

Fundraising UPDATE

The fantastic news is that one year after the project commenced, the JPC Working Group ended 2014 with **£86,000** secured towards the improvement of our playing fields.

We have received very positive support from organisations such as WDC, WCC, Barford Charity, Barford Trust and the JPC as well as local donations. The most recent financial award came from the WDC Rural and Urban Capital Improvement Scheme in December. After six months of hard work by the Working Group, the project was awarded £30,000 and we received some extremely positive feedback about our plans. Competition for such grants is very tough so the Working Group is delighted to have secured this investment.

As we enter 2015 we continue to be busy submitting further funding applications and are awaiting responses on other bids already submitted. We'll keep you informed of progress, but it is essential that villagers raise at least £12,500 by this summer to enable us to progress additional funding options. The more we raise locally the sooner the Working Group can apply for other sources of funding. Your support makes a huge difference!

What can you do to raise funds?

In addition to the events being organised by the Working Group, we need villagers to arrange their own activities to raise funds throughout the coming months. Some villagers have stepped forward at the drop-in sessions asking to help organise some events – more information to follow soon. So what can you do? It could be car washing, a bake-off, a social event or even a sports or leisure event. Or what about a walking supper? These proved really successful when raising funds for Barford Village Shop. You cook and host a dinner or BBQ at your house and those who you invite make a payment for the meal – with all proceeds going towards King



George's Playing Field. Not only is this great fun but also a wonderful way to meet new people or catch up with friends and raise money at the same time.

If you are able to host your own event please advise Mark Griffin via mark.griffin1@outlook.com. Please make cheques for money raised payable to 'Barford Community Charity' and complete a Gift Aid Form in advance (charity number 1122038).

Fancy winning a share of



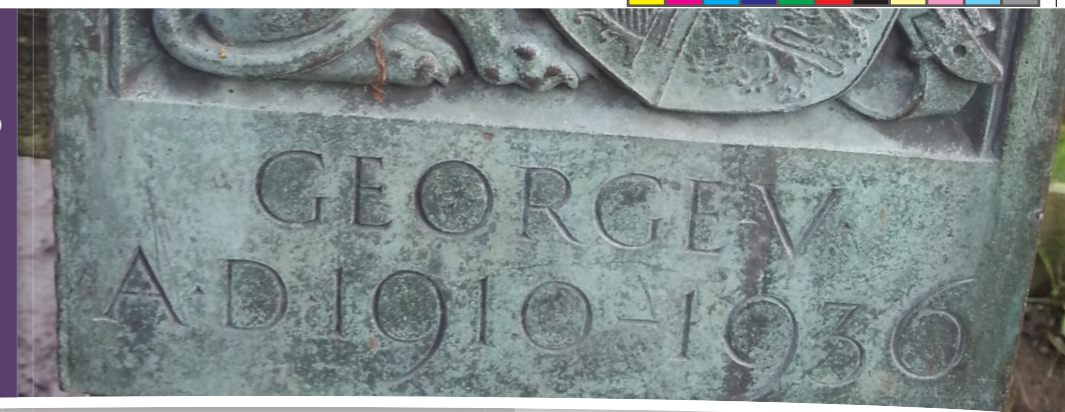
The Working Group has organised a **treasure hunt** with £500 of prizes to be won, including a first prize of £200! We've created a grid of King George's Playing Field – simply buy squares and, if you select the right square, you win. Second prize is £100 with four further prizes of £50.

You can buy as many squares as you like – each costs £5 and you can purchase these from John Murphy via jpc@jvmurphy.co.uk or Harry Gadsden via harrygadsden@me.com.

The grid will also be available in Barford Village Shop at certain times each month. Prizes will be awarded as soon as all squares are sold and we'll also be making a donation to FABS at Barford Primary School.

King George's Playing Field Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the second King George's Playing Field newsletter. In this edition:

- Villagers from across Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton need to raise at least £12,500. The Working Group is organising events to raise funds – what will you do to support these?
- Funding applications are progressing well – see back cover for an update
- Would you like to win a share of £500? Join in our treasure hunt to be in with a chance
- We show you the final designs of the children's play area



Saturday 7 March 2015 – *mark it in your diary!*

Villagers from across Barford, Sherbourne and Wasperton need to raise at least £12,500 by this summer in order to enable additional funding options for King George's Playing Field to be progressed. Yes, that's this summer! To help move our fundraising efforts forward, the Working Group is arranging a number of events on Saturday 7 March:

A right royal breakfast: join us in Barford Memorial Hall for either a continental or full English breakfast. We will be selling tickets to sit down at 9.00am, 10.15am and 11.30am. Tickets will soon be available from Barford Village Shop and will cost £6 for an adult and £2.50 for children (under 13 years of age). When buying your ticket you'll need to select what time you will arrive and whether you want a continental or full English breakfast.

Sponsored walk: the Working Group is arranging a sponsored walk around King George's Playing Field and other parts of Barford between 10.00am and 3.30pm. Starting and finishing at Barford Memorial Hall, you'll follow a safe, one mile long marshalled route and you can complete as many circuits as you like. How far can you, your family and even your dog, complete? Prizes will be awarded for those who walk the furthest. Sponsorship forms will be

available shortly – more information to follow in our next newsletter. It's your chance to participate in some energetic fun and is open to all ages.

Sponsored cycle ride: for those who prefer two wheels to two feet, we are also arranging a sponsored cycle ride around our glorious countryside. The ride will commence at 10am from Barford Memorial Hall and will follow a 10 mile circuit, although cyclists can choose to do as many circuits as they wish. Simply bring your bike and helmet along and join Sarah Falkland and the village cycling club and see how many laps you can complete on the day (all at your own risk of course). Again, sponsorship forms will be available soon.

Promises auction: in the evening, we will be holding a promises auction in Barford Memorial Hall. Starting at 7.30pm, we will have over 40 quality promises up for grabs - these are

currently being finalised and will be published in our next newsletter but will include a meal for six cooked for you in your home, one week's use of a holiday home in Devon and another in North Yorkshire, a return taxi trip to Birmingham Airport, two tickets to a show at the NEC and even an hour-long passenger ride in a brand new Ferrari 458 Spider. Drinks and nibbles will be provided for a fun-filled evening! Details on how to buy your tickets (limited to 60) will be provided in our next newsletter. If you'd like to offer a promise or reserve your tickets at a cost of £5 per person then please contact Mark Griffin via mark.griffin1@outlook.com. If you can't make the auction in person you will still be able to make a bid in advance.

So please keep the date of Saturday 7 March free in your diary. We need your help. Just like the fundraising campaign for Barford Village Shop, it will be great fun and, by participating, you'll also help to raise much needed funds for the transformation of YOUR playing fields.

King George's Fields Play Area, Barford



The children's play area design is now mostly finalised – take a look above. This was shown at our December drop-in session and whilst we will be making minor amends, feedback has been excellent, including the following from one excited local mum:

“You have listened to all of the children’s wishes and given them everything they wanted – they’ll think that all of their Christmasses have come at once!”
 As soon as we reach our first funding milestone we’ll be commissioning this exciting development – watch this space during 2015!

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