



BARFORD NEWS

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Autumn Fayre

Barford Village Hall

Saturday 9th October 2:00pm

*Huge Raffle, Bottle Stall, Chocolate Tombola,
Barford Fields Treasure Hunt, Human Fruit
Machine, Teas, Barbecue, Accessories, Plants
& Produce and much, much more!*

The Barford Churches of St Michael & St John

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 1st September 2021 at the Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner (Chairman), Hobbs (vice Chairman), Best, Charman, Cosgrove, Cox, Eden, and District Cllr Bryn Williams and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). No members of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2021 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian: None

Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams:

Staffing Levels at CDC – A lot have staff have left CDC, especially in the Planning department. This is likely to lead to delays until they can be replaced.

Civil Parking Enforcement – Under the introduction of civil parking enforcement powers (CPE) later this year, parking enforcement in Cherwell, South Oxon and Vale of White Horse will be taken over from the Police by Oxfordshire County Council. This will result in increased, more consistent enforcement of waiting and loading restrictions across the Districts.

Neighbour Consult planning application letters – CDC were planning to discontinue sending these out but due to pressure from parish Councils have decided to continue notifying neighbours of new applications

Diversion of footpath at Barford Mill – District Cllr Bryn Williams has received complaints that the footpath has been blocked but Councillors advised that it has been rerouted with signs to safeguard walkers whilst the Mill is being renovated.

Public Participation: None.

Allotments:

Allotment agreements will be sent out later this month. An allotment has become available, and this has been offered to a resident on the waiting list.

Parish Matters:

Playground Annual Inspection – The reports detail some recommended repairs. It was agreed that the reports should be sent to the playground committee, which manages the playgrounds, to ask them to carry out the repairs. The Clerk attended a course on playground maintenance run by the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (OPFA). It is a requirement to carry out weekly checks on play equipment. It was agreed to pass the information to the Playground Committee to ask them to carry out the inspections.

Cherwell Governance Review – The responses to the questions raised by CDC to all parish Councils were agreed and will be returned to CDC.

No Mow May – The trial was assessed and discussed, and it was agreed that for safety reasons the verges will be mowed next year as normal. The contractors leave sections of verges that have daffodils until they have died back. It was agreed that the area in the Northeast of West Close Playing field will be left unmown again although no volunteers have come forward yet to rake the cuttings up when the area is mown.

Stile on West Close – OCC has advised that they have no objection to the stile being removed from the footpath going out of the Northeast corner of West Close. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the owners of the nearest house to confirm that they are in agreement with it being removed

Tree by the bridge hindering visibility – This has been cut down by the Clerk to improve visibility.

Bridge Petition – Approximately 100 signatures have been obtained to put pressure on OCC to repair the bridge as quickly as possible. It was agreed that the Clerk would discuss next steps with County Councillor Arash Fatemian.

Salt Bins – The Clerk has advised OCC of the current level of salt in the bins. It was agreed that the Clerk would check with the Village Hall Committee if there is room next to the new shed to store a pallet of salt bags for emergency use by the village.

Mowing Status – All the verge cuts have been completed, 10 Of 12 West Close cuts have been completed and 7 of 10 Churchyard cuts have been completed.

Planning:

21/00566/F – Thimblefields – CDC permitted

21/02415/F – 4 Summer Ley – CDC permitted.

Finance: Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £2,717.02. The combined bank balances are £10,423.59 after the receipts and payments.

Next Meetings: Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Wednesday 6th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Please note that this is a summary of the minutes from the meeting. The full minutes can be viewed in the Parish Council noticeboards or at www.thebarfordvillages.co.uk in the Parish Council meetings page.

GEORGE PARKER



George passed away at The Horton General on 5th September, aged 92 years.

He was a devoted husband to the late Freda, and much loved father to Ed, Al and Liz, Grandpa to five and Great Grandpa to two. He will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

George moved to Barford St. Michael in 1967 and lived here for 52 years. He worked at Simmons Watts then at Lampreys in Banbury. In his spare time he and Freda organised country dances in local village halls and discos for wedding and birthday parties. George and Freda were both also members of the Banbury Do-C-Do Club. George was Clerk to our Parish Council for many years and was awarded the MBE for services to the community.

Donations in memory of George for Pancreatic Cancer UK can be made via



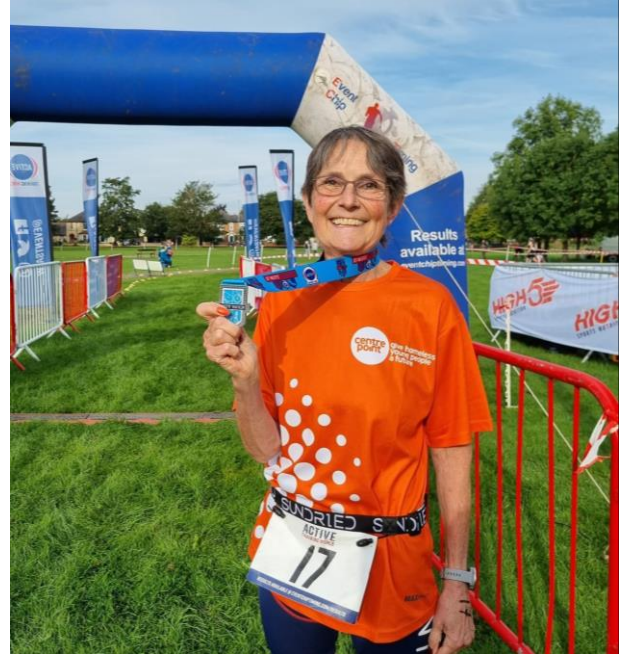
www.eddfrostanddaughters.co.uk or by post c/o Edd Frost and Daughters, Family Funeral Directors, 14 Canada Close, Banbury, OX16 2RT.

CENTREPOINT LONDON APPEAL

[Veronique Andrews-Semple](#)

19 Veronique ANDREWS-SEMPLÉ

#17 Female 60-69, Time 52:57



I won the 60 - 69 category and was 7th woman in the general category... and 19th out of 27. My last tri was probably some 18-20 years ago so super pleased. What's age!? 😊

I am now trying to reach £1000 for my charity London Centre Point homelessness programme supporting 16-25 yr old young adults. Check out my Just Giving

<https://www.justgiving.com/fund.../andrews-semples-veronique2>

BLISTER PACKS RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Don't forget to drop off your empty blisters into the collection bucket in the porch of the village hall.

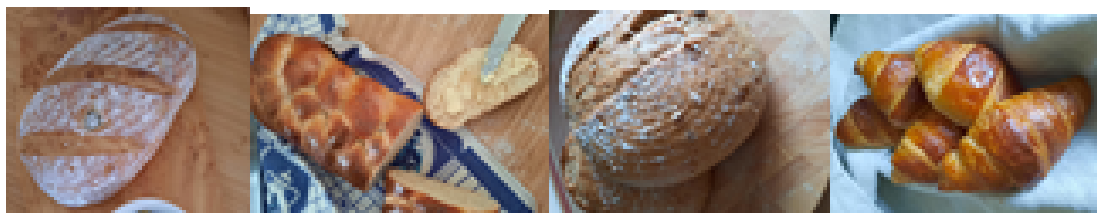
These will be taken to Superdrug in Banbury



BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET
SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER
10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Excellent range of local producers selling eggs, savouries, cakes, preserves, pots of herbs, greetings cards, wrapping paper, hand knitted woolies and excellent quality bird foods

Lovas Bakery providing Delicious Artisan Breads direct from Hempton, Olive sourdough bread, Nana sourdough bread, sourdough croissants. And much , much more!



Moore & Lyon, with their lovely selection of home-reared meats



It's A Chocolate Thing – Wonderful artisan chocolates ethically sourced couverture for premium quality and superior taste. Bar flavours include: Salted Caramel, Ginger & Pepper, Eton Mess, Black Forest, Rocky Road.



Two Jolly Cooks – Tasty home-made soups and family meals, ready for your freezer, all using locally sourced, organic and seasonal ingredients in West Oxfordshire.

Barford Environment Network – Offering refills of household products helping to reduce plastic waste. Bring your own bottle, or have one filled for you. Products include Washing Up Liquid, White Vinegar, Non-Bio Laundry Liquid, Dishwasher Powder, Window & Glass Cleaner, Soap.

Free delivery from 'Nothing But Footprints', Banbury's zero-waste shop - order online by Thursday.

Mick & Anne's bacon butties/bacon & egg butties/breakfast butties

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING

HADRIAN'S WALL CHALLENGE – WE DID IT!! What started as a crazy lockdown idea way back in January finally came to fruition when we crossed the finish line at Wallsend on 14 September.



Segedunum Fort was there to greet us, as was an iron legionary that we were very relieved to have finally reached. The walk encompassed some unforgettable views and breathtaking stretches of Hadrian's Wall, as well as some days of hard slog on tarmac. We met some truly inspirational people along the way, and Ray was there throughout. He even managed to visit Vindolanda Roman Fort despite his injured knee and joined us for the final yards of the walk so we could all finish the challenge together.

Here are some stats:

- Start point – Bowness-on-Solway
- Finish point – Wallsend, Newcastle
- Total walking days – 8
- Total miles walked – 89.33 (the official trail is 84 miles)
- Total elevation gained – 6645 ft (just over 1.5 Ben Nevises)
- Highest temperature – 28.6 degrees C
- Lowest temperature – 11 degrees C
- Wildlife spotted – herons, seagulls, kingfisher, little egret, cormorant, seal
- Full English breakfasts eaten – many
- Number of Red Arrow flypasts – 1
- Blisters generated – Ishbel 0, Claire 0, Paul 5 (!)
- Charged by bullocks – 1
- Going head-to-head with a herd of rambles – 1
- Days when waterproofs were needed – 2

At time of writing, we have raised over £1,300 for Katharine House Hospice. Huge thanks to everyone who has already donated. If you'd like to support this brilliant charity, here's the Just Giving page link:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Claire-Cox32. Thank you.



Are we going to do something like this again? Maybe after we've taken our boots off and recovered a little we might be ready for our next adventure.

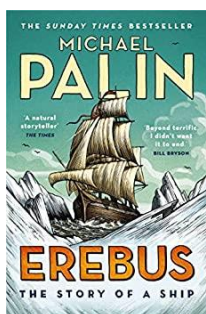
Stay tuned!

left: the iconic Sycamore Gap



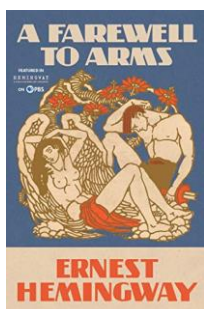
above: Paul, Ishbel, Ray and Claire 'Team Hadrian'

Reading recommendations from **BARFORD BOOKCHAT**



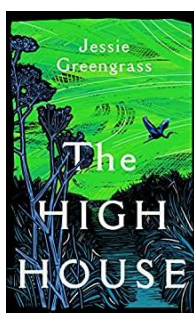
Erebus - The Story of a Ship by Michael Palin. In September 2014 the wreck of a sailing vessel was discovered at the bottom of the sea, in the frozen wastes of the Canadian arctic. It was covered in an opaque coat of underwater vegetation and its whereabouts had been a mystery for over a century and a half. Its name was HMS *Erebus*.

Palin's diligent research uncovers the extraordinary biography of this elusive ship, bringing it back to life by exploring the intertwined careers of the men who shared its journeys: the dashing James Clark Ross who successfully charted much of Antarctic's Great Southern Barrier; and the troubled John Franklin, who at the age of sixty and after a chequered career, commanded the ship on its final, disastrous Arctic expedition to discover the elusive Northwest Passage. An evocative account of intrepid maritime adventures, reimagined by a seasoned globetrotter. **Paul Freeman**

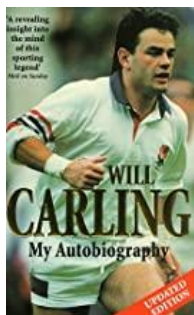


A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway is a tragic novel in five acts, informed by Hemingway's experience as a lieutenant in the ambulance corps during the Italian campaign of World War I. His concise, direct, unelaborate style sustains this moving account of war action and the romance between nurse Catherine Barkley and lieutenant Frederic Henry. Events speak for themselves; where other writers would elaborate on the emotional impact of a mortar attack or escape from prison camp, Hemingway leaves the resonance to be largely inferred by the reader. Early laconic exchanges between the lovers during their escape to Switzerland present Catherine as something of a cypher, or typical movie heroine, but in the climactic finale the simple language and short phrases carry an intense emotional charge. Hemingway was a craftsman: he made 47 versions of the final page of the novel only to return to an early version to complete his

memorable narrative. **Trevor Arrowsmith**



The High House by Jessie Greengrass. Until recently, fiction concerning the climate emergency has tended to be sidelined as science fiction or fantasy, but it's increasingly obvious that this is the world we live in now. **The High House** isn't fantasy, nor is it set in some vague future – it could be the day after tomorrow. Its domestic setting centres on two young women, Sally and Caro, Caro's young half-brother Pauly and the remote house on the Suffolk coast prepared as an ark by Caro's stepmother, a climate activist. As the network of support systems fail, they're increasingly isolated; self-sufficient, but for how long, and at what cost to others who struggle to survive? "You think you have time," Sally's grandfather says, "and then, all at once, you don't." A gripping and urgent novel for our time. **Linda Newbery**



Will Carling: My Autobiography. Even after reading this, I still can't decide whether I like Will Carling. He was a great player. His captaincy of the England rugby union team divides opinion, including among former team-mates, but they had considerable success - surely the only relevant metric. This memoir reveals a man at once thoughtful and boorish, with an analytical but second-rate brain, an apparent cold fish who feels deeply. Any rugby fan will be intrigued, especially as Carling was involved in ending the egregiously unfair system that forced amateurism on world-class players. His friendship with Princess Diana is also diverting. Carling scores extremely highly for his candour. Refusing to airbrush one's faults in an autobiography takes rare courage. I'd like him if he hadn't refused me an autograph when I was 15. **Tom Greeves**

Reviews are compiled and edited by Linda Newbery. For a book review every Monday, all by writers or independent booksellers, follow **Writers Review:** www.reviewsbywriters.blogspot.com



TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

19th October 2021

12.30PM for 1PM

MENU

Main Course

**Roast Loin of Pork with Cider Gravy &
Apple Sauce**

**Served with a selection of Vegetables and Roast
Potatoes**

OR

**Large Vol au Vent filled with Mushrooms in a
Boursin Cheese Sauce**

**Served with a selection of vegetables and
Boulangère Potatoes**

Desserts

Plum Crumble and Creamy Custard

OR

**Chocolate Mousse with Baileys Cream and a
Macaroon Biscuit**

Finally

Coffee & Tea

Price £6.00

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

**Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074 or
email mickpearson1@outlook.com by Tuesday
12th October to book. Please Note: if you do not
receive a reply to your email, we haven't
received it so please call us.**

**WE REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO CATER
FOR ANYONE WITH FOOD ALLERGIES**

PLEASE NOTE

**AS WE ARE ONLY OFFERING 40 PLACES
THIS MONTH.
PLEASE BOOK EARLY.**

**SHOULD THE COVID REGULATIONS
CHANGE ADVERSLY AND PREVENT THIS
MEAL WE WILL NOTIFY YOU. AT THE
TIME OF WRITING THE REGULATIONS
REGARDING THE WEARING OF FACE
MASKS HAS BEEN LIFTED, THEREFORE,
THE WEARING OF THEM IS OPTIONAL.**

WELCOME

to new residents
Galbha Duggal & Sharat Warriar
with their twin sons
Saske and Ahrian Warriar
recently moved in to
their new home on Townsend

We hope they will all be very
happy in their new home



VENETIAN MASKS WORKSHOP With Liz Dixon



Wednesday, 13th October

7.30pm in the Village Hall

Visitors welcome (£5)

To join our W.I. Meeting

**For more information contact
Christine Hall 338 659
barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk**



GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH - BARFORD ENVIRONMENT

NETWORK is a friendly, informal group that looks for ways of greener living in our villages. To join or learn more, contact John O'Brien: john@lomb.co.uk

Thoughts Around Positive Change: Although we assume that we can only have one of two reactions to any emergency situation – fight or flight – we often forget about a third option; freeze. This may be the most natural response to climate change and a whole host of overwhelming bad news stories, particularly when it feels as if our own small efforts are in vain.

We talk about little wins and successes, and the role the individual can play in being more environmentally friendly, knowing full well there are other (bigger) targets that are responsible for a much larger proportion of global emissions, and that ultimately they are the ones who must make significant changes. But, if we all stopped lobbying, demanding better or collectively stopped making all of our own positive changes, then where would we be?

It is very human to focus on the most negative aspect of any story, and certainly works well for all of those bad news headlines. But what about the positive impact of the changes that people have been making for the last few decades?

HAPPY ECO NEWS



If you're sick of hearing negative stories about the climate in the news, and know that you'll be personally more motivated to join in with a bit of positive reinforcement, why not have a look at Happy Eco News? (<https://happyeconews.com/>).

For example, did you know that Helsinki aims to fully decarbonise its heating systems by 2030 by growing a tropical rainforest? Or that giant pandas have been removed from the endangered species list? Or that Lego has been developing bricks that can be made from recycled plastic bottles?

As individuals, we are by no means perfect (or, at least, I'm not!) but all of those little changes, efforts and thoughts are adding up to something. So continue to recycle, to buy second-hand or more environmentally-friendly brands and to refill your bottles. The hard work and decision-making that you've been putting in hasn't been for nothing. And, especially, don't despair – even the littlest things that you are doing might well be inspiring someone else. **Hannah Snell**

Note: This article has been inspired by a much better-informed Twitter thread by a friend in response to the IPCC's report last month:

<https://twitter.com/JessicaTheLaw/status/1424680492914331653>

Sustainable energy for our homes: BEN will host a community information evening in the Village Hall in late October, when experts from Low Carbon Oxford will explain how we can make our homes cosier and more sustainable. There will be advice on heat pumps, solar panels, electric vehicles and more; also what grants and funding are available. More details, when we have them, will be here and on the village Facebook page and noticeboards. Do talk to us at the October market to find out more. **John O'Brien**

Barford Market offers at the BEN stall:

Quick Mends! Do you have any sad socks or buttons missing? We'll do **simple sewing fixes** while you wait. Bring along your items that need new buttons, darning, patches or repairs and make those discarded clothes wearable again!

Cut down on plastics by buying **refill liquids**. We are pleased that our SESI brand scored highly in a recent Ethical Consumer survey. We sell washing up liquid, general purpose cleaner and more. Buy them at the BEN stall - bring your own containers to re-use, or if you forget, we'll have spares.

Shop with zero waste by ordering online from **Nothing But Footprints** (www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk). Orders placed by midnight on Thursday will be delivered free of charge to our Saturday market. This will happen EVERY MONTH, so you can plan ahead!

GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH is compiled and edited by Linda Newbery. If you have a green thought to share, please email L.newbery@btinternet.com

CIDER MAKING WORKSHOPS

Berry's Orchard, Deddington



Come and join us and learn about the traditional art of cider making. We will select, mill and press the apples and talk you through the whole process of cider making. Bring your own apples or use ours. You will take some juice to finish off your cider at home.

£75 pp including equipment, ingredients, lunch and refreshments.

Sunday 17th October or

Saturday 6th November

10.30am til 3.00pm

Contact Janet on 07730 238487 or
berrysorchard@gmail.com

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our new academic year has begun smoothly for all concerned, with the new F1 children joining us so well. We continue to celebrate how incredibly lucky we are to be

back together again.

Following the current Government advice, our pupils can now come into school together and leave at similar times at the end of the school day as well. The children are able to have playtimes where different year groups of pupils can actually see each other playing on different parts of the playground and field. This is so wonderful to have in place and once more makes us as a school feel increasingly happy to have old systems and timings back in place.

The weather has enabled us to use all parts of the school grounds and we are celebrating a greater sense of 'normality' all round. We are looking forward to the weeks ahead now, as we head towards Autumn.

We fully anticipate being able to report more exciting things, events and achievements in our next letter to you all. But for now, we send our very best wishes from all of us here at Deddington Primary School.

Denise Welch

BELL RINGING IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER



We only have 2 bells in St Michael's church and this appears to be relatively unique as ringers came from as far afield as Skipton and Kent for the chance to ring them!

The bells were made in Aldbourne, Wiltshire in 1810 and are 26" and 32" (66cm and 81cm) in diameter and weigh 350lb and 650lb (160kg and 650kg).

I imagine many of you heard the bells ring as part of a local bell ringing days where ringers were able to ring bells in many local churches to raise money for Diocesan Bell Fund. Over 30 ringers from the local area as well as Southend, Bath, London, Birmingham and Leighton Buzzard rang in St Michael's.

I hope you enjoyed the bells!

Tony Elvidge



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

Hey! We're back in our proper place at last, the Deddington suite, surrounded by the familiar things that make Cubs special. It's great to be able to do flag break & Grand Howl again (not quite the same using a mini traveling flagpole). The pack is pretty well full again, so if you have a child who is interested, we can add them to our waiting list.

We are concentrating on the Communicator Badge this term looking at the different ways we interact with each other including signing, morse & secret codes.

Jo Churchyard deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

We're back & there's a lot of them! Something happened during the summer that made the upcoming Cubs double in size! Scouts are also looking at communication albeit in a different way to the Cubs & as usual a bit 'off piste'. The Troop is most definitely full, so anyone interested in joining should contact us to go onto the waiting list.

Pete Churchyard
deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Explorers

After a good summer break we're back with caution but in Green so can be indoors. We've moved to The Lookout, the old bowls pavilion. Last week's planning meeting has resulted in our looking forward to a talk by one of the Unit about WW2, a visit to Scramm the escape room in Banbury, and a sports evening. If you are interested in joining the Unit contact any of the leaders at, spartansexplorers@gmail.com

Beavers

The Beaver Colony is not operating at the moment. We will advertise places when it is reopened.

WILD FLOWERS IN THE BARFORDS By Janet Payne & Margaret Murdin

WILD ARUM - ARUM MACULATUM

If you have recently noticed a small, very striking column of bright orange berries in the hedge bottom, they are the fruiting bodies of the wild arum.



This miniature arum lily, which usually flowers from April to May, has many names across the country. These include cuckoo pint, lords and ladies, jack in the pulpit and ruder ones

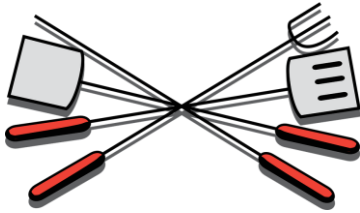
('willy lily'; sorry, Barford News) because of the erect purple of yellow spadix in a white sheath.



The leaves are shiny and pointed, among the first to appear on the road side in the year. The flower is a sort of fly trap acting as a lure to attract insects under hairs to the male

flowers which are deep within the sheath. The insects then are released and carry pollen to other flowers to cross pollinate them. The roots of the plant used to be used for domestic starch.

The orange berries currently visible are highly toxic to people and animals but not birds. The plant's sap will cause burns and blisters, so is probably best left well alone. There is a purple garden escapee which smells unattractively of rotting meat called 'dragon arum'.



VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL BBQ BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST

The weather stayed fine, the event was well attended and went off without a hitch. It was great to see people spending time together and enjoying the burgers, sausages, salads and veggie options. The puddings proved equally popular – with a choice of crumbles, ice cream and custard. What more could you ask for?

After all the fund raising of earlier months, we kept prices low this year but still raised just over £400 towards village hall funds. Huge thanks to all of you for joining us and making the evening so enjoyable. Huge thanks also to all of our helpers who give their time willingly to, setting up and taking down gazebos, tables, chairs etc., preparing and serving the food and drinks, running the raffle, washing up and leaving the venue clean and tidy.

Hope to see you all in 2022!!



A platinum wedding ring was lost at the entrance to West Close off Murreys Lane, thought to have bounced into the bushes around the dog waste bin.

I'd like to extend my thanks to those that helped to try to find it after the village barbecue. If anybody does find a platinum ring in the village please contact us on ☎337679, where we will be able to provide photographic evidence to match it.

Many thanks, Paul Gruber

OUR VILLAGE SHOW - TO CONTINUE? OR NOT ? IT'S UP TO YOU!!

Another enjoyable, Village Show continuing a village tradition that goes back to 1926. However, sadly, many of the classes had very few entries compared to previous years, some had none at all. This was perhaps due to Covid concerns, other commitments, or the very 'difficult' growing season we have had this year.

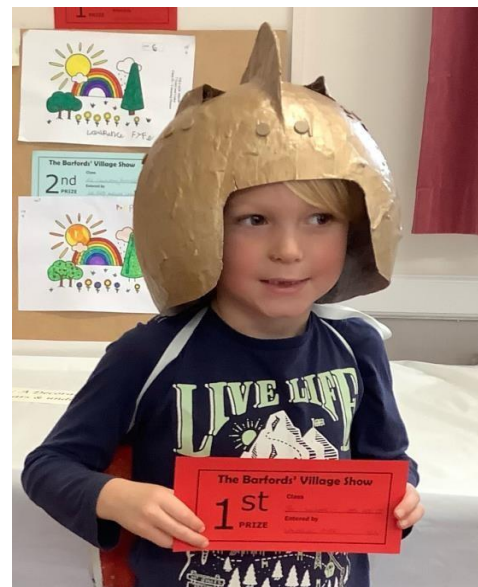
Despite the low numbers we did have some excellent entries in both adult and children's classes.

The children's classes in particular, need a lot more support if we are to continue offering them, so "Under 15s", have a look at the entry form in August Barford News and see what you could have entered or perhaps suggest some new classes for next year.

A big 'thank you' to all who entered and to those who came along to support the show. Thanks also to Sandi and her dedicated team, who put the show together - Jess and Harry Romain, Maureen Nolan, Mariann Young and Barbara Greenwood.

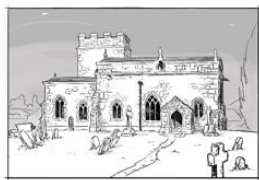
In general, the show was rather disappointing after all the effort that goes into staging it. Only 26 adults and 6 children from both our villages put in entries and we need to encourage more of you to have a go next year if we are to continue – why not try? We know there is a lot more talent among you that could be displayed on a show bench. Children win Cash and there are 13 Cups to win. With 61 classes to choose from, there really is something for everybody, but if you have suggestions for changes and/or improvements, please don't hesitate to let us know. It would be sad to lose this village tradition, we have very few of them left!! 07979 344722.

Below are Junior Cup Winners:... Nellie & Margot Cameron and Lawrence Fyfe





CHURCH MATTERS



Thank You

to everyone who has donated items to the

Food Bank collection in St Michael's. As you can see from the picture below, we had an impressive array of food which has now been given to the Banbury Foodbank.



The box in church is now empty and ready for donations.



Sunday 10th October 4pm in St Michael's, with Holy Communion

Any donations of non-perishable goods and flowers will be welcome. Please leave them in the church porch on Saturday (9th) or Sunday morning by 11am. We will be grateful for volunteers to help decorate the church on Sunday morning at 11am. Please come along whenever you can. We will be giving all the foodstuff to the Banbury Foodbank.

Desert Wisdom for Autumn Days Long ago, in the third and fourth century many Christians made their way into the desert and found that the desert, as St Anthony said, was a great spiritual teacher. Some Christians went to retreat from the world and others went to seek advice from those desert fathers and mothers, the abbas and ammas.

The desert Christians were healers rather than teachers, their wisdom touched the soul. Their counsel came in pithy sayings to individuals which can help us in these autumn days which share the colours and the cold of the desert, though not the heat.

When we talk about desert experiences, we mean times where the landscape of our lives has changed. This year has thrust us into new, difficult and uncertain territory. We are aware of its challenges, losses and even gifts such as the remembered beauty of spring, but now another season has come upon us and the territory is as bleak and uncertain as ever. In the desert a person is very conscious that if attention isn't paid to the surroundings and to the state of body and mind survival may be very short. The need is to find shelter, ration water, not panic.

Paying attention is a theme of desert wisdom. Noticing the impact of the world outside on us and the inner landscape within us teaches us humility, trust and compassion, not least on ourselves, but we need to give time to paying attention.

The Ven Dr Justine Allain Chapman

Sue Addison, Churchwarden

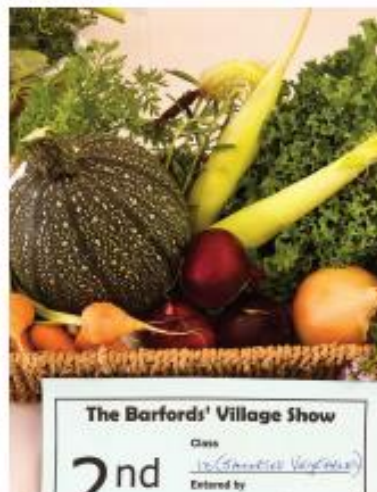


BANBURY FOODBANK to help local people in crisis

Hunger remains a reality for many. Please help by buying items from the list below and putting them in the box inside St Michael's church which is open from 10am to 4pm.

Cereals, Tea/coffee, Soup, Tinned vegetables, Pasta, Tinned fruit, Rice, Biscuits, Tinned tomatoes, Pasta sauce, Lentils, beans & pulses, UHT milk, Tinned meat, Fruit juices

**NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE
Many thanks**



Thank you Barford Show

Having both grown up in small cotswold villages we are used to the traditions of local shows in spring and autumn. So, when we moved to the Barfords some five years ago, we were really pleased to see the village arranged these annual events. It was lovely to be part of this years show again, and an overwhelming surprise to do so well.

Caroline and myself are from an art background, so we love making and creating things. And in recent years the allotment has become our second home.

Perhaps this lock-down period has also added to all our activities and hobbies. It has been a useful time for us to reflect, slow down, stop,

and witness what is all around us in terms of nature and the wonderful countryside that we live in. When we make trips to larger town centres we are always pleased to get back home to The Barfords.

We'd like to pass on our thanks to all the team that organise the show. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes on beforehand in setting things up for the day, organising all the entries and categories. And on the day it was very easy to enter, you were greeted at the door, your entries taken labelled and arranged ready for judging. Thank you for putting on a great show – lets keep it going for future generations. It's a lovely tradition and a valuable part of all our village life.





BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED October 2021

Pleasant Sounds

The rustling of leaves under the feet in woods and under hedges;
The crumpling of cat-ice and snow down wood-rides, narrow lanes and every street causeway;
Rustling through a wood or rather rushing, while the wind halloos in the oak-toop like thunder;
The rustle of birds' wings startled from their nests or flying unseen into the bushes;
The whizzing of larger birds overhead in a wood, such as crows, puddocks, buzzards;
The trample of robins and woodlarks on the brown leaves and the patter of squirrels on the green moss;
The fall of an acorn on the ground, the pattering of nuts on the hazel branches as they fall from ripeness;
The flirt of the groundlark's wing from the stubbles how sweet such pictures on dewy mornings, when the dew flashes from its brown feathers.

John Clare

RECENT EVENTS - Janet Morris organised a trip just up the road in North Aston.

"On Tuesday August 24th, 22 of our members met at Nicholson's Nursery at North Aston. Libby Reeves, a tree consultant, gave us a tour of the Nursery. She showed us the various stages of growth of the Holm Oak from a seedling to a mature tree, she explained what a versatile plant it is, an evergreen which can be used for hedging, as a screen or left to grow as a specimen tree. I think we were all amazed at the hundreds of trees that the nursery grows, and the variety of species all grown in very environmentally conditions. After the tour we watched a short video presentation of trees suitable for smaller gardens and were then treated to tea, coffee and a delicious selection of cakes. The plant centre and shop stayed open for us and members took the opportunity to buy plants. Nicholson's did not charge for the evening so we gave a donation to their chosen charity. I think it was a very enjoyable and interesting evening." Janet.

FUTURE EVENTS

Remember our **Autumn Swap and Social on Monday 4th October at 7.30pm**. It's like the spring plant swap only widened to include garden related tools/equipment, books/magazines and a variety of well grown plants, seedlings and cuttings. The ongoing seed swap will also be functioning. We will have a slide show running of the Photographic Competition during the evening. The photographs have been judged by Craig Churchill, local wildlife photographer. Thank you very much Craig and many thanks to Linda for co ordinating the entries. The tools and equipment can be anything in any state of repair as we pass whatever is not taken on to a charity that repairs things and sends them off to where they're needed. (we don't want any liquids or mysterious plant food or pesticides)

Any books and mags are welcome as there is always a recycle option for what is not taken.

The plants always find a home either on the night or from a table outside Trevor's house.

This is also a social evening with seasonal food provided by the committee and wine /soft drinks brought along by members to share.

Members and NON-MEMBERS can contact Trevor on trevorstevens49@hotmail.com if they are offering something that they can't carry to the hall on the evening. Trevor has organised a talk by Andrew Howard, entitled "**Apples and Pears**" at the end of October or beginning of November. Look at his website www.heritageapples.com Final date for this and other ideas will be emailed to members as soon as the Committee has organised. All these events are for members and friends can come to the talk for a small fee. We hope to be organising more talks and certainly more visits for next year.

JOBS TO DO IN AND AROUND THE GARDEN

Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants:
Cut back perennials that have died down: Divide herbaceous perennials: Plant out spring cabbages:
Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts: Prune climbing roses: Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year: Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas: Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf: Sow hardy annual seeds indoors.

If anyone wishes to join the Garden Club, to get many discounts and when permitted, talks and visits, please get in touch. (**Linda Newbery, 07787 432624**) £5 per



household per year is an amazing investment. **MEMBERS EMAILS**, these are now being beautifully co-ordinated by Sue, thank you.

SPADE and FORK



Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

It has been an enjoyable start to the new school year and the children have all settled in quickly.

We have been busy getting to know one another and introducing the children to the new routines and activities. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the evening of Tuesday 5th October on Zoom.

Please contact us if you have not received an invitation and wish to attend. There will be a parent's information meeting for PFSU parents on Wednesday 13th October at 7pm during which we will explain our approach to teaching literacy and numeracy and offer the opportunity for an informal chat about how your child has settled in.

Lucy Squires | ☎ 337484



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girls in the lead

We finished the summer term in traditional style with our stream walk. Thank you to the Wolfe Family at Barford St Michael.

After our high hopes, we were unable to camp again this year. However we're up and running with outdoor meetings this term.....it's been great to welcome so many new members!!

We've enjoyed a wide range of games and toasting marshmallow and learning outdoor skills.

This month is our 50th anniversary and of course no big party has been possible but cake was definitely called for!! Over the next few months we are going to try to complete various 50 challenges, we will let you know how we get on!

If you were a previous Deddington Guide we would love you to get in touch so that we can hear what you're doing at present. Please text me on number below or email maggierampley@icloud.com

In the meantime we will continue with slightly shorter meetings, outside, when it's too dark or cold we may resume the temporary plan of occasional weekend meetings. We'll certainly do all we can to keep going!!

**Maggie Rampley ☎07957 600755
& Marian ☎01869 340896**

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN 2022



Parish Council elections will be held in Barford St John and Barford St Michael in May 2022.

Elections are held every 4 years and all seven councillors must stand for re-election. Some of the existing Councillors may decide to stand down and there may be vacancies.

The parish council is supporting the community and you may wish to be more involved in the decision-making process. You may feel that you have the time and ideas to make further improvements in local services and facilities.

If you are interested in serving your local community and would like to stand for election, please contact David Best, Parish Clerk for more information at davidbest.barfordspc.co.uk or on **07787 496774**.

200 CLUB DRAW SEPTEMBER

£50	079	Lucy Warner
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The draw took place at Thursday
Cuppa Morning in the Hall





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What's coming up later this autumn and into winter? We may be most of the way through the year, but there are still plenty of ways to get involved and events to enjoy. Your support helps us to make every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness. Below is news of just some of what's coming up in the next few months.

Make a Will Fortnight – 4-15 October Our Make a Will event is back and this time it's running for two weeks. Between 4-15 October, a number of local solicitors have very generously agreed to waive their fee for writing or amending a basic will, and are instead asking for donations to Katharine House. Check our website for a list of participating solicitors and to find out how to make an appointment.

Blenheim 7k Fun Run – 10 October On 10 October, why not run, jog or simply take in the spectacular scenery at Blenheim Palace and raise money for Katharine House at the same time? To find out more about the event and how you can get a 20% discount on entry fee when fundraising for us, visit our website.

Oxford Half Marathon – 17 October There's still time to sign up for the Oxford Half Marathon and represent Katharine House! Challenge yourself to complete the 13.1-mile route through the beautiful city of Oxford.

Care for a Curry From korma to keema, biryani to balti – whatever your favourite curry, there's never been a better time to get some friends together for a great cause. This autumn, why not host a #CareForACurry event and help raise money for Katharine House? Simply pick a date, get some friends and family together and enjoy! It's a simple and tasty way to raise money for Katharine House.

Santa Fun Run – 5 December If you thought that Santa's elves worked hard, you should see our fundraising team in the run-up to Christmas. December may feel far away, but we're already planning how to make our next Santa Fun Run the best one yet. The race is taking place on Sunday 5 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury. Get the date in your diary and don't forget to let your friends and family know!

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice Please sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with what's happening at Katharine House Hospice, including news of our fundraising events and developments at the hospice.

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Find out more

Head to our website to find out more about all these events and news: www.khh.org.uk.

When do the clocks go back in 2021?

The clocks always go back on the **final Sunday of October**, with the change coming into effect at 2.00am. It means that this year it's happening in the early hours of Sunday 31 October, giving everyone an extra hour in bed to prepare for Halloween.



VILLAGE SHOW 2021 - RESULTS

Vegetables & Fruit	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Cup Winners
Three beetroots	Mike Boyd	Andrew Murrey	Mick Pearson	Vegetable & Fruit Classes Mike Boyd Allotment Cup 1st Nick & Caroline Belson 2nd Paul & Nicky Preece 3rd Cathy Alsworth
Three carrots	Mike Boyd			
Three Courgettes	Mike Boyd			
Three Onions	Mike Boyd			
Five Shallots	-			
Three potatoes	Mike Boyd	Derek Styles	Andrew Murrey	
Three Runner beans	Anne Pearson	Andrew Murrey	Mike Boyd	
Five French beans	Mike Boyd	Andrew Murrey		
Five cherry toms	Sandi Turner	Allen Fyfe	Basil Butler	
Three round toms	Andrew Murrey	Sandi Turner	Mariann Young	
Three peppers/chillies	Carrick Cameron	Allen Fyfe	Mike Boyd	
Pair of vegetables	Mike Boyd	Nick Belson	Caroline Belson	
Five assorted veg	Mike Boyd	Caroline Belson	Mariann Young	
Squash or Pumpkin	Margaret Murdin			
Three Apples	Steph Collier			
Soft /stoned Fruit	Mike Boyd	Caroline Belson	Nick Belson	Cookery & Preserves Mariann Young Chocolate Cake Bake Off Winner Nick Belson
Longest Runner Bean	Mike Boyd	Basil Butler	Mariann Young	
3 Eggs	Mariann Young	Mike Boyd		
Cookery				
Lemon Drizzle Cake	Caroline Belson	Carrick Cameron	Caitlin Butler	
6 Ginger Biscuits	Nick Belson			
6 Chocolate Brownies	Sarah Best	Caroline Belson		
Victoria Sponge	Caitlin Butler			
Chocolate Cake, men	Nick Belson	Basil Butler		
Chocolate Cake, Ladies	Kim Hobday	Sue Lane		
Jam	Mary Baker			
Marmalade	Sarah Best			
Chutney	Mariann Young	Allen Fyfe	Mary Baker	
Lemon Curd	Kim Hobday	Mariann Young		
Alcoholic drink	Mariann Young	Mary Baker		
Flower Arranging				Flower Arranging Caroline Belson
Arr.in tea-pot	Caroline Belson	Sophie Cameron	Sue Lane	
Foliage arr.	Sue Lane	Caroline Belson	Cathy Peacock	
Miniature	Sarah Best	Sue Lane	Caroline Belson	
Button hole for wedding	-			
Cut Flowers				Cut Flowers Mike Boyd Photography Nick Belson
Six Sweet Peas	-			
Sunflower	Caroline Belson	Sophie Gannon	Nick Belson	
3 Dahlias	Mike Boyd	Basil Butler	Caroline Belson	
3 Roses	Steph Collier	Sophie Cameron		
4 Fuchsia heads	Mike Boyd	Sandi Turner	Cathy Peacock	
4 Penstemons	-			
3 Pelargoniums	Sandi Turner			
Single Rose	Cathy Peacock	Caroline Belson	Mike Boyd	
CRAFTS / Photography				
Wooden item	Mike Boyd			Crafts Nick Belson
Item for newborn	-			
Knitted/crocheted	-			
Needlecraft	-			W.I. Cup Mariann Young Victor Ludorum Mike Boyd
You made it	Sue Broughton	Nick Belson		
Drawing/painting	Nick Belson	Sarah Best		
Photo my Playful Pet	Nick Belson			
A Barford Church	Nick Belson			
A Rose	Nick Belson			Junior Cup (Most points) Nellie Cameron Best Entry for Age Margot Cameron Outstanding Effort Lawrence Fyfe
Garden Fruit	Nick Belson			
Age 7 and under				
Colouring	Lawrence Fyfe	Poppy Morgan Lane		
4 Choc. Crispies	Lawrence Fyfe			
Decorated Jam Jar	-			
A Succulent or Cactus	-			
You made it	Lawrence Fyfe	Poppy Morgan Lane		
8 – 15 years old				
A photo any subject	Nellie Cameron	Margot Cameron		
Something made at school	Nellie Cameron	Margot Cameron		
Chocolate Cake	Sophie Edgington	Adam Styles	Nellie & Margot Cameron	
Drawing/painting	Nellie Cameron	Sophie Edgington		
You made it	Margot Cameron	Sophie Edgington	Nellie Cameron	

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OCTOBER

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Saturday - 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday - 11.00am Mass
Weekdays Normally 9.15am, can be subject to
change

Police contact numbers

In an emergency call 999

Non-emergencies call 101

Textphone 18000

Banbury office 01295 754 541

Thames Valley Crime-stoppers
0800 555 111



Regular weekly/monthly events

Mondays	Beavers (Deddington) Boys Brigade band practice
Tuesdays	Guides (Deddington) Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar
Wednesdays	Brownies (Windmill - Deddington) 1 st week parish council (not August) 2 nd week W.I. meeting Boys Brigade (Deddington)
Thursdays	Village Hall Post Office Open cuppa mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)
Fridays	Rainbows
Saturdays	Village Market 3 rd week (except January or August)
1st Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
3rd Wednesday	Village Hall Management Committee

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

4th Autumn Swap & Social – Garden Club
9th Church Autumn Fayre in the Village Hall
10th Harvest Festival – St Michael's
13th WI Talk – Venetian Masks Workshop
16th Village Market, Village Hall (Covid permitting)
17th Cider Making Workshop-see page 9
19th Tuesday Lunch Club in the Village Hall

NOVEMBER

3rd Parish Council Meeting

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