

# BARFORD NEWS

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## CORONAVIRUS

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## Barford Parish Council - Coronavirus Advice for Everyone

As a consequence of Coronavirus the Parish Council along with concerned members of our community thought it would be helpful to consider what we can do to support ourselves and neighbours if the situation worsens. We should all be aware of neighbours particularly those living on their own or who are vulnerable.

If you need or are required by the government to stay at home, this website may help: <https://www.oxfordshiremind.org.uk/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>. If you need medical advice follow the NHS guidance. If you have any Coronavirus symptoms, the current advice is to stay at home for 7 days but if they worsen or are no better after 7 days, contact [NHS 111 online](#) or call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999

- **Food:** do you have a way to get food delivered? If not, do you have someone who can shop for you and do you have enough cash to give them. See telephone number below if none applies to you.
- **Cleaning:** are your cleaning supplies stocked up?
- **Medication:** do you have enough medication, or a way to get more?
- **Health:** have you made a note of family contacts and medication you might be taking etc. Make a note of all the information that would be useful in case of an emergency and is in easy access.
- **Commitments:** can someone else help you care for any dependents, walk your dog, or take care of any other commitments?
- **Connectivity:** have you checked the contact details of the people you see regularly, like have you got their phone numbers or email addresses?
- **Exercise:** is there any physical activity you can do inside your home or in your garden, such as going up and down the stairs, using bean tins as weights. If you keep within 2 metres (present guidance) of other people, you can walk outside.
- **Entertainment:** have you thought about things to do, books to read or TV shows to watch?

If you are unable to get to the shops or pharmacy or need some other errands you can ring Carole on **07768 378758** [carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk) or Sandi on **01869 337228** [barfordsandi@gmail.com](mailto:barfordsandi@gmail.com) who will arrange for someone to help you.

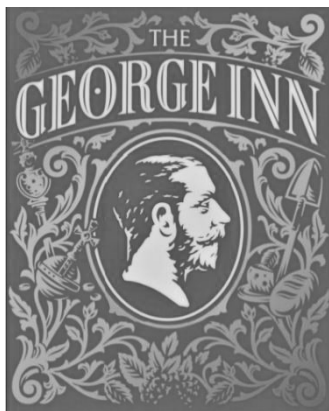
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**BARFORD PARISH COUNCIL.....**As the Village Hall is no longer available and will be closed for what will probably be some while, the Parish Council will be unable to hold public meetings for the time being.

If you need to contact us, then please telephone (numbers on inner back page) or contact myself or the Clerk, David Best on our email.

The Annual Clean Up has had to be postponed and we are waiting to hear whether the governmental department that oversees councils will allow us to postpone the Annual Parish Meeting. In any case, we expect that it will not take place on the advertised date, 23rd April.

**Sandi Turner**  
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## LOOKING AFTER THE COMMUNITY.....

Dear Barford St John & St Michael

We are going to remain open for as long as we possibly can and want to help our local community as much as possible - from freezing milk, bread and batches of soup, to helping locals with refrigeration space to reduce spoilage, to delivering food and wine to those already in isolation.

Regarding 'BARFORDS ONLY Home Deliveries', I will be manning the phone for orders and requests of help between 12 and 1pm and 5 and 6pm daily.

The menu for home deliveries will

be put on the Barford Facebook page each morning. Please share amongst our neighbours as much as you can, so those that really need our help hear about the menu too.

Realistically we will need to take each day as it comes, and the menu will have to reflect this depending on what dishes and ingredients we have available so the menu will be likely to change daily but feature lots of pub classics and wholesome dishes.



The team and I wish to help our community as much as we can, so please get in touch if you need assistance or help during this difficult time.

Keep safe everyone.

Claire and all the team at The George | ☎ 338160

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## FROM ANNIE GOLDTHORP, the Vicar

Dear Friends

I am someone who sees her cup as always half full, and I am trying hard to keep on believing that with the threat of COVID-19 being ever present. Obviously we are experiencing something entirely new to us where fear and uncertainty affects us all. But this is a time for being positive and doing what we can to help. It is a time when we need to look out not just for ourselves, our families and friends but also our local communities to make sure that we help and protect the most vulnerable.

I am immensely proud of the way our communities, right across the benefice, have responded to this crisis. In a very short space of time we have a large number of volunteers who are prepared to go that extra mile in order to make sure our villages remain as safe as possible. More information will be coming out in the next few days, but if you are struggling, or if you need a prescription fetching, a dog walking or you need to buy food and cannot leave the house, then please do use the details listed on the front page to contact the person who can help you.

Also in this month's edition, you will find the card with the planned Easter Services. Obviously, with the suspension of public worship these services will no longer happen as they were intended – but in Deddington Church at least, where we have the facility to broadcast on-line (visit [deddingtonchurch.org](http://deddingtonchurch.org) and follow the Church TV link), some of those services will still take place, albeit without a congregation.

Nobody is quite sure who actually said these words originally, but "this too will pass". I hope and pray that when it is all over, those things we took for granted, the things we thought nothing much of or that we thought we had a right to, will be seen as a gift and something we can all be grateful for. Even in this time of crisis, if you look around for it, there are many, tiny blessings every day.

I will end with a prayer that I hope makes us all put this into perspective:.....

#### **Prayer for a Pandemic**

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors, remember those who are vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home, remember those who must choose between preserving their health and paying the rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close, remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips, remember those who have no place to go.

May those who are losing money in the tumult of the economic market, remember those who have no money in at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home, remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.

**Amen**

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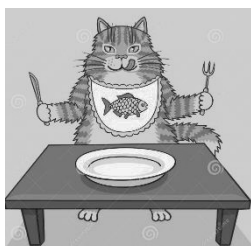
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&  
Annie Beesley



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Trevor Arrowsmith  
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eat?

Pho, top floor  
Westgate Centre  
Oxford

Cuisine?

Vietnamese street  
food

RATINGS  
Food

Out of 5 stars.....  
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Service

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Value

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Atmosphere

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#### COMMENTS:

The Westgate Centre has a number of restaurants, mostly on the top floor, from which we chose Pho for lunch.

Linda was pleased with the separate vegan menu - she doesn't always have such wide choice! The traditional menu includes a range of soups and wok-fried dishes with meat of choice, noodles and a healthy side-serving of fresh herbs including Thai basil and mint. The idea is that you adjust the broth or stir-fry to your taste by adding chilli, garlic and fish sauce, etc, at the table, along with the herbs.

The price is around £12 for what is a satisfying one-pot meal. Both our dishes were light and fresh with the distinctive flavours of ginger, soy, sesame and spring onions.

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**STAY LIVING AT HOME** - Why many families are now choosing live-in care over a residential care home

#### WHAT IS LIVE-IN CARE?

Live-in care is just that. It allows an individual, or couple, to stay in the comfort and familiarity of their own home. They have one-to-one, high quality 24/7 support from a carefully matched carer who lives with them. Depending on the provider and level of care agreed, core services typically include: help with mobility and safety, personal care, medication, night time support, shopping, cooking, housework, pet care, admin, trips out and appointments, plus companionship and emotional support. Many carers are specially trained to cope with conditions such as dementia, stroke, MS, Parkinson's or palliative care.

"Live-in carers help clients enjoy things in life that bring happiness: seeing friends, pets, baking, gardening or reading a great book."

#### KEY BENEFITS

Live-in care provides great peace of mind. To be in familiar surroundings, with treasured possessions, beloved pets, friends nearby, while receiving tailored, professional care enables elderly relatives to live well – and be as healthy and happy as they can be.

With no rigid timetables, each day is planned around the client and their own routines and preferences (this is especially beneficial for those with dementia). Carers can adapt quickly and easily to any changes in needs. Indeed, getting to know their charges well also helps a carer spot when someone might just be little off colour, enabling health issues to be picked up as early as possible. Live-in homecare is about caring for the whole person, not just an age or health issue. Good carers possess a balance of dedication, reliability and compassion, combined with sociability, good humour and common sense. The good care providers have developed proven in-depth carer-client matching procedures to ensure sensitive and compatible pairings. It's an essential part of making live-in care so successful.

Live-in fees can compare favourably with residential care homes, especially where couples are looked after together. Costs vary depending on requirements, for instance some people may need simple companionship and support with housekeeping, others may have complex medical needs.

*In the Barfords area and wider Oxfordshire, one of the better known companies is Oxford Private Care who have a highly established reputation, and have been providing care services and live-in care since 1982. Find out more at [www.oxfordprivatecare.co.uk](http://www.oxfordprivatecare.co.uk) or ring them on 01865 861944.*



#### RIDDLES.....answers on Page 15

1. I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest person can't hold me for five minutes. What am I?
2. What has been around for millions of years but is never more than a month old?
3. My age today is three times what it will be three years from now minus three times what my age was three years ago. How old am I?
4. I have two hands, but cannot hold. I have no mouth, but the unknown can still be told. What am I?
5. You use a knife to slice my head and weep beside me when I am dead. What am I?



## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another busy and exciting month here at the Primary School, with much of it being focused on reading and books.

We celebrated World Book Day on 5<sup>th</sup> March by bringing in our favourite stories and books to share with our friends and teachers and we had a brilliant day. We LOVE reading in our school and ALWAYS make the most of every opportunity to celebrate books. Our Scholastic Book Fair also took place during World Book Day week. We managed to sell books to the amazing value of almost £1000! Then 60% of the money raised will come back to us at school to buy books. Therefore, we will continue to develop our love of reading though the purchase of MORE wonderful books, some of which will be for classrooms and some for our much-loved 'Secret Reading Garden'.

It seems appropriate at this point to thank our lovely Pets-As-Therapy dog Copper and his owner, for their continued support whilst hearing readers across the school every week. In addition to this we have a number of dedicated Volunteer Readers who we would also like to thank, for giving up their time on a weekly basis, hearing children read. Our Sponsored Read event was equally, hugely successful and so our love stories, adventures, information, poetry... continues to grow day by day 😊.

Year 2 had a fascinating trip to St John's House Museum in Warwick, where their Victorian knowledge was deepened and enriched through their learning experiences. The children took part in immersive workshops which gave them a memorable experience of Victorian life. The Victorian classroom set up was loved by all, as was the hands-on experience in the laundry! Year 5 experienced a Tudor day, which culminated in a banquet of bread, cheese and Tudor Jumbles (Rosewater biscuits). It was led by a person from 'History off the Page'. This was made possible by the generous class donation from our wonderful PTA, which was given to Year 5.

In Sport there has been a Hockey Tournament for children in Years 5 and 6 and all those involved participated with pride and enthusiasm as representatives of our school.

Early in March we had a visitor in school who led a Fairtrade Assembly for the whole school. During this assembly she talked to the children about her life in Africa, to increase our understanding of the meaning of Fairtrade. We also held a cake stall to raise money in aid of Fairtrade. For this the children made cakes at home and then brought them into school to sell at the end of the day. A massive amount of just over £200 was raised so we would like to THANK everyone who supported this event, either by making cakes or by buying them to take home.

We are now preparing for Easter and have celebrated Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday during our Key Stage assemblies. We have also been creating Easter Prayer Stations in church, to prepare for Easter during this important period of Lent.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

**Denise Welch**



### LOCAL ARTIST, Janet Bird's FIRST SOLO EXHIBITION AS PART OF OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS....

Deddington-based artist  
Janet Bird will be exhibiting

her work at The George from the  
9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May as part of Oxfordshire Artweeks.

Brought up on a farm in  
Northern Ireland,  
Janet's lifelong love of  
animals is often  
reflected in her choice  
of painting subjects.



She works mainly in  
acrylics and soft pastel, with the odd foray into  
oils and watercolour.

Janet exhibits throughout the year at Church  
Lane Gallery, in Banbury, and her work can also  
be seen online at [www.janetbirdart.co.uk](http://www.janetbirdart.co.uk) and  
on Facebook and Instagram as jaybirdart\_1Ad

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW  
MAY'S BARFORD NEWS**

## CHURCH MATTERS



Easter eggs are one of the many symbols of Easter, but how did they become so important to us all?

An obvious one is that anything about chocolate after Lent is always a good thing! But Easter is a lot more than chocolate, it is all about the saving power of God and his son, Jesus.

The name Easter probably comes from Scandinavian 'Ostra' and the Germanic 'Osterne' or 'Eastre'. Both of these are names of mythological goddesses of spring and fertility for whom festivals were held around the spring equinox.

The special candle that is blessed before Easter and is used during certain church services is often called the Paschal Candle. The name is derived from the word for Passover, an important annual Jewish festival celebrating the release of the Israelites from captivity in Egypt around 1300BC. The whole Easter story from Palm Sunday (Jesus' entry to Jerusalem), The Last Supper, the crucifixion and Jesus' rising from the dead on Easter morning all happened around the time of the Passover festival.

The egg has the symbolism for Easter. The hard shell represents the tomb Jesus was put in after his death and the contents of the egg itself representing new birth mirroring that of the resurrection.

The idea of giving eggs in all their brightly coloured forms dates back to early Christians in Mesopotamia (now part of present day Iraq) where eggs were dyed red and given as gifts.

Decorating and colouring eggs for Easter was a popular custom in the middle ages, and throughout Europe different cultures evolved their own styles and colours. In Greece, crimson-coloured Easter eggs are exchanged, whereas in Eastern Europe and Russia silver and gold decorations are common, and Austrian Easter eggs often have plant and fern designs.

In Edward I's household accounts for 1307 there is an entry of:

"18 pence for 450 eggs to be boiled and dyed or covered with gold leaf and distributed to the Royal household".

Later, craftsmen made artificial eggs of silver and gold, ivory or porcelain, often inlaid with jewels. The ultimate Easter egg-shaped gifts must have been the fabulous jewelled creations by Carl Fabergé made during the 19th Century for the Russian Czar and Czarina. Today, these superb creations are precious museum pieces.

The first chocolate Easter eggs were made in Europe in the early 19th Century with France and Germany taking the lead in this new artistic confectionery. It was not until 1875 that the first Cadbury Easter Eggs were made.

The current largest Easter egg was made in Argentina in 2019 and weighed approximately 4 tons. It was built from slabs of chocolate on a wooden frame. Unfortunately, because of the high temperatures, it started melting almost as soon as it was built!

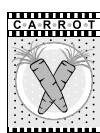
Writings from the 17th century in Germany describe the 'Oschter Haws' (Easter hare) for the first time. According to folklore, the Easter hare would lay colourful eggs in the nests (baskets) of well-behaved children. German immigrants brought this tradition to the US and the idea of the Easter Bunny was born.

All these chocolate facts takes us a long way away from the real meaning of Easter. It is the culmination of the Son of God, Jesus' mission here on earth not only to show us how to lead our lives but most importantly die for our sins on the cross.

In the words of the last verse of the famous Easter hymn 'There is a green hill far away' :-

There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin,  
He only could unlock the gates of heaven and let us in.

**Tony Elvidge, Churchwarden**



**BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB  
NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED  
April 2020**

**THE SOUL CANNOT THRIVE IN THE ABSENCE  
OF A GARDEN**

**Sir Thomas More**

**GARDENS ARE NOT MADE BY SINGING 'Oh how beautiful  
and sitting in the shade'**

**Rudyard Kipling**

**Sunshine and showers**

Spring is finally in evidence as daffodils and flowering trees start to bloom. Expect the inevitable April showers this month but with sunny days too, when you can turn your attention to the lawn. It's an exciting month, with indoor-sown seeds well into growth, and it's also time to start sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts...**FUTURE PLANS** ...The Committee has been busy planning events for next year. There are several interesting visits and talks which will be detailed in future Barford News. Members will receive an email as well. **NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.** Finally: a reminder to make use of your membership discount; your card can be used at several local garden centres. Applegarth, on the edge of Chipping Norton, gives us a generous 10% off everything, not just plants. Farnborough Garden Centre has its own 10% discount card, which you should have been given by now, for 10% off a minimum spend of £5. Bloxham Nursery and Wyatts Garden Centre and Farm Shop have their own 10% discount card (valid at both places) which you can obtain by producing your Barford Green membership card; the same applies at Burford Garden Company. If you're going farther east, Buckingham Garden Centre also offers its own discount card on production of ours. With all this on offer, you can quickly recoup your £5 subscription - so please mention that to friends and neighbours who haven't yet joined!

Our first outing of this year, hopefully, is to Nicholsons in North Aston, on Thursday 7th May (the day before the VE Day Bank Holiday).

We'll meet there at 2pm for a guided tour of the nursery areas; then, in the Orchard Barn, one of Nicholsons' experts will give a talk on Trees for Small Gardens. We can then have tea and cake in the lovely Yurt Cafe. There's no charge for this visit, other than for refreshments.

Some of you may wish to arrive early and have lunch in the Yurt - if so, do book a table, as the cafe can be busy.

I'd like an idea of numbers for the tour and talk, so if you're planning to attend please let me know; this will also help with car-sharing. Our PLANT SWAP is scheduled for Thursday 21st May.

Jobs for April. Keep weeds under control: Protect fruit blossom from late frosts: Tie in climbing and rambling roses: Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors: Start to feed citrus plants: Increase the water given to houseplants: Feed hungry shrubs and roses: Sow new lawns or repair bare patches: Prune fig trees: Divide bamboos and waterlilies: Flowers Sowing Hardy annuals can be sown in pots or modules to provide colour in the garden. Annual grasses can be fun to try too: *Briza maxima* (right), *Lagurus ovatus* and *Hordeum jubatum* are suitable examples. In mild areas with light soil, you can sow directly outside by marking out irregularly shaped seedbeds and broadcasting 'drifts' of different seed to give a more natural look. Lawns Mow lawns when necessary - whenever the grass is growing - the aim is to maintain a constant height throughout the year. Repair the lawn edges using a half-moon edging iron or spade to create a 7.5cm (3in) 'gutter' around the lawn. This will prevent grass creeping from the lawn into borders. Repair bumps and hollows by peeling back the turf, removing or adding soil, and then replacing the turf.

Incidentally, another tip..... NO DIG...despite the wet winter, the veg-growing guru Charles Dowding's plot in Somerset has coped well. On his Instagram feed, there are images of immaculate beds of soil, with not a puddle in sight. "It has been fine here thanks to using the no-dig method, which encourages good drainage, and I hear from allotmenters that their soil drains so much faster since they've adopted the no-dig approach," he says. "If you have drainage problems, don't put tools into the soil, just apply a surface mulch of soft organic matter such as compost and composted wood bark. This will encourage earthworms, which in turn will create natural drainage channels." This technique works just as well for ornamental plants — composted bark is particularly useful for clay soils because it opens up the structure, thereby improving the drainage.

The days are getting longer! MIND YOUR BACKS, apply sun cream and Happy Gardening!



**SPADE AND FORK**

## THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE AND PUBLIC FOOTPATHS



Dear Barfords

I have been asked by a couple of residents for information on the public footpaths in The Barfords.

This has been prompted by one resident being asked not to use a field for dog walking that they had used for many years as the owner of the field had had enough of people leaving their rubbish, and more disgustingly, the dog's mess behind. I don't blame them and, sadly, this is just another case of one selfish dog-owner ruining it for everyone else.

So, I have had a look at various public footpath websites but, unfortunately, they won't be obvious in our black print so may I suggest visiting the following website.

<https://footpathmaps.com/>

Thank you, Lucy (Ed)

PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME THAT YOU CAN USE  
ANY PATH YOU WISH, ALWAYS CHECK FIRST

## THE NEW SPRING COAT

The 1950s! And it would soon be spring  
A new outfit for Easter was the usual thing.  
Shop windows displayed light coats in fine tweed,  
But to go in and buy one – a forlorn hope indeed.

I was in my first job and money was tight,  
To stay debt free and solvent was a weekly fight.  
Then temptation stepped in – a chance  
not to be missed,  
I would buy one on credit – I could not resist.

By using a friend's store credit account  
My new coat I paid for, in weekly amounts.  
Those payments seemed endless, they went on  
forever.

Why was I buying on the 'never never'?

I had always saved up to buy before,  
Paying afterwards seemed quite wrong for sure  
Why was I tempted, I knew I'd regret it,  
I would pay it off quickly, then I could forget it.

I loved that new coat, but it stayed out of sight,  
To wear it not paid for – well, it wouldn't feel  
right.

'It's not yours yet', my conscience would nag.  
So, it stayed in the cupboard still wearing its tag.

It was still there when spring was doing its thing,  
When daffodils bloomed and birds started to sing.

And with two more instalments left to pay,  
My **old** coat I wore on Easter Day.



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One of the big changes which came about during WW II was the innovation of the cash register when each shop assistant had their own cash machine, these probably manufactured by IBM a large US company. This resulted in the demise of the pre-war system of shuttles and tubes and the central cash accounts department. I wonder how many people today can remember going

shopping with their parents in large department stores and seeing the assistant putting the bill in a shuttle and down a tube where it would disappear with a 'hiss' and then shortly after come back again.

Many years after the war, and being appointed to be responsible for the modernisation and refurbishment of one of the world's most well-known hotels, I was very surprised to find a vacuum tube installation still in existence and in operation. The purpose, in this instance, was to enable the staff on each floor to take instructions from the guests in their rooms for breakfast, other meals or refreshments, transfer them to written notes and insert these in a shuttle down a vacuum tube. These were conveyed down to the kitchens in the basement for action or to other departments.

Needless to say, the modernisation work required the removal of this system which had been installed originally by the Lamson Pneumatic Tube Company and had been in use ever since the hotel was built in 1903. Today an internal telephone system through the central switchboard gives guests access to whichever service they require.

I wonder if any of the same systems are still working anywhere today, maybe I should have consulted Michael Bond?





## GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH: Greener Gardening

If you watch gardening programmes on television, read garden magazines or go to shows, you'll be aware of a shift in approach from billiard-table lawns and high-maintenance bedding in favour of informality and concern for wildlife. Most of us in the Barfords are lucky to have our own gardens, and can provide for wildlife by planting berried shrubs, making ponds and hedgehog routes, leaving untidy areas of leaves and log-piles for insects and choosing plants to encourage bees and other pollinators.

But how green *is* our gardening? Can we do better? In many ways the horticultural industry continues to promote harmful products. For instance, most garden centres sell peat-based compost and a toxic array of weed-killers, insecticides and slug pellets. Most plants for sale are in plastic pots, though some garden companies are introducing alternatives.

Finally: would you like to contribute to this column? The **May** piece will probably be by someone else; for **June** I'd like to gather a range of ideas on the many **Rs** of sustainability: **Reduce, Refuse, Retain, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose, Repair**. Please send me your tips, ideas and local knowledge!

Linda Newbery L.newbery@btinternet.com

*It's a Girl*

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## 1<sup>st</sup> DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

### Cubs

We are still striving to finish our Skills Challenge Badge & spent a great evening with Caroline from the badminton club. The Cubs made good progress with their racquet control & by the end of the evening most of them could manage a half decent rally. Many thanks to Caroline for her patience.

We then looked at aspects of our bodies, the Cubs measured themselves, played a hectic game snatching food (not real) & re-created the circulation of the blood with themselves as organs! Mimi was an exceptional kidney.

Jo Churchyard

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### Scouts

After half term we ambushed the Scouts & gave them a series of life skills to try, they are now proficient at ironing & folding, window washing & toilet cleaning!

The nice people at Games Workshop have sponsored the Model maker badge & supplied a massive kit which allowed the Scouts to make & paint Warhammer models, everything was included, brushes, books & dice to play the game. A very popular activity. Well done to Jacob who performed in this year's gang show at Radley College.

Peter Churchyard

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### Explorers

Sending messages with light sticks and Morse code was a challenge. Writing code for the rest of the Unit to decipher was equally difficult. But we will be able to communicate whatever happens! As a Unit who love cooking we couldn't miss out on making pancakes, delicious. The Pioneer badge and Survival Skills are gradually being worked through in the form of knotting, splicing and lashings. Some were more successful than others but the marshmallow and spaghetti towers were a wonder to behold.....

Finally not a ban but a positive encouragement to use mobile phones to research buying a BBQ with the donation from the Farmer's Market. Two have been chosen, now to purchase and use them. Janet Duxbury  
[spartanexplorers@gmail.com](mailto:spartanexplorers@gmail.com)



## DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

It has been a busy term so far. The PFSU children

loved exploring the camper van that came to visit, and spent a Spring morning enjoying the Castle Grounds. Nursery have welcomed a number of new children this term, and have been having fun learning about minibeasts by observing worms and caterpillars.

Our Easter Holiday Club will run from Monday 6th to Thursday 9th April from 8am to 5pm, and booking forms are available at both settings now. Ian Taylor will visit to take informal photographs of the children on 6th and 7th May. We have invited a speech and language therapist to run some sessions for parents and staff and the first of these will be on Thursday 30th April from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Please ask us if you would like more information about this.

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## DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION

After a quiet (and safe) start to the year, the fire station had a total of 20 call outs for this month, broken down as the following: 11 stand bys, 3 fire calls, 2 RTCs, 3 alarm call outs and one hazardous materials incident.

Whilst being the majority of call outs, stand bys lead to several running calls where by the crew responded to alerts whilst covering both Banbury and Bicester stations. The 3 fire incidents included a controlled burn of waste wood called in by a concerned bystander, an overheating domestic light switch and an electric car battery severely smoking. Due to the nature of electric car batteries, this was dealt with by applying the PPV (Positive Pressure Ventilation) fan to both disperse the smoke and fumes and cool the battery down.

Alarm calls this month all proved to be false alarms, the systems being at fault rather than any smoke / heat sources triggering them.

The hazardous materials callout occurred in an industrial unit in Banbury, requiring fire crews to stand by as the chemical in question was highly flammable. The company's own personnel were able to safely clean up the accidental leak, with crews from Banbury, Deddington and Fenny Compton on hand to guard against any potential ignition.

Training of the Deddington crew continues with new recruit Ollie Malpas passing his Basic and Safe to run training, joining as a Fire Fighter in training and being called on his first shout within 45 minutes of being on shift! James Greenwood had passed his Breathing Apparatus technical.

Two RTCs this month and 2 deaths on the stretch of the A4260 between Deddington and Adderbury. Sobering and sad, our thoughts are naturally with the families of those that are no longer with us. Not related, but equally sad was the news that a fellow Fire Fighter in the West Midlands took his own life whilst on shift – life is never guaranteed.

James Greenwood, FFd [James@cyclogicalshop.co.uk](mailto:James@cyclogicalshop.co.uk)



## RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES {*always a Thursday*}

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9<sup>th</sup> .....blue 'n' brown  
16<sup>th</sup> .....green  
23<sup>rd</sup> .....blue 'n' brown  
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It's been a month of celebrations! Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday with a huge array of toppings as well as our annual Thinking Day celebrations. This is when we remember the lives of Lord and Lady Baden Powell and think about our sister Guides and Girl Scouts all around the world.

We met together as a district all helping to prepare something for a shared feast – food from many different countries.

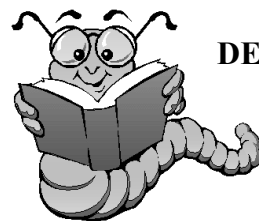
In our own meeting food was involved again! Enjoying food specialities from all over Europe.

We have also celebrated 2 Young Leaders making their promise Izzy and Vicki, a new adult leader Charlotte and 4 new Guides Hannah, Flossy, Matilda and Rowan. Warm welcome to all. Apart from various games and fun activities in patrols including learning to crochet, writing plays and making slime we have been working on our annual entertainment.

We aim to put it on 31<sup>st</sup> March in aid of 2 charities of the Guides Choice – B.A.R.K.S and charity for young people with diabetes. So an exciting evening is planned with an additional cake stall to raise money for a charity supporting young homeless people.

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### DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

Our latest book, *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* is the 2017 debut novel by **Gail Honeyman** and winner of the 2017 Costa Debut Novel Award. The central character of Eleanor feels instantly real. Eleanor leads a simple life. She wears the same clothes to work every day, eats the same meal deal for lunch every day and buys the same two bottles of vodka to drink and pizza to eat every weekend. Eleanor's entire existence is clear, orderly - and completely empty.

One simple act of kindness starts to shatter the walls Eleanor has built around herself. Now she must learn how to navigate the world that everyone else seems to take for granted while searching for the courage to face the dark corners she's avoided all her life.

We all enjoyed the book and would definitely recommend you add it to your 'books to read' list.

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- 2. The Moon**
- 3. 18**
- 4. A clock**
- 5. An onion**



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# VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

Diary dates to the editor by 15<sup>th</sup> of each month please

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Church of England

APRIL

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| <b>Tuesdays</b>      | Guides (Deddington)<br>Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar  |
| <b>Wednesdays</b>    | Brownies (Windmill - Deddington)<br>Fernhill Club<br>1 <sup>st</sup> week parish council (not August)<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> week W.I. meeting<br>Boys Brigade (Deddington) |
| <b>Thursdays</b>     | Open cuppa mornings<br>Cubs (Deddington)<br>Scouts (Deddington)   |
| <b>Fridays</b>       | Rainbows<br>Whist alternate weeks   |
| <b>Saturdays</b>     | Village Market 3 <sup>rd</sup> week<br>(except January or August)   |
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## DIARY DATES

**All village groups/meetings are cancelled for the foreseeable future**

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