



KING GEORGE'S FIELD NEWS

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Christmas Greetings

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year. In this edition:

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Join the Festive Walk

Enjoy your holiday break and burn off those Xmas calories with a sponsored festive walk at King George's Field being held on Wednesday 27th December.

Come along and have some festive fun by entering our sponsored walk. See how many laps of KGF you can do between 10am and 12noon. Simply turn up and register on the day and bring along your sponsorship form if you have one. There will be hot refreshments available on the day (and Santa may even leave some mulled wine for adults!).

Prizes will be given to those who complete the most laps during this time (start and finish when you like however the sooner you start the more laps you are likely to complete!).

A prize giving ceremony will be made immediately after the community walk has finished. Categories for most laps completed are:



- Under 12 years
- 13 – 18 years
- 19- 65 years
- Over 65 years
- Dogs (on a lead with the owner)

All proceeds will go towards: Barford Sports Club – to help fund community newsletters in 2018. Collect your sponsorship form from Barford Village Shop and bring it along on the day.

Bring your friends, family

and neighbours along for some community fun and exercise at your Field.

For more information contact: info@barfordplayingfields.org or Mark Griffin on 07802 470896.

Thank you to everyone for supporting and using the Field this year. We wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and a healthy 2018. From the Barford Sports Club Team.

BUFC *one year on*

Barford United Football Club has gone from strength to strength this season as they approach their first anniversary since being formed.

The under 12s are still unbeaten and top of the league having won 7 of 9 games scoring 38 goals against really competitive opposition. Plenty of action and goals in most games makes for really enjoyable viewing. The support from parents, coaches, families and players has firmly established the team where children enjoy representing their village on matchdays and in training.

The support last year from Barford Community Charity and sponsors Plumbsave has enabled

the team to continue with fundraising to support an under 7s and 8s section. These teams train on Saturdays at the Field where parents, players and new coaches meet to make new friendships with emphasis on fun.

A lot of work has to go in to clearing pitches from dog litter before pitches are safe and in condition for play. Any help on preventing dog litter would be hugely appreciated. Visitors are loving coming to Barford and it is



Goalmouth action

establishing itself as a great place to learn and enjoy junior football.

The club welcomes new players and helpers interested in getting involved. www.facebook.com/BarfordUnitedFC or contact club@barfordplayingfields.org

43 Golfers in first year of Barford Society

Five golf days, 43 competitors, one overall winner and plenty of fun for the first season.

Congratulations again to Chris Oliver for his fine win overall for 2017 with Neal Benton runner up. Third place went to Mike Cook with Emma Saywell being best

placed lady and fourth overall.

It was the first year of Barford Golf Society and hopefully the first of many successful years ahead. Thanks also to the Granville, Barford for their magnificent trophy which we hope hasn't been too badly ruined by Chris' drinking out of it celebrating until midnight.

With mixed abilities and a wide range of handicaps the emphasis is on fun and there was plenty of that as balls were flying around parts of Warwickshire that had never been seen before. Simon Morgan was presented with a thank you gift for his hard work in setting up the society. The Society have had a terrific season and it looks forward

to 2018, planning 7 venues for the calendar. Already added next year is Kenilworth Golf Club, who have agreed to host at the end of June. Stratford Manor (Ingon), Stratford Oaks and Menzies will happily host again, and The Warwickshire are also keen.

Players have had a very "fluid" handicap system which has ensured everyone has always been in with a chance of winning something at every game. New golfers are encouraged to join in even if it's only one game, everyone is welcome and there are places available for anyone who wants to join for a £15 fee. Contact Simon Morgan (alvinsmate@gmail.com)



Winner Chris Oliver with the Granville sponsored trophy

Getting stuck in

A really encouraging response from the community for more volunteers has meant that our maintenance team is growing in numbers.

With over 25 volunteers now on our rota it means that it is possible to try and keep on top of the leaf blowing and hoovering. With shifts



Chloe doing her 'Ghostbusters' impression

taking place weekly on Fridays and Saturdays it has been possible to keep all of the playing facilities, pathways, bins, and picnic areas free from rubbish and autumn leaves.

Volunteers are mainly adults who give up a few hours every 6 weeks to help out using kit provided.

The recent stormy weather did not deter our youngest recruits Chloe Gardener and Lydia Mitchell from braving the wind to pick up leaves on the Field. Indeed Lydia will have been spotted around the village doing voluntary work to keep Barford clean as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. It's fantastic to see younger members of the village



Lydia working hard for her Duke of Edinburgh Award

helping out and we wish Lydia well in achieving her award.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, your support is hugely appreciated in keeping the Field reasonably leaf free so that facilities can be used.

Do you want to help join our team under supervision and help keep YOUR Field clean and tidy? Contact us on info@barfordplayingfields.org

Netball under lights

The addition of temporary training lights this autumn has been a huge hit with netball players who have been able continue to play at the courts after work. The temporary lights were part funded by a grant from WDC plus fundraising by Barford Sports Club.

Netball leader Ellie Lees speaks positively about being able to play after dark. "The lights have made a big difference for Barford Netball and us being able to continue throughout the winter. Last year we had people wanting to play every week and we kept the group going with camping lights and the school kindly offering up their playground,

however this year we've been able to use our purpose built court with proper lights. Although they weren't easy to set up to begin with, we've all got the hang of it now and I always have a couple of kind players join me at 6pm to set up for starting at 6:30. Although the light isn't perfect it's certainly been the reason we have managed to keep having around 10-14 players per week. It's brilliant to have some junior players too, even if they can shoot better than me when they're shorter so have further to throw!"

We've even been able to use the trolley to move an injured player off the court as she needed to go



Trolley and equipment used by netball players and volunteers

off to hospital. She recovered ok and all of the netball group help out on anything needed....that's teamwork!"

Netball is on Thursdays from 6.30 - 7.30pm with juniors welcome and costs £3. Contact Ellie Lees for more information on 07796 150286.



Festive Walk at KGF

Wednesday 27th December

10AM - 12 MIDDAY

Burn off those Christmas
calories with a

Sponsored Walk

at King George's Field

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Categories for most laps completed are:

- ❄️ UNDER 12 YEARS OLD ❄️ 13 – 18 YEARS
- ❄️ 19 – 64 YEARS ❄️ 65 YEARS PLUS
- ❄️ DOGS (ON A LEAD WITH AN OWNER)

HOT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE. All proceeds will go towards: Barford Sports Club – to help fund regular community newsletters in 2018.

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer to help on the day rather than walk, please contact:

info@barfordplayingfields.org or Ellie Lees on **07796 150 286**

Barford BorderFest was a hit

It's a well-known fact that Barford is home to a number of border terriers along with many other four-legged friends. Saturday 30th of September saw a meeting of borders amongst others who came out in force despite the rain. A gazebo was set up to provide shelter and then seventeen (we think!) border terriers and several other wagging tails brought along their humans for a run around on the Saturday afternoon.

Alex and Chris kindly provided an agility course with various jumps, a tunnel and a slalom; alongside the prosecco brought along by Sue for their owners. Despite not many of the pooches likely to make the next Crufts Agility Championship, there were



some very happy dogs at the end of the day.

When the plans of King George's Field were first revealed, some of the dog owners



Seventeen border terriers and others celebrated the first BorderFest



Agility course

in the village felt that the new facilities may leave little space for dogs within the park. One resident said: "I thought with all the additions for children that dogs wouldn't be welcome. Now we've got the best of both worlds, still space for the dogs to run but if it's muddy there's a tarmac path to use so I don't have to get my wellies on!"

The Barford BorderFest was enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to Sue Jessett for organising the event; and to the many dogs and villagers who attended. Keep your eyes peeled for the next doggy day out at King George's Field.

Snaps at the Field

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has sent in their pictures to us which we are happy to publish.

View from above the MUGA



Looking tidy after the leaf blowing crew



And this wasn't from Google Earth



Barford United coaches under pressure



Go Eddie Go!



The Prince family having their regular tennis match



Sunday afternoon at the Field



Don't let my wife see me hoovering!



Basking in the autumn sunshine





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Activities for all

The Field has seen increased use by the public as we enter the second year since refurbishment. The autumn sunshine has seen numbers of around 200 people at peaks enjoying the facilities and recreation. The school continue to use the courts for lessons.

The Field was nominated for an award as Best Playing field this year in the Fields in Trust national

award scheme. Whilst we did not win we are grateful to everyone for voting for Barford and keeping our profile high again this year.

If you like social football then why not turn out on Monday evenings to play adult soccer under lights down at the MUGA. No need to book, just turn up with trainers and torch 7pm onwards.

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A busy autumn Sunday at the Field for all



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