



Happy Easter



JUBILEE MUGS available for all Barfordian children, **17 and under. See Page 15 & 16 for more details....and a Chocletty Easter Quiz for all kids under 7....see Page 19**



Barford St John & St Michael Village Clean Up Morning Saturday 9th April 10.00 am at Village Hall

Please come and join us for our annual litter-pick around the villages so that we can keep the Barfords looking their best.

We supply the bags and have a few grab sticks/pickers

Please bring your own old gloves
(and pickers if you have them)

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W/O 468988 The Loan Soldier

Adventures of a Military Man Abroad
As told by his wife Toni

Accompanied by his wife and young family, life during these postings could be difficult and sometimes dangerous. Food, fuel and domestic comforts were often in short supply, but the Duncan family's inexhaustible resourcefulness, humour and spirit of adventure invariably turned setbacks into positive experiences.

Wednesday, 13th April
7.30pm in the Village Hall

ALL VISITORS WELCOME (£5)

To come along to our W.I. Meeting
Please contact Christine 338659
barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

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DEDDINGTON
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— 2022 —

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*Thank
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to a lovely lady from High Street for her
kind and generous annual donation of
£20.

The BN Team

BARFORD MARKET

**Easter Saturday, 16th April
10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**OUR PROFITS WILL BE DONATED
TO D.E.C. UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL
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RECEIVED**

Kan's Kitchen – Thai Food Freshly prepared

Two Jolly Cooks – Freezer ready meals

Moore & Lyon – Home-reared meats, eggs

Lovas Bakery from Hempton, with their delicious artisan breads

**Plus an excellent range of local producers selling,
Potted Herbs, savouries, cakes, preserves.
Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items.**

**Barford Environment Network – Offering refills of household
products, Bring your own bottle, or have one filled for you.**

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

**+ Mick & Anne's bacon /bacon & egg/breakfast butties - from the Kitchen
TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING
FROM THE BAR**

BARFORD ST. JOHN & ST. MICHAEL Jubilee Celebrations



We've made a promising start
with the
Jubilee Celebrations Group
and are hoping for a special event
on 5th June, more details next month

Volunteers are still needed to help with plans
If you would like to be involved, or would just like to find
out more, please contact Carole Coppin
on WhatsApp, 07768 378758

CHARITY CEILIDH

In AID of the Royal Osteoporosis Society

BY THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF
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Ettington Community Hall

Friday 27th May 2022 7.00 for 7.30pm

LIVE CEILIDH BAND

"RINGERIKI" (with caller)

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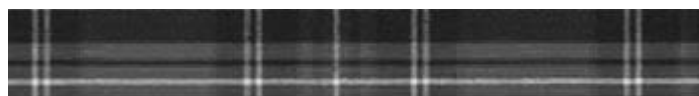
VILLAGE CUPPA MORNINGS

EVERY THURSDAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL

10.00 – 11.30

Just £1.00 per person pays for your cuppa and
as many refills as you can drink including
coffee, caffeine free, tea, fruit teas available -
biscuits included in the price

Come down to the hall and meet up with
friends and neighbours of all ages - Babies and
children welcome!!





Girls!! Learn to play golf in a way that **Rocks!** Tadmarton Heath Golf Club are proud to host Girls Golf Rocks as part of an England Golf & Golf foundation initiative to promote more girls into golf.



- Open to all girls aged 7-14 , Six-week session , no experience necessary, just come and have fun!
- Free taster sessions on Tuesday 3rd May 6pm or Saturday 10th May 10am.
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For more information or to book your place go to:

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Tadmarton Heath Golf Club, Wiggington, Banbury, OX15 5HL

Tel: 01608 730047 | www.tadmartongolf.com



The Women's
Academy@ Taddy



Ladies, if you have ever wanted to give golf a go or you are thinking of starting again then the Women's Academy @ Taddy is made for you...

Following on from the success from last year we will be running ladies group coaching lessons starting in May.

The available start dates for the 5 week course are; Tuesday 3rd May 10am-11am, Tuesday 3rd May 5pm-6pm & Thursday 5th May 10am-11am

The lessons will be provided by our PGA Head Professional John Stubbs & his team with the aim of building your confidence and delivering coaching that is both effective for you but most importantly ENJOYABLE.

To book please contact: golfopsmanager@tadmartongolf.com

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"A warm welcome and continued encouragement has made our introduction to golf very pleasant" Brenda

Thank You

**to a really nice couple who desperately
want to live in the village for the
amazingly generous donaton of £20.**

*(actually they popped in for the cuppa
and I wouldn't let them leave till they
had coughed up.....Ed)*

The BN Team

Congratulations

To Bernard & Verna Lane
who celebrated their
65th Wedding Anniversary
on 9th March



They were delighted to receive
a special card from
HM The Queen

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

19th April 2022

12.30PM for 1PM

MENU

Main Course

oven-baked chicken breast wrapped in bacon
with a bbq sauce and dauphinoise potatoes

or

crunchy topped cod fillet with a cheese and
chive sauce and new potatoes

both main meals will be served with a
selection of vegetables.

Desserts

cappuccino eclairs

or

pear and ginger upside-down pudding and
creamy custard

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 April 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:

The hall will be well ventilated so please
wrap up warm. In order to protect ourselves
as much as possible from the risk of Covid, we
would suggest we all, 1) carry out a lateral
flow test the morning of the lunch club to be
as sure as possible we are not contagious; 2)
use the hand gel in the foyer on entering and
leaving and 3) wear a face mask in the hall
until you are seated.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Caroline and Nick Belson. (Lolly & Pops)
are incredibly proud to announce the birth
of their first Grandchild

Edith Valerie Read

Born Monday 28th February 2022 at
12.52pm 9lb 1oz

Congratulations to Edith's Mummy and
Daddy - Amy and Sam Read. The new little
family are all doing well if a bit lacking in
sleep.

Thank you to all our incredible friends and
neighbours in this wonderful village.

The support, kind wishes, cards, gifts, and
12 veg soup have been overwhelming!

You are the BEST!



CONGRATULATIONS

to

**Marisa and Peter Gofton on the
birth of their Grandson
JUDE GEORGE TURNER
born on 16/11/2021
weighing 6lbs 13oz**



**wishing Jude a long, healthy
& happy life**

welcome

to new residents

**Alex & Milly Jackson
with daughter Olive**

Who have recently moved in to
their new home in Lower Street

We hope they will be very
happy in our lovely villages



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.ukf

See us at the market every month selling **SESI refills** – washing-up liquid, general-purpose cleaner and more.

Get zero-waste shopping from **Nothing But Footprints** delivered to the market, free of charge! Order online by midday Friday: www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk.

Wilder Gardens

This piece is based on an excellent talk given to the Garden Club by **Ed Munday of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust**. Simple, everyday contact with nature is good both for us and for wildlife. The 24 million gardens in the UK account for more space than nature reserves, so what we do in them can make a real difference!

Ed's top tips:



- Even the smallest garden can be a haven for wildlife.
- The four requirements of wild creatures are: food, water, shelter, a place to breed. Can your garden provide them?
- A pond is the single biggest thing for encouraging biodiversity – even the smallest one made from a bowl or an old sink.
- Even if you can't have a pond, a large saucer will bring

birds to drink or bathe, and will help them during dry periods.

- Think across the seasons. Is there something for wildlife year-round?
- Model the planting on natural woodland, with layers of plants from tree canopy down to carpeting ground cover.
- Leave dead and decaying material to provide natural spaces for foraging, breeding and shelter. Compost organic matter and leaves for leaf-mould.
- Every garden has space for a tree, even if a small one. Favour native species, locally-grown and sourced.
- Hedges make important corridors. Don't cut them during the nesting season.



- Shrubs with fruiting berries are a great source of winter and autumn food, for example spindle, guelder, hazel and alder buckthorn.
- Climbing plants create nesting pockets and shelter, and their berries, seeds and buds provide food, as do the insects that frequent them. Ivy is a late source of nectar and winter fruit.
- Grow flowers to cater for various kinds of insect, with

successive flowering through the year. Evening and night-scented flowers attract moths.

- Grow flowers in a sheltered, sunny location. Avoid double-flowered forms that often lack nectar or pollen.
- Don't use pesticides!
- Grow a wild patch – leave a patch of grass uncut and see what grows! A close-mown lawn is a wildlife desert. Instead, mow paths through longer grass.



- Provide bird-feeding stations and homes and nesting materials for wildlife – buy or make bee hotels, hedgehog house, etc.
- Consider joining the Wildlife Trusts for regular news, information and inspiration! **#BBOWT #teamwilder**

Make One Small Change! ... Don't wage war on wildlife by using harmful products like RoundUp, Bug Killer and slug bait. Do you really want perfect hostas at the expense of song thrushes, robins and hedgehogs?

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



COUPLE SEEKING TO BUY A HOME IN BARFORD ST MICHAEL/ST JOHN

My Partner and I would love to live in Barford and are looking to purchase a character home for a main residence asap. If you have been thinking about moving for whatever reason, and you would like to sell to a couple who would

love to play our part and add value to the village in whatever way the village could use us, please let us know and give me a call on 07775 720002. My name is Alan and my partner is Karen.



BARFORD GARDEN CLUB - MONDAY 4TH APRIL 7.30PM

To support the Village Show, all gardeners are welcome to a talk and mini workshop on the Subject of "Growing for Showing". Richard Preston, who shows and judges at local shows will give some tips on presenting veg, fruit and flowers but says " It's as much about the pleasure of participating as the prizes"



BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB Notes from our Potting Shed – April 2022

Daffodowndilly by A.A. Milne

She wore her yellow sunbonnet
She wore her greenest gown
She turned to the south wind
And curtsied up and down.
She turned to the sunlight
And shook her yellow head
And whispered to her neighbour:
"Winter is dead."

We've a lot to report this month!

We held our AGM on Monday 21st February attended by 17 members with 11 apologies. Gunilla Treen, outgoing Chairman, ran through a summary of our busy activities for the year and Linda Newbery, retiring Treasurer, read her Report. Membership now stands at 59 households with 80 individuals taking advantage of Club membership. Subscriptions are to remain at £5 per year/per household, although none were charged last year due to Covid.

No-one came forward to take over as Chairman so Committee member Trevor Stevens kindly offered to step up. Jean Thomas, new to the village last year, has taken over as Treasurer and Sue Lane is Secretary. Linda will remain on the Committee and Jess Romain has also joined, so we are now seven in number including Janet Morris and Margaret Murdin.

Gunilla and Linda were thanked for their many years of steadfast commitment to the Club and both were presented with an attractive pot plant in appreciation. Rodney Hobbs will kindly organise our popular annual Seed Order enabling members to obtain great discounts, more details next month.
Introduction to Committee members: Over the coming months, we'll introduce you to our Committee, so here's the lowdown on Trevor Stevens:

"As the new Chair of the Garden Club, I'd like to tell members and prospective members a little about myself. I've been living in my house on the south side of Townsend for the last twenty years and have been a member of the Garden Club for at least ten of those. I grew my first vegetables about fifty years ago and have had some sort of garden ever since.

I love gardening because it is the way I can express my limited creativity, it is my primary source of exercise and all the building projects allow me to indulge my passion for recycling and reusing. I also really enjoy consuming and sharing the produce.

I joined the Garden Club and will work hard to see it thrive because I believe that even if your garden is a patch of grass and a few much loved pot plants or a couple of hectares where every plant has its place and a label with its proper name on it, we will have a social setting to share the pleasure we get from our gardens, pass on what we know and learn what we don't know.

After the horrible, antisocial period of lockdowns and postponed events I'd like to encourage every past member to re-join and anybody who is just thinking about it to get in touch with Sue or me to talk about the benefits and pleasures of joining The Garden Club, see contact details at the end of this Report."

Trevor Stevens – a happy Club member in his garden!



Recent Events:

We enjoyed a fascinating evening on Monday 7th March when Richard Preston from Primrose Garden, Steeple Aston came to talk about his one-acre plot and how he's

developed it over the last twenty years. His interesting slides and humorous anecdotes were a welcome distraction from the cold dreary days we've recently experienced and we're looking forward to visiting the garden in June when it will be a blaze of colour.

Subs: Thank you to all those who've paid. If you haven't, we would be very grateful to receive your £5 asap. Details of how to pay in recent emails.

In May's BN, we'll let you know more on:

Our popular Spring Plant Swap, a date for our visit to Primrose Garden, Steeple Aston and an update on our Photography Competition.

Here are some jobs for April:

- Keep weeds under control
- Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses
- Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors
- Start to feed citrus plants
- Increase the water given to houseplants
- Feed hungry shrubs and roses
- Prune fig trees
- Divide bamboos and waterlilies

Lawns

- Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
- Mow lawns when necessary - whenever the grass is growing - the aim is to maintain a constant height throughout the year.
- Can you help pollinators, butterflies and moths by leaving islands of long grass?
- Repair lawn edges using a half-moon edging iron or spade to create a 7.5cm (3in) 'gutter' around the lawn. This will prevent grass creeping from the lawn into borders.

If you would like to join our Club, please don't hesitate to contact Trevor on 338403, email: trevorstevens49@hotmail.com or Sue on 338900, email: sueandles45@hotmail.com We wish you many happy gardening and allotment hours during April!



Spade and Fork



"Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it."

Bill Murray, quoted in Parade

FOR SALE!

.....a Record 10" planer and thicknesses, a Wivamac variable speed lathe, and a Record Pillar drill - **open to offers**....please contact John Hirons at jdmhirons@gmail.com

WILD FLOWERS IN THE BARFORDS

By Margaret Mordin & Janet Payne

Speedwell : veronica filiformis . Family of plants is plantaginaceae (try saying it!)

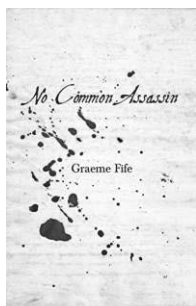
Also known as 'Bird's Eye', 'gypsy weed', 'goodbye'.



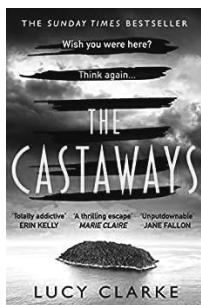
Originally from Europe and Asia this little creeping plant with its tiny soft blue flowers and rounded leaves can be spotted in shorter grass by the roadside from January onwards. Travellers saw it as a sign of good luck, hence the name speedwell meaning 'go well', 'goodbye', or 'God be with you'. There are many 'speedwells' in the veronica family. Herbalists and quack doctors in the past used a version of it (officinalis) to make a tea to cure bronchial ailments, skin complaints such as scrofula, and gout.

The small blueish flowers are visited by honey bees and bumblebees as well as solitary bees. This early in the year(February/ March), however, it is usually only the honey bees that can take advantage because it is usually too early for the bumbles and solitaires. Fortunately, the speedwell, which gives copious amounts of nectar, has a long flowering season. The solitary mining bees, which appear later in the spring, depend on speedwell and rarely collect pollen from other flowers.

Reading recommendations from **BARFORD BOOKCHAT**

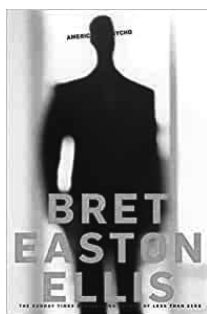


No Common Assassin by Graeme Fife: Masterfully written and full of authentic detail of provincial and Parisian life, this is the story of Charlotte Corday - tracing in detail the tense days leading up to her assassination of Jean-Paul Marat while, in another thread, portraying her Normandy childhood, convent education, and dismay at the ways in which the ideals of the Revolution are being betrayed by Marat's incitements to violence. Throughout, we enter fully into Charlotte's thoughts and fears and the principled determination that leads her to take such drastic action. Although most of us will know the ending, it's a completely absorbing read. Highly recommended. **Linda Newbery**



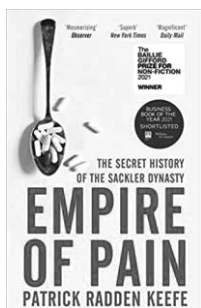
The Castaways by Lucy Clarke: a secluded beach, an adventure of a lifetime, wish you were here? Then think again! Could you possibly imagine what it would be like being involved in a terrifying accident that leaves you stranded in a remote place with people who are complete strangers, followed by the gradual descent into individual self-interest and suspicion? How would you cope with the removal of the everyday comforts and trappings of society and basic needs? This is an immersive read, where you find yourself reflecting on all the horrifying challenges faced by the survivors and those relatives left behind, trying in vain to discover what has happened to their loved ones. The way the author slowly reveals and elevates the tension in this well-plotted thriller encourages the reader to keep turning the

pages towards a rather unexpected conclusion! **Paul Freeman**



American Psycho by Bret Easton Ellis: in the hands of a less skilled author, the story of someone as opulently violent as Patrick Bateman could be unremittingly awful. Regardless, it might not attract publishers today, but it was better understood in the 1990s that to portray something artistically is not necessarily to celebrate or endorse it.

A potential housemate once told me I couldn't live with him if I had a copy with me. Yet many consider it a feminist work. Fay Weldon called it "a beautifully controlled, careful, important novel". I'm with Fay. Perhaps we can all agree it's a good thing that this novel does not represent the author's 'lived experience'. **Tom Greeves**



Empire of Pain, Patrick Radden Keefe: Dramatic and superbly told, this book has deservedly picked up many prizes and is the subject of a Disney TV series. The Sacklers are (or were) one of the richest families in the world, whose money was welcomed by the British Museum, National Gallery, the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art and several universities. Now they cannot give their money away as no charity will accept it. This is because they made the painkiller Oxycontin that was the catalyst for the opioid crisis which has killed many Americans.

The book follows three immigrant brothers Raymond, Mortimer and Arthur who became doctors after studying in New York for two and Glasgow for the other who could not get into a US medical school because of anti-Jewish discrimination. The opioids were produced by Purdue Pharma, generating over thirty billion dollars. Methods used by the family included influencing doctors to prescribe and regulators not to regulate, and the downplaying of the drug's addictive properties. A massive amount of litigation led in the end to a controversial liquidation. This is an extraordinary story well told. **John Bowers**

Book 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

BROUGHTON CASTLE SPORTIVE 2022



Sunday July 10th 2022

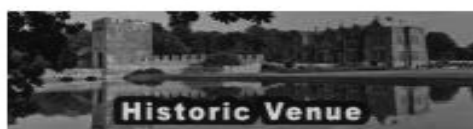
Gates open at 0600am

- all profits to local area charities
- Our 4 longer routes will give you a great cycling experience and a great day out in the beautiful Cotswolds
- Start and end at Broughton Castle
- Feeding stations at intervals on all routes
- Full para-medical support, Raynet VHF radio network across region & sweeper vans



- **Cotswold Beast** – 100 miles – all new routes
 - £34 entry – advance booking rate / £40 on the day
- **Windrush Endurance** – 75 miles – new distance / new route
 - £31 entry – advance booking rate / £35 on the day
- **Cotswold Classic** – 50 miles – all new routes
 - £28 entry – advance booking price / £30 on the day
- **Cotswold Tour** – 20 miles of local routes
 - £23 entry – advance booking price / £25 on the day
- **Family Fun ride** – 5 miles local tour for families of all ages
 - £5 entry – advance booking price / £6 on the day

****Payment - on the day entries will be strictly by debit / credit card only****



Need more Information or ready to register?

www.broughtoncastlesportive.co.uk



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs - Since I last wrote the cubs have been working hard to complete the requirements for their Fire Safety activity badge. This has raised their awareness about fire hazards, safety measures in the home, safe behaviour around campfires and fireworks, and the work of the Fire Service.

Just before half term we also celebrated the birthday of the founder of the scouting movement Lord Baden-Powell with some reflection of some of the key aspects of the history of Cubs and meaning of our ceremonies. We have played some really fun games during this time too.

Cubs are now moving into tackling their Personal Challenge badge; we will help identify meaningful challenges that they will complete over the next several weeks.

Paul Honess deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts - We have spent the last month sky gazing – or at least trying to, always the problem when we try to tackle the Astronomy Activity Badge. You could put money on cloudy skies from the minute we decide to do it, but we did our best. The Scouts looked at then recreated the solar system, made planispheres & star clocks & even had a crack at making a telescope from cardboard rolls, a magnifying glass & one lens from a pair of Poundland glasses – couldn't make the image the right way up though! Bring back Galileo.

Next, we finish our fundraising for Toilet Twinning, a Guess the Loo Roll game at the market.

Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com



DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION

After a frenetic last month, the fire station paused for a slight

breath, accumulating 18 shouts. With a majority of stand bys, the crew were also turned out to fires, rescues, RTCs, humanitarian assistance and a suspected hazmat incident.

Towards the end of the month, Deddington crew were involved at a new training venue at Upper Heyford, being assessed with their RTC and IEC skills at the TVP training compound. In conjunction with Rewley road whole time and Banbury whole time, scenarios were run through in both the morning and afternoon. Two three car RTCs presented themselves, the first with a car on its side and the second with a vehicle on its roof. Adding to the realism, live casualties were "trapped" within the vehicles. Throughout both incidents, Station Commanders, Training Centre Officers and SC Ambulance crew observed incident command decisions, RTC techniques and stage management, and IEC techniques and processes were continually monitored, and helpful feedback given to all individuals.

Particular attention was paid to the 6 full stages of an RTC: Scene assessment and safety, Stabilisation and initial access, Glass management and SRS (airbag restraint), Space creation, Full access, and Casualty extraction and care. Over and above standard drills, the vehicles used had been deliberately smashed and crushed to mimic a real-life high-speed accident, testing all with their cutting, spreading and door removal techniques. The casualties were continually monitored, and their vital signs taken - some remaining stable and others deteriorating / exhibiting diverse injuries. Both incidents, from time of the 999 calls to the real-life casualty being extracted from the vehicle into the ambulance came in at just over the hour – an hour being all rescue crews' notional goal.

Crewing levels have been high again this month, with a full complement of fire fighters making cover easier to provide.

James Greenwood FFD
james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk



grubadvisor

review by
Lucy Norman

Where did you
eat?

The Jolly Boatman
216 Banbury Road
Thrupp
OX5 1JU

Cuisine?

Pub Grub

RATINGS

Food	*****
Service	*****
Value	*****
Atmosphere	*****

COMMENTS:

This is something of a Norman Tradition now. We always stop here on the way back from the JR for lunch and a massive glass of wine.

We have never booked as we usually arrive around midday but by about 1pm it is quite full so it may be worth making a Reservation if you want to eat later.

Well, what can I say about the menu. It's extensive but this does not impact on the quality or quantity. Talking of quantity, for those who know me, I love my food and am not scared of a big portion but I cannot finish a Starter and a MAIN. And talking of Starters and Mains, we have tried a fair few now. Starters include prawn cocktail, bubble & spueak, whitebait, soup and nachos and for Mains, the steak, ham, egg 'n' chips, chilli, scampi and my absolute favourite, the steak and stilton suet pudding.

Just to finish off now:

1. We have never made it to pudding but I am guessing it would be pretty good
2. The staff are so friendly, nothing is too much trouble
3. Lastly, with an outdoor seating area by the canal, in the summer it is the perfect spot to lose a few hours...and gain a few pounds...!!!



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

It seems incredible to think we are fast approaching April and the Easter holidays! Time in school really does seem to fly.

This term we've already had two sports athletics events for children in Year 5 and Year 6. Some Year 5 and 6 pupils also took part in a hockey tournament. As a result of these events, we are now in the finals for both! The children were all amazing in the way they took part. Year 3 children are now having swimming lessons and are developing their water skills really well.

World Book Day was yet again enjoyed by all in school. The children were given the opportunity of dressing up as a favourite character, bringing in an object as a clue to a character, or of wearing a mask to represent a character. Equally, they were able to use a non-fiction book for the source of their dressing up/mask/clue. We would like to thank all parents, carers and relatives who supported our children on this very special day which is set aside for celebrating reading.

In the week following on from World Book Day, our brilliant PTA held a book sale which was organised specifically to support our love of reading. Books were sold at the end of the day, once more encouraging our children to read books for enjoyment, as well as raising money for the school. We would like to thank the PTA for all their hard work with this sale. During Fairtrade fortnight we managed to raise over £200 through a raffle of Fairtrade produce. This was in addition to raising nearly £100 in Traidcraft sales on the day. Thank you to everyone in our community who supported us with this.

Year 5 went on a trip to the Story Museum in Oxford and had a fantastic day. They also experienced a taster day of science at Tudor Hall. Year 3 pupils had a visitor who came in to school and led a 'Viking Day'. The children dressed up and learnt huge amounts about the

Vikings, which of course supported our History curriculum beautifully.

We hope you all enjoy the weeks leading up to Easter, and let us hope too that some warmer weather will accompany this lovely time of year.

With best wishes from all of us here at Deddington Primary School.

DENISE WELCH

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Jubilee Commemorative Mugs

To commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen the Parish Council would like to present a Commemorative Mug to all village children who will be under the age of 17 on 5th June 2022.

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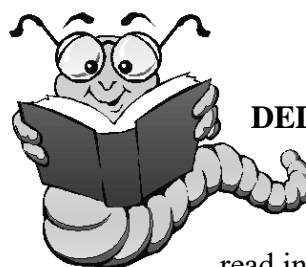
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The book that we read in February was 'The Horseman' by Tim Pears. It is the first book of a trilogy. This lyrical novel is set in 1911 on a large country estate on the Somerset /Devon border and describes rural life of the era.

The estate has several farms and the narrative centres one family, the Sercombes who collaboratively work the estate, and on 12 year old Leo in particular. Social issues of the day are described through Leo's family's relationships and those of the family with the lord of the manor. Young Leo has an affinity with horses which draws him into a close friendship with Lord Prideaux's daughter, Lottie.

The writing is both unsentimental and sparing, giving the reader a strong sense of how the seasons affected the land and all that lived on it and by it; and underscores the deprivations of a labourer's life.

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At our Family Service in February, we learned about Moses and the 10 Commandments.

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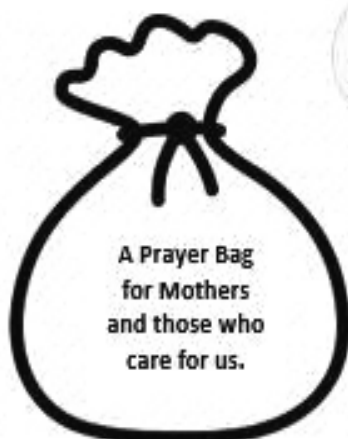
A plaster – for healing the injuries we suffer and keeping us safe



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Word search -for always Knowing what to say.

Sue Addison
Churchwarden



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Moonlight Walk - UPDATE

Our Moonlight Walk has a new date and venue! Our much-loved fundraising event will now take place on 16 July, setting off from Easington Sports Football Club in Banbury. We're bringing back all the best bits of the 80s – so get some friends together and have your leg warmers at the ready! Tickets are on sale now. All that's left is to choose between our 6- and 10-mile walk.

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We have an incredible seven dates for our Open Garden scheme running throughout the spring and summer – with more to come! A huge thank you to all our green-fingered supporters who are opening their gardens to help raise money for our hospice. If you're looking for some fun family days out in the months ahead then take a look at our Open Gardens page to find out more.

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

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Thursdays	Village Hall Post Office Open cuppa mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)
Fridays	Rainbows
Saturdays	Village Market 3 rd week (except January or August)

DIARY DATES

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2nd Banbury Choral Society Concert, St Marys
4th Barford Garden Club Talk, Village Hall
9th Village Clean Up – meet at the Village Hall
13th WI, Loan Soldier, Village Hall
16th Village Market, Village Hall
19th Tuesday Lunch Club

MAY

27th Ceilidh Charity Do, See Page 4

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