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BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET
SATURDAY, 19TH JUNE
10.00 TILL NOON
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
(COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING!)

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY

**we have lots of our regular local
producers ready to join us**

+

**some new folks bringing their
goods for you to try**

**Hope to see you in our beautifully
updated and decorated Village
Hall**

**More details in
June's edition**



TOMATO PLANTS
on sale from Mariann
at Stonehaven, Lower Street

1ST & 2ND MAY
Self-service, £1 per plant
Several varieties available
ALSO courgette and peppers

PROFITS FOR VILLAGE CHARITIES

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 3rd March 2021 using Zoom Video Conferencing and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Cox, Charman, Best, Cosgrove, District Cllr B Williams and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2021 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian: None

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:

S137 Grants – Grant application had been received from Barford News, West Close Playground Management Committee and the Parochial Church Council and had been circulated prior to the meeting. Representative attended from the Barford News and Parochial Church Council to present their applications. The decision on grant awards will be made in the May meeting.

Parish Matters:

Fence & Hedge along Murreys Lane boundary of West Close – The rope and signs appear to have stopped children sliding down the bank and into Murreys Lane. Children have been seen running straight across the road at the top of Murreys Lane without checking for traffic so it was agreed to reinstate the kissing gate. Parents are requested to ask their children to be careful. A dead tree leaning across the road will be investigated. A resident has kindly cleared the refuges along Murreys Lane but would like help with further clearance. Councillor Ray Cox will investigate.

Village Hall Broadband – Broadband is required in the Village Hall for full Post Office services to be provided. This will also facilitate renting out the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay for the installation charge, but the Village Hall Management Committee will pay the monthly charge.

Village Hall Noticeboard – The Village Hall Management Committee has asked the Parish Council to pay for a new noticeboard. Prices have been obtained from the same supplier as the Parish Council noticeboards. These will be circulated to the Management Committee but no decision was taken on whether the Parish Council will contribute to the cost.

Footpath Gatepost – Oxfordshire County Council has delivered the replacement gate post for the footpath from the churchyard. This will be fitted to replace the temporary repair.

Grass Cutting Contract – Although this starts in April, Thomas Fox had completed the first cut in March before the areas where mowing will be delayed to encourage wild flowers had been marked. These have now been marked.

20's Plenty Signs – These have arrived and will be placed on the Hempton Rd coming into the village and before The Rock at the Lower Street junction.

Unity Trust Bank – The Clerk attended a video conference presentation from the Unity Trust Bank. A lot of Councils are moving over to this bank, but it was decided to remain with Barclays as The Unity Trust Bank charge a monthly fee.

Seats around the villages – It was agreed that Cllr Ray Cox would inspect them and check if any treatment is required.

Trustee Meeting with the Village Hall – It was agreed that a meeting was required.

Bottle Bank – It was reported that no suitable sites have been located around the village. Cherwell District Council have provided 2 further bins in the layby at Deddington.

Planning:

20/02917/F – Mead Farm Barn – Permitted 29/03/21.

20/03348/F & 20/03537/LB – Turnstile House – Permitted 10/03/21

20/03629/F – 2 Red Roofs – Permitted 22/03/21

21/00600/TCA – Farthings – Permitted

21/00480/F – 1 Redroofs – Parish Council support.

Finance:

Payments - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £2,473.86. This included £1,697.00 expenditure for the Village Hall, which will be reimbursed after recovery of VAT. This was agreed unanimously.

Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th May 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 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 who will email back the log in details.



Written by Tony Collier

The book that many of us have been waiting for has been published.

'Down On The Farm'

By Tony Collier

Is a compilation of the articles he wrote for Barford News over a period of 7 years. One hundred pages of witty and humorous anecdotes of his farming life illustrated with many of Stephanie's photographs.

A limited number of copies are available (minimum price of £12.00, with profits to Katharine House Hospice).

Please contact Mariann at mariann.young@btinternet.com or phone 338570 if you would like to purchase a copy.



**IF YOU SEE ANY LIVESTOCK
ON THE ROADS IN AND OUT
OF THE BARFORDS....**

Please contact either:
(numbers also on the back page)

Mariann Young ☎ 338570
Lucy Norman ☎ 337678

who hold contact numbers for
the the Farmers and can
contact them on your behalf



PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

Ask your young people* about giving **GOLF** a try.

Let them come & enjoy our free taster afternoon and hit some balls!

- Sunday 23rd May 2021
- 12.00 noon - 3.00pm
- Equipment provided (Sanitised)
- PGA professional on hand to help and guide

Please call the number below to book your arrival time or to speak with our PGA Professionals who can answer any questions you may have.

Tel: 01608 737278

marcwheeler@tadmartongolf.com

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

***Girls & Boys Under 18**



BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB
NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED
May 2021

What Is A Garden?

What is a garden?
Goodness knows!
You've got a garden,
I suppose:

To one it is a piece of ground
For which some gravel must be found.
To some, those seeds that must be sown,
To some a lawn the must be mown.
To some a ton of Cheddar rocks;
To some it means a window box;
To some, who dare not pick a flower-
A man, at eighteen pence an hour.
To some, it is a silly jest
About the latest garden pest;
To some, a haven where they find
Forgetfulness and peace of mind...

What is a garden
Large or small
'Tis just a garden,
After all.

Poet: Reginald Arkell

SEED SWAP

Thank you to Trevor who built a 'seed cupboard' and to all those who donated such a lot of interesting and well-presented seeds. A good number seem to have found new homes. If there is demand, he will do it again in late April and mid-May and the seed swap will also be available at the Garden Club plant swap. Details of Plant Swap is in a separate article. In the meantime, Happy Seed Sowing.

PLANT SWAP..... see next page...

ZOOM is now a word we are all familiar with. We are planning a **Zoom talk** on an interesting subject and will let all members know details soon. If anyone has suggestions please let Janet Morris know.

PEAT FREE

What seed and potting compost have you bought this year? Do you have any idea about the importance of

buying 'Peat-free' compost? Campaigners are lobbying the government to stop the use of peat in the horticultural industry and our gardens. But what is peat and why is it bad news in compost mixes? Peat bogs are wetland areas found across the UK and beyond, formed over millennia as organic matter breaks down and decays. They are thriving ecosystems that support diverse and often rare wildlife. They also store carbon which prevents it from being released into the atmosphere as Co2 and adding to climate change. To dig this up and use in compost is therefore crazy. Unfortunately the industry has always used peat for its capacity to hold water and nutrients. Please remember this and act accordingly. The Wildlife Trust has a 'peat free pledge' for signing up to. There are so many peat free composts on the market, such as Sylvagrow (from Applegarth nurseries, Chipping Norton), Dalefoot composts and Fertile Fibre.

JOBS TO DO IN AND AROUND THE GARDEN

Sunshine and showers, some of snow?
Spring is finally in evidence as daffodils and flowering trees start to bloom. It is an exciting month, with indoor-sown seeds well into growth, and it's also time to start sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts...Keep weeds under control: 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: Sow new lawns or repair bare patches: Divide bamboos and waterlilies: Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining: Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas): Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible. Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days: Mow lawns weekly: Check for nesting birds before clipping hedge:. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils, snowdrops and other spring-flowering bulbs:

If anyone wishes to join the Garden Club, to get many discounts and when permitted, talks and visits, please get in touch. £5 per household per year is an amazing investment. **Your subscription won't need renewing until spring 2022. News about AGM should have been sent to members.**

Happy May Gardening.....sitting indoors and outdoors now that restrictions have been eased.



Keep warm and well.

SPADE and FORK

BARFORD GREEN GARDENING CLUB PLANT SWAP

3.15pm on Saturday and Sunday, 22nd, 23rd May

Thank you to those who have signed up to attend our Plant Swap at the Village Hall on Sat/Sun 22 and 23 May. Lockdown restrictions mean a **maximum of 30** at any event so if you would like to attend, please email Sue Lane as soon as possible to say **which afternoon** you prefer. Refreshments provided but please bring along your own drinks. We are really looking forward to seeing you and swapping lots of lovely cuttings to take back to our gardens.



In order to gauge refreshments, could you please confirm to Sue **as soon as possible which afternoon** you will attend - sueandles45@hotmail.com or phone Sue on 338900

Many thanks
Barford Green Gardening Club Committee



WILDFLOWERS IN THE BARFORDS

by Janet Payne and Margaret Murdin.

Slowed down by lock downs we are looking at the wild flowers we see each month on our walks. This month is:

Lesser Celandine: in Latin, *ranunculus ficaria*. (Why use a Latin name? Because everyone around the world understands the same name.)

There is a big patch of these little flowers (colour=YELLOW) on Murreys Lane, but they can be found anywhere in damp shady places like hedge bottoms any time between March and May. They aren't buttercups but are related to them (*ranunculus* family). Herbalists used to call them pilewort - I leave you to imagine why!

Eye catching garden varieties have bronze leaves(*ranunculus ficaria* 'Brazen Hussy') or double flowers (*ranunculus ficaria flore pleno*). Bees love them for their pollen, Margaret says.



to the lovely lady from High Street who donated £20 to Barford News, much appreciated.

The Team

You keep us printing....!!

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 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 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 31ST AUGUST 2021. ALL WINNERS WILL BE NAMED IN BARFORD NEWS AND HOPEFULLY AN EXHIBITION OF SOME KIND. THANK YOU



APRIL Draw
£25:00, 124, David Hobbs
£15:00, 084, Rees Family
£10:00, 166, Rupert Moulton
£5:00, 006, Janet Payne



the draw took place at the Thursday Zoom Coffee Morning

Friends of Deddington Library Update

We would like to welcome Louise Willis as our new Deddington Library Manager, after several months of closure we are excited to have our valued library back open from April 19th and look forward to working with Louise. The following 'temporary' opening times will be operational until further notice, Monday 2pm - 5pm, Tuesday - Closed, Wednesday 10am - 1pm, Thursday - 2pm - 5pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Closed.



We continue to receive a healthy influx of photo competition entries and encourage everyone to get involved, with improving weather and flowers and trees blossoming around the parish there are opportunities galore to capture that winning entry.

As always send your images (Landscape format, 300dpi and taken within the Deddington Parish) to abw@brynwilliams.com, you've got until August 13th to send your images in.
Thank you

Bryn Williams
Friends of Deddington Library



BROUGHTON CASTLE SPORTIVE

The Rotary Club of Banbury Cherwell run an annual charity fund raising cycling event - the **Broughton Castle Sportive**. Cyclists cover one of 5 routes from 5 to 100 miles, starting and ending in the grounds of Broughton Castle, near Banbury by kind permission of Lord Saye and Sele, and Martin Fiennes (who normally rides in the event).

We have run this event for 8 years and raised in excess of £70,000 for local charities and our past donation list includes Style Acre, Katharine House Hospice, Dogs for Good, Thames Valley Ambulance, Banbury Scouting Association, Cyclists Fighting Cancer, Leonard Cheshire Agnes Court Home in Banbury, plus many smaller donations to local charities. We plan to continue this level of donation subject to entries, costs, and weather!

Broughton Castle Sportive 2021 is being planned in the anticipation of being able to run the event despite having had to cancel our 2020 event due to Covid rules. Our primary charity targets in the 2020/21 Rotary Year are:

- Banbury Scouting Association
- Radio Horton Hospital Radio
- Cyclists Fighting Cancer <https://www.cyclistsfc.org.uk/>

For more information or to register an entry to the Sportive visit <https://www.broughtoncastlesportive.co.uk/>,

Registered Charity 1127136



70TH ANNIVERSARY COUNTRYSIDE CODE

The first Countryside Code booklet was published in 1951. The 2021 update by Natural England - the first in more than a decade - has been shaped by nearly 4,000 responses to an online survey, which sought views on best practices for visiting the countryside and protecting the natural environment.

We are in the privileged position of living in a beautiful part of the world and with that comes responsibility - this new code comes as more people are using green spaces, and aims to help the public be safe, look after the natural environment and protect the livelihoods of people who live in the countryside.

We often read people's concerns about our community - for those of us who care it's important to stay informed - the changes include advice on creating a welcoming environment, clearer rules to underline the importance of clearing away dog mess, taking litter home, staying on footpaths and not feeding livestock.

Natural England chairman Tony Juniper said: "The Countryside Code has been providing an excellent guide for people on how to get out and enjoy the outdoors safely for more than 70 years. "We want everyone to be aware of the code, so people of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy the invaluable health and wellbeing benefits that nature offers, while giving it the respect it deserves."

You can read more on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

New Countryside Code launched to help people enjoy the outdoors - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

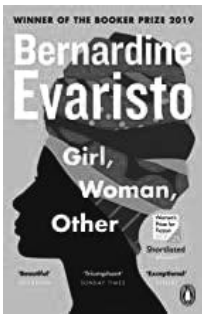


VIRTUAL THURSDAY CUPPA MORNING.....Because the Thursday Cuppa Mornings can't take place at the moment in the village hall, we've started to host a virtual 'coffee and chat' on Thursday mornings using the Barford WI's Zoom licence. You can join and leave any time from 10:30 to suit yourself. It usually 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.

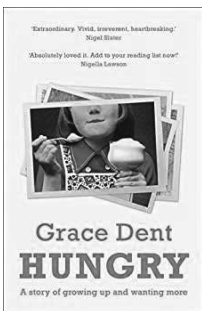
It doesn't matter if you've never been along to the Cuppa Mornings. With so many people at home during the lockdown and with less incentive to be outside in the cold, you might just like the opportunity to see some friendly faces. If you're unaccustomed to using Zoom, we can help you get started.

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

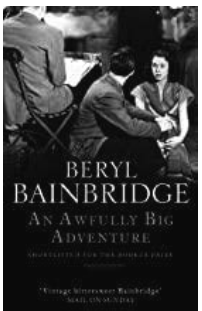
Reading recommendations from **BARFORD BOOKCHAT**



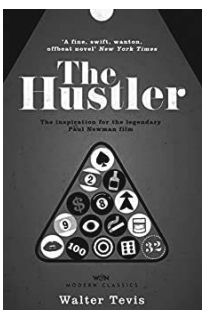
Girl, Woman, Other by Bernardine Evaristo deservedly won the Booker Prize, making her the first black woman and first black British winner. Bold, assured and innovative, it's sometimes tragic, often funny, ultimately uplifting, interweaving the stories of twelve women, nearly all black British, spanning generations and cultures and revealing a range of attitudes towards race, sexuality, feminism and opportunity. Evaristo uses a distinctive style, writing not in formal sentences but in a kind of loose prose poem that unfurls seductively down the pages. **Linda Newbery**



Hungry, by Grace Dent, takes us from her working-class childhood in Cumbria to the metropolis and life on the edge, afloat much of the time on free alcohol from parties. She describes her fascination with writing and her hunger to see her reviews in print; clawing her way into low-level jobs, extending her journalism and TV contacts, she never loses her emotional link to her increasingly frail parents. Becoming a wine connoisseur – at least a convincing bluffer – and enjoying expense-account dining develop her palate beyond the fast-food tastes of her youth. We sense her continuing disbelief at her career success and her insecurity about not only what is good about food but how one is supposed to express an opinion. This fragility makes her humorous columns all the more attractive, and the sombre conclusion here leaves us hungry for more. **Trevor Arrowsmith**



An Awfully Big Adventure by Beryl Bainbridge: Set in post-war Liverpool, this sharply-observed novel follows the intrigues of a down-at-heel repertory theatre company in the lead up to their Christmas production of *Peter Pan*. Through the eyes of the teenage assistant stage manager, Bainbridge cleverly counterpoints Stella's feisty lack of worldly wisdom with the seedy sexual misconduct that's rife within the troupe, and which plays out with tragic consequences. Stella, brought up in a boarding house by her concerned Uncle Vernon and Aunt Lily, is finally confronted by her own troubled childhood in unexpected and devastating ways. It's Bainbridge's unrivalled ability to conjure this period of history, the scarred city of Liverpool, its attitudes, its deeply traumatized, impoverished citizens, with unflinching detail and humour that makes this novel such a lively and memorable read. **Claire Cox**



The Hustler by Walter Tevis: Before he was portrayed by Paul Newman on the silver screen, Fast Eddie Felson was invented by Walter Tevis. Fast Eddie heads to Chicago to take on the great Minnesota Fats. Is Eddie a two-bit hustler or a real pool player? The story is bleak. Fast Eddie is an alcoholic, brutalised by the sociopathic Burt, and in a dysfunctional relationship with Sarah. Yet the writing is impossibly elegant, describing the action on the table, the characters, and even the very meaning of life in a way that excites and touches genius. The novel is actually far superior to the famous film it inspired. A footnote: Tevis invented Minnesota Fats, too. Rudolf Walderone may have adopted the name and claimed that the film character was based on him, but that – perhaps appropriately – was a hustle. **Tom Greeves**

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



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

We finished the spring term by completing the Disability Awareness badge. Two ladies from The Guide Dog Assoc joined our zoom meeting & told the Cubs all about their organisation & how they assist them in everyday life. None of the Cubs asked how the dog can drive the car, which is, apparently a common question! We also looked at Braille, learnt to sign the Cub Promise, drew a picture using our mouths &, thanks to their parents, they hunted for & unwrapped & ate an Easter egg wearing big gloves. Hopefully, they gained an insight into the lives of disabled people.

Jo Churchyard deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

After the success of the Fire safety badge, the Scouts looked at the topic of gender as part of their World Challenge. We tackled stereotypical attitudes to jobs, sports & toys – it was interesting to compare their attitudes with mine, coming from a different generation. We also tried to find out the historical basis of 'pink for a girl, blue for a boy', interesting, look it up!

Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Explorers

Hooray we can now meet Face to Face and some people will have grown in the last year! Before Easter we completed lots of badges including 3 of the Unit gaining their Chief Scout's Platinum Award. It's amazing what we've managed to do during this lockdown period.

We're looking forward to being taught how to do coding by one of our members after the break and then to actually seeing one another.

Our virtual walking for Street Child United has us having got as far as Sarajevo! Everyone is busy adding miles, getting fit and having their families join in as well. A great activity.

<http://www.streetchildunited.org>

If you are interested in joining the Unit contact any of the leaders at spartanexplorers@gmail.com
Janet Duxbury spartanexplorers@gmail.com



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children at Deddington Primary School have continued to flourish back at school, with their peers and teachers alike.

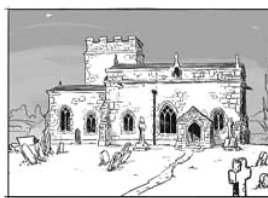
Interesting and exciting work has resumed across the school. All classes have been involved in new learning, working on History based topics such as the Greeks, Victorians and Tudors. With regard to outdoor learning and activities, we have had trained Activators working alongside classes, teaching new games to the children on the playground and introducing different pastimes. Swimming sessions have once again started up, and children in Year 4 have absolutely loved the opportunity of being able to develop swimming skills, increase their exercise and have some time for relaxation too. We are looking forward to starting up more activities in Term 5 when hockey and tennis will also begin.

We are thrilled to be able to announce that some after school activities will recommence next term. These will include Musical Theatre sessions with Alicia and Seb, and football for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils with Adam Bradley. It will be amazing to see these sessions happening once more, after at least 12 months since they were allowed to take place in our school.

On the last day of term before the Easter break, we were able to have an outdoor Assembly led by Mr Evans and Reverend Annie. The children all sang songs and the classes were all socially distanced, standing in different areas of the playground. It was wonderful to be able to end the term in this positive way and we are now in the position to look forward to the summer terms with great anticipation and motivation.

Denise Welch

CHURCH MATTERS



**Services in the Barfords will resume
from Sunday 9th May**



In future there will be 3 services held each month in the Barfords starting on the 2nd Sunday in May. The normal pattern of services will now be as follows:

- 1st Sunday:** No service in the Barfords
- 2nd Sunday:** 9am Holy Communion St Michael
- 3rd Sunday:** 10.30am Family Service St Michael
- 4th Sunday:** 9am Holy Communion St John

**Foodbank Collection point
at St Michael's church**

Deddington Church has been operating as a collection point for food for the Banbury Food Bank for some time. SS Peter & Paul have now been accredited as referral agency for the Banbury Food Bank. This means that if anyone here, or in the surrounding villages needs access to the Food Bank, you can get in touch with the administrator at Deddington church by calling 01869 220720 between the hours of 12 noon and 4pm every Wednesday, or alternatively email them at foodbank@deddingtonchurch.org. Your request will be dealt with promptly and we will be able to provide vouchers accordingly. If you are urgently in need of food, please use the same contact details and we can supply you with emergency food parcels (and can deliver if necessary).

The plan is that a Food Bank will eventually operate from the Deddington church directly to save those who need it from having to travel to Banbury – but more on this when it happens!

To support this initiative, there will be a container placed in St Michael's church for people to donate non-perishable food items for the Food Bank. It will be available from the beginning of May.

A gentle reminder that we can only take dried or tinned food that is unopened and within the 'sell by' date, otherwise we have to dispose of it. Also please don't leave any fresh produce or food that should be kept in a fridge, because again, the Food Bank won't take it and we have to dispose of it.

Thank you, in advance, for your support and generosity.

THE FOODBANK

WAYS YOU CAN HELP IN 2020



Christian Aid Week

10-16th May

There will not be a house-to-house collection for Christian Aid this year. Instead, envelopes will be included in the May issue of the Barford News.

Donations may be made in 3 ways:

1. Envelopes may be returned to The Old Post Office, High Street, Barford St Michael.
2. A collection box at The George Inn.
3. Our Just Giving page:
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Barford-Churches

**Sue Addison
Churchwarden**



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 or (01295) 722312.

New members are most welcome.

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

The maypole has something of a tangled and uncertain history. Some evidence suggests that it started in Roman Britain some 2000 years ago as a spring ritual where soldiers danced around a decorated tree to thank the goddess Flora (the goddess of flowers). However the maypole is also associated with Beltane, Pagan rituals and fertility rites.

What we do know is that these early maypoles didn't have ribbons and were ostensibly a tall, stripped decorated tree which provided a focal point to village dancing – most likely circular dances performed by the adults of the villages. The first time that we see the ribbons appear is in a painting of the Ranelagh Gardens in Chelsea, London in 1759 which shows people plaiting ribbons around a pole in the manner which is generally thought of as a maypole dance today.



The maypole dancing we visualise now stems very much from the mind of a man called John Ruskin who was a Victorian writer and philanthropist. John Ruskin was among those who looked to the old customs which had held rural village societies together as something desirable to be continued in the emerging age. Ruskin was a patron of a teacher-training college in Roehampton and it was here that he established a May Day ceremony in 1881.

Then Slade Professor of Art at Oxford, Ruskin believed that industrialisation had robbed workers of individuality, joy and beauty. His answer was to encourage the student teachers at Whitelands to develop "natural and uncontending worth". Dancing around a maypole formed part of an elaborate ceremony, which included the crowning of a May Queen. From Whitelands, women teachers took the new tradition wherever they went, and it quickly became standard in schools.



GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Ways to be Clean and Green!

Spring is traditionally the time to binge on household cleaning – but it would be a pity to have a sparkling clean house at the expense of the environment. Here are some ideas for avoiding harmful products and finding better ways to be clean and green.

Supermarkets display an armoury of cleaning products, most of them contained in plastic. Many have been tested on animals. Some, like bleach and powerful sink unblockers, carry hazard warnings – so should we be using them, and releasing them into the water system?

Going back to traditional ways solves several problems in one go. It's more sustainable to use baking powder, vinegar and possibly lemon as a general cleaning solution – you won't have to keep buying plastic, and you can be sure that your home-made product hasn't been tested on animals. Soda crystals, vinegar and hot water will usually unblock a sink. Supermarkets sell window-cleaning sprays which are basically just water and vinegar – why pay more for something in throwaway plastic when you can easily fill your own spray bottle and clean your glass just as effectively?



Those little sponge pads may be convenient, but they contain microplastics which are released into water. Shops sell wipes for every conceivable purpose - kitchen wipes, bathroom wipes, shower wipes, etc; most contain plastic, so they end up in landfill where they'll never biodegrade, and can clog watercourses if flushed away. Rather than buying these wipes (again, wrapped in plastic) it's better to go back to the old way, using cloths that can be washed and used repeatedly or coir scrubs you can compost when they wear out.

Another way of avoiding plastic in the home is to choose compostable bags for your bins, cat litter, food storage etc. Try online sellers such as **Ecovibe** to find household products that don't harm the environment – for instance they sell compostable dog-poo bags. And if you haven't discovered Banbury's excellent zero-waste shop, **Nothing But Footprints** in Castle Quay, do go and have a look. There you can buy organic, cruelty-free washing-up liquid, hand-wash, toilet cleaner, washing powder and more – take your own containers to fill, or they'll give you one if you forget. You can also buy plastic-free scourers, washing-up brushes and sponges (as well as a range of grains, cereals, herbs, spices, tea and coffee). The shop offers online ordering and delivery.

And: great news! We hope to bring some of these sustainable, organic, cruelty-free products to **Barford Market**. Bring your own containers or we'll have spares available – and experience the great feeling of cleaning your house and yourself in a green, sustainable way. Live kindly, tread lightly!

Claire Cox and Linda Newbery

Barford Environment Network (BEN) is now its own group, a spin-off from the Deddington group, who we thank for leading the way. We have occasional group chats and lots of ideas to share and explore about how we can all live more sustainably. If you'd like to join in, please contact John O'Brien: john@lcmb.co.uk

If you'd like to contribute to **Green Thought of the Month**, please email Linda Newbery:

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Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

We look forward to the Summer term. The PFSU children will be finding out about 'The World About Us'. We will be searching for mini beasts, feeding the birds, planting seeds, and watching caterpillars and tadpoles grow and change. At the Nursery our topic is 'Woodland Friends'. We will be finding out about woodland animals, playing in the Gruffalo's kitchen, and enjoying our indoor woodland role play area. Our Easter Holiday club was a great success. Summer holiday club will run for two weeks in the school summer holidays (weeks beginning 26th July and 2nd August).

Lucy Squires
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BOOKWORMS

Persuasion by Jane Austen



It is interesting to note that sales of the Penguin edition of Jane Austen's earlier novel, *Pride and Prejudice*, rose 22 per cent in 2020. Could this be because life in lockdown could be compared to that depicted in Jane Austen's novels ie people spending more time in nature and going for more walks?

Unfortunately, we felt that *Persuasion* was not of the same standard of Austen's previous works. This was the last book she wrote before her death at the age of 41. It was posthumously published in 1818. Never edited, it is hard to follow at the beginning, with extraordinarily long sentences and an ending that could be more concise.

High expectations but this book was not enjoyed by the group, in fact, only one stoic member got to the end! However, true to a good book group we still found plenty to talk about.

Our next book is **My Name is Leon** by Kit De Waal.

Bookworms
Deddington Library

DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION



We still find ourselves in lock down, but there is light at the end of the tunnel! Very quiet at the station incident wise – only 8 shouts: 6 standbys and 2 false alarms.

Training at station has started again, all be it masked up and training every other week as we are only allowed 5 at station at any one time – so half one week and the other half the following week.

Ben Fenemore has started his BA training, whilst both Adam Perry and Emma Flint progress with their Driver training. We also said a sad farewell and a hearty thanks to our Station Support Officer Mark O'Connor, and a welcome to our new SSO James Newton. We also have 2 new recruits who are going through their basic training – Garin Wilby from Clifton and Louis Martin who lives in Adderbury.

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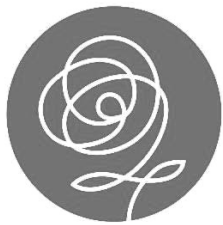
- 2 ounces gin
- 3/4 ounce lemon juice, freshly squeezed
- 1/2 ounce honey syrup
- Garnish: lemon twist

Steps

1. Add gin, lemon juice and honey syrup into a shaker with ice and shake until well-chilled.
2. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass.
3. Garnish with a lemon twist.



ENJOY....



KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

OPEN GARDENS FOR KATHARINE HOUSE – APRIL 2021 – SUMMER 2022

Our Open Gardens for Katharine House event is back again this Spring. We have a number of villages signed up already, and there is still plenty of time to get involved! If you are interested in opening your garden in support of Katharine House or for more information please email getinvolved@khh.org.uk or contact our fundraising department on 01295 816 484 or visit www.khh.org.uk/gardens

If you would like to visit one of our open gardens please see below for the villages who have already signed up:

- Chadlington village Open Gardens 23 May
- Churchill 3 July
- Hornton village Open Gardens 4 July
- Middleton Cheney village Open Gardens 18 July
- South Newington (by appointment only, please read below)

SOUTH NEWINGTON OPEN GARDEN BY

APPOINTMENT ONLY - Claire has kindly offered to open her lovely 1.5 acre garden in South Newington by appointment any time after April 12. She can offer a bespoke package to any gardening groups interested in a visit but individuals and families are also very welcome with tea and cakes available at an additional cost. Entry is for a minimum donation of £5 for adults, children free of charge. Assistance dogs only. Please email Clare to find out more: Claire_ainley@hotmail.com

A FINAL NOTE FROM ANGHARAD CEO - Thanks to the new partnership with the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (OUH), we can look forward once again - to a strong, sustainable future. This is backed up by the renewed vigour that we are putting into our fundraising, as we will continue to need to raise £3million each year to help fund our services.

After five years of being part of a truly talented and inspirational team here at Katharine House, I know that I'm leaving it in good and safe hands.

I am also full of gratitude for all the time and financial support that our supporters and volunteers give us. Katharine House is loved by thousands of people in our community and as we look towards our 30th year celebrations we can be sure of a future filled with positivity and hope.
Angharad Orchard, Chief Executive

WALK FOR KATHARINE HOUSE – JULY 2021

Back by popular demand Katharine House's biggest fundraising event the annual Midnight Walk returns this summer! We've been working hard to create a 2021 COVID-safe event for you to enjoy this July, but it may look a little different this year... Take on the challenge and join us as we walk to remember those we love, and support patients and families who rely upon Katharine House. Visit www.khh.org.uk/walk21 and sign up today.

FIRE WALK FOR KATHARINE HOUSE – SEPTEMBER

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Have you ever wanted to take part in an open water swim? Do you want something to look forward to, later in the year? Why not join the team as they swim the Serpentine this September!? There are lots of different swims to choose from to find out more head to www.khh.org.uk/swim

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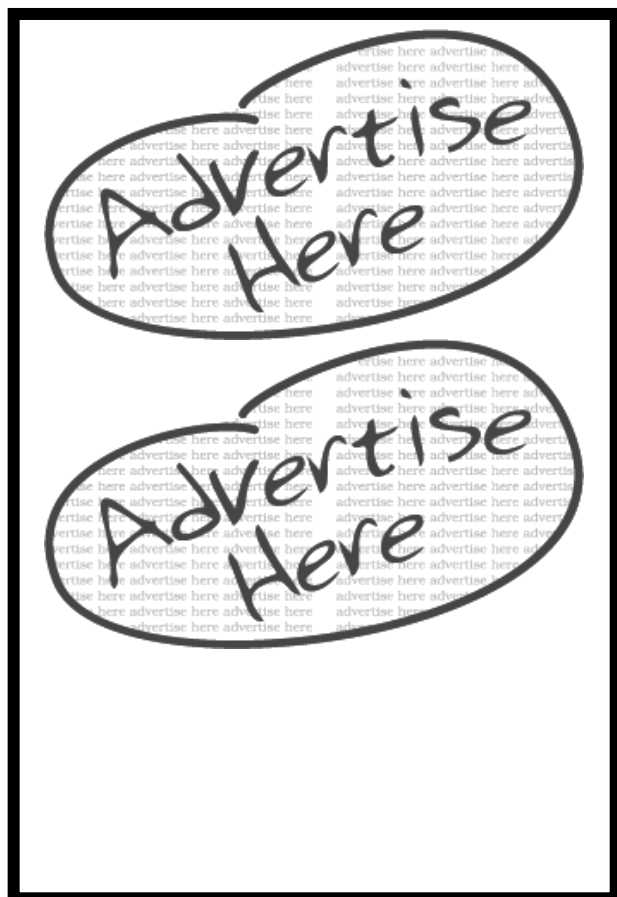
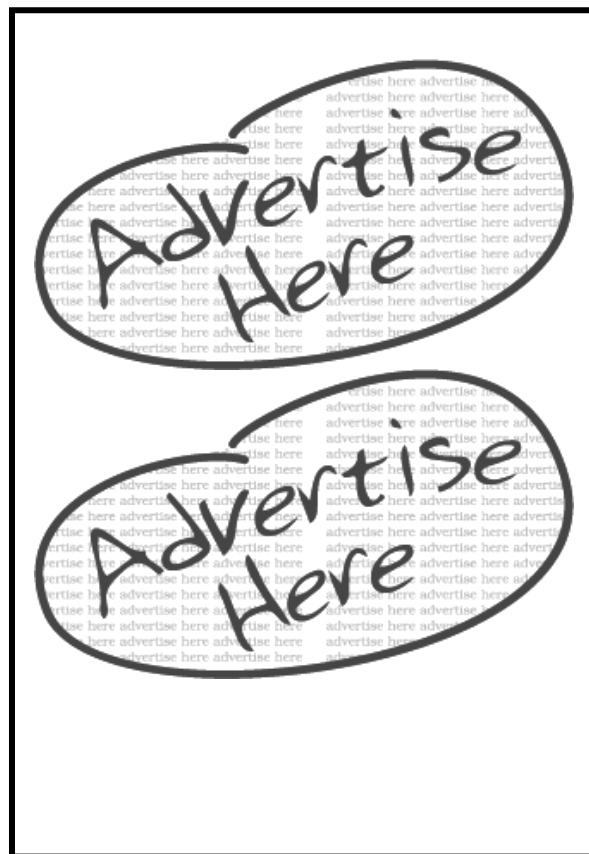
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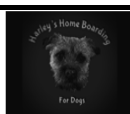
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CDC website: www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk – Parish Council minutes at www.cherwell-local.com

VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Church of England
MAY

- 1st Sunday:** No service in the Barfords
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- Tuesdays** Guides (Deddington)
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- Wednesdays** Brownies (Windmill - Deddington)
 1st week parish council (not August)
 2nd week W.I. meeting
 Boys Brigade (Deddington)
- Thursdays** Village Hall Post Office
 Open cuppa mornings
 Cubs (Deddington)
 Scouts (Deddington)
- Fridays** Rainbows
- Saturdays** Village Market 3rd week
(except January or August)
- 1st Wednesday** Parish Council Meeting
- 3rd Wednesday** Village Hall Management Committee

DIARY DATES

MAY

- 1st & 2nd Plant Stall, Stonehaven, Lower Street
 5th Parish Council Meeting (Hall or Zoom)
 10h – 16th Christian Aid Week
 22nd & 23rd Plant Swap
 23rd Golf Taster Afternoon, Tadmarton

JUNE

- 19th Village Market, Village Hall (Covid permitting)

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