

# **BARFORD NEWS**

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**Wishing our readers a happy and peaceful Easter**



## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 using Zoom Video Conferencing and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Cox, Charman, Best, Cosgrove, County Cllr A Fatemian and Mr 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 3rd February 2021 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

### **Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian:**

The Oxfordshire County Council Budget was passed in February. There is a 3% increase in Council Tax which is less than the Government limit. Additional budget is being allocated to Social Care, Homeless and Highways including trial support for 20mph limits in villages.

### **Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams:**

The District Councillor update is displayed in the Parish Council noticeboard by the Village Hall for Parishioners to read.

### **Public Participation:**

**Grass Cutting Policy** – A resident attended the meeting to explain proposals to amend the grass cutting around the villages to encourage wildflowers, increase the beauty, provide a better habitat for plants and insects and increase wildlife and biodiversity. The following trial changes were agreed:

1. Verges – not mown or strimmed until June unless this inhibits visibility for road users and pedestrians (previously mown or strimmed once a month from April to October inclusive but daffodil areas left in April and May)
2. Triangle at the bottom of Murreys Lane – leave unmown until September (previously mown once a month from April to October)
3. West Close – leave a triangle in the north east corner unmown until August but trim the footpath through it. No change to the rest (cut once a month in April, September and October and every 12 days in May to August)
4. New Section of the churchyard – check with the Parochial Church Council (previously cut every 3 weeks from April to October)
5. Triangle on left at top of hill in Barford St John – Cut a strip 3 metres wide from the kerb round the bend but leave the rest until August

## **Parish Matters:**

**S1376 Grants** – Invitations have been sent out to the Barford News, The Parochial Church Council, the Village Hall and the Playground Management Committee to apply for financial support from the Parish Council.

### **Fence and Hedge along the Murreys Lane boundary of West Close**

– It was agreed to see how the gaps in the hedge thicken out before planting any hedging but subsequent to the meeting children have been seen sliding down the bank into Murreys Lane and climbing on the road side of the fence at the top of Murreys Lane. This is potentially dangerous, so warning signs have been erected. Parents accompanying children playing in West Close are asked to ensure that they play safely.

### **Containing (COVID-19) Outbreak Management Fund**

– Money is available from the government through Cherwell District Council for public health purposes to tackle COVID-19. The funding is very targeted such as additional contact tracing, support for school outbreaks etc... None of these criteria were considered to apply to Barford St Michael or St John.

**Wall at The Rock** – OCC Highways has advised that the falling area of rock is privately owned and not an OCC asset and is contacting the owner regarding the repair

### **Gate on footpath from churchyard behind Broad Close**

– OCC has confirmed that they will supply a new 6 inch x 6 inch post to effect a more permanent repair

**20's Plenty Signs at The Rock** – It was agreed to order 2 more 20's Plenty signs and put one at the bottom of the rock and one on Hempton Rd for vehicles coming into Barford St Michael

### **Holes in Footpath from the bridge to Barford St John**

– These have been reported to OCC Highways who has also been advised that soil from below the path has been washed away by the flooding. Highways is considering how to carry out an effective repair.

### **Planning:**

**20/03053/F** – Mead Farm – Permitted 16/02/21 but no development shall commence until a detailed surface water drainage scheme for the site and a method statement for enhancing the on-site biodiversity have been approved in writing by the planning authority.

**21/00235/TCA** – Thimble Hall – Permitted 24/02/21

**Finance:**

**Payments** - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £479.14

**Next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall if restrictions have been lifted or by video conferencing if they are still in place.

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](http://www.thebarfordvillages.co.uk) in the Parish Council meetings page.

Members of the public wishing to attend video conferencing meetings are reminded that they should email the Clerk at [davidbest.bardfordspc@gmail.com](mailto:davidbest.bardfordspc@gmail.com) who will email back the log in details.



to the lovely person who donated their £20 200 Club Winnings and the kind family from High Street who donated via bank transfer, to Barford News. You keep us going....!!

**The Team**



## MEDICAL CURES IN THE 18TH CENTURY

By  
**Melanie King**



The average life expectancy in the eighteenth century was 44 years, often much less for women due to the dangers of childbirth. It was not a healthy time to be alive. If you got sick, your options were limited: blood letting, vomiting and applying or consuming herbs, or anything you thought might cure you. Anything from applying mercury to a cancerous lump to using either fried leeks or live leeches for haemorrhoids!!.

An amusing but serious talk on how people tried to keep healthy in those times. It will make us appreciate modern health care systems including antibiotics and anaesthetics!!

**on Wednesday 14th April at 7.30pm  
visitors (£5) are very welcome  
to join our Zoom meeting**

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

For more information  
Contact Christine Hall, ☎338659  
[barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)



## GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

### No Mow May!

This spring you will notice that some grass verges in and around the village will be left to flower throughout May – and that other areas will be left for wild flowers and grasses to flourish until the end of August.

**No Mow May** is supported by many organisations nationwide, including the National Trust - and now by the Barfords!



The organisation **Plantlife** urges us to allow wild flowers and grasses to grow, providing food plants and shelter for butterflies, moths and invertebrates and enabling bees and other insects to do their important work of pollinating.

**“The temptation for many of us in lockdown Britain is to get on with jobs in the garden - including getting that lawn into the classic British stripe. But results released by Plantlife demonstrate the spectacular benefits both we and our garden wildlife receive from not mowing throughout May. Like the nation’s haircuts, can we adapt to a less rigorous regime and ‘No Mow May’?”**

Immaculate, bowling-green lawns can be wildlife deserts, especially if harmful weedkiller is applied. **Plantlife** points to the advantages of mowing lawns not more than once a month. This allows low-growing plants like bugle and clover, valuable to bees, to flourish.

Islands or corners where grasses are left to grow can look beautiful, too. In my garden I always leave an island for orange hawkweed (*pilosella aurantiaca*, also known as fox and cubs) to flower in June. I’m sure many gardeners would call this a weed – but the glorious blaze of burnt-orange flowers set among silky grasses more than justifies the scruffy patch of lawn.

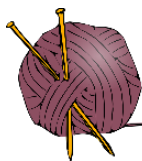
Alongside **No Mow May**, Plantlife is running a survey, **Every Flower Counts**, from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May. Can you help with this citizen science project?

To find out more, visit [www.plantlife.org.uk/everyflowercounts](http://www.plantlife.org.uk/everyflowercounts). Also follow **#NoMowMay** and **#EveryFlowerCounts** on social media

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If you’d like to contribute to **Green Thought of the Month**, please email Linda Newbery:  
[L.newbery@btinternet.com](mailto:L.newbery@btinternet.com)



## KNITTING NEEDLES

I still have a vast collection of Annie Beesley’s knitting needles, which I’d be very happy to pass on to anyone in the village who could use them. Or maybe you know of a charity or community group who would be grateful to receive some of them. In due course I’ll be passing on the remainder to charity shops.

Christine Hall (☎338659, [hall94.christine@btinternet.com](mailto:hall94.christine@btinternet.com))





The George Inn  
Lower Street  
Barford St  
Michael  
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## A Note from The George Inn...

Dear Neighbour & Friend,

We hope this note finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

Whilst The George has been hibernating, the team have been gearing back up, set to reopen on Monday 12th April to once again welcome our lovely village and neighbours through our doors!

As hindsight has proved, we find ourselves prepared for the months ahead and have continued to invest in powerful heating and weatherproofing to safeguard our guests from the impending British Summer ;)

As prepared for the weather as we can be, we are asking for your help to spread the word about our reopening plans and booking guidance, to ensure our pub can reopen safely and confidently for our team and village.

We are reopening with a delicious menu which focuses on seasonal pub classics, sharers and small plates – ideal for alfresco dining and for nibbles with drinks! Sunday roasts return once again on 18th April and our a la carte dining will return when we can open our inside dining on 17th May.

We are urging all diners to book, to ensure availability, and please let us know if you need to cancel for any reason. Diners can now book a table online through our website [www.thegeorgebarford.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgebarford.co.uk) via Instagram @thegeorgebarford, or by emailing Anett or Claire – [info@thegeorgebarford.co.uk](mailto:info@thegeorgebarford.co.uk).

'Our kitchen is open for bookings:

Monday – Saturday: 12noon – 3pm, 6pm – 9pm

Sundays: 12noon – 4pm, 6pm – 9pm.'

Though we have no formal dress code, we are advising Polar Bear vibes and layering for those of you daring to brave us on a colder day! We will have blankets which are laundered between use, but have a limited number so cannot guarantee their availability.

Anyone wishing to join us for a drink please note that you do not need to book a table for this, you can just turn up and we shall sit you on our best available table.

Maximum party size is 6 people from different households or 10 people from two households. We will only be taking a limited number of table bookings over 6 people per day so advance booking for larger parties is essential.

Any party booking over 10 people we are taking enquiries for post 17th May, and must be emailed to Claire – [gm@thegeorgebarford.co.uk](mailto:gm@thegeorgebarford.co.uk).

We are looking forward to sharing more of our future plans with you over the coming weeks and as ever, embrace your feedback so be sure to let us know how you feel we are doing!

We look forward to welcoming you back so soon!  
Stay safe and well,  
Claire L – General Manager

# CHURCH MATTERS



The Church didn't grow because of Peter's experience, it grew because of the effect that Easter had on all those who heard it.



## Easter Sunday

Holy Communion  
9am St Michael's  
Church

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April is Easter Sunday, where Christians celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus after the awful events of Good Friday.

Three women went to the tomb, three days after the crucifixion, but they went expecting to find a corpse because they took spices. When the women saw the stone rolled away, the body missing and the angels standing guard they were terrified. It was only when the angels reminded them of Jesus' teaching that they remembered. Jesus predicted his resurrection. (Matthew 16:21; John 10: 17,18 & Matthew 27: 62-64). When the women told the disciples, they were dismissed out of hand as mad. It seemed as if the followers of Jesus had forgotten Jesus' teaching to them. If you had seen Jesus die on the cross would you really have expected to see him alive again? What would your reaction have been as the stone rolled away? Shock – Confusion – Fear?

Only later, did Jesus appear to the disciples and Peter wrote about his experience and the profound effect it had on his life. The opening chapter of Acts tells how Peter assumes a leadership role within the groups of believers before the Day of Pentecost and the Church was born. In Peter's words in our reading, we see that he has come to terms with his own misunderstandings and finally realised what Jesus was talking about. Perhaps he remembered Jesus' words that he – Peter- would be the rock on which Jesus would build his Church.

It doesn't end there, of course. We see, throughout the Bible and through the experiences and testimony of others, how the Easter story affected various people and brought them from confusion and fear into a confident and empowered faith.

With celebration in mind.....Let us look forward to the re-opening of our village churches, starting on Easter Sunday with our first service for many months. Following this we hope to establish regular services but the approach will be cautious.

The journey of recovery will be slower than our journey into lockdown. Life is not going to be a quick return to the old normal, but rather a new living with the virus, certainly for the rest of this year and through next year.

Lockdown has been difficult but has also brought new insights, opportunities, and priorities to the surface. The PCC have plans to improve facilities at St Michael's which will enable community events to take place to benefit as many people as possible, within our villages and further afield. Further information will follow...



Sue Addison, Churchwarden



**VIRTUAL THURSDAY CUPPA MORNING.....**Because the Thursday Cuppa Mornings can't take place at the moment in the village hall, we've started to host a virtual 'coffee and chat' on Thursday mornings using the Barford WI's Zoom licence. You can join and leave any time from 10:30 to suit yourself. It usually lasts for about an hour and currently there's a group of eight or so regulars (male and female), but you're very welcome to join in occasionally.

It doesn't matter if you've never been along to the Cuppa Mornings. With so many people at home during the lockdown and with less incentive to be outside in the cold, you might just like the opportunity to see some friendly faces. If you're unaccustomed to using Zoom, we can help you get started.

**If you'd like to join us, please contact Christine Hall (☎ 338659 or [hall94.christine@btinternet.com](mailto:hall94.christine@btinternet.com))**



**BLOXHAM BOYS' BRIGADE** - The Boys' Brigade was founded in Scotland in 1883. There have been Boys' Brigade groups in Oxfordshire since 1887. Deddington BB was formed in 2001 and it merged with Bloxham in 2018. Sir Alex Ferguson, Lord Ian Botham, Michael Gove MP, Stormzy, Dermot O'Leary, Mr Motivator and James Nesbitt are amongst the millions of former BB members.

The local Boys' Brigade is now based in Bloxham and although we are currently operating over Zoom, we are expecting to resume face-to-face meetings from June 2021 and our meetings are usually held at the Ellen Hinde Hall, Bloxham at the following times:

**Boys' Brigade Anchors (boys aged 5-8)**

**Tuesdays 4:30PM - 5:30PM (resuming 14 September 2021 - Our waiting list is now open)**

**Boys' Brigade Juniors (boys aged 8-11)**

**Tuesdays 5:40PM - 7:10PM (resuming 8 June 2021 - currently on Zoom)**

**Boys' Brigade Company & Seniors (Young men 11-18)**

**Wednesdays 7PM - 9PM (resuming 9 June 2021 - currently on Zoom)**

Our contact details are [bloxhamboysbrigade@gmail.com](mailto:bloxhamboysbrigade@gmail.com) or (01295) 722312.

New members are most welcome.

**Nick Westbury, Leader, The Boys' Brigade**





**BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB  
NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED  
April 2021**

***On a Lane in Spring* by John Clare**

*A Little Lane, the brook runs close beside  
And spangles in the sunshine while the fish glide swiftly  
by  
And hedges leafing with the green spring tide  
From out their greenery the old birds fly  
And chirp and whistle in the morning sun  
The pilewort glitters 'neath the pale blue sky  
The little robin has its nest begun  
And grass green linnets round the bushes fly  
How Mild the Spring Comes in; the daisy buds  
Lift up their golden blossoms to the sky  
How lovely are the pingles and the woods  
Here a beetle runs; and there a fly  
Rests on the Arum leaf in bottle green  
And all the Spring in this Sweet lane is seen*

**Plant Swap weekend, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** If we could vote for the most glamorous village hall in Oxfordshire, with panoramic views of its own garden, then it would definitely be ours so let's celebrate and use it for our Plant Swap!

Members are warmly invited on Saturday/Sunday afternoons 22 and 23 May, 3.15pm. Lockdown restrictions mean a maximum of 30 at any event so if you would like to come, please let Sue Lane know. Refreshments will be provided but no doubt members will, in their own inimitable style, bring their own drinks! There's plenty of time beforehand to make extra sowings of vegetables and flowers and we look forward to a much-awaited social gathering and lots of young plants and cuttings to swap and take back to our gardens.

As with last year, we are making this a fundraiser for Katharine House Hospice – a collecting tin will be available for voluntary donations. Please confirm to Sue which afternoon you will attend: [sueandles45@hotmail.com](mailto:sueandles45@hotmail.com)

**Seed orders from Kings:** Rodney Hobbs kindly takes care of this for us, obtaining substantial discounts for members. 23 of us placed orders with a joint saving for club members of £455, so this was well worth doing and will be repeated in the autumn.

If you're not already a **Garden Club member**, do consider joining! It's only £5 per household, and your membership card entitles you to discounts from most of our local garden centres, so you can soon recoup the subscription. Contact Linda Newbery: [L.newbery@btinternet.com](mailto:L.newbery@btinternet.com)

**Well-rotted horse manure** is still available from Kathryn Wheeler's field – limited amounts now. Kathryn offers the chance to collect some in your own bags or wheelbarrow. There's no charge, but Kathryn would like donations to Katharine House Hospice, please, with coins or notes in the collection box. Already, over £100 has been donated, which is marvellous. Please email Trevor Stevens a day ahead, so that he or Kathryn can unlock the field gate in Townsend and check on the ponies: [trevorstevens49@hotmail.com](mailto:trevorstevens49@hotmail.com)

**Photography competition:** keep taking the pictures! Details were in last month's BN and are also on village noticeboards.

**Jobs for April:**

- Don't be too rigorous about lawn-mowing – can you help pollinators, butterflies and moths by leaving islands of long grass? See the Green Thought column on #NoMowMay!
- Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seeds outdoors.
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses.
- Sow vegetable seeds – with extras to bring to our Plant Swap!



Happy spring gardening!

**SPADE and FORK**



**Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery**

It was lovely to welcome all the children back to Nursery and Preschool from 8th March, and they have seemed happy to be back!

In the weeks before the Easter break we have been busy thinking about Mother's Day, St David's and St Patrick's Day, World Book Day, Easter, and dinosaurs, as well as planting flower seeds in the garden. Holiday Club will run for a week in the Easter holidays.

**Lucy Squires**  
☎ 337484





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## What's your favourite village tree?

Deddington Environment Network's Biodiversity group is asking local people to choose their favourite tree, and it would be lovely to do the same in the Barfords. Is there a tree you're especially fond of, in or near the village? Do please send a photo so that we can build up a gallery of trees throughout the year.

Here's one: a venerable oak, in a field adjoining Summer Ley below the footpath that leads on from the top of Horn Hill. As the seasons move on, you could photograph your tree in leaf or with blossom or berries.

Send your photo to Linda Newbery ([L.newbery@btinternet.com](mailto:L.newbery@btinternet.com))  
with brief details of the tree and where it is  
Thank you!



### MARCH Draw

£50:00, 202, Maggie Rampley  
£15:00, 154, Mariann Young  
£10:00, 075, Martin Gannon  
£5:00, 106, Hilary Nicholls



the drawer took place at the Thursday Zoom Coffee Morning

## Brilliant Bugs Stamps



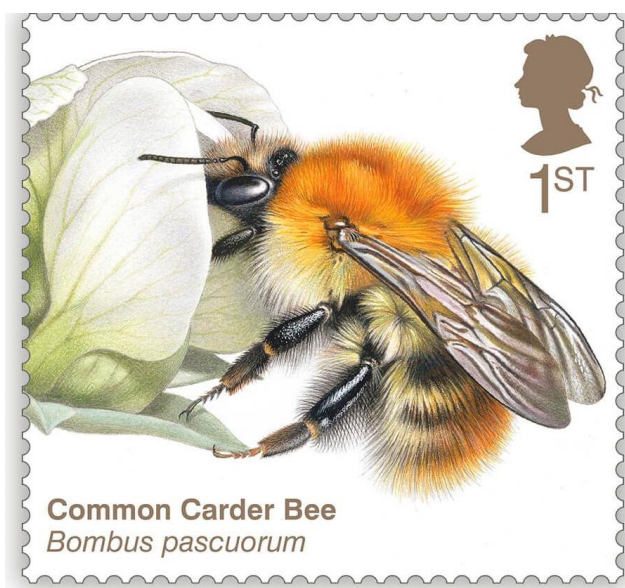
Issued in October 2020 to highlight important pollinators that are often overlooked. The six stamps depict the following:

**Common Carder Bee** Of the 24 species of bumblebee found in Britain only seven are relatively widespread and common. This is one of these. The ginger bumblebee can be seen in a variety of habitats including gardens. In the spring the bumblebee emerges from her solitary underground winter residence and seeks nectar. Then she looks for a nest site to establish her colony which she provisions with pollen and wax. **Longhorn Beetle** The wasp-mimicking longhorn beetle is a common visitor to hawthorn flowers throughout the summer. Although this species has a lifespan of several years, the adults live for only two to four weeks. The long lived larvae feed in the decaying wood of trees such as birch before pupating and emerging as the stunning black-and-yellow adult beetles with long antennae. **Marmalade Hoverfly** This is frequently seen across Britain where there are more than 280 hoverfly species. They favour flat topped flowers on which to land and feed on nectar. It is commonly seen in gardens and is an important pollinator of crops such as oilseed rape. The maggot-like larvae, thought to mimic bird droppings are voracious aphid predators, devouring colonies of these pests in gardens and farmland. **Painted Lady Butterfly** This butterfly travels vast distances from North Africa, the Middle East and central Asia before arriving in Britain. They can be found as far north as Shetland and are one of very few butterflies to migrate to Iceland. Although those that migrate to Britain do not survive to return south, some breed here in the summer. **Elephant Hawk Moth** Over 2,500 species of moth have been recorded in Britain. The hawk moth family contains some of the largest and most striking of our native moths. The elephant hawk moth is particularly colourful

with pink and green wings spanning 45-60mm. Honeysuckle is a favoured source of nectar. The caterpillar of this moth resembles the trunk of an elephant and rosebay willowherb is an important food plant for the caterpillars. **Ruby-tailed Wasp** This iridescent wasp is a so-called cuckoo wasp which feeds on nectar from flowers such as angelica; the young larvae consume the eggs and larvae of other insect species. The female lays her eggs in the nests of other solitary wasp species, usually mason wasps, so that the emerging larvae have a plentiful food supply.

These beautiful stamps can be seen in more detail at <https://shop.royalmail.com/special-stamp-issues/brilliant-bugs>

The two First Class Stamps are shown below.



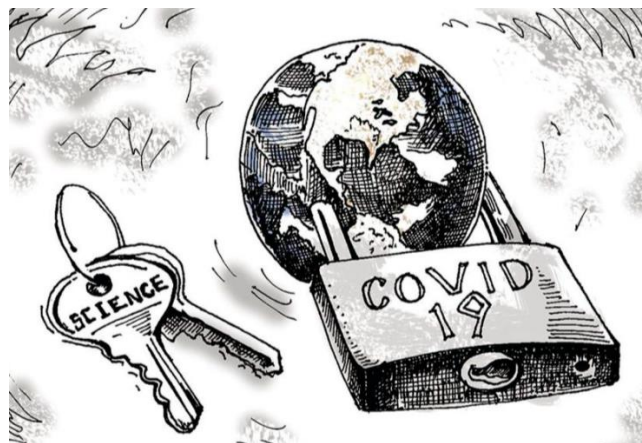




## WELCOME

To new residents  
Hannah Snell and Andrew Hickling  
who recently arrived in Summer Ley


we hope you will all be very  
happy in your new home



**NEW FOOTBRIDGE** - this new footbridge  
is part of the temporary footpath diversion  
while the old mill on the gated road rough  
Manor Farm is renovated.



**No more difficult gates to open...!!**



**DO YOU  
KNOW  
SOMEONE  
WHO IS -**

- Over 50
- Has a hearing loss
- Is isolated due to the current pandemic
- Has no technical knowledge or requires support with getting online

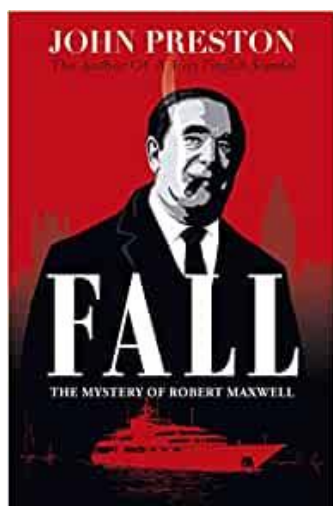
Our Generation Communication Officers can visit their home and teach them how to use a webcam so they can talk to their friends and families and reduce isolation.

We can also offer other support such as teaching them how to place online orders and access online services.

- No equipment or internet necessary
- Covid Safe practices in place with full risk assessments and PPE

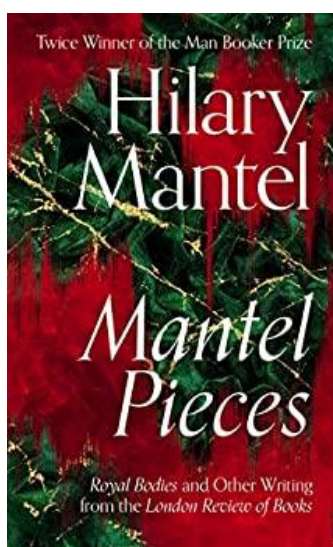
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[info@actiondeafness.org.uk](mailto:info@actiondeafness.org.uk)



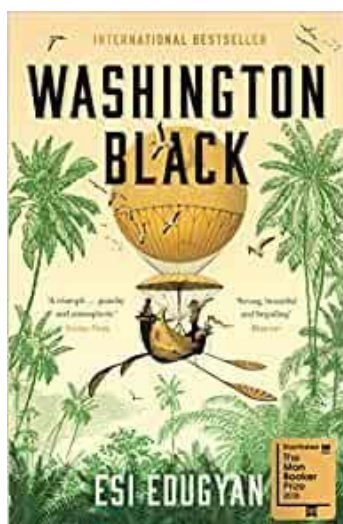


**Fall: The Mystery of Robert Maxwell**, by John Preston: It was always the roar of the helicopter which first gave away that he was coming; then there was the entourage of lackeys including Sir Peter Jay, and finally there was the Booming Voice. When I started out as a barrister, I was regularly ushered into the presence of Jan Hoch, who had by then become (after four other name changes) Robert Maxwell.

John Preston, whose book on Jeremy Thorpe, was turned into a TV drama) brings Captain Bob back to life in his 300-page thriller. It's based on interviews with hundreds of people who knew him including members of the family. Preston places at centre stage the family background (most of the family died in the Holocaust) and his ongoing rivalry with Murdoch who was usually one step ahead. It was this rivalry that led to his precipitous fall -financially, and ultimately from his boat. **John Bowers**



**Mantel Pieces**, by Hilary Mantel, is a collection of twenty reviews, essays and pieces of memoir from three decades. Incisive and insightful, they bely Mantel's comment to her editor at *London Review of Books*: "I have no critical training whatsoever, so I am forced to be more brisk and breezy than scholarly." Subjects include Robespierre and Danton, the Hite report (at which Mantel bristles with delicious indignation!) Saudi Arabia where she lived for four years in the 1980s, the Bulger case, John Osborne, the Virgin Mary, pop icon Madonna, and a brilliant examination of Helen Duncan, **Britain's** last witch. Essays about Jane Boleyn, Charles Brandon and Margaret Pole display the astonishing insight into the Tudor mind we know from the **Wolf Hall** trilogy. Her famous lecture *Royal Bodies*, which caused a media frenzy, explores the place of royal women in society and our imagination. My lasting impression of these illuminating, often very funny pieces is of a rigorous, humane mind - more than equal to those whose work she comments on. **Trevor Arrowsmith**



**Washington Black** by Esi Edugyan: This spellbinding novel starts as an evocation of the life of a young slave boy on a Barbados sugar plantation and the daily horrors and torments he faces, along with his fellow captives who are 'owned' by a wealthy English family. But it takes us way beyond and develops into a tale of science, discovery and travel in the mid-nineteenth century as young Washington Black escapes with the help of his evil master's eccentric brother, who nurtures his talent as a budding artist and scientist. There is even a flavour of Jules Verne in the gripping journey Washington takes to evade capture and fulfil his scientific destiny. The writing is outstanding and it is easy to see why this novel reached the Booker shortlist in 2018. It touches brilliantly on so many themes; family, belonging, racial identity, natural wonders and the uneven course of scientific progress. **Suzanne Franks**



## BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB - PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2021



This year we are organising another competition which is to be judged by Craig Churchill who is mainly a wildlife photographer. He exhibits at country shows and fairs and Deddington Farmers Market. *His Instagram account is craigchurchillphotography.* You do not have to be a member to enter. Anyone who lives in the Barfords can take part as well as their families who may not live in the village.

Please start taking your photographs now and through the next few months. Look for interesting light, different times of day, unusual angles and think about composition within the frame. They can be made on a phone or any camera, landscape or portrait format.

### CATEGORIES

1. Home-grown food, cooked or uncooked
2. Hedges, fences, walls, gates or stiles
3. Garden tools, sheds or greenhouses
4. Wildlife in my garden or on my walks
5. The smallest wildlife I have found
6. A group of flowers growing anywhere

### CHILDREN UNDER 16 CAN ENTER ANY CATEGORY BUT ALSO

7. My garden taken between my legs or lying down
8. Looking up into a tree
9. The sky (*look for interesting cloud shapes and colours*)

### THE PROCEDURE

All photos must be submitted digitally. Send to Linda Newbery by email [l.newbery@btinternet.com](mailto:l.newbery@btinternet.com) There is NO ENTRY FEE, but DONATIONS please to Katharine House Hospice should be made by bank transfer or cash (*details from Linda*) Last year we raised nearly £100. Add your NAME and CATEGORY NUMBER to each entry and be sure to say if you are under 16. You will get an acknowledgement. E mail or ring 01869337526 if any problems.

**HAPPY PHOTOGRAPHY.....** and we look forward to seeing all your entries. There will be a Winner and Runner-up in each category, plus one overall winner and a special prize for the best photograph by someone under 16.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021. ALL WINNERS WILL BE NAMED IN BARFORD NEWS AND HOPEFULLY AN EXHIBITION OF SOME KIND. THANK YOU**





## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am thrilled to be able to say that normality is slowly but surely being restored here at Deddington Primary school. Every child was in school on the very first day we opened more fully to all pupils, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This was truly fantastic and something which we all celebrated within every class. At this point it seems a perfect opportunity for us to say a massive 'THANK YOU' to all of our parents and carers who have supported us enormously throughout all periods of home learning/learning at school.

Fairtrade fortnight was a focus for us all at the end of February/beginning of March. A range of activities were carried out both at school and home during Lockdown, to increase our pupils' awareness of the importance of supporting Fairtrade.

'Safer Internet' day was also an important focus for us all. The children were given an opportunity to produce a poster regarding e-safety, and were able to take part in a competition for this, if they wanted to.

World Book Day is always a special day for us here at Deddington, and we celebrated together on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March when all children were back in school. A large proportion of children dressed up as a range of different book characters. It was wonderful to see them in their fabulously creative costumes. Throughout the day, many exciting reading related activities took place to celebrate books and authors. Our very own parent author, Sarah Mahfoudh kindly recorded 2 of her stories for the children to listen to. They were enjoyed by all pupils across all classes, from F1 to Year 6 and we would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to Sarah for taking the time to do this for us all. World Book Day £1 book tokens were also distributed, ready for families to spend.

As you can probably tell from the above, we are so very happy now that we have our whole school community back together once more. Long may this continue.

Finally, Easter will soon be upon us, and with longer days ahead, let's hope the weather is kind to us and gives us plenty of sunshine and warmth to enjoy, during the Easter break.

Denise Welch



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

### Cubs

We're still zooming & along with games like 'Play your Cards Right' we have reworked the Countryside Code by representing it in pictures (there are some very odd looking dogs about!) & looked at local services in the Cubs own villages. They also designed coats of arms & added a family motto. Coming next – Disability Awareness & an egg hunt.

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

### Scouts

The Scouts have gained their Fire Safety badge thanks to the expert help of James Greenwood. This included making a family escape plan, understanding extinguishers, making an emergency call & dangers in the home. The game of 'Would you Rather' always prompts a good discussion, well would you rather eat a tin of pet food or never eat your favourite dinner ever again?

Peter Churchyard [deddingtonscouts@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonscouts@gmail.com)

### Explorers

Fantastic organisation by the explorers for our recent International meetings.

The Origami was fascinating, and frustrating in equal measure. We did all manage to produce a penguin. We've followed this with an escape room. Everyone managed to get out just in time, a talk by one of the leaders as to how he got into cricket and an evening where the UK Chief Commissioner joined in making crepes Suzette – delicious.

Our virtual walking for Street Child United has us having got as far as Munich. Everyone is busy adding miles, getting fit and having their families join in as well. A great activity. [www.streetchildunited.org](http://www.streetchildunited.org).

**If you are interested in joining the Unit contact any of the leaders at:**

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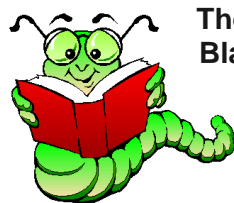
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### **The Mirror World of Melody Black by Gavin Extence**

Our latest read was 'The Mirror World of Melody Black' by Gavin Extence. The story begins with Abby, the main character, finding her neighbour Simon dead in his flat. He wasn't someone Abby knew well, but finding a body when she only went over to borrow a tin of tomatoes, comes as a bit of a shock. At least it should to most people, but Abby is surprisingly calm under the circumstances.

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<b>Saturdays</b>	Village Market 3 <sup>rd</sup> week (except January or August)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday</b>	Parish Council Meeting
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday</b>	Village Hall Management Committee

### DIARY DATES

#### APRIL

7 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting at 7:30pm via video conferencing
14 <sup>th</sup>	WI, Medical Cures in the 18 <sup>th</sup> Century, via Zoom
18 <sup>th</sup>	The George Re-Opening, see page 5

#### MAY

22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Gardening Club Plant Swap, see page 9

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