



TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

20th July 2021

12.30PM for 1PM

Menu

Main Course

Chicken, Ham & Leek Pie

Served with Broccoli, Mange Tout, Carrot Batons and Roasted New Potatoes.

Or

Salmon, Asparagus and Brie Quiche

Served with Mixed Salad, Beetroot, Coleslaw and Minted New Potatoes

Desserts

Chocolate and Baileys Roulade

Or

Rhubarb Fool with Raspberries and Shortbread Biscuit

Finally

Coffee & Tea

Price £6.00

As usual please bring your own drinks to have with your meal

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

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

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

PLEASE NOTE

Due to Covid restrictions we are only offering 30 places this month. In view of the fact people don't receive their Barford News at the same time, we feel it is fairer, for this month, that we do not start to take bookings until 9am Monday 5th July, in order that everyone has the same opportunity.

BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A PURELY FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

SHOULD THE COVID REGULATIONS CHANGE ADVERSLY AND PREVENT THIS MEAL

WE WILL NOTIFY YOU.

IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT COVID REGULATIONS PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK ON ENTERING THE HALL AND ONLY REMOVE WHEN SEATED. ALSO, KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM ONE ANOTHER AND, WHEN THE MEAL IS COMPLETED, REPLACE YOUR MASK WHEN LEAVING.

Parish Council Notes

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 9th June 2021 at the Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Eden, Cox, Best, and Mr. 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 5th May 2021 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian:

Arash Fatemian is delighted to have been returned as County Councillor for a further four years. The Conservative Party is now in opposition with a Lib-Dem/Green/Labour Alliance in charge at County Hall

Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams:

The District Councillor update is displayed in the Parish Council noticeboard by the Village Hall for Parishioners to read.

Public Participation: None.

Allotments:

There are currently no spare allotments available and there is nobody on the waiting list.

Two allotments are not currently being cultivated and the Clerk is writing to the holders to ask them to either cultivate their allotment or give it up as plants go to seed and contaminate neighbouring allotments.

Permission has been granted to an allotment holder to erect a greenhouse.

A temporary repair has been carried out on the water supply enabling water to be restored to some of the standpipes and it is hoped that a full repair will be carried out within a few weeks.

Allotment queries are handled by the Clerk, David Best who can be contacted on 07787 496774 or davidbest.barfordspc@gmail.com

Parish Matters:

Bridge Repairs – The Parish Council has not yet been invited to the planned meeting with Oxfordshire County Council. OCC has advised that the road will be opened with a temporary width restriction as soon as the signs have been installed and that the bridge repairs should be completed by 30th September 2022.

New Noticeboard outside Village Hall – It was agreed to replace this noticeboard. The Village Hall Management Committee is contributing £500 towards the cost.

Murreys Lane Boundary of West Close – It was agreed with the Play Area Committee that additional hedging would be planted along the boundary in February 2022.

No mow May Trial – The verges are due to be mown this month. Feedback on the trial has been mixed with some parishioners in support and others against. One parishioner emailed the Parish Council specifically to thank them for allowing the verges to flower.

Speeding traffic along South Newington Rd

– There has been increased traffic along South Newington Road due to the bridge closure. A resident has complained about the speeding and asked if village residents could be asked to drive carefully. An accident between a car and an agricultural vehicle was reported to the Parish Council.

Parking along Lower Street

– a resident has complained about cars parked along Lower Street. There are no parking restrictions, but dangerously parked cars should be reported to the Police.

Planning:

21/00931/F – Crown House – CDC Permitted
12/05/2021

21/01097/F – 10 Broad Close – CDC Permitted
24/05/2021

21/01194/F – Blackingrove Farm – Parish Council supports

21/01462/F – 6 Church Street – Parish Council supports

21/01756/F – 25 Broad Close – Parish Council supports

21/01830/F – Bloxham Bridge Barn – Parish Council supports

Finance:

Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £467.49.

Next Meetings:

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd June at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th July 2021 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.

The Bridge Latest received via our Parish Clerk

Sent: 14 June 2021 09:26

Subject: Bridge over River Swere, Barford Bridge

Dear Sirs,

It is intended to re-open the above bridge by Wednesday of this week to vehicles of no greater than 3T Gross weight, enforced by a physical width restriction of 2m (6'6"), as signage alone is not reliable and there is a significant risk of collapse if heavier vehicles attempt to cross the bridge. Once re-opened the bridge will continue to be monitored for further deterioration, which may warrant its closure.

There is currently a shortage of engineering resources and a significant backlog of other urgent bridge works within the County. It is acknowledged that this interim solution of the weight and width restriction will cause significant disruption to local businesses and school buses, but no more suitable alternative has been found. A temporary bailey type bridge over the existing bridge cannot readily be installed or arranged through our term consultant/contractor. This solution has been recently looked at on another similar sized bridge, for which it was indicated that this would take more than 6 months to arrange and cost of the order of £180,000 and would result in delays to other urgent bridge schemes.

The earliest that the bridge can be repaired/partially reconstructed to bring it up to full strength through our term consultant/contractor is at least 12 months and this would result in significant delay to other urgent bridgeworks. In order to avoid significant disruption to the current bridge's programme it is anticipated that it could be five years before a permanent solution is installed here. Further engineering resources are being sought to address the current shortfall, which are insufficient to carry out all the desired urgent works within this year, for which interim measures are having to be provided elsewhere as a result.

Due to these current issues the weight and width restriction is being installed as a semi-permanent measure using permanent signage. There has unfortunately been a small delay in the manufacture of these signs, which have now been delivered and are being erected now.

Robin Calver, Principal Highway Structures Engineer
Highway Asset Management (Bridges), Communities
Oxfordshire County Council

**Thursday Mornings
In the Village Hall and Garden**

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WELCOME

To New residents

Andy and Susan

Recently moved in at

Their new home on The Green

We hope they will be very
Happy in their new home

DOWN ON THE FARM

Thank you to the very generous residents of the Barfords. Between us we have raised nearly £250 for Katharine House Hospice through the sale of copies of 'Down On The Farm' - a compilation of Tony's contributions to Barford News between April 2013 and December 2019.

Special thanks also to Mariann for her brilliant job as marketing manager! It was down to her enthusiasm that we undertook the project in the first place.

We are so pleased that we have been able to pay tribute to Tony and raise money for this very worthwhile cause.

Thank You!
Steph Collier

(There are a few copies left if anyone is interested -
01869 338635)

MY LIFE WITH PUPPETS

By
Alix Booth



Holding your hands above your head for an hour at a time whilst trying not to swallow your swizzle is not easy. But for Professor Alix Booth, a Punchwoman from the village of Burbage outside Marlborough, it's been a lifelong passion.

Come along to our WI Meeting to hear this exceptionally talented, amusing and experienced puppeteer.

**At 7.30pm on
Wednesday 14th July
Village Hall**

**Visitors please contact Christine Hall to book a place. (338659)
barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk**

A Evening Not To Be Missed!!



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

1st Deddington Guides

Our outdoor programme continues!! Dollar Market was hugely popular. Each patrol is given an amount of currency to purchase equipment required to fulfil set challenges. The aim is then to see who uses their resources wisely and earns the most!!

These challenges included filling a container from the bridge, 1st aid, making a mini stretcher, creating a mini stretcher, hunting for plants and mini beasts, building a tower and balancing an egg on top etc.

Ready , Steady cook produced some lovely suppers , cooked over an open fire!! Well done guides!!

Knotting and lashing are useful skills , and the guides quickly learnt and proved skilful and inventive.

Lastly we spent a lovely evening at The Manor campsite at Barford (Thank you very much).....learning how to put up tents. The Guides went about this with great enthusiasm and loved the old faithful canvas tents..... and we wondered and hoped we might be able to camp this year? maybe we'll just sleep under the stars!!!..... whilst younger guides learned new skills the senior guides demonstrated putting up more modern light weight tents..... well done all round.

What great outdoor plans await?

Girls of 10 or above come along and see what we get up to!!

Call Maggie on 07957 600755

or email Marian at mariantrinder@gmail.com

**BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET
SATURDAY 17th JULY**

10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

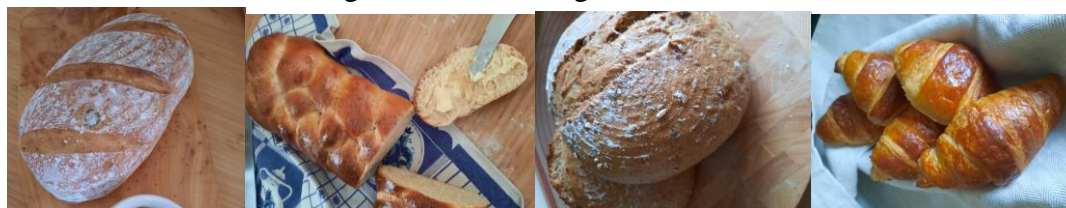
Moore & Lyon, with their lovely selection of home-reared meats,

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

Plus Our Exciting New Producers

**Lovas Bakery providing Delicious Artisan Breads direct from Hempton, Olive sourdough
bread,**

Nana sourdough bread, sourdough croissants, And much , much more!



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



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

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

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

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING FROM THE KITCHEN



*"These tiny loiterers on the barley's beard,
And happy units of a numerous herd
Of playfellows, the laughing Summer brings,
Mocking the sunshine in their glittering wings,
How merrily they creep, and run, and fly!
No kin they bear to labour's drudgery,
Smoothing the velvet of the pale hedge-rose;
And where they fly for dinner no one knows--
The dew-drops feed them not--they love the shine
Of noon, whose sun may bring them golden wine.
All day they're playing in their Sunday dress--
Till night goes sleep, and they can do no less;
Then, to the heath bell's silken hood they fly,
And like to princes in their slumbers lie,
Secure from night, and dropping dews, and all,
In silken beds and roomy painted hall.
So merrily they spend their summer day,
Now in the cornfields, now the new-mown hay."
- John Clare, *Insects*, 1850*

JOBS TO DO IN AND AROUND THE GARDEN

All these jobs and more are available to see in more detail on the RHS website.

Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt; Care for houseplants while on holiday: Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise: Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering: Pick courgettes before they become marrows: Treat apple scab: Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up: Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs: Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, (but don't feed wildflower patches or meadows): Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines.

PEAT FREE, we hope you are all continuing to use PEAT FREE composts.

PLANT AND SEED SWAP, this was held on Saturday May 22nd, in the Village Hall garden, after some lockdown restrictions had been lifted. Sue Lane organised this and she and Trevor did a Covid Assessment for the event. Around 30 people came and brought plants and collected others. It was a real treat to be able to mix together and chat over some lovely refreshments organised by Sue and Janet. Well done both. Trevor and his son Ashley spent much time arranging the tables, seed 'cabinet' and a small covered area in case of rain, which fortunately did not arrive. Thank you both. The remaining plants were taken back to Townsend where Trevor arranged them outside his house for a further week. Almost all plants were taken.

ZOOM, Entitled 'CLIPPINGS' our first Garden Club Zoom took place on Monday May 17th. It was a talk by Darren Lerigo of Modern Mint. Janet had arranged this and although not a huge number joined the Zoom it was a real treat and so informative. Not only were we treated to super photographs of topiary that Darren had carried out but also given a huge amount of information about Box, substitutes for it, and disease control. Darren is also a gardener specialising in pruning and again many photographs were shown, including the large pyracantha on a house wall in Sandford St.Martin. We were told when to prune. For clematis he advised keeping the labels but if they got lost then "Flowers before June...don't prune and Flowers after June prune late autumn". Darren said that anyone can attempt topiary on almost any plant, both evergreen and deciduous and it can be quite 'organic' as opposed to formal. You can take all lower branches off trees to expose trunks (cow browse) and make the tops architectural! The idea is to look at mature plants, deciduous better as they grow faster. Bay is also an excellent one to start with as it can all be done at once. **CHECK FOR ANY NESTING BIRDS BEFORE COMMENCING.** In fact there was so much information that being a member of our Garden Club would have been available to you. Looking forward to seeing all the Barfordians attempts at topiary in the near future!

If anyone wishes to join the Garden Club, to get many discounts and when permitted, talks and visits, please get in touch 01295 720521 or email

www.gunillatreen.co.uk

£5 per household per year is an amazing investment. We hope that before too long we can return to having our visits and actual talks, it will be fun won't it?

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION, see separate notice.

MEMBERS EMAILS, these are now being beautifully co-ordinated by Sue, thank you.

FUTURE EVENTS, there is to be a talk by Andrew Howard, entitled "**Apples and Pears**" at the end of October or beginning of November. Final date for this and other ideas will be emailed to members as soon as the Committee has organised.

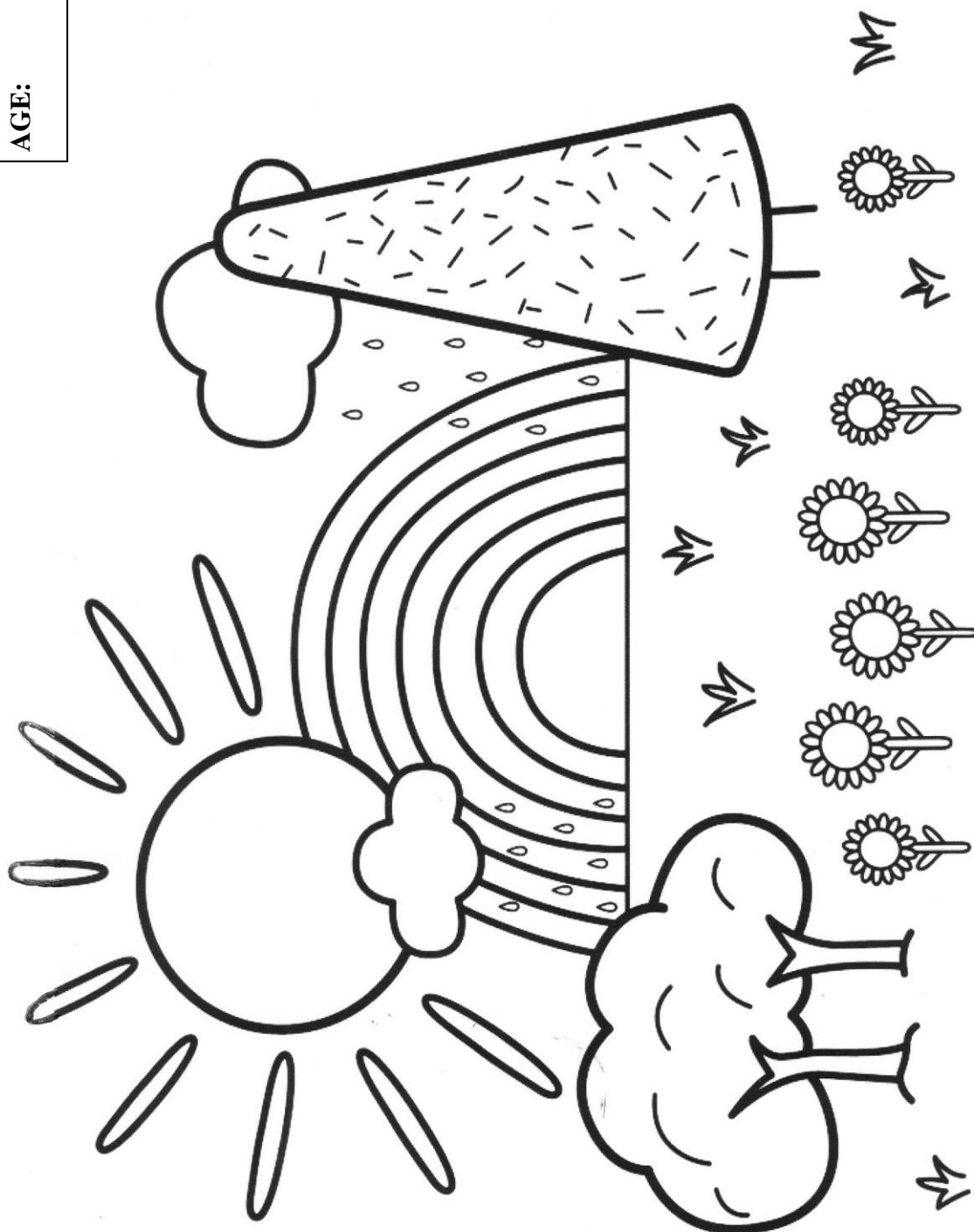
Happy July Gardening.....enjoy your gardens, wear a hat, keep hydrated and sit in the shade, meeting your friends and admiring your hard work.

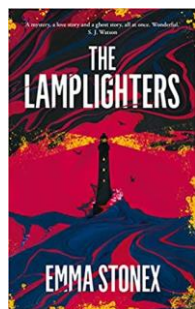
SPADE and FORK



VILLAGE SHOW
7 Years and Under
Class 52 – Colouring Picture

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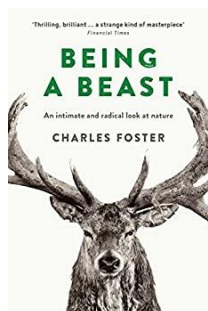


The Lamplighters by Emma Stonex is a haunting novel, set on a remote outcrop, miles off the rugged coast of Cornwall and inspired by a true event. The crew of a resupply ship are shocked to find an abandoned lighthouse; a door locked from the inside, a table set for only two

and clocks stopped at the same hour. What was the fate of the three men who have vanished in such strange circumstances and can their secrets ever be recovered from the waves?

Twenty years later, the women the keepers left behind are still struggling with the lack of answers. They should have been bonded by such a tragedy, but instead it had driven them apart. When an author arrives with the intention of solving the puzzle and writing a book, based on the disappearances, he gives them the chance to tell their side of the story and confront their darkest fears. I suspect readers will be left with more questions than answers as this intriguing tale unravels ... with a supernatural twist!

Paul Freeman

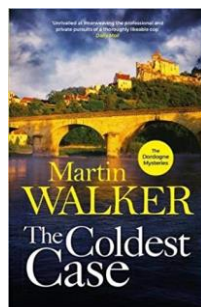


Being a Beast by Charles Foster: I appreciate anything unique. This book is certainly that. A polymath of extraordinary accomplishment (and, I ought to declare, a friend), Charles Foster decided that in order fully to comprehend badgers, otters, deer, foxes, and

swifts, he should live as them.

I'm not talking about dressing up. I'm talking about eating worms, sleeping in a river, foraging in dustbins, and being hunted. I'm talking about lavatorial habits ordinarily associated with advanced lunacy. Foster admits his behaviour appears mad at best and perverted at worst, yet his book is packed with information, insight, humour, and self-deprecation. His commitment to the cause is total, but this isn't just about courageously executing a fantastic idea. Foster is a terrific writer. The tale is also shot through with love for all manner of animals (except cats) - including Foster's charming human family.

Tom Greeves

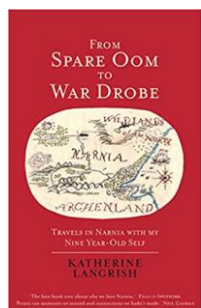


The Coldest Case by Martin Walker. Walker's detective thrillers are a Francophile's delight; the Dordogne settings and social customs are as central to the novels as the whodunnit plots. Here, one consequence of this cultural richness is the relatively slow pace of the

investigation led by police detective Bruno. His effective investigative skills are matched by his accomplishments in the kitchen and knowledge of local wines, as we discover in some detail.

Where several established literary detectives are characterised by an anti-establishment streak, Bruno is the epitome of bonhomie, genial service and social conformity. The plot concerns the historic murder of a local on which Bruno's superior has become fixated. We can hear the positive outcome approaching through the attractively wooded landscape from page one.

Trevor Arrowsmith



From Spare Oom to War Drobe by Katherine Langrish is subtitled *Travels in Narnia with my nine-year-old self*. Langrish is tremendously knowledgeable about folklore, and here she revisits the stories she loved as a child, both recalling her early fascination (and occasional

disappointment) with the Narnia stories and examining the influences and echoes from poetry, myth and legend she finds in them as an adult, giving each volume its own chapter. While criticising Lewis for the racism of *The Last Battle*, she dismisses Philip Pullman's claim that in Narnia boys are seen as superior to girls, citing the bravery and moral courage of Lucy and others. For those familiar with the stories it's fascinating to return to them with a wise and friendly guide – perhaps, as she does, reliving your first encounters and appraising them anew.

Linda Newbery

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

Thank You

To the lady from Robins Close
For her generous donation
Of £10.00 to BN Funds

From the Fire Station

Coming out of lockdown sees the station getting busier – 17 shouts picked up this month, several being running calls (out and completing a job when we receive a call to attend another incident before we get back to our home station).



2 alarm calls, 7 standbys at Banbury, Bicester and Chipping Norton, 5 fire calls and 2 rescues / RTCs. The alarm calls proved false but with good intent, our fire calls ranged from a car well alight in Steeple Aston – with the driver safely out of the vehicle, to fallen live power cables and a lightning strike to an external chimney breast in the recent stormy weather, via brakes alight on an HGV on the M40.

Both our new recruits, Garin Wilby and Louis Martin have had multiple shouts and have settled perfectly into station life. Corie King will have attended her Immediate Emergency Care course, covering practical casualty care and will be hard at work completing the in-depth theory booklet that accompanies the course. 3 firefighters will be starting their driver training which will allow increased cover; however, it will be at least a year before any of them will be driving the pump!

With crew numbers back up to 11, Deddington's cover stats are increasing, with the station nudging 70% availability – rather good as we are purely on call, and all have separate employment outside of the Fire Service.

As it is looking highly likely that June will see the end of lockdown restrictions for most of the country, hopefully as many of you as possible will continue to stay safe and aware as summer approaches.

James Greenwood FFD
james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk

WILDFLOWERS IN THE BARFORDS

By Janet Payne and Margaret Murdin

Cow Parsley.... Anthriscus Sylvestris.

Other names for this very common plant include kex and, more romantically, Queen Anne's Lace.

This is probably the most obvious wildflower in the



English Midlands in May and June, with its beautiful seas of foaming white along the road verges, often underneath white flowering hawthorn hedges. It is best appreciated in this village, I think, in moonlight underneath the flowering chestnut trees on the road to South Newington.

Although a relative of the herb chervil it's not interesting to eat, so just enjoy it and maybe add it to natural flower arrangements. It should not be confused with the later flowering hog weed, which is taller and coarser, although still an umbellifer (umbrella shaped flower). These bigger plants are possibly better not picked as they can be confused with giant hog weed which, while being attractive to designers, can be highly irritating to the skin.

Insects love its pollen. Looked at closely, Margaret noticed, you can see that the tiny central flowers on an umbel are different from the larger ones around the edges.

Deddington Bookworms - Book review

Property: A Collection by Lionel Shriver



Lionel Shriver is an American author and journalist who lives in London. This book is a collection of her short stories with the central thread of ownership (in different senses of the word) running through them.

With a mixture of different scenarios ranging from young adults who don't want to leave home to widows finding friendship with neighbours, most readers will find some thread with which to connect.

Unfortunately, the first story is not as Compelling as others and did put some Bookworms off. However, most found that, once past this hurdle, the other stories are well written and humorous. A good book to pick up and read when time is short.

Our next book is The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

Bookworms, Deddington Library

BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB - PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2021



This year we are organising another competition which is to be judged by Craig Churchill who is mainly a wildlife photographer. He exhibits at country shows and fairs and Deddington Farmers Market. *His Instagram account is craigchurchillphotography.* You do not have to be a member to enter. Anyone who lives in the Barfords can take part as well as their families who may not live in the village. Please start taking your photographs now and through the next few months. Look for interesting light, different times of day, unusual angles and think about composition within the frame. They can be made on a phone or any camera, landscape or portrait format.

CATEGORIES

1. Home-grown food, cooked or uncooked
2. Hedges, fences, walls, gates or stiles
3. Garden tools, sheds or greenhouses
4. Wildlife in my garden or on my walks
5. The smallest wildlife I have found
6. A group of flowers growing anywhere

CHILDREN UNDER 16 CAN ENTER ANY CATEGORY BUT ALSO

7. My garden taken lying down
8. Looking up into a tree
9. The sky (*look for interesting cloud shapes and colours*)

THE PROCEDURE

All photos must be submitted digitally. Send to Linda Newbery by email l.newbery@btinternet.com There is NO ENTRY FEE, but DONATIONS please to Katharine House Hospice should be made by bank transfer or cash (*details from Linda*) Last year we raised nearly £100. Add your NAME and CATEGORY NUMBER to each entry and be sure to say if you are under 16. You will get an acknowledgement. E mail or ring 01869337526 if any problems.

HAPPY PHOTOGRAPHY..... and we look forward to seeing all your entries. There will be a Winner and Runner-up in each category, plus one overall winner and a special prize for the best photograph by someone under 16.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS 31ST AUGUST 2021. ALL WINNERS WILL BE NAMED IN BARFORD NEWS AND HOPEFULLY AN EXHIBITION OF SOME KIND.
THANK YOU



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

Would you believe it, our first meeting for a year & it pours with rain! But we carried on regardless, with a game of walking football. This was followed by two weeks of alternative athletics – archery, frisbee golf, caber tossing & an obstacle course.

Next came the making of water filters & hide & seek in the little wood.

New to the pack & very welcome – James, Joe, George, Hamish, Harry, Edward & Jack.

Jo Churchyard deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

It was great to see the Scouts again & although it was a bit wet, nobody cared, we just laughed & messed around. The next week we tried some new sports & socially distanced games -Evolution, based loosely on rock, paper, scissors where you had to evolve from an egg to a member of the Royal Family – hilarious!

They had a go at making water filters with paper cups & grass, then boiled the result using our Trangias.

Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Explorers

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

Janet Duxbury spartansexplorers@gmail.com

200 CLUB DRAW JUNE

£50	212	Katie Archer
£25	155	Catherine Barker
£15	171	Jo Blackhall
£10	059	Preece Family
£ 5	022	Aggie Booth

The draw took place at Thursday
Cuppa Morning in the Hall

CHURCH MATTERS



The Liturgical Year

From earliest times the Church has gathered on Sundays to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ. Over time an annual cycle of Christian memory-making has also developed, which allows us to remember his life, death, and resurrection; to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit; and to recall the ministry of the holy people who have spread the Christian faith over the centuries.

Through the structuring of our Christian memory, the past is able to come into our present.

The liturgical or Church year is divided into several seasons. It begins with Advent, which looks forward to Christmas. The visit of the wise men to Jesus is remembered at Epiphany, after which there is a period of 'ordinary time'. The six weeks of Lent prepare us for Easter, which celebrates Jesus's resurrection, leading forward to his Ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost. 'Ordinary time' then resumes until the end of the year.

So-called 'ordinary time' is hardly boring. It allows for more continuous reading from the Bible, for the exploration of other themes such as creation and the environment, and for creative responses to saints' days.

The seasons of the church year may be identified in many churches (including St Michael's) by the changing colours of the altar cloth and other church raiment. Ordinary time – the current church season- is marked by green apparel.

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) is our church's governing body and also the board of trustees which oversees the church's charitable works and money.

The running of our parish is the joint responsibility of the vicar and the parochial church council (PCC), which is made up of the parish clergy and elected representatives from our congregation.

THE P.C.C.

ONE OF THEIR JOBS IS TO HELP THE VICAR SPEND THE CHURCH FUNDS



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Our PCC meets regularly to discuss matters about the life of the Church. Apart from finance and buildings, it considers the Church's mission and involvement in the community, support of missionary work, the social life and activities of the Church, the spiritual development of the congregation and our worship.

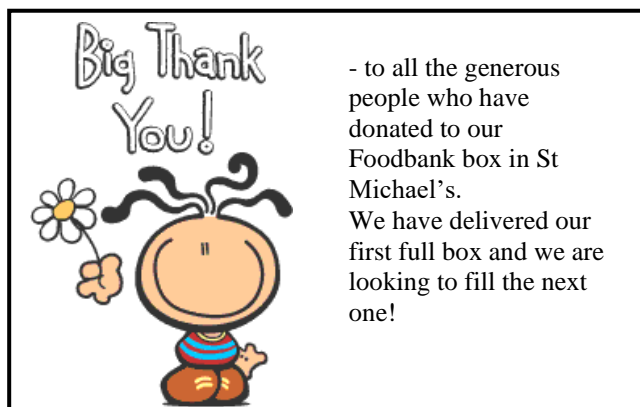
There is an annual meeting at which new church wardens and members of the church council are elected. **All members of the parish are invited to attend.** Reports about the PCC's work and a review of the year's financial activity are presented.

If you would like to find out more about the PCC or are interested in joining, please contact myself (338017) or Tony Elvidge (338214) for further information. If you wish to become involved in the church in another way, we would love to hear from you.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

4pm Sunday 11th July
St Michael's church

Sue Addison
Churchwarden



Deddington Primary School

Incredibly, we are now approaching the end of this academic year, heading towards the summer holidays. It really doesn't seem possible we are at this point; time seems to have simply flown by.



Thankfully, since Half Term, the weather has so far been kind to us and this has meant the children have been able to play on the field, as well as the playground, and PE sessions have been able to take place in the fresh, open air. During the week beginning the 21st June, we were able to enjoy a 'Sports week'. This involved sports such as cricket, pentathlon, football, tennis and hockey. The children had such great fun taking part, as well as increasing their fitness levels!

We are also proud to say we took part in the 'Rafiki Relay' sponsored challenge which involved children raising money to send to Africa. Everyone who raised £10 or more through their fundraising received a Rafiki Relay for Education medal! This challenge involved walking, running, swimming or cycling, or indeed a combination of them all, to raise funds to enable education for young, disadvantaged people in Kenya, Uganda and Lesotho. We would like to thank all parents/carers and people in our community, who sponsored our pupils.

The whole school took part in 'Eat them to defeat them!'. This was an initiative linked to 'The Food Foundation' which states that 80% of children are not eating enough vegetables. As a result of this, 'Veg Power' was created to set children on a healthy mission designed to inspire them to develop veggie loving/eating habits, in the hope they would maintain this love of vegetables for life. 'Fresh Start' supported us with this initiative and our pupils loved tasting different vegetables on a weekly basis, as well as F1 and KS1 collecting stickers and rewards for taking part.

Our PTA has been amazing this term, raising funds to improve our playground to make it a brighter, more exciting place for all children to play and work in. Over a few weeks, the children were encouraged to complete jobs at home and do tasks to earn rewards for 20p or £1 to fill up a small tube with these coins. We would like to express our thanks to the PTA for once again supporting us here at Deddington, helping us to improve our school environment. Their support is hugely appreciated by us all.

Finally, let's hope the warm summer weather continues and we are all able to have an enjoyable and relaxing summer break, through both July and August. With best wishes from all of us at Deddington Primary School.

Denise Welch

CLOSE SHAVE FOR A GOOD CAUSE



As some of you know I've been growing my beard since the start of lockdown in March last year and vowed not to shave it until I got vaccinated.

Throughout the last 15 months I've lost so many things in it (various food stuffs, dignity, self-respect etc...) and we've been on quite the journey together. It's the longest my hair has ever been and it's drawn some very funny comments from people around the village! On Monday I got my first jab, thanks to the hard work of so many people, so it was time for the mess that is my facial hair to go!

I decided to shave it off in aid of the Multiple Systems Atrophy Trust who do wonderful work in supporting people and their families who suffer from this incurable condition. I appreciate that finances might be tight for many at the minute but any donations no matter how small are greatly appreciated. Feel free to ridicule me and the various styles of beard in the pictures on the just giving page, but do please also donate via the just giving link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paul-surtees3> or posting donations through my letter box (3 Church Street)

Many Thanks, Paul

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

We returned to sunshine after the half term break and intend to spend much of the summer term out of doors. The Nursery children have been enjoying their Forest School sessions, spending the morning in the woods enjoying hands-on outdoor learning.

The preschool children will visit both the allotments and the castle grounds this term. We are preparing for our sports days, and will be holding teddy bear's picnics to celebrate the end of the school year. Alongside all this we will be preparing our older children to move up to their new schools and settings, with open and move up days planned.

The changing guidance to keep us all safe means that some dates and arrangements for all the above will be more last minute than usual, but please bear with us. Thank you for all your support this year and we wish you all a wonderful summer holiday.

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Pasta	Tinned fruit
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Lentils, beans & pulses	UHT milk
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Many thanks

IT SEEMS THAT EVEN GOOD IDEAS TAKE TIME!!



This article in The Times took me back 30 years to one of the more surreal experiences of my Army career. I was part of the British Army Training Team in Zimbabwe, which was in the throes of a long standing regional drought. Zambia, its neighbour, needed to speed up its grain imports but had fallen out with Zimbabwe and so couldn't use the Victoria Falls bridge. I, as the only Royal Engineer for thousands of miles around, was asked by the UK High Commissioner to Zambia to recce the existing Zambezi ferry crossing at Kazungula with a view to installing a PMP, Russian made, floating bridge, to be funded by the UK.

I drove there with my recce assistant, a Zambian driver from the High Commission. The river narrows to about 400m at Kazungula but width, depth and current vary hugely between rainy and dry seasons. To gauge the current we persuaded a fisherman to drive us out into the middle of the river and hold position relative to the banks whilst we played Pooh Sticks to assess the current.

There were two 30 year old ferries, only one of which was operational. The ramps on the one working ferry were stuck in the down position which meant that the ferry captain had to ram the bank hard to get a good footing for the ramp. That played havoc with the bank surface resulting in frequent bogging by the heavily laden trucks. The customs posts on either side opened only in daylight hours. There were long queues of waiting trucks.

My report recommended (I paraphrase) several cheap and relatively quick actions before considering constructing a PMP.

1. Open the customs posts 24 hours a day thereby at least doubling the traffic flow.
2. Urgently repair or replace the non-operational ferry.
3. Repair the ramps on the working ferry and improve the bank approaches.
4. As far as possible have both ferries working 24 hours a day.

As for the PMP, my view was that the complexities of building and then operating a floating bridge with the problems of sandbanks and fluctuations in width, depth and current might be a bit much for the Zambian Army Engineers. There was a fair chance that some or all of the bridge would end up at the bottom of the Victoria Falls 40 miles downstream so it really wasn't a feasible short term solution. By far the best way forward was to build a fixed crossing.

It seems my views prevailed. It has only taken 30 years to get the bridge, and very fine it looks too.

Adrian Brett

GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Enter BEN's prize draw!

See this month's **insert** for a list of easy and more challenging ways to reduce your impact on the environment. Keep the list, tick off your pledges and bring it to the December market (or send it to us) for a chance to win a **hamper of eco-goodies and local produce**.

Don't Waste a Drop! Water Conservation Tips

Now that summer's here and things are hotting up, it's a good time to think about conserving water. We've all noticed how the weather's been swinging between downpours and drier spells these days in what's called 'weather whiplash'. So here are some suggestions to help even things out and save you money!

Around the house:

- Repair leaky taps, indoors and out.
- Peel and clean vegetables in a large bowl of water instead of under running water.
- Only run the dishwasher when it's full.
- When buying a dishwasher, select one with a "light-wash" option.
- Install tap aerators.

In the bathroom:

- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Turn off the water to brush teeth, shave and soap up in the shower. Fill the sink to shave.
- Repair leaky toilets and put a brick in your cistern.
- Install a low-flow showerhead.

Laundry:

- Run full loads of laundry.
- When purchasing a new washing machine, buy a water saving model that can be adjusted to the load size.

Outdoors:



- Use more or bigger water butts.
- Maximize natural vegetation and establish smaller lawns.
- Consider planting more trees, shrubs, ground cover, and less grass.
- Use native plants in flower beds.
- When mowing your lawn, set the mower blades to 2-3 inches high. Longer grass shades the soil improving moisture retention.
- Only water the lawn when necessary. If you water your lawn and garden, only do it once a week, if rainfall isn't sufficient.
- Avoid watering on windy and hot days. Water the lawn and garden in the morning or late in the evening to maximize the amount of water which reaches the plant roots.
- Put mulch around shrubs and flower beds to reduce evaporation, promote plant growth and control weeds.
- Add compost or an organic matter to improve soil conditions and water retention.
- When washing a car, wet it quickly, then use a bucket of water. Turn on the hose only for the final rinse (or let mother nature wash your car when it rains).
- Use a broom to clean walkways, driveways, decks and porches, rather than hosing.

Let's set a great example for our friends and neighbours in our lovely villages, and make the Barfords a water conservation oasis! **Claire Cox**

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

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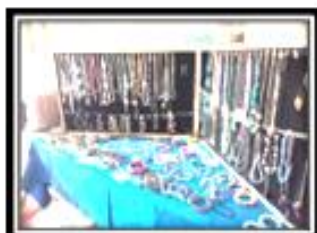
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VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

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 1st week parish council (not August)
 2nd week W.I. meeting
 Boys Brigade (Deddington)
Thursdays Village Hall Post Office
 Open cuppa mornings
 Cubs (Deddington)
 Scouts (Deddington)
Fridays Rainbows
Saturdays Village Market 3rd week
(except January or August)
1st Wednesday Parish Council Meeting
3rd Wednesday Village Hall Management Committee

DIARY DATES

July

7th Parish Council - VH
11th PCC Meeting – Parish Church
14th WI Puppets - VH
17th Village Market - VH
20th Tuesday Lunch Club - VH

August

8th Parish Picnic – West Close
29th BBQ – VH

September

11th Village Show - VH

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