



WISHING ALL OF OUR READERS
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE BARFORDS



SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER:

CHRISTINGLE 4PM
ST MICHAEL (THIS REPLACES THE
FAMILY SERVICE ON 3RD SUNDAY)

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER:

CAROL SERVICE 4PM ST MICHAEL

SATURDAY 24TH DEC. XMAS EVE:

NATIVITY 4.30PM ST MICHAEL

COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS
9PM ST MICHAEL

SUNDAY 25TH XMAS DAY:

XMAS SERVICE 9AM ST MICHAEL

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 2nd November 2022 at the Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Sandi Turner (Chairman), Rodney Hobbs (Vice Chairman), Ray Cox, Maureen Nolan, Tom Lovell, District Councillor Bryn Williams and David Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). One member of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2022 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Allotments: The following points were given in the update:

- i. There are currently two spare allotments. Residents interested in taking on an allotment should contact the Clerk
- ii. The allotment rent letters will be sent out in the first or second week of November.
- iii. The allotment water has been switched off for the winter and will be switched back on in May 2023 or earlier if it is dry in the Spring.

Parish Matters:

Royal British Legion Donation – It was agreed to donate £100 again this year to the Royal British Legion.

Christmas Lights – The wiring will be repaired by the Clerk, and they will be put in the tree on The Green on 20th November

Defibrillator – It was agreed to purchase a Zoll AED semi-automatic defibrillator with lock cabinet which will be installed at the Village Hall as soon as possible.

District Councillor Report

The District Councillor report is displayed in the Parish Council noticeboard in Barford St Michael.

Woodland Trust supplied new hedging for the West Close boundary with Murreys Lane – This will be delivered in March 2023.

Vegetation by the bridge – This has been strimmed by the Clerk to improve the visibility.

Vegetation by the road bridge obscuring view – This has been reported to OCC Highways.

Bishops Close sign – The Clerk has trimmed vegetation away from the sign and will contact CDC to replace the posts, one of which is rotten.

Murreys Lane verge vegetation – The Clerk has strimmed the verges and will Thomas Fox to cut them when they cut the other verges next year.

20's Plenty signs for South Newington Road – These are expected to be delivered early in November and will be fitted by the Clerk as soon as they arrive.

Dog Bin for Barford St John – This is expected to be delivered early in November and will be fitted by the noticeboard as soon as it arrives.

Footbridge on the footpath by The Mill in Barford St Michael – OCC haven't repaired this yet so the Clerk will repair it.

Planning:

22/02746/TCA – Swere Villa, B St M – Pollard Willow – CDC Granted 5/10/2022.

22/02387/F – The George – Pergola Structure & Lantern rooflight - CDC Granted 7/10/2022

Finance:

Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £1,422.25. The combined bank balances are £12,633.88 after the payments that were approved.

Bank Mandate – Barclays had confirmed that Cllr Ray Cox and the Clerk had been added to the bank mandate.

2023-24 Budget – The draft budget, which had been circulated prior to the meeting was agreed and it was agreed that there would be no increase to the Precept for the following financial year.

Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 12th January 2023 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.



Since our very first Christmas Tractor Run in December 2016, we, along with friends, family and customers from our local farming community, have continued to light up the streets each year with our festive fleet raising over £69,000 so far for Katharine House Hospice.

We are very excited to be holding the tractor run for the 7th time in 2022 with an updated route! This year the convoy will have an adjusted route to include Banbury Cross. 17:00 - depart from Spring Hill Farm (*please do not come to the farm for the departure as it is very busy getting the convoy assembled! You are most welcome to come at the end for the after party though!*)

- 17:10 - reach at South Newington
- 17:20 - reach at Milcombe - 17:30 - reach at Bloxham
- 17:55 - reach Banbury - 18:05 - reach Banbury Cross
- 18:15 - reach Sainsburys - 18:25 - reach Banbury Rugby Club
- 18:30 - arrive at Adderbury - 18:50 - arrive at Aynho
- 19:00 - arrive at Clifton - 19:10 - arrive at Deddington -
- 19:20 - arrive at Hempton
- 19:35 - arrive at Barford St Michael - High St., Lower St., Sth Newington Rd
- 19:45 - return to Spring Hill Farm

Please join us for the Christmas Tractor Run afterparty at our premises - Spring Hill Farm. drinks and refreshments available to enjoy whilst watching the convoy return from their tour.

Donations - text **TRACTORLIGHTS** 5 to 70085 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message. Whatever number is sent is the amount that is donated. So for example, if you text TRACTORLIGHTS 10 to 70085, all donations received would be £10. The minimum number/donation is 2 (£2)....or you can make a donation via the [JustGiving page](#)



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Freestanding DISHWASHER (As New)
BLOMBERG 14 place settings
(German manufacture)

Used only occasionally but now not needed as kitchen has been refitted

Very quiet. Still under guarantee

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Courses then start in March
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BARFORD MARKET

SATURDAY, 10TH DECEMBER
(1 Week earlier than usual to fit in with Deddington)
10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Lovas Bakery from Hempton, with their artisan breads

Ellie's very Popular Greek Pastries and Pasties

Berrys Orchard from Deddington with a great selection of potted herbs,
Plus an excellent range of local producers selling,
savouries, cakes, preserves.

Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items.
Greetings cards, Locally grown plants

Barford Environment Network – Offering refills of household products.
Shopping ordered from **Nothing But Footprints** is delivered to the market, free of charge!
Order online: www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk.

.....and for the birds we have seeds, mealworms, sunflower hearts, fat balls
bacon /bacon & egg/breakfast butties at bargain prices!!

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DEDDINGTON PLAYERS PRESENT A TRADITIONAL FAMILY PANTO ★★★★★

The Wizard of Oz

THE WINDMILL, DEDDINGTON
FEATURING MEMBERS OF
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19-21 JANUARY 2023 | 7.00PM THU & FRI | 2.30PM & 6.30PM SAT

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www.ticketsource.co.uk/deddington-players
ADULTS **£7** CONCESSIONS **£6** CHILD **£5**

SCAN ME 

BAR OPEN 30 MINS BEFORE START TIME *Booking fee applies

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 Hook Norton Veterinary Group 

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB

21st December @ The George 12:30pm for 1pm

MAINS

All served with family style vegetables

- Braised Blade of Beef -

Bordelaise Sauce | Kale | Pomme Puree

OR

- Salmon Meuniere -

Buttered New Potatoes | Samphire

DESSERTS

- Vanilla Panna Cotta -

Mulled Berries | Shortbread

OR

- Traditional Christmas Pudding - Brandy Sauce

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

Homemade Strawberry & Basil Sparkling Water

Homemade Elderflower Cooler

Tea & Coffee

Price £13 per person

Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074, or email mickpearson1@outlook.com
by Friday 16th 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 FOR ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES

- PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR EMAIL **



**Please support our
village –200 Plus Club**

**Raising Funds for our Village Hall - TICKETS
FOR 2023 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, there will be a £25 prize every other month 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 member's 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**



200 CLUB DRAW

NOVEMBER

£15	123	Caroline Belson
£10	001	Bernard Lane
£5	101	Stuart Hobbs

The draw took place at
Coffee Morning in the Hall

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK



**We will be holding our traditional New
Year's walk.**

**If anyone wants to know the date, it's
January 1st 2023.**

Time of departure and route TBA.

**Let's hope that the weather is going to
be as good as last year.**

T'committee



VENETIAN MASKS WORKSHOP

with Liz Dixon

**Wednesday, 14th DECEMBER
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
Visitors most welcome £5**

Please contact Christine 338659

barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk



Christmas is coming!!

back by popular demand there
will once again be ...

Carols in the Pub

on

Tuesday 20th December 6.30 pm

Singing led by Kim Hobday,
accompanied by local musicians All
welcome to join in



To the very kind and generous chap and his wife from Townsend, who donated £30 to BN funds. They have made many donations in the past so it really is so appreciated.

The Team

CONGRATULATIONS

to Alex and Toria on the safe arrival of

Olive Luna Gutan Tojeiro

on

27th October 2022

Weighing 3.805kg / 8.38lbs



We wish little Olive
a long and happy life



Win a £1,000 holiday Voucher

How it works.....

From the 1st Aug 2022 to 1st Feb 2023 I will award points to you as set out below for referrals and bookings.

Points will be awarded as follows:-

25 points - if you refer someone and they make a booking. (You will need to be in my marketable contacts list).

50 points - if you make a booking for yourself!



All important terms and conditions.....

1. Incentive valid for referrals and bookings made by the 31 Jan 2023.
2. In the event of a tie the voucher will be split equally.
3. Voucher valid for 2023 travel.
4. Voucher must be redeemed through myself.
5. If you already use a Travel Counsellor, they must provide their permission for you to book your own holiday through me.
6. League tables will be published monthly.

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Rebecca Smith, Travel Counsellor

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<https://www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/rebecca.smith/>

With us...it's personal



From The Fire Station –

Deddington - Summer is over the yard arm and Autumn is firmly here as rain and squally winds funnel through Deddington. That busy Summer seems a somewhat distant memory as we have been exceptionally quiet this month with a mere 12 call outs divided between Stand bys, Rescues, Alarms and RTCs.

Training does continue with Corrie King having passed her final BA Team leader Exam, Louis Martin starting his BA basic course and CJ Harber now qualified to be on the run. Also, Barney Neal will have completed his 2 week basic training when this goes to print. The Deddington crew also visited both Cubs and Deddington Primary this month, as well as attending the village Fireworks display.

FF James Greenwood, james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk



OVER 50s FOOTBALLERS WANTED - Cherwell Strollers Walking Football Club has an A Team and B Team in the Thames Valley League at Bisham Abbey in Marlow run by Bucks & Berks FA and an Over 50s and Over 60s team in the Oxon Summer League run by Oxon FA and currently played at Bicester. We also enter teams into various tournaments in surrounding counties.

Walking football - or to be more accurate non-running football - has grown enormously since Cherwell Strollers started in 2014 and at representative level is very competitive and challenging. The standard of teams has improved considerably over the years and the amount of skill displayed by some of the players is outstanding. As a number of our players are getting older we are seeking to recruit players of a good footballing standard with a view to representing the club in various competitions. We are particularly short of players in the 50 - 58 age range. We train at The Dewey Sports Centre in Bloxham currently on Sunday mornings at 10.30 although this moves to a midweek evening in the summer. If you would be interested please contact Stan Horlock stan@thehorlocks.com or 07889 315069. www.cherwellstrollers.co.uk



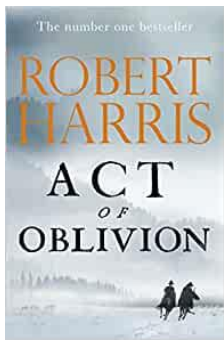
DEDDINGTON Bookworms - Our last book was 'Dear Mrs Bird' by AJ Pearce; a novel with Miss Emmeline Lake as the protagonist, whose ambitions of becoming a journalist appear to be thwarted when she inadvertently secures a job as an administration clerk with Mrs Bird, an agony aunt on a women's magazine problem page. The group enjoyed the book; some especially so and some to a lesser extent.

Universally, it was agreed that the language used by the author immediately transported the reader to London during World War 2 and the social norms of that time.

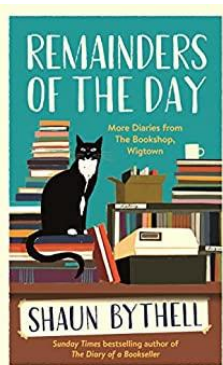
The reader hears about Emmeline's experiences of friendship, work, love and war including her rather rash decision to answer and publish problem letters on Mrs Bird's 'topics that will not be responded to' list. The letters highlight a multitude of social history issues especially the life of young women in 1941, including deference to parents and authority and what was seen as acceptable or not behaviourally and conversationally. The story also demonstrated how people coped with tremendous threats to life and tragedy with a stiff upper lip, resilience and squeezing enjoyment where-ever possible. Overall it was a hit. Our next book is A man called Ove by Fredrik Backman.

Deddingtonbookworms@gmail.com

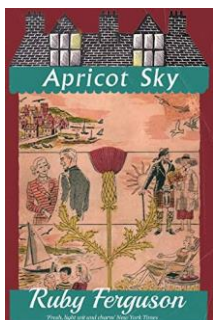
READING RECOMMENDATIONS



Act of Oblivion by Robert Harris is a novel constructed almost entirely from factual material. The words may be imagined, but the architecture of the plot and the identities of most of its characters are drawn from Harris's extensive research. The 1660 Act of Oblivion was the edict that pardoned all those who took up arms against the king, save those who had a direct hand in Charles I's execution. Many of these so-called regicides are already dead, Cromwell included. But one of the most prominent names on the decree that sealed Charles's fate is that of Colonel Edward Whalley who has fled to America with his son-in-law, another regicide, Colonel Will Goffe. The plot's only invented figure, Richard Nayler, is the warped and vengeful manhunter driven by motives both personal and political to track down Whalley and Goffe; he is part detective, part monster and will stop at nothing to track them down. **Paul Freeman**

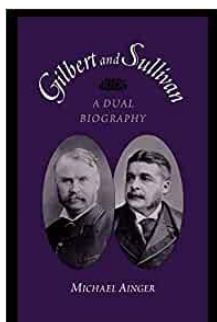


Reminders of the Day: More Diaries from The Bookshop, Wigtown, by Shaun Bythell. Firstly this book has a terrific title. But it is also a delightful read. Just like its bestselling predecessor (*Diary of a Bookshop*, which was translated into 30 languages) it is a whimsical set of musings by the observant and often caustic owner of a second hand bookshop. Bythell writes beautifully and gives a hilarious and wry portrait of eccentric customers and odd incidents in his book emporium, located in the remote Scottish town of Wigtown. Owning a bookshop is many people's dream - and we read here about the struggles of keeping a small business going, the importance of community, as well as the frustration of dealing with a host of awkward customers. A pleasant diversion, especially on long winter nights. **Suzanne Franks**



Apricot Sky by Ruby Ferguson: happy books about lovable people are as rare as hen's teeth, and should be seized upon as a joyous antidote to gloom and doom. The story spans a summer in the life of the MacAlvey family, the date is 1948, the setting the sublime landscape of the Scottish Highlands. The days unfold, and they are made up of everything which makes life worth living: family, friends, laughter, food, the great outdoors. There is a wedding to prepare for, and the hazards of misunderstandings to negotiate. The book concludes, as it should, with an enchanting proposal of marriage. A set of footprints in the dew of early morning prove that it was not a dream.

Jenny Greeves



Gilbert and Sullivan: a dual biography by Michael Ainger is a doughty doorstop in which rigorous research places fact above interpretation. Fortunately, both G and S were habitual letter writers, but as we slog through the meticulously-dated yearly round of comic opera writing, contracts with D'Oyly Carte, rehearsal, performance, and celebratory dinners, something is absent: conjecture. Ainger is forensic in locating the facts, but reluctant to say what they may suggest. Sullivan is lauded and knighted, but Gilbert's recognition is confined to the many complimentary *Times* reviews. Why - particularly as the words always come first, we learn? The most insightful passages of commentary are based on Sullivan's rehearsal notes where he itemises meticulously the

conduct of each stage persona he imagines. There are all too infrequent, brief accounts of how Sullivan worked from Gilbert's lyrics, starting with the rhythm of the words, the atmosphere and finally the characteristics of the singer and the character they portray. **Trevor Arrowsmith**

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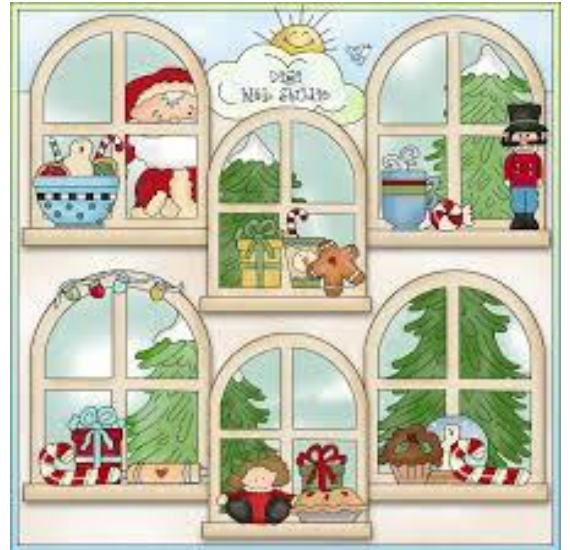
Barford Churches Christmas Window Competition

In previous Christmas seasons we have invited people to create *Advent Windows* and to host the *Posada*. This year we are trying something different - *Barford Churches Christmas Window Competition*. Villagers are invited to be creative and decorate a Christmas Window which may be seen by passers-by. It can be traditional, religious, funny - whatever you can think of as long as it depicts a celebration of Christmas.

Deadline for entries is Tuesday 20th December. Please register your interest by emailing barfordchurches234@gmail.com

All entrants will receive a small gift and acknowledgment of their entry.

Judging will take place on Friday 23rd December, and a prize of a voucher will be given to the winning household.



Spooktacular Halloween Thank you

Thank you to all the incredible spooky visitors this year, especially for braving the torrential rain. You certainly deserved lots of yummy treats. We should all be spectacularly proud of our witches, dragons, werewolves, devilish elves, fairies, pixies, ghosts, goblins and even an axe wielding Viking you were extraordinarily brilliant and a credit to yourselves, your parents, and your community.

We had a witch of a time can't wait to do it all again next year!



"When black cats prowl and pumpkins gleam, may luck be yours on Halloween."

Mrs Halloween



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@lcmb.co.uk

See us at the market every month selling **SESI refills** – washing-up liquid, general-purpose cleaner and more. Also, zero-waste shopping from **Nothing But Footprints** is delivered to the market free of charge. Order online from www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk by Friday lunchtime before a market day.

Can we do Zero-Waste Christmas?



Christmas can be a time of tremendous waste ... food thrown away, plastics dumped into landfill and gifts discarded unused. Can we have a happy and festive Christmas that doesn't cost the Earth? Here are some ways to make Christmas **as green as possible**, while saving money too. No apology for repeating several evergreen ideas from last year, many supplied by **Hazel Neal**.

Buy local: support local businesses, producers and craftspeople (for instance at our village market!) – then your money helps the local economy rather than the big retailers.

Avoid food waste: don't be tempted to over-buy! Make a plan that includes using or freezing leftovers.

Eat kindly: Instead of the traditional turkey or goose and pigs in blankets, try a festive plant-based Christmas dinner - cruelty-free as well as reducing carbon emissions. Great meat-free recipes can be found at bbcgoodfood.com, at jamieoliver.com and in many other places online.



Buy ethical: choose products that are organic, fair trade, sustainable and plastic-free. Buy from companies that pay their employees a living wage. Look for the **Leaping Bunny** symbol on cosmetics and toiletries to be sure they're cruelty-free.

Make or grow gifts instead of buying them. Have you discovered the **Orinoco Scrapstore** in Banbury (at the site of the old Post Office)? It sells recycled and donated craft materials such as beads, fabrics, pens and paints and much more. There are regular craft workshops for children and adults, and a café too! Other ideas: plant a pot with spring bulbs; make cakes, biscuits, jam or chutney; knit a hat, scarf or sweater.

Avoid cheap novelty gifts likely to end up in landfill!

Buy less! Do Secret Santa for grown-ups in the family or for work – or agree to donate to charities instead of buying presents. **Give experiences instead of things:** tickets to a film or concert, a day out, a course, membership of for instance the RSPB, National Trust or the Wildlife Trusts. **Find gifts that give twice:** support organisations like **Good Gifts**, **Oxfam** or **Choose Love** by ordering tools, seeds, equipment or clothes for people struggling to survive.

Be inventive with gift-wrap: Avoid glittery or foil wrap which can't be recycled. Re-use gift-bags, tins and boxes, plain paper from deliveries, odd bits of fabric. Plain paper can be decorated with stamped or freehand designs, and tied with coloured string or ribbon. Or make the wrap part of the gift: a tea-towel or scarf, in the Japanese tradition of Furoshiki.

Re-use Christmas cards by cutting them up to use as gift tags next year.

Green Thought of the Month is compiled and edited by Linda Newbery. If you have a green idea to share, please contact L.newbery@btinternet.com*



DEDDINGTON GIRL GUIDES

Our patrols continue to work really well together, having lots of fun working on their Mixology, 1st aid badges, and other activities of their own creation.

The Bluebell Patrol invented and planned the smoothies at our Halloween activity. Everyone came in costume, for fun, the rule being that no one should buy any costume especially. There was some very ingenious remodelling going on. After our nod to Halloween, we moved onto other activities, including finding out about various Saints.

Amelia and Nikita were great Ambassadors for us when Deddington Market very kindly presented us with a cheque of £200 plus. this will make a huge difference to us, helping to pay for books and equipment, thank you.

We had great fun last Tuesday learning how to skip with a long rope. Running in to start skipping was a new experience, which almost all the girls mastered, with lots of giggles on the way!! We even managed 3 Guides skipping at the same time. Now there will be lots to do leading up to Christmas, with the Hedgehog and Fox Patrols planning the festivities.

Maggie Rampley 07957 600755 and Marian Trinder 07786 001641



FROM MAISIE BIRD - I just wanted to thank everyone who sponsored me during my London Marathon

journey. I am so pleased to let you know that I have exceeded my charitable goal of £2,000 for the Guide Dogs and I wouldn't have been able to achieve this without you! I know this money will be so gratefully received by the charity and support them in reaching their target of getting as many visually impaired people supported with a guide dog as possible. To train a single guide dog it costs around £34,600 from a puppy to a trained working dog. Your support meant so much and enabled me to complete my first marathon in 3hr 34mins. Thank you so



much again.

Here are some pictures from the day!

Love Maisie x



BYGONE BARFORD BABIES - Last month's baby pictures were...wait for it....

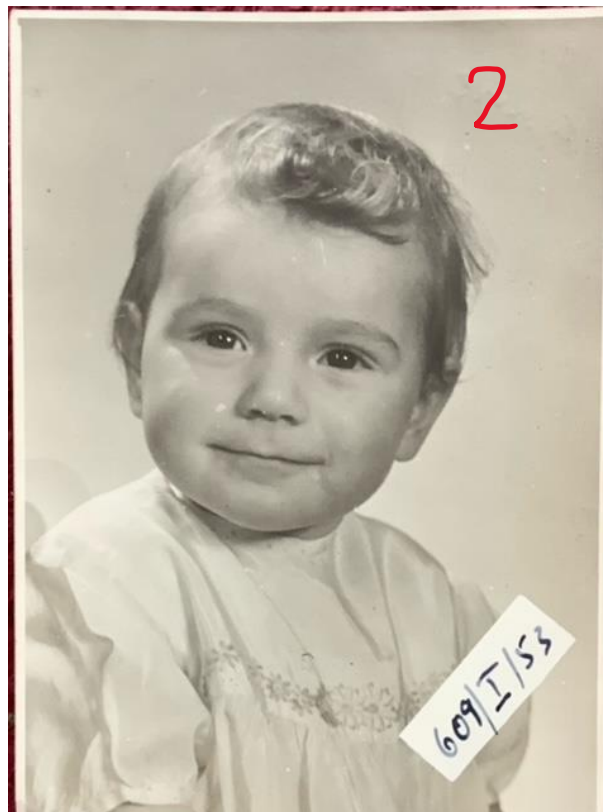
Basil Butler, Barford Bee Lady Margaret Murdin and Church Street's Erika Smith. 2 out of 3 correct answers came from Janet Morris, well done.

So, who are December's BBB's....?? And for those of yuu that cannot contain yuur excitement and wait till next month, see Page 26. for answers

CHURCH STREET CHERUBS



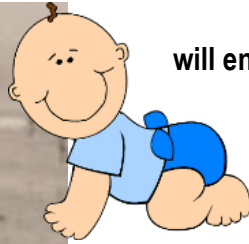
This Church Street couple make a lovely Pear?



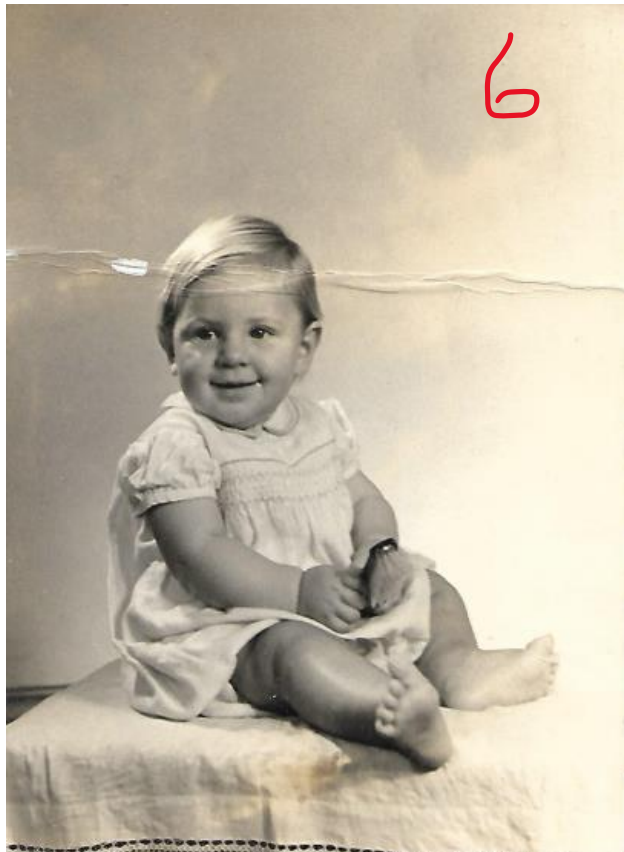
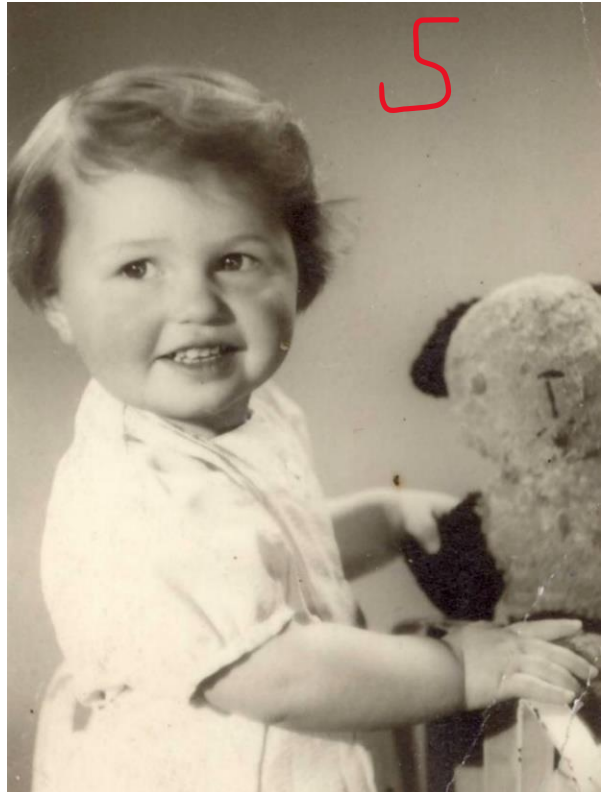
This adorable little fella is THE BOSS of Church Street...?



BYGONE BARFORD BABIES OF BROAD CLOSE



If you guess this couple incorrectly you will end up in detention....?



LORD knows if you don't guess this one correctly you'll be out for a duck...?



PLEASE SEND YOUR BABY AND/OR WEDDING PHOTOS to barfordnews@gmail.com





1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

Recently we have been delighted to invest three of our new Cubs: Lewis, Eva and Connie.

Halloween has fallen in this period too and we chose to mark this by looking at the Day of the Dead or 'Dia de los Muertos' festival. We talked about its origins, and what it means to people to remember family members that have died. Cubs also decorated pictures of skulls in the traditional styles and made marigolds out of crepe paper to decorate our own ofrenda.

Fireworks night caused us to think about safety with fireworks and around bonfires. We were fortunate enough to be able to visit Deddington Fire Station for a session, where Cubs also learnt about fire safety in the home, how to identify fire hazards and what to do in the event of a fire. The Cubs were shown all the personal safety equipment that fire fighters wear, and Baloo even got to put on the fire fighters' kit! We looked at the fire engine and its equipment, but I suspect that the highlight for the cubs was knocking down traffic cones by directing a fire hose at them. Thanks to the team at Deddington Fire Station for an amazing session. We also continue to work on core scouting skills such as lashing and knots with the cubs. Paul Honess deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

Now the dark & grotty winter months are upon us the Scouts will be learning some life skills, so far they've mended a puncture (thanks James), ironed & folded a shirt & planned a journey using timetables, all skills they will need as they grow up. We are looking for local tradespeople who could share some simple skills with them, mend a tap washer, wire a plug etc, please contact us if you could spare some time for us. I suppose our next topic goes hand in hand with the above, Emergency Aid. This is something we like to repeat & reinforce annually, ask them to put you in the recovery position, it will be worth a laugh! The paracord poppies made for Remembrance Day were rather fiddly but turned out really well & gave us the opportunity to talk about The British Legion. Swimming at The Spiceball came next to complete one of the swimming badges & generally lark about.

Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Thanks to all the Cubs, Scouts & Leaders who turned out for parade, we all looked very smart.

Jo Churchyard deddingtongsl@gmail.com

AN INVITATION



TO JOIN US



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



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 the porch
of St Michael's church.

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

BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB

Notes from our Potting Shed – December

We enjoyed a great Talk during November entitled 'The A to Z of Gardening'. Here's Margaret Murdin's report:

'21 members and one guest spent an enjoyable evening in the company of Chris Day, Publicity Manager for Buckingham Garden Centre. Originally from Bury, he's worked all over the country, written extensively for Amateur Gardening Magazine and worked on a Gold Medal winning garden at Chelsea.'

Chris' talk, 'The A to Z of Gardening' was meant to be about 'fool proof' ways to garden. I'd expected it to be about plants which start with a different letter of the alphabet but it was far more interesting than that. Chris brought with him a mixture of house plants, bulbs, garden varieties and much more.

He started with 'A' for anemone and showed a beautiful new variety called 'Frilly Knickers'. He explained how and when to take root cuttings. 'B' was for bees and butterflies and how to attract them into your garden and 'C' of course, for compost. We had an interesting discussion about the use of peat free compost and how the profession is having difficulty finding a replacement product that is as good. For those interested, Buckingham Garden Centre still has two products which contain peat.

'D' was for pruning! Then he explained. We have to cut away dead, diseased or damaged wood. Again, there were interesting questions and a debate about what to prune and when. And so, it went on.

'H' was for house plants, 'I' for innovation, and 'K' for kitchen garden. I liked 'L' for layering. Chris demonstrated how to layer bulbs. He brought the pot (made from recycled plastic), had the compost which he'd shown us earlier and produced several packets of bulbs which all flowered at different times. The layering took a few minutes, he made no mess and it all looked easy. He finished the pot off with attractive winter pansies. 'N' was for natives and 'Q' for quintessentially English. 'R' of course was for roses.



Members enjoyed perusing and buying top quality house and garden plants from our speaker, Chris Day, after our November Talk.

Chris brought a rose in a biodegradable bag. The whole thing goes straight into the ground so the roots aren't disturbed.

Chris' talk was everything a good talk should be - engaging, entertaining, informative and practical. He had tables full of very healthy-looking plants which were all for sale at the end. Members bought enthusiastically and I watched. So, if you happen to see Rodney, ask him how his frilly knickers are doing!

Christmas Social/Quiz, 12 December, 7pm

We look forward to seeing members at a get-together in the Village Hall. We'll welcome you with a glass of mulled wine or soft drink 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 our Treasurer, will be mostly 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.

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



Our AGM To be held in the Spring, date to be confirmed. If you'd like to join our Committee, you'll be very welcome! It only takes up a few hours a month but is very rewarding and we have a great group of people on board. To find out more, please contact Trevor, our Chair. (See details below).

Annual Seed Order Thank you Rodney for organising this. Rodney will let you know when your orders are received.

Some jobs for December: With the recent mild weather, Autumn still seems to be here with Winter on its way. The autumn colours have been spectacular with some leaves still on the trees. Flowers such as cosmos and dahlias have continued to flower at least a month longer than normal. As we approach the shortest day, we'll need work to keep ourselves warm outside, such as digging and tree pruning, if we are able.

Check your winter protection and if you have a greenhouse make sure the heater is working. Enjoy your garden, look to see what you might want to rearrange, dig out or plant elsewhere. Take care, keep warm and all good wishes for the festive season.

If you would like to join our Club, contact Trevor on 01869 338403, email: trevorstevens49@hotmail.com or Sue on 01869 338900, email: sueandles45@hotmail.com It costs just £5 per year and there are discounts, plus talks/visits to enjoy. Perhaps consider buying a subscription for a friend for Christmas? Season's greetings to all.



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Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

Christmas is coming and we are all looking forward to the celebrations! The PFSU children will start the

festivities by inviting parents into Pre-School for two 'decorations afternoons' during which we will make our classroom look really Christmassy. These will take place on the afternoons of Monday 5th and Wednesday 7th December from 1.30 to 3.00pm. We then perform our nativity, Born in A Barn, with the F1 class on Tuesday 13th December at 2.00pm, in Deddington Church. The Nursery children and their families have their turn to be creative at their Christmas craft morning on Wednesday

14th December from 10 to 11.30am. Our Christmas parties take place on Monday 19th December from 9.30 to 11.30am (at Pre-School) and Tuesday 20th December from 10 to 12.30pm (at Nursery).

We will also all be taking part in Christmas Jumper Days on 8th and 9th December and we look forward to seeing you all in your best festive outfits! We would like to thank Deddington Farmers Market for their generous donations to both settings, which will be spent on improving our outdoor areas. Our Halloween pumpkin trail made an amazing £416 for the settings. Thank you for all your support. Finally a reminder to all PFSU parents that the closing date for Primary School applications is 15th January 2023.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Lucy Squires
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I have had a request this month to put this reminder in about cleaning up after your dog. Unbelievable that we should have to remind people but it appears we do.

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From the Editor



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Diary dates to the editor by 15th of each month please

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DECEMBER

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12th Garden Club Social/Quiz
14th WI, Venetian Mask Workshop
17th RC Baker Tractor Run
20th Carols in the Pub
21st Wednesday Lunch Club at The George

JANUARY

1st Village Walk (details in next month's BN)
12th Parish Council meeting
19th – 21st Deddington Panto – Wizard of Oz

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Tuesdays	Guides (Deddington) Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar
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