

Has the Beast of Burford Moved North?

Fiona Macdonald-Bolton normally gives you the correct change at Shipton Post Office. So you have to give her the



benefit of the doubt when she describes what she recently saw early one morning on her way to work.

A Large Cat-like Creature

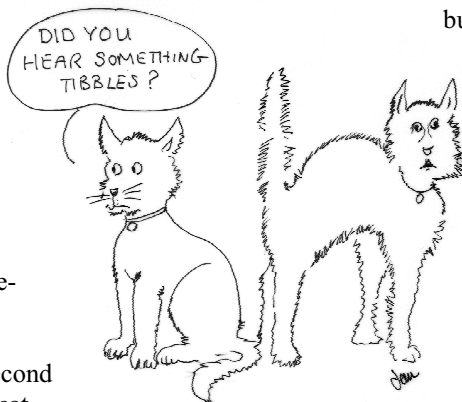
As she was walking past the embankment in front of the Wychwood School at about 6.30am, a muntjac deer shot out of the hedge and wobbled none too sure-footedly down the slope towards the road. The reason for its lack of confidence became evident a split second later when its pursuer, a large black cat like creature, put in an appearance. Fiona describes the animal as about the size of a Labrador and with rounded, sticking up ears. She remembered her training on safari holidays abroad - engage the

animal's eyes and back slowly and cautiously away. At first the creature seemed on the point of following her but then thought better of it and sat down.

Other Sightings

There have been other sightings. One was of the same animal apparently asleep under a tree in Dog Kennel Lane. It is also reported that three cats have gone missing and another was dragged backwards in the process of negotiating its cat flap. It managed to escape however and get home in a distressed state.

All this makes you think when you take your bin out on a Monday night and there is a rustle in the bushes.



Alan Vickers

Let us know if you see anything- we are agog for further sightings! **Editor**

Milton Village Hall

There is currently a free slot available on a Monday evening if any local organisation would like a booking. Please contact the booking clerk, Vi, on: 01993 831442