



THE MARKET IS BACK.....SEE PAGE 3



The Barfords' Village Show

Village Hall - Saturday, 9th September

Some of your plants may be struggling... but there are still
lots of classes to have a go at.

**Cookery - Flower Arranging - Crafts -
Photography**

Plus 10 classes for Children

**So come on Barfords, give this traditional village
event your support!!**

Entries to the hall 9.00am - 10.30am, Judging 11.00am

Adults 30p per class Children 20p per class.

Viewing & Prize Giving 2.30pm for 3pm



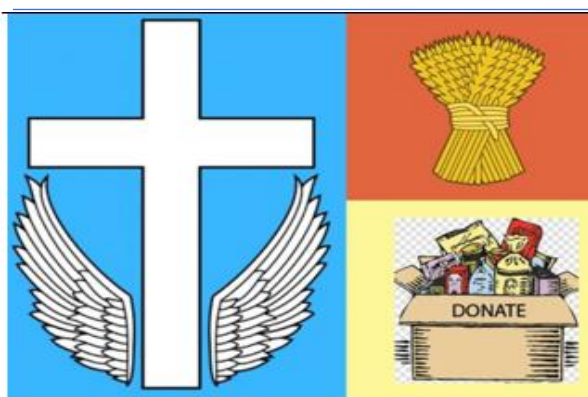
Ride and Stride This year Ride and Stride takes place on 9th September and we really need a lot of participants to take part so that we can raise money for the maintenance and running of our churches in the Barfords. Most of you probably

use our churches whether it's for Sunday services, family weddings and christenings or funerals, but in order keep these running we have to raise substantial funds each year. This is one way in which you can help. The money collected is divided between our churches and Oxford Historic Churches Trust who provide grants to help with the maintenance of our churches.

To take part, you can walk, cycle or ride and collect by sponsorship or you can donate money via the InvestMyCommunity www.ohct.org.uk/ride-stride where you will find sponsorship forms and a list of churches to visit. It's a very rewarding day out visiting villages you may not have been to before and I have taken part for about 25 years, first by cycling and visiting churches in villages to the north of our parish as far as Shennington and then walking in Oxford and Banbury visiting churches in those areas. All the churches listed will be open on 9th September with someone to welcome you with refreshments but it's up to you to choose your route. The churches listed will be open from 10.00am to 6.00pm. You can also choose a route which takes you over the borders of Oxfordshire as churches take part all over the country on that day.

Besides participants, we also need volunteers to sit in BSJ church and BSM church to welcome the visitors and if anyone can help out for 1 or 2 hours (taking a book to read during the slack times) it does make an enormous difference to the participants. **If you can help out, please contact me on 01869 338300.**

Cubby Brett



Barford Churches invite
you to our
Harvest Festival
@ St Michael's
September 17th
@10:30am

Please leave any
NON-PERISHABLE items
in the church porch
On Saturday 16th Sept. by 11am

All donations to Banbury Food Bank



BARFORD MARKET

SATURDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER
10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Artisan breads from Cotswold Bakery

Plus an excellent range of local producers selling,
savouries, cakes, preserves.

Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items.

Greetings cards, Locally grown plants

Barford Environment Network – Offering refills of household products.

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

bacon /bacon & egg/breakfast butties at bargain prices!!

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING

We will be running a stall in the village to raise money for Oxfam.

Date: 1st September

Time: 11am ~ 2pm

Venue: The village green



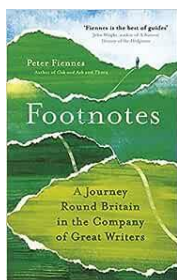
We will be selling a range of things, from books and bookmarks to biscuits, plants, games and bracelets. If you have anything you would like to donate to the stall it would be very gratefully received at 11 Broad Close. Anything that we don't sell we will take to an Oxfam shop.

We hope to see you on the 1st!

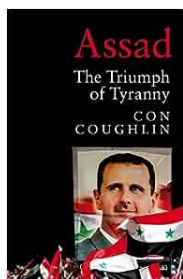
Nellie, Margot and Orla

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

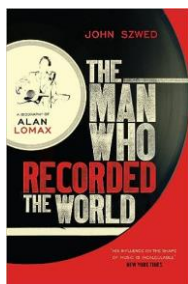
Footnotes: a Journey Round Britain in the Company of Great Writers. "Peter Fiennes follows in the footsteps of twelve inspirational writers, bringing modern Britain into focus by peering through the lens of the past." These high expectations, I fear, aren't met in this uneasy mix of historical travelogue and biography. The exact journey events and writers' opinions are at best sketchy.



In the opening life-journey rather than geographical one, Enid Blyton is subject to unremitting cultural bombardment. If Fiennes is in step with our times, he's already out of step with his travelogue theme. Blyton was a weird, unfeeling snob who generated vast numbers of much-loved children's stories: OK, we get it! As for Dickens, Wilkie Collins and others, biographical cherry-picking is the mainstay: details are slight. The result is a shaky alternative to Coles Notes, almost entirely abandoning the blurb's promise. There's one thing potentially more entertaining than this hobbled travelogue: the conversation (unrecorded, alas) between author and publisher, as our scribe pitches his big idea. Just imagine! **Trevor Arrowsmith**



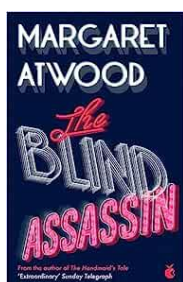
Assad: The Triumph of Tyranny, by Con Coughlin. We think of Bashar Assad of Syria as a blood thirsty tyrant who has waged war on his own people and been intransigent in the Middle East peace process. It is not so long ago however that Tony Blair was courting him and arranging a visit of he and his wife to Buckingham Palace to take tea with the Queen. A profile of Mrs Assad in American *Vogue* described her as "The Rose in the Desert". Con Coughlin, the Defence Editor of the Telegraph, is well placed to provide a full account of this extraordinary man and his equally intransigent and bloodthirsty family. The book is a breezy account which helps explain modern Syria through its ruling family. **John Bowers**



The Man who Recorded the World by John Szwed. The greatest influence on 20th Century popular music? Elvis? The Beatles? The Stones? An invidious choice - but there is *one* man - perhaps you've never heard of him - who, for the recordings he made of little-known artists on his travels through the southern US in the 30s through to the 50s, laid the foundations for much of what followed. His name was Alan Lomax.

With his father John, he was to record a murderer called Leadbelly at Parchman Farm in 1932 - later to be copied by Lonnie Donegan - hence the birth of skiffle and a huge influence on John Lennon. In 1941 it was a young Mississippi guitar-playing tractor driver, McKinley Morganfield - 20 years later to change popular music forever - as Muddy Waters, from whose lyrics the Rolling Stones took their name. Lomax's vast influence also runs through Pete Seeger, Woody Guthrie to Bob Dylan. A fascinating biography.

Christopher Murray



The Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood. Iris Chase Griffen is 82, poor and living in a town previously dominated by her once prosperous family. Reserved and secretive, often not revealing her true beliefs and feelings she begins writing the story of her life for her granddaughter whom she has not seen in years.

The book opens with the simple words: "Ten days after the war ended, my sister Laura drove a car off a bridge". This account of the death in 1945 is followed by an inquest report proclaiming the death accidental. Just as we expect to settle into Laura's story, Atwood introduces a novel-within-a-novel entitled *The Blind Assassin*, a science fiction story told by two unnamed lovers. The clever intertwining of stories through the use of flashbacks, newspaper articles, scenes from the present day and excerpts from the 'novel' make this a most compelling read. **Ishbel Freeman**

Reviews are compiled by Linda Newbery. For a book recommendation on alternate Mondays, all by authors or independent booksellers, follow **Writers Review**: www.reviewsbywriters.blogspot.com

Barford St Michael & St John WI



The WI have had a busy summer. The weather stopped us from playing croquet at our July meeting. However, an entertaining time was had playing carpet bowls in the village hall. After much practising, many members notched up a good score.

Also in July we held our annual afternoon tea party, inviting friends to join us. This year's theme was 'mint and pink', so there was mint in the Pimms and sandwiches and pink cream and strawberries in meringue nests. All in all, a very happy afternoon, lots of chat and a reluctance to go home.

In August, we enjoyed an extremely informative tour of the 'Highlights of the Ashmolean Museum'. Another enjoyable occasion for members, family and friends.

We'll be back in the hall on Wednesday 13th September for our annual quiz and supper. This will be followed by various speakers throughout the autumn as well as a skittles evening.

If you would like to come along any month, just look out for our advert in Barford News.

We meet in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

If you would like to know more, please call either

president Kathryn (338221)

or secretary Christine (338659) or email barfordwi@oxforshirewi.co.uk.



BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB
Notes from our Potting Shed – Sept 2023



Members enjoyed a lovely Walk around
Chivel Farm Garden, Heythrop, in May.

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

- Unknown

You can be the Chairman!

I'm retiring as Chairman on 1st October and I'm sure you'll want to see the Club move smoothly on to a thriving future. We've lots of members and the finances are in good order. I also believe some of you have considered how you can help us to flourish by being on the Committee and even having a go as Chairman.

I know several people had reservations when I put myself forward, with dyslexia, poor computer skills, an unconventional view of things and not being a knowledgeable or good gardener, so did I. However, I inherited one enormous asset and that is an exceptional, loyal and hardworking Committee who I know will be there to support the new incumbent. I'll be on hand (if the new Chair wants me to be) for a further month to facilitate a smooth handover.

So, my tips to help you decide to be the new Chair...man are:-

Firstly, the title. Some people have strong feelings about the last 3 letters, but the Club are a very tolerant bunch and you can call yourself by any of the short, medium or longer versions or any one of them to suit the occasion.

You DO need to get pleasure from your garden, other people's gardens and enjoy the company of other gardeners.

You DON'T need to be a gregarious, public speaking type. A subtle, quieter approach works just as well.

You DON'T need to be an expert gardener. The person who is ready to learn is as respected as the one who can teach.

You DON'T need to have lived in the village for ever. Help is always at hand if you get stuck for a name or a bit of village history.

You CAN keep everything exactly as it is, or you can carefully introduce changes. A collaborative approach is what we try to achieve with the aim to garner a consensus.

I'm sure the constitution allows us to have 'Joint Chairpersons', so a pair of friends or a couple can also do the job. This means you have someone to share ideas with and the Club has the benefit of two minds working on their behalf. I'm not bluffing when I say it has been a pleasure, I was lucky to have such a good team around me and I am proud to be leaving the Club in good shape for one of you to take over.

All the best. **Trevor Stevens**



Trip to Ball Colegrave, Adderbury Our thanks to Adele Sullivan for her Report:

“It was a good number of members who visited Ball Colegrave on a chilly but dry evening in July. We were given a warm welcome by staff and volunteers alike. Tea and cake were the first attraction on offer so I started with those (well, why not?) Then there was the raffle table, with lots and lots of beautifully planted pots as prizes (sadly, I didn't win one!) All the proceeds from the evening were donated to the Air Ambulance charity.

We walked out to view more flowers outside where there were many eye-catching displays. It was tricky to decide where to visit first. There were particularly vibrantly coloured planted areas which contrasted well with the more subtle colour schemes. Occasionally, there were displays with several examples of the same plant but in every colour and shade you could imagine – the choice and variation were amazing.

We moved inside to the giant glasshouses to look at more flowers (in pots this time) and then we succumbed to The Plant Sale! Again, Ball Colegrave were donating all money raised to charity. I couldn't resist buying several large pots of wonderfully coloured geraniums. Our Gardening Club members made quite a dent in The Plant Sale stock - all the items were excellent quality and size, with lots to choose from.

After another look around outside at the formally planted display gardens I went home, to decide where my newly acquired geraniums should go....."

Date for the diary - Stuart Lowen of Ball Colegrave will be giving us a Talk on Monday 9th October entitled 'Colour for the coming season' and we'll hold our autumn Plant Swap on the same evening. Further details to follow.

Here are some jobs for September:

- Divide herbaceous perennials.
- Pick autumn raspberries.
- Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals.
- Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them.
- Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway.
- Keep up with watering using rain water or grey water.
- Clean out cold frames and greenhouses ready for use in the autumn.
- Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird proof netting.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs.

If you'd like to become our new Chair, contact Trevor on 338403, email:

trevorstevens49@hotmail.com or to join the Club,

contact Sue on 338900, email:

sueandles45@hotmail.com We wish you lots of good gardening during September.



Spade and Fork

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Congratulations

to Claire Cox of Townsend.

After six years of part-time study, Claire now has a PhD in English Literature.



Royal Holloway, University of London



Well done, Dr Cox



Welcome

to Rebecca & Jack...and their 2 doggies, who have moved into the High Street

We hope that they will be very happy living in their new home.



200 CLUB DRAW

AUGUST

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|-----|-----|---------------------|
| £25 | 153 | Maureen Appleby |
| £15 | 146 | Pietruszkiew family |
| £10 | 133 | Sandi Turner |
| £5 | 116 | Kath Gosling |

The draw took place at the Coffee Morning in the Hall



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

We rounded off the Summer term with two favourite activities, Backwoodsman Cooking, where the girls were very adventurous trying different foods cooked in foil etc. There was great success too with cakes and eggs being baked in hollowed out oranges and 2 guides made their own billy can and cooked rice. It was a lovely evening and great fun.

Thank you to the Wolfe family at Barford for their hospitality, we went stream walking. We got soaked and muddy all alligators, crabs and piranhas avoided!! and a great time had by all. We also learnt to play French Cricket afterwards.

See you all in September, probably 5th, but will confirm !!

Thank you to Fern and Mary for their help at the end of last term .

Maggie Rampley 07957 600755

Do you play Bridge?

Ever thought about playing in a club?



Join us for a glass of wine and try us

Give Ken Langdon a call on 07850 616069 and he'll invite you to a free taster session

More details on our website:

www.bridgewebs.com/kingsutton

Email: ksbcsecretary@gmail.com

Kings Sutton Bridge Club, Banbury



CARPET BOWLS

**Re-Starts on
Tuesday 5th September
in the Village Hall at 7.15pm**

NEW PLAYERS ALWAYS WELCOME

If you are interested, please contact

Jill Hopcraft on

01869 337229, 07879 897077

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB

20th September @ The George

12:30pm for 1pm

MAINS

- Beef Stroganoff -

Braised Rice

OR

- Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne -

Mixed Salad

Seasonal veg served for the table

DESSERTS

- Baked Alaska -

OR

- Stilton -

Seasonal Chutney / Grapes / Crackers

Tea & Coffee

Price £12 per person

Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074, or email mickpearson1@outlook.com

by Friday 15th September to book.

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

**** WE CAN CATER FOR ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES - PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR EMAIL ****

GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH



“The rules of our world are laws, and they can be changed. Laws can restrict or they can enable. What matters is what they serve. Many of the laws in our world serve property - they are based on ownership. But imagine a law that has a higher moral authority... a law that puts people and planet first. Imagine a law that starts from first do no harm, that stops this dangerous game and takes us to a place of safety...” Polly Higgins, 2015

“Ecocide” means unlawful or wanton acts committed with knowledge that there is a substantial likelihood of severe and either widespread or long-term damage to the environment being caused by those acts. Independent Expert Panel for the Legal Definition of Ecocide, June 2021



Stop Ecocide International is an important organisation with a link to the Barfords – Executive Director **Jojo Mehta** grew up here (known then as Ella-Jo) at Traherne House, now occupied by Jenny and Tom Greeves. With **Polly Higgins**, who died in 2019, Jojo founded the organisation in 2017. It now has international status and is supported by businesses, faith groups and individuals around the world as well as by many nation states including (most recently) Brazil and Australia.

Ecocide is broadly understood to mean mass damage and destruction of ecosystems – severe harm to nature which is widespread or long-term. Examples include deforestation, chemical pollution, deep-sea mining, and land and water contamination.

The organisation aims to have **Ecocide** recognised in law by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) alongside genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes of aggression. Adding Ecocide to this list would make it an arrestable offence. Imagine Jair Bolsonaro, former president of Brazil, standing trial at the Hague for overseeing massive rainforest destruction ...

There's space here for only the briefest introduction. To find out more, sign up for newsletters, sign the international petition and register as an **Earth Protector** (i.e. an individual, business or group supporter) visit www.stopecocide.earth. And do help spread the word!

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Green Thought is compiled and edited by **Linda Newbery**. If you have a green idea to share, or would like to announce a local event, please email L.newbery@btinternet.com

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.uk

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| Vegetable & Produce Classes | | | Cut Flower Classes | |
| 1 | Three Beetroot, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx. | | 34 | Three gladioli |
| 2 | Three Carrots, long, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx. | | 35 | A Sunflower in a vase |
| 3 | Three Courgettes | | 36 | Three Dahlias |
| 4 | Three Onions | | 37 | Three Roses |
| 5 | Five Shallots | | 38 | Four Fuchsia heads in water |
| 6 | Three Potatoes of one variety | | 39 | Three Pelargoniums |
| 7 | Three Runner Beans with stalks | | 40 | Five different flower stems from your garden |
| 8 | Five French Beans with stalks | | 41 | 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 | An Item crafted from natural material (wood, bone, leather, etc) |
| 12 | A Pair of Vegetables (same variety) not in other classes | | 43 | A hand knitted or crocheted article |
| 13 | Five Single Assorted Vegetables | | 44 | A piece of needlecraft (embroidery, tapestry, patchwork, cross-stitch) |
| 14 | A Cucumber | | 45 | You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes) |
| 15 | Three Apples of one variety, eating or cooking | | 46 | Drawing or Painting: any subject, any medium (mount/frame optional) |
| 16 | Dish of one variety of soft or stoned fruit | | | Photography (unmounted) |
| 17 | A Mis-shapen Vegetable | | | (13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7") |
| 18 | 3 Eggs (same size and colour) | | 47 | A Common Object from an unusual angle |
| Cookery Classes | | | 48 | My Pet |
| 19 | A Bakewell Tart (shop bought pastry allowed) | | 49 | An Aspect of my Garden |
| 20 | Six Pieces of Brownie | | 50 | A Butterfly or Moth |
| 21 | Six Pieces of Flapjack | | 51 | A Garden Gate |
| 22 | A Victoria Sponge, (Raspberry jam, no Cream) | | Children's Classes | |
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| 24 | A Carrot Cake (Ladies only) Recipe in August Barford News | | 52 | A Colouring Picture (published in July's Barford News) |
| 25 | A Jar of Jam | | 53 | 4 Pieces of Rocky Road (Biscuit Confection) |
| 26 | A Jar of Marmalade | | 54 | A Decorated Egg (Hardboiled) |
| 27 | A Jar of Chutney | | 55 | A Lego House |
| 28 | A small pot of Lemon Curd | | 56 | You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes) |
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AN INVITATION



TO JOIN US



**Village Cuppa Mornings
10.00 ~ 11.30
Every Thursday
In the Village Hall**

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your enquiry.**

We look forward to welcoming you!!



OUR ANNUAL QUIZ AND SUPPER



**Hosted by the committee
Wednesday, 13th SEPTEMBER
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
Visitors most welcome £5**

Please contact Christine 01869 338659

barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk



**"Never commit
murder...A gentleman
should never do
anything he cannot talk about
at dinner."**

Oscar Wilde, quoted in The Times

DEDDINGTON PFSU

We look forward to welcoming new and returning families to both PFSU and the Nursery. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the children this term.

We are also very excited to announce that after our recent Ofsted inspection at the PFSU we were awarded the grade of OUTSTANDING in all areas! We encourage you to read our full report which can be found on the Ofsted website.

Best wishes

Charlotte Witka | PFSU Deputy Manager



BLOXHAM PUZZLERS

If you enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles, playing cards and/or board games whilst having a cuppa & chat, then this is the place to be!

Come and join us in the Parish Rooms (between the Museum and St Mary's Vicarage, Bloxham. OX15 4ET) every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, between 11am & 1pm. £2 incl refreshments. Everyone welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.



Come and join us

THE BLOXHAM PUZZLERS

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11am—1.00pm
Between The Museum
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Sept. 13th, 27th
Oct. 11th, 25th
Nov. 8th, 22nd

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday
each month

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1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

The Cubs last meeting was at Daedas Wood for an exciting evening of games & a picnic.

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Scouts

July saw a return to Horley for our summer camp, only a weekend but fun all the same. It was a little wet at times but that didn't stop a group of Scouts braving the elements in hammocks! They whittled (only the one injury), lit endless fires for cooking on, made stoves from cans (more fires) & hurtled around the woods for hours. Tents came down dry & boys went home tired – result!

We repeated the hike that went so wrong earlier in the term. This time the route was reversed & less Scouts attended – they arrived back to the minute – lessons have been learned.

Our last evening was spent at Nell Bridge Fishery – thanks to our generous hosts, Jo & Matt Belcher. Many fish were caught, some by novice anglers, in a lovely setting complemented by a feast of barbecued sausages. We look forward to a return visit.

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STATISTICS



21% of GPs have private medical insurance, according to a survey for the GPs magazine Pulse.

The Times



DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS - Over the summer we read two books; with the weather there was plenty of reading time!

My name is Lucy Barton written by **Elizabeth Strout** is a New York Times bestselling novel and was long listed for the Man Booker Prize in 2016. It details the complex relationship between Lucy Barton and her mother, a tale of past trauma and loneliness explored mainly through a simple hospital visit. The writer is reckoning with the legacy of a scarred family life and slowly coming to terms with the costs of her life in art. Set in the 1980's Lucy is recovering from complications following surgery and is isolated from her husband and daughters. Her mother flies in from rural Amgash in Illinois to care for her. Many of us felt there was more left unsaid than was told – intentional but frustrating to the reader as questions were left unanswered at the end. A very short book and one which didn't seem to blow anyone away, although we all liked the unusual cover!

Our second book was **The Island of Missing Trees** by **Elif Shafak** which was enjoyed by the majority of the Bookworms. The story is centred around the partition of Cyprus in the 1970's and the effect this had on its inhabitants (and trees) at the time and for many years to come. Unusually, a fig tree provides narrative in every other chapter. The Bookworms all agreed that a talking fig tree felt odd but most accepted the trees voice as the story unfolds.

Kostas, who is Greek and Christian, and Defne, who is Turkish and Muslim are teenage lovers in Cyprus in the 70's. They have to meet in secret at a local tavern where they befriend the owners and where in the centre of the tavern, growing through a cavity in the roof, is a fig tree. The fig tree witnesses it all, their meetings, their surreptitious departures and the consequences of the war breaking out. Decades later sixteen-year-old Ada has never visited the island where her parents were born. She seeks to untangle years of secrets, separation, and silence. The only connection she has to the land of her ancestors is a fig tree growing in the back garden of their London home.

The island of the missing trees is a beautifully written book, which tells an entrancing story of belonging and identity, forbidden love and trauma. Well worth a read.

Our next book is **Isolarion** by **James Attlee**.

Deddingtonbookworms@gmail.com -

Next meetings 6.30pm at the Holly Tree on 31st August and 28th September

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and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

Fruits of the Spirit



This month is PEACE!

What images spring to mind when you think
about the word peace?
What brings you peace?

When we hear the word peace many things may spring into our minds.

In our very busy world, we crave a little peace and quiet to chill out, reflect on the day that we might have had. Sometimes a piece of music might give us that, on the other hand a special place might be the medicine that is required. For me, a cup of coffee, a warm fire and the company of great friends is something that helps me. I guess we mostly think of 'inner peace' or silence.

Peace can mean the end of torment, the end of war and pain, the start of something wonderful.

A hand shake, the symbol of the end of an argument, a peace treaty.

Making peace is a positive action. Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King, Malala Yousafzai, Nelson Mandela, all fought for the rights of others to have a place in the world. A place of peace and comfort, where they don't have to hide or fight for themselves.

What does the bible tell us about PEACE?

The one that most of us will know about is the story of Noah's Ark. The symbol of a dove and an olive branch is something that we are all familiar with. The calm after the storm. A new beginning.

Even before his birth, Isaiah described Jesus as the saviour, the '**Prince of Peace**'.

The angels sing of '**Peace on earth**' his birth shall bring to the earth.

One of the miracles Jesus performed was to calm the storm on Lake Galilee. **Peace in the light of worry.**

Moses sought to find peace for his people by leading them through the Red Sea. **Peace through freedom.**

But why is peace so hard to find?

It often takes time and effort. It can be a difficult conversation to have, where either party wants to win. It can mean that someone loses. Is that good or bad?

Are we incapable of living peacefully with each other, especially with those who are different from us?

Being different or having different opinions or faiths are often the start of peace being broken. Finding and making peace is hard work and once it is found, it needs to be guarded very carefully. In our church services or when we gather together, we share the Peace with one another. Traditionally a chance in our service to share a handshake, a smile, a hug. It's a time to take stock and appreciate our church family, our faith, our bond that joins us together.

At the end of our services the vicar will send us out, strong in the knowledge that God is with us with the words...

Go in PEACE to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. AMEN.

So, put simply.....

**May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Sue & Sally barfordchurches234@gmail.com



From Deddington Fire Station

Our night - time activity has been unbelievably quiet, with day crew being kept only slightly busier, so this month I will detail some of our water rescue training carried out at Wallingford hydrology centre. This is an indoor facility where river and flood conditions can be safely simulated.

After a short theory-based classroom session, refreshing knowledge of the water rescue hierarchy and protocols, dangers, and definitions, we were placed into two small groups to evaluate and practice self-rescue techniques in flowing water channels, with a speed of 1m per second. As we have all completed the tethered wade module upskilling, we were wearing dry suits and PFDs, again recapping donning and doffing.

The First exercise was to defensively swim / float down the channel feet first navigating the flow and bends. Secondly, defensive swimming down the channel and breaking out of the flow and into a first small eddy, re-entering the flow to the end. Third exercise was to defensively traverse the channel and the offensively swim, breaking out over the eddy fence into the second eddy area and then to return to the channel flow defensively – this proved a lot more difficult due to the increased current flow.

A further exercise allowed us to pin ourselves against a strainer and attempt to traverse over the strainer. We then practised two casualty wading rescue techniques: wedge and astern, traversing against the flow to rescue a casualty from the safety of an eddy, and then traverse back downstream with the casualty safely. We then covered the differing modules of water rescue: talk, reach and throw, evaluating our skills in all three disciplines covering different scenarios.

Differing methods of talking a casualty to self-rescue. Reach using wading poles, reach pole and the hose inflation – all in slack and moving water. We then covered different deployment techniques of throw lines: underarm, over arm, dog ear and lasso – all showing the importance of hitting the mark first time.

Two teams then demonstrated different techniques of tying off and securing a motor vehicle in flowing water and rescuing a casualty from within and on top of the vehicle. Finally, the rescue sled was demonstrated re correct loading of casualties, leading, and transporting and disembarking casualties.

After a well-earned lunch, we then did a quick recap on the various IEC (first aid) techniques and treatments for casualties involved in water rescue.

James Greenwood FFD
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Some Giggles from the late, great, Bob Monkhouse

"They say marriage is a great institution. So is Dartmoor and Broadmoor."

"I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my father. Not screaming and terrified like his passengers."

"I tend to sleep in the nude. Which isn't a bad thing, except for maybe on those long flights."

"A tomcat hijacked a plane, stuck a pistol into the pilots ribs and demanded: 'take me to the canaries.'"

"What do gardeners do when they retire?"





DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The holidays certainly seem to have whizzed past and as we head towards the start of the new academic year, we hope you have all had a fabulous summer.



The end of last term was as busy as always. Our 'Annie' production was totally fabulous. The children once again performed to an incredibly high level, always being inspired by Alicia and Seb. The

singing, acting and dancing was all amazing, as was the behaviour of the dog who took part in a scene in the play as well! We sincerely hope that all of you who attended the performances, as members of our great community, enjoyed every moment too.

In the final days of term, children took part in the water fun run which was experienced by all pupils in school. The children cooled down and shared lots of laughter together during this time.

The Year 6s from July produced an amazing Leavers Assembly on the last day of term. To make this even more special, Reverend Annie attended and presented leaving gifts to each child, from the church and school. Those pupils will now be starting their next stage of education in their new secondary schools. They will be missed by us all and we wish them every success in the future, as they begin the next part of their school journey.

At the same time, we are of course welcoming in our new F1 children, who are beginning their school life with us here at Deddington. It is always so refreshing every September, when we gain our new aged 4 and 5 year old pupils.

We are looking forward to the autumn term ahead, but for the time being, we wish you all a very happy September.

With best wishes from all of us at the Primary School,

Denise Welch

BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB

Talk by Stuart Lowen,
senior manager at Ball Colegrave.

Monday 9th October

Stuart's talk entitled "What's New in Seasonal Colour" will cover a brief overview of the Ball company, how the seed and plug plants are produced and then the bulk of the talk presents, with lots of colourful images, many of the new and exciting plants which provide seasonal colour in the garden.



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COMMENTS: I have reported on The Red Lion recently but just to let you know that they have a new menu. I like to think of myself as quite a Sausage Expert and honestly, their vegan sausages were sooooo nice, I couldn't tell the difference.

BARFORD NEWS GOES INTERNATIONAL



Angus and I spend quite a bit of time in Spain and we are always talking about 'the Barfords'.

So, I thought I would take a few back-copies of 'Barford News' over and they went down a storm. The Spanish couldn't believe that Barford actually exists and the ex-pats all love a bit of news from home.

Lucy, Editor



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VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

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Church of England

SEPTEMBER

3rd Coffee & Chat 10.30am St Michael
 10th Holy Communion 9am St Michael
 17th **HARVEST FESTIVAL** 10.30am St Michael
 24th Family Holy Communion 10.30am St Michael

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| Tuesdays | Guides (Deddington) Carpet Bowls (September-March) |
| Wednesdays | Brownies (Windmill, Deddington) Parish Council, 1 st Wednesday, Bi-Mthly WI, 2 nd Wednesday Boys' Brigade (Deddington) |
| Thursdays | Village Hall Post Office Open Cuppa Mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington) |
| Fridays | |
| Saturdays | Village Market, 3 rd Saturday <i>(except January and August)</i> |

SEPTEMBER

1st Fundraiser for Oxfam – See Page 3
 2nd CIRCUS – Deddington School Field
 2nd Deddington Parish Show
 5th Carpet Bowls returns – village hall
 6th Parish Council Meeting
 9th Barford Village Show
 9th Ride & Stride
 13th WI Annual Quiz
 16th Village Market returns....
 17th HARVEST FESTIVAL, St. Michael's
 20th Village Lunch at The George
October
 9th Garden Club Talk – Stuart Lowen
 21st Village Market