

BARFORD NEWS

MARCH 2024

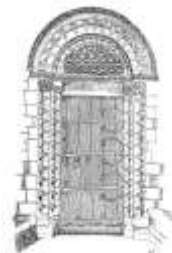
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St Michael's Church Restoration Appeal

Auction of Promises

Friday 26th April 2024



Lots received to date include:-

Week in a villa in the South of France (for 8).

Painting by renowned local artist.

Tour of Parliament with Tea at House of Lords.

2 nights stay for 10 at Little Barford Mill

Oxford college tours with Tea/Brunch.

Two Course Sunday Lunch for 10 at village pop-up

5 bags of horse manure. Trailer of logs.

Two Tickets for Member's Day at Chelsea Flower Show

Week in Cottage, Loch Torridon, N.W. Highlands

Box of Longhorn Beef. Day at the races. ...& More...

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We now need more of YOUR pledges. Anything legal considered!
(gardening, baby sitting, ironing, Dog Walking, car washing,
cooking, transport to airport.....etc.....you name it!)

If you can pledge something, large or small, please contact
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CHURCH MATTERS



Easter



It is this time of the year that we are heading towards the celebration of Easter.

For many of us, it is a time to gather together with family, perhaps for the first time since Christmas. It marks the end of Lent, the period of giving things up, avoiding temptation.

As a child, I have fond memories of Easter egg hunts in my mum and dad's garden, searching for surprises. Then, witnessing the joy and excitement on the faces of my children, as they do the same.

It is also the start of Spring - new life, new beginnings. Brighter, lighter and longer days, lifting our spirits from the winter blues.



From Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday and the days of Easter week, Christians have the time and opportunity to reflect on the journey of Jesus, and perhaps how it mirrors their own journey.

On Ash Wednesday, the ashes of the previous years palm crosses are used as part of a worship to start the season of Lent. It's a reminder of the sacrifice that Jesus made. The mark often made on our forehead, 'marks' the start of a season of repentance and reflection and prayerfully seeking to live a more Godly life.



Palm Sunday celebrates the arrival of Jesus on a donkey into the city of Jerusalem. The start of a love hate relationship for the differing crowds that had gathered there. On one side, there were many in the crowd who were so pleased to see the man, who they believed had come to save them, the Son of God who they would follow and praise. On the other hand, was a group of people who truly despised him. They thought he was going to take over as ruler and push them aside. How wrong could they have been. It was here that the news spread of a 'King' come to take over. Jealousy and doubt spread through the people, even to the disciples.



Maundy Thursday, when Jesus gathered with his friends to celebrate the Passover, Judas betrayed him to the soldiers, who then took him to be tried. The power of the leaders was so great that even Pontius Pilate had to give in to their wish to crucify Jesus.



Good Friday allows us to remember the sacrifice Jesus made. We remember his pain and suffering on the cross, the tears of his mother, as she witnessed his last breath, the sadness of his friends as they buried him in the tomb in the garden.



Easter Saturday is a dark time. A time for prayer and reflection until we reach that glorious day of Easter Sunday, when Jesus rose again. The darkness gone, the light shining brightly in the garden, on those who he loved so much and still shining on the world he loves.

As we join together with our families, we remember the good times and the bad; the ups and downs; the successes and failures. No doubt similar things were going through the minds of Jesus and his disciples throughout this time, so many years ago. As people of faith, we go through these different feelings and emotions on a regular basis. It is our faith that keeps us strong. Our faith that shines a light and shows us the way. Our faith in a God who loves us and in Jesus Christ who died and rose again so we might have new life in its fullness, peace, joy and hope— in relationship with God. As human beings, we struggle with the day to day. Take the time this Easter to think back to those days of egg hunts in the back garden, the joy on the faces of our children, the wonder at the signs of new life all around us as we go about our day – the beauty as the sunrises on the glory of God's creation and the sun sets at the end of a wondrous day.

We thank God for it all.



Sue & Sally barfordchurches234@gmail.com



EASTER CHURCH DATES

3rd 10:30 Coffee & Chat, Barford St Michael

10th 09:00 Holy Communion, BSM

17th 10:30 Family Service, Barford St Michael

HOLY WEEK

24th 10:30 PALM SUNDAY

Family Holy Communion, BSM

29th 12:00—15:00 GOOD FRIDAY
Reflections on the Cross, Deddington

31st EASTER SUNDAY, 09:00
Holy Communion, Barford St Michael

NEW VICAR UPDATE

Rev. Nick Fielden has
been appointed to
become our next Vicar



**Nick is currently finishing his three-year curacy
in Bodicote after training at Cuddesdon
Theological College. He will be joining us in
approximately 3 months, after licensing has
been arranged.**

**Nick is married to Vikki, who is a keen bellringer,
and has 2 grown up children.**

Apologies for the poor reproduction of Nick's piece in
February Barford News, which was beyond our
control.

St MICHAEL'S CHURCH.....The first of a series of old postcards (c 1921)



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

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. Please email **John O'Brien** at john@lcmb.co.uk with ideas - we look forward to hearing from you.

Farming for Wildlife at Mead Farm



Have you walked the footpaths across Mead Farm? There are several, whether for a circular village walk or a longer one towards Milcombe, and with so much wildlife around it's worth taking binoculars or a camera with you.

Managed now by Lindsay Woolgrove and her daughter and son-in-law Lucy and Richard Warner, it's been in family ownership for five generations since 1890. Reaching from the river Swere on the south to the former wartime airfield of Barford St John to the north, and partly within the Barford St John conservation area, it encompasses 350 acres and a variety of habitats. 140 acres are arable land; the rest is pasture for horses and sheep and for making organic hay, as well as woodland, scrubland and natural ponds, with 50 acres devoted to an environmental scheme.

Conserving biodiversity isn't a new idea at Mead Farm, where natural ponds were established and woodland trees planted back in the 1980s, with the support of the local Wildlife Trust. A current project you'll probably notice on your walks is the setting aside of whole fields for birds, insects and invertebrates, sown with special seed mixes such as Bumblebird. Plants grown from these mixes encourage pollinating insects in summer and provide winter food for a range of birds. Species recorded include siskins, bramblings, whitethroats and blackcaps, while foxes, hares and deer are frequently seen in these areas. On another part of the farm, local ornithologist Jan Guilbride is monitoring curlew populations, hoping to see their numbers increase as their habitat is protected, which is part of the Wild Oxfordshire Upper Thames Curlew Recovery Project. This year will see the installation of more swift, owl and bat boxes, too.

Soil health is another priority, as on all farms looking to minimise impact on the land. Organic manure boosts soil nutrients, while direct drilling and restricted use of farm machinery helps avoid soil compaction. Cover crops, such as turnips, are grown for overwintering sheep and also to protect the soil between periods of regular wheat and barley sowings.



With so much biodiversity loss across the country, it's heartening to know of these effective measures to restore nature in our own area. Following their village hall presentation in the autumn, Lucy, Richard and Lindsay are keen to share their experiences and knowledge by welcoming visitors to Mead Farm. This summer, they'll host a farm walk for our environment

group as well as offering a workshop to demonstrate ways of welcoming wildlife to our gardens by making bug hotels. Look for a date announcement soon!



We enjoyed our first **People, Planet, Pint** Sustainability Meetup at the George – thank you to everyone who came. These meetings will rotate around the Four Villages, so the next will be at the **Elephant and Castle, Bloxham**, on **Thursday March 21st**. Find out more, and register using the link at

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

are listed in date order, and you can go to as many as you like.

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



We have some space on the back pages, so why not advertise your business. Barford News reaches over 600 people in both Barford St John & St Michael.

Alternatively, as we head towards 'Spring Cleaning' time, why not, for a small fee of £3 for a ¼ page, advertise anything you want to sell.

Email me, Lucy, my details are also on the back page.



ADVERTISING RATES:

- 1/8 Page (6.5cm high x 8cm wide) £3.50 per issue
Payment for 12 months in advance is £42.00 with a 5% discount = £39.90
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Payment for 12 months in advance is £66.00 with a 5% discount = £62.70
- 1/2 Page (12.5cm high x 18cm wide) £9.50 per issue
Payment for 12 months in advance is £114.00 with a 5% discount = £108.30
- Full A4 Page = £20.00 per issue
- Single sheet flyers inserted = £10 per issue

Contact Caroline Bird for more information, details on the back page.

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



“No winter or spring garden is complete without hellebores. They keep us cheerful in February and tempt us into the garden.”

Sarah Raven

Spring is almost here and we've already enjoyed hellebores, crocuses, snowdrops, primroses and primulas. The daffodils are emerging and it is at this time of year that we think fondly of Mick Cook, a popular Barford resident for many years who planted hundreds, possibly thousands, of daffodils on the approaches to Barford St John and St Michael years ago. Each Spring-time, without fail, they provide a spectacular display to gladden our hearts. Thank you, Mick.

Here's the Garden Club news:

By the time you read this, we will have held our AGM but as the BN deadline occurs before the meeting, we will report back next month. What we can tell you is that subscriptions will stay at £5 per household per year which is excellent value. We will charge a small amount when speakers come to talk to us. If you haven't paid your 2024 subs yet, here's how to do so:

Directly through the Bank: Santander, A/C
No: 86893286. Sort Code: 09 01 54. Please remember to add your name as the reference.

Sorry, we cannot take cheques.

By cash. Please post through Sue Lane's door and remember to add your name. Sue lives at Stretford End, Lower Street.

Talk on Monday 18 March, 7.30pm We're looking forward to welcoming Dr David Edwards who lives at Claridge's Barn near Chipping Norton. He and his wife have spent many years lovingly working and improving their delightful 3.5 acre garden and he will talk about this and other local gardens which open for the NGS. It should be very interesting and costs just £5 each (guests £6).

Later in the year, on Monday 3 June, we'll be visiting Dr Edwards' garden, so do put these dates in your diary!

Nosy Gardens – If you would like to open your front or back garden to members, we would be delighted to hear from you. It certainly does not need to be pristine and can be any size or shape and in any condition. We just love to see what other members have grown, their talent for design and their success rates with vegetables, flowers, shrubs etc.

Please contact a committee member if you would like to open yours.

Here are some jobs for March:

- Prune climbing and bush roses.
- Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes.
- Plant summer flowering bulbs.
- Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials.
- Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed).
- Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) – grown for colourful winter stems
- Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control.

If you would like to join our Club, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Sue by email: sueandles45@hotmail.com

We wish you many happy gardening hours during March!



Spade and Fork

BARFORD NEWS – A Seamless Process by Lucy, Editor

As promised, here is the concluding part of how Barford News makes it from printer to doorstep.



So, I get an email from Lewis at Banbury Litho (*left picture*) telling me that Barford News is ready for pick up. I then shout out from my jigsaw, "Angus, Barford News is ready". It's then back home for the 'bag-up' and then the bags are dropped at Deliverers' houses. (*left picture, below*)

Your Deliverers are:

Cathy Peacock, James Easter, Kathryn Wheeler, Helen Honour, Mariann Young, Lyn Daly, Chris Cox, Jan Elvidge, Caroline Bird, Maggie Eden, Gunilla Treen, Lorraine Simons



And we drop off 2 copies to Bernard & Verna Lane at Seccombe Court in Adderbury, It's a good excuse to pop in and say hello. That's if you can catch them, especially Bernard in his go-cart...!!



BARFORD MARKET

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH
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



DEDDINGTON Bookworms

Last summer our group read the Elif Shafak book, 'The Island of Missing Trees'. Our latest read was another Shafak novel, '10 minutes and 38 seconds in this Strange World'.

Shafak uses her novels to highlight social issues and this story in particular challenges traditional gender roles and explores the complexities of women's experiences whilst also giving valuable insight into Turkish and Middle Eastern cultures.

Tequila Leila is a female sex worker in Istanbul who is brutally murdered. She's definitely dead, but for 10 minutes and 38 seconds her brain continues to function. In those final minutes she recalls her troubled childhood, marriage, relationships and her eclectic friends. A deeply touching story of friendship and marginalization unfolds.

An interesting and well written book but not enjoyed by all Bookworms. One criticism was that the final part of the story becomes almost comical in places (not sure this was intentional!). Some Bookworms also found the subject matter slightly disturbing.

Deddingtonbookworms@gmail.com



WHAT'S ON LOCALLY..... keep up to date with what is happening in our surrounding villages using the links below:

www.adderbury.org/whats-on
www.bloxham.info/broadsheet
www.deddington.org.uk/news
www.steepleaston.org.uk



that you can view your Barford News on-line at www.barfordnews.co.uk



"Democracy is being allowed to vote for the candidate you dislike least"

**Robert Bryne
Quoted on All Poetry**



The wealth of the world's five richest men has doubled since 2020, from \$405bn (£321bn) to \$869bn (£688bn).

Oxfam, The Guardian



200+ CLUB DRAW

JANUARY 2024

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| £15 | 141 | Bryn Williams |
| £10 | 010 | Mariann Young |
| £5 | 030 | Andrew Murrey |

FEBRUARY

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| £25 | 117 | Foster Family |
| £15 | 212 | Sue Kershaw |
| £10 | 033 | Bowers Family |
| £5 | 150 | Pietruszkiewicz Family |

**The draws took place at
Thursday Coffee in the Hall**



WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB

20th March The George 12:30pm for 1pm

MAINS

Chicken Chasseur -Creamed Potato / Braised Carrots

OR

Wild Mushroom Linguine -Rocket & Parmesan Salad

DESSERTS

-Glazed Rice Pudding –

OR

-Spotted Dick -Traditional Custard

Homemade Strawberry & Basil Sparkling Water

Homemade Elderflower Cooler

Tea & Coffee

Price £15 per person

Please ring The George on 01869 338160,

or email gm@thegeorgebarford.co.uk

by Friday 15th March to book.

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

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



Hi there, I am Sophie, a small-animal Vet living in Barford St Michael. I'm here to answer your pet-related vet questions!

So, drop me an email to sophie.hanmer@btinternet.com and I'll do my best to answer them and some of them might end up in Barford News.



to The Bullen Family

Clare, Glen and 7 year old George,
plus dogs Bella and Barry, not forgetting
Guard chicken Mrs. Clucker!
who have recently moved into
their new home in Townsend

We hope they will be very
happy in our lovely villages



Coming up at Katharine House - It takes a whole community to keep the hospice going, and we have plenty of opportunities coming up to do just that! It's thanks to your ongoing support that we can continue to care for local people and families when they need us the most.

Face the fear this year - BRAND NEW EVENT! Take on an adrenaline-pumping bungee jump at this year's Bloxham Steam Rally on 29 June and raise money for Katharine House at the same time. Why not take a minute to make a memory at 160ft? Hurry – the first 50 signs ups will receive free entry to Bloxham Steam Rally, worth £16! www.khh.org.uk/bungee

Caring for our community - Following an incurable diagnosis – whether for yourself or a loved one – it's natural to have questions and want to find out more about what to expect. As part of our mission to support our whole community, we built our End-of-life and Palliative Care (EPiC) Resource Centre and made it available to everyone as a permanent part of our website. If you haven't already seen our Resource Centre, or think someone you know might find it useful, you can find it here: www.khh.org.uk/epic.

A big deal - We're so lucky to be supported by so many local businesses. Once again, we have some brilliant sponsorship opportunities for the year ahead. As well as helping support local people, it's a great way to build your brand and demonstrate your commitment to the community – it really is a win-win! If you work for a local business and would like to get involved, take a look at our sponsorship page here: www.khh.org.uk/sponsorship-opportunities.

Community Ambassadors - We're a small team, and until recently we haven't always been able to attend events and let people know about the hospice and why local support makes so much difference. We are delighted to now have a team of six incredible Community Ambassadors ready and waiting to represent the hospice. If you are hosting a community event or are part of a local group, school or business who would like someone to attend and share about Katharine House, then please get in touch with our fundraising team by emailing fundraising@khh.org.uk.

ANNUAL MEETING AND BRING & SHARE SUPPER

**Please come along to enjoy
shared food and make your choice
of our president for the coming
year**

on Wednesday, 13th March

in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

All visitors very welcome (£5)

**for more information please
contact Christine 338659**

barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk



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.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

In January Barford WI gathered together for their Annual Dinner at The George. There are several social occasions like this during the year, as well as the monthly meetings which have a range of speakers and activities. In March the Annual Meeting will be followed by supper. Why not come along and hear about our activities over the past year, get a foretaste of what's planned for 2024-25 and enjoy a chat over supper. In the next few months talks will include 'Passion for Fashion' and 'Otmoor – a Wetland Restored'. Visitors (£5) are always very welcome just look out for our advert each month in Barford News. If you'd like to know more, please contact Kathryn (338221) or Christine (338659).





1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

We've had a very busy month! We've looked at the different badges available to us and voted on which ones we'd like to earn this term. We now have a wonderful programme of activities to look forward to, chosen by the Cubs themselves.

We've talked about how we like to be treated and how we should treat others and have written our very own pack rules to ensure everyone has the best possible time during our meetings.

We enjoyed a fun packed games night where we had a whole evening full of team games, which involved lots of cheering! We had a fabulous time with lots of laughter and giggles watching the Deddington pantomime, a long running tradition.

We ended the month making delicious pancakes with our favourite toppings.. some of us even successfully flipped them!

Tracy Tong deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

We started the new year in a very positive frame of mind & dived (metaphorically) into either gaining or renewing the Emergency Aid Badge. This is a staged badge where each section reinforces the knowledge gained from the previous one before adding new skills. This term we have worked towards Stage 3 with the invaluable help of Matt, who passed on his expertise in an entertaining & informative way. Everything from, shock, bleeding, burns, hypothermia & choking to recovery position & practical CPR using mannequins. Hopefully the Scouts will never have to call on their newfound skills – but the way they play hockey – who knows!

They also attended the panto which they thoroughly enjoyed while eating their own bodyweight in jelly worms!

Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com



grubadvisor

reviewed by
Lucy Norman

Where did you eat?

**The Cygnet at
The Swan, Islip**
www.swaninnislip.co.uk

Cuisine?

Locally sourced and
fresh

RATINGS

Out of 5 stars.....

Food

★★★★★

Service

★★★★★

Value

★★★★★

Atmosphere

★★★★★

COMMENTS: Angus and I actually went out for a Valentine's lunch, the first time in about 17 years. We had a voucher for Christmas so I booked it up...and it was amazing.

Our STARTERS were....Gin Curred Salmon, Tonic and Pickled Lemon, Dill And Cucmber AND Confit Chicken Wings, Mushroom Tortellini, Roscoff Onion, Maitake Mushroom....for MAINS we had Roasted Cod, Kohlrabi, Burrnt Apple,Bbq Octopus, Apple Dashi AND Lamb Rump, Belly and Slow Cooked Neck, Cauliflower Puree, Black Garlic AND for dessert we had Caramalised White Chocolate custard, Pistachio Cake, Blood Orange AND Toasted Lemon Chiboust Vanilla Ice Cream, Hilary's Honey.

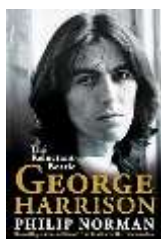
The food, the restaurant were incredible and the staff were so professional and friendly. The bit I really liked was that they had a snug where you had a drink before going through to your table. We were booked in for 1:30 but didn't go through till 2pm, so relaxed. And regarding price, 2-Courses £37 or 3-Courses £42. I would happily have paid more. There are numerous pub/restaurnats in this area that say they are Fine Dining and charge you accordingly but this really was the real deal, really special.



DEDDINGTON PFSU - We are looking forward to our next 2 fundraisers! The Easter Trail which will be on Saturday 6th April and the Four Farms on Sunday 19th May. More info to follow so please keep an eye on our Facebook!

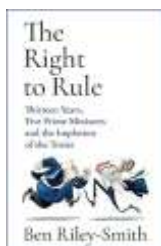
Charlotte Witka, PFSU Deputy Manager

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

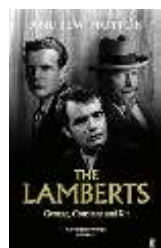


George Harrison: the Reluctant Beatle by Philip Norman shows George in second place to Lennon and McCartney with relatively few songs included on albums. After the group's dissolution his several solo albums met with a mixed reception, with the exception of the hugely successful *All Things Must Pass*. His affairs were deceptively managed by his accountant and he was involved in copyright infringement for unconsciously using the melody of *He's So Fine* for his hit *My Sweet Lord*.

He established Handmade Films to support UK projects including the *Monty Python* movies, while his interest in Indian mysticism influenced his songwriting as well as becoming a focus for charitable work, supported by second wife Olivia. He spent much time restoring Friar Park, a Gothic Victorian manor house in Oxfordshire; his love for this house never wavered, despite being stabbed forty times there by a psychotic intruder, two years before his death from cancer. **Trevor Arrowsmith**



The Right to Rule by Ben Riley-Smith: the subtitle of this excellent book is "thirteen Years, Five Prime Ministers and the Implosion of the Tories" and that sums up the extraordinary few years we have been living through. Ben Riley-Smith has held a ringside seat for much of that period as the *Daily Telegraph's* Political Editor. The period has been punctuated by the Brexit rifts, the problems of Theresa May (tinged I always felt by misogyny towards her) the chaos of the pandemic, the bizarre "leadership" of Johnson and Truss competing with the lettuce for longevity. Sunak has restored some stability but gives the impression that he knows he is a stop-gap. The book chronicles the constant changes of Ministers which cannot be good for consistent policy making. This is a must read for political aficionados and is recommended for normal people too. **John Bowers**



The Lamberts: George, Constant and Kit, by Sir Andrew Motion.

Names that probably mean little now, but in their respective eras they were cultural shooting stars of their generation - gifted, controversial and self destructive. Grandfather George (1873-1930) became the most famous Australian painter of his day, a War Artist and a leader of the belle époque. Father Constant (1901-51) one of England's most important 20th century composers and conductors, commissioned by Diaghilev to write a ballet for the Ballets Russes, a pioneering exponent of jazz techniques, lover of Margot Fonteyn, a founder of Sadler's Wells, friend of Anthony Powell and the model for Hugh Moreland in *A Dance to the Music of Time*. Son Kit (1935-81), a flamboyant self-publicist and rock and roll genius, discoverer and manager of The Who, founder of the record label Track and heroin addict. For a century, separately, they defined artistic achievement, outshone all around and then self destructed into oblivion. **Christopher Murray**



Roots, by Alex Haley, tells the story of seven generations. In The Gambia in 1767, seventeen-year-old Kunta Kinte is abducted by slave traders. After a harrowing voyage he arrives in America. He is sold to a 'Massa' and after many attempts at escape he is mutilated so that he cannot run. The story follows the generations that followed. He taught his daughter Kizzy his history and some words from his homeland. She passed this knowledge on to her son, George, who passed it to his children and so on; each retelling adding a little of the life stories of subsequent generations until they reached the author.

The book includes powerful imagery about the horrors of the slave trade, and shows how one man's name and story was passed through his family for 200 years until his great-great-great-great-grandson, the author, visited Kunte Kinte's home village and was embraced as someone precious. **Ishbel Freeman**

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



FROM DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION

We are very well behaved and safe in North Oxfordshire – night crew has been quiet crew on the whole! Just when I thought that January would prove challenging to write about, an evening shout roused me from the sofa. With blues emanating from the station, a local RTC saw us out on an emergency shout.

Upon arrival at the scene, with the police already in attendance, we were able to fully close the road to allow a safe environment for us to work in.

We were then able to make the stricken vehicle safe by engaging the handbrake and disconnecting the battery. Smoke had been seen soon after the accident but was out on arrival, so no BA provision was required. A live electrical cable had been exposed by the demolition of a lamp post, but there was no arcing evident, and the electricity board was on its way. After a quick clear up of the debris, we left the incident to the police to fully discuss with the driver.

Back to station and a full soap down and clean of the truck before reversing back into the bay, job done.

FF James Greenwood, james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL - Term 1 has flown by, with it being just 5 weeks long! Despite this though, much has been packed into each of the school weeks.

We have had sporting tournaments for KS2 children in Netball and Football and swimming lessons for Year 6. Also, on 15th January a selection of children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a swimming gala at Sibford School. The atmosphere at the poolside was fantastic and all the children performed brilliantly, with enjoyment.

Year 6 pupils visited Rewley Road Fire Station in the centre of Oxford, towards the end of January. They took part in a series of scenarios linked to safety, that they may come across in their lives. It was hugely beneficial to all who took part in the time they spent there.

On Tuesday 6th February the whole school focused on 'Safer Internet Day', emphasising the importance of using computers in the safest possible way, to support our learning. The children enjoyed this day, learning important lessons concerning being safe online.

A Pebble Mass service was held in school to officially welcome all new members of our school community. This is always such a special occasion for us here.

We are also delighted to say Reverend Nick Fielden was appointed as the new Deddington Church vicar. We look forward to seeing him in school soon, getting to know all staff and pupils, as well as him leading important services in church.

We are now looking forward to the end of winter and a return to spring. With all best wishes from everyone here at the primary school.

Denise Welch



1ST DEDDINGTON GUIDES - It's been a busy half term.

The Guides have had fun in their Patrols challenging themselves to try a wider variety of activities.

We have continued to work on our Skills for my Future badge, particularly on issues around communication. We tried some sewing and each Guide made a book mark using cross stitch decoration. We also learnt a bit about money management and played a game to try out these skills. Some teams ended up owing a small fortune, whilst others seemed be to making theirs...!!

We've been generally working on the Guide motto "Be Prepared" and having already practised our fire drill recently it stood us in good stead when the alarm sounded for real. The Guides behaved impeccably and knew exactly what to do, well done to them.

Everyone enjoyed the Pet evening. We had some visiting Guinea pigs and gerbils and, of course, Fred the spider from Isla R.'s garage. We also met a variety of much loved cuddly toy pets. A week early we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes.

Lastly Congratulations to Daisy and Melissa on becoming Young Leaders. We look forward to seeing them move forward in their Guiding learning lots of new skills along the way.

Maggie Rampley 07957 600755



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

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3rd 10:30am Coffee & Chat BSM
10th 9:00am Holy Communion BSM
17th 10:30am Family Service BSM

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| Tuesdays | Guides (Deddington) Carpet Bowls (September-March) |
| Wednesdays | Brownies (Windmill, Deddington) Parish Council, 1 st Wednesday, Bi-Mthly WI, 2 nd Wednesday Boys' Brigade (Deddington) 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>) |

MARCH

13th WI Annual Meeting and Bring & Share Supper
16th Village Market
18th Garden Club Talk by Dr David Edwards
20th Village Lunch – The George
21st People Plant, Pint Meeting at The Elephant &
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APRIL

26th AUCTION of PROMISES at The Village Hall