



Barford St John & St Michael

Village Clean Up Morning

Saturday 13th April @ 10.00am at the Village Hall

Please come and joins 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!

St Michael's Church Restoration Appeal



**Auction of Promises
Friday 26th April 2024
in the Village Hall**



Doors Open 6pm for Auction at 7pm

Free Drink on arrival, with pay bar, pork baps or vegetarian option on sale

Please bring CASH

**45 Lots including: Holiday Cottages, Bags of manure,
Soho farmhouse hamper**

Further details on Pages 6 & 7



SPEED LIMIT CONSULTATION - SEE PAGES 8

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 28th February 2024 in the Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Sandi Turner (Chairman), Rodney Hobbs, Ray Cox, Anita Deane, Tom Lovell, Dawn Tucker and David Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). No members of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2024 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Public Participation: None

Parish Matters:

Update on repairs to the bridge – Following the last meeting, the clerk wrote to OCC Highways asking for an update on repairs to the bridge. OCC replied that they are hoping to commence repairs in July 2024, but this is dependent on CDC granting listed building permission and an investigation of possible bat roosts. OCC is currently considering management of pedestrian access across the bridge and may provide a footbridge to the east of the bridge.

20mph Speed Limit Introduction – Following the survey of residents carried out at the Barford Christmas Market, the Clerk requested OCC reduce the speed limit on South Newington Road (Conker Alley), round the bend at the top of the hill in Barford St John and between Barford St Michael and Barford St John. OCC has agreed to reduce the limit between Barford St Michael and Barford St John but not the other two locations. It was agreed that the PC will appeal to OCC against the decision on South Newington Road as this is a single tack road without passing places and is used by walkers.

Report on road safety at 10 air bases including Barford St John – Following the death of Harry Dunn at Croughton Airfield, a report was commissioned by the Department for Transport. The clerk wrote enquiring when remedial work would be carried out. The DFT replied that there were no recommendations requiring immediate engineering works, there is minimal risk to those using the roads and OCC Highways is reviewing the report.

Waste Bins being used for dog poo bags – Residents have complained about the smell from dog poo bags being put into general waste bins. It was agreed that the clerk will investigate waste bins with lids.

Use of Glyphosate weedkiller – Two residents had written requesting that the Parish Council does not use glyphosate. It was agreed that the clerk would check with Thomas Fox Landscaping what weedkiller they use to clear footpaths before a decision is taken.

Village Spring Clean – It was agreed that the village spring clean will be carried out on Saturday 13th April. Volunteers will be requested via the Barford News.

Verges being worn away by vehicles – This is particularly an issue in Lower Street near the junction with the High Street. It was agreed that wooden posts would be investigated to stop people driving over and parking on the verge.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – It was agreed that the date for the annual meeting, when the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer are elected will be held on Wednesday 1st May.

Annual Parish Meeting – It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting, held in conjunction with the Village Hall Management Committee, will be held on Wednesday 24th April.

OCC work on trees around the villages – OCC Highways has pruned copper beach tree at the bottom of Murreys Lane at the request of the Parish Council as cables and telephone lines run through it.

Hedge in West Close along Murreys Lane – Mr Pete Eden and the clerk have planted additional hedging to make the border with the road more secure.

Footpath 121/12 Barford St Michael Church to Netherworton Rd – The clerk has reported to OCC Footpaths that the section between Netherworton Road and footpath 121/13 (Netherworton Rd to Iron Down Hill) is impassable as the stile has been removed and the gap in the hedge blocked with a fence.

Overgrown hedge by the bridge – The clerk reported this to OCC Highways after the January meeting as it is forcing cars driving to the bridge from Barford St Michael into the path of oncoming cars.

District Councillors Report from Bryn Williams: No update

County Councillors Report from Arah Fatmian: No update

Planning:

23/02470/F – Land to rear of The Green – Erection of a bungalow – CDC refused 5/01/2024.

23/03370/F – Buckingham's Cottage – Extension – CDC permitted 26/01/2024.

24/00347/LB – Barford Bridge – Repairs and strengthening – PC supports.

Finance:

Payments – The clerk gained approval for payments totalling £1,940.59 including a grant of £1,300 to the church. Income and expenditure are on budget.

Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

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

www.thebarfordvillages.co.uk in the Parish Council meetings page.

Jill Patricia Hopcraft

2nd January 1957 – 21st February 2024



Jill was born in Tadmarton, on the family farm, the second of five children. She left school at 14, as you did in those days, and worked part time at the carpet factory and the cattle market. She was still working at Hook Norton vets, where she had been for many years, when she died.

She married Andrew in 1978 and moved to Bloxham before a final move to Barford where she lived in Church Street for the last 40 years. Her children Nicola and Jonathan remember a happy childhood where Jill would slide down the stairs in a sleeping bag with them, replace endless smashed windows from their games, and dress the dog up in pyjamas. She used to get the children to decorate a pillow case on Christmas Eve and when they lost their teeth would twinkle up the stairs as the tooth fairy. She made wonderful cakes and intentionally burnt sausages were another favourite.

She became heavily involved in the community here in the Barfords cleaning the church, becoming president of the WI of which she was a member, dressed up as a duck to organise duck racing and helped to save the local playground. Over the years she played bowls in the Village Hall and Aunt Sally at the George. She knitted hats for orphans and became involved in raising money for a Nepalese orphanage, even travelling to the Himalayan Base Camp.

Jill was a fiercely independent, warm-hearted woman who will be missed by her family and her many friends.



BARFORD MARKET

**SATURDAY 20TH APRIL
10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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Artisan breads from Cotswold Bakery

Meat and dairy Items from butcher Gordon Wrighton

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

**Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items. Greetings
cards, Locally grown plants**

.....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



JAMES EASTER, our youngest Barford News Deliverer who covers Robins Close, has the right idea. His mum, Liz, told me that he had been saving up for a hoverboard and he finally got it a couple of weeks ago. I am now considering rolling out this brilliant idea to all of our BN Deliverers – go steady and well done, James!!

Lucy, Editor



Frank Coppin
22nd October 1947 – 24th February 2024

I wonder if any of you remember this handsome chap moving in to Broad Close with his young family in 1981?

Frank loved everything about living in Barford. He really enjoyed travelling to far flung places but, nevertheless, heading to the George on a Friday night was his 'happy place' for many years.

Frank's family have been spending time together and having many conversations that start with, 'do you remember when...? We are compiling a scrapbook of memories of Frank and would love to hear if anyone has anecdotes we may have forgotten!

Carole Coppin
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St MICHAEL'S CHURCH.....The second of a series of old postcards by Frank Packer



Would our village be a village without a church?

A symbol for so many things. Our own past, present and future

For over 900 years our village church has stood for all visitors and villagers to see.

HELP RAISE MONEY TO SAVE IT....PLEASE COME TO THE AUCTION

AUCTION OF PROMISES
AUCTIONEER - TOM BEST OF THE AUCTION COLLECTIVE
theauctioncollective.com



WHY ARE WE HAVING AN AUCTION OF PROMISES?

To raise money to save the oldest building in our village. If nothing is done, the church will close and eventually become a ruin. Do you want to live in a village where you can't get married, christen your children or hold a funeral for those you love?

To date we have raised over £50,000. Please be generous and add to this significantly with your bids.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS AND LOTS OF CASH!!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE AUCTION OF PROMISES?

On 26th April at Barford St Michael Village Hall - doors open at 6.00 pm for 7pm start

WHERE CAN I SEE THE AUCTION LIST OF PROMISES?

On the Barford News website, and on village noticeboards.

HOW DO I ACCESS THE WEBSITE?

Either on www.barfordnews.co.uk and then click on BN Archive

Or by scanning the QR code below which will take you straight to the Auction List.

CAN I SEE THE AUCTION LIST WITHOUT VISITING THE BN WEBSITE?

Details will be posted on notice boards at the Church and Village Hall. You can obtain a hard copy either from Mariann at Stonehaven, Lower St. , or from The George.

HOW DO I BID?

There are 3 ways to bid

1. Until midday on 26 April you can email your bid to bsm.auctionbids@btinternet.com. Make sure you give the lot number, your best and final bid, and your contact details
2. By telephone during the auction. If you want to make a telephone bid during the auction, email your telephone number to bsm.auctionbids@btinternet.com together with your name, address and the lot or lots you want to bid for. You will then be telephoned during the auction.
3. By bidding in person at the auction.





THE AUCTION OF PROMISES ITSELF

We want this to be fun and to raise as much as possible towards saving our church building! There are some wonderful promises on offer - something for everyone!

The auction will last about an hour and a half with a short break half way through. There will be a free drink (Hooky/wine/soft drinks) and a pay bar thereafter. Food will also be on sale.

When you arrive you will be given a numbered paddle after supplying your personal details.

Use this paddle to attract the auctioneer's attention if you want to make a bid.

After a successful bid you must pay on the night - someone will be sitting near the auctioneer with a card machine for you to pay during the auction or at the end. Alternatively you can pay cash.

Some items will be available for you to take home with you - otherwise you will be given details of the donor of the promise for you to arrange 'collection'.

SPREAD THE WORD - Your family, friends and contacts can all bid if you give them the links above - so please pass on the information to everyone you think might be interested. The more people that bid then the higher the chances of saving the church.

BARFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL

7.30PM, VILLAGE HALL

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

Have your say, ask questions and make suggestions.

Agenda

Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
Election of the Committee
Open Forum

After a short break this meeting will be followed by

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE A.G.M.

All residents are urged to attend this meeting and have a say in the Open Forum. The committee is keen to hear the views of everyone on the running of the hall, the facilities provided and the activities available



IMPORTANT – the following information was supplied by our Parish Clerk, David Best

Barford St John & Barford St Michael proposed 20mph & 30mph Speed Limits

Oxfordshire County Council wants to make our built environments safer and more attractive places to walk and cycle. To enable this, 20mph speed restrictions are being used to help promote alternative modes of transport for local travel. Further details on how the council is considering making 20mph the new 30mph for Oxfordshire communities can be found at:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/traffic/20mph-scheme/20mph-transformation-programme



Dear lovely people of The Barfords, I am very excited to become your next vicar! I have felt a strong calling to this role through the warm welcome you have shown me already, as I have served alongside you during your interregnum and in getting to know something of all the wonderful and diverse communities that together make up the Deddington Benefice. I am writing this as I come to the end of my three-year curacy in Bodicote, prior to which I trained at Cuddesdon theological college. Before my calling to ministry,

I enjoyed a 27 year career as an IT manager in both the public and private sectors, and have always had a strong faith since childhood. I am married to my wonderful wife, Vikki, who enjoys her work as a qualified accountant and we have two grown up children, Sam and Catherine. Sam is getting married in May, so 2024 is shaping up to be a very exciting year all round! In our spare time, we both enjoy country walks with our dog Nelson and I also enjoy landscape photography (when I get the time!), whilst Vikki is a keen bellringer. We are both really looking forward to moving in and getting to know you more, and I cannot wait to come onboard and start serving, supporting and leading you through the next stage of God's plans for our amazing parish and the wider benefice! You will find that I am passionate about people and communities, pastoral care, good worship that enriches our lives and helping to make known God's love for each one of us, without any exclusions.

By the time you read this, we will be in the Easter season and celebrating the joy of Christ's resurrection and the hope that brings for us all in every generation, so it is an especially wonderful time to be coming on board to start this new chapter in the life of our benefice. My licensing, installation and start date is April 23rd, with a special service at 7:30pm in Deddington Church and more details about that will be shared as soon as the planning is done (if they haven't already been released by the time you read this), so please do reserve that date in your diary, as it'd be lovely to see as many of you there as possible there. In the meantime, we are holding you all in our prayers, just as we would also appreciate yours for our move into this new role!

God bless and may the joy and peace of the risen Christ be with you always,

Nick

SIMNEL CAKE – an Easter Classic

Preparation time

less than 30 mins

Cooking time

1 to 2 hours

Serves

Serves 10–12



INGREDIENTS

For the almond paste

- 250g/9oz [caster sugar](#)
- 250g/9oz [ground almonds](#)
- 2 free-range [eggs](#), beaten
- 1 tsp [almond essence](#)

For the cake

- 175g/6oz butter or [margarine](#), plus extra for greasing
- 175g/6oz soft [brown sugar](#)
- 3 free-range [eggs](#), beaten
- 175g/6oz [plain flour](#)
- pinch [salt](#)
- ½ tsp ground [mixed spice](#) (optional)
- 350g/12oz mixed raisins, [currants](#) and sultanas
- 55g/2oz chopped mixed [peel](#)
- ½ lemon, grated [zest](#) only
- 1–2 tbsp [apricot jam](#)
- 1 free-range [egg](#), beaten for glazing

METHOD

1. For the almond paste, place the sugar and ground almonds in a bowl. Add enough beaten egg and mix to a fairly soft consistency. Add the almond essence and knead for 1 minute until the paste is smooth and pliable. Roll out a third of the almond paste to make a circle 18cm/7in in diameter and reserve the remainder for the cake topping.
2. Preheat oven to 140C/120C Fan/Gas 1. Grease and line a 18cm/7in cake tin.
3. For the cake, cream the butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs until well incorporated and then sift in the flour, salt and mixed spice (if using) a little at a time. Finally, add the mixed dried fruit, peel and grated lemon zest and stir into the mixture.
4. Put half the mixture into the cake tin. Smooth the top and cover with the circle of almond paste. Add the rest of the cake mixture and smooth the top leaving a slight dip in the centre to allow for the cake to rise. Bake in the preheated oven for 1¾ hours. Test by inserting a skewer in the middle – if it comes out clean, it is ready. Once baked, remove from the oven and set aside to cool on a wire rack.
5. Brush the top of the cooled cake with the apricot jam. Divide the remainder of the almond paste in half. Roll out a circle to cover the top of the cake with one half and form 11 small balls with the other half. Place the circle of paste on the jam glaze and set the balls round the edge. Brush the cake topping with a little beaten egg.
6. Preheat the grill to high. Place the cake onto a baking tray and grill for 1–2 minutes, or until the top of the marzipan begins to brown. Alternatively, lightly heat the cake topping using a cook's blowtorch, until the marzipan is golden brown.



BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB
Notes from our Potting Shed – April 2024

Daffodowndilly by A.A. Milne

She wore her yellow sunbonnet
 She wore her greenest gown
 She turned to the south wind
 And curtsied up and down.
 She turned to the sunlight
 And shook her yellow head
 And whispered to her neighbour:
 "Winter is dead."

We've lots of positive news to report this month!

AGM on Monday 26 February - We had a great attendance of 26 members plus 9 apologies. In the absence of a Chairman, the meeting was chaired by Jean Thomas, our Treasurer and Janet Morris, Committee member and between them they did a brilliant job. Also on hand was some very tasty wine and cheese and biscuits which was well received by members!

Membership now stands at 43 households with 60 individuals taking advantage of Club membership. Subscriptions are to remain at £5 per year/per household but may be increased in 2025/26.

The best news of the night was that Rebecca Moule who moved to the village last summer with her partner Jak, agreed to become Chairman. Predictably, there was a rousing round of applause for Rebecca as we've been struggling since Trevor Stevens moved up north last November. Sue Lane will remain Secretary and Jean Thomas, Treasurer. Janet Morris and Jess Romain will stay on the Committee and we're also delighted to welcome Kathryn Wheeler.

Rodney Hobbs will kindly organise our popular annual Seed Order again enabling members to obtain great discounts. Thank you Rodney.

Our Charity of the Year Our members voted unanimously to keep Katharine House Hospice as our charity and we will raise funds for them when we have our 'Spot the Pot' competition, further details in our May edition.

Subs Thank you to the large number who've paid. If you haven't, we'd like your £5 asap. Details: Via the bank: Santander, A/C No: 86893286, Sort Code: 09 01 54. Please add your name.

Cash: Please post £5 through Sue Lane's letterbox and add your name. (Stretford End, Lower Street).

Sorry, no cheques. If you've decided not to renew your membership this year, please send a short email to this effect to Sue Lane (see end of BN notes) as this helps to reduce admin.

Our Annual Plant Swap – Thurs 18 April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

It's a bit earlier in the season but 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 some cuttings for others, you then get to pick lots of plants to take home for your garden. Everyone's a winner, so don't forget to bring your wheelbarrow!

Church Auction of Promises – Fri 26 April

What a great way to help with the restoration of our lovely church. There are 2 lots which may greatly appeal to members, if so save the date!

1. **Two tickets for Member's Day at the Chelsea Flower Show**
2. **5 Bags of horse manure**

Gardeners' Question Time – No not the 'real' one on Radio 4 but our own version, to be hopefully held later this year. This excellent idea was put forward by Peter, one of our newer members. Further details to follow.

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
- Start to feed citrus plants
- Increase the water given to houseplants
- Feed hungry shrubs and roses
- Prune fig trees
- Divide bamboos and waterlilies

Lawns

- Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
- Mow lawns when necessary - whenever the grass is growing - the aim is to maintain a constant height throughout the year.
- Can you help pollinators, butterflies and moths by leaving islands of long grass?
- Repair lawn edges using a half-moon edging iron or spade to create a 7.5cm (3in) 'gutter' around the lawn. This will prevent grass creeping from the lawn into borders.

If you would like to join our Club, please don't hesitate to contact our Secretary, Sue Lane by email: sueandles45@hotmail.com We wish you many happy and warm gardening and allotment hours during April!



Spade and Fork

OPEN DAY

SPRING HILL FARM
CAMPSITE

📅 Saturday 13th April 2024

🕒 11 am - 3 pm

📍 Spring Hill Farm, Barford St Michael, OX15 0PL
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Join us for our Open Day and get an exclusive look inside the Shepherd's Huts, Bell Tents and discover our camping options.



COME AND SEE OUR GLAMPING AND CAMPING OPTIONS

- Shepherd Hut Stays
- Dog Friendly
- Bell Tent Hire
- Firepit Hire
- Grass Camping Pitches
- Group Bookings

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A PASSION FOR FASHION

Antonia Keaney

talks about her recently published book.



Set against a backdrop of Blenheim Palace, it provides an amusing look at some of the clothes, underclothes, shoes and accessories worn by many of the colourful characters in its 300-year history, as well as a cautionary look at the role that arsenic, lead, mercury and mousetraps played in the fashions of the day.

on Wednesday, 10th April

in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

All visitors very welcome (£5)

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INSPIRING WOMEN



DEDDINGTON Bookworms

February's book, **Next to Nature** by **Ronald Blythe**, was met with a mixed response, you could say it was 'Marmite' in fact. The book is a series of essays collated from 1993 to 2017 all about the countryside year with links to the ecclesiastical calendar too. Ronald Blythe, had an encyclopaedic knowledge of both the farming year and, because he was lay reader, the church year too.

Having been born into a poor farming family on leaving school at fourteen he worked in a bookshop and so began his self-education.

His witty and insightful writing style creates a book you want to follow through the year. Some Bookworms have bought their own copies to do just that. The descriptions of Suffolk and Essex are sublime, his use of similes is so well done. Ronald died in 2023 aged 100 and was obviously well regarded amongst his peers but what is very evident is his absolute love of the countryside and his knowledge of art, history, and literature.

Some enjoyed it and learnt from it; others just couldn't become absorbed by its gentle style and put it on the book pile. One Bookworm thought it would make an excellent audio book if it was read by a soothing voice.

Our next book is **The Gift of Radio** by **Justin Webb**.

Dates for next couple of meetings (all at 6.30pm Holly Tree) March 28th & April 25th

Deddingtonbookworms@gmail.com



From The Fire Station, Deddington

It has been a royally soggy month with callouts being a steady stream rather than a flood! RTCs and fires have kept all at the station occupied. A narrow escape saw quick extinguishing of a lounge fire caused by unattended scented candles and air oil fresheners, preventing a rapid escalation of the fire. Whilst the furniture and carpet were a total write off, further damage to the house was avoided and occupants no worse for wear than mild

smoke inhalation.

More locally, we were called to a thatched property with a reported fire. Upon arrival the fire had been quickly extinguished and we were tasked with damping down the roof and salvaging items from the room affected – fortunately, the door had been closed preventing further spread of fire and smoke.

If you follow our Facebook page and local news, you can't escape seeing pictures of a car on its roof, with both |deddington and Banbury attending another RTC. The occupant was able to extract themselves with the help of a local farmer and no other vehicles were involved.

Study wise, MOC (maintenance of competency) deadlines are fast approaching so the crew have been burning the midnight oil in front of their computers watching presentations and scenarios covering aircraft, buildings, floods, hazardous materials and casualty care to name but a few. This vital element allows all the knowledge we have gained through development training and on the job experience remain fresh in our minds and boosts confidence dealing with the varied situations we often find ourselves in. Also, both Ben and Adam inch closer to their officer assessments, this taking some of the OIC burden off both Chris and Andy.

FF James Greenwood, james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk

AN INVITATION



TO JOIN US



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

If possible, could you please get
'your Barford News Bits' to me by
the 13th April, a few days before
the 15th April deadline.

DEADLINE



Lucy, Editor

Hi, I'm Stephen and I am an on call fire fighter at
Deddington Fire Station 🚒.

I have some availability to help with garden work, odd
jobs and handy man type work to fit in around other
commitments and my on call fire fighter duties at the
fire station.

I am happy to quote to help with various jobs so please
get in touch if you would like me to look at any work. I
am available for work in and around the Deddington
area (within a 5 minute drive radius).

Perhaps you need some help cutting back a hedge,
putting up a shelf, mowing the lawn or fixing a tap.
Whatever you need some help with please get in touch.



Please contact Stephen Baker on 07703 161264



BULK OIL BUYING GROUP

Through 'Community First',
minimum order 500 Litres

www.communityfirst.org.uk/oil

A number of village residents are
already enjoying the benefits of
using this scheme.



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL Since half term in February the school has been busy, working hard across all aspects of the curriculum.

Our Fairtrade Group has shown great commitment and is excited to announce that here at Deddington School we are taking part in the 90kg Rice Challenge. The group also organised a Fairtrade Cake Stall. The sale took place after school at the start of March and it was a great event, supported by so many of our families and friends. Thank you to all those who came along and enjoyed the sale.

We also celebrated World Mental Health day by focusing on kindness and how we can promote kindness across our school.

World Book Day took place at the beginning of March and a great celebration of reading and books was enjoyed by every child in school. Children dressed up as any kind of word that relates to reading books/book characters/stories and they looked absolutely fantastic. Thank you to all of our families for their hard work in putting costumes together for this special celebratory day. The pupils are now looking forward to using their book tokens in participating book shops and superstores. putting them towards the full cost of a book.

We are currently loving the spring flowers which are coming out around our school grounds and we're all looking forward to brighter and lighter days ahead.

With best wishes for now, from all of us here at school,

Denise Welch



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

This month we have been busy focusing on our Science Badge.

We were very grateful for a visit from our local vet who shared some of their fabulous knowledge with us. We dissected animal hearts and kidneys whilst learning about how the organs work. We looked at blood, hair and bone samples under a microscope and inspected real animal bones!

We also practiced putting bandages on some cats and dogs, thankfully they were stuffed cuddly toys and so unable to wriggle too much!

We had great fun looking at what makes a structure strong and then designed and built our own structures made of spaghetti and marshmallows. We challenged our structures to support an egg. Some were more successful than others but overall, we only had a few broken eggs!

Tracy Tong deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

We've updated our navigation training & moved into the modern world by using What3Words.

The Scouts with phones downloaded the app, went out into The Windmill grounds & hid a cone, recording the co-ordinates before swapping them with another group, who then had to find it.

All were located except the one hidden in a tree – cunning! I love the way some of them think outside the box.

This was a test before we play over a larger area.

We next attempted some cooking, a challenge as we have over 20 boys at present, so decided on making puddings using mugs & a microwave. We made seven different puds, most of which were quite successful, apart from the one that looked as if it had already passed through someone's digestive system!

Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

FOR SALE- £100



**SINGER sewing machine stand and painted
Butler's Sink**
Dimensions:
H: 700 cms - overall
W: 800 cms
D: 500 cms

Contact Lucy (the Ed) at
lulu.norman@btinternet.com

Lotus Blossom
Gardening & maintenance

	Vegetables	
	Flowers	
	Shrubs & Trees	

I understand the importance of a well-maintained garden and the peace of mind that comes with having a beautiful outdoor space. I love to help create and look after gardens that warm your heart and nourish your spirit.

Please call me to arrange a free visit & chat

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reviewed by
Lucy Norman

Where did you eat?	Blue Diamond Garden Centre, Bicester
Cuisine?	A bit of everything
RATINGS	Out of 5 stars.....
Food	★★★★★
Service	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Atmosphere	★★★★★

COMMENTS:

Ann Baxter, Hilary Nicholls and I had a trip to Blue Diamond Garden Centre a few weeks ago. Not only was it lovely to have a mooch around all of the garden and "house-y" stuff without lots of 'man-sighing' and asking "are you're finished" but we also squeezed in a bit of lunch in their lovely restaurant (see picture below).

I have eaten there before and the food is really, really good. Between us we had a brie & cranberry toasted sandwich on white bloomer (with fries, tut-tut), an egg mayo sandwich on white bloomer (with fries) and a cheese & ham on brown wholemeal bread with salad.

Apart from a vast choice of sarnies, baguettes etc., there is so much more to choose from. Jackets and fillings, pies, pastries, hot dinners, eg pie & chips, all at really reasonable prices.





It's dismayed that flea treatments commonly used for dogs and cats may contain neonicotinoids, which are likely to cause dire harm to aquatic wildlife when treated dogs swim in rivers

and ponds or even just by getting into water systems when we wash our hands after stroking a treated animal. I was shocked to learn that Frontline, widely available, is one of these products. What do vets currently recommend for owners who want to treat their pets without endangering wildlife and ecosystems?

Great question! Firstly let me say, there are so many options for parasite control in dogs and cats these days, a lot of which do not involve applying products to the skin. Vets do their best to prescribe any parasiticide judiciously after a risk assessment based on the animals lifestyle, but there are several issues which have come to light in more recent years. The first, as you rightly mention, is the potentially leaching of chemicals from the animals fur into waterways. These pollutants can have far reaching detrimental effects on the environment as you pointed out.

The other issue is that of resistance. We are (hopefully) all aware of the terrifying prospect of antimicrobial resistance to a lot of the antibiotics that are used to treat humans. Doctor and Vets alike are counselled on how to try to minimise antibiotic use to reduce the risk of common human infections being one day untreatable, and potentially fatal. The same is true for the types of drugs we use to control parasites. A lot of the commonly used drugs are now ineffective, especially those to treat fleas. Last year I saw so many cats and dogs with flea infestations that had been treated with supposedly efficacious products.

On the whole, fleas are generally a nuisance to most pets and owners, but some dogs and cats can have severe allergic reactions to flea saliva and become severely itchy and sore. Fleas can also carry tapeworm which infest the dog or cat when eaten off of the fur. In cats, fleas can also carry a harmful organism which can cause severe anaemia and sometimes death. Ticks can also be very dangerous, especially given the increasing number of pets travelling abroad and being exposed to ticks carrying exotic diseases we previously didn't

see in the UK. The most concerning parasite we have seen in increasing numbers is lungworm in dogs. Lungworm infestation can be fatal in dogs and the symptoms can be very vague. Lungworm is transmitted by slugs and snails and, thanks to the recent heavy rain, we are seeing more and more cases.

So it is a given that we must protect our pets, but we must also protect the environment. What is the solution? There are an increasing number of anti-parasitic treatments that can be given orally in the form of tablets. There are also injections available for use in cats that interfere with the life cycle of fleas. So the use of topical/spot-on treatment/collars can be largely avoided, providing your pet (cats especially!) will tolerate taking a tablet or having an injection. There may still be ways these drugs can affect the environment via the excretion of drug metabolites in the faeces and urine of animals but I believe the risk is lower.

In summary I would suggest;

- each pet has a risk assessment performed based on their lifestyle and are only treated for the parasites they are likely to encounter
- products should be used which have up to date information on their efficacy
- products should be used at appropriate intervals (i.e. not more frequently than needed)
- ideally tablets or injections should be used in place of spot-on treatments or collars

Sophie Hamner



Thank you to Veronique for passing this information on, always handy to know before setting off.

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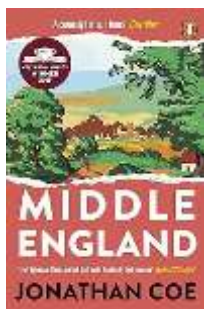
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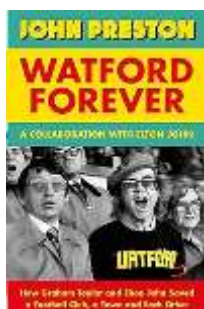
Due to the unbelievable amounts of rain recently, the wall in the Garden of Remembrance, next to us at The Old Chapel, finally came down.

Helen Honour, one of the Trustees, was straight on the case and called in Chris & David who expertly put the jigsaw of a wall back together. I wonder if they would be for a bit of bridge reconstruction...??

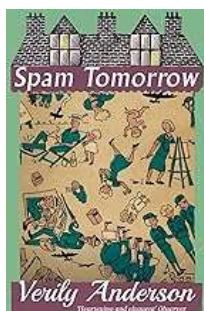
READING RECOMMENDATIONS



Middle England by Jonathan Coe moves from 2010 through general elections, the Brexit referendum and London Olympics and on to 2018 (in the future at the time of publication). Known as a chronicler of our times and the various attitudes, biases and aspirations of the public, Coe looks at this turbulent time from the perspectives of characters including political journalist Doug, Ben Trotter who finds unexpected success as a novelist, and lecturer Sophie who deplores her mother-in-law's casual racism, finds herself at serious odds with her new husband over Brexit then is suspended from her university post over a casual remark to a transgender student. In this larger-than-life, still topical, left-leaning but not one-sided novel, Coe blends pathos, seriousness and comedy with a deft touch. I especially enjoyed the snippy conversations between socialist Doug and a Downing Street press apologist for 'Dave' (i.e. Lord Cameron of Chipping Norton). **Linda Newbery**



Watford Forever by John Preston. Britain in the 1970s was beset by unrest and unemployment, inflation soared and hooliganism was on the rise. For Watford FC, the outlook was even gloomier: a rundown, rat-infested ground, an uninspiring side with holes in their kit and barely enough fans to fill a stand. Of the 92 clubs in the Football League, spread across four divisions, Watford were in 92nd place! **Watford Forever** is an extraordinary and readable true account of Elton John's ownership of Watford FC and its transformational journey to the top of the First Division under iconic manager Graham Taylor. Inspiring and at times funny, this is a tribute to football's unlikely friendship and how a global superstar and a straight-talking former fullback (with a love of Vera Lynn) beat overwhelming odds and their personal demons to save a club, a town and each other. Immersed in the grime and glamour of '70s Britain, *Watford Forever* is, I believe, one of sport's great underdog stories. **Paul Freeman**



Spam Tomorrow, by Verily Anderson. Courage, humour and resilience are the keynotes of this exhilarating memoir of life on the Home Front in World War Two. Anxious to do her bit, the author enrolled in the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, but - having been court-martialled for crashing an ambulance into a gatepost - she escaped to marry Donald Anderson, who was working in the Ministry of Information. With all the verve of someone who had mastered the art of riding a bicycle whilst simultaneously playing the violin, Verily kept the home fires burning, giving birth during an air raid, dodging the Blitz, endlessly moving house, keeping calm and carrying on. A fascinating cast of characters come and go, some for ever. This was total war after all, however entertainingly described. Finally an exhausted Peace descended. It was well-earned. Zest for life is an engaging quality, and these pages fizz with it. **Jenny Greeves**



Our regular contributor John Bowers has a book published this month: **Downward Spiral: collapsing public standards and how to restore them**. John will appear at the Chipping Campden Literature Festival on Saturday 11th May, Cidermill Theatre, 3.30 pm. Tickets are available, plus details of the whole programme, at campdenmayfestivals.co.uk.

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

HELP US TO SAVE OUR SWIFTS



Swifts are amazing little birds but due to the renovation of old buildings their traditional nest sites are being lost. We still have 1 or 2 nests in the village and have already put up nest boxes at Stonehaven and The Geoge BUT we need more...!!

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need to act quickly. These beautiful and charismatic little birds have declined by 65% in UK. We can stop and reverse this decline if we act now.

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CONTACT: mariann.young@btinternet.com or mason@cando.eclipse.co.uk (Chris Mason at the Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project)

A small selection of 'What's On' at Banbury Museum during the Easter Holidays



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On Thinking Day, 22nd February, as is traditional, we turned our thoughts to the beginning of Guides over a 100 years ago but also to Guiding Internationally.

We learnt about how life in many other countries is quite different, and in many cases much tougher for Guides and Girl Scouts living there.

We tried fruits from many other countries, all the Guides challenging themselves to try something new!!

Otherwise we have been busy planning our entertainment for the end of term to raise money for charity.

Maggie Rampley 07957 600755



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Celebrate the life of a loved one at our special Rose to Remember event this June. More than 350 roses will form part of a stunning temporary installation at popular National Trust property, Upton House and Gardens from 18 to 30 June. Each white rose will be hand-crafted especially for Katharine House by British Ironworks and dedicated to the life and memory of someone special. Find out more here: www.khh.org.uk/rose-remember.

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“Don't worry. Just go out there and be yourself.”

Impressionist Rory Bremner on the worst advice he has ever received,

quoted in the Daily Mail



New Year has been and gone, resolutions have been made (and forgotten already!!?), but have you made the important resolution to book in for the 2024 Broughton Castle Sportive on Sunday July 7th 2024?



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DEDDINGTON PFSU

During the Four Farms Challenge which is taking place on Sunday 19th May, we have on offer a wonderful range of children's activities. Such as medal making, word scramble, face painting and yoga. Yoga tickets can be pre-booked from 15th April. To book please email info@deddingtonnurseryandpfsu.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Charlotte Witka
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The draw took place at Coffee Morning
in the Hall

GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

BARFORD ENVIRONMENT NETWORK is a friendly, informal group that looks for ways of greener living in our villages. We'd very much welcome your suggestions as to what future events you'd like us to run to support our community in becoming more sustainable and improving our environment.

Sign up for our monthly newsletter or join the **Four Villages WhatsApp group** for regular updates; find us at Barford Village Market every month with our **SESI** refills or to collect free deliveries from **Nothing But Footprints**, Banbury's zero-waste shop. Details below.

People, Planet, Pint meetings



These monthly gatherings rotate around the four villages. We were delighted that more than 30 people attended our first meeting at The George and will look forward to our next one there in June. Before that, the April 18th meeting will be at The White Horse, Duns Tew, and the May 23rd one at the Red Lion in Deddington, both at 7pm. Sign up to attend and get a token for a free drink. Next time we'll have themed tables – home energy, electric cars, nature restoration, sustainable food, etc

– making it easy to mix and join a discussion on what interests you most. Find details of all meetings at

<https://small99.co.uk/people-planet-pint-meetup/>.

More events



The Deddington group has been busy tree-planting, with its community orchard now well-established. If you'd like to learn more about this, join the annual working party at **Welford's Piece in Clifton, 10 am, Sunday 21st April**, followed by a pub lunch at the Great Western Arms.

Deddington Farmers' Market: the Four Villages are having occasional themed stalls. On **Saturday April 27th**, the stall will be the focus of discussions about car-sharing in our villages.

The Four Villages are busy preparing for **Great Big Green Week** in June. Dates already agreed are:

Sunday June 9th, 2 – 4 pm: Clothes Swap at Barford Village Hall. Please start saving any men's, women's, children's or babies' clothing you no longer need, as well as accessories: bags, hats, gloves, scarves etc. More details to follow.

Tuesday June 11th, 7 pm: a guided farm walk at Mead Farm, Barford St John – farming for nature.

Pesticides Action Network - It's the time of year when garden centres and supermarkets seem intent on encouraging us to wage war on nature, eradicating weeds, slugs and 'bugs' with a variety of sprays and pellets. But what harm are these products doing to wildlife, pets - and humans? If you poison the slugs in your garden, what's the effect on moles, amphibians and songbirds such as thrushes? "Thanks in part to the [massive increase in pesticide use](#) in recent years, the UK's environment is at crisis point. Pesticides have contaminated much of our soil and water and are devastating populations of birds, bees and other wildlife." **Pesticides Action Network** aims to influence government policy and to promote safe and sustainable alternatives. Find out more at <https://www.pan-uk.org/>.

Well done **Burford Garden Company**, which has a policy of not stocking sprays, pellets or other products that risk harming wildlife and the environment. Our gardens can be important wildlife refuges if we manage them in ways sympathetic to nature.

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The **February Deddington Farmers' Market** saw the local launch of the **Olio** app for sharing and avoiding waste. Since then, local sign-ups to the app have more than doubled. It's a great way to giving away surplus food and also to find homes for non-food items, ask for something you need, or find tools to borrow. We're hoping to set up a **Library of Things** with a base in Deddington. Find out more at <https://olioapp.com/en/>

Green Thought is compiled by Linda Newbery. Contributions are welcome. To join the newsletter or WhatsApp group please email L.newbery@btinternet.com. For free deliveries to our Village Market from **Nothing But Footprints**, see www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk and order by the Thursday night before a market Saturday. Choose Barford Market as your delivery option.

THE REVEREND ALFRED CHARLES HIGHTON

I found this recently in an old *Cake and Cockhorse* article and it was printed in 1970's. In view of the fact that we will be welcoming a new vicar to our churches here in the Barfords in the near future, I thought you might be interested in reading about a previous new incumbent to the village. The article is quite long so I have paraphrased it, but you get the gist of the man!



The Reverend Alfred Charles Highton has now (1970s) been dead over forty years, yet there must be many in the village and beyond who remember him vividly, for he was certainly one above most others whom once known are never forgotten. He was a character of characters, a super eccentric and a mass of contradictions: a saint who was full of faults, devout and full of kindness and compassion yet abrasive to a degree, you could expect almost anything. Yet above all a true parish priest.

The first sight Barfordians got of their new vicar was of him riding into the village on horseback, a black-bearded man, tall, gangling and muscular, a formidable-looking customer. Any rowdies at village concerts soon learnt that the vicar believed in direct action, would take anybody on, and without hesitation act as his own highly efficient chucker-out.

He lived a severely bachelor life, Spartan and tough, a cold bath every morning, immensely long bicycle excursions including to Oberammergau, long walks accompanied by half dozen or so dogs, some of them Great Danes, who he fed once a day at midnight with horse meat that had been boiled all day.

He was very keen on theatricals and wrote plays and sketches for performance on the stage at the village school in the oil lamplit, candle-foot lighted, heavily curtained stage and the vicar often contributed a song or two with innumerable verses and a marching chorus.

His sermons were always interesting and not without entertainment. The vicar's teeth were not too well fixed and would sometimes fall out, but he was not a good fielder for nothing and always managed to catch them halfway down the front of the pulpit. Strangely, not an atom of dignity was lost, just a gasp of surprise, admiration and thankfulness.

He remained at Barford for nearly 12 years and died in the Horton infirmary in 1932 at the age of 80. He is buried just off the pathway leading up to the church porch with a simple stone cross and surround marking the spot and the inscription simply saying 'Better with God'.

Cubby Brett



HOME SECURITY I, personally, can sometimes become a bit complacent when it comes to home security so I thought a little reminder wouldn't hurt. So, here are the Top 5 tips to keeping your home safe. (Source: *The Daily Telegraph*)

- 1. Use Both Locks on Your Door:** Ensure that you engage both locks on your door. Even if you have two locks, people often use only one. A burglar can easily detect if the second lock isn't engaged by putting their foot against the door and checking for movement. The first lock (such as a Yale lock or cylinder lock) is usually straightforward to bypass.
- 2. Obscure Your Windows:** If a burglar can see into your property, it becomes an attractive target. Consider using curtains, blinds, or frosted glass to prevent outsiders from peering inside.
- 3. Install Window Locks:** Window locks are effective because burglars prefer not to break windows if they can avoid it. Reinforce your windows with sturdy locks to deter unauthorized entry.
- 4. Letterbox Cage:** Burglars often use a long stick to "fish" keys through the letterbox. Install a cage on the inside of your letterbox to prevent this. It's a simple yet effective measure.
- 5. Decoy Key:** Place a decoy key under the doormat or in an obvious location. Make it look like the real thing, but ensure it doesn't fit the lock. This tactic can slow down a burglar and discourage them from persisting.



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Banbury office 01295 754 541

Thames Valley Crime-stoppers

0800 555 111



Deddington Post Office Hours

Mon-Fri 10.00am–4.00pm

Saturday and Sunday closed, except for farmers' market days when the Post Office opens for the duration of the market, that is, 9.00am–12.30pm.

Volunteer Connect Community Transport Scheme

Taking passengers of all ages, to medical appointments, social events, shopping trips and visits to day centres, clubs, relatives etc.
The price is 45p per mile to cover the cost of petrol.
Call us on 0300 3030 125 or email
transport@volunteerconnect.org.uk

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'back to normal' OPENING HOURS

Monday 2.00–7.00pm
Wednesday 9.30am–1.00pm
Thursday 1.00–5.00pm
Saturday 9.30am–1.00pm

Buses:

Dial-a-Ride, door-to-door service
operates Monday to Friday
Telephone requests at least 7 days in
advance please to arrange pick-up 0845 310 1111

Deddington Farmers' Market

Fourth Saturday of each month
(Third Saturday in December)
9am to 12.30pm

Fresh meat, game, vegetables, eggs
Mushrooms, fish, honey,
cakes, pies and more
Craft stalls in the church

DROP IN COFFEE MORNINGS

Ex-Servicemen's Hall, Bloxham
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Details of rates from the booking secretary –
Jess Romain on 01869 338 772
Any day before 8pm

Barford St. John and St. Michael Parish Council

Clerk: - David Best
Street Farm
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Chairman:	Mrs. S. Turner	01869 337228
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Parish Council meetings are held Bi-monthly in the Village Hall on 1st Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm

This is an opportunity for parishioners to bring questions or concerns to the meeting in person

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

ALLOTMENT QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK

VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY
Diary dates to the editor by 15th of each month please

CHURCH SERVICES
Church of England

Church services for April - St Michael

Sunday 7th April - Coffee & Chat 10.30am

Sunday 14th April - HC 9am

Sunday 21st April - Family Service 10.30am

Sunday 28th April - Family HC 10.30am

**IMPORTANT NOTICE RELATING TO DEDDINGTON,
BARFORD AND HEMPTON CHURCH ENQUIRIES**

Rev. Nick Fielden has been appointed as our next vicar, and is hoping to take up the appointment at the end of April.

Meanwhile, anyone requiring assistance with weddings, funerals, home visits or consultation with a priest should contact one of the church wardens at Barford or Deddington churches who will then arrange for a suitably qualified person to contact you.

Churchwardens contact details :-

The Barfords

Sue Addison or Sally Barber both
at barfordchurches234@gmail.com

Deddington Stan Nelson or Lucinda Fuoco at
wardens@deddingtonchurch.org

Methodist Chapel

For details of services contact:

Mr Robbie Pilkington ☎ 01295 811367

Roman Catholic

Holy Trinity Catholic Church,
26 London Road, Chipping Norton, OX7 5AX
Phone: 07484 158642

Parish Priest: Father Clive Dytor

Fr.clive.dytor@rcaob.org.uk

Email: holytrinity.chippingnorton@raob.org

Website: <http://holytrinityrc-chippingnorton.com>

On Call: Rev. Deacon Robert Hughes

Tel: 01295 720869 | Mobile: 07766 711984

Masses:

Saturday - 6pm Vigil Mass, Sunday - 11.00am Mass

Weekdays Normally 9.15am, subject to change

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Regular Weekly/Monthly Events

Mondays	Boys Brigade Band Practice
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) Beavers, Bloxham Primary School
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>)

APRIL

10th WI Talk 'A Passion for Fashion'

13th OPEN DAY Spring Hill Farm

13th Village Spring Clean Up

18th Garden Club Plant Swap

20th Village Market

24th Parish Council AGM

26th AUCTION of PROMISES at The Village Hall

MAY

1st Parish Council Meeting

19th Four Farms Challenge