



YOUR PLATINUM JUBILEE EDITION







Our Parish Council 2022 - 2023

Seated: Sandi Turner, Chairman David Best, Parish Clerk

Standing: Rodney Hobbs, Ray Cox, Chris Charman & New Councillor Maureen Appleby
Far Right: New Councillor Tom Lovell
Contact details are printed in the panel at the foot of Barford News, page 31



SATURDAY, 16TH JULY at 10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Lovas Bakery from Hempton, with their delicious artisan breads

Berrys Orchard from Deddington with a great selection of potted herbs, Chives, Japanese parsley, Rosemary, Sweet Woodruff, Thyme, coriander

<u>Two Jolly Cooks</u> – Salads and Freezer ready meals p<u>lus</u> an excellent range of local producers selling,

Plants, Hand-made chocolates, savouries, cakes, preserves, Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items.

<u>Barford Environment Network</u> – Offering refills of household products.

Shopping ordered from **Nothing But Footprints** is delivered to the market, free of charge!

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

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING



Dr. Hugh O'Donnell 12.06.43 - 11.06.22

(Extract from Hugh's Family's Tribute)

Dr Hugh O'Donnell (retired General Practitioner and senior partner of the Deddington Health Centre, Oxfordshire) died of a non-cirrhotic liver cancer at Katharine House Hospice Adderbury Saturday June 11 - the day before his 79th birthday. He died peacefully with his children at his bedside. Pillar of the community, great friend, family man and local legend are terms Hugh O'Donnell vividly embodied.

He is fondly remembered by thousands of patients of his Deddington practice, who all benefited from his exceptional 'bedside manner'. Hugh had a keen clinical mind; this combined with his compassionate nature

means that many patients, friends and family now live happier, healthier, and more fulfilled lives.

Many remember when talking to 'Dr Hugh', one felt like the most important person to him at that moment in time, which you probably were. His presence was palpable. His care was all enveloping. In snowy conditions 'Dr Hugh' would load paving slabs into his MK III Gilbern Invader to help him navigate the slippery farm tracks into patients' homes. He would gracefully accept small punnet of Christmas almonds from gummy octogenarians who - unable to bite - had already removed the sugar coating for him. He answered night time calls from patients automatically in his sleep. His 'nose' would twitch at the slightest symptom and persist in treatment being sought, often with life-saving results. This was common. He would insist on police escorts - complete with blues-and-twos, to accompany pregnant mothers when needing emergency help. For the bereaved and depressed he would walk for miles and listen for hours to take their pain away. Dr Hugh would hatch, match and dispatch his adored patients and revel in the life-cycles through which he played a caring part. He embodied the oath 'do no harm'. He was there for everyone, all the time.

Hugh Francis O'Donnell was born in Hackney during the Second World War, to an Irish father (another doctor) and an English mother. He was the fifth of eight rumbunctious children who were raised in a family Surgery in South-West London. Whilst attending Wimbledon College, aged 14, he met the love of his life (under the boards of the school stage) in the beautiful Vivien Rich. They were set for life. They lived and loved one another for 64 years until death parted them the day before his birthday.

At 18 Hugh became a medical student at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington. Being a London Irish 'Mary's man' helped forge his adult identity. At St Mary's, he formed life-long friendships, played senior level rugby, studied hard (winning an International Scholarship to New York) and qualified as a doctor. Newly qualified Hugh and Viv married in Kingston-upon-Thames in 1967. Their first child (a son) was born in 1969 and another in 1971. In 1972 the young family moved from London to Barford St Michael, Oxfordshire. Hugh was invited to join Gerry Unsworth's Health Centre in Deddington where Hugh spent the rest of his working life. The family lived in South Newington for the 1970s during which time two daughters were born in 1974 and 1976. The family moved to

Hugh leaves behind his beloved 'bride' Vivien O'Donnell (artist and magistrate), sons: Daniel (teacher) and Matthew (banker). His daughters: Philippa (solicitor) and Harriett (marketeer). Harriett lives in Hugh's beloved Deddington and has cared for Hugh and Viv for the last twenty years. She was their guiding light through covid, and their rock through numerous illnesses.

Hugh's Funeral will be held at Deddington Church at 2.30pm on Friday, 1st July.

Deddington in 1984.

Shepherds & Bakehouse Charity Barford St John and St Michael

Charity Commission Registration No: 309173

Grants are made annually at the Trustees discretion for villagers over the age of 16 years who are undertaking educational or vocational courses. Applicants or their parents should be resident in the parish of Barford St John or St Michael for at least three years.

Applicants should be aware that there is a lifetime limit on the amount an individual can receive so a maximum of three grants can be given, Applicants should consider at what stage of their education a grant would be most beneficial.

Please give the following information on your application:-

- 1. Your full name, age, address and length of residence.
- 2. Full details of your course / qualification and where you are planning to study.
- 3. How you hope to use the grant.

Address your application to the clerk carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk

Applications must be received by 30th September

Hall & Fernhill Charity

Grants can be made for needs arising from illness, unexpected events, temporary hardship and so on. Trustees are open to considering a wide range of applications.

Applicants should be resident in Barford St Michael or St John, applications can be made at any time throughout the year and can be awarded to people of any age.

Those wishing to apply for a grant may speak informally to any of the Trustees. If you know of someone who you think may benefit from a grant please let us know. Formal applications should be by email to the clerk. Any contact will be in strict confidence.

PLEASE DO NOT BE AFRAID TO APPROACH US.

Trustees:

John Hirons, Helen Honour, Les Hall, Maggie Eden, Zalie Butler, Jill Hopcraft and Rev Annie Goldthorp

Clerk - carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk



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

My Partner and I would love to live in Barford and are looking to purchase a character home for a main residence asap. If you have

been thinking about moving for whatever reason, and you would like to sell to a couple who would love to play our part and add value to the village in whatever way the village could use us, please let us know and give me a call on 07775 720002. My name is Alan and my partner is Karen.

19th July 2022 12.30PM for 1PM

MENU

beef lasagne served with garlic bread, garden peas and broccoli

or quiche lorraine

or

leek, pepper, mushroom and goats cheese quiche all of the above served with minted news potatoes, coleslaw and a mixed leaf salad

desserts

summer fruit meringue roulade and raspberry coulis

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chocolate crème brûlée with orange shortbread served with coffee or tea

PRICE £6.00

As usual please bring your own drinks to have with your meal
Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074, or email mickpearson1@outlook.com by
Tuesday 7th June to book.
Please Note: if you do not receive a reply to

Please Note: if you do not receive a reply to your e_mail, we haven't received it so please call us.

WE REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO CATER FOR ANYONE WITH FOOD ALLERGIES

PLEASE NOTE

The hall will be well ventilated so please wrap up warm if the weather turns cool. In order to protect ourselves as much as possible from the risk of Covid, we would suggest we all:

- 1) use the hand gel in the foyer on entering and leaving and
- 2) wear a face mask in the hall until you are seated

COMING SOON!!

BBQ & BAR

Village Hall Garden

Sunday 28th August





GREEK COOKERY DEMONSTRATION By Elissavet Stagoni

Ellie grew up in Xanthi, to the east of Salonika imbibing the rich aromas of her mother's and grandmother's kitchens. After studying she taught in Salonika (Thessaloniki), a great cosmopolitan meeting place between east and west, Greek mainland and islands, Balkans and Aegean: reflected at every turn, in its abundant gastronomic delights.

Her special signature is savoury and sweet pies, plus her mouth-watering keftedes, dolmades, and dips

On Wednesday 13th July in the Village Hall at 7.30pm Visitors invited to Join us £5

RSVP to Christine 338659 barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk





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

'We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course, it's our garden that is really nurturing us.'

Jenny Uglow

Club News

We've welcomed three new members recently, Hannah and Andrew from St Michael and Adele from Deddington.

Annual Plant Swap Our annual get together was really well attended and thankfully it didn't rain. Many cuttings and seeds were swapped. It's a great way to pick up new plants and have a sociable chat and a drink with friends.

Seed Swap There are still some plants/seeds for any-one to take away in Townsend.

Trip to Primrose Garden, Steeple Aston By the time you read this, we'll have enjoyed a trip to the beautiful one acre garden carefully crafted by Richard Preston over many years. Richard opens under the National Garden Scheme and to many Garden Clubs. We'll report back in the August issue.

Horse manure: Kathryn Wheeler still offers her ponies well rotted poo in return for a donation to Katharine House. Email: kjwheeler18@gmail.com

Annual Photography Competition: See June Barford News. Deadline 30th September. A reminder of the categories will be included in August's BN.

Note from our Chair, Trevor Stevens:

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations: "I was truly delighted by the flower display at the Church over the Jubilee week-end. Janet Morris and

her helpers had a very large window sill to beautify and they did the Garden Club proud with a wonderful display of plants, flowers, artefacts and memorabilia. I'm very grateful and the Club is very fortunate to have such talent to represent us in such a positive light.

I do hope lots of villagers were able to enjoy all the flowers in the Church to mark this wonderful Royal milestone".

Applegarth Nurseries, Chipping Norton

The staff at Applegarth have told me that to be sure of your 10% discount on all purchases you may be asked to prove you are a current member of the Garden Club by showing your membership card at the till. I get overwhelmed by all the spending potential whenever I go there, but I did notice they have a good stock of the peat free compost.

Tony's Dahlias Thanks to member Tony Elvidge who grows and sells his ever popular dahlias to raise valuable funds for FareShare and Barford churches. (Two varieties shown above).

Some jobs for July:

- Clear algae, weeds and debris from ponds.
- Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt.
- Feed tomatoes, baskets and pots.
- Deadhead bedding plants and repeatflowering perennials to ensure continuous flowering.
- Pick courgettes before they become marrows.
- Start collecting seed from plants you wish to grow next year, especially annuals such as calendula, poppy and love-in-a-mist.
- Give the lawn a quick acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed.

If you would like to join our Club, please contact Trevor on 338403, or email:

trevorstevens49@hotmail.com or Sue on 338900, email: sueandles45@hotmail.com

We wish you many happy gardening hours in July!



Spade & Fork



Restaurant Hours

Monday – Saturday: 12noon - 3pm, 6pm - 9pm Sunday: Roasts 12noon – 4pm, Small Plates 6pm - 9pm

Bar Hours

Monday & Tuesday - 12noon - 10pm Wednesday - Saturday: 12noon - 11pm Sunday: 12noon - 10pm



- ₱ Pub Quiz ~ Monday 11th July
- * LOCALS COFFEE MORNING @ The George on the 2nd Monday of every month
 - * themed evening ~ 21st July



DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION - 13 fire calls this month – not sure if this is considered lucky or unlucky! Usual mixture of standbys, alarms, hazmat and entrapment. Nothing protracted, just standard shouts for the crew.

Training carries on a plenty with Garin Wilby and James Greenwood having completed and passed their BA Board and Oral, with just their practical wear to pass before they can operate as a BA team leader.

Long service awards were presented to Adam Franklin and Andy Hayward. Jubilee service medals being presented to Emma Flint, Adam Franklin, Adrian Spilsbury, Andy Hayward and Chris Fenemore. Presentations by SM Dave Edge and GM Mike Adcock.

This month sees the promotion of "Home Safety Week", promoting awareness of summer bonfires and BBQs – namely awareness of unattended fires and fire spread, even from embers. Also, the brigade is highlighting "Child Safety Week" underlining correct fitment of child seats and booster seats; and the correct wearing of seatbelts.



Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

The school year has come full circle and it won't be long before our children move onwards and upwards, to their new schools and settings. We will miss all

of them and wish them every success and happiness for the future. There is a lot to enjoy before the term ends though! This term the PFSU children have been learning about how to keep fit and healthy. They have done healthy cooking, taken part in Sports Day, and visited the allotments and Castle Grounds. We have also been preparing for the move up to school. At the Nursery the children have been finding out about pirates and summer.

We also held a busy Father's Day breakfast for all our Dads and Grandads. The Nursery Sports Day will be held on Tuesday 12th July at 11.00am, and there will be an end of year Graduation and picnic on Thursday 21st July from 11.30am. The PFSU will hold an end of year Teddy Bears Picnic on the morning of Wednesday 20th July from 9.30 to 11.30am.

We also have a number of 'move-up' events for the children and families moving on in September. Holiday club will run in the summer holidays from 25th to 29th July and 1st to 5th August, from 8am until 5pm each day. Please contact us for places.

Lucy Squires | 2 01869 337484



We're gearing up for a summer of fun and fundraising – and there's something for everyone.

As well as our Moonlight Walk and challenge events, there are some great days out in aid of Katharine House thanks to our wonderful supporters. A big thank you to all our participants, organisers, fundraisers, visitors and volunteers that help to make it all possible. We couldn't do it without you!

Moonlight Walk - the final countdown

Our biggest fundraising event of the year is taking place on 16 July – and we want to make this year's Moonlight Walk the best one yet. Celebrate those that we've loved and lost with a special personal challenge and a glorious evening of fun and frolics all in aid of Katharine House Hospice. Get into the groove with live 80s' music and a pre-walk 80s' party

picnic! If you haven't already signed up, then there's still time! We'd love to see as many people taking part as possible. khh.org.uk/moonlight

Challenge accepted

Our challenge events have proved hugely popular – and we have plenty more coming up!

- Extreme Abseil: Tackle the 418 feet National Lift Tower in Northampton on 3 September
- Thames Path Challenge: Trek along the famous Thames Towpath on 10-11 September
- Swim Serpentine: Take the plunge in a major outdoor swimming event on 17 September
- Chicken Run: Sign up for the cracking Brackey 10k Chicken Run on 18 September
- Oxford Half Marathon: Secure your spot for the 13.1 miles around Oxford on 16 October

Find full details, plus even more events, here: khh.org.uk/challenge.

Caring for our carers

Did you know that as well as caring for people with an incurable illness we also offer support for their carers and family members? Our services include an online Carers Café, social work support and our Hospice Companion Service that aims to reduce loneliness and isolation. If you'd like to find out more about the support we offer, visit our website: khh.org.uk/carer-support



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WILD FLOWERS IN THE BARFORDS By Margaret Murdin & Janet Payne



Sowthistle: Sonchus oleraceus - smooth sowthistle Sonchus asper (prickly sowthistle)

Part of the daisy family these rather ungainly plants can reach 1.5 metres, having yellow petals followed by fluffy silvery seed heads in plumes. In Wiltshire children played a game with them called silver and gold where they competed to slit open seed heads and won if the seeds were at once yellow and silver. Was this also played in Oxfordshire, I wonder? The smooth and prickly varieties are distinguished by harder prickles, undivided leaves and a rounded leaf base on prickly Sonchus Asper; while smooth oleraceus has a pointed leaf base. Flowering occurs between June and August on roadsides, waste and cultivated ground.

There are two different sorts of sow thistle, the smooth and the prickly. All bees visit both mainly for pollen but some bumblebees can collect nectar. However the flower tube of the smooth sow thistle (this is the one in the photograph) are about one centimetre long so most bees can't reach the nectar at the bottom as their tongues are too short. They just take the nectar from the anthers at the top.



VILLAGE CUPPA MORNINGS EVERY THURSDAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL 10.00 – 11.30

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

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

Belated

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY To ?????



Well, she's hardly changed at all!!

It's our **Lucy** of course!!



Debbie Hunt + pooches who have just moved from Staines to Broad Close We hope that you will be very happy living in your new home and look forward to meeting you at village events

As reported in last months' Barford News, Ruth Evans from the High Street qualified for the **GB Age Sprint Trithlon Team** and at last, Ruth's kit has arrived. It makes you proud to be British...!!



ruth.eggy.evans

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SATURDAY THE 10TH SEPTEMBER - BARFORD VILLAGE SHOW

Have a Go in the Village show in September!!. There are over 60 classes to choose from with something for everyone to try, so don't be shy!!.



Our ducks are migrating...!! You may be thinking"when is our village duck race happening?". We have been looking for alternative water options as the field behind the George is no longer an option and our competitive ducks are keen to have a splash about! We will update you once we have a new venue or possibly new fund raising event involving our Ducks.

If anyone has any flowing water with room for the villagers to stand round please or suggestions then do please give me a call / text or email

Sophie Holmes <u>07968756486</u> (call/text) | Email - <u>holmestowers@gmail.com</u>



BARFORD VILAGE SHOW SCHEDULE – Saturday 10th September 2022

| | | שלו טועבו בענון ארני ובאוטבון בעבב |
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| Vegetable & Produce Classes | | Cut Flower Classes |
| 1 Three Beetroot, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx. | 34 A va | A vase of 6 Sweet Peas |
| 2 Three Carrots, long, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx. | 35 A Su | A Sunflower in a vase |
| 3 Three Courgettes | 36 Thre | Three Dahlias |
| 4 Three Onions | 37 Thre | Three Roses |
| 5 Five Shallots | 38 Four | Four Fuchsia heads in water |
| 6 Three Potatoes of one variety | 39 Five | Five Perennial flower stems from your garden |
| 7 Three Runner Beans with stalks | 40 Thre | Three Annual flower stems from your garden |
| 8 Five French Beans with stalks | 41 A Sir | A Single Rose |
| 9 Five Cherry Tomatoes | | Crafts |
| 10 Three Round Tomatoes | | (NB Crafts must not have been entered previously) |
| 11 Three Peppers or Chillies (same variety) | 42 A Co | A Collage (any material 88, fabric, plastic, wood, metal) |
| 12 A Pair of Vegetables (same variety) not in other classes | 43 An C | An Origami (folded paper) animal |
| 13 Five Single Assorted Vegetables | 44 Aha | A hand knitted or crocheted article |
| 14 A Cucumber | 45 Apie | A piece of needlecraft (embroidery, topestry, patchwork, cross-strich) |
| 15 Three Apples of one variety, eating or cooking | 46 You | You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes) |
| 16 Dish of one variety of soft or stoned fruit | 47 Drav | Drawing or Painting: any subject, any medium (mount/ frame optional) |
| 17 Longest Runner Bean | | Photography (unmounted) |
| 18 3 Eggs (same size and colour) | | (13cmx 18cm or 5" x 7") |
| Cookery Classes | 48 ACI | A Close Up of an Insect |
| 19 A Coffee and Walnut Cake | 49 The | The George' |
| 20 Six Shortbread biscuits | 50 AW | A Wild Flower |
| 21 Six Pieces of Flapjack | 51 An l | An Interesting Leaf |
| 22 A Victoria Sponge, (Rospberry jam, no Cream) | | Children's Classes |
| 23 A Lemon Drizzle Cake (Men only) Recipe in August B News | | 7 Years and Under (age to be marked on all entries) |
| 24 A Lemon Drizzle Cake (Ladies only) Recipe in August B News | 52 A Co | A Colouring Picture (published in July's Barford News) |
| 25 A Jar of Jam | 53 4 De | 4 Decorated Biscuits |
| 26 A Jar of Marmalade | 54 A De | A Decorated Mask |
| 27 A Jar of Chutney | 55 A Le | A Lego House |
| 28 A small pot of Lemon Curd | 56 You | You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes) |
| 29 A Homemade Alcoholic Beverage (small bottle) | | 8 - 15 Years (age to be marked on all entries) |
| Flower Arranging Classes | 57 Aph | A photograph (Any Subject, 13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7") |
| 30 An arrangement using 5 blooms & any foliage | 58 A De | A Decorated Mask |
| 31 A foliage arrangement | 59 A Le | A Lemon Drizzle Cake (+ classes 23 & 24) Recipe in August B News |
| 32 A miniature arrangement (10cms/4" overall) | 60 Adr | A drawing or painting (any subject, any medium) |
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VILLAGE PLATINUM JUBILEE PARTY SUNDAY 5TH JUNE



Whilst the weather was kind enough to be dry for most of the Jubilee party, due to the coolness of the day, many had left before I had a chance to say my thank you's on behalf of the Jubilee committee. So, I'd like to take the opportunity of doing this now.

There are so many tasks involved in making an event work; erecting then dismantling gazebos; washing down chairs and tables ready for use; dressing the tables and hall; barbecuing; serving the food and drinks then clearing it all away and leaving things clean and tidy, even having to sift through bins to separate bottles, recyclables and waste and put them in the right bins (a special thank you to Jess Romain, hereafter known as 'Stig of the dump', for doing this). There are so many helpers who made this event go as smoothly as it did, far too many to list, but their assistance was invaluable, and proves again how lucky we are to live in Barford. However, there are a few individuals the committee would like to thank specifically;

Firstly, a huge thank you to the 'The George' who, thanks to Louis' tremendous generosity, supplied so much of the food and drink on the day. Then Claire, whose help, suggestions, and enthusiasm, not to mention her eye for detail, were priceless in making this such a wonderful event. And Val, the chef, who did so much work behind the scenes, as well as helping to judge the cupcake and Crown competitions. Finally, the staff who joined in whole heartedly to make the day so memorable. We are very fortunate to have a pub with such a community spirit.

- The barbecuers; Adrian Brett; Chris Barber; Andy Neal and Paul Linsey who cooked **200** burgers, **100** sausages, not to mention a number of veggie burgers
- 'The Jargonelles', Kim Hobday; Tony Ecclestone and Mick Pearson who provided the music.
- Abbie Allen, of 'Bea All Events' who created the most fantastic display of balloons at the front and rear of the village hall, remarked on by everyone there (see photos)
- > Gill Alcock and family for kindly allowing us to use their beautiful flower arrangements on the tables"
- The children who joined in the cupcake and crown competitions and made it very difficult for the judges (see photos)
- The Coffee Morning and The Village Hall Committee who provided the funds to pay for all the ice creams, soft drinks, charcoal, etc., etc.
- > To all the cake makers who generously provided cakes for everyone
- > The Parish Council who provided the commemorative mugs
- The Jubilee Committee, comprising Carole Coppin; Claire (from The George); Cubby Brett; Kerryn McLeod; Melanie Doyle and Anne & Mick Pearson, who pieced this altogether
- And last, but by no means least, thank you to all of you who attended. Despite the low temperature and threat of rain, you came along and made this all so worthwhile.

Mick Pearson
On behalf of The Jubilee Committee



Below, Candyfloss - girls Lettie & Cece Holtzhausen Crown competition winners Abbie Allen with just some of her balloons















A selection of photos from Her Majesty's Big Day









































CHURCH MATTERS









Barford Churches celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee





those who created the displays









DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

It seems incredible to think June/summer is now upon

Much has happened since our last newsletter. On Friday 27th May 'Fresh Start', our school meals service, prepared lunches for pupils, as part of their response to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was an exciting occasion with some children eating outside and others eating in the hall. We would like to thank 'Fresh Start' for all their hard work in preparing this really special lunch.

Then during the half term break, children were asked to make their own crown to wear on our first day back in school this term, Wednesday 8th June. They were also encouraged to wear the colours of red, white and blue. This was for the second part of our school Platinum Jubilee celebrations for the Queen. The children looked utterly magnificent in their crowns, which were made so incredibly creatively and keenly at home. Thank you to all parents and relatives for their support with this task. After lunch, we all wore our crowns and walked up to the top field. There then began a short tree-planting ceremony led by Reverend Annie. The trees were planted in honour of the Queen. We would like to say a massive 'thank you' to Nicholsons Nursery for their generous donation of a fig tree and greengage tree. We can now enjoy watching these grow and flourish in our school grounds. They will help us to recall this amazing Historical day for many years to come.

Our school fete took place on the afternoon of Saturday 18th June. All attending had a most enjoyable time and we would like to thank you for your support if you were someone from our community, who came along on the day. We would also like to say a huge thank you to our PTA once more for the incredible hard work and time they put in, to organise this fabulous event and raise more money for our school.

The week beginning Monday 20th June saw National School Sport Week 2022 leap into action. Amongst other organised sporting events this year (such as a Multi-skills event for KS1 pupils at the Warriner

School and a tri-golf taster session at Tadmarton Golf Course for children in Years 3 and 4), our Sports Day took place up on our top field. The children took part in their school Houses, with groups of pupils from F1 up to Year 6 in each one. This created a wonderful family atmosphere amongst staff and pupils alike.

Practices for our school production of 'High School Musical' are now fully underway and the children are absolutely loving their musical theatre experience. The performances will take place from Wednesday 13th July through to Friday 15th July. We hope as many of you as possible within our community will be able to attend our show at The Windmill Centre in Deddington.

Let us now hope that as we head towards the summer holidays, the sun continues to shine, for everyone to enjoy.

With our very best wishes to all of you, from all of us here at Deddington Primary School.

Denise Welch



200 CLUB DRAW JUNE

£50 037 Ella Booth£25 144 Dave Hamer£15 021 Caroline Bird£10 133 Sandi Turner

The draw took place at Coffee Morning in the Hall

Pat Evans

BLISTER PACKS RECYCLING PROGRAMME

111

£5

Don't forget to drop off your empty blisters into the collection bucket in the porch of the village hall.



These will be taken to Superdrug in Banbury



Christian Aid Week

What a tremendous success! Across the two villages we collected £612.30 which once the Gift Aid has been added means that £677.00 is available to Christian Aid to help women grow crops that survive in the drought and enable them to feed their families. To a small degree you have helped turn hunger into hope.

Thank you to everyone who collected and everyone who donated, your generosity means a lot to those on the edge of society suffering the drought, particularly in Africa.

cleaning the church. We had great fun dusting, sweeping, hoovering, mopping, cobwebbing and tidying anything that stood still and in some cases several times over. By the end, the church was gleaming, still slightly damp and smelt great!!

Thank you to Reverend Annie and Christine for the welcome and the Kit-Kats. Thank you Guides for a job well done.

Thanks again to Janet and Brian for allowing us to use their field. We had a super evening Ready-Steady-Cook style. The Patrols could choose from a range of foods and did a good job of cooking a meal, not something everyone could do on an open fire!!.....well done again.

Lots more outdoor adventures to come and looking forward to camp in July...!!

Maggie Rampley 07957 600755 Marian Trinder 07786 001641



Well, we have certainly had a varied month.

We had a lovely evening for a circular hike from Adderbury to Bodicote. One of the few occasions when we were bothered by the weather occurred when we were all set to pitch tents at Barford and the heavens opened. However with a bit of quick thinking we redirected everyone to indoor venue and learnt how to pitch a tent there.

It was another fine evening when we met at Horley Scout campsite. We had the place to ourselves and great fun playing Wide games and exploring the site.

Deddington church was our next meeting place where through, Stan' quiz we had fun exploring the church and learning its history.

Then as our community service for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we set about



Banbury Foodbank

to help local people in crisis.

Hunger remains a reality for many.

Please help by buying items from the list below and putting them in the box inside the porch of St Michael's church.

Cereals, Tea/coffee, Soup, Tinned vegetables, Pasta, Tinned fruit, Rice, Biscuits, Tinned tomatoes, Pasta sauce, Lentils, beans & pulses, UHT milk, Tinned meat, Fruit juices

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE
Many thanks

GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH



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

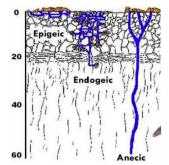
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Earthworms – ecosystem engineers! by Danielle Semple

Following my recent article on soil, I'm taking a closer look at the animals inside it that make it alive - earthworms! They aren't the prettiest thing to look at like butterflies or bumblebees. But they are arguably more important than the colourful insects in the sky. This is because they are one of the fundamental organisms in the soil, occupying a major cornerstone of the soil system.

Their importance was recognised first by Darwin, they've been called "ecosystem engineers" by scientists, and they can be used as the tool to close the gap between conventional and organic farming. This is because they enhance the soil through structural change. Their burrows increase air aeration, water infiltration and

soil aggregate size (soil particles stuck together), making an altogether healthier soil.



The 3 different species of earthworm occupy 3 different areas in the soil. These are: Epigeic – litter dwelling earthworm. Size ranges between 1-18cm in size, meaning they can move quickly to avoid prey. They eat decomposing leaves and roots (organic matter).

Endogeic – topsoil earthworms, between 2-30cm. They eat soil and organic matter, sometimes surfacing to find fresh food.

Anecic – deep burrowing earthworms. Size ranges from 3cm-1.4m making them the largest earthworm! They eat organic matter, taking the food deep into the soil in their permanent burrows.

Worms can eat up to 2 tonnes of soil matter each year, and

in doing so produce nutrient dense casts that can be 8 times richer than the soil they ingest, making nutrients more available to plants reducing the need for fertilisers. By turning over so much soil, they can also be considered a natural plough in the land, minimising the need for ploughing. 100 individuals of epigeic surface-dwelling earthworms eject 840kg/ha a year of surface litter.

In order to help the earthworms do their job properly, it's important to know how many are living beneath our feet. If you'd like to investigate in your garden, follow these steps to find earthworm numbers in your soil (but wait till September or October, as the worms are inactive now).



- Find a patch of soil in the garden that you are happy to dig up. Clear any leaf litter.
- Jump up and down on the soil. This draws the earthworms to the surface as they think it is rain.
- Pour 1 or 2 large jugs of water into the soil and wait 15 minutes.
- Using a spade, dig up the soil (about 2 spades deep) and pile the soil onto a large tray.
- Using your hands, sort through the soil and count all the earthworms you can!

We hope this article has provided you with insight as to how to protect earthworms. *Danielle* Continued over page...



Did you see Zoe and her mule? In mid-June, Zoe and her companion Falco made a short stop in our village, meeting at least one resident. They were at the early stage of a trek from Oxford to Loch Lomond, raising money for **Stop Ecocide** (more about that soon). Find out more at www.walkforearth.co.uk.

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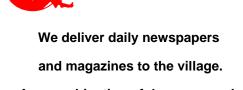
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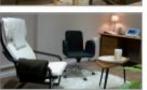
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