

BARFORD NEWS

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BARFORD VILLAGE MARKETat last!!!
SATURDAY 19th JUNE - 10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PLEASE COME & SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL PRODUCERS!!

Moore & Lyon, with their lovely selection of home-reared meats,

Our usual good range of local producers selling: eggs, savouries, cakes, preserves, greetings cards, wrapping paper, hand knitted woollies and excellent quality bird foods

Plus Our Exciting New Producers

Lovas Bakery providing Delicious Artisan Breads direct from Hempton, Olive Sourdough, Nana Sourdough bread, sourdough croissants, and much, much more!



It's A Chocolate Thing – Wonderful artisan chocolates ethically sourced couverture for premium quality and superior taste. Bar flavours include: Salted Caramel, Ginger & Pepper, Eton Mess, Black Forest, Rocky Road,



Two Jolly Cooks – Tasty home-made soups and family meals, ready for your freezer, all using locally sourced, organic and seasonal ingredients in West Oxfordshire..

Barford Environment Network – Offering refills of household products helping to reduce plastic waste. Bring your own bottle, or have one filled for you. Products include Washing Up Liquid, White Vinegar, Non-Bio Laundry Liquid, Dishwasher Powder, Window & Glass Cleaner.

Mick & Anne's bacon butties/bacon & egg butties/breakfast butties

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING FROM THE KITCHEN

Parish Council Notes

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 5th May 2021 using Zoom Video Conferencing and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, 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 7th April 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:

West Close Kissing Gate – A parishioner joined the meeting asking if the kissing gate to West Close at the top of Murreys lane could be modified to allow pushchairs and children with bikes to have access to West Close. Various modifications/ alternatives were discussed. It was agreed that it would be modified to allow pushchair and bike access but discourage propping it open permanently.

Parish Matters:

Fence & Hedge along Murrey's Lane boundary of West Close – This had been marked off as children had been seen sliding down the bank into the road, but a resident asked if it could be opened up again so that children can make dens. It was agreed that the West Close Play Area Committee will be consulted on how to make this area safe.

Reinforcement of Village Green – It was agreed that this work could not be completed currently with the increased traffic due to the bridge closure and as the surplus soil is going to be taken to a field in Barford St John.

Village Litter Pick – It was agreed that there would not be a litter pick this year as it is later due to COVID and the verges will have grown up making it difficult to see the litter.

S137 Grants – It was agreed to award grants of £1,000 to the Parochial Church Council, £700 to the Barford News and £100 to the West Close Play Area Committee to cover cleaning of the play equipment by Thomas Fox.

Village Hall Broadband Fibre to the Premises:
Broadband was installed in the Village Hall on 13th April to enable Post Office services to be offered every Thursday afternoon and facilitate the rental of the hall.

Post Office Services

Full Post Office services should be available from 13th May after the Post Office equipment has been modified to allow banking

Water Main leak in Lower Street – The water main fractured 20 metres from the last fracture. This was reported to Thames Water and repaired within a few days.

20's Plenty signs – additional signs were placed on the Hempton Rd entrance to Barford St Michael and before Rock close near Lower Street.

Allotment - A new resident of Barford St John has taken on a vacant allotment.

Allotment Water – This was turned on and a leaking tap replaced.

No mow areas – The no mow areas in West Close and at the bottom of Murreys Lane were marked for Thomas Fox Landscaping who cut the grass.

Murrey's Lane refuge areas – These have been cleared by Cllr Ray Cox

Benches – These have been inspected by Cllr Ray Cox

Annual Governance Statement – The Annual Governance Statement which had been circulated prior to the meeting was agreed.

Accounts – The Accounts and the Annual Return Accounting Statements which had been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed.

Planning:

21/01175/TCA – Thimble Hall – Parish Council support.

21/00931/F – Crown House – Parish Council support.

21/00566/F – Thimblefields – Parish Council support

21/01097/F – 10 Broad Close – Parish Council support

Finance:

Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £1,404.55.

Next Meetings:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd June at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Please note that this is a summary of the minutes from the meeting. The full minutes can be viewed in the Parish Council noticeboards or at www.thebarfordvillages.co.uk in the Parish Council meetings page.



Road closure in the Barfords after bridge inspection reveals faults

Motorists are being urged to avoid the north Oxfordshire villages of Barford St Michael and Barford St John due to a road closure after faults were found on the bridge between the two villages has been closed temporarily by Oxfordshire County Council Highways as they found a structural fault during a routine survey.

News release from Oxfordshire County Council:

Oxfordshire County Council took the decision to close a section of Bloxham Road after recently observing deterioration of the bridge. Action was needed due to the large number of HGVs using the route and the risk of significant further damage before suitable measures could be put in place to stop heavy vehicles from using the bridge, such as a physical width restriction with appropriate advance signage.

Given the severity of the deterioration, weight restriction signage alone – which is often ignored – was not considered appropriate.

The bridge will need to be partially reconstructed to bring it up to full load carrying capacity. This is likely to take more than a year to arrange.

Oxfordshire County Council is now planning to install a physical width restriction of two metres (6ft 6in) to prevent vehicles of over three tonnes using the bridge but enabling the road to be reopened to the majority of cars. This may take a few months to arrange.

The bridge will remain open to pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists.

Our Parish Council will publish updates as information is received.

Another Diary Date!!

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

Returns

On 20th July 2021

12.30PM for 1PM

**Numbers will be reduced to allow
for safer distancing**

Menu & Booking Details

Will be published in

Next month's Barford News

Thank you

**To everyone who
Bought plants at my stall and helped
me to raise £182.00
for Shepherds and Bakehouse
charity.**

**Thanks also to Les Hall for his
donation of plants for the stall**

Mariann



Thank You!

To the very kind, anonymous reader who sent an unexpected, but very welcome donation for Barford News.

Thank You also!

To our Parish Council for the grant of £700 for our funds.

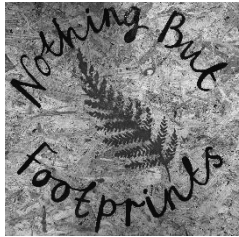
Donations such as these really do keep us 'afloat'



GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Exciting news – Zero Waste shopping is coming to Barford!

As you see in this issue's Market news, members of **BEN** (Barford Environment Network) will sell SESI refill liquids: washing-up liquid, laundry liquid and conditioner, window cleaner, all-purpose cleaner and scented hand soap. From July onwards it gets even better - you'll be able to order a vast range of zero waste products and groceries from Banbury's '**Nothing But Footprints**', to be delivered free of charge to the village market.



Frustrated by having to search for zero waste products, Dan and Vi launched '**Nothing But Footprints**' just two years ago, at first as a pop-up stall (pictured) in various locations, progressing to Banbury Market and now to lovely shop in Castle Quay. Dan says, "I was willing to throw everything we had at this, as I believe in both ethos of living without waste and the potential for it

work on a local level." He and Vi have been delighted with their reception: "People have been so supportive of what we're about, and the encouragement has really kept us going through what's been a difficult for everyone." Now well-established, Nothing But Footprints won a Cherwell Sustainable Business Award last year.



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The shop offers a tempting range: as well as the SESI refills there are groceries including cereals, grains, pasta, tea and coffee, herbs and spices, oils and vinegars, toiletries, plastic-free loo and kitchen roll, and relevant books. Work goes on behind the scenes to expand the range offered. "We look for reusables to replace single use products, biodegradable items to replace harmful plastics, and bulk products to reduce packaging waste." Part of this research is a check that all products offered meet the shop's ethical standards: everything is vegan, sustainable and cruelty-free. See more at their website: www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk.



Inevitably if you order a free delivery from the shop your items will be supplied in containers or paper packaging, but containers can be returned at the next market.

Come to the SESI stall at Barford Market on 19th June for more information about Nothing But Footprints and a sample hamper of products – and get ready to order in July!

GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH is compiled and edited by Linda Newbery. If you have a green thought to share, please email L.newbery@btinternet.com

BARFORD ENVIRONMENT NETWORK is a friendly, informal group that looks for ways of greener living in our village. To join or learn more, contact John O'Brien: john@lcmb.co.uk

VILLAGE CLEAN UP MORNING YOUR HELP IS NEEDED PLEASE



Sadly, COVID has prevented us from having a Clean Up morning for the past two years. This picture was from the last Clean Up that we managed, which was – 6 TH APRIL 2019!

WALKERS - PLEASE HELP TO KEEP THE VILLAGE TIDY BY PICKING UP LITTER THAT YOU SEE AROUND THE VILLAGE. TAKE A CARRIER BAG WITH YOU ON YOUR WALKS AND TAKE ANY RUBBISH THAT YOU FIND TO THE VILLAGE HALL BINS. – BOTTLES CAN BE LEFT IN THE PORCH FOR RECYCLING.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

By now most of you will have seen the new doors and other improvements to the village hall and we hope that you approve. If, however, you only passed through the hall at the recent elections you may not be aware of all the improvements.

The hall now has unlimited high speed fibre optic internet!

There is a large projector screen and HDMI & VGA inputs where laptops or other IT equipment can be



plugged in for presentations, film shows and so on.

There is excellent access for people with disabilities and the toilets are greatly improved.

Many people will be keen to catch up on all the barbecues or private parties we missed during lockdown so we hope you will book up ready for birthday celebrations and other special dates with lots and lots of friends in attendance from 21st June.

Our rates compare well with other halls in the area but none of them are a patch on ours!

See our advert on the inside back page for booking details are.

VHMC

BARFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, 23RD JUNE
7.30PM, VILLAGE HALL**

All residents are invited to attend the meeting to meet the Parish Councillors and hear what the Parish Council has been doing in the last year.

Have a say, ask questions, make suggestions

Agenda

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting

Chairman's Report

Talk from the Barford Environment Network
Open Forum

After a short break this meeting will be followed by:

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A.G.M.

All Barfordians are urged to attend this meeting and have a say in the Open Forum.

The committee is keen to hear the views of everyone on the running of the hall, the facilities provided and the activities available.

1st Deddington Guides

We're back! Hurray!....lovely to be together again, meeting out of doors which we love!



We've welcomed 7 new members, who've been patiently waiting to come along. The quiz trail round the market place kept us puzzled and was great fun.

Our first cookout of the year aah the smell of the woodsmoke.....was a real success, not too many burnt sausages !and our thanks to the Fenemores family.

Thanks are also due to Brian and Janet Bond for allowing us to explore the woods and try our hand at building shelters..... there were some amazing creations! The hike from Adderbury to Deddington via the Papermill gave us all a chance to wear off some energy and appreciate the lovely countryside around us.

This is our favourite term..... out and about each Tuesdaygirls over 10 come along and see what we get up to !

Maggie Rampley 07957600755
or Marian Trinder- Mariantrinder@gmail.com

Deddington Primary School

Here at School, this term has already led to much excitement amongst the children and staff due to our after-school sessions of Musical Theatre and Adam Bradley's football club once again being able to take place. With equal excitement, the children in KS2 are now once more enjoying tennis lessons at the Windmill, swimming at Bloxham pool and hockey lessons on the Bloxham School pitches.

All children across the whole school are continuing to enjoy their work back in school, with their teachers and peers. As an example, our F1 class has loved basing much of this term's work on 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson, even doing some baking and making their own Gruffalo crumble!

As a school we have recently invested in a 'Cross-Curricular Orienteering Active Learning' package which has now been set up around our school grounds. It has been funded by our sports premium money and purchased with the aim of having a positive, sustainable impact on our children. It promises to be an excellent resource from which our pupils will benefit, enriching our already strong PE curriculum and map referencing skills, as well as supporting active maths and literacy lessons.

It was also with great excitement this term when, to mark and develop our understanding of Ascension Day, one child from each class released an environmentally friendly balloon into the air, with a prayer for our world attached to each one. You may also like to have a look on our school website to see our Butterflies of Hope, which were displayed in church over Easter and are now displayed around all areas of our School. They are beautiful.

Finally, as you can probably imagine our passion for learning continues to be evident in everything we do within our school and local community. Long may this remain in the weeks and months ahead as Lockdown continues to ease.



Denise Welch

Sincere thanks!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who kindly voted for me in the recent local elections, it is a great honour and privilege to represent our community and I always do my best to give everyone a 'voice' at Cherwell District Council. The past 18 months have been some of the bleakest in recent history, during which we have seen some breath taking acts of selflessness, charity and community spirit in the face of adversity. I look forward to the return of normality and the opportunity to once again meet face to face with you all.

Thank you
Bryn Williams
Cherwell District Councillor

Cuppa mornings are Back!!

Join us in the Village Hall garden.

Thursdays 10am to 11.30am.

All Welcome



From the Fire Station

Could it get any quieter at the station? 4 shouts and 4 stand-bys has been all we have been actively required



for. But we have been able to do some drilling at station, albeit with reduced numbers attending. Chris Fenemore and Andy Hayward have been putting us through our paces with both BA and RTC drills, actively hiding casualties to hone both our search and observation skills, and our extraction techniques when up against the clock.

We are pleased to report that both Garin Wilby and Louis Martin have passed their "on the run" and will hopefully both have had a shout by the time you read this. And Corrie King successfully passed her RTC initial training.

So in summary, the fire station has found itself reassuringly, but somewhat frustratingly, quiet.

James Greenwood FFD,
james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk

Our Village Charities

Shepherds & Bakehouse Charity

Barford St John and St Michael

Charity Commission Registration No: 309173

Grants are made annually at the Trustee's discretion.

Young people taking A levels, attending College or University or undertaking an apprenticeship are encouraged to apply.

There is a maximum limit awarded.

In order to qualify, applicants or their parents should be resident in the parish of Barford St Michael or Barford St John for at least three years.

Please give the following information on your written application:-

- 1) Your full name, age, address in Barford and length of residence.
- 2) Details of where you are planning to study.
- 3) Exact description of the qualification you hope to achieve.
- 4) Length of course and subjects to be studied.

Address your application to the Shepherds and Bakehouse Trust clerk
Carole Coppin, Barn Elms, The Green, Barford St Michael, OX15 0RN
carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk

Applications must be received by 30th September.

Hall & Fernhill Charity

Barford St Michael or St John residents of any age can apply for grants from this charity. Costs relating to health or infirmity, or payments to relieve sudden distress can be considered and all applications will be at the Trustee's discretion.

Work related costs

One area featured by our governing documents relates to helping individuals make their way in life. People can request contributions towards the cost of items such as tools and books, or for fees for training courses of a vocational nature. The costs of transport to work related training courses may also be eligible.

We are aware that people in rural areas are likely to need to drive and that the costs relating to learning to drive and insure a car are very high so support in this area can be considered.

The Trustees (John Hirons, Helen Honour, Les Hall, Barbara Greenwood, Maggie Eden, Jill Hopcraft, Rev Annie Goldthorpe and Zalie Butler) can offer further information or applications can be made to the clerk -

carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk Barn Elms, The Green, BSM 07768 378758

WILDFLOWERS IN THE BARFORDS

By Janet Payne and Margaret Murdin

Dandelion: *Taraxacum officinale*

This is possibly our most easily recognised spring flower. It can be found in spectacular yellow abundance this year in the meadow crossed by the path between the Scrapes and Barford St John.



Depending upon where you come from you might call it 'pee-the-bed', 'dentylion' (dent =tooth, ty=de=of, lion, from the French), 'wishes', 'clocks', 'fairies' or 'parachutes'. Children love to play with the seed. The number of times you have to blow the seeds is said to tell the time. If you catch a seed you can make a wish.

They are full of useful vitamins. Herbalists gathered the roots as diuretics (hence the name pee-the-bed) and laxatives to supposedly cure gout. The Victorians used the leaves as salads, which still happens in Europe. There the cultivated leaves will be added to fried bacon in the pan then splashed with wine vinegar as a hot salad.

Dandelion wine can also be made. We Northerners used to concoct a not very delicious (in my opinion) soft drink called dandelion and burdock.

Dandelions are highly efficient at self-reproduction. Bees and other insects love their super abundant pollen and nectar. One plant can produce up to 300 seeds. They are powerhouses of the vegetable kingdom!

WELCOME

To New residents

Russ, Sinead and Teddy Nicholls

Recently arrived in Church Street

We hope you will all be very
Happy in your new home

FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS, DEDDINGTON

Now things are finally opening up, let's look forward to summer.

There have been a few problems at the Grounds. During the good weather five or six fires were lit and, on one occasion, the fire brigade was called, resulting in the trees having to be cut back to allow easier access. With more people using the site, cans and bottles have been a problem, so more bins were installed. If you visit the Castle Grounds please take your rubbish home with you.

This year has been quite dry, and the paths have established themselves. There is a new one running along the top of the north bank and it is lovely to see it being so well used. The plan for the path by the badger setts is to put heavy logs with wedges along the line of the path to prevent the earth going into the ditch allowing the path to re-establish itself.

With the lighter nights and, hopefully, warmer weather arriving, come and enjoy this wonderful space which we are so lucky to have.

Carol Garrett cgarrett@btinternet.com

Share your life, change a life

Could you give someone the opportunity to live the fullest life they can live? Help them grow in confidence? Encourage them to become more independent and do things they never thought they would be able to do?

The Shared Lives scheme matches people who need additional support to be independent, with carers and their families. The opportunity to share a family's life, as part of their household, gives them a valuable alternative to staying in residential care or being looked after by a team of support workers.

Becoming a Shared Lives Carer for Oxfordshire County Council will make a big difference to someone's life. If you love people, and are looking for something that is rewarding, paid and home-based - share your life, change a life - oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlivescarers



Walking Hadrian's Wall for Katharine House Hospice

Dear Barfords,

We like a challenge, so what better than to hike the length of Hadrian's Wall in aid of Katharine House Hospice?

We'll do the 84 mile trail from Bowness on Solent to Newcastle over 8 days from 6th to 14th September 2021. That's up to 14 miles a day, with backpacks! We're planning to fuel up on B&B breakfasts, and take in the scenery and rich history along the way to make this a truly memorable, once in a life-time experience.

And why are we doing this? Well, to prove to ourselves we still can - we're not that young anymore! And to support this very worthwhile local cause. As a charity, Katharine House needs to raise over £3 million annually to meet the needs of the patients and families it cares for. Many of our friends have benefited from the wonderful services provided by Katharine House over the past 30 years. We're walking in memory of them and to ensure no-one from our villages has to face life-limiting illness alone or unsupported.

Please do donate on our Just Giving page (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/claire-cox32).

We'll post updates about our training schedule as we build up our fitness, and during the walk itself. Fingers crossed for the weather!

With thanks and best wishes,

Paul and Ishbel Freeman, and Ray and Claire Cox

1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs & Scouts



By the time you read this the Cubs & Scouts will have started meeting face to face, outside only at first & exclusively at The Windmill Centre. A lot of planning has been done to make sure we can meet safely & still have fun.

We're looking forward to being able to branch out to Daedas Wood & other exotic locations (well, let's face it everywhere is exotic at the moment) soon.

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

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

Explorers

Fantastic news. We're now back to F2F Scouting. It was wonderful to see one another at last. To ease ourselves into the swing of things we'd done a Zoom meeting to recognise chocolate bars by their cut in half photos and the first meeting back guessed the bars by tasting. We then rated them Snickers came out on top. Looking forward to this new normal.

If you're interested in joining the Unit contact us on Spartanexplorers@gmail.com

[Janet Duxbury spartanexplorers@gmail.com](mailto:Janet.Duxbury@spartanexplorers@gmail.com)

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

After an 'interesting' year, It is hard to believe that June sees us in our final few weeks of term before the summer holiday. We will be busy preparing our preschool children for the move up to school, and the older Nursery children for their move up to preschool in September. We hope to hold Sports Days, but what form these take will depend on the regulations in place at the time. Don't forget to book your places at summer holiday club which will run for the weeks beginning 26th July and 2nd August. We are expecting there to be lots of demand for places.

Lucy Squires
01869 337484

BARFORD VILLAGE SHOW SCHEDULE

Vegetable & Produce Classes

1	Three Beetroot, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.	
2	Three Carrots, long, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.	
3	Three Courgettes	
4	Three Onions	
5	Five Shallots	
6	Three Potatoes of one variety	
7	Three Runner Beans with stalks	
8	Five French Beans with stalks	
9	Five Cherry Tomatoes	
10	Three Round Tomatoes	
11	Three Peppers or Chillies (same variety)	
12	A Pair of Vegetables (same variety) not in other classes	
13	Five Single Assorted Vegetables	
14	A Squash or Pumpkin	
15	Three Apples of one variety, eating or cooking	
16	Dish of one variety of soft or stoned fruit	
17	Longest Runner Bean	
18	3 Eggs (same size and colour)	

Cookery Classes

19	A Lemon Drizzle Cake	
20	Six Ginger biscuits	
21	Six Pieces of Chocolate Brownie	
22	A Victoria Sponge, (Raspberry jam, no Cream)	
23	A Chocolate Cake (Men only) Recipe in August Barford News	
24	A Chocolate Cake (Ladies only) Recipe in August B News	
25	A Jar of Jam	
26	A Jar of Marmalade	
27	A Jar of Chutney	
28	A small pot of Lemon Curd	
29	A Homemade Alcoholic Beverage (small bottle)	

Flower Arranging Classes

30	An arrangement in a teapot	
31	A foliage arrangement	
32	A miniature arrangement (10cms/4" overall)	
33	A Buttonhole for a Wedding	

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Cut Flower Classes

34	A vase of 6 Sweet Peas	
35	A Sunflower in a vase	
36	Three Dahlias	
37	Three Roses	
38	Four Fuchsia heads in water	
39	Four Penstemon stems in water	
40	Three Pelargonium stems	
41	A Single Rose	

Crafts

(NB Crafts must not have been entered previously)

42	A crafted item made of wood	
43	An item for a newborn	
44	A hand knitted or crocheted article	
45	A piece of needlecraft (embroidery, tapestry, patchwork, cross-stitch)	
46	You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes)	
47	Drawing or Painting: any subject, any medium (mount/ frame optional)	

Photography (unmounted)

(13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7")

48	My Playful Pet	
49	A Barford Church	
50	A Rose	
51	Garden Fruit	

Children's Classes

7 Years and Under (age to be marked on all entries)

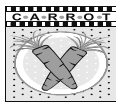
52	A Colouring Picture (published in July's Barford News)	
53	4 Chocolate Crispy Cakes	
54	A Decorated Jam Jar	
55	A Succulent or Cactus you are growing	
56	You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes)	

8 - 15 Years (age to be marked on all entries)

57	A photograph (Any Subject, 13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7")	
58	Something made at School	
59	A Chocolate Cake (see classes 23 & 24) Recipe in August B News	
60	A drawing or painting (any subject, any medium)	
61	You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes)	



BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED



The origins of this poem lie in an event that took place on 24 June 1914, while English poet Edward Thomas (1878-1917) was on the Oxford to Worcester express train. The train made an unscheduled stop at Adlestrop (formerly Tittlestrop) in Gloucestershire, a tiny village in the Cotswolds with a population of just over 100. If you did not know it is on the Chipping Norton to Stowe road.

*Yes, I remember Adlestrop –
The name, because one afternoon
Of heat the express-train drew up there
Unwontedly. It was late June.*

*The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.
No one left and no one came
On the bare platform. What I saw
Was Adlestrop – only the name*

*And willows, willow-herb, and grass,
And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,
No whit less still and lonely fair
Than the high cloudlets in the sky.*

*And for that minute a blackbird sang
Close by, and round him, mistier,
Farther and farther, all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire*

PLANT AND SEED SWAP, this was held on Saturday May 22nd, in the Village Hall garden, after some lockdown restrictions had been lifted. Sue Lane organised this and she and Trevor did a Covid Assessment for the event. Full report in July BN.

Zoom, our first Garden Club Zoom took place on Monday May 17th. It was a talk by Darren, a gardener specialising in topiary and pruning. The talk was entitled 'Clippings'. Full report in July BN as too late for this month.

WHERE THERE'S MUCK THERE'S BRASS...

Two youngish members from Townsend, Phoebe aged 25 and Teddy aged 15 would like to thank all the garden club members and friends who came and collected their carefully produced merchandise and helped them raise £161.00 for the charity Katharine House Hospice. They are busy producing more merchandise, so they look forward to welcoming more gardeners and even more donations when it matures in just under a year's time. Many thanks to Kathryn Wheeler, their owner and G.C. Member, for allowing people to access her field and Trevor for facilitating. In case you were wondering....Phoebe and Ted have four legs each and are quite hairy



JOBS TO DO IN AND AROUND THE GARDEN

After a strange spring, we are now in what is called summer! June 21st is the longest day, and the extra light and warmth encourages the garden to put on an exuberant burst of growth. But this also means weeds will sprout up from seemingly nowhere. Keep on top of them by hoeing regularly in dry conditions: Be water-wise. Pinch out sideshoots on tomatoes: Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes: Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside: Mow lawns at least once a week: Stake tall or floppy plants: Prune many spring-flowering shrubs: Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch. Plant out summer bedding and seed-raised plants, make sure they are well watered in and keep moist during dry weather.

Plant out cannas and dahlias once danger of frost has passed. Gaps in herbaceous borders are best filled with annual bedding at this stage in the season. One exception is anemones (e.g. *Anemone coronaria*), which take about three months to flower after planting. The rhizomes are best planted now, after an overnight soaking, 5cm (2in) deep in a suitably moist but free-draining soil or compost with lots of added leaf mould or organic matter. It is not too late to direct sow a few fast growing, late-flowering hardy annuals such as *Calendula*, *Godetia* and *Clarkia*.

Perennials such as hollyhock, delphiniums and lupins can be sown directly into drills outside once the seed heads have ripened and started to split naturally. If garden space is limited you can sow them into pots and place them in a cold frame or by the base of a sheltered wall in filtered sunlight: Thin out direct sowings of hardy annuals. Prick out indoor sowings when they are large enough to handle without damage, potting them on and then planting them out once they are robust.

Tubs can be planted up with summer bedding. Hellebore seed can be harvested once the seed heads have ripened.. Seed needs to be sown immediately, while fresh, and need a winter's cold season in order to break their dormancy.. Spreading and trailing plants, can become tatty and patchy. Trimming them back after flowering encourages fresh growth and new flowers. Cut back dead bulb foliage. It is important to wait until the foliage dies down naturally, as cutting back too early can lead to blindness next year. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of bulbs after they have finished flowering. Cutting back clumps of spring-flowering perennials can encourage a fresh flush of foliage. All these tips have come from the RHS website, well worth looking at for much more detailed information.

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. We hope that before too long we can return to having our visits and actual talks, it will be fun won't it? Happy June Gardening.....enjoy your gardens and your new-found freedom. Meet friends at long last.

SPADE and FORK



Bookworms

My Name is Leon by Kit De Waal

Set in 1981, around the time of the Royal Wedding and the Brixton riots, the story is narrated by Leon, a 9 year old boy living with his single mother and his baby brother, Jake.



As his mother finds it increasingly difficult to cope, Leon and Jake are taken into care. They are fostered by Maureen, a colourful character, who has to watch in horror as baby Jake gets adopted thus separating the brothers. Sadly, this scenario was all too commonplace at that time.

Leon finds it difficult to express his feelings to all the well meaning adults who surround him and he misses his mother and his little brother dreadfully. He starts to hatch a plan for reuniting his family.

When his social worker gives him a BMX bike he finds a bit of freedom. Pretending he is meeting friends in the park he gradually explores further afield. One day he finds himself at the local allotments and meets some of the men who tend them. These relationships turn out to be a lifeline for Leon.

The references to life in the early 80's are amusing, reminding the reader about when The Dukes of Hazzard was first on TV and Curly Wurlys were much bigger than they are now!

This novel is both heart breaking and heart warming at the same time. All the Bookworms thoroughly enjoyed it and recommend it. If Leon had been present (and if we were not on Zoom) he would have been hugged many times!

The BBC must agree with our verdict as they have started to film an adaption of the book. Keep an eye open for it, if it's as good as the book it will be worth watching.

Our next book is **Property: A Collection by Lionel Shriver.**

Bookworms, Deddington Library

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The recent heavy rain has worked wonders at the Wood....the bluebells look well established this year. It's amazing how much they have spread. At the time of planting the bulbs alongside the main ride six years ago the area covered was relatively small. Now we see clumps all across the Wood. It should be noted that they are English bluebells which are slender and droop their heads. The sort I have in my garden are Spanish and have an erect nature. The Woodland Trust was insistent that, to preserve the integrity of the Wood, the garden species should not be planted. As mentioned in last month's article regarding Ash Dieback Disease, it is also important not to import planting material from the Wood into our own gardens.

On a really positive note...the profusion of Blackthorn blossom along the Wild flower meadow augurs well for a harvest of plump juicy sloes in the Autumn. The saying goes that you pick them after the first frost. If you then pop them into the freezer you can make your sloe gin at any time!! The advantage of freezing is that they burst their skins upon thawing.... which means you don't need to prick each one (as my ancient recipe book bade me do).

Occasionally some damage to the Wood's signage etc becomes apparent as you walk around and on behalf of the Woodland Trust I'd like to thank the kind people who bring such matters to our attention.

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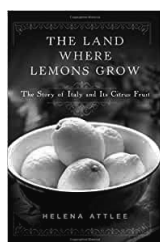


Double Harness: an autobiography by Robin Tanner. This is an account of a long, happy marriage of true minds, and a deeply fulfilling partnership. The artist-etcher Robin Tanner and his wife Heather dedicated their lives to the causes of pacifism, of building a more just society, and of conservation. Through their books - illustrated by Robin, with Heather's text - they immortalised a pastoral world of timeless values, and made a powerful plea for its preservation.

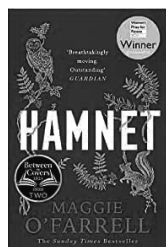
Robin Tanner's other life, as a teacher and Inspector of Schools, was animated by his passionate conviction that children are inborn artists with a love of beauty and pattern, and that the natural world is their true home. He visited schools as a friend and encourager, and saw the proofs of his beliefs in the work the children produced, and their enriched lives.

Robin Tanner's exquisite etchings adorn this inspiring book. **Jenny Greeves**

The Land Where Lemons Grow by Helena Attlee. This engaging history and travelogue takes us across Italy and Sicily in pursuit of this abundant fruit, its varieties, its history and a selection of regional recipes. Attlee combines past and present with an enthusiasm for food and people and a sense of wonder at the ingenuity which has tamed an extreme climate and stark landscape to make the citrus crop both sustainable and a source of wealth.

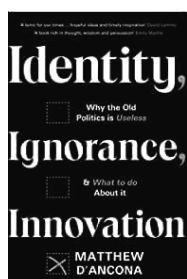


Chief among the citrus is the gold of Calabria's bergamot. This is the principal flavour and aroma in Earl Grey tea, first amalgamated commercially in the mid-19th century to since become the basis of most perfumes. Despite many attempts to cultivate bergamot in other locations, only the toe of Italy's boot produces consistently high quality fruit from which the golden oil is painstakingly extracted. **Trevor Arrowsmith**



Hamnet, Maggie O'Farrell's fictional reimagining of the death of Shakespeare's only son, has already won prizes and been widely praised. Now it has appeared in paperback. The story speaks to our time, as the young boy dies from the plague and there is much talk of theatres being shut to avoid contagion. Universal themes of family, love and loss are tackled with extraordinary empathy and the writing throughout is exquisite. But it is the descriptions of nature, the primitive attempts at medicine and the sense of a bustling Elizabethan town that make this work so special. The depth of O'Farrell's research is awesome.

So often the ending of even quite promising novels comes as a disappointment. But in this case the climax of the story is outstanding and crowns a brilliant achievement. **Suzanne Franks**



Identity, Ignorance, Innovation, by Matthew D'Ancona, editor at Tortoise Media, looks at populism and liberalism through the prism of these three words. His view of identity politics is more nuanced than might be expected from a former editor of *The Spectator* (and certainly different from his predecessor Boris Johnson, who spoke of picaninies and compared female Muslims to postboxes). He says that public trust in most institutions save the NHS has plummeted.

In the *Ignorance* section he argues that the knowledge that is the true basis of citizenship has been replaced with tick-box testing, disaggregated information and the bureaucratisation of education. "The relentless quest for success in a rat race tyrannised by metrics" means that today's youth is over-qualified but afflicted by ignorance. A new approach is required. The last part, *Innovation*, is the least innovative. The book is important even if the putting together of the subjects is a bit contrived. **John Bowers**

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

CHURCH MATTERS



Thoughts on Coming Out of Lockdown

We have all been through quite an experience in the last few months, with many of us experiencing isolation alone and away from the usual support networks we depend upon for our sense of well-being. Whilst we are all looking forward to things going back to some sort of normality, it is worth remembering and acknowledging that this is also a time when we may feel more anxious.



We may feel unsure about what we can and can't do, and how the virus may still affect us after all

this time. The main thing to remember, and to keep hold of, is that it is perfectly okay to feel anxiety in the face of uncertainty. It is perfectly okay to feel anxiety about meeting with groups of people after weeks of being alone, or in small family groups. When we are feeling anxiety and stress about the ending of lockdown it is also really important that we continue to practice self-care and compassion towards ourselves and recognise that we are all entering more uncharted territory and it's OK to have concerns around that – that is our brain working hard to keep us safe.

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Sue Addison
Churchwarden



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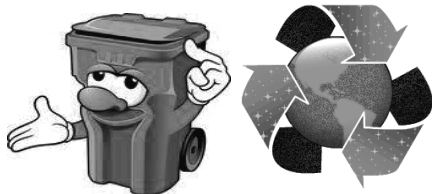
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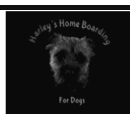
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VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Church of England JUNE

- 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

St Michael's is open daily for private prayer and quiet reflection between 10am and 4pm each day

Revd Annie Goldthorp, Vicar, Deddington with Barford, Clifton and Hempton on 01869 336880
Email: deddingtonchurch.org

Methodist Chapel

For details of services contact:
 Mr Robbie Pilkington ☎ 01295 811367

Roman Catholic

Holy Trinity Catholic Church,
 26 London Road, Chipping Norton, OX5 5AX
 Phone: 01608 642703
 Parish Priest: Father Tony Joyce
 Email: holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com
 On Call: Rev. Deacon Robert Hughes
 Tel: 01295 720869
 Mobile: 07766 711984

Masses:

Saturday - 6pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday – 11.00am Mass
 Weekdays Normally 9.15am, can be subject to change

Police contact numbers

In an emergency call 999

Non-emergencies call 101

Textphone 18000

Banbury office 01295 754 541

Thames Valley Crime-stoppers

0800 555 111



Regular weekly/monthly events

- Mondays** Beavers (Deddington)
 Boys Brigade band practice
- Tuesdays** Guides (Deddington)
 Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar
- 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

JUNE

2nd Parish Council Meeting

19th Village Market!!

23rd Annual Parish Meeting and VHMC A.G.M.

JULY

20th Tuesday Lunch Club re-starts!!

SEPTEMBER

11th – Village Show

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