

# BARFORD NEWS

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*Christmas Carol Service with  
Deddington Brass Band  
Sunday 22nd December  
4:00pm  
Barford St Michael Church*

**Wishing all our readers  
and advertisers a very  
merry Christmas and a  
happy & healthy 2020**

**Thank you for your on-  
going support, it is  
so appreciated.**



*Stay for mince pies*



*&  
mulled wine!*



**from Lucy, Caroline  
& Mariann  
The Barford News Team**



## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 6<sup>th</sup> November in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Cox, Charman, District Councillor Williams, County Cllr Fatemian, Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

**Minutes of the last meeting:** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

**Public Participation: None**

**Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian: Horton Hospital** – This has been referred to The Secretary of State

**OCC Prepared for Brexit** – OCC believes that it has made all necessary plans in the event of Brexit

**OALC Guidance on grants** - The Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils has issued guidance on Parish Councils giving money to the Church.

**Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams: Joint Working between CDC & OCC** - The partnership continues to thrive and develop. It is worth noting that since the inception of the joint working partnership between the County Council and Cherwell District Council we have begun to develop a strong collaborative approach to seeking efficiencies through activities such as the sharing of senior posts, joint procurement, and shared services in areas such as human resources and ICT. These efficiencies are important as they help us reduce our running costs and overheads, getting the best value for money. But the partnership is also focused on effectiveness. And whilst reducing our running costs is clearly important, improving the effectiveness of our service delivery also offers a real prize as local people will experience the benefit in terms of the services they receive. We will also seek to address those issues that many Members experience when working across two local authorities.

Posts currently shared are:

- Chief Executive
- Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)
- Corporate Director: Customers and Organisational Development
- Deputy Director: HR
- Assistant Director: Social Care, Commissioning and Housing
- Assistant Director for Regulatory Services and Community Safety
- Head of Procurement and Contract Management
- Corporate Director: Communities

In addition, shared posts are offering additional support and backfill on an interim basis in services such as communities and culture to ensure there is effective capacity and support to delivery in priority areas such as growth. In the next few months we will also seek to add three further senior joint posts to the leadership of both organisations. Corporate Director: Commercial Development, Property and Assets and Directors for Strategy and Communications and Customers and Digital. In addition to these joint posts a shared approach to emergency planning and business continuity has also been implemented. This has significant benefits for local residents with a single planned response in effect for emergencies and joined up training.

**Parish Matters:**

**Reinforcement of the Village Green** – Mr R Palmer has confirmed that he is able to source the materials required to reinforce the edges of the Village Green. It was agreed that this work will be carried out in the spring.

**Barford Website compliance with Regulations for Public Sector Bodies' Websites** – Our website is currently not compliant and must be altered to be compliant by 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. The Clerk has asked the builder of the website to make the necessary changes.

**ICO Data Protection Fees** – All Parish Councils are required to pay an annual fee the Information Commissioner's Office. The payment of the fee was approved (unanimous).

**Speeding down Murreys Lane** – Cars have been observed speeding down Murreys Lane. This is dangerous for pedestrians, particularly at the two entrances to West Close. It has been suggested that a request could be made to highways to make it one way going uphill.

**Parking at the bottom of Murreys Lane and outside St Michaels Church** – It has been noticed that cars are sometimes parked awkwardly which makes them difficult to pass. Parishioners are asked to park as considerately as possible.

**Christmas lights on The Green** – These will be switched on on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Climate Emergency** – Cherwell District Council has declared a climate emergency.

**The George Car Park Sign** – This has disappeared again. Cllr Charman agreed to call in to The George on his way home to ask them to put up a car parking sign again.

**Moss removal in Robins Close** – Herbicide was applied to the pavement in Robins Close earlier in the year, but Thomas Fox have now removed the moss from the pavement.

**Grass Cutting Contract** – Thomas Fox completed an additional cut to West Close, the Churchyard and verges on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

**Footpath sign for The Rock** – This will be fitted by the end of the week.

**Overgrown Bushes & Trees on Murreys Lane** – Oxfordshire County Council has cleared back all the trees bushes and undergrowth.

**Tree obstructing the gateway on the hill out of Barford St John** – The pruning will be carried out on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**Oak Tree on the corner of Lower Street and Bloxham Road** – The pruning will be carried out on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**Fix My Street Super User** – The clerk has been trained by OCC to authorise repairs to potholes in roads within the 30mph speed limit. The minimum size of the pothole must be 15cm x 4cm and at least 4cm deep.

**Planning:**

19/01900/TCA – The Nook, The Green, Barford St Michael – Fell two trees – Granted

19/02096/TCA – Stonehaven, Barford St Michael – Prune Maple – awaiting decision

19/02105/TCA – Jackdaws, Barford St Michael – Prune & Fell trees - Granted

19/02239/TCA – Stonehaven, Barford St Michael – Prune Willow – Granted

19/02238/TCA – Lower St/ Bloxham Rd – Remove lower branches over road – Granted

19/02449/TCA – Brambles, Lower Street - - Prune trees – returned to CDC with objections

**Finance:**

**Payments - Payments** - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £1,012.15. This was proposed by Cllr Eden and seconded by Cllr Turner. The cash in the bank after the November payments is £9,237.41

**Next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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A big



to probably our longest serving Barford News Deliverer and one of the loveliest people you could ever hope to meet, Rupert Moulton.

*After many years, (I can't be more precise as records do not go back that far..!!),* Rupert is hanging up his Sainsbury's/OCADO plastic bag which every month would be stuffed with BN's destined for Rock Close, Summer Ley and the bottom end of the High Street. Come rain or shine, mostly rain I would imagine, Rupert got those BN's delivered. Rupert, you have been a star, thank you.

And so it's a big welcome and a big thank you to Janet & John Morris who are taking over Rupert's patch, it is very much appreciated, chaps.

from The Barford News Team

**The Adderbury Ukulele Group** welcomes anyone who loves playing the ukulele! People of all ages play and sing along together on Monday nights at the Adderbury Bowls Club, from 7.30pm to 9pm. 2019 was a busy year for the group with a great number of engagements at: Care homes, WI meetings, Banbury Peoples Park Centenary, Colegrave Seeds, Adderbury Community Day and many more. December is the most hectic, but a lovely time when we play lots of Christmas music to different groups.



The new year starts with a new song book of 25 new songs for the group to learn and add to our growing repertoire of popular music. We also start a 12 week course of beginner classes.

**Bookings - We take bookings where we play a variety of popular songs and provide song books so the audience can join in with the group.**

**For details and to contact the group, go to our web site at: [www.adderburyukes.co.uk](http://www.adderburyukes.co.uk)**

## **BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET**

**SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER ~ 10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**JOIN US FOR COMPLIMENTARY  
MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES**



**Excellent selection of artisan Breads**

**Moore & Lyon  
Offering home reared meats  
&  
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, Rapeseed oils, Fairtrade items, hand knitted woollies .....and treats for the birds  
or simply join us for a Cuppa with friends and neighbours!!**

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

**FROM TONY COLLIER:** *After several years of contributing to Barford News I have decided that the ink has run dry! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a contributor but farming is a repetitive business and avoiding repetition has become difficult. Time therefore for someone else to have a go!*

**FROM THE EDITOR:** *May I take this opportunity to thank you Tony for your contributions to BN over the past several years. Each and every beautifully-penned piece has not only been informative, and something of an eye-opener into farming, but also very witty. It's been an absolute joy to read and DOTF will be missed.*

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## DOWN ON THE FARM

During the late 1960's part of my remit as a farming journalist was the Soviet Bloc and a few times a year I would travel to Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Russia (once) and East Germany. This was the time before the Berlin Wall came down and visiting these once prosperous countries, now clothed in the drabness of communism was depressing.

East Germany was most frequently visited because we were importing farm machinery from that area, as well as from Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. It was also the worst in terms of Russian oppression and travelling from West Berlin with its prosperity, bright lights and well stocked shops to the Eastern sector was like travelling through a time warp in which drabness, oppression and a poor standard of living combined to continue a harsh reality of the termination of the second World War.. Soviet troops were everywhere and much of the country and its ruined towns and cities appeared untouched since 1945.

Farms had been taken from their owners and grouped into vast Kombinats. Managed by committee they were less than efficient and, in order to maintain full employment, involved manual labour with limited mechanisation. One Kombinat I visited had 300 milking cows that were hand milked by 20 or so women twice a day: 'Why invest in milking machines and put people out of work', I was told in answer to my obvious question.

On one occasion I was taken (one was chaperoned everywhere by a party member) to a massive potato store not far from Leipzig and which collected potato crops from collective farms in a wide area. The striking thing about the place was a high fence topped with razor wire that surrounded it and rifle clutching guards at the entrance. When I questioned my guide about these features I was told it was to prevent people breaking in and stealing the potatoes. For me, that just about summed everything up.

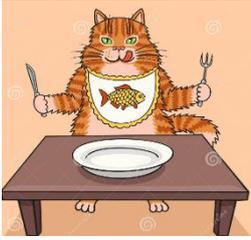
I imagine that East Germany, like other former Soviet controlled areas, is now thriving as West German investment has lifted the drab cloak of communism. The experience did give me the opportunity to visit Colditz Castle and other places of wartime interest. Colditz Castle rears bleakly above its village and its worn stairways and cobbled yards bore witness to the years of incarceration of hundreds of prisoners of war.

Before the Russians cancelled my visa – which eventually happened to all journalists whose frequent visits were treated with increasing suspicion by the Soviet authorities – I took a group of farm contractors to East Germany to look at manufacturing plants and general farming. During the trip our guide took us to Dresden to show us how it had been re-built after, what he described as the dastardly English RAF bombing raids of the Second World War. It was drizzling with rain as we surveyed the unimpressive blocks of new buildings under a grey November sky.

I was standing next to a tall Yorkshireman when our guide, perhaps misinterpreting his boredom, asked him if he had been to Dresden before.

'No', was the terse reply, 'but my dad used to come over quite often, mainly at night'.

**Tony Collier  
Iron Down Farm**



grubadvisor

review by  
lucy norman

Where did you eat? **THE RED LION**  
Market Place  
Deddington

Cuisine? fish 'n' chips

RATINGS Out of 5 stars.....

Food ★★★★★

Service ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

Atmosphere ★★★★★

#### COMMENTS:

To be honest last week wasn't Angus and my first visit, it's about the 5<sup>th</sup> I think and the food, service etc has been consistently good. You can eat in or order a take-away (take-away only in person, not by phone I believe) but you can have a drink while you are waiting, the service is pretty quick.

A **Large Cod & Chips** will set you back £11.90 Eat-In or £8.90 Take-Away whilst **Scampi & Chips** is £9.90 Eat-In and £7.90 Take-Away. This is pretty average for F&C's nowadays and the portions are quite generous. You can also order the homemade mushy peas and tartar sauce, very tasty.

We spoke to the Chef a few weeks ago and he said that they are planning to introduce lighter lunches, fish finger sandwiches etc for those who do not fancy a heavy old lunch (not me I might add).

#### OPENING HOURS:

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – Thursday 12 noon – 2:30pm  
5.00pm – 9.00pm

Fryday & Saturday 12 noon – 2.30pm  
5.00pm – 9.30pm

Sunday 12 noon – 5,30pm



## Christmas Recipe for the kids...

### CHOCOLATE SNOWMAN TRUFFLES {Makes 10}

#### Ingredients

- 100g (4oz) plain chocolate
- 100g (4oz) butter
- 275g (10oz) icing sugar
- White chocolate for grating
- Red and green pre-bought fondant icing - for hats and noses

#### Method

- Place water in a small pan, bring to the boil and take off the heat
- Break chocolate into a heatproof bowl and place over the water. Gently stir until chocolate is melted. Add the butter and again gently stir until butter has melted. Remove bowl from water
- Sieve the icing sugar into chocolate mixture, fold until thoroughly mixed together. Allow to cool.
- Take small spoonful of the mixture and roll into a small ball. Grate white chocolate into a bowl and roll each truffle in the chocolate until well coated – keep your hands cool and it won't be so sticky!
- Once all the snowmen are complete, make hats and noses using the red and green icing then attach to the snowmen – you may need to use cocktail sticks or a little jam to help sticking.
- Make a little box or use cellophane to wrap your truffles and give them to teachers, friends and relations for Christmas and as thank you pressies

Recipe taken from [www.bbcgoodfood.com](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com)



### A SPOOKY THANK YOU

A HUGE Halloween thank you to all the ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggedy witches who

arrived at my doorstep and parked their broomsticks with such precision. Once again, I applaud the amazing spirit entered into by the children of the Barfords. You are a credit to your community and families! From the incredible costumes, jokes, poems and witchy compliments you were all truly magical!

With over 70 visitors this year including four legged bats? Some who found their inner child and couldn't resist knocking on the door? And entertainment from some of our young visitors. It was without doubt a pleasure contributing in a small way to your Halloween Spooktacular. A night filled with good old-fashioned fun. Let's do it all again next year!!

Thank you from Mrs Halloween *(according to some of my little Halloween friends?)*

Nick Belson

Below...young Ghillie entering into the 'spirit' of it...



### NEW YEARS' DAY WALK

Our annual winter walk is in the planning stages. We plan to stage it on Jan 1st 2020 (keeping up with tradition).

Meet at the village hall 10.15 and aim to start at 10.30 and complete the first stage of the event by 12ish ending back at the village hall, where we hold the final stage. The grub. Yes the usual hot soup and crusty bread. The soup should be our traditional game variety, that is subject to local poachers (joking). And some veggie acceptable option.

The walk will take place, regardless of the weather. Bring water proof clothing, dogs and money to donate to the Kathmandu kids home.

Have a great Christmas. See you 1st of January if not before.

T'committee



### Christmas Services in the Barfords

Christingle Service in Barford St Michael  
Sunday 15th 4.00pm



Carol Service in Barford St Michael  
Sunday 22nd 4.00pm

Crib Service in Barford St Michael  
Christmas Eve 4.00pm



Midnight Mass in Barford St Michael  
Christmas Eve 11.30pm

Family Communion in Barford St John  
Christmas Day 10.30am



Welcoming the Light in Barford St John  
Sunday 29th 9.00am



**CHRISTMAS TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB ~ 17th DECEMBER 2019 at 12.30PM for 1PM**

**PRE-MEAL DRINK OF MULLED WINE OR ORANGE JUICE  
WITH NIBBLES ON ARRIVAL**

**MENU**

**Main Course**

Roast Turkey Crown  
Sausage and Bacon (Pigs in Blankets)  
Apricot & Spring Onion Stuffing Balls  
Bread Sauce & Cranberry Sauce

**Or**

Roast Top Rump of Beef  
Yorkshire Pudding  
Horseradish Sauce

The above main courses will be served with Roast Potatoes

**Or**

Oven Baked Smoked Cod with a Cheese and Chive sauce  
Served with New Potatoes

All main courses will be served with Seasonal Vegetables

**Desserts**

Chilled Lemon Soufflé and Raspberries served with Ginger and Cinnamon Biscuits  
Date and Apple Pie, served with Creamy Custard with a dash of Brandy  
Chocolate and Baileys Cheesecake

**Finally**

Coffee & Tea with Chocolates  
Price £7.50

**As usual please bring your own alcoholic drinks to have with your meal**

**Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074 or**

**email [mickpearson1@outlook.com](mailto:mickpearson1@outlook.com) by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

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

# FESTIVE TRACTOR FLEET ~ Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December



Tractors from around our villages are revving up their fairy lights for the Christmas tractor convoy. The route has been announced and invitations have been issued to participate with a tractor or just go along to watch the fleet pass through the village.

Quickly becoming one of the favourite festive fundraisers, in just three years since it began, the fairy lit procession has raised £11,000 for the Katharine House Hospice.

The route will begin at 17:00 and end at 18:30 Spring Hill Farm in Barford St Michael. Participants will travel through the villages of South Newington, Milcombe, Bloxham, Milton, Adderbury, Deddington, Hempton and then back Barford St Michael.

Last year 79 tractors participated and this year the organisers, RC Baker Ltd, are hoping to exceed that figure. If you would like to join the fleet you can sign up online [www.rcbaker.co.uk/tractorrn](http://www.rcbaker.co.uk/tractorrn) or by calling the office on [01869 338307](tel:01869338307).

RC Baker Ltd also invite you to come and see the fairy-lit fleet after their tour from 6.30pm at Spring Hill Farm, OX15 0PL for a drink and a mince pie.



.....the **BIG BARFORD BREAKFAST IS BACK** and will take place on **SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 9:00am-11:30am** ~ *(11:30 being last orders!!)*

You can now book your place for this Silver Service event either by calling Lucy on ☎ **337678** or email me by **TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER** at [lulu.norman@btinternet.com](mailto:lulu.norman@btinternet.com) and, ideally, let me know:

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

**BIG BARFORD BREAKFAST**  
**£4.50**

bacon | sausage | egg | beans  
hash brown | mushrooms  
tea or coffee \ orange or apple juice  
toast, butter & jam  
*(additional items 50p each)*

OR

**SMALL BARFORD BREAKFAST**  
**£2.50**

toast, butter & jam | yogurt  
tea or coffee \ orange or apple juice

**TAKE-AWAYS & BACON, SAUSAGE OR EGG BUTTIES ALSO AVAILABLE**



**BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB  
NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED  
DECEMBER 2019**

*"I heard a bird sing  
In the dark of December  
A magical thing  
And sweet to remember.  
'We are nearer to Spring  
Than we were in September,'  
I heard a bird sing  
In the dark of December."*

**-Oliver Herford, *I Heard a Bird Sing***

**GARDEN CLUB AUTUMN PLANT and TOOL SWAP**  
organised by Trevor

On Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> the Village Hall was warm and welcoming when about 20 members and friends turned up for The Garden Club's first autumn swap. This was based on our very successful spring plant swap but broadened to include tools, equipment, books, magazines and seeds. Members brought along items from power strimmers and mowers to tiny pruning snippers and trowels with twenty years of work behind them and the same or more ahead! The books and magazines made a colourful display, most finding new homes, and forward-looking gardeners swapped plants and seeds in the hope of bright borders and bulging veg plots next year. The D T Brown seed catalogue that can give members up to 50% discount was keenly acquired. Pumpkin twists and Yorkshire bonfire cake gave an autumn touch to the lovely selection of snacks provided by the committee, and members enjoyed sharing the wine they'd bought along. This turned out to be a win/win situation some taking the chance to declutter, while others went home with a book or a tool to help them with their gardening. Any untaken items were given to charity shops or gardening charities.

Trevor Stevens.

**Jobs for December *Winter frost***

As we approach the shortest day of the year in December you will need work to keep you warm outside, such as digging and tree pruning. Check your winter protection and if you have a greenhouse make sure the heater is working. Hopefully there are not too many jobs left to do this year so you will have time for some fireside garden planning. Insulate outdoor taps and prevent ponds from freezing; Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls); Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding; Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage,

sprouts and remaining root crops Reduce watering of houseplants.

More can be found each month on the RHS website.

The Committee, consisting of Lavinia Crowther, Janet Morris, Linda Newbery, Trevor Stevens and Gunilla are meeting soon to organise some new talks and visits for next year. Please let us know if you have any good ideas.



Keep warm, think of spring and happy gardening!

**Spade and fork**

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*Thank you  
to everyone who  
bought their  
pumpkins  
from me this  
year.*

*Despite only managing to grow half  
the usual amount of  
pumpkins this season  
I managed to raise  
£56.12 in aid of the  
childrens' home in  
Kathmandu.*



*Maggie*

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**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!!**

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN



## CHRISTMAS DECORATION WORKSHOP

Led by the Deddington  
Flower Shop ladies

Please bring your secateurs  
and join us for mulled wine &  
mince pies  
on Wednesday, 11th December  
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

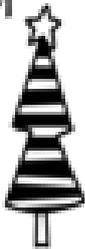
Visitors £5.00

# Post

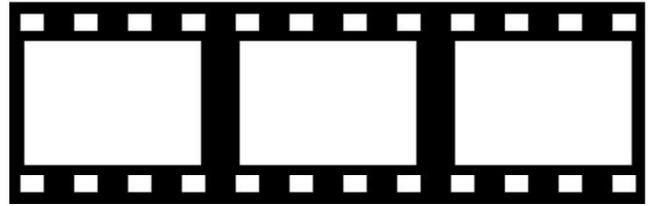
## Your local Christmas Cards

20p

For Delivery by  
**The Scouts**  
To: Deddington,  
Hempton, Clifton  
& The Barfords



**Post Boxes in,  
Eagles Butchers  
& Barford P.O.**  
From December 7th  
Last collection Dec 21st



**BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE**  
**December 14th 2019**

## PADDINGTON 2

This film, released in 2017 stars many great actors.....Michael Gambon, Imelda Staunton, Sally Hawkins, Julie Walters, Ben Wishaw, Hugh Grant and Jim Broadbent among others.

### Some reviews.....

«Paddington 2 should be prescribed as an antidote to anyone who finds the madness of the modern world a bit wearing. It's probably possible to not absolutely love it, but it's hard to see how.

A delightful sequel that will charm audiences of all ages, this is precisely the sort of earnest, crowd-pleasing family film that parents and kids can enjoy for their own reasons *Paddington 2* honours its star's rich legacy with a sweet-natured sequel whose adorable visuals are matched by a story perfectly balanced between heartwarming family fare and purely enjoyable all-ages adventure.»

### ICE CREAMS WILL BE SERVED

Come and watch at your local cinema  
in our Village Hall

Doors open 7.15 and film starts at 7.45

Bring your own drinks and more comfortable  
chairs if you wish.



Contact Gunilla for further information  
☎720521



A large group of Deddington Guides spent an amazing week on a trip to Switzerland. They travelled by coach to Adelboden, with other Guides from the Banbury Area – Cherwell Division.

They have talked excitedly about making new friends from other units in addition to meeting other Guides and Scouts from other countries, who were also in Switzerland. The Guides visited Our Chalet – an amazing world centre, high in the mountains – a wonderful experience for the Guides!

The opportunity to see the local woodcarver at work and purchase badges is always a must for all guiding visitors. Switzerland's stunning scenery was much appreciated by the Guides and they loved visiting the mountains and waterfalls. Another popular trip was to a chocolate factory with a chance to taste and buy gifts for home. Tobogganing on a rail track was voted best outing of all in spite of a few tumbles. What a great trip.

The annual outing to the Big Gig – this year in Sheffield was loved by the girls – again travelling by coach with sister Guides from Banbury. This is a huge pop concert with well known artists and only for Guides! Thousands of them. If you are not a Guide you can't go. They arrived home very tired and hoarse but very happy.

Back in the meetings we spent time in patrols, planning and tackling their own activities. We are getting better at identifying natural wonders, including nuts, seeds and fruits, tree and birds and sharing wildlife sightings and experiences. The Guides had a great time producing mini sandwiches and snacks that were healthy and well presented. We had great fun taking up the challenge as to rival teams. "Swizzy Sandwiches", and "snazzy snacks". The menus and presentations were superb. There are definitely some entrepreneurs in our midst.

We gave a nod to Halloween – only homemade costumes, allowed. All a bit of fun followed by apple bobbing and the ever popular mummy game – when it's a race to wrap your team member in loo roll from toe to top first!! This always leads to a second game – "snowball fight" with the paper used. To follow we talked about All Saints Day and the British Patron Saints and what forces for good they were.

Lastly a wonderful turnout for Remembrance Day parade. All the Guides looked very smart and our colour parties and wreath and cross layers did us proud. Well done Guides.

**Meet:** Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm, Windmill Centre, Deddington

**Maggie Rampley – 07957 600755**

**Marian Trinder – 01869 340806**

or [mariantrinder@gmail.com](mailto:mariantrinder@gmail.com)

**Tilly Neal – 07557 095681**

**Taken from Deddington On-Line.  
The Trick or Treat bit is out of date but  
please note that there is a Rural Community  
Forum on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 6:30pm at  
Deddington Fire Station**



#### **BLUE LIGHT OF DEDDINGTON**

Our next Rural Community Forum will be held on 4 December at 6.30pm at Deddington Fire Station. Please come and meet the team and discuss any concerns. .

'No Trick or Treat' leaflets are available from both the Health Centre and the Co-op in Deddington.

This month our team brought in four burglary suspects. Please be mindful of your security, lock up and do not keep your car keys in obvious places. We have been experiencing burglaries where offenders break into houses, take car keys and then steal the car from the driveway.

We have been dealing with reports from the Epwell and Milton areas of horses being ridden in the early hours and tack being damaged and stolen. If you notice any suspicious activity please report it to us on 101.

We are again receiving reports of parents parking dangerously and speeding when dropping off and collecting children from school. Please obey the rules.

Please call us if you see anyone making unlicensed scrap metal collections. We recently seized an unlicensed, uninsured scrap metal van which had failed its MOT and was being operated without a waste collection licence.

PCSOs Jayne Langford, Lana Smith and Claire Brennan Gatescan be contacted at [BanburyRural-NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BanburyRural-NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) or by calling 101.



**A few thoughts from your curate, Paula, this month.....**

The nights have been really drawing in and the prospect of cosy evenings in front of the fire are not just on the horizon but a reality!

Although as is the way of this very social village, the prospect of some gathering in the village hall is also part of my thoughts and I have been looking at the calendar of events coming up.

it is very important to meet and gather as a community and it hardly seems a year ago that we were preparing as a nation for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War one. Groups were gathering to organise trips to special events, crafts groups were meeting up to get crafty with some creation and on Remembrance Sunday the churches were bulging at the doors. People coming and joining together, to pay their respects for the bravery of those who went to war and to honour the lives bravely given by those who did not return.

This year may not be a centennial year, but Remembrance Sunday is as significant as ever as we remember the sacrifice of all those who strive to keep peace in this troubled world, and for all those civilians who are tragically caught up in war zones.

Of course, not everyone can get out to meet with others and as the days get shorter, the nights get longer, and the months of Winter can be challenging for many. Jesus showed much love and compassion for all when he walked the earth as a human and a central Christian message is to love our neighbour. This is something I have noticed here in the Barfords, how very caring people are in keeping an eye out for neighbours and those they know are in need in these villages. It is what attracts many people to live here; let us not forget this as we settle into these winter months ahead and continue this great community caring work.

Blessings to you all, Revd Paula



**RUBBISH & RECYCLING  
COLLECTION DATES**

*{always a Thursday}*

- 5<sup>th</sup> December.....blue 'n' brown
- 12<sup>th</sup> December.....green
- 19<sup>th</sup> December.....blue 'n' brown
- 26<sup>th</sup> December {28<sup>th</sup> tbc}.....green

**Dear Readers**

**I rang Cherwell Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> November about our Green bin collection which falls on Boxing Day this year.**

**They told me that, tentatively, the collection day will be Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> December. This will be confirmed shortly and all bins will be 'tagged' within the next week or so.**



**Deddington  
PFSU and  
Village Nursery**

Christmas is coming and we are looking forward to all our celebrations.

The PFSU will be holding two 'decorations' afternoons on Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th December from 1.30 to 3.00pm when family members are invited to join their children to get the pre-school ready for Christmas. Nursery will hold a Christmas creative morning on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December when parents and carers are welcome to join us for some Christmas crafts, a snack and some Christmas songs.

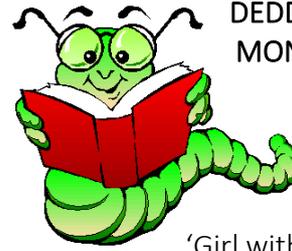
The PFSU and F1 class will be presenting their production, 'A Miracle in Town', on Monday 9th December at 2pm at Deddington Church.

Our Christmas parties will be held at the PFSU on Wednesday 18th December from 9.30am and at Nursery on Thursday 19th December, from 11am -1pm. Finally our Christmas Fayre will be held in Deddington Church on Tuesday 3rd December from 7.30 to 9.30pm. This is open to everyone and we hope to see lots of you there. May we remind PFSU parents that the deadline for primary school applications falls on 15th January.

Lastly, we would like to thank Deddington Farmers Market and Deddington Parish Show for their generous donations.

Happy Christmas all!

Lucy Squires ☎ 337484



## DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

In November the read was **New Boy** by **Tracy Chevalier** (of 'Girl with A Pearl Earring' fame).

This is one of a series retelling Shakespeare's plays and is a modern take on Othello.

Chevalier has chosen to set her story in the 1970s Washington DC, an appropriate time and place for the issues highlighted by the tale. Political correctness had not filtered down into the community. Racism was still rife, even in the 6th grade classroom and playground.

A new boy, Osei, faces all the usual uncertainties of finding where he fits in but is also the only black child in the school. The tensions caused by issues of jealousy, identity, race and betrayal are sensitively described. In essentials it is faithful to the original text and well worth reading. Some of the group intend reading Shakespeare's play following their enjoyment of this modern reworking. The issues raised are as relevant today as they were then.

Our next book is **Case Histories** by **Kate Atkinson**.

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## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

This month has been busy as always here at Deddington Primary school. We would like to start by thanking our wonderful PTA for putting on a great firework display once again, for us all to enjoy. The children and adults alike loved the colours, flashes and bangs! The members of the PTA work so incredibly hard for our school, so **THANK YOU very much.**

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have worked extremely hard this month to prepare for the service of 'Children Singing for Children' at St Mary's Church Banbury. On the night of November 12<sup>th</sup>, our pupils sang 'One and a Million' and 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious'! The members of the church audience were thrilled with our performance and every child sang/danced amazingly well, representing our school beautifully. We would like to thank Alicia Rumsby for her time and expertise used, in putting this performance together with the children at the church.

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November we held our yearly 'Pebble Mass' assembly in the school hall. During this assembly, children new to our school community put a pebble each into our special jar, to show they have joined us here at Deddington. Adults who are an important part of our school and wider community also put a pebble in the jar. This year we can share we even have a pebble in there for our wonderful 'Pets as Therapy' dog! It was a fabulous time where we all came together for just a short amount of time.

We will soon be starting work on our Christmas performances! It seems unbelievable to think we are at that time of year once again. We look forward to F1 and F2, KS1 and KS2 performing in Deddington church during early December.

DENISE WELCH

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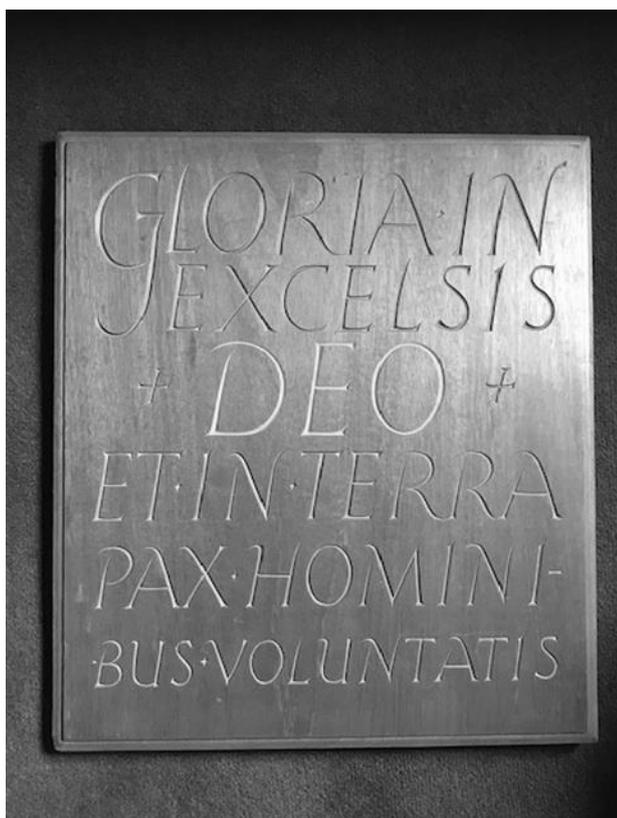
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The PCC is pleased to accept the gift of a carved mahogany panel to be hung in St Michael's church.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

### Cubs

Well, all our new Cubs have settled in very nicely, it's like they've always been there & I have even managed to learn all their names, although I don't always direct them at the correct person!

We have crashed into the new term with three activity badges, Road Safety (or hedgehog club), Emergency Aid, they all know the basics & Home Help, ( sewing, ironing & tea making ) so they got to use the knowledge from Emergency Aid practically!

[Jo Churchyard deddingtoncubs@gmail.com](mailto:Jo.Churchyard@deddingtoncubs@gmail.com)

### Scouts

After our foray into plastic reduction & a look at electric cars, the Scouts used scrap items to make pan pipes with straws & battery- operated cars using drinks cans, cardboard & hope. The two successful builds raced, albeit at a stately pace, the length of the room & the winner was presented with a handsome trophy. Emergency Aid followed, if you have an accident don't be surprised to find yourself put enthusiastically into the recovery position!

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### Explorers

The Unit has been really active in the past months. From completing the Bloxham Circular walk to rifle shooting at Horley and the start of both the Chefs badge and the International part of the Chief Scout's Awards. We have sampled bread, fudge, made craft items to sell at the November Farmer's Market and cooked drop scones over open fires. This year we are supporting the charity Street Child United and are going to sleep out at Northamptonshire Cricket Club to raise awareness of the plight of children who have no permanent home. If you feel able to sponsor the Unit please email the Spartans address. We would be pleased to see any extra support for this amazing cause. <https://www.streetchildunited.org> If you are interested in joining the Unit contact any of the leaders.

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Diary dates to the editor by 15<sup>th</sup> of each month please

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#### DECEMBER

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8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	9:00am	BSJ
15 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle	4:00pm	BSM
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Communion	9:00am	BSM
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Carol Service	4:00pm	BSM
24 <sup>th</sup>	Crib Service	4:00pm	BSM
24 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight Mass	11:30pm	BSM
25 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion	10:30am	BSJ
29 <sup>th</sup>	Welcoming the Light	9:00am	BSJ

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<b>Tuesdays</b>	Guides (Deddington) Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar
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<b>Thursdays</b>	Open cuppa mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)
<b>Fridays</b>	Rainbows Whist alternate weeks
<b>Saturdays</b>	Village Market 3 <sup>rd</sup> week <b>(except January or August)</b>
<b>3rd Wednesday</b>	Village Hall Management Committee

#### DIARY DATES

##### December

- 3<sup>rd</sup> PFSU Christmas Fayre-Deddington Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rural Community Forum - Deddington
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bloxham Christmas Tree Festival Concert
- 11<sup>th</sup> WI, Christmas Decoration Workshop - VH
- 14<sup>th</sup> Village Market
- 14<sup>th</sup> Picture House – Paddington 2
- 15<sup>th</sup> Big Barford Breakfast – village hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tuesday Lunch Club
- 19<sup>th</sup> Tractor Run
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Carol Service

##### January

- 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day Walk

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