

## **Sand and Gravel Update**

The Pig Roast and Promises Auction on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July was a resounding success with 100 people attending. A total of just over £11,000 was raised on the night which was far beyond our expectations. We have now raised a total of £24,000 towards our target of £40,000. Thanks must go to Val Eykyn and all her helpers for organising the event and also to those who gave auction prizes so willingly and the generosity of all who attended. James Hawkesford also deserves our thanks for conducting the auction in such a professional and amusing way.

This event goes to prove that the core values of community still exists and is what makes living in communities such as ours so special and rare in todays world of turmoil. We must continue to work together as a community if we want to protect and keep the way of life we have today.

An industrial scale sand and gravel quarry will affect everybody in our 3 communities although there will be some who are going to be affected more than others. Your action committee is made up of just such people, with some who will be facing severe disruption to their lives and others who will be affected in a minor way. Never the less we are working as one with one objective in mind and that is to stop the damage and disruption we all face to our way of life. As a community of 3 villages we must also work as one.

Your action committee understands the importance of keeping everyone informed and we are trying to communicate our actions and progress with the whole community by letter, facebook, BRA website, posters, plurality and word of mouth. Despite this there are people who feel they are not being kept in the picture and for this reason we plan to hold a **community meeting in the school hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug at 7pm**. The Action Committee will explain exactly what we have done and what we are proposing to do and have some expert speakers who can explain some of the threats we face in more detail. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

Remember all donations, no matter how small, are hugely appreciated.  
Please donate via the Village shop or by bank transfer to:  
Barford Residents Association: Sort code. 20 48 08: Acc no. 60148113

**Thank you**