



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DAIRIES:

3rd November - Cheese & Wine Night with Eric our Cheese Expert (£pp TBC, ask in house for more details)

16th November - Village Lunch Club, 12:30 arrival for 1pm sit down. Pre-order via Mick Pearson essential.

17th November - Supper Club – Jura, Bordeaux. Five Course Taster Menu

Staff Vacancies - We are hiring front of house, kitchen porters and housekeepers – Please contact either Val or Claire if interested in further details of the positions, [01869 338160](tel:01869338160).



DEDDINGTON FIREWORKS NIGHT – SATURDAY 5th November



Deddington Primary School teachers and parents invite you to join them for a brilliant night of fireworks on the school field on **Saturday 5th November 2022**. Access is from Earls Lane and the event starts at 6.00 pm, with blast off scheduled for 7.00 pm.

Everyone from the parish and beyond is welcome.

There will be a licensed bar, BBQ, coffee stand, tuck shop and the famous 'flashy tat' stand! (You know you want some light up alien bug eyes!) It's a lovely community event which raises important and much appreciated money for Deddington Primary School. Funds from last year's event have helped pay for literacy catch up sessions, study guides and farm visits.



Last year's event was enjoyed by a huge and happy crowd of locals and we're so grateful for your support. So come and join us for a beer and a burger, and 'ooh and ahh' at the thrills of Fireworks Night on Saturday 5th November 2022 from 6.00 pm.

Advance tickets can be purchased (**cash only**) from the Flower Shop (Single: £5.00, Family: £14.00) or on the gate (Single: £6.00, Family: £16.00). Under 3s go free. For enquiries, please email:

deddingtonpta@gmail.com

See you there!

Anne O'Brien

On behalf of Deddington Primary School PTA

BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB
Notes from our Potting Shed – November 2022



**"November comes and November goes,
With the last red berries and the first white
snows,
With night coming early and dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket and frost by the gate.
The fires burn and the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest until next Spring."**

Elizabeth Coatsworth

Autumn Swap, held 10 October

More than 25 members and guests enjoyed a full-on evening at the Village Hall. 40 plants were donated and swapped, ranging from beautiful little indoor succulents to very well grown shrubs and even a couple of tall trees! These were all taken to new homes. Gardening books and magazines were exchanged and recycled tools were mulled over and taken away for an extended and useful life.

Super seasonal snacks and cakes were enjoyed as people battled with the rather original plant-based quiz.

Rodney Hobbs distributed the nicely illustrated King's Seeds catalogue so that members can place their seed orders and get a 50% discount.

Throughout the evening, Linda Newbery projected the pictures entered in the Garden Club 2022 Photographic Competition and cleverly displayed the photos as the winners were announced. Many congratulations to Vicky Stevens of Townsend who now owns the proud title: 'Barford's Photographer of the Year 2022'. Details of other winners can be found on Page 15. Garden Club members expressed their gratitude to the Committee, to Linda for working so hard on the Photo Competition and to Ben Nicholson for his time and expertise in judging it. The result of the quiz is that 3 entries got 100% so the winner, Rodney Hobbs of The Green, had to be selected by a blind draw and will shortly receive his prize of a handmade Nepalese newspaper bag.

An A to Z of fool-proof Gardening

We look forward to seeing members at our next Talk on Thursday 10 November in the Village Hall. Chris Day from Buckingham Garden Centre will be our Speaker and he'll share his tips on how to get the best from your garden and plants.

A seasonal gallop through 26 letters featuring plants and props along the way, including a special section on minimum watering. We've asked Chris to consider giving us a full Talk on plants and methods of water conservation and low use next Spring. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served. We look forward to seeing you.

Annual Seed Order – Deadline 17th November

Members are encouraged to place orders and our thanks, once again, to Rodney Hobbs for co-ordinating this popular Club activity. We'll remind members again via email of the upcoming deadline.

December Quiz/Social

A social is planned with seasonal snacks and a fun gardening quiz. More details to follow.

Some jobs for November:

Autumn has arrived and winter is on its way. Leaves are falling rapidly and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protection from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots.

Winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up. This will encourage winter birds into the garden.

Plant out winter bedding.

Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubble wrap works well.

Use a seasonal bonfire, where this is allowed, to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting. Check for hedgehogs first!

If you would like to join our Club, please contact Trevor on 01869 338403, or email:

trevorstevens49@hotmail.com or Sue on 01869 338900, email: sueandles45@hotmail.com

It costs just £5 per year and there are many discounts, plus talks and visits to enjoy.

We hope you are able to get outside as much as possible to enjoy your gardens during November.



Spade & Fork



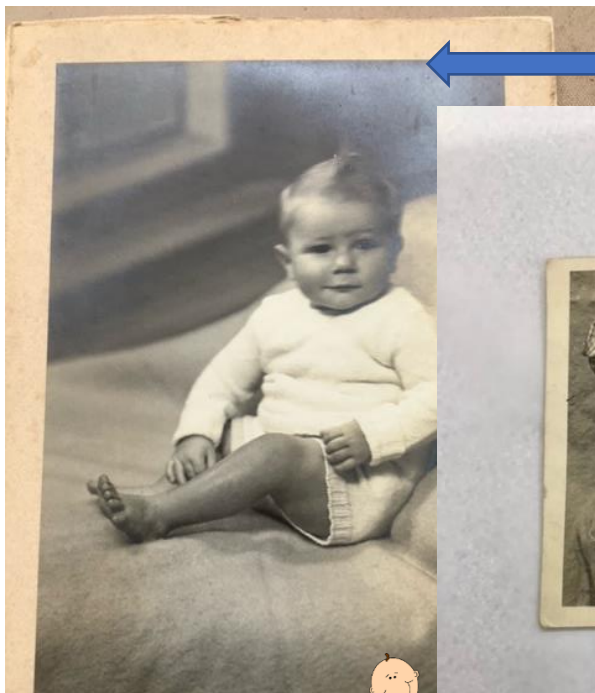
BYGONE BARFORD BABIES - Last month's baby picture was...wait for it.....

Gunilla Treen and of course the wedding photo was Gunilla & Chris. Congratulations to you both on 50 years of marriage.

Now, did you guess correctly the other adorable little cherub. It was of course the one and only Mariann Young. I know, unbelievable eh, I didn't even think they had cameras back then?

Correct answers came from Janet Morris and Sophie Holmes, well done.

So, who are November's BBB's. Please email me at barfordnews@gmail.com, all answers will get a mention in Barford News.



CLUE: Is this gentlemen a fox or herb?



ANOTHER Barford Baby.....

CLUE: no bumble(ing) around trying to guess who this little lady is???



CLUE: and lastly, much travelled lady came down Scotland to settle in Church Street

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



On 10th September the Oxford Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride took place and the two Barford churches were included in the churches the participants could visit. There were 16 people who came to our churches and were offered refreshments before walking or cycling on to their next destinations. The idea is to be sponsored by friends and relatives to visit as many churches as possible between 10am to 6pm on that day and the money raised is divided between OHCT and our own churches.

Only four people took part from the Barfords as it unfortunately coincided with the Barford Show. However, we have raised £335.00 plus the Gift Aid, so thank you to all those who took part and those of you who kindly gave a donation, it's much appreciated. And a special thanks to Chris Cox who walked from Banbury to Barford visiting all the churches in between and Theo and Sophie Perry who cycled from Barford St John to Barford St Michael on their fairy cycles (although I think Theo would be horrified to hear his bike being referred to as a fairy cycle!)



It would be lovely if more people would take part in the Ride and Stride which happens each year on the second Saturday in September. You don't have to be 'churdy', it's just a fun day out with a purpose, raising funds to maintain our churches.



QUIZ NIGHT 12th NOVEMBER

Don't forget to book your teams for the quiz night.

Maximum 8 people per team.

We will provide supper.

Book now on 01869 338061 or 07957 855454. £10 pay at the door

T'committee

Cubby Brett



"Man is the only animal that can remain on friendly terms with the victims he intends to eat until he eats them."

Samuel Butler, quoted in Dawn



200 CLUB DRAW OCTOBER

£25	149	Kath Gosling
£15	185	John Hirons
£10	176	Emily Cox
£5	199	Anne Pearson

The draw took place at
Coffee Morning in the Hall

VILLAGE 200 + CLUB

Tickets for 2023 on sale very soon
£8.00 per ticket - more details next month

FOR SALE - £65

with 50% of the proceeds going to
Barford News.

A lovely bureau. Overall it is in good condition
but it's been in storage and there's a bit of
varnish needed here and there

The dimensions of the bureau are:

H 39 inches

W 36 inches

D 21 inches (front to back)

Please contact Sue Lane, Lower Street. Via email,
sueandles45@hotmail.com



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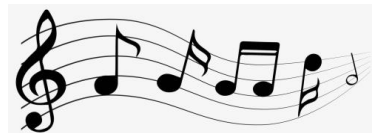
Jono & Jade Oakey
with Winnie and Bertie
who have recently moved to
Barford St John.

We hope that you will be very happy living in
your new home and look forward to meeting
you at village events

Thank you

for the generous donations made
at Alan Maddison's funeral, the proceeds
of which have been divided with
£170 going to Shepherds and Bakehouse
and £155 for Katharine House

Elizabeth & Sarah



A LIFE IN MUSIC

With Mike Horth



Wednesday, 9th NOVEMBER in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Former Barford resident, Mike is a Musical
Director and Musician who has worked in
Musical Theatre both on tour and in the
West End. His Theatre credits include:
Flashdance, *Starlight Express*; *Jesus Christ*
Superstar, *Fiddler on the Roof*.
He is perhaps best known locally as Musical
Director of Banbury choir 'Milltown Singers'

Visitors most welcome £5

Please contact Christine 338659

barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk



RC BAKER CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN - our fabulous supporters RC Baker are bringing back their annual Christmas Tractor Run on 17 December 2022

The event, which raises money for Katharine House Hospice, sees a festive fleet of tractors taking a tour around the local villages to spread Christmas cheer.

The family-run agricultural business has been running the merry event since 2016, raising tens of thousands of pounds for the hospice.

Watch out for news on the official route and timings on this page. COMING SOON!!!!

Start: 17th December, 2022 at 5:00pm

End: 17th December, 2022 at 7:30pm

Location: Around the villages of north Oxfordshire

BARFORD MARKET

**SATURDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER
10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Lovas Bakery from Hempton, with their artisan breads

Ellie's very Popular Greek Pastries and Pasties

Berrys Orchard from Deddington with a great selection of potted herbs,

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

Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items.

Greetings cards, Locally grown plants

Barford Environment Network – Offering refills of household products.

Shopping ordered from **Nothing But Footprints** is delivered to the market, free of charge!

Order online: www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk.

**.....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



TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB BECOMES.....

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB

16TH NOVEMBER 2022 at THE GEORGE

12.30PM for 1PM

MENU

MAINS

chicken chasseur served with creamed potato, braised carrots
and family style bowls of vegetables

or

wild mushroom linguine served with rocket & parmesan salad

DESSERTS

glazed rice pudding with berry compote

or

cheese board of cheddar, stilton, crackers, chutney and grapes

Soft drinks served with the meal - homemade strawberry & basil sparkling water or homemade
elderflower cooler

After the meal....Coffee & Tea

Price £10 per person

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

by Friday 11th November 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 ADVISE WHEN BOOKING!



**A Barford St Michael Soppo Spaniel seeks companion to take him for
midday walks, during the week.**

Contact Sophie for more info - 07717 112084



GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

BARFORD ENVIRONMENT NETWORK is a friendly, informal group that looks for ways of greener living in our villages. To join or learn more, contact John O'Brien: john@lcmb.co.uk

See us at the market every month selling **SESI refills** – washing-up liquid, general-purpose cleaner and more. Also, zero-waste shopping from **Nothing But Footprints** is delivered to the market free of charge. Order online from www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk by Friday lunchtime before a market day.



Attack on Nature? “Make no mistake, we are angry. The new UK Government has launched an unprecedented attack on nature and the laws that protect it. We need to defend our vulnerable and vital wild places, now. Don’t let this happen in your name.” The **RSPB**, responding to government proposals for environmental deregulation. It’s among the 79 organisations that have signed an open letter to the Prime Minister, warning that the weakening of planning and habitat protection could hasten the decline of the natural world.

From the letter: “Laws that protect the bedrock of our environment—air and water quality, soil health, heritage, and wildlife—must not be weakened. Doing so could hasten the torrent of pollution that blights our rivers and streams and increase the damaging presence of pesticides across a range of habitats ... Of course, the consequences for wildlife could mean that species and habitats are lost from our shores. Animal welfare regulations that ensure better quality of life for millions of farm and companion animals are also at risk, and with them the UK’s reputation as a welfare world leader ... The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill and Planning and Infrastructure Bill proposals to weaken planning protection could put paid to the chances of meeting legally-binding climate and nature targets.”

This letter was signed by the **RSPB, National Trust, The Wildlife Trusts, Woodland Trust, World Wide Fund for Nature UK, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT), Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, Client Earth, Marine Conservation Society, Greenpeace UK** and many others.

If you’re a supporter of one or more of these organisations, you’ll already be aware of this and will have been invited to email our MP and sign petitions. If you’d like to learn more and be involved, follow **#AttackonNature** on Twitter. You can also sign up to **#PeoplesPlanForNature** (www.peoplesplanfornature.org) – “the UK’s biggest conversation about the future of nature”. Submit your views (if you get this in time – closes on October 31st) and find out about the **People’s Assembly for Nature** which will bring ideas together and make recommendations.

Grow a tree! The **Deddington biodiversity group** is setting up a micro tree nursery. The idea is to collect seed from native trees around the parish and grow them on until they’re ready to be used in local planting schemes. The group is working with an expert gardener who can advise.

There will be a need for initiatives like this, because the demand for native trees in the many large-scale tree-planting schemes on the horizon will exceed the number available for sale. This means that others will be imported - but trees we grown and nurture ourselves will be better suited to local conditions. Would you like to take part? Hawthorn, field maple, ash and others readily self-sow around our gardens and can be dug up and potted as an alternative to growing from seed. If you’re interested, let me know and I’ll put you in touch with Tammy and the Deddington group.



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



Win a £1,000 holiday Voucher

How it works.....

From the 1st Aug 2022 to 1st Feb 2023 I will award points to you as set out below for referrals and bookings.

Points will be awarded as follows:-

25 points - if you refer someone and they make a booking. (You will need to be in my marketable contacts list).

50 points - if you make a booking for yourself!



All important terms and conditions.....

1. Incentive valid for referrals and bookings made by the 31 Jan 2023.
2. In the event of a tie the voucher will be split equally.
3. Voucher valid for 2023 travel.
4. Voucher must be redeemed through myself.
5. If you already use a Travel Counsellor, they must provide their permission for you to book your own holiday through me.
6. League tables will be published monthly.

01295 880030

Rebecca Smith, Travel Counsellor

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<https://www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/rebecca.smith/>

With us...it's personal



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL - What beautiful weather we have had overall, since the beginning of this term. The autumn sun has been enjoyed by all children and adults alike, whilst playing outside or taking part in PE sessions. Late September, we enjoyed our Harvest Celebration in church and the children brought in the most amazing Harvest gifts to give to people less fortunate than ourselves.

In Sport, some children in Years 3 and 4 took part in a football tournament this term, when they competed against other local primary schools. They loved this opportunity and played extremely well, with great team spirit.

The Year 6 pupils have been playing Hockey at Bloxham School and Year 4 children have been swimming one afternoon a week. The whole school also took part in a Cross Country run on our top field, so all in all, we are all keeping incredibly fit! Early in October Year 3 welcomed someone in school from 'Hands On Heritage' Oxfordshire to share artefacts and knowledge with the children, about life from the stone age to the iron age. They were able to look at objects from each era, such as stone spear heads, and also acted out some aspects of life in the past. It was a fantastic experience for the pupils, bringing the past to life for each of them.

Finally, we have an extra message today our brilliant PTA.....Deddington Primary School teachers and parents invite you to join them for a brilliant night of fireworks on the school field on **Saturday 5th November 2022**. Access is from Earls Lane and the event starts at 6.00 pm, with blast off scheduled for 7.00 pm. Everyone from the parish and beyond is welcome. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

With best wishes to you all, from all of us at Deddington Primary School.



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs - It has been an exciting start to the new year for Cubs we have been joined by three new members, including our first girl for a couple of years. Don't forget that girls can be Cubs too and it's great to have diversity in our pack!

A major event for us at the start of this year, in mid-September, was a two-night camp. Twelve of our Cubs joined other packs at the Scout campsite at Horley. There were also several Beaver Scout lodges there so the place was busy with young campers. Cubs got involved in a number of fun activities: frisbee, golf, rocket making (and launching!), and a blind-fold trail. One evening we played a wide game in the woods in the dark and the other evening we had a great time around the campfire singing some songs and then toasting some marshmallows - always a firm favourite! Spending time at camp provides a fun context for Cubs to further develop their independence as well as some practical skills. It was particularly pleasing to see some of our Cubs volunteer to clean up the communal dining area.

Since camp we have had sessions stringing and playing conkers - some of you may remember playing that in your youth? We have also done some work on lashing, all interspersed with a selection of fun games.

Paul Honess deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts - With thoughts of the Queen in mind we took the opportunity to remind ourselves of our scouting values, Integrity, Respect, Care, Beliefs & Co-operation, using games & activities & yes, one of those did include wearing a Morrisons paper carrier over their heads!

An evening of small fire lighting followed, some can do it, some can't so more practice needed. Then, inspired by those scary films of the 60's & 70's, they made some (brilliant) Public Information Films, on the subjects of, healthy eating, smoking, sleep & alcohol.

We made whistles from drinks cans - very impressively loud (apologies to the dog class in the hall) and a few of us litter picked the Hempton Rd. Prize for the weirdest pick to Ralph - a pair of pants!

Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

CHURCH MATTERS



Queen's Service and Harvest

It was wonderful to see so many people at our combined Harvest/Queen's celebration.

It gave us the opportunity to reflect on the life of the Queen and how important her faith was to her in her life. Her life was given in service to her people and to God and we could clearly see that Faith, Hope and Love were such a vital part of her life as Queen, wife, mother, grandmother. Faith in God, Love for her family and country and an eternal hope for a bright future for all. Let's take her example to stand strong in our faith, our beliefs, to stand firm in the hope that the world can indeed grow to be a better place as she always dreamed of. Let our light shine in the world.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Banbury food bank which will be gratefully received.

Mini worshipper pew packs

We are in the process of putting together some pew packs for our mini worshippers. The lovely Cathy Peacock has made some drawstring bags for us. The idea is that we would like to fill them with pens, paper, colouring, fiddle toys, cuddlies, books, puzzles for children to use in our services. Our main priority is to make sure that families with young children feel welcome to come to any of our services. They are the future of our Church after all. The idea of the bags is that they can be brought to the pews to use in the service or can be used in our family area to keep the children calm and entertained.

There will be a box placed in St Michael's church porch from Sunday 30th October for people to donate any of the items listed above to put inside our mini-worshipper bags. Please help us to get these bags filled and ready for use as soon as possible.

St Michael's Church
will be closed during daylight hours
from the end of October until the
British Summer Time starts in March
next year.

Keyholders to the St Michael's are
Sue Addison 07484718791
Sally Barber 07776241218

Fifth Sunday in St Michael's

There is no service at present on the 5th Sunday of the month. There are not many of them in the year, but it would be nice to have the opportunity to open the church to our congregation and village. Coffee, cake, chat and colouring! The church will be open from 10-11:30, the perfect time for coffee and cake and home in time for lunch! Come along for a catch up. No worship, just a simple get together for friends old and new. Look out for the dates. **First one is October 30th.**

Sunday 13th November



The service for Remembrance Day will be held in St Michaels at 9am. Wreaths will be laid at the war memorial during the service.



Banbury Foodbank

to help local people in crisis.

Hunger remains a reality for many.

Please help by buying items from the list below and putting them in the box inside the porch of St Michael's church.

cereals, tea/coffee, soup, tinned vegetables, pasta, tinned fruit, rice, biscuits, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, lentils, beans & pulses, uht milk, tinned meat, fruit juices

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE

Many thanks



DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION

A week ago our call out total was stuck in single figures – very low when you compare that to the last 3 months

of over 100 shouts. However, this last week has resulted in a number of serious fires and incidents boosting our total to 19 call outs.

However, the start of the month saw us respond to a rare incident, although one we are constantly asked about – have you ever rescued a cat up a tree!! So we can now all say yes we have (some of our crew have been waiting 15 years for this one!).

The cat, Clyde, had been a fair way up a lovely mature oak for most of the day. Access was limited in the owner's garden meaning we had to approach from a neighbouring property and erect the 13.5m ladder to allow access to Clyde. The form of the tree and branch positioning meant that a standard ladder pitch couldn't be achieved allowing some creative firecraft amongst the crew.



After several aborted goes, the ladder was extended to the branch below Clyde, only for him to climb up further. Eventually he came back down and 2 firefighters in working at heights gear scaled the ladder equipped with treats and a large net. After 10 minutes of cajoling, FF Louis Martin's Doltle skills paid off and Clyde was brought down to great relief of the owners and was placed in a line bag and passed over the fence.

Whilst the rescue was occurring, the children watching were given a tour of the fire truck to take their minds off events.

With autumn now officially here, please remember to sweep your chimneys before lighting your fires and do take extra care with low sun during those commuting runs.

And finally, a big welcome to CJ Harber who joins us as our latest recruit.

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**

Deddington Health Centre 2022 Flu Vaccinations

**Saturday morning flu clinics will take place in
October and November**

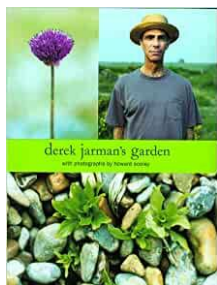
You can book your flu jab now by:

- Booking online using Patient Access
at <https://www.patientaccess.com/>
- Calling us on 01869 338611

Seasonal flu is a highly infectious illness caused by a flu virus. The virus infects your lungs and upper airways, causing a sudden high temperature and general aches and pains. You could also lose your appetite, feel nauseous and have a dry cough. Symptoms can last for up to a week. We offer 'at risk' groups the flu vaccine at a certain time each year to protect you against the flu virus.

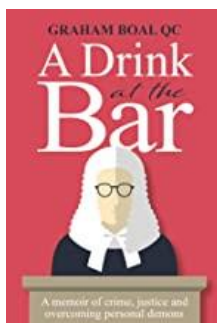


Reading recommendations from **BARFORD BOOKCHAT**



Derek Jarman's Garden, by Derek Jarman and Howard Sooley. After seeing photographs and reading about Prospect Cottage, I at last visited this summer and was captivated both by this iconic garden and by the unique atmosphere and landscape of Dungeness, with the nuclear power station looming in the background. On my return I read this, Jarman's notes, reflections and poems, the last book he wrote before his death in 1994. Weakened by illness he finds inspiration in the garden he's shaped, collecting stones, driftwood and rusted metal to make sculptures and pebble necklaces. *"A cold, grey day. I write the poems, and while the poems form the rain blows in. Slowly the puddles gather at the roadside. Then, as the day draws to a close, sunlight floods the*

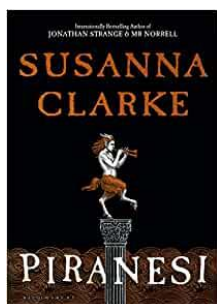
Ness and the wet shingle glistens like pearls of Vermeer light." Photography by Howard Sooley lovingly captures the uniqueness of the garden and its maker. **Linda Newbery**



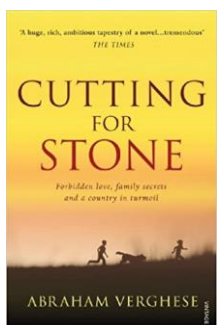
A Drink at the Bar by Graham Boal QC. This is a very courageous book. It is written by a friend and professional colleague of 50 years, our paths progressing on parallel courses until Graham's personal demons forced him to retire prematurely from a glittering career.

After starting as a young pupil barrister in swinging sixties London, Graham describes his involvement in many of the most famous cases of the next four decades - junior counsel for Jeremy Thorpe, Crown counsel in the Birmingham Six appeal, the Calvi inquest and many more. His contemporaries- of whom he writes with candour and wit - included George Carman QC, Sir John Mortimer QC and others more talented but less well known. He rose from the most senior prosecutor to become an Old Bailey Judge. Yet, in 1993 he was diagnosed as an alcoholic depressive. His unflinching account of his fight to conquer this - its near disastrous effect on his

marriage and his career- is both soul destroying and spiritually enhancing, aimed at encouraging others to seek the support he was ultimately to find. **Christopher Murray**



Piranesi by Susanna Clarke appeared sixteen years after her first novel, **Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell**, which was dramatised by the BBC. I feel like an observer in *The Emperor's New Clothes*, hampered by a lack of interest in fantasy fiction and at odds with the admiring literary elite. Piranesi lives, mainly alone, in a House of multiple, far-reaching halls containing sea water, crashing waves, sea birds and many imposing human statues. The action mainly involves a character called The Other. What unites them is The Other's pursuit of ultimate wisdom, though Piranesi gradually loses interest while assisting with research. Time is measured from the day of the arrival of an albatross, recorded in journals. The prose is uncluttered, if unremarkable, and the book is mercifully brief at around 250 pages. What's it all about? Who knows, but it's an excuse for endless philosophising and hypothesising. **Trevor Arrowsmith**



Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese is an epic saga that unfolds across five decades in India, Ethiopia and America. Marion and Shiva Stone are born one dramatic afternoon in 1954 in Addis Ababa, the same day their mother, a nun, dies of complications from her hidden pregnancy and they are forsaken by their father. They are raised by two surgeons at the hospital and grow up amid the political turmoil of Ethiopia. Bound together by a fascination with medicine, they come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. Yet it will be love, not politics - their passion for the same woman - that will tear them apart and force Marion to flee his homeland. In America the past catches up and Marion must entrust his life to the two men he trusted least in the world: the father who abandoned him and the brother who betrayed him. **Ishbel Freeman**

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



Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

The first school term of the year has raced by. During the half term break we held our Halloween pumpkin trail around Deddington.

Thank you to everyone who supported this. In October we held a well-attended parents evening at the PFSU, which included playing some of the phonics and numeracy games that our children enjoy. We hope you found it interesting.

The Nursery children enjoyed a dress-up week for Halloween. This term both settings will be thinking about celebrations, which will include fireworks night, Diwali and Christmas. Applications for Primary School for next September open on 1st November. If your child turns four by 31st August 2023 don't forget to make yours!

We welcome Tina to the Pre-School staff team.

Lucy Squires | 📞 337484



Military Exercise at St. John

Just to make the community of St Michael and St John aware, that for three days in November, there will be joint training exercises between armed MOD and armed Northants Police officers on the aerodrome. You may hear periods of intense gun fire, and possible explosive use. I can assure you that there will be no cause for concern. Over the three days you will see increased Police presence, which in turn will help the area in further crime prevention.

Thank you, Darren Hall



Deddington Bookworms

Our book this month was 'The Salt Path' by Raynor Winn. A first novel for Raynor which details how her life was plunged into the depths of despair. However, this despair became the impetus for finding inner strength and determination.

Raynor and her husband Moth find themselves homeless after a financial investment went badly wrong. Inspired by Mark Wallington's book '500-mile Walkies', they take on the South West Coast path carrying their new home on their backs. All the more remarkable as Moth was diagnosed with a terminal illness within two weeks of learning of their impending homelessness.

All the Bookworms read and enjoyed the book. Raynor describes the countryside and the wildlife well and the insights of how other people react to them are both entertaining and thought provoking.

Sometimes the reader is left with more questions than answers particularly regarding the way they became homeless and their complete lack of funds. However, overall, this is a very positive read, with the moral of the story being that no matter how hard it gets don't give up.

Our next book is 'Dear Mrs Bird' by AJ Pearce.



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Welcome to all our new Guides who have made their promise this term. Congratulations to our newly elected Patrol leaders and their chosen Seconds, too. We spent some time beforehand discussing the qualities of a good leader and the fairest way to vote.

Our Hobbies evening was very successful with each Guide demonstrating or talking about their other interests. We have some very talented artists and musicians among us! We also discovered a wide range of other hobbies from dancing to snorkelling and skiing!!

Messy painting was very popular as were toasting marshmallows, games in the dark and knotting. Through various activities, learning about the natural world around us, and how to cope and help in various emergency will hopefully stand us in good stead for the future.

The Guides are all working on two chosen badges.....Mixology.....great fun involving creating new smoothies and planning parties etc and First Aid. So, by the end, of term we should be able to live up to our Be Prepared motto!!

All girls 10 and over very welcome to come along and have a "Taster" of what we're all about .

Maggie Rampley 07957 600755 and Marian Trinder 07786 001641

Garden Club Photography Competition - Our photography competition was judged by professional photographer Ben Nicholson. Overall winner, **Barford Photographer of 2022**, is **Vicky Stevens** for her lovely portrait of Trevor with their impressive pumpkin crop. Congratulations, Vicky! Our thanks go to Ben for judging and to everyone who entered. 97 photographs were submitted, raising £111.50 for Katharine House Hospice.

We hope to show the winners and runners-up in the next colour edition of Barford News.

Results:Barford Landscapes

Winner: Nick Belson

Commended: Nick Belson (x2), Joanne Turner

Portrait of a Gardener

Winner, and overall winner: Vicky Stevens

Commended: Nick Belson, Gunilla Treen

Wild Flowers, Fruits or Leaves in close-up

Winner: Caroline Belson

Commended: Nick Belson

Sculpture or Architectural detail

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5th Fireworks at Deddington Primary

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10th Garden Club Talk – VH – See Potting Shed

12th Kathmandu Kids Home Charity Quiz – VH

16th Village Lunch Club at The George

17th Supper Club at The George

19th Village Market

DECEMBER

17th RC Baker Tractor Run

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