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Coronation Tea Party

Sunday 7th May from 2.30pm onwards

Bring your picnic along and join friends and neighbours
in the Village Hall & Garden

Candy Floss

Coronation Crafts
Fun

Children's Raffle

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Barfordchurches234@gmail.com

Commemorative mementos
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Life Size
Cut-out of
King Charles III
for family Photo
shoots



Best Dressed Royal Competition

Open to All Ages
Prizes for entry and winners



Complimentary



Pimms - Bucks Fizz - and Fruit Juices

Courtesy of The George



Barford St John & St Michael Village Clean Up Morning Saturday 1st April @ 10.00am at Village Hall

Please come and join us for our annual litter-pick around the villages so that we
can keep the Barfords looking their best.

We supply the bags and have a few grab sticks/pickers

Please bring your own old gloves - (and pickers if you have them)

Doughnuts for all volunteers on return!

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 1st March 2023 at the Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Sandi Turner (Chairman), Rodney Hobbs, Chris Charman, Ray Cox, Maureen Nolan, District Councillors Bryn Williams, and David Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). One member of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2023 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Public Participation:

Fire Safety at the Village Hall – Oxfordshire Fire Service has given guidance on fire safety at the Village Hall. It was noted that it was considered low risk of loss of life in the event of a fire as there were plenty of exits. The smoke detectors should be checked every 2 weeks. The entrance lobby was not the best location for tables from a safety point of view. A fire risk assessment was recommended. It was agreed that fire risk assessment would be carried out.

Parish Matters:

Bridge complaint to Victoria Prentice MP - A resident has complained to Victoria Prentice MP about the length of time it is taking OCC to repair the bridge.

Bridge update from OCC Highways. OCC has provided the following update:

The risks associated with the measures to protect the bridge and highway users from its partial collapse, is being reviewed. Reduced dynamic load affects, due to low traffic speeds, a smooth road surface or increased fill depth would enhance an arch bridges assessment load carrying capacity. However, the damage to this bridge is such that it is considered that no more than 3T vehicles can be carried, without significant risk of rapid deterioration. Due to the blocks being frequently moved and heavier than 3T vehicles still passing, consideration is being given to closing the road, until the bridge can be suitably strengthened.

The width restriction has been introduced to help enforce the 3T weight restriction. This has been set at 6'6" as very few vehicles of this width exceed 3T. This width is generally only suitable for mid-size cars, e.g. Audi A3 size and below. Some clearance over and above 6'6" has been provided to enable this size vehicle to safely pass. Drivers of many wider vehicles have attempted to pass, giving them less clearance and resulting in them striking the concrete blocks.

Additional clearance was provided, but this is enabling more vehicles of over 3T to squeeze through and other larger vehicles are displacing the blocks.

The County Council's term consultant/contractor, has carried out some preliminary design work for strengthening and have indicated that the bridge restored to its original condition will not satisfy the desired loading requirements. Strengthening options have been discussed with the conservation officer who will be dealing with the Listed Building Consent Planning application, but none of those options considered so far satisfy the engineering and conservation requirements. Ideally, the bridge needs to be able to carry 40/44t vehicles and for a busy route such as this some level of abnormal vehicle loading.

Abnormal load vehicles need to obtain special permission to use this route, but not all haulers notify as they should, such that if suitable provision is not made, then there is a risk of the bridge requiring repair again in the not too distant future. The bridge could be repaired and a permanent weight restriction imposed, but compliance with signage is not always very good, such that there would still be a risk of the bridge becoming damaged again, and this restriction may harm local businesses. I do not have any evidence that the bridge has been able to previously support the use of 44t vehicles without this causing any distress and whilst water ingress and loss of pointing will have caused deterioration over time, so will have overloading. A solution is continuing to be sought which reasonably meets the objectives and satisfies the constraints, such that the bridge can be strengthened and re-opened to all traffic as soon as possible.

Coronation celebrations and commemorative coins

– A picnic is being planned for Sunday 7th May. It was agreed that commemorative coins would be purchased for children in both villages.

Thomas Fox Tender – Thomas Fox, who cut grass around the village, has submitted the tender for 2023 which was accepted.

S137 Grants – It was agreed that a notice would be placed in the Barford new inviting village organisations to submit applications by the end of April and grants will be agreed in the meeting on 3rd May.

20's Plenty signs on South Newington Road – The Clerk had fitted these.

Bishops Close sign – This has been repaired.

Dog Bin for Barford St John – This has been delivered and will be installed as soon as the weather improves.

Dog Bin opposite church in Barford St Michael – This has been knocked off the post probably by a vehicle. The clerk has re-attached it.

Footbridge on the footpath by The Mill in Barford St Michael – OCC haven't repaired this yet but the clerk has chased OCC to complete.

Defibrillator Fitting – The clerk has contacted an electrician and is waiting for an estimate.

OCC Councillor Priority Fund – The clerk has submitted an application for OCC to contribute towards the cost of the defibrillator.

Woodland Trust hedging for West Close – This is expected to be delivered in the first half of March.

Emergency Plan – OCC has asked Parishes to provide Emergency Plans. The clerk will draft one

Planning:

23/00466/F – 15 Broad Close – two storey extension – PC has no objection.

22/03415/FUL – Mullin Automotive at Enstone Airfield – PC has no objection.

Finance:

Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £799.80. The combined bank balances are £8,559.29 after the payments that were approved.

Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 7.30pm 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.



200 CLUB DRAW - MARCH

£50	073	Tucker Family
£25	197	Melanie Doyle
£15	180	Les Lane
£10	163	Jo Purton
£5	024	Steve Cook

The draw took place at
Coffee Morning in the Hall

One for the children.....

If you have a suggestion for any outings for kids, or adults, that are fairly local, please send me details at barfordnews@gmail.com



outingadvisor

reviewed by
Karen & 'The Twins',
Emmie & Lewis

Where did you go?

The Mechanical Art & Design Museum (MAD)
4/5 Henley Street
Stratford upon Avon
Warwickshire
CV37 6PT
www.themadmuseum.co.uk

RATINGS

Value

★★★★★

Interesting/Fun

★★★★★

COMMENTS:

Explore and interact
with over 70 fascinating
exhibits in the UK's
only permanent venue
for mechanical art.

Lewis, aged 9, said...

I thought the MAD museum was great because you could swipe lots of buttons in front of the artwork, it was really interesting to see how each mechanism moved. Some were really big! My favourite area was where we could make our own marble run. I also loved the tv screen where men build the numbers every minute to change the time, I watched it for ages! It was quite a small museum but we spent a long time there as there was so much to see.



CHURCH MATTERS



What you need to know about..... Coffee Church and Family Services

Our new 'Pattern of Services' from May brings three family friendly services to our church of St Michael and All Angels, both at 10:30am.



Our first Sunday is Coffee Church. A chance to gather for the 4 C's: Coffee, cake, craft and catch up! An informal morning to meet with friends old and new, play games, paint/craft. If you are new to the village, it's a great way of finding out what the church in Barford is all about.

Our Third Sunday is our Family Service. Each month we focus on a Bible story. We have been working our way through the wonderful stories, starting at Creation in the Old Testament through to the New and most recently looked at the call of the Disciples.



Services always start with coffee, cake and an opportunity to reflect on the story through craft. In our children's area, you will find a series of canvases that show a timeline or story board of the story so far. We then gather together to reflect on the theme of the story and what it might teach us. Our Church family is growing. We are all on our own journeys of faith and it is wonderful to share that and support one another and see different generations interacting with each other.



It's all about including everyone.

Everyone starting at birth and continuing to the end of our earthly journey. We are all included in the Church Family. Many of us know that bringing children to church from an early age is difficult, it is hard to relax and enjoy the service. When children are in church, regardless of the service, there is a space for them to go with toys, books and drawing. We have also created 'Mini Worshippers' bags full of things to keep them entertained in the pews with you if they prefer. They can wander and dance and make noise.



Thank you to those who have been with us on our journey so far. We look forward to welcoming you at any of our services in the future.

Any questions about our services, please contact Sue or Sally
barfordchurches234@gmail.com



BYGONE BARFORDS

BARFORD BUS SERVICE 510 ~ 1950/60

By
Basil Butler
(who has lived in the village for '70 odd years')

A few people still living in the Barford's will remember the Midland Red Buses.

They used to run a service from Banbury to Hempton, via Bloxham, St Johns, St Michael and Hempton. The bus turned around at Hempton and returned to Banbury.

In the 50's and 60's the population of The Barfords was much smaller than today but the bus service was really good. I remember on Banbury Fair day it would be "standing room only" by the time the bus got to St. John.

Approximate times from Barford to Banbury were.

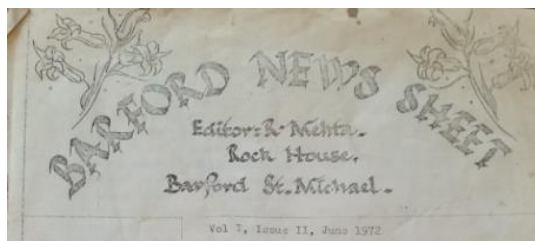
Monday to Saturday 07:30am, 09:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 4pm, 6pm, 9pm and 10:45pm.

The Sunday service was 2:30pm, 5pm and 9pm

The stops were:

Townsend Junction, Lower Street Junction, Mead Road, Junction in St Johns.

HAPPY DAYS...!!



To the lovely family from Robins Close who made a very generous donation of £10 and to the lovely lady who sold something via Barford News and donated the money to us.

much appreciated

The Team



'The Land of Make Believe' Jane Abbott

Join us for an evening of fun poetry (Don't expect Tennyson!) and a chance to meet the stars of the show – Jane's handmade felted characters. Gnomes, faeries, dragons and even trolls!



Wednesday, 12th April

7.30pm in the Village Hall

'All visitors very welcome (£5)

for more information please contact

Christine 338659

barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

WHAT HAPPENED TO STONEHENGE MISSING STONES? FOUND THEM...!!



BRIDGE UPDATE: "A Bridge Too Far" – or so it seems from what I can gather and judging by the emails you have sent me, we are no further forward than we were 2 years ago. People have had enough with our village looking like an OCC Highways dumping ground and being fobbed-off. Villagers have contacted

Departments within OCC, with one writing to our MP, Victoria Prentice.



These are the possible 'solutions' from James Freeman of Highways Maintenance (☎07827 977531) and a Department at OCC called Bridges – E&E bridges@oxfordshire.gov.uk

- I'm getting our term contractor to check tomorrow to remove damaged signs cones.
- This is a grade 2 listed structure, we are in talks with Cherwell DC Conservation team and looking to start works 2023/24.
- I'm due to inspect the structure, blocks, signage on the 15th March and take photos of any vehicles which disobey the restrictions will be sent to our Trading standards team.
- I have received a number of photo's I'm going to have talks with my manager about closing the bridge or install CCTV.

The Barford resident who wrote to Ms Prentice had to wait nearly 3 weeks for a response, and this is it. She just reiterated what he had written and with regards to contacting the CE of OCC, our villager had already done that, and copied her in. He is still waiting for a response from the Chief Exec, Liz Jeffman, of OCC

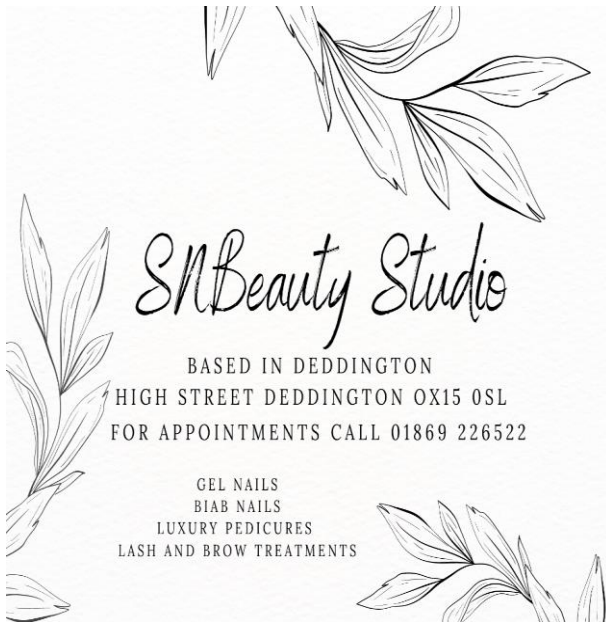
"Thank you for taking the time to get in touch. I share your concerns about the Barford Bridge. It is now nearly two years since I was first contacted about Oxfordshire County Council's decision to restrict the width of this bridge until it could be partially reconstructed. Despite making representations to OCC on a number of occasions and receiving assurances that the required repairs would be carried out as soon as possible, I share your frustration that this is yet to happen. This situation is only exacerbated by the fact that the physical width restrictions have now been moved. Let me contact the Chief Executive of Oxfordshire County Council in the first instance to highlight your concerns and ask for an update. I will be sure to let you know when I have received a response".
Victoria"

PS. You will also see the notes of the Parish council meeting. Sounds like more prevarication from Oxfordshire.



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL - We had a most wonderful day when we celebrated World Book Day in early March. The children dressed up as their favourite book characters, brought in their favourite books, read to each other. We also had the Scholastic Book Fair in school. Thank you to all of you who supported the Fair, by coming into school and purchasing books for the children. Great excitement could be seen and heard as the children browsed and chose their books. We will now be spending the money raised on books for the school, for all pupils to enjoy. We have also had some amazing trips going on over the past few weeks. Year 5 had a science day at Tudor Hall and Years 3 and 4 visited Windsor Castle, having the most magnificent time. The children were shown where the late Queen Elizabeth II lays in St George's Chapel, as well as seeing the resting place of Henry VIII. The children were overwhelmed by this experience. They saw many fascinating parts of the castle plus the dolls' house which belonged to Queen Mary. So many of these scenes the children will remember forever. Year 4 then visited Kingswood Residential and Outdoor Activity Centre on Friday 3rd March. They had a fabulous time, using the Zipwires, working on Team Activities etc. The children all exceeded their expectations with what they managed to achieve, whilst they were there. Year 1 put on an Art and DT Exhibition for their families to enjoy. Their work, which was accomplished during Terms 3/4, was set up for adults to see, enjoy and celebrate. The exhibition took place after school one afternoon, in the Year 1 classroom. The children were thrilled and so proud of themselves for being able to show off their achievements. It was a hugely successful event and one that was loved by all involved.

Denise Welch



**home
& sweet
home**

WELCOME TO

Carolyn Tyrer

Newly arrived in Bishops Close with
Black Lab companion

also to

**Adam, Verity Coskiery & baby Penelope
+ pooches**

who have just moved to Robins Close


We hope that they will all be very
happy in their new homes



Congratulations

to
Alex & Milly Jackson
on the safe arrival of
River Angus Jackson
At 8.51pm on 20th February
Weighing 8lb 10oz

a baby brother for Olive





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

By the time you read this, we'll have held our first Talk of the year – 'Gardening in a Changing Climate' and what crazy weather conditions we've seen in the last few weeks!

Here's a note from Trevor, our Chair:

"As I write this, it's minus 3 outside and with our fuel saving regime, not a lot better inside, so I'm trying to shake off the feeling that I've entered Narnia where it's "always winter and never Christmas" and start to believe there will be a joyful spring and glorious summer for us to grow some beautiful flowers and tasty fruit and veg. Then comes autumn and the **VILLAGE SHOW!**

In his talk to us a year ago, Richard Preston emphasized how important it is to support our Show and as many of you will know, we have incorporated "participating in the Village Show" as one of the aims of the Garden Club. The organisers always provide plenty of classes for gardeners to enter and as Richard pointed out, these are usually quite common flowers, fruit and vegetables that you are already growing for the vase, table or wildlife and a little bit of extra attention to sowing, growing, selection and preparation will make your garden produce ready for the show bench. Although taking home one of those colourful certificates (or even silverware) is very satisfying, the real joy is knowing you've participated in this great tradition and provided a reason for it to continue. So please, as you nurture your plants this year, keep in mind early September and your entries for The Show. Wishing you lots of pleasure in your garden."

Annual Plant Swap: We'll hold this popular event in the Village Hall in June. It's always a great social event and now's the time to be thinking of splitting plants or planting some extras so you can take them along for the benefit and delight of others to take home, nurture and enjoy. Having taken along a selection of cuttings for others, you then get to pick lots of plants to take home for your garden. Everyone's a winner!

Subs: The deadline's gone so if you do wish to re-join but haven't yet, we'd be grateful to receive your £5 asap. Details in recent emails.

Our Committee Members: Last year we featured Trevor Stevens, Chair and Jean Thomas, Treasurer so this time it's Sue Lane, our Secretary. Here's her gardening story:



Sue with her attempt at topiary.
This was a Ruby wedding anniversary gift eight years ago. It consisted of a simple heart shaped metal frame and a tiny Buxus plant and took seven years to complete.

I became interested in gardening when Les and I moved to Bloxham in 1977. The garden wasn't very big which was just as well as I worked full-time and didn't have a clue about plants and flowers. You can tell how long ago it was – Les spent weekends playing football and singing in a Band whilst I tackled the garden and became a 'groupie' on Saturday nights!. Ten years later, with a young daughter and baby son in tow, we moved to Hempton where Nicola and David enjoyed a huge garden backing onto the lovely Snakehill Lane bridle path. It served admirably as a cricket pitch for Hempton children in summer and a football pitch in winter. I had little time to develop the garden which had a number of fruit trees, shrubs and not much else. Gradually over the next 25 years or so, I was able to spend more time out there and found gardening very therapeutic especially after a stressful day at work. It was also addictive and still is but in a nice way. We opened the Hempton garden several times to raise funds for my employer, Katharine House Hospice and although it was hectic, especially serving cream teas and cakes to large numbers, it was hugely rewarding and enjoyable.

When we came to Lower Street almost 6 years ago, I was ready for a smaller plot and really enjoyed the challenge of developing the garden. I loved inheriting a number of beautiful old roses, peonies, spring flowers and a great compost heap. I brought with me over 100 small cuttings which all thrived in their new surroundings!

I also really enjoy the camaraderie of being in the village Garden Club and occasionally I work with small groups of Year 4 and 5 students in the school garden in North Newington where my granddaughter Poppy is a pupil.

Funnily enough, I didn't have a front garden in Hempton so was really excited to get working on the one here. The only thing is I keep chatting to passers-by and sometimes get very little gardening done!

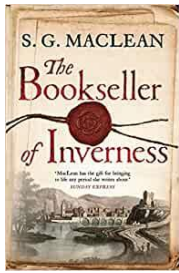
Sue Lane

Here are some jobs for April:

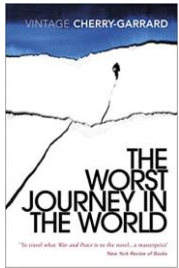
- Keep weeds under control
- Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses
- Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors
- Mow lawns when necessary - whenever the grass is growing - the aim is to maintain a constant height throughout the year.

If you would like to join us, please contact Trevor on 338403, email: trevorstevens49@hotmail.com or Sue on 338900, email: sueandles45@hotmail.com

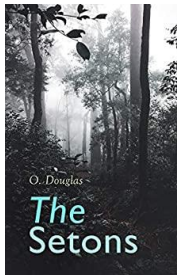
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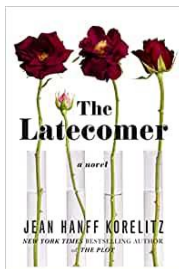
The Bookseller of Inverness by S.G. Maclean. After The Battle of Culloden, Iain MacGillivray survived only by pretending to be dead as the Redcoats dispatched any Jacobite survivors. Six years later Iain lives as a bookseller in Inverness. One day he notices a stranger in his shop who refuses to say what he's searching for and leaves. The next morning Iain opens-up shop and finds the stranger dead, his throat cut and the murder weapon laid out in front of him; a sword with a white cockade on its hilt, the emblem of the Jacobites. With no sign of the killer, Iain wonders whether the stranger discovered what he was looking for and whether he paid for it with his life. He soon finds himself embroiled in a web of deceit and a series of old scores to be settled in the ashes of war. **Paul Freeman**



The Worst Journey in the World by Apsley Cherry-Garrard takes us with Scott to the Antarctic. 'Cherry', one of the youngest expedition members, was crushed with disappointment when Scott didn't include him in the small group who made the final trek to the South Pole; but of course, had he gone with them he wouldn't have survived to tell his story. Instead, it was he who led the search to find the frozen bodies. The title, though, refers not to the whole venture but to a separate five-week journey made by Cherry and two others, in the harshest winter weather, to collect Emperor penguin eggs for research – an astonishing and scarcely believable feat of endurance. Several members of the expedition, including Scott, managed (despite extremes of cold, exhaustion and discomfort) to keep detailed journals from which Cherry-Garrard quotes extensively in this unforgettable classic of travel literature. **Linda Newbery**



The Setons by O. Douglas: this was the pseudonym of Anna Buchan, modestly assumed, as she did not want to ride on the coat-tails of her famous brother, John. It is a fictionalised account of Anna's own life as the daughter of a Glasgow clergyman - endless church attendance and parish-visiting, leavened with a rich inner-life of family, friendship and books. Anna Buchan admitted to freely plundering the sayings of others and putting them into her novels. Thus she immortalised the fortitude and humour of her father's flock, enduring grinding poverty and grim surroundings. The story ends in 1917, overshadowed by war. Taken from life, surely, are the words of a bereaved mother, who tells how her son would not say goodbye to her face, lest she should see him cry, calling out "So long", as his footsteps echoed down the stairs in a dying fall. **Jenny Greeves**



The Latecomer by Jean Hanff Korelitz was a bestseller in the US. It takes a long time to establish the characters and the plot but once that is done the storytelling is fantastic. It is a family saga covering the late twentieth and early twenty-first century and covers so many contemporary themes with originality and brilliance – ranging from sibling relations to fertility traumas to racial tension and throughout the book is the complex and changing dynamic between the generations. The writing is gripping and the plot is riveting, whilst the author also displays a powerful empathy with her characters. We read this in my book group and had one of the best ever book discussions as there is so much to unravel including all kinds of interesting sub plots such as the intrigue of the New York art scene and the strange life of the Mormons. **Suzanne Franks**

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

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Saturday, 15th April, 10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

‘Tess’s Brilliant Bakes’ - - ‘The New England Apple Sauce Company’

‘Giddyglass’ - beautiful hand made ornaments & gifts

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

Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items.

**Barford Environment Network – Offering refills of household products,
Bring your own bottle, or have one filled for you.**

**.....and for the birds we have seeds, mealworms, sunflower hearts, fat balls
+ Mick & Anne’s bacon /bacon & egg/breakfast butties - from the Kitchen**

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING FROM THE BAR

From Deddington Fire Station



It’s a little grey and wintery at the moment, but we all carry on as best we can. The Fire Station received 15 call outs this month, the majority comprising fires and road traffic accidents. Station manager Gary Crone has been concentrating on RTC skill sessions allowing the Deddington crew to hone their casualty extraction skills within the controlled environment of the fire station pound.

As I write this snow and freezing temperatures are forecast so please be careful when driving and ensure that all windows and screens are clear before you set off on any journey.

James Greenwood FFD , james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB

19th April @ The George

12:30pm for 1pm

MAINS

- Fish Cake -

Asparagus / Hollandaise Sauce

OR

- Chicken Cacciatore -

Roast Potatoes / Rocket

~all served with family vegetables~

DESSERTS

- Strawberry and Kiwi Pavlova -

OR

- Chocolate Fudge Cake -

Vanilla Ice Cream

Tea & Coffee

Price £10 per person

*Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074, or email mickpearson1@outlook.com
by Friday 14th April 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

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@lcm.co.uk

Fed up with having to buy plastic and throwaway packaging? Here are two easy ways to avoid it:

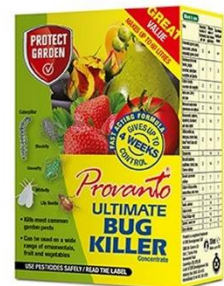
- See us at the village market every month selling **SESI refills** – washing-up liquid, general-purpose cleaner and more.



- Support Banbury's excellent zero-waste shop, **Nothing But Footprints** – either by visiting the shop in Castle Quay or by ordering online for **free delivery to our market**. An extensive range is available on the website. Loose items are delivered in re-used, returnable containers or in reusable paper bags. Order online from www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk by Friday lunchtime before a market Saturday.

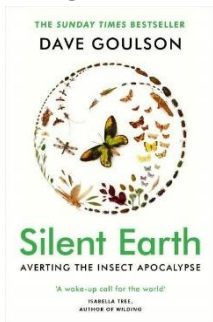
Silent Earth?

Do we want to wage war on nature? Many garden centres, supermarkets and hardware stores sell toxic products such as ant killer, slug killer, RoundUp and 'bug killer'. The last is particularly irresponsible, conveying the idea that everything that flies, buzzes, creeps or crawls is dangerous, dirty and nasty and needs eradicating – from ladybirds and butterfly larvae to bees and lacewing flies. Such products, as well as destroying insects and invertebrates, can harm the hedgehogs, amphibians and birds most of us want to see in our gardens. We live in one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world, according to a UN report; the use of these freely-available toxic products is part of the reason why.



Remember when gardening books included a section on eradicating 'pests', advocating an arsenal of chemical weapons with which to spray, paint, poison and deplete? Fortunately attitudes are changing. Every garden show and magazine advocates a more harmonious approach, urging us to see our gardens as ecosystems and to encourage a range of insects and invertebrates.

The Royal Horticultural Society has now stopped using the blanket term 'pest'. "The RHS wants everyone to reduce their reliance on pesticides to better protect the insects that benefit our gardens and protect the wider ecosystem. This can be achieved by using an integrated approach and using more cultural and biological control methods." There's much more about this on their website.



Information and guidance is also available from organisations such as **PlantLife**, **Butterfly Conservation**, the **WildlifeTrusts** and **Pesticides Action Group**. And here's an excellent book by Dave Goulson, Professor of Biology and bee ecology specialist. His title **Silent Earth** is of course an echo of Rachel Carson's groundbreaking **Silent Spring**, published in 1962, an alarm call about the devastating effects of indiscriminate pesticide use. We should know better by now.

If you feel strongly about this, ask local supermarkets and garden centres to stop stocking insecticides and other harmful products. **Waitrose** and **The Burford Garden Company** have policies not to sell them - hopefully others will follow.

Green Thought of the Month is compiled and edited by Linda Newbery. If you have a green idea to share, please contact L.newbery@btinternet.com



BYGONE BARFORD BABIES

PLEASE SEND YOUR BABY AND/OR WEDDING PHOTOS to
barfordnews@gmail.com

This Gloucestershire-born little lady, now residing in the High Street, was baptised in the church in the grounds of Cowley Manor and lived on the estate, around 1959/60.....? For the answer see P 22.



Some people's stories and backgrounds are so interesting, so why not share them with us.

Mine? Born in St Nicholas Hospital, Plumstead, South-East London – fascinating. And Angus alleges that he was born in a shoe-boxtrue?you decide...!!

Lucy, Ed



For more information visit
www.fourfarmschallenge.run



PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

The Parish Council sets aside a sum of money every year for distribution to village organisations in need of financial support.

Any village organisation can apply for a grant although there is no guarantee that all applications will be successful.

The timetable is as follows:

1. Grant applications must be submitted to the Parish Clerk by 30th April.
2. The Parish Council will decide on the grant applications at the meeting on 3rd May.

Application forms are available from David Best the Clerk at davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com



DEDDINGTON GIRL GUIDES

it's been a busy
few weeks.

We started with our own **Thinking Day** activity learning about the history of Guiding and our own International celebrations. Some of the Guides then joined in the fun at the District Thinking day evening with Guides and Brownies from surrounding villages.

We, of course had pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and food figured highly again when each patrol created some tasty snacks for their imaginary café. The menus and creative presentations made it very hard to choose a winner.

As a follow up to these activities each patrol has been taking a turn to provide some simple refreshments during the meeting. There has been a surprising amount to consider when tackling something that seems very simple at first. There has been a lot of great ideas and activities being enjoyed during weekly patrol time as well as some energetic games

It was great to welcome 4 new Guides with their special Promise ceremony and to say thank you and good luck to two of our Young Leaders, Issie and Alana, who are stepping back to concentrate on exams. We look forward to seeing them again in the summer .

Forthcoming events this yearDivision Fun day, Residential weekend, all sorts of outdoor activities, camp and trip to Paris !!

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We are very excited to be part of **Deddington Four Farms Challenge** on Sunday 21st May!

We will be running lots of fun children's activities including a fun run, word scramble, children's outdoor yoga, woodland medal making and face painting. Some activities have limited spaces and require rebooking so for more info please contact

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Deddington Bookworms

Our latest book was **Old Filth** by **Jane Gardam**.....This novel examines the life of Sir Edward Feathers, a successful lawyer and then judge, now retired, known to colleagues and friends as Old Filth (the nickname stands for "Failed in London Try Hong Kong").

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This is the first novel in a trilogy, the sequels look at the other characters in Sir Edwards life: his wife, Betty, and his rival (and Betty's one-time lover) Edward Veneering. Some Bookworms felt that with so much darting back and forth, and with so many characters, the narrative occasionally became confusing. However, the characters are mostly humorous and touching and the portrayal of the English 'stiff upper lip' is especially good. Overall, it was felt that this is a well written and interesting book, particularly the references to the plight of the Raj orphans.

Our next book is **And the Mountains Echoed** by **Khaled Hosseini**.

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1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs - Since our last report we have had a very thoughtful time in cubs. We have given over two sessions to learning about some of the issues and challenges faced by those with disabilities. As part of this we tried painting with just our mouths and just our feet! As we have one cub who faces some of these challenges, we were able to learn about this first-hand from him and his family. The mayor impact of this session was to learn that with drive and energy many of the challenges to full participation, in a whole range of activities, can be overcome. However, we can still do more as a community and wider society to create the right physical and social environment to more fully facilitate participation by people with disabilities.

With Baden-Powell's birthday (22nd Feb) we also thought about the global scouting movement and the opportunities it presents. In amongst all this thoughtfulness we, of course, still had plenty of time for some craft and games.

Paul Honess deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts - We have finally completed our fundraising for Toilet twinning & have officially twinned with five toilets in Africa. The charity sent our very nice certificates which The Windmill Centre has kindly agreed to hang in the new loos. It's a very worthwhile charity, take a look next time you visit the facilities, & twin one for yourself.

As part of the World Challenge Award, the Scouts spent an evening immersed in all things Japan. A quiz was followed by an origami project & a feast of Japanese food. Noodles, miso soup, green tea, sushi & mochi, all consumed with gusto & a little wasabi! We also included a game involving plastic fish & chop sticks! Another section of the badge was covered by our visitor from the Parish Council, Jill Norton. From her we learned much about the workings of the council & she was bombarded by questions from the Scouts, we will use the information to form our own Scout Council. Many thanks Jill. Heads up council members – if you're good, she gives you chocolate!

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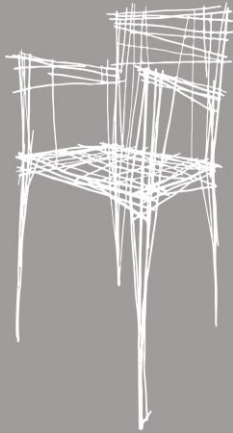
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