envisaged that all collaboration with SNDC will be terminated by March 2020 and both councils will then be independent, in the meantime SNDC are exploring ways of integrating with the new unitary structure in Northamptonshire.

CDC meanwhile are already exploring opportunities for 'Joint Working' with OCC, this will be an ongoing process which is intended to improve services and maintain cost savings where possible, this will culminate in March 2020 when they are released from any joint working commitments with SNDC.

Parish Matters:

Road Safety on South Newington Road – No further response has been received from

Oxfordshire County Council regarding safety improvements to South Newington Road. Victoria Prentice MP is also waiting for a response from OCC. County Cllr Fatmian advised that he has raised the matter with the director of Highways. Highways has confirmed that as they agree that it is a dangerous road it is contacting Thames Valley Police to ask for their support to reduce the speed limit and carry out enforcement measures. Additional warning signage will also be requested.

Bee Keeping on the allotments – The allotment holder who would like to keep bees on the allotments confirmed that a bee keeping course has been attended and that the Bee Keeping Association provides insurance to its members. A letter with a leaflet from the British Bee Keeping Association about bees on allotments will be sent to all allotment holders requesting their support.

Allotment Rents – Mr J Elliot confirmed that allotment rents totalling £304 had been collected.

West Close Play Area Lotter Grant – The lottery grant application has been turned down as the applicant must own the land although the West Close Play Group is a subcommittee of the PC. The application will be resubmitted by the Parish Council.

Reinforcement of The Green – The work is scheduled to be carried out on Saturday 27th October and Sunday 28th October.

Pruning of bush on The Green – A quote has been received for pruning the cherry tree on The Green. This was agreed provided that it is confirmed that it has not died.

20.s Plenty Signs – The cost of 450mm by 600mm signs is £13.50. The Clerk will contact Highways to ask permission to fix them to Highways signs.

Planning Applications:

18/00586/F – Westfield, Lower Street – Granted

18/01325/F – Jackdaws, Horn Hill – Granted

18/0565/F – Little Haven, Barford Road – Returned to CDC without comment.

Finance:

Payments – The Parish Council agreed payment of cheques totaling £4,815

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th November** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET
SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER
10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

Joan's delicious tempting chocolates

Excellent selection of artisan breads

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

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



**Plus, a good range of local producers selling cakes, bread, honey, preserves, greetings cards, wrapping paper & crafts
Rape seed oils, Fairtrade items, hand knitted woollies....and treats for the birds or simply join us for a cuppa with friends and neighbours!!**



**BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE
Saturday 17th November 2018**



redeeming power of love.

The Railway Man is a 2013 British–Australian war film directed by [Jonathan Teplitzky](#). Based on the bestselling autobiography, **THE RAILWAY MAN** tells the extraordinary and epic true story of Eric Lomax (Colin Firth), a British Army officer who is tormented as a prisoner of war at a Japanese labour camp during World War II. Decades later, Lomax and his beautiful love interest Patti (Nicole Kidman) discover that the Japanese interpreter responsible for much of his treatment is still alive and set out to confront him, and his haunting past, in this powerful and inspiring tale of heroism, humanity and the

Doors open at 7.15. Film starts at 7.45 and lasts for 116 minutes

Bring chairs and any drinks you want

Tea and Coffee served - contact: Gunilla on 01295 720521

£4 on the door or £20 for a Season Ticket



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

Our 25th ANNIVERSARY TEA PARTY was held on Sunday October 7th. We had a wonderful afternoon with around 60 guests. Our two speakers Sibylle and Anna were lively, informative and contrasted beautifully. One having had a lifetime in gardening and the other a much shorter but packed life growing mainly vegetables. Sibylle enthralled us with her tales of gardening at Sissinghurst and after.....she does not suffer with a bad back and said she could dig a plot the size of the Village Hall...no problem!!! Conversely Anna advocates a 'no-dig' approach. There were several interesting questions and all was followed by a delicious tea. Tea was provided by Sarah Best and the Anniversary Cake was made by Sandi Turner. The Hall was extensively decorated, some gardening books were for sale, the money going to the village charity. Seed catalogues were also available to members. (Members have already been emailed about this).

We are looking for some more Committee members to join the 4 of us and a Treasurer. Both positions are very easy with a few informal meetings and simply adding up 'monies in and out'. Please contact Gunilla or Linda.

GARDEN JOBS FOR NOVEMBER Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase: Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains.: Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots: Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

**DIARY NOTE: AGM 25th February 2019
HAPPY GARDENING**

SPADE AND FORK



**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB
20th November 2018**

MENU

Main Course

Sausage casserole
Served with mashed potato
or
Fish Pie (made with salmon, cod and
smoked haddock)
topped with mashed potato

*Both mains served with seasonal
vegetables*

Desserts

Plum and almond upside-down
pudding & Custard or
Chocolate and Bailey's roulade

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 November

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



**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!!**



AXM

Adderbury Xmas Market
St Mary's Church
on 1st December 11–4pm

Come to a traditional Xmas market with lots of stalls for buying your Xmas presents. There will be cards & crafts for sale, perfumes and unusual gifts & jewellery. We have homemade soup or hot dogs for lunch, tea & cakes in the afternoon in Church House, or mulled wine & mince pies in the Church.



Santa will be in his grotto for the children from 11–1pm and 2–4pm.

For more details of the programme, look on www.adderbury.org

REINFORCEMENT OF VILLAGE GREEN

Notice is given that work will be carried out to reinforce the edges of The Green on Saturday 27th October and Sunday 28th October.

This is to strengthen the edges where vehicles drive over them when the ground is soft making unsightly ruts.

Every possible care will be taken to minimise disruption whilst this work is carried out.

The lower branches of the oak tree on the ground at the junction of Lower Street and Bloxham Road will also be pruned as they overhang the road.



As you may be aware The Meat Joint is closing at the end of October after trading for more than 12

years. This was an exciting and rewarding time for us but we feel it is now time to take things a bit easier.

We would like to thank all our customers who have supported us over the years and wish you all the very best in the future.

Tony Collier



**Not all
burglars are
as obvious as
this one!**

Come to a talk by our
local police on making
our homes safer.

Village Hall

Thursday 8th November
at 7:30pm



All Souls

Sunday 4th November

4:00-5:00pm Barford St Michael

Come to light candles and spend time quietly remembering those who are no longer with us.

6:00pm Deddington All Souls Service

Including reading the names of the departed





WI ladies spot a bargain!

A record number of 40 people came along to the WI meeting in October to hear a talk about pearls. Frances Benton explained the different types of pearls and how they develop.

Natural pearls form around a parasite and are incredibly rare, hence the very high price. Frances has travelled the world buying pearls and has made thousands of necklaces which she sells to help raise money for charities connected to her family. Everyone had an opportunity to handle the hundreds of necklaces on display and the perfect smoothness of the stones was delightful.

Pearls come in a range of delicate shades and we were able to work out which would suit our individual skin tone. Having decided which we liked it

was a small step for many of us to decide that an early Christmas present would be in order and since the pearls will hold value it wasn't extravagant at all!

SWINGS AND ROUNDABOUTS!



It has been one step forward and two steps back for the West Close playground's fundraising this month. We had submitted a bid to the Lottery Awards for All scheme as a sub group of the Parish Council, but the bid was rejected because a sub group is not deemed to be the legal owner of the land so cannot apply.

Requests to change the names on the application were denied so we need to start again. On the plus side, the ownership was the only reason we failed so a new bid from the PC stands a very good chance of success.

Some of you will remember that at the Duck Race £5 or £10 notes were given to people who were hoping to use the money to generate ever larger sums, so it would be good to hear how these activities are progressing.

Thank you



Christmas Lunch

After a combined length of nearly 60 years organising the Barfords' Christmas Lunch, Mary Brodey, Sarah Best and I have decided to hang up our aprons and wooden spoons. We have thoroughly enjoyed being involved in this festive community event, but feel it is time to step down.

We hoped to have found some successors after last year, when we wrote in Barford News, but sadly, we have not heard from anyone. Therefore, there will not be a Christmas lunch this year.

It may be that we review this for 2019 and beyond, but unless there are some other people in the village willing to take it on, it is doubtful. As we are approaching the time of eligibility ourselves, we are now happy to assist but no longer want the responsibility for the organisation of the event.

We do understand that it is a busy time of year for most people, and that it may seem like a big thing to take on. We are more than happy to have a handover period and would not expect any newcomers to initially do it all on their own. We really hope some of you come forward!

Aggie Morrison Booth, Mary Brodey, Sarah Best



DON'T FORGET....the next Big Barford Breakfast will take place on Saturday 10th November, 9:00am – 11:30am (11:30 being last orders!!)

You can now book your place either by calling Lucy on ☎337678 or email me at lulu.norman@btinternet.com and, ideally, let me know:

1. Which slot, 9am - 10am or 10am - 11:30
2. which breakfast you would like

As this year commemorates the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and this is Remembrance weekend, we will be donating all profits to **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**



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INSPIRING WOMEN

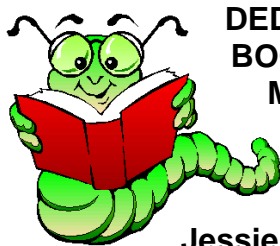
Recycling with a Difference
Susan Drage



Susan is passionate about recycling and upcycling and using everyday items that we throw away such as supermarket carrier bags, plastic, tin cans and ring pulls. Newspapers, magazines and leaflets, food packaging and cereal boxes, old t-shirts and jeans, CD's, plastic cutlery jars, cardboard rolls of toilet and kitchen rolls. Most of the items have a practical use but some are just for fun!

On Wednesday, 14th November
In the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Visitors most welcome £5



**DEDDINGTON
BOOKWORMS
MONTHLY BOOK
REVIEW
"The
Miniaturist" by
Jessie Burton.**

The book somewhat divided the group again. Some found the historical interest of life in 1600s Amsterdam and the prejudices of society on lower classes, servants and coloured slaves fascinating. The interplay on many levels between the principal characters and the hope and expectations of a young girl moving from the countryside to an arranged city marriage, and the complete arrogance of her husband, was well written; but for myself, the addition of the fantasy of the miniaturist lifted the novel to another level, making it a real page turner and a great read – so thoroughly recommended (and a joy over the previous read for myself). Incidentally, I then watched the Christmas TV adaptation, out of curiosity, and found the drama very accurate to the book, with fantastic character portrayal and only one scene changed dramatically.

Our next book is "The Day That Went Missing", by Richard Beard and we will meet on November 5th.

**200 CLUB RESULTS
OCTOBER DRAW**

**£15, 203, TIM BULLARD
£10, 154, THELMA MOORE
£5, 038, THE MITCHELL FAMILY**

**THE DRAW TOOK PLACE AT
A CUPPA MORNING**



**RUBBISH & RECYCLING
COLLECTION DATES**

{always a Thursday}

1STgreen
8THblue 'n' brown
15THgreen
22NDblue 'n' brown
29THgreen



**BONFIRE NIGHT TOFFEE
APPLE MUFFINS**

Ingredients

- 2 free-range eggs, lightly beaten
- 80g/2¾oz caster sugar
- 240ml/8½fl oz milk
- 100g/3½oz butter, melted
- 300g/10½oz plain flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- pinch cinnamon
- 2 eating apples, peeled, cored, finely chopped
- 200g/7oz shop-bought toffee pieces

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/380F/Gas 5 and line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper cases.
2. Mix the eggs, sugar, milk and melted butter in a large bowl. Sift the flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon into the bowl. Stir well to combine.
3. Add the chopped apple and lightly mix.
4. Using half of the mixture, quarter-fill each of the muffin cases with the mixture and top with a few pieces of toffee. Cover with the remaining filling so the cases are half full.
5. Bake for 30-35 minutes until well risen and golden. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Serve warm or cold.

DOWN ON THE FARM

Autumn is always a busy time with the need to get winter crops planted before the weather breaks. Our soil tests showed some deficiencies in lime, phosphate and potash this year but we managed to rectify this and plant most of the winter wheat before the rains came in.

Soil acidity (pH) is a major factor in growing crops. A low pH reading means that soil minerals and some trace elements may be locked up and become unavailable to the crop. We had a good example of this some years ago with a grass field that was failing.

A soil test showed a need for lime and the following year it was a completely different field; the grass outgrew an increasing weed problem and the stocking rate was at least doubled. If it had been a field of wheat the improvement would probably have been worth a tonne to the acre.

Most garden outlets sell soil pH testing kits with which readings can be taken from a colour chart; anyone with a 'tired looking' vegetable patch could find this worthwhile.

Our linseed crop was not a huge success due to the long hot summer and produced a low yield, although we did manage to sell the straw to someone with an industrial heating plant. Being an oil-based plant, the residue burns at an extremely high temperature and leaves little ash.

We will switch back to field beans for next year. It is a crop that is reasonably cheap to grow and, being a legume, it leaves useful nitrogen for a following crop. Also the chopped haulm can be ploughed in to bolster soil organic content.

Eric, our Gloucester Old Spot boar, is back in the orchard which pleased his faithful friend the chicken. However, when we put one of the breeding sows with him she decided that two large pigs were more than she could cope with and now pecks about with the other hens.

Interestingly when the grass lost its vigour last autumn we found that the egg yolks became paler. Adding wheat to the hen's diet seems to have corrected this problem – sometimes the simplest of things can do the trick!

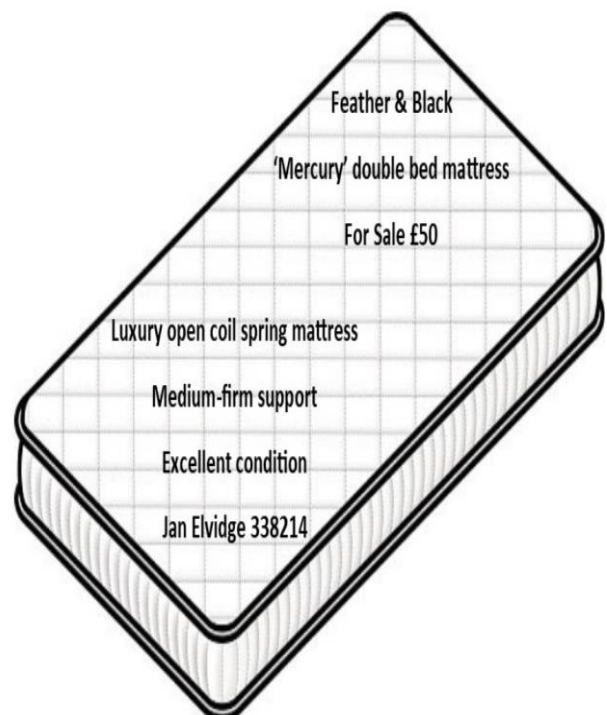
We have an old outside toilet at Iron Down, a sort of outhouse just down the garden path. I can imagine people in the past trotting down there clutching a lantern or a torch to do their night time ablutions.

Anyway, I finally cleared it out last week (it has been neglected since we came here) and it is now a useful additional apple store.

When I was growing up in Yorkshire all our farming relations had outside toilets. One uncle had a 'four holer' – a sort of bench with four places to sit or stand over.

The thought of sitting in a row with my uncle and a couple of farm hands never appealed to me. I used to sneak in there when they had gone to work.

Tony Collier, Irondown Farm





DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a fabulous start to Autumn we have had, and luckily this has meant we have been able to continue to use the whole of our school grounds for playtimes and PE lessons.

So, we have had another busy month here at school. In late September, on a beautiful Wednesday morning, we took part in a Harvest Festival in church led by Paula. The children brought tins and packets of food contributions which were donated to Banbury's Food Bank. We all enjoyed the lovely service, taking part with our whole community.

Some of our classes have been out on exciting trips to enhance their learning. Over the last couple of weeks Year 1 went to Woodstock Museum and Year 2 went to Warwick Castle. These trips were thoroughly enjoyed by all children and adults alike.

The whole school took part in our Cross-Country event. Every child ran a set number of circuits around the school field with the rest of their class. Great fun was had by all and the weather was kind too for this whole school, outdoor event.

The Year 4 children have started their swimming lessons and are already making progress with their water skills. Year 6 are also having lessons in Hockey, using Bloxham School's fantastic facilities. Some Year 3 and 4 children took part in a football tournament representing our school and came joint first! This means they are through to the next round. Then a group of Year 5 and 6 children participated in a partnership Tag Rugby competition and came second! This means the children will also go through to the next round. All team members enjoyed taking part and we are sure you would like to join with us in saying "Well done", to all those pupils involved.

Finally, we are all looking forward to our firework night which is organised by our PTA, on Friday 2nd November. We hope you can join us there.

Denise Welch

THE MILLENNIUM PLAYGROUND HANDOVER.....

In the year 2000 we formed the 'Millennium Playground Committee' to raise money for the little playground apparatus in the Village Hall garden which was duly purchased and installed using funds raised from the Duck Race (with some help from the Parish Council)

Each year since then we have worked to raise money with the intention of opening a larger scale play area via the Duck Race. We canvassed all landowners at the time to no avail but decided to continue raising money hoping there would be a change of heart somewhere.

Now in 2018 (*time flies when you are having fun...!!*) there is a new committee in the Barfords who have taken over the mantle and congratulations to them they have secured planning permission for a Play Area to be built in West Close. Our fund raising over the years has accrued over £3000 - this we have now transferred to the 'West Close' committee and wish them well in the future with their project.

We - the 'Millennium Playground Committee' will continue to concentrate on the 'Kathmandu Orphanage' hoping to continue to receive your support for which we have been very grateful over the years.

Many Thanks

Leon Daly
Pete Eden
Sheila Taylor
Jill Hopcraft
(Tracey Bullard)(Nikki Preece)

Village 200+ Club

The 200+ Club is a fundraising scheme which supports our village hall.



Tickets are just £6 annually and members may hold as many tickets as they wish. Members are issued with a membership number for each £6 spent. All membership numbers are entered into the monthly prize draws, in which cash prizes can be won. 12 monthly draws offering guaranteed prizes of £5, £10, £15, every month plus £25 once each quarter. Plus £50 twice a year and a Christmas bonus of £100. 50% of the total value of subscriptions is retained for hall maintenance, the remaining 50% is used as prize money.

More members mean increased prize money and more funds for our hall. £6 for each annual subscription is such a small price to pay towards supporting our lovely hall. So, please - have a go? And help raise funds to maintain YOUR village hall. For just over 50p a month you can really make a difference.

Existing members will be contacted soon. If you would like to join please contact Les on 338659 to reserve your tickets. 200 Club members must be 18 years or over.



to the very kind and generous chap & his wife from Townsend who donated £20 and a lovely chap from Bloxham who paid for his advertising then donated the change to Barford News. Also thank you to those who pop their change into the post at the Post Office, that was another £6.50 As always, donations are so gratefully received, thank you.

The Team

BARFORD NEWS

Dear Reader

Last month I received an email from Hunts, the printers who produce the Barford News, informing me that printing costs were going to increase by a little over 50%. I was given no warning, just told that they could not sustain the historical price, which I believe had stayed the same for many years. Fair enough, everything goes up at some point but a bit of warning would have been helpful, and not unreasonable.

So, basically, this is just to let you know that, unfortunately, there will be no colour editions for the foreseeable future and of course, any donations will be very gratefully received.

Thanks everyone
Lucy

PS I found a new printers!!



**FIND OUT WHAT'S ON
LOCALLY..... keep up
to date with what is
happening in our
surrounding villages
using the links below:**

**www.adderbury.org/whats-on
www.bloxham.info/broadsheet
www.deddington.org.uk/news
www.steepleaston.org.uk**



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

Before we
leave
thoughts of
summer
camp

behind the Guides recorded their best memories what did they enjoy most?" I enjoyed helping and cooking all the food ... My tent.... Shelter Building...(this had lots of votes)... the sunny weather... the dawn walk...I loved it when it was time to sleep... and finally I loved everything." We made the best of the light remaining and spent the start of the first 3 meetings out of doors. The village quiz was a brain tester. The wide game required imagination and ingenuity and a sense of humour, the marshmallow toasting just required a sweet tooth and a wish to get very sticky.

Now we are really getting down to business! We've learnt about different methods of voting and agreed on the secret vote method to choose our new patrol leaders. As we have now settled into our chosen patrols we can focus on the exciting new programme that is being introduced. There are plenty of exciting and thought provoking and challenging new activities as well as lots of fun on offer.

We have also continued to discuss issues about the environment and looked for ways in which we can make a difference. One small contribution is our scrap paper collecting box in the meeting hall – To try and prevent scarce paper going to land fill.

Finally, most of the unit went to the "Big Gig" at Wembley arena London. This is a pop concert put on regularly purely for older members of the Guide movement. Many thousands attend from all over the country. Our girls joined forces with Adderbury Guides and along with many other Guides from Banbury filled the train to London. The concert, with a line-up of well-known groups, singers and U-Tubers was spectacular and exciting! The Guides returned absolutely buzzing and with croaky voices after their very loud but amazing day out.

Maggie Rampley – 01295 810069

Marian Trinder – 01869 340806

Catherine Blackburn – 01295 258008

and Tilly Neal

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

After a restful half term break we are looking forward to a term of fun and festivities. The PFSU children will be learning about a variety of celebrations and preparing for their 'Wiggly Nativity' performance during December. The Nursery children will be discovering fairy tales and shapes and are planning a Christmas creative morning in which all our families can get involved. Dates for all events (including Christmas parties!) will be confirmed shortly.

Our annual Christmas Fayre will be held in Deddington Church on Thursday 6th December. Please join us for a seasonal evening of Christmas shopping, mulled wine, and music from Deddington Brass. This evening is open to everyone and we'd love you to join us. Thank you to everyone who supported our car boot sale. We raised £225 for the pre-school and Nursery.

Lucy Squires ☎ 337484



.....An irresponsible dog owner walking their dog in Townsend on Tuesday 9th October allowed their precious pooch to leave a "deposit" on our driveway leaving us to clear up the mess - how thoughtless is that? We've noticed during walks around the village that there are people who have still not grasped one of the essentials about being a dog owner - you clear up after them!

From the Editor. This is the 3rd time this year I have been asked to put something in Barford News about dog mess in the village...I might have to start 'Naming & shaming'.

HEDGEHOG MATTERS



Little time to write this month so **just a reminder to check any bonfires before you light them, however small**, for hedgehogs which may be resting or hibernating in them. We know they are out there in our village but we don't know where, so if there is access to your garden through a hedge or fence gap it could be your patch as much as anyone else's, whether you are aware of it or not. Last year I recounted the story of someone who I knew who had been traumatised by seeing a hedgehog in her bonfire, when it was too late to do anything about it. Luckily, her grand child who was with her didn't witness this.

As I write this in mid-October it is too warm for hedgehogs to think about hibernating and there is still food around **Do remember though, that if you see any very small hedgehogs around, especially as two were seen doing the pre mating malarkey in September to ring Tess at the local wildlife centre on 07733220266.** If you are able to let me know too, on 01869 337850 that would be great.

Helen Taylor

JACK'S MISSING MOSQUITO

by Roscoe

(The perfect stocking filler)

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

BLOXHAM: - The Post office and stores.

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

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

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

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

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

Just £8.99 – (A5 illus. p/b).

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

VILLAGE CHARITIES

The **Shepherd and Bakehouse charity** was pleased to be able to give awards to eight beneficiaries this year. There is a lifetime maximum that applicants can receive roughly based on receiving three awards.

People have tended to apply when starting further education but awards can be given for students from 16 years and mature students may also apply. Applicants may be following academic or vocational courses.

The **Hall and Fernhill Trust** has given out a number of grants. We have had some applications but have mainly given grants when a friend or neighbour has suggested that a person might benefit. The majority of grants have been for people experiencing periods of ill health.

For more information contact Carole on
☎ 07768 378758



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

Golly we have been busy the last few weeks. The Cubs went on an eventful hike from Deddington to Clifton, a simple walk complicated by ploughing, they all arrived safely if a little late. Next came tracking skills in Daedas Wood, always good fun then three weeks of science, Mentos explosions, slime & worms (just missing puppy dog tails) how much better could it be.

Jo Churchyard deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

Scouts also hiked, after meeting the Cubs they walked from Clifton back to Deddington, the wind was howling but the rain held off till near the end. Good practice for the night hike to Horley!

At Daedas Wood we lit fires & cooked in the dark (they are getting quite good at it) then spent an evening 'painting' with light after making tiny LED flashers. Problem solving came next, tasks to tax the brain including towers of balloons & fiendish webs!

Peter Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Explorers

Two main areas have been focussed on this month, navigation and science. Let's just say the science is working well and we haven't lost all the Unit! A bit more practise needed...

We have also had an interesting visit to The Mill in Banbury to see Skin. A piece of hip-hop dance exploring gender transition. Fascinating and heart breaking.

The latest charity we are supporting is Centrepont. We're holding a Big Broth evening to fund raise. It will have an international twist so should be fun.

Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959
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CONSIDERATE NEIGHBOURS GO THE EXTRA MILE ON BONFIRE NIGHT

From Cherwell District Council

Cllr Barry Wood, leader of Cherwell District Council, said: "If you ignore the rules on using fireworks you may end up in having a challenging conversation with the police.

"Organised public displays should always be your first choice, but if you are having a display at home there are simple things you can do to reduce the impact on neighbours. "It could be as little effort as posting on your social media to warn neighbours a few days ahead, especially those with pets or young children".

"It can be tempting to buy big and loud fireworks, but you should ask yourself if they are appropriate for the size of your garden. "Bonfires can also be a nuisance and thinking about whether smoke will linger or be blow directly into your neighbour's home will ensure our Environmental Protection team don't dampen spirits at your bonfire bash."

Fireworks should only be bought from reputable and licensed retailers and the safety advice should be followed at all times. Pets and animals should be kept away from firework displays and if a neighbour or local famer complains then householders should be considerate. Bonfires should only include dry material to minimise smoke and no household rubbish, tyres or plastics should be burnt.

Petrol or other flammable substances should never be used on bonfires and householders should also consider the weather conditions. Misty or damp conditions could worsen the impact of smoke, while windy conditions can blow smoke directly in to homes or send a fire out of control.

If a bonfire is causing a nuisance, contact the Environmental Protection Team by using our interactive **Report It** system on the email address below:

Public.Protection@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk
or call 01295 227990. If someone is causing a nuisance with fireworks call the police on 101, or 999 if life is in danger.

FROM THE FIRE STATION

This month has been pretty quiet compared to the previous few months, with the engine rolling out of the doors on 25 occasions. Standbys, a few fires and road traffic collisions made up the majority of call-outs. Interestingly enough though, this past week we were turned out to a Hazardous Materials incident involving a chlorine leak at Begbroke Science Park near Kidlington. Members of the crew were required to wear Gas Tight Suits to create ventilations within the building re-creating a hospitable atmosphere. Gas Tight Suits are used for any incident where a solid, liquid or gas could cause harm to a firefighter, either through inhalation, absorption, ingestion or by direct contact. A Gas Tight Suit is worn over a Breathing Apparatus set and creates a concealed environment (atmosphere) within its skin. The suit cannot be used near or around fire as it will melt around the firefighter. When the suit is finished with, a strict set of decontamination procedures has to be followed to avoid the spread of contamination. Generally Hazardous Materials Incidents tend to be quite drawn out due to the complex procedures that need to be followed to ensure the safety of firefighters and the containment of hazardous products.

Over the next few months we will be attending a number of training days. One is a Hazardous Materials day, which will remind us of the procedures to be adopted at an incident that involves a harmful material. Another training day we will be attending is to do with fire behaviour. We go to Moreton College and are put into real live fire situations wearing Breathing Apparatus where we have to control the fire and fire spread using different branch [nozzle] techniques. This is probably the most enjoyable training we do as we get to put out numerous fires.

Congratulations are in order to our very own Barney Alton. Barney joined us around five years ago. Through working at Deddington as an on-call firefighter he fell in love with the job and decided this was the career for him. He applied for a whole-time role earlier in the year and to his and our delight he was offered and appointed to a position within the whole-time service here in Oxfordshire. It really is a fine achievement when you consider he was up against hundreds of other applicants. Well done Barney!

FF Thomas Hall



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You are warmly invited to our services in Banbury and Brackley to come together with other members of our community to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. You are most welcome to dedicate a light on the Christmas tree and leave a handwritten message in one of our books of remembrance – please visit www.khh.org.uk/lights to do so.

Led by the hospice chaplain, a special part of the service is the blessing of the books of remembrance which this year will contain your personal handwritten messages. Our Lights of Love events are open to everyone, but if you are unable to attend in person you can still dedicate a light and your message will be displayed in the books of remembrance at your chosen service.

Lights of Love Brackley – St Peter's Church Tuesday 4 December 7.30pm

Lights of Love Banbury – St Mary's Church Thursday 6 December 7pm



BYGONE BARFORDS

*The following appeared
in the September 1993 edition of Barford
News*

GAMING GHOSTS - My thoughts this evening are of that place which is interesting, intriguing and indeed fearful to the young and adults alike especially on moonlit winter nights during the month of November. I write of the churchyard at St Michael's; in particular that part that is East of the Tower. This is the area of the oldest vaults and tombstones that remain visible to man. This article concerns the one which is near the tower and which has become so weather worn over the centuries, obliterating all legend that may have identified the names of those lying therein. If you visit this tomb, you will notice a basin shaped depression in the slab of stone that covers this tomb. I was first shown where this was in 1934 and told that a very long time ago, men used to play a game similar to what we know as Pitch & Toss. This game was certainly played at Barford well into the 1940's by throwing pennies at a marker. The one player whose coin was the nearest to this marker then collected all the pennies from the ground around the marker (sometimes there was as many as twenty) and placing them in one hand, tossed them up in the air. All those that landed showing "heads" he kept. Each player took turns tossing the remaining pennies until all had been claimed. This mid-century game in Barford usually took place near the bridge and at the beginning of Blacking Grove Lane. Indeed, we were told by old men that they used to watch men playing at these two spots before the first war and that their fathers can remember being told by their fathers that their grandfathers played there with big pennies of the "old Queen". These, I think must have been the copper pennies of Queen Victoria which were last minted in 1860 but circulated almost to the reign of Edward VII. The bridge was built about 1837, so playing there could have been going on for more than 100 years.

To return to the depression in the stone cover of this ancient tomb; there is an account written late in the 18th Century by a visitor to St Michael's Church. After clearing brambles, he, together with "others whose hands were willing", removed all to the field for burning and straightaway began a search of the legends on the tomb stones hoping to find the grave of an ancestor from the 17th Century. He spent some time removing rotten vegetation and lichen from this oldest looking tomb and discovered this man-made hollow filled with

debris. His interest roused, he began searching through this and at the bottom still dry and clean, was a coin of John DeLourey, Lord of Ulster towards the end of the 12th Century and into the 13th Century for a very short time. Of great numismatic interest, this coin, I understand, was given to one of the cabinets belonging to an Oxford College. I believe games with casting coins onto a "target" with great skill was popular and profitable and often placed in remote churchyards. News of the finding of a valuable coin sent me looking for coins that might be laying about around "that old tomb". So, begins the story of the gaming ghosts in St Michael's Churchyard that is still continuing after two hundred years.

One moonlit night in November 1793m a man without fear and after drinking many tankards of ale at The George Inn went into your trees that had been planted some 50 years before and were now about four feet high and protected by some very old hawthorns which gave a very good observation point to see if anyone was about. This man froze with fear (so the account reads) on seeing four men wearing ragged clothes each with his head dangling, one to the North, one to the South, one to the East and one to the West. Each throwing coins out onto the tomb making a sound like a vixen in pain, yet this dreadful sound seemed to be coming from the innermost part of his body. Then a voice spoke to him, he thought, "play will again take station here at this time in 25 years' from now and forever, every 25 year from that date". The watcher remembers nothing more until hearing voices calling his name. The voices were those of his two sons and a small group of villagers formed to help find this man who was so severely disturbed by what he had seen that he was unable to resume his work as a senior market clerk in the town of Banbury until the springtime of 1794.

There ends the account of the Gaming Ghosts signed by Caleb Howard, June 3rd, 1794. However, the impact it had on some of the inhabitants of the village must have been great as I understand that in November 1818 and again in 1843 no-one was allowed to enter the churchyard when the moon was full. I am unable to find any records of what happened in November 1868 but on two nights in November 1893 a part of undergraduates caused bedlam by making unearthly sounds and running at random among the tombstones in the old Eastern side of the churchyard. A gift of £10 to the vicar and wine and beer to those who wanted it prevented any legal action being bough against these young men who admitted to being drunk when causing this disturbance.



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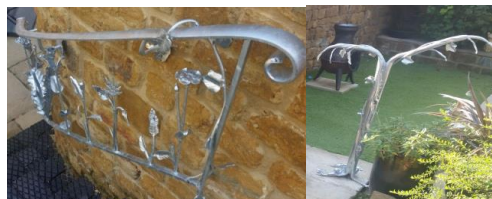
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CDC website: www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk – Parish Council minutes at www.cherwell-local.com

VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

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

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November

2 nd	'Author Event ' Linda Newbery Deddington Library
7 th	Parish Council; Meeting
8 th	Safer Home Talk with TV Police - VH
10 th	Big Barford Breakfast
14 th	WI Talk - Recycling with a Difference
17 th	Village Market
17 th	Picture House – The Railway Man
20 th	Tuesday Lunch Club – VH

December

1 st	Adderbury Christmas Market
5 th	Parish Council Meeting
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