

BARFORD NEWS

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Christmas is coming!!

back by popular demand, there will be ...

Carols in the Pub

on

Wednesday 20th December 7pm

Singing led by Kim Hobday, accompanied by local musicians

All welcome to join in



**WISHING OUR
READERS A VERY
HAPPY AND
PEACEFUL
CHRISTMAS**

**AND THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT AND
KIND DONATIONS.**

**FROM THE
BARFORD NEWS
TEAM, LUCY,
MARIANN &
CAROLINE**

Christmas Services for the Barfords

Sunday 3rd December

Benefice Christingle Service @ 3pm
Deddington Church

Sunday 17th December

Carol Service with Deddington Brass Band
@4pm BSM - refreshments afterwards

Sunday 24th December

Benefice Nativity Service @ 4pm - BSM
Midnight at Bethlehem @8pm - BSM

Monday 25th December

Christmas Service @9am - Hempton Church



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 1st November 2023 in the Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Sandi Turner (Chairman), Rodney Hobbs, Anita Dean, Chris Charman, Tom Lovell, District Councillor Bryn Williams and David 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 14th September 2023 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Public Participation: None

Parish Matters:

Street Furniture – This has been treated with wood preservative by Brian Dodwell.

New OCC Grass Cutting Agreement – The new agreement reduces the minimum number of cuts from 2 to one per year and this was signed. The verges will continue to be cut with the same frequency.

Barford Churches grant and Defibrillator training grant – A grant of £1,300 was awarded to the church which will go towards the reroofing that is required. A grant was also awarded for defibrillator training.

20mph Speed Limit – OCC Highways has asked for a survey to be taken to determine the level of support for introducing a 20mph speed limit in the villages. It was agreed that this will be carried out at the Barford Christmas Market On 16th December but anyone who will not be attending the market should email the clerk, David Best, at davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com to advise if they support or object to a 20mph speed limit.

Insect House – A resident had contacted the parish council to request that her daughter build an insect house for the village as an A level project. This was agreed.

Planning:

No applications or decisions since last meeting.

Finance:

Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £767.75. The year to date accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. Income and expenditure is on budget

2024-25 Budget – The draft budget was circulated prior to the meeting and it was agreed to raise the Precept by 5%.

Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 3rd January 2024 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.

BARFORD NEWS

Due to Christmas printing deadlines and Editorial Staff Holidays, yep, me again, could you please get any items you may have for Barford News to me, a little bit earlier, by the 13th December.

Thank you
Lucy, Editor

Calling all Artists! of the Barfords.

The Barford Churches team are starting a competition. We would like to ask children 5-15 to draw or paint a picture of our beautiful church of St Michael. We are, at present, organising some events to raise funds for improving our church (more details to follow).

Closing date for the competition is January 30th. Please email an image of any entries or hand the original to Sue or Sally barfordchurches234@gmail.com
Your design may be used in advertising for future events



"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt."

Abraham Lincoln

Raising Funds for our Village Hall TICKETS FOR 2024 ON SALE SOON!

The 200+ club is a fundraising scheme which supports the village hall. Tickets are bought annually and members may hold as many tickets as they wish. The tickets cost £8 each.



Half of the total value of subscriptions is retained for hall maintenance; the remaining 50% is paid out in monthly prizes. More members mean increased prize money and more money to keep the hall running.

Assuming we sell at least 200 tickets, there will be 12 monthly draws with prizes of £5, £10 and £15. In addition, a monthly £25 prize and a £50 prize every quarter. At Christmas there will be a bonus prize of £100. £8 for each annual subscription is such a small price to pay towards supporting our lovely hall. So, if you are not already a member of the 200+ club then please join. For just under 70p a month you can make a difference.

New members always very welcome Our collectors will be putting notes through existing members' doors indicating how they can pay by cheque or bank transfer. Thank you from the 200+ Club Team

**If you would like to join please contact
Les on ☎338659 to reserve your tickets**



I am collecting used print cartridges for recycling on behalf of Sunshine Cat Rescue, an Oxfordshire based cat rescue charity (www.sunshinecatrescue.org.uk)



Through the Recycle4Charity scheme (www.Recycle4Charity.co.uk) you can help me raise much needed funds for Sunshine Cat Rescue so that they may continue to rescue and rehome cats and kittens in need across Oxfordshire. It will cost you nothing. Just email me on [kate a r@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kate_a_r@yahoo.co.uk) and I can come and collect from you.

CONGRATULATIONS


to Sarah and Chris Charman

on the safe arrival of
Max David



who weighed in at 6lbs 10oz
on 20th OCTOBER 2023
A baby brother for Eliza Jane







POST

Your local Christmas cards

✉ For delivery in,
**Deddington, Hempton, Clifton
& The Barfords**

**BY DEDDINGTON SCOUT
GROUP**

 **Collection box in,**
Church Porch &
At the Christmas Market 

From December 8th
Last collection Sat Dec 16th

BARFORD'S FURRY FRIENDS

My Forever Pet

There's something missing in my home,
I feel it day and night,
I know it will take time and strength
before things feel quite right.

But just for now, I need to mourn,
My heart... it needs to mend.
Though some may say,
"It's just a pet,"
I know I've lost a friend.

You've brought such laughter to my home,
and richness to my days.
A constant friend through joy or loss
with gentle, loving ways.

Companion, friend, and confidante,
A friend I won't forget.
You'll live forever in my heart,
My sweet, forever pet.

- Susanne Taylor

I don't think anyone could argue that Barford folk absolutely adore their pets. Cats, dogs, rabbits, chickens, we spoil them rotten. Angus and I have our 14-year old cat, Spud, our ginger boy who is a massive, massive part of our lives and home.

So, I thought, how about a page called BARFORD'S FURRY FRIENDS where you can send anything in about your pet, be it a new addition to your family, an article about what your pet means to you and your life or, sadly, when they have crossed the Rainbow Bridge, recent or not, it doesn't matter.

Please send any articles, including photos, to me, Lucy, at www.barfordnews@gmail.com.

This is our boy, Spud Norman...I didn't want to do a bit of jig-sawing anyway..!!



Pets as Therapy with GHILLIE, NICK, IVY and FRED

Our visits are for around 2 hours. During this time we visit residents in their rooms with a care assistant. Usually they like to give Ghillie a stroke, feed him a treat and talk about their pets. Often most residents just like a chat. Over the years I've built up some great friendships and met some really interesting people including a 'Code breaker', 'Bevin boy', Ex-pro footballer and a Lancaster crew member.



Pets As Therapy (PAT) is a national charity that enhances the health and wellbeing of thousands of people in communities across the UK. They strive to ensure that everyone, no matter their circumstances, has access to the companionship of an animal. Their volunteers and their temperament-assessed pets visit establishments such as care homes, hospitals, hospices, schools and prisons, and bring smiles to many faces. People of all ages get the chance to chat to someone — and stroke a friendly dog or cat.

My full story is on this link here: <https://petsastherapy.org/news-and-events/pat-stories/nick-belson-ghillie>



CHARITY EVENT - We will be holding a Christmas themed village stall in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital on

Sunday 10th December from 11am - 1pm on the village green..

We will be serving hot chocolate and delicious baked goods, including our popular gingerbread men.

Please come and visit us and get some of your Christmas shopping done.

Nellie, Margot & Orla



OUR YOUNG(er) COLLECTORS

When Barbara Greenwood retired from Poppy Selling last year, James Easter, and his mum, Liz, kindly offered to take over Barbara's round.



James (*left*) has just completed his first year with hopefully many more



to come. Thank you, James, you are supporting a very important and worthy cause.

And, also, a big, big thank you to Toby Norman, our grandson, for helping Grandad

Angus (*Poppy Co-ordinator for the Barfords*) on his round. Top Job, lads.

Lucy, Editor

BARFORD NEWS

Well, this is James Easter's second mention in Barford News this month as not only is he the official Poppy Seller for his Close but he is the new Barford News Delivery Executive for Robins Close, taking over from Becky Dyson.

So, a big welcome to James BUT an even bigger thank you to Becky for the many years, come rain or shine, she delivered Barford News, it is very much appreciated.

Lucy, Editor

50 YEARS IN HAIRDRESSING

**By Doug Ogilvie
Of Squires, Adderbury**

Having been a trainer for the world's largest hairdressing group based in London and also a technical demonstrator for L'Oreal's European division, Doug came to Oxfordshire 35 years ago and set up numerous training academies as well as Squires Hair Group.

Doug's cutting and colour expertise is well known in Oxfordshire and shared by his excellent team.

Wednesday, 13th DECEMBER

in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

All visitors very welcome (£5)

**for more information please contact Christine
338659 barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk**





You may have already seen, or heard, that the '**RC Baker Ltd Christmas Tractor Run**' in aid of Katharine House Hospice is taking place once again this year on Saturday 16th December 2023.



The convoy will once again be travelling through Barford St Michael. The tractors will drive along High Street and Lower Street on the final leg of their tour before returning to Spring Hill Farm, just outside the village. We were absolutely overwhelmed (again!) by the turnout of the village residents last year who gathered to see the fleet go by and it was a fitting end to the festive tour.

To try and make the tour go as smooth as possible we are writing this note to ask if you would mind not parking along the High Street and Lower Street between 7pm and 7.45pm on this evening.

Best wishes

Jennie Steenkamp and the Tractor Run Team!

RC Baker Ltd Tel: 01869 338307 / 07855 765402

jennie@rcbaker.co.uk . For all the information about the event please visit www.rcbaker.co.uk/tractorrn

BARFORD MARKET

**SATURDAY, 16TH DECEMBER
10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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Artisan breads from Cotswold Bakery

**Plus an excellent range of local producers selling,
savouries, cakes, preserves.**

Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items.

Greetings cards, Locally grown plants

.....and for the birds we have seeds, mealworms, sunflower hearts, fat balls

bacon /bacon & egg/breakfast butties at bargain prices!!

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING



BARFORD'S FURRY FRIENDS



The happiness you brought to all our lives is immeasurable. You were truly part of our family. Thank you, Jazz, for being the best friend we could have ever asked for. Your unconditional love, loyalty and gentle nature is sorely missed.

Carol & Peter Hopkins

Hello!
To little Rosie
The latest addition to the
Crowther household
Altogether now ... aaaah!



David & Lavinia Crowther wish to announce that we have changed the name of our house in Lower Street from '**Sunnycote**' to '**Rosie's Cottage**'. This is in memory of our dear dog Rosie who sadly died, aged 15 yrs 5 mths, on 25th September.

July 2008 ~ photo, *left*, taken by Gunilla Treen

March 2022





Continuing in our Dad's footsteps

After some 33 years back in the UK – Bradford West Yorkshire, our Dad's hometown, our parents returned to Theux Belgium our Mum's hometown. They had met shortly after WW2 and married in 1954 and came to England with the three of us in November 1960. Dad was in the wool trade and during a 3 months' French scholarship to perfect his language he met Mum.



In the village of Theux where they are now both buried there is an area for 31 British soldiers who died at the end of and after WW1, sadly mostly from Spanish flu. So, between 1993 and 2008 Dad would always put poppies on the 31 headstones and from 2009 my sister and I have carried on this very important legacy and remembrance of those brave men.

During our visit in 2022 I met the President of the local Commemorative group – 'Les Combattants Franchimontois' and a conversation started. As he was wearing a poppy, I asked him about this, and explained I was involved with the British Legion poppy collections, and he immediately said we would want to keep in touch for 2023 and see what could be achieved in collaboration between us and Theux.

With Lucy and Angus Norman's help I organised crosses for the 31 soldiers and a box of other British Legion items to give to Theux and the Combatants organisation and to help them with their event. I brought back 180 euros contribution from the sale of these items which has been added to our village Poppy Appeal.

When we arrived this November, we had a meeting with the President and his wife, and learnt they were looking to commemorate the 31 British soldiers in some big way next year being 80 years since D Day. I then thought what if there was a way to contact the families of those 31 soldiers and see if they would somehow be interested in coming over for next year's 11 November event and see where their relative was buried. The President had been thinking of the same idea and we started to talk in terms of how this might be achieved. They believe they might be able to get some local grant support to assist with this project so I really feel I want to support in whatever way I can.

So, my challenge during the next few months will be to contact the British Legion, the War Grave Commission etc., and see how I might be able to make this happen. It would be such a tremendous sense of achievement in continuing the remembrance of these soldiers and how the local village community want to recognise not only their own lost ones, but those from further afield. Also, as they very much involve local schools in a number of different ways and projects, if anyone has a crochet or knitting pattern for the poppy, I would be really grateful to have this so I can email it over in plenty of time for the children to make and help them raise money for their local charity.



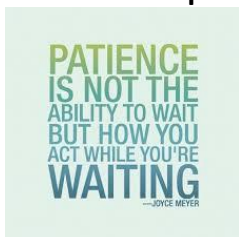
I hope to be able to bring a positive report on how I'm getting on in a future edition.

Veronique Andrews-Semple

CHURCH MATTERS



Fruits of the Spirit



This month is PATIENCE!

What springs to mind when you think about the word patience?

Is patience easy to find? Is it easy to lose?

At this time of year, we are starting to think about preparing for Christmas. If you're lucky or rather organised, then you may have already completed your present shopping. If you, like many of us, are caught up in the hustle and bustle, the melee of life, this might be the first time you have even thought about it. It is in this busy time, when we can sometimes lose our patience. It may be that we lose our patience with Christmas orders or deliveries. It may be that we lose patience with our families, as we try to organise, tidy, plan the logistics of food and presents; who sits where; whose house you go to. It may be that we lose patience with ourselves, as we strive to make the festive season perfect for the people around us. When we lose our patience, it is then that we may also lose sight of what is actually important at Christmas time.

As Christians, we need to remember what it is we are preparing for. Advent is a time to prepare not just our homes, but our hearts and minds. It gives us permission to stop and reflect on the story of Christmas, the reason for the season. For many of us, our whole journey of faith requires us to be patient. There are times when we might get frustrated, we may feel that God does not hear us when we ask him for guidance, to show us His love. We need to remember to have patience with God, with ourselves. He, in return shows us that He is patient with us. He is waiting for us to remember that He is always there for us, that he loves us.

What does the bible tell us about PATIENCE?

Sometimes God asks us to wait for something even though he's promised it to us. God promised Abraham he would be the father of many people. But at a very old age, he was still without any children. Abraham and Sarah knew what God had told them but they had yet to see evidence of the promise in their

lives. How could Abraham become the father of many when he didn't have any children?

Abraham and Sarah trusted God and they waited patiently for him. This doesn't mean they waited perfectly. They took matters into their own hands at times. But God's grace covered them and he still fulfilled his promise, in his perfect timing.

Because God is so patient with us, we should be patient with others. There are many examples in the Bible of God's long-suffering and many verses that express his character of patience. The story of the Exodus out of Egypt though, is perhaps the most amazing. For forty years God led Moses and his people through the wilderness towards the promise land. Along the way, God's people doubted, complained and often came close to giving up. But God patiently heard their cries and answered them by providing food, water and other miraculous signs of his good character.

In this busy time of Advent, stop, take time to reflect and look at the world around you both near and far. Count your blessings, each and every one. Be patient with one another, be patient with yourself.

Remember 1 Corinthians 13:

Love is **patient**, love is **kind**. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but **rejoices** with the **truth**. It always **protects**, always **trusts**, always **hopes**, always **perseveres**.
Love never fails.

Sue & Sally barfordchurches234@gmail.com

AN INVITATION



TO JOIN US



**Village Cuppa
Mornings
10.00 ~ 11.30
Every Thursday
In the Village Hall**



WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB
Christmas Special Village Lunch.
13th December @ The George

12:30pm for 1pm

S T A R T E R

Parsnip Soup | Sourdough | Butter

OR

Whipped Chicken Liver Parfait | Sliced Brioche | Apple Chutney | Walnuts

M A I N S

Roast Turkey Crown | Traditional Trimmings

OR

Lentil, Pistachio and Cranberry Roast | Traditional Trimmings(ve)

Gravy served for the table (vegetarian and meat gravy)

D E S S E R T S

Traditional Christmas Pudding | Brandy Sauce

OR

Cheddar | Thomas Fudge Crackers | Seasonal Chutney | Grapes | Celery

Tea | Coffee | Mince Pies

Price:

2 Courses- £20.00 per person

3 Courses- £25.00 per person

Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074, or email mickpearson1@outlook.com

by **Friday 8th December** to book.

Please Note: if you do not receive a reply to your email, we haven't received it so please
call us.

**** WE CAN CATER FOR ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES - PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR EMAIL ***



Many thanks to everyone who helped with the churchyard clean upon Sun day 5th November. There are a number of others who were busy working that are missing from the photograph. You know who you are!

It made such a massive difference.

What a wonderful village we live in, for people to gather together and work to make our Churchyard so splendid. If you are able to help again please let us know. A list of volunteers would be fantastic to have.

Thank you to Joanna Cooke-Yarborough for organising the event.



THE CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF BANBURY TOWN CENTRE

Cherwell District Council is creating a 2050 Vision for Banbury Town Centre. The Vision will be built on what local residents, businesses and visitors want to see from their town centre. To make sure your voice is heard fill in the survey at www.Banbury2050.co.uk

GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH ~ *Dreaming of a Green Christmas ... gifts that give twice!*

In previous years we've looked at ways of reducing waste over the festive season – in particular avoiding gifts, decorations or gift wrap that will end up in landfill. This time we're looking at ways of giving to charities that support people, animals or habitats around the world.



Help displaced people with Choose Love (www.choose.love), a global organisation supporting refugees all over the world. At the Choose Love shop, you can buy real items and life-saving interventions. Examples: £20 will buy a blanket and sleeping bag for a refugee, or £10 a child's coat. If you want to spend more, £75 will buy a 'Bundle of Warmth': a blanket and sleeping bag, hot food for three days, heating fuel and a waterproof tent.



Adopt an Animal with the **World Wildlife Fund** (<https://support.wwf.org.uk/adopt-an-animal>) and you'll be helping to restore precious habitats and protect the wildlife that relies on them. Choose from a range of adoption animals including penguins, orangutans, snow leopards, turtles and rhinos. For a donation of your choice, the recipient will receive a cuddly toy, information pack, regular updates and adoption certificate – a great way to help one of the most important conservation charities and learn more about their work in the wild.



At **Oxfam Unwrapped** (<https://onlineshop.oxfam.org.uk>) you can choose from a range of gift cards to support Oxfam's projects. Buy a card with the donation amount you want and dedicate a personal message to the recipient. The cards' designs reflect the projects they support. **Stronger Communities** cards help communities to rebuild after conflict and build resilience. **Women At Work** cards are helping projects around the world to bring equality to the workplace and put an end to violence against women and girls. **Climate Justice** cards support communities dealing with the consequences of climate change and help young climate activists to have their voices heard on a global stage.



The **Book Trust Christmas Appeal** (<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/xmas>) raises money to send book parcels to children who are vulnerable or in care. Their families might be facing challenging circumstances or significant hardship, and some children may be spending this Christmas away from their families for the first time. Last Christmas, 14,250 children received a festive book parcel in the run-up to Christmas. Some parcels were given out through community food banks to help some families who were facing a difficult Christmas.



A gift to **Crisis at Christmas** (www.crisis.org.uk) will give homeless people access to essential food and festive treats, a place to stay over Christmas, and year-round support, education, and training. Crisis helps hundreds of people over the Christmas period, providing them with warmth, comfort, safety, and hope for the future. Practical one-to-one support helps people to access benefits, healthcare service, employment opportunities and more. The main aim of Crisis is to relieve the huge pressure of homelessness by helping people to find safe, affordable homes.

Good Gifts

At **Good Gifts** (www.goodgifts.org) you can choose from an enormous range – from providing a mobile library if you have £6,000 to spare, to paying for a fruit tree, art materials, or tools for a trainee carpenter at the lower end of the scale. The Good Gifts Catalogue has been operating for 20 years: "A refreshing alternative to conventional unwanted presents. We were guided by two commitments: first, that every Good Gift was always wanted. And second, when you buy a Good Gift, your money buys the actual gift."



Green Thought is compiled and edited by Linda Newbery. If you have a green idea to share, or would like to announce a local event, please email L.newbery@btinternet.com

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@lcmb.co.uk

BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB
Notes from our Potting Shed – December 2023

"The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown:
O, the rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir."
- Christmas Carol

Christmas Social/Quiz, Monday 11 December, 7pm

We look forward to seeing members and partners/friends at a get-together in the Village Hall. We'll welcome you with a cup of tea and there will be savoury nibbles and mince pies to enjoy. If you wish to bring alcohol to drink/share, you're most welcome.

The Quiz, kindly devised by Jean Thomas, our Treasurer, will be gardening related and multiple choice so even if you're not sure of an answer, you can have a good guess. There'll be a prize for the winning team.

The cost of the evening is free for members and £3 for guests.

Why not get into the festive spirit by wearing a Christmas jumper, socks or your silly Santa hat! Please don't feel obliged though. We hope to see lots of you there.

Annual Seed Order The deadline has now passed. Thank you Rodney for organising this - Rodney will let you know when your orders are received.

Talks and visits for next year: We have some good ideas and following some initial planning, we're contacting a number of possibilities. We'll let you know in the New Year what we have finalised.



Our AGM To be held in the Spring, date to be confirmed. We're desperately short of Committee members **and** a Chairman. If you have a couple of hours spare every couple of months, we would love you to join us. We're a friendly bunch and you will be made very welcome. If you're interested, please let us know. Contact details at the end of this article.

FarmED Here's an interesting note from Abi who works at FarmEd:

"My name is Abi and I'd love to let you know about a course I'm co-ordinating at FarmED in February, 'How to Set Up a Community Supported Agriculture

Enterprise'. This two day course will help participants to establish if a CSA business is right for them and to develop the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to start a CSA in their community.

The course is aimed at people curious about starting a CSA or already have land and are looking to diversify their output/searching for new ways to improve their business.

Is this something your Club members may be interested in? If so, it would be great if you could share it as we would love to welcome them. Further information can be found via this link": [How to Set Up a Community Supported Agriculture Enterprise | FarmED \(farm-ed.co.uk\)](https://www.farm-ed.co.uk/)

Some jobs for December The autumn colours have been spectacular with some leaves still on the trees. Flowers such as cosmos, dahlias and salvias have flowered well into November. Tender plants will need protection from frost, gales and freezing rain.

1. Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls).
2. Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding.
3. Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops.
4. Trees and shrubs can still be planted and transplanted.
5. Take hardwood cuttings.
6. Reduce watering of houseplants.
7. Move plants into the greenhouse or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it's worth wrapping plants or pots.
8. Winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up, encouraging winter birds into the garden.



If you wish to become Chairman or join our Committee, contact Sue, email: sueandles45@hotmail.com or Janet on salbac@icloud.com

We hope you have a fabulous Christmas and wish you a very happy New Year. Hopefully you can get out in the garden if there are a few mild days in December!



Spade and Fork



grubadvisor

reviewed by
Caroline Belson

Where did you eat?	Farm & Table Wykham Lane OX16 9UP
Cuisine?	Locally sourced fresh, rustic, and real Locally sourced British cuisine
RATINGS	Out of 5 stars.....
Food	★★★★★
Service	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★ 4x Sunday lunches and desserts with one round of drinks, £130
Atmosphere	★★★★★ We sat upstairs, a fun, busy environment on a busy Sunday service

COMMENTS:

We enjoyed an excellent Sunday lunch and between the four of us tried all the roasts on offer. My brother-in-Law managed the trio roast! Everyone was very happy! Clean plates all round. The roast comes with a huge Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes seasonal vegetables and gravy. We ordered two sides of cauliflower cheese which was delicious.

There was space for dessert, and we enjoyed the 'seasonal special' of apple crumble with creamy custard. We also tried the Warm dark chocolate brownie with ice cream.

This was our first visit, and we had a lovely, relaxed lunch. We sat upstairs which can be a little warm being directly above the kitchen. Air conditioning is available if required. You do need to book for a Sunday Lunch.

Tip – If you prefer your meat medium to well done - and if you like gravy separate, ask when ordering.

We will definitely be returning!!



huge thank you to Barford Villagers who made Halloween such an amazing and fun event this year!

Special thanks to Mrs Halloween who is always the star attraction and didn't disappoint! Her reputation has spread far and wide, with special requests from Deddington friends to visit 'Mrs Halloween'

Also loved the gentleman who dressed as a monk on The Green and gave the kids a jump when they knocked for treats! Brilliant!

Thank you from the kids of Barford St John & St Michael....(young and old!)

The man dressed as a Monk actually dresses like that all year....don't you, Dr Rodney Hobbs...?? Ed



KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE

What's coming up later this winter?

As we head towards the end of the year we're sharing some updates, ideas and events for the festive season. We couldn't continue to support our wonderful community without the help of people like you.

Lights, Tractor, Action!

The much-loved RC Baker Tractor Run is back and once again the festive fleet will be making their merry way around Banbury and local villages on Saturday 16 December. Since 2016, the Christmas Tractor Run has already raised in excess of £97,000 – with £27,000 of that raised last year alone! Could you help to make it even more? Find the route map, timings and details of how you can donate to this event here: www.khh.org.uk/tractor.

O Christmas Tree...

Our Tree-cycle scheme is back – and available in even more areas! So instead of worrying about how to environmentally dispose of your tree after all the festivities are over, you can make a donation to Katharine House Hospice and, in return, we will send one of our elves to collect and recycle your tree. Head to our website to find out more and check if your post code is included in the scheme.

www.khh.org.uk/christmastree



**I'm so happy
I could scream!**

Why?

Because the children of Barford St Michael celebrated Halloween in spooktacular fashion this year.



A glowing thank you comes your way to say you really brightened up my day.

You were all amazing and it was a pleasure to share Halloween with you.

Incredible costumes, giggles, and squeals, thank you cards and even treats for Mrs Halloween.

Let's do it all again next year!

Mrs Halloween



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

Heads up to all Cub parents, they now know how to iron, make a proper cup of tea (none of your tea bag nonsense) & peel & chop vegetables. Use this information wisely.

As a run up to Remembrance Day, we talked about our role in the parade & practiced carrying the flag & explained about the poppies.

We invested six new Cubs, then spent the rest of the evening making galaxies as the first part of the Astronomer Badge, hoping for clear skies for the next few weeks.

deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

Scouts were entertained when an ex-member came to talk them through the labyrinth that is Dungeons & Dragons, as we had received a free kit that allowed us to run the evening & tick off one of their badge requirements. We spent an evening talking about The Royal British Legion & the part they play in the Poppy Appeal & Remembrance Day Parade. We also looked at the role played by Scouts in both the world wars & were amazed at the level of skill & responsibility they had. We watched a 1941 film about The Scouts, 'Men of Tomorrow', 50 /50 heartwarming & hilarious!

We also ran our Royal Army Medical Corps evening – casualties had to be retrieved from 'the battlefield' & treated while avoiding mines (frisbees) & gas attacks.

Congratulations to all the Scouts who helped The Legion by installing the poppies around the parish, a good job, well done.

Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Thanks to everyone who braved the weather to come to (a rather different) Remembrance Day Parade. The group held it's AGM on Thursday November 16th.



From Deddington Fire Station

After months of not being on when the alerter sounds, I actually got a shout in the early morning hours – hurrah!! We were called to a van on fire whilst parked up. Upon arrival, made slightly tricky by neighbour's trees and bushes encroaching into the only narrow access road, the vehicle was well alight and perilously close to the surrounding hedge.

2 fire-fighters , donning full BA , immediately got 2 hose-reels to work on the vehicle whilst full lighting was set up . after initially dousing the fire, equipment was used to open both the bonnet and door to allow the fire to be fully extinguished. At one point the heat was so fierce that both the front and rear screens melted into the drivers' compartment.

A full tank of water was emptied, over 1800 litres, and no further property damage occurred.

Several days later and the fire engine was on hand at the school firework display, showing lots of excited children around the pump and equipment lockers, with the hose-reel doing a sterling job of cleaning muddy wellies after the event!

James Greenwood FFD, james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk



Deddington Bookworms

Our latest read, **Marianne Cronin's** debut novel - **The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot**, is a book about life, love, loss and most importantly friendship. Two women, one young and one old, meet in an art class whilst in hospital and instantly bond. 17-year-old Lenni is terminally ill but she still has plenty of living to do. 83-year-old Margot, offers new friendship and enviable artistic skills. Between them they have lived 100 years and Lenni comes up with the idea to paint a picture for every year of their life. This is a heart rending, humorous and touching story and one which most of us thoroughly enjoyed reading. Our next book is **Where the Crawdads Sing** by **Delia Owens**.

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DEDDINGTON GIRL GUIDES

Our Patrols continue to work well together on various schemes of their choosing.

We've played a variety of very energetic games requiring quick thinking and working together, and a lot of fun. We've tried our hand at painting, and some old skills like semaphore.

You may remember that some of our Guides went to Paris for a few days at half term. Marian returned from Suffolk to lead the group, including Guides from Banbury, and a wonderful time was had by all. Highlights were venturing up the Eiffel Tower on a very windy day, and of course Disney land.

With Remembrance Day approaching we were pleased to welcome Rob Forsyth from the British Legion to explain its role and the importance of the 11th November. The Guides were very interested in the local village's involvement and had lots of questions. We will certainly be ready for the parade on Sunday.

Thanks again for the continued support of parent helpers at weekly meetings.

Maggie Rampley 07957 600755



DEDDINGTON PFSU

We are pleased to announce we raised £450 from our Halloween Trail. We hope everyone had lots of fun!

Our next fundraiser, the Christmas raffle, goes live on the 1st December. Look out for more information on our Facebook page.

Charlotte Witka
PFSU Deputy Manager



THAMES WATER BILLING PERIOD CHANGE

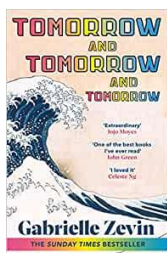
I was surprised to receive a water bill through the post this month outside the usual billing period. This was for costs between August and October, on an estimated basis. I took the time and difficulty to find out what was happening as it was not explained. I was told that in our area bills are being readjusted to cover October to April rather than January to August. I pointed out that some people may not have budgeted for this unexpected bill, and that Thames Water's communications strategy was very poor.

By way of an apology I was informed that anyone who has a household income of less than £17005 pa can ring Thames Water's helpline on 08000093652 option 1 (extra care). They require facts and figures about income in detail and a long phone call but if their conditions are satisfied people should qualify for half price water bills.

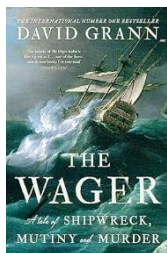
I decided that since this was not being publicised by Thames Water I would do it myself as it may be of use locally.

Janet Payne

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

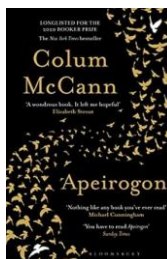


Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin is a highly original but outstanding novel which is set in the world of video games. That might sound rather off-putting but in fact it gives an insight into a fascinating and important arena – that now contributes billions to the global economy. And Zevin has cleverly used the devising and creation of games as the backdrop to a gripping saga of love, family, identity, managing disability and the intensity of workplace collaboration. Without undue geekiness she conveys the ingenuity and creative power of gaming which can cover subjects from ancient mythology to Shakespeare. The book's title is itself a quote from *Macbeth*. At the same time she creates a series of convincing central characters who play out their obsessions, but who also form interesting and complex relationships. **Suzanne Franks**



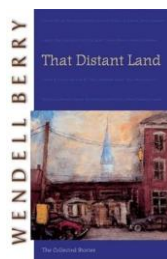
The Wager by David Grann: On January 28th, 1742, a battered vessel carrying thirty men washed up on the shore of Brazil. The men were survivors of the *HMS Wager*, a British man-of-war that had left England nearly a year and a half before; part of a secret squadron that had been tasked with capturing a Spanish galleon filled with treasure. They explained that the *Wager* had run aground on a rocky island off the coast of Patagonia and recounted setting-out on a boat cobbled from the wreckage that would carry them almost 3,000 miles to Brazil.

Six months after the arrival of those thirty castaways in Brazil, another battered vessel came ashore in Chile and the three castaways on this second boat said that the men who landed in Brazil were not heroes, but mutineers! **The Wager** is a remarkable true tale of human behaviour at the extreme limits of their physical and mental endurance. **Paul Freeman**



Apeirogon by Colum McCann couldn't be more timely. In an innovative structure with echoes of *The Thousand and One Nights*, it relates the experiences of two real men, Rami and Bassam, Israeli and Palestinian respectively, each of whom has lost a young daughter in the conflict. The two, brought together through an intermediary, tell their stories to an increasingly wide audience as a way of establishing common humanity. In the thousand and one sections, ranging in length from several pages to single sentences, McCann makes clever use of juxtaposition, creating pathos without the need to underline. The stories of the two men are interspersed with reflections and information about birds, mathematics, the history of the Middle East and of Northern Ireland –

making it almost not fiction. Two central sections, the heartfelt personal testimonies of the two men, examine grief, conflict, hopelessness and hope. A challenging but rewarding read. **Linda Newbery**



That Distant Land by Wendell Berry: Set in the small fictional town of Port William in rural Kentucky, this collection of short stories can fairly claim to be a Great American Pastoral. Spanning a period of a hundred years, from the 1880s to the 1980s, these are stories of kindly and decent people, bound by ties of kinship, friendship, shared fidelity to each other, and to the land. Tender, witty, happy and sad, all are memorable. Perhaps the deepest expression of the author's rich philosophy is to be found in *The Boundary*. An old man takes his last walk through his fields, the landscape of his memories, seeing again his beloved dead, finding in its plants and rocks and waters "Little wonders of a great wonder" - his life's blessings. **Jenny Greeves**

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



In Search of One Last Song by Patrick Galbraith

This is a story about. Britain's disappearing birds and those who are trying to save them. It's certainly a thought provoking and sometimes funny account from a variety of farmers, gamekeepers, artists and coppicers. These experts often feel unheard and may not use the words of the environmentalists but who have a deep understanding of what is happening in our countryside. Galbraith encounters them all and writes cleverly about folklore, conservation and history. In fact sometimes it feels like he writes more about the characters than the birds that he loves.

When I met him he talked about writing a book on countryside access – should be good. He mentioned about a meeting with Chris Packham who greeted him with litigation or lunch? Galbraith chose lunch and they found that they had much in common – he is the editor of the Shooting Times!

Kathryn Wheeler



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term has seen many different events, marked by several important dates.

As always, we'd like to thank our brilliant PTA for the fantastic Fireworks Night held on Saturday 4th November. The firework display was amazing and it was enjoyed not just by our pupils and their families, but also by the wider Deddington Community. Thank you to all who supported this evening on our school field.

For Remembrance Day, the children decorated wooden crosses with poppies and other images relating to war and sacrifice. The designs were all fabulous and extremely thoughtful. The crosses were then displayed in the village, around the War Memorial. Some children also visited the memorial with Mr Evans and Mrs Barber, to lay our school wreath and share a moment of quiet to reflect on the meaning of remembrance.

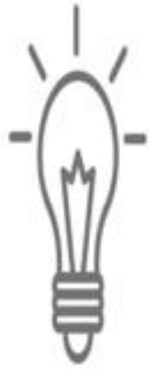
We marked 'Odd Sock' day at the start of the National Anti-Bullying week during mid November. All children and staff looked highly colourful with different socks on! Every class focused on a 'Week of Kind Acts' as a means of focusing on the positive side of behaviour within our school community.

We also raised money for Children in Need on Friday 17th November. This was organised by our School Council. The children brought in £1 each to dress up in spots and then cakes were donated and sold at the end of the day. The children had a great day and enjoyed raising money for such a great and important cause.

KS1 and KS2 children have taken part in cross country events, and KS2 children also participated in a Tag Rugby tournament. The children competed with great spirit and determination in every event and we were incredibly proud of them all.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas Performances but until then, we hope you all enjoy the last few weeks of Autumn.

**With best wishes from us all at Deddington Primary School,
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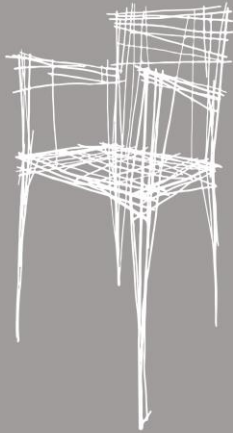
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Regular Weekly/Monthly Events

Mondays	Beavers (Deddington) Boys Brigade Band Practice
Tuesdays	Guides (Deddington) Carpet Bowls (September-March)
Wednesdays	Brownies (Windmill, Deddington) Parish Council, 1 st Wednesday, Bi-Mthly WI, 2 nd Wednesday Boys' Brigade (Deddington)
Thursdays	Village Hall Post Office Open Cuppa Mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)
Fridays	
Saturdays	Village Market, 3 rd Saturday (<i>except January and August</i>)

DECEMBER

8th-16th Scouts Christmas Post Delivery

9th Great Ormond Street Charity Event – village green

11th Garden Club Social & Quiz, Village Hall

13th The George Christmas Village Lunch

13th WI, '50 Years of Hairdressing' Village Hall

16th Village Market, Village Hall

16th Tractor Run

20th Carols in the Pub

JANUARY

3rd Parish Council Meeting