

# BARFORD NEWS

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## LOCAL END-OF-LIFE CARE SERVICES AT RISK DUE TO FUNDING SHORTFALL, WARNS BANBURY'S HOSPICE

Banbury's local hospice, Katharine House, has warned that local end-of-life care services are at risk amid increased need for its services and a broken national funding model.

Figures from national end-of-life care charity Hospice UK suggest that eight in ten hospices are running at a deficit this year. Katharine House is one of those, and is facing a budgeted shortfall of £435,000 as government funding continues to fall as a percentage of the hospice's costs.

Katharine House has launched an appeal to the local community to help close the funding gap, and whilst more than £58,000 has already been raised, there's an urgent need for more funding with at least £400,000 still urgently needed. The charity's Chief Executive, Angharad Orchard, warns that the deficit puts services at risk for more than 900 local families living with cancer, motor neurone disease, heart failure and around 20 other life-limiting illnesses:

"The community has really got behind us and we are extremely grateful to everyone who has already supported us since we announced our funding shortfall. However, there is a long way to go and we urgently need more support.

If we cannot close the gap we will have to make some very difficult decisions about the services we can offer. This will have a serious impact on the lives of local families, now and well into the future, and it's likely that fewer people will be able to receive the support they so desperately need. For the patients who rely on specialist support to be there when it is needed, this would be unthinkable. We are a local independent charity funded by the community, for the community, and without your continuing long-term support, people will not get the specialist help they need to ensure they and their families can make every moment matter in the time they have left together.

Please could you make an urgent donation today to help your friends, neighbours and loved ones receive the care when they need it? You can donate online at [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk) or drop a donation in to one of our shops."

**See the next page for ways you can help....**

## NEW YEAR'S DAY – WINTER WALK 2020



Another brilliant turnout, folks of all ages and their pooches set out from the hall at 1030. Most people completed the walk with one or two taking advantage of Pete Eden's 'rescue service'. Quite a few, who couldn't get to the walk did join us at the hall for the delicious home-made game soup with a tomato option for the veggies and others sent donations. Whichever group you belong to – 'Thank you', we raised £258, after expenses, towards the kids home in Kathmandu.

*Pictured right: first man home Samuel Harding with Chef Leon Daly*



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### HOW YOU CAN HELP ENSURE KATHARINE HOUSE'S FUTURE:

- Make a donation by post, online ([www.khh.org.uk/donate](http://www.khh.org.uk/donate)) or by phone (01295 811 866)
- Spread the word to friends, family and colleagues that your hospice urgently needs the ongoing support of our community.
- Be a regular giver - join the hospice's lottery by standing order and be in with a chance of winning £1,000 every week ([www.khh.org.uk/lottery](http://www.khh.org.uk/lottery))



**OPEN GARDENS 2020 - CALLING ALL GARDENERS!** As the new year starts Katharine House is planning for sunnier days encouraging all you keen gardeners to open your gardens and raise money next year with every penny raised going towards your local hospice. Could you help and open your garden for us? Please also tell your friends and neighbours – villages with several garden openings on the same day are particularly successful. Our team can talk through the options with you and help every step of the way to ensure your open garden event is a success. We can advertise your open garden, provide resources and signage, and give you a detailed information pack to help you plan. We can even offer an Open Gardens mentor – someone who has opened for them in past years – to support you as you organise your event. Please get in touch at [getinvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@khh.org.uk) or call 01295 816 484 to find out more.

**What's on in 2020:** This year there are more ways than ever to get involved and help make every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness. Below are just some of the fundraising events in 2020. For more information about our events, please visit [www.khh.org.uk/whatson](http://www.khh.org.uk/whatson)

**Dog First Aid - 22 February 2020:** Join us for this unique event taking place at Katharine House and learn how to prepare and act in those doggy emergencies.

**Skydive at Hinton Airfield - 10 May 2020:** Fancy ticking something off your bucket list? Come and join us to sky dive over the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside and raise vital funds for Katharine House.

**Wingwalking 2020:** Join us on 21 May 2020 for this amazing experience with the world's most experienced wing-walking team. It's something to strike off your bucket list and build memories that last a lifetime.

**Midnight Walk 2020 - Saturday 20 June:** Hold the date - join Banbury's biggest fundraising event - Midnight Walk 2020

**Oxford Half Marathon – October 2020:** Challenge yourself to complete a half marathon with a route going through the beautiful city of Oxford

**Great Wall of China Trek - May 2021:** In 2021, you can join Team Katharine House on the adventure of a lifetime, trekking one of the great wonders of the world.

## **ANN BARBARA BEESLEY (ANNIE B, GRANNY ANNIE)**

**6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1934 – 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

Annie was born and brought up in Bristol where she attended Redland High School and then went to work in the Pathology lab at Southmead Hospital, She met Dennis Beesley in 1954 and they married 2 years later in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. Annie knew nobody at her wedding other than the groom, her parents didn't travel to Africa as it was both way too far and much too foreign...



Dennis's job took them to several countries in West Africa, from Nigeria they moved to Kumasi in Ghana where Sarah was born in 1958. Then, back to northern Nigeria where Patrick was born in 1960 in Kaduna. On to Sierra Leone in 1964 until 1970 when they returned to Ghana. Throughout this time in Africa Annie was the consummate hostess. She liked to party and loved meeting new people. When the 'top brass' from London Head Office visited she delighted in serving home reared guinea pig or rabbit at dinner to emphasize the food shortages in Ghana.

During the Africa years summers were spent in Barford hosting many get-togethers of friends and family. The visitor book was a major part of these visits, where every visitor had to write about their stay, alongside a photo of the event. This tradition has continued throughout Annie's life. Annie moved back to the UK permanently in the early 80s while Dennis stayed working in Accra, until his death in 1990.

While in Africa Annie supported local orphanages and mission hospitals. This charitable work continued when she returned to live in Barford, with her favourite charities being Air Ambulances and Katharine House Hospice. This, in part, was because she had been rescued twice by air ambulance services – once while swimming with seals off the Isles of Scilly – and then more recently when she fell off a five-bar gate near Barford and broke her neck. She was airlifted to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford and thankfully, fully recovered from that injury. Annie loved animals, and while living in Barford had two Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs including her beloved Poppy. Latterly she did a lot of dog sitting and had a succession of dogs living with her in Barford Cottage – who all learnt quickly that they had to behave when with Annie!

Annie was a keen gardener and managed a productive veg patch behind the cottage. She was fiercely competitive and was very successful at village shows, winning the Victrix Ludorum on 2 occasions and taking home the W.I. Cup 6 times in the past ten years! She was involved in many aspects of village life, she was a member of the WI, and Garden Club, rarely missed Thursday coffee mornings and served as our 'Tea Lady' at monthly village markets for many years. She was also a keen member of a charity supper group which has raised over £15k for Katharine House Hospice. She would help

anything or anybody in Barford, and while at home operated an open-door policy – literally! Annie lived her life to the full. She was adventurous, energetic and enthusiastic. She was very well known in the Barfords and beyond and will be fondly remembered by the village community (as well as her many friends worldwide). She leaves a gap in our lives and will be greatly missed.







## BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED February 2020

*With the lengthening days which distinguish the third month of winter from its predecessor, come ardent desires for spring, and longings for the time of birds and flowers. An adventurous swallow too early flying from the south, a vision of snowdrops in the snow, a day of April warmth lit by a slant February sun, are all hailed with pleasure as harbingers of a more gracious season on its northland way. ~Oscar Fay Adams, January 1886*

**FUTURE PLANS ...** So far there are two confirmed events. Our **AGM** will be held on **17<sup>th</sup> February**. All members will receive details, copy of Accounts, previous year's Minutes and Agenda. The AGM will be followed by a short talk about flowers to grow to encourage bees, and will alert us to the menace of the Asian Hornet which we must all look out for. We will be handing out new Membership cards so please bring your £5. These cards entitle you to many discounts at various garden centres. Please invite anyone else who would like to be a member. The meeting will begin at 7.30 and there will be refreshments.

On **March 16<sup>th</sup>** we have arranged a talk by Stuart Lowen of Colegrave seeds entitled "What's new in Seasonal Colour". The talk will begin at 7.30. We are currently looking to organise a Panel Discussion on "Greener Gardening" with topics to include composting, peat-free gardening and permaculture. We can maybe discuss this at the AGM and anyone with more ideas and knowledge, please let us know. We would also like to pursue a visit to London to visit The Garden Museum.

**JOBS FOR FEBRUARY.....**Spring is in sight This month there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune shrubs and climbers, such as *Wisteria* as well as evergreen hedges. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover: Chit potato tubers: Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches: Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off: Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering: Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green': Prune *Wisteria*: □ Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges: Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea: Cut back deciduous grasses left

uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses. Continue to plant hedging plants, shrubs, trees and climbers. Stakes and rabbit guards should be put in place at the time of planting trees, to prevent damage to the rootball or bark.

Continue to plant roses. Avoid planting roses in areas where roses were previously growing otherwise new introductions may suffer from replant diseases. More can be found each month on the RHS website.

The Committee, consisting of Lavinia (Crowther), Janet (Morris), Linda (Newbery), Trevor (Stevens) and Gunilla are arranging talks and visits for the months ahead. All these have agreed to remain on the Committee and will be voted for at the AGM. Please let us know if you have any good ideas for talks, events or visits.

Finally: we remember, with great fondness, Ann Beesley who died peacefully just before Christmas. She was a very active member of the Garden Club, loving flowers and growing many interesting things in her garden and entering the Village Show with gusto. May she remain in our thoughts as we continue to garden.

KEEP WARM, THINK OF SPRING



**SPADE AND FORK**



**Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery**

**Happy New Year!**

**This term the pre-school children are finding out about animals. We will be welcoming lots of friendly pets in to pre-school, and inviting a vet in to tell us all about their job. At Nursery we are enjoying the stories of the Gruffalo and Each Peach Pear Plum, and have created a Gruffalo cave to play in. We will also be finding out about Chinese New Year. It seems some time ago now but we'd like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas celebrations, particularly the Christmas Fayre in Deddington Church which raised over £2400.**

**Our next fund-raising event will be a table top sale in Deddington Primary School hall, on Sunday 9th February from 9-12.**

**Lucy Squires | ☎ 337484**



## The Ladies Academy @ Taddy

Ladies, if you have ever wanted to give golf a go or you are thinking of starting again then the Ladies Academy @ Taddy is made for you...

Starting with a FREE taster session on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March followed by 2 group lessons each week for 6 weeks !

The lessons will be provided by our PGA Professional John Stubbs & his team with the aim of building your confidence and delivering coaching that is both effective for you but most importantly ENJOYABLE

For more information or to sign up for the taster session on March 28<sup>h</sup> please email:

[golfopsmanager@tadmartongolf.com](mailto:golfopsmanager@tadmartongolf.com) or telephone 01608 737278

Tadmarton Heath Golf Club, Wiggington, Banbury, OX15 5HL

[www.tadmartongolf.com](http://www.tadmartongolf.com)



### PROGRESS REPORT ON THE VILLAGE HALL PLANS

The proposed improvements at the village hall are ticking along nicely.

The planning application for new doors to the garden has been submitted and can be viewed on the Cherwell website. We hope to create an opening 4 metres wide and install doors that will open up the hall to the garden.

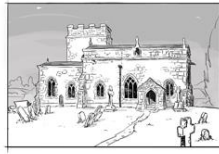
Ideas about altering the ceiling met a mixed response so we will let well alone in that regard at present.

Three decorators have visited the hall and will be tendering for the total redecoration of the hall, kitchen, and toilets.

A Structural Engineer visited on 14th January and once we have his guidelines regarding the type of girders needed and so on we can ask builders to quote for the job of creating the opening, supplying and installing the doors. We will be applying for grants from several sources and would love to be able to start work in the summer – fingers crossed!

One potential funder is Viridor (Landfill Communities Fund), and they are particularly interested to see letters from people in the local community giving their views on the project proposal so if you have any opinions you would like to share please send them to [carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk)

## CHURCH MATTERS



Hello everyone

We are nearly into February, and if you were in any doubt that Christmas is passed, it is officially over from 2<sup>nd</sup> February, a festival day we call Candlemas in the

Church. So, if any of you have left decorations up, then this is the last (official) time to bring them down! At Candlemas we remember Jesus being presented in the temple and being recognised as the light to all people. Traditionally candles for the year ahead used to be blessed for church use, and for the people of the parish, probably electricity has seen that tradition out.

Candlemas is also recognised in folklore tradition as a good day to foretell the weather, possibly because it falls halfway between the winter and spring equinox. An old English rhyme goes, '*If Candlemas Day be fair and bright, Winter will have another flight; But if it be dark with clouds and rain, Winter is gone, and will not come again.*' I shall see if this old rhyme has any value this year!

And of course, we have St Valentine's day on February 14<sup>th</sup>. There are many tales to tell of St Valentine, which makes it hard to substantiate any of them, but the theme of him encouraging Godly love between people runs through them all. One story tells that the priest Valentine, was martyred for continuing to marry soldiers to their sweethearts against the emperor's wishes; the emperor thought married men made poor soldiers. The evening before he was martyred Valentine sent a note to the jailer's daughter, who he had fallen in love with, signed 'your Valentine'.

So February may still be in the winter months but we have much to keep us occupied, with blessing our candles, recognising Jesus as the light for all people; watching out for the weather turning (either way!) and to be aware of the great blessing of love we have from God and sharing it with others.

Many blessings to you all, Revd Paula



### WINTER WARMTH CAMPAIGN

**Information issued by a Health Improvement Practitioner  
at Oxfordshire County Council**

This campaign will help vulnerable Oxfordshire residents (*owner or private tenant*) to stay independent, safe and well in their homes and will be running from the middle of January and running indefinitely.

Housing can affect your physical and mental health, especially if people can't find the help they need. After speaking with numerous services, we have identified and have developed a much easier way to get in touch. A single point of contact has been created, where residents (or carers) can make a referral to the most appropriate organisation based on postcodes, to get the help they need.

#### Get help with home repairs

There are services and funds available to help people (owners and private tenants) stay independent, safe and well in their homes, and Oxfordshire County Council has developed a referral service to help residents (or carers) access the right organisations in their area, to get the help they need.

The type of help that can be provided are services such as new boilers, repairs to boilers, loft or cavity wall insulation, access to a local and trustworthy repairs service and general advice on how to stay safe, well and affordably warm in your home.

For more information or to make a referral visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homerepairs](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homerepairs)

# **BARFORD MARKET**

**BARFORD VILLAGE MARKET...back again after  
our Christmas break**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**



**Welcoming new producer, Ikhlās, offering Middle Eastern pastries and  
biscuits**

**Joan with her beautifully gift wrapped chocolates, perfect for Birthdays,  
Mothering Sunday or Easter**

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**Moore & Lyon, with their lovely selection of home-reared meats, sausages,  
burgers, bacon etc.**

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**Delicious Artisan Breads direct from French baker Thierry**

**Plus a good range of local producers selling eggs, savouries, cakes, honey, dairy  
produce, rapeseed oils, preserves, greetings cards and wrapping paper  
Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items**

**.....and for the birds we have seeds, mealworms, sunflower hearts**

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

**TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING FROM THE KITCHEN**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Just to round off the winter term in the right spirit. After the excitement of our own Christmas Party which included our favourite games like musical chairs, and pass the parcel and some amazing fruit and chocolate and ice cream mocktails, we tried to do what good turns we could.

Some of the Guides and 1<sup>st</sup> Deddington Brownies and leaders gave up their time to come and help at the residents Christmas Party at Wardington House Nursing Home. They helped serve tea and sang and played carols and Christmas music and generally help the party go with a swing. Afterwards the girls enjoyed a tour of the nursing home and learnt a little about caring for the frail and elderly.

This term we've started off with lots of ideas for the future, Patrols planning their own activities and exploring ideas around the fact that we are all very different but we can all live well together.

All girls over 10 are welcome to join us, Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm, Windmill Centre Deddington

**Maggie Rampley – 07957 600755**

**Marian Trinder – 01869 340806 or**  
[mariantrinder@gmail.com](mailto:mariantrinder@gmail.com)

**Tilly Neal – 07557 095681 or**  
[tillyneal1@hotmail.com](mailto:tillyneal1@hotmail.com)



## VILLAGE CUPPA MORNINGS EVERY THURSDAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL 10.00 – 11.30

**Just £1.00 per person pays for your cuppa and as many refills as you can drink including coffee, caffeine free, tea, fruit teas available - biscuits included in the price**

**Come down to the hall and meet up with friends and neighbours of all ages - Babies and children welcome!!**



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

**6<sup>th</sup> February.....green**  
**13<sup>th</sup> February.....blue 'n' brown**  
**20<sup>th</sup> February.....green**  
**27<sup>th</sup> February.....blue 'n' brown**



**FIND OUT 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](http://www.adderbury.org/whats-on)  
[www.bloxham.info/broadsheet](http://www.bloxham.info/broadsheet)  
[www.deddington.org.uk/news](http://www.deddington.org.uk/news)  
[www.steepleaston.org.uk](http://www.steepleaston.org.uk)





grubadvisor

review by Lucy

**Where did you eat?** Miller & Carter  
Steakhouse  
Stroud Park  
Ermont Way  
Banbury OX16 3JT

**Cuisine?** steaks, chicken,  
fish, vegetarian and  
more

**RATINGS** Out of 5 stars.....

**Food** ★★★★★

**Service** ★★★★★

**Value** ★★★★★

**Atmosphere** ★★★★★

#### COMMENTS:

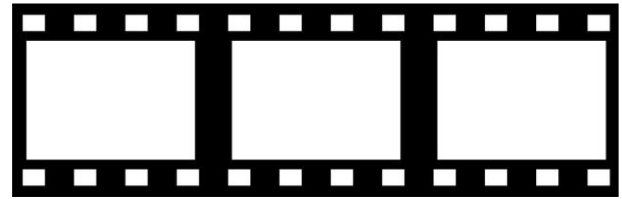
We tried this restaurant a few weeks ago over a lunchtime and were really impressed.

We were in a bit of a rush so only had a main course which was Fillet 8oz, both cooked medium rare and one with porcini mushroom & black garlic dressing and the other with their three peppercorn sauce. Both came with fries, which were really good, and a salad.

On a final note, the service was exceptional, very friendly and nothing was too much trouble.

On a final, final note, the interior design is really smart, very funky!!

[www.millerandcarter.co.uk](http://www.millerandcarter.co.uk)



On the 8<sup>th</sup> February  
**BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE**  
**PRESENTS...FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS, a**  
**2019 biographical comedy-drama, PG**  
**Duration: 1 hr 52 mins**

One to watch Movie - a very subtle and a true story which starts at ease of everyday life in London & Port Isaac and builds up patriotic emotions to run through the Cornish culture. The message is clear; the purpose of life and culture doesn't need to be a definitive and quantitative but rather emotional and adventurous. Bound together by lifelong friendship and shared experience for more than 25 years the Fisherman's Friends have met on the Platt (harbour) in their native Port Isaac to raise money for charity, singing the traditional songs of the sea handed down to them by their forefathers.

At our film screening of Paddington 2 we gave all our ticket money and other contributions of **£95** to **Katharine House Hospice**. Thank you all so much.

**Come to our cosy village cinema**  
**Hall opens at 7.15 with the film starting at 7.45**  
**Bring your own chairs and drinks if you wish**  
**Tea and coffee available.**



## HAPPY VALENTINES DAY.....



**1. The earliest surviving Valentine was written by a prisoner in the Tower of London**

In 1415 the French Duke of Orleans was imprisoned in the Tower of London having been captured at the Battle of Agincourt. In a letter to his wife he wrote, "Je suis desja d'amour tanné, Ma tres douce Valentinée..." This translates as "I am already sick of love, my very gentle Valentine..."

**2. Victorians used to send each other 'Vinegar Valentines'**

Sending Valentine's Day cards anonymously became popular in the Victorian era, but there was a dark side to the tradition. Just as people used to send romantic (and often racy) messages to their loved ones, they would send rude or insulting cards to anyone they didn't like.

**3. In Japan, only women buy gifts on Valentine's Day**

This is because of a translation error made by a chocolate company in 1936, when Valentine's Day was first introduced to **Japan**. Only women give gifts on Valentine's Day .

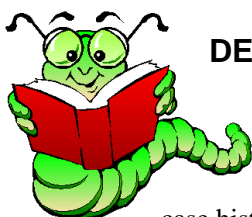
It's traditional for single women to reveal who they fancy on Valentine's Day by giving them a small chocolate gift.

**4. The saying 'wear your heart on your sleeve' comes from an old Valentine's Day tradition**

In the Middle Ages schoolboys would draw the names of girls out of a hat, to find out who would be their Valentine. They'd wear the name pinned on their sleeve for the rest of the week.

**5. In the UK, people celebrating Valentine's Day spend on average £28.45 each.**

In the USA it's significantly higher, with the average person spending \$221.34 (around £172) for the occasion.



## DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

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The latest books read by Bookworms have been quite different but both enjoyable in their own ways.

**Kate Atkinson's 'Case Histories'** is set in Cambridge; it opens with three separate case histories. Olivia, three years old, disappears from the tent in the garden where she is sleeping with one of her sisters, in the early hours of a hot, summer's morning. Laura, an eighteen year old student is murdered at her solicitor father's office and a struggling mother loses her temper with her husband and reaches for an axe.

Some years later, Jackson Brodie, an ex-policeman turned private detective, becomes involved with the three cases and gradually begins to work out what happened. He is not without his own family tragedies which adds a poignancy to the cases being investigated. There is sadness and grief but also moments of humour as the book progresses through twists and turns as well as sub-plots to its ending. The group found this a compelling read and those who had not read Kate Atkinson before certainly felt they would like to read more of her work.

**'Move Along, Please'** takes us on a journey with **Mark Mason** from Land's End to John O'Groats by local bus. Taking 11 days to travel through the middle of England and Scotland, covering 1100 miles and travelling on forty-six *buses* the author tells us the facts and myths of the countryside he travels through. Although generally accepted as an entertaining read some Bookworms found the multitude of facts (both in the text and footnotes) a bit too much. Spending most of his journey time listening to, rather than taking part in, conversations the author picks up on the differences, not only between England and Scotland but between counties and even towns, in a humorous way. Worth a read if you like travel and buses!

**Bookworms next meet at the Library on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6.30 pm.**

**Deddington Library**  
☎ 01869 338391

## FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS AT BARFORD'S WI

Our local WI meetings usually attract 25 -30 members each month. The members have varied and interesting life experiences, very different interests, numerous hobbies as well as decidedly diverse likes and dislikes. This makes for very interesting meetings and our social events are fantastic, but devising a programme that will interest as many members as possible is always a challenge.

**theWI**  
**INSPIRING WOMEN**



This year we will have an evening of croquet on the lawn (brolly in one hand and mallet in the other should be fine...), a local speaker telling us about a Life of Crime, a lesson on how to build a world beating Formula One car, a talk on colour in art, another on a life with puppets.

We will hear and smell all about perfume making, have a go at making a Venetian mask and have a Strictly evening with a demonstration and maybe a chance to show off your best tango!

Non- members are always welcome to come along to join us for any session that takes their fancy for just £5 and there is no need to commit to coming every month so we will look forward to seeing more of you this year.

Look out for information on monthly activities in the Barford News or contact Carole on 07768 378758.



### Calling all knitters, needle workers & crafters.....

As you might have guessed, Ann Beesley had a vast amount of fabric, wools and threads. I've collected them from her house and now need to find new homes for them.

The fabrics are all sorts – remnants, larger lengths, different weights, some possibly dating from the 1960s, some cottons, some brightly patterned, some heavier weight for cushion covers etc. There's a lot of stranded embroidery threads, haberdashery, tapestry wools as well as two partly worked tapestries.

The knitting wool collection is extensive. Many of the yarns are mohair or textured. There are bags with several matching balls. It's something of an Aladdin's Cave!

If you can use any of this, or know someone who can, please contact Christine (☎ 338659). Donations to Ann's charities, Air Ambulance and Katharine House Hospice, will be appreciated.





## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have started the new term and year beautifully and are all back in our stride now, learning and enjoying our school life. Last term was extremely busy, as it always is in school at that time of year! All of our Christmas performances took place in Deddington church and we would like to thank Reverend Annie for all of her support whilst we were using the church and its facilities.

F1 and F2 put on a marvellous show, singing and dancing on the stage and wearing the most wonderful costumes for their Nativity play.

KS1 performed 'Hosanna Rock'. This show involved the whole of KS1 but there were also some children singing in small groups or in solo parts. They sang so beautifully and sweetly, that it was just wonderful to hear. All children were brilliant and looked amazing. The narrators were equally superb in telling the Christmas story. Finally, KS2 presented their songs and storytelling in the early evening. The standard of singing and performing was excellent and was noted and commented upon by members of our audience many times. We are exceptionally proud of all of our children who took part in these festive shows. Our Christmas fayre was yet again another successful event. It took place after school during the penultimate week of last term. The children across the school made items to sell, from wrapping paper to hot chocolate sachets (made with reindeer faces), fudge, mince pies, glass lanterns with candles inside, Christmas decorations and much, much more. It was an evening that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Earlier in December, we all loved having a fabulous Christmas lunch cooked for us by our kitchen staff. The children pulled crackers too and generally had a great, festive lunchtime. We would like to thank all of our kitchen staff for the delicious dinner they prepared for us all.

In sport, some Year 5 and 6 girls took part in the County Cross Country Finals event. They did amazingly well and came joint sixth out of all of the Oxfordshire schools who took part. We would like to say a massive 'WELL DONE' to all of those children who were involved.

Finally, Happy New Year to you all, from all of us here at Deddington Primary School. It seems unbelievable that we are now in the year 2020!

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## QUICK WINTER VEGETABLE AND LENTIL SOUP



### Ingredients:

- 85g dried red lentils
- 2 carrots, diced
- 3 sticks celery, sliced
- 2 small leeks, sliced
- 2 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves
- 3 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 tbsp vegetable bouillon powder
- 1 heaped tsp ground coriander

1. Put red lentils, carrots, celery and leeks into a large pan. Add tomato puree, thyme, garlic, bouillon powder and coriander
2. Pour over 1½ litres boiling water and stir well. Cover and leave to simmer for 30 mins until vegetables and lentils are tender
3. Blitz approximately 1/3 of the soup to thicken slightly, bring back to heat then serve with crusty bread



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**18<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
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**Scouts** - Even more Vikings – just bigger, noisier & dafter. Their shields ranged in size from truck wheel to small side plate & the added yellow wool on the helmets made them look like characters from the Muppets. The battle with foam pipe lagging was particularly vicious with most of them ended the evening in Valhalla. After the refreshments & family tales ( we know all your secrets now!), the dead king was carried in triumph to the car park & his burning ship floated away on the big puddle.

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Peter Churchyard [deddingtonscouts@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonscouts@gmail.com)

**Explorers** - We have had a really busy couple of months. Mainly involving helping others but always with an element of fun thrown in to keep us sane. At the end of November we had a stall in the Church for our Street Child United fund raising and also slept out on the coldest night of the year to raise awareness of what some young people, and adults, go through every single night. It certainly made us think how fortunate we are. All of these ventures have meant we have been able to donate £920 plus £160.75 in Gift Aid takes our total to £1080.75. We're blown away with your support.  
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We have had a bowling evening at Bicester with the rest of the District Units. Plus we spent an evening putting up the Tractor Run signs for R.C.Baker in support of Katharine House Hospice and then helped with the bucket collection in Deddington. The total for the evening was 10,395.42! The collections that the team made in Deddington was an amazing £701.39, which is just a fantastic amount. Now to 2020. We've had the BIG after Christmas quiz and are about to do our own Escape Rooms. If you are interested in joining the Unit contact any of the leaders.

Janet Duxbury [spartanexplorers@gmail.com](mailto:spartanexplorers@gmail.com)

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Scout Christmas Post, special thanks to Eagles & Barford Post Office. We raised £160 which will go towards the insurance for our camping equipment.



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A variety of fires were dealt with including 2 car fires, a caravan fire, a retail unit in Banbury; and our second chimney fire of the year – quick thinking by the owner saw him douse the fire grate with water allowing a cloud of steam to rise up the chimney and cool the burning soot. Upon arrival, firefighters were able to remove the hot embers and place them outside, utilise the thermal imaging camera to check the chimney breast and flue for any hot spots and then rod the chimney to remove the burning / smouldering soot. All home owners will be pleased to know that the first thing that is done before any soot comes down the chimney, is protective runners are placed from the front door to the fire and blankets are put down to protect carpets from dirty boots and black soot! 30 minutes later the chimney was safe and the fire out, with a promise from the owners to get their chimney swept ASAP.

Over the Christmas holiday period it is always difficult to balance giving as much cover as possible and spending time with your family – especially if a large chunk of them travel half-way round the world to see you! All give up extra time over the festive period, one result being the Boxing day call out to a RTC just outside of Brackley.

The call was 3 cars with a person trapped. Upon arrival, Brackley whole time were in attendance, together with both the Ambulance and Police services at the scene. The weather wasn't helping as it was tipping it down with rain. Unfortunately, of the 3 cars, the

convertible classic had come off worse (a lack of crumple zones and less regulations in the early 70s). The passenger was trapped inside with noticeable back and upper leg pain. As firefighters, passenger extraction was top priority. The Ambulance personnel were striving to make the passenger comfortable and stable to allow them to be extracted from the car. As it was a convertible, the roof was immediately folded down, rear seat squab removed and a spinal board was placed between the passenger and seat. The seats were non-adjustable buckets, so the rear of the seat trim was removed, the seat back cut with a mini hydraulic cutter whilst the passenger's back was being supported and the board gently lowered from vertical to nearly horizontal.

At this point, the passenger's care was handed over to the fire service to allow extraction from the vehicle. With a senior firefighter at the head end and directing the procedure, 4 other firefighters all worked together to gradually pull the passenger up onto the board, gently strap them to the board and remove them from the vehicle, out and over the boot and onto the waiting gurney. The spinal board was then removed and the casualty's care handed back to the Ambulance service.

It is always a priority for all rescues to be casualty-centred and for the casualty to be within the Ambulance and on the way to hospital as quickly as possible, the "golden hour" being key and achieved comfortably on this occasion. As soon as the casualty was being treated in the Ambulance, clear-up began; tools and debris away, recovery trucks in and road opened again.

Not the best Christmas for drivers and passengers involved, but every job a firefighter does truly makes a difference.

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

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**2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 First Sunday with Baptism BSM**

**9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 Holy Communion BSJ**

**16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 Family Service BSM**

**23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 Holy Communion BSM**

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1<sup>st</sup> week parish council (not August)  
2<sup>nd</sup> week W.I. meeting  
Boys Brigade (Deddington)

**Thursdays** Open cuppa mornings  
Cubs (Deddington)  
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**Fridays** Rainbows  
Whist alternate weeks

**Saturdays** Village Market 3<sup>rd</sup> week  
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**3rd Wednesday** Village Hall Management Committee

#### DIARY DATES

##### February

5<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> WI – Air Ambulance Talk  
15<sup>th</sup> Village Market  
17<sup>th</sup> Barford Garden Club AGM  
18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch Club – village hall  
22<sup>nd</sup> Kathmandu Quiz Night – village hall

##### March

4<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting  
21<sup>st</sup> Village Market  
28<sup>th</sup> Tadmarton Golf Taster Day

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