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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 6th May 2020 using Zoom Video Conferencing and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Cox, Best, County Cllr Fatemian, Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and no members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Charman and District Cllr B Williams.

Minutes of the last meeting: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2020 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Public Participation: None

Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian:

OCC working – All OCC meetings have been cancelled and home working has ensured social distancing. Microsoft Teams is being implemented for Virtual meetings.

Councillors Priority Fund – This is now open and applications to support responses to Covid-19 are being prioritised.

Support for residents “Shielding” – residents who have been advised to shield who have not got local support should contact the OCC/CDC support line on 01865 897820 between 7.30am to 8pm Monday to Fri and 9am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday or email: shield@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Support for other residents – residents in the non-shielding group who are concerned about their mental and/or physical welfare should contact OCC’s Adult Social Care Team on 0345 050 7666 between 8.30 to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30 to 4pm Friday and outside these hours on 0800 833 408.

Oxfordshire All In – this is the volunteers website for Oxfordshire and has an interactive map that allows vulnerable residents to find local support. Businesses that provide grocery deliveries and takeaway food etc... are also being encouraged to register on the site so that residents can find them.

Loneliness and Isolation during lockdown – Public Health England has launched a website and phone service for people with mental health issues due to Coronavirus. Every Mind Matters is also a good source for advice. Community Connect have a dedicated phonenumber helping people with anxiety and can be contacted through your GP or 0300 004 0401. Age Concern UK are running a telephone buddies scheme which can be accessed by calling 01865 411288 and leaving your name and phone number.

Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams:

Covid-19 Priority Fund - CDC has launched a Covid-19 Priority Fund with each district councillor able to donate up to a maximum of £2k to volunteer groups within their parishes, this must be done via parish councils.

CDC Pharmacy delivery service – CDC has collaborated with Banbury Harriers Athletics Club,

Banbury Star Cyclists’ Club and Alchester Running Club in Bicester, to set up Oxfordshire Supply Runs, a new delivery service using local athletes to deliver routine medicines to patients who are self-isolating at home.

Scam Alerts - Trading Standards are continuing to warn residents to be on their guard against criminals and scammers trying to exploit coronavirus situation. Information about the latest scams is posted on the CDC public website and bookmarking this page is recommended to stay up-to-date.

Residents asked not to burn waste – Residents in north Oxfordshire are being asked not to light bonfires to get rid of their household waste during the Coronavirus lockdown but to store it until home and garden excess services resume or until OCC’s recycling centres reopen.

Parish Matters:

Goal Post Location on West Close – A resident has complained that there has been an increase in noise since the goalpost was moved to allow the new playground to be built. The parish Council believes that it is not nearer to any properties around West Close and that any increase in noise may be attributable to greater use.

Damage to a property from a West Close Tree – The Parish Council will have some of the trees trimmed and will contact the resident to resolve any damage that may have been caused to property.

£137 Grants – It was agreed to award grants of £1,000 to the Village Hall, £900 to the Parochial Church Council and £600 to Barford News.

Annual Return Governance Statement – The 9 questions in the Annual Governance Statement that had been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed.

2019-20 Accounts – The 2019-20 Accounts which had been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed. An internal audit of the accounts had been carried out by Mr J Eastwood.

Traffic coming out of the Barford St John Airbase – The Clerk has emailed OCC Highways asking them to implement keep left signs and arrows in the road following another email received from Terry Deane. OCC Highways has confirmed that they will investigate.

Mead Farm planning application – The Chairman and Vice Chairman received letters from the applicants and replies have been sent back. The Parish Council has requested that CDC call the application in to committee but has not received a response back. The Parish Council has also requested CDC not to decide on the application until they have received a response from OCC Highways.

Footpath notice – The footpath notice for pedestrians to avoid walking up the road through the rock has been fitted.

Potholes – Several potholes have been filled by OCC Highways and others marked and should be repaired within 2 weeks.

Mead Bank planning application 17/01183/F – The applicants have removed the fence running north-south separating their property from the adjoining field and erected a fence running west-east annexing part of this field. This requires planning permission as it is change of use of the field. It was agreed that CDC Planning Enforcement and the Planning Officer dealing with application 20/00124/F will be notified.

Bushes on The Green – It was agreed that the bushes at the Murrays Lane end of The Green need trimming

Planning:

19/02567/F – 3 Old Council Houses – Permission granted by CDC on 14/02/2020

19/02862/F – Crown House – Permission granted by CDC on 13/02/2020

20/00194/F – Little Haven – Permission refused by CDC on 02/04/2020.

20/00564/F – Woodend – Permission granted by CDC on 22/04/2020

20/01056/F – Buttermilk Farm – Parish Council support

20/01081/DISC – Little Barford Mill – Parish Council support

20/01120/F – Coombe Hill – Parish Council support

Finance:

Payments - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £2,289.74. This was agreed unanimously.

Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd June 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall if restrictions have been lifted or by video conferencing.



to the very kind and generous Lower Street resident, who had 'FREE' items outside their house with a 'suggested donation' to Barford News.

Your efforts are so appreciated.

The Team



to the very kind and generous couple from Townsend for their donation.

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The Team



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WE WILL MEET AGAIN

In answer to a request from the Editor, I have agreed to write a suitable article and I trust it will be of interest.

I have been asked a number of times in the last few months arising from personal circumstances, and in particular, by several of the young lady careers who did such a marvellous job caring for Gill, my wife, with whom they came to develop a special affection.

The question was “How did you and Gill come to meet?”....

About 70 years ago there were two people, a young lady, a pupil at a London Art School, and a youth, a pupil at college. As always occurred in those days, the Royal Mail advertised for temporary assistants for the ten days prior to Christmas. The young lady living in Wimbledon Park and the youth in Wimbledon, both applied and were lucky to be taken on at the Sorting Office in Wimbledon. The lady was put on letter delivery in an area including her home address, the youth was put with a Postman and a van with a driver in an area covering the same area but somewhat more comprehensive. During the ten days there occurred one or two occasions when the youth with a van had to drive along the same route as the young lady, this being up and down quite steep hills leading to and passed the All England Tennis ground.

Two or three times the young man asked the driver to stop and give the young lady her old school bicycle and her large, heavy bag of mail which she had to carry on the handlebars whilst having to walk up the hills as it was out of the question to cycle. Any attempt at conversation with the young lady replied quiet replies and it appeared obvious that “boy” were considered just a nuisance and something to be avoided.

At the end of the ten days and collecting their wages on the Saturday morning, the youth wishes the young lady a happy Christmas and they went their separate ways, the young lady returning to Art School to complete her course, a Diploma in Design, the youth back to college.

Twelve months passed and lo’ and behold the Post Office again advertised for temporary staff and two young people applied for jobs at the Sorting Office in Wimbledon. By coincidence, the young lady was put on the same work as the previous years, and, as luck would turn out, the youth with a Post man and a van and a driver covering much the same but a larger area. Due to the large amount of mail, especially parcels, these were dealt with separately in a Church Hall behind the Sorting Office. However, it transpired that in the course of their travels to commence deliveries, the van should happen to pass the young lady trudging up one of the hills pushing her bicycle and there the van stopped and the youth hoisted her, her bicycle and large bag aboard. Similarly, later in the week this should happen again when the youth suggested she joined them for their usual mid-morning break in a small café in the shops in Wimbledon Park Road. No such luck, as her home was a short walk she went home for her morning break. However, not to be deterred, the youth made a point of noting her address when delivering parcels in her road. On the next occasion he commented to the young lady that she appeared to be getting a large number of presents – reply – they are not for me, I do not get any presents – they are all for my “mange” of a sister.

Feeling frustrated the youth decided something needed to be done. The next day after work, away to the shops he went, to find something not too lavish – chocolates, the obvious answer and of course what else but ‘Black Magic’, the flavours of the day at that time. So, having wrapped up with the Christmas paper and brown paper and labelled with the address, next day put it in the sorting bag for the road named and leave for delivery. Work passed until the last day, being Sunday again, and off to the Sorting Office to collect his wages. Finding the young lady amongst the queue of people waiting, asked her if the post at her house had improved, only to be told someone had sent her a parcel but had forgotten to put a card or label in it so they could not work out who had sent it. With that, the youth produced a card from his jacket and gave it to the young lady.

And so began the story of nearly 70 years of a very loving partnership.

A.M.



Shepherds & Bakehouse Charity
Barford St John and St Michael
Charity Commission Registration No: 309173

Grants are made annually at the Trustee's discretion. Young people taking A levels, attending College or University or undertaking an apprenticeship are encouraged to apply. There is a maximum limit awarded.

In order to qualify, applicants or their parents should be resident in the parish of Barford St Michael or Barford St John for at least three years.

Please give the following information on your written application:-

- 1) Your full name, age, address in Barford and length of residence.
- 2) Details of where you are planning to study.
- 3) Exact description of the qualification you hope to achieve.
- 4) Length of course and subjects to be studied.

Address your application to the Shepherds and Bakehouse Trust clerk
Carole Coppin, Barn Elms, The Green, Barford St Michael, OX15 0RN
carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk

Applications must be received by 30th September

BARFORD PLAY EQUIPMENT

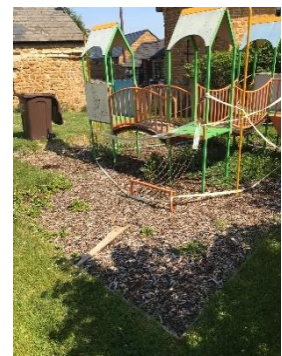
As I write this it is exactly one year since we were so pleased to open the new play area in West Close. It is such a sorry sight now but let's hope we will be able to see children playing there before too much longer. The annual Duck Race was intended to be our main source of funding for the maintenance of the equipment but this clearly won't be happening at the usual time this year. If restrictions ease we may look at a late summer event but for now we'll have to wait and see.

The same fund is used to maintain the climbing frame at the village hall which has given many years of pleasure to our younger village children. Inevitably as the years have passed the area beneath the equipment has started to deteriorate with weeds growing through the protective membrane.

It was decided, therefore, that an overhaul was called for so the space was filled with four bags of topsoil then matting and grass seed was laid so that in a few weeks' time we should have an attractive grassed area which will be easier to maintain.

Many thanks to Owen Butler who did most of the heavy work on this.

Photos left to right.... 'before & after'





GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Lockdown and sustainability

The Covid-19 crisis has brought about changes to our daily lives, proving that we can adapt our behaviour when faced with an emergency. What have we learned from this, and how will we continue to live more sustainably?

Sarah Best: Having been brought up by parents who grew up during the war the mantra of 'waste not, want not' was firmly imprinted on me. We were virtually self-sufficient as far as fruit and veg went and anything that wasn't eaten or preserved was composted. I try to carry on the tradition and food waste is my particular bugbear. My tips would be:



Buy food with minimal packaging and make sure that any packaging is recyclable.

Cook meals from scratch and use leftovers- e.g. a chicken can have at least 3 incarnations: roast, the remainder stripped and used in a salad and the carcass made into stock for soup. One small bird will provide the basis of at least 12 meals.

Use your common sense when looking at best before dates; they are only a guide - if food looks and smells good it is generally good to eat especially if it is going to be cooked.

Support local producers and suppliers and buy food in season.

I've definitely been thinking about our future behaviour, especially regarding air travel and unnecessary car journeys. We already have a hybrid car but will eventually replace it with a totally electric one. It has been amazing to see how quickly air quality has improved since Covid-19.



Gunilla Treen: Some simple gardening tips. Reuse empty tins for planting up succulents or small flowers. Pierce a hole in the bottom, and make them rusty-looking by putting them in a bonfire before planting. Larger cans, for example olive oil tins, can be used for flower planting, as seen in Greece and Italy. Yoghurt pots and plastic food trays can be used for seed-planting (remember to make holes in the bottom), and old compost bags for growing potatoes. Use egg boxes for chitting potatoes and planting small seeds. Even

half eggshells can be used by children for planting seeds.



Claire Cox: Top tip for a homemade scourer. So, despite your best efforts to shop plastic-free, you've managed to come home with onions or lemons in some of those plastic nets. Well, don't throw the nets out and add to landfill that will last 400 years, instead reuse them by making a scourer for washing up, cleaning surfaces or in the shower. It's simple, and it can work with as many nets as you have. Start by scrunching some of the nets up and popping them in another net. Then twist that net and fold it back on itself. You can finish off with rubber bands at each end to keep the shape secure – or just

keep adding. Better still, cut down on plastic by remembering to take small bags with you when you shop to put your loose fruit and veg in!



Linda Newbery: For me and many others, Zoom meetings are here to stay. The local Green Party has decided to meet this way in future rather than physically; already more people are attending because there's no need to drive. I'm sure work patterns will change, with more home-based working in occupations where that's possible. I'll continue doing some of my yoga classes by Zoom, too, to avoid driving to the gym.



Trevor Stevens: Reduce, Reuse, Repair and Recycle!

Reduce. The first is easy: acquire only the things that you need when you need them (except items you save from being thrown away).

Reuse. I find that many items no longer needed in the house and too shabby to pass on/Freecycle can give years of service in the garden.

Repair. This can be hard if you don't have the skills, tools, time or space. Also, sadly, it's often the case that the cost of a professional repair is more than the purchase price of a new item, but your self-esteem and knowledge that you've done a tiny bit for the environment are priceless.

Recycle. I'm glad to say that this is very acceptable and even fashionable at the moment and many of us recycle without thinking about it. Recycling covers a wide range of activities from reuse and repair, donating and buying from charity shops, freecycle networks, and 'help yourself' arrangements at people's front gates. The main contact with recycling is through our bins. I also have some information packs from Cherwell District Council, complete with special bags for batteries and small electrical goods, which I'll be happy to deliver to anyone who requests one. We'll cover the uses of the brown bin in a piece on *Low waste, no waste greener gardening* in a future column.

Links:

Oxfordshire Freecycle <https://www.freelywheely.com/freecycle/oxfordshire>

Trash Nothing <https://trashnothing.com/beta/user/2754679/posts>



Councillor Bryn Williams: Covid-19 has been a revelation, showing who the key workers REALLY are, and who we can't do without. The pandemic has brought the best out in people; long may that continue. I believe we'll look back on it as a positive thing, not of course for the poor souls who have suffered and lost loved ones, but for mankind and the planet. Fewer vehicles on the road, planes in the sky; less pollution overall, the air is cleaner, the sky is clearer; I'm sure there are even more birds and wildlife around, or at least we're more aware of them. Our four daughters

returned from London, so there are now six of us here plus a black Lab puppy. We've always been very close but now we're even closer as a family. We've always recycled and reused as much as we could, but like everyone else we're now doing so with more determination. We are using the village shop more, as well as the farm shops we're blessed with locally. Communities in Barford and Deddington are supporting the vulnerable by shopping, walking dogs, cutting grass, delivering medicine etc. We're regaining our true community spirit and values; let's hope that continues.

I believe that we'll re-evaluate, not only our working and personal lives but also the way we treat our fellow humans, the environment and our planet. There's no doubt in my mind that if we ignore this 'Wake-Up' call, our planet will continue to suffer from excess pollution, industrialisation, commercialism and climate change. The planet is deteriorating at an

alarming rate, but now we see with our own eyes, ears and especially our noses what less pollution really feels like. So let's collectively do something responsible and positive, and change our way of living for the good of our children, our grandchildren, our future, their future, but most of all, OUR PLANET!



If you'd like to write a piece for this column (they're usually much shorter than this one!) please contact **Linda Newbery:** L.newbery@btinternet.com

THE LATEST COMMUNITY EFFORT FOR OUR AMAZING NHS AND CARE WORKERS



We discovered that nurses and other medical staff working in our NHS hospitals were getting pressure sores on their ears from the elastic on the masks that they must now wear while on shift every day. We found that a simple solution was circulating across the country through social media, and communities up and down the country had come to the rescue. A simple "band" of fabric with two buttons attached could be made and placed at the back of the head to keep the elastic in place. This helps to relieve the pressure while still ensuring the mask stays in place.

Robins Close set to work! A plea went out via our village Zone Captains for buttons no smaller than a 20p for the elastic to hook over, plus duvet cover material which we knew could be washed at 60 degrees or higher.

The first donations started to trickle in and a few sewers set to work in Robins Close. They were delivered to the Horton and were very well received. It soon became clear that we needed to ramp up production, so another plea went out for more buttons, fabric, thread and importantly, willing machinists and button sewers from across the whole village. The Barford's generously supplied all of these!



The Barford's community got to work! We're pleased to say that over 700 buttons have been given a new lease of life and have been stitched in place on over 350 machined bands. This has helped to reduce the pressure sores on a lot of ears which has in turn made a day on the ward a little more bearable for our local NHS workers at the Horton, particularly on the Covid Ward.

The Covid ward at the Horton have taken as many as they need now, so we await our next order. **IF ANYONE KNOWS OF ANOTHER WARD OR HOSPITAL OR INDEED CARE HOME THAT MIGHT NEED SOME BANDS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.** Please email nikkipreece44@gmail.com

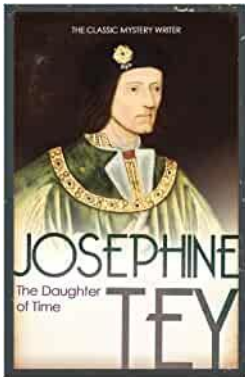


In the meantime, another craft project is underway... We were asked if we would answer the call for pairs of handcrafted hearts. They are used when, sadly, a patient is in an end-of-life ward or intensive care and the family are unable to visit. Small enough to fit in one hand, one is given to the patient and the other to the family as a way of connecting them. As well as helping the patients and families at these times, the nurses are also finding it helpful for them.

We have recently handed over about 20 pairs to the Horton Hospital. If you would like to get involved in this very worthwhile crafting pastime, please email your details to cathalsworth@gmail.com

Nikki Preece, Cath Alsworth and Alison Duffy in Robins Close

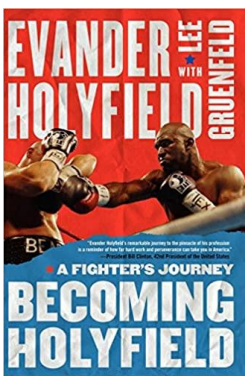
Reading recommendations from BARFORD BOOKCHAT



In *The Daughter of Time*, by Josephine Tey, Inspector Alan Grant of Scotland Yard is confined to bed, following an accident. Bored and depressed, he studies a portrait. It is of Richard III, notorious for usurping the throne and murdering his two young nephews, the “Princes in the Tower”. Grant, the detective, thinks he sees in the pictured face the features of a very different character from the hunch-backed villain of popular imagination.

Interest piqued, Grant, with the help of a young researcher, sets out to sift and weigh the historical evidence in a quest to confirm or disprove Richard’s guilt.

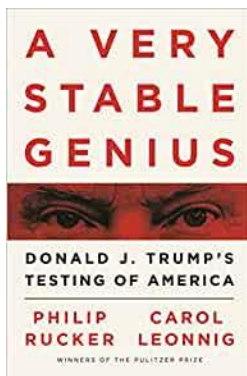
Who is the daughter of Time? She is Truth. **Jenny Greeves**



Becoming Holyfield: A Fighter's Journey is the autobiography of former world cruiserweight and heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield.

Like the best fights, the book moves at a good pace. We learn about Holyfield’s experiences growing up black in the American South, of being a lavishly wealthy global celebrity, and of his Christian faith.

Inevitably, the descriptions of almost superhumanly demanding prize-fights will grip anyone with an interest in boxing. Wisely, he gives more space to the matches he found most gruelling than he affords to much more famous fights. Meanwhile, boxing-sceptics will read a particularly eloquent defence of the sport. **Tom Greeves**

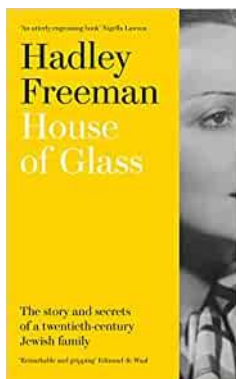


A Very Stable Genius by Philip Rucker and Carol Leonnig: When *Washington Post* managers (most being journalists) were asked whether Trump could be possibly elected in 2016, 99 said no but one said yes. The one who said yes was the manager of the Print Room. He mixed with blue collar folk who got it that Trump was not to be read literally. Since he was elected there has been a whole genre of books about Trump showing his inanities and extraordinary way of working (three hours of the day are carved out to watch tributes to him on Fox TV). The Adults in the Room (Kelly, McMaster, Tillerson, Mattis) have long ago left his side.

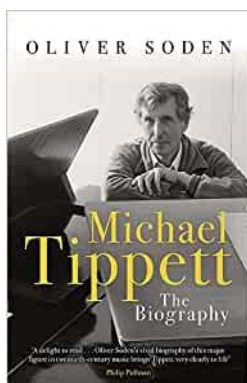
A Very Stable Genius is written by two *Washington Post* journalists who have had ringside seats at the circus. The title comes from Trump’s self description of course.

Could this dangerous man be re-elected? Well they said it could not happen the first time round. And if he is re-elected, he will not have to worry about what people think. **John Bowers**

To join our virtual book group during lockdown, email Linda Newbery: L.newbery@btinternet.com. We have our own WhatsApp group, and talk to each other in a Zoom meeting on Saturday afternoons. For a new reading recommendation every Monday, visit WRITERS REVIEW: reviewsbywriters.blogspot.com
Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are - **Mason Cooley**



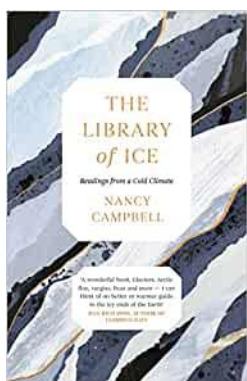
House of Glass by Hadley Freeman: The genesis of this touching family memoir was an old shoebox Hadley found in her late grandmother Sala's wardrobe. It contained a random selection of documents including even a sketch by Picasso. That sent Hadley (a Guardian journalist and former fashion writer) on a twenty-year quest to uncover the story of her Jewish family roots. She traced the journey of Sala and her siblings, from escaping persecution in Poland to miraculous survival in wartime France. As in many refugee families there are terrible tragedies but also inspiring stories. The book is well constructed and beautifully written, full of great characters and through the family narrative it tells a wider story of European history. **Suzanne Franks**



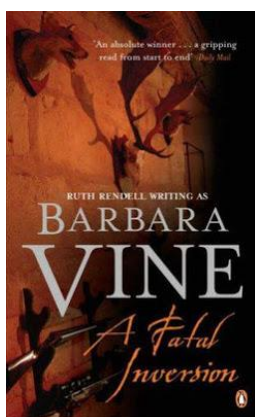
Michael Tippett by Oliver Soden: Lockdown gives time to reappraise books previously sidelined. Soden carries his learning lightly throughout this 615-page biography, visiting some of the key sites in Tippett's unconventional life.

Tippett was a socialist and, like his father, a pacifist and 'conchie' in WW2. His process of composition was quirky and drawn-out when compared to his prolific contemporary, Benjamin Britten; Tippett describes his writing as an attempt to capture not a tune or sound, but a spiritual feeling. Consequently, his tally of completed works seems relatively small. Most of us know his oratorio, **A Child of our Time**, but what else? His major works are mostly operas, **The Knot Garden** and **The Icebreak** among the most performed. A bonus is the vividly-drawn historical and social context of Britain in the

1930s. **Trevor Arrowsmith**



The Library of Ice - Readings from a Cold Climate by Nancy Campbell: If you're interested in the world, its people and our changing environment, pick up this book and prepare to be instantly absorbed. Part-travelogue and part modern-day exploration, this is a remarkable journey into just one theme: ice. Award-winning poet and author, Nancy Campbell, shares her deep-felt fascination with ice, its history, cultural meanings and rapid retreat, in the most fascinating ways. Beautifully written and touchingly profound, this book takes the fragile, icy regions from the Alps to the Arctic, and lodges them deeply within the memory and the heart. **Claire Cox**



A Fatal Inversion, by Barbara Vine: Ruth Rendell's novels published under this pseudonym are notable for their creeping sense of menace, and the way in which ordinary, not particularly ill-intentioned people become involved in terrible events through circumstance, carelessness or obsession. Two indulged young men secretly idle away the hot summer of 1976 in a shabby rural mansion; as others join their retreat, disaster builds, concealed since. Now in maturity, with careers and relationships threatened by exposure, Rufus, Adam and Shiva are, respectively, determined to ignore what happened, fearful, and guilt-ridden. It's atmospheric, compelling, brilliantly-crafted; even on a re-reading, knowing the thrust of the plot and the breath-taking final twist, I couldn't put it down. **Linda Newbery**

CHURCH MATTERS



It's quite difficult writing this and making it appropriate for the time you read it. It is now halfway through May and with changes to the lockdown, by the time you read this we may well be in quite a different situation, hopefully for the better.

Being unable to celebrate the wonderful Easter message together at our churches and with days merging one into another, it is often difficult to remember which day it is, not to mention where we are in the Christian calendar!

This year, Ascension Day was celebrated on 21st May, 40 days after Easter and as always Whit Sunday, now more commonly known as Pentecost, follows on May 31st ten days later - 50 days after Easter. Whit Sunday celebrates the coming of the gift of the Holy Spirit to support the frightened but exhilarated disciples of Jesus.

Frightened, because they had seen their teacher and leader, Jesus crucified on a cross, an exceptionally painful form of torture and death used by the Romans to maintain law and order. They were also hounded by the Jewish and Roman leaders who were bent on quelling them and who saw the disciples and followers of Jesus as a minor, troublesome sect to be quashed.

The disciples were exhilarated as they had seen Jesus in the flesh after his death and had been told to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit that would come to help them and empower them to continue their work in His name.

The disciples had stayed in their own form of Lockdown, hiding away out of sight of the authorities when, with the symbolism of the Bible, tongues of flames settled on their heads and they were filled with excitement and encouragement to go out and proclaim the story of Jesus' resurrection and its importance for the forgiveness of sins.

With the countrywide Lockdown all churches and places of worship have been closed. Following guidelines from the Bishop, very slowly our churches are beginning to open with one small step at a time. Our curate, Reverend Paula, who lives in Barford, is now allowed to go into St Michael's church to hold a short service of

Morning Prayer. She has to be alone and has to lock the door behind her. You may have heard her ring one of the bells before and after the service. Similarly, our vicar, Reverend Annie, is going into Deddington church at the same time to conduct Morning Prayer.

The idea of Morning Prayer follows a tradition from the earliest of times when Christians met for regular prayer during the day and night. These would, and still do, include prayers of praise for the wonder of the world, prayers of confession and asking for forgiveness and prayers of intercession - praying on behalf of others.

Over time, and certainly by the 4th century, this had evolved into a single service in the morning and the evening. These services became known as Matins for the morning worship and Evensong for the evening. Although we do not have a daily service here in the Barfords there would normally be a regular Morning Prayer service in Deddington on weekdays.

It maybe, that soon, we will be able to open our church regularly for private prayer, for regular services, for visitors during the summer months, and for weddings, baptisms and funerals, which at the moment are very simple services at the graveside. With only a limited number of people allowed to be present, it is an even more difficult time being unable to celebrate someone's life to the full. Perhaps an idea would be to hold a memorial service at the anniversary of the death to let everyone who would like to join in with remembering the life of that much loved friend and family member.

Hopefully too we can have weddings and christenings again in the church; very joyous occasions with all the family present. I particularly enjoy Christenings when we welcome a new life into the church family.

Tony Elvidge, Churchwarden



I have decided to pay out the money I have raised from the Whist Drives to 6th March.

The total is £120.48. I am sending a cheque to the Church for £60.24, the Students' Trust (Shepherds & Bakehouse) £30.12 and Katharine House Hospice £30.12.

Hopefully, when the time is right and safe, we will start again.

Judy Hobbs



BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE May 2020

We have now sadly come to the end of our 2019/20 season of films and we did not go out with a bang as we had hoped - there was no BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY, no ROCKETMAN

and no SUPPER. However, we will come back, all guns blazing, in October for our next Season. We hope to repeat the Double Bill and we are looking for lots of ideas for future films.

By now you will no doubt be getting used to watching more films on that black box in the corner of your living rooms in isolation, but that is not nearly so exciting as coming to our cosy Village Hall Cinema, meeting people and discussing the film afterwards. In the interim, please give suggestions of films you would like to see and share with others. For now enjoy the light evenings and spend time in the garden, getting ready for shorter days and longer nights.

We are indebted to AGE UK for providing the films and will continue to give all our proceeds to Katharine House Hospice. This season we gave in excess of £250 to this most worthwhile cause. We all hope that you are keeping well and safe in these unprecedented times.

Gunilla & Claire

HALL & FERNHILL CHARITY....Barford St Michael or St John residents of any age can apply for grants from this charity. Applicants should have been resident in the villages for three years and all grants will be at the Trustees discretion.

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carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk Barn Elms, The Green, BSM ☎ 07768 378758



APRIL Draw

£25, 090, Mick Honour
£15, 060, Christine Hall
£10, 153, Andy Neal
£5, 042, Lucy Norman

MAY Draw

£15, 115, Lorraine Simons
£10, 124, Judy & David Hobbs
£5, 214, Jim Murray



the draws took place 'over the garden fence' in strict accordance with Social Distancing rules!!



VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY in Lockdown

On 8th May 2020 we commemorated the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. However this year was very different since our two villages were in lockdown.

After the 2 minute silence at 11am which was observed throughout , many of us wanted to "celebrate" in our own way. The villages as you know have been divided into zones and each zone had made their own arrangements.

As a member of the Outlying Areas Zone we have many who are self-isolating and who had not left their houses for several weeks. We could not therefore have a 'socially distanced' get-together but decided instead to form a convoy of cars and drive down to visit the rest of you.

We decorated our vehicles, dressed up, waved flags and played V.E.Day music at considerable volume to announce our arrival. Driving down The Park we assembled in front of The George in time for the 3pm Toast. This seemed the most appropriate place?

Some remained in their cars but everyone had a drink they had brought themselves. We then continued our journey along Lower Street where many houses had been decorated and some tables set outside, in period manner. We all hooted and waved. We then continued over the bridge to Barford St. John and saw some people gathered for 'socially distanced' drinks. They were all dressed in red, white and blue. Everyone waved.



Back over the bridge into Barford St. Michael and up through the rock into High Street with more hooting and music, some houses decorated with flags and photographs making a lovely display. We then turned right into Townsend where many 'folks' greeted us, a grand party was going on, tables and distanced chairs, food and drink. More smiles and cheers. On into Robins Close where a big effort had been made to

give us a great welcome, lots of houses with balloons and flags and a big Union Flag Cake set out for tea later that afternoon. On to Broad Close where we were too early for tea with special scones at 5pm but apparently a good time was had with music and maybe dancing? Through to The Green, the tree in the middle hung with bunting, more decorations and greetings with people on doorsteps. Into Church Street where more people had gathered. They were going to have a 'socially distanced' tea party at 5.0 with each house sitting out in front. Many waves and some chats. Nice to know they still recognised us after all this time and long hairstyles to boot!



Although we did not see all the festivities due to timings I am assured they all went well. After this little tour around we continued, music playing, back up The Park and home again to the quiet that is in the Outlying Area. It was all very special, unusual and enjoyable and brought many smiles to our faces. A big thank you to everyone who took part. V.J. Day still to come. Next Year will be different but we will know that this year we all came together in friendship, despite the desperate situation that some people are finding themselves in.

Thank you, keep Alert!! Gunilla



**Lockdown VE Celebrations –
Barford Style
WE WILL MEET AGAIN**



I SPY.....an Imposter from the High Street and it appears that Anne Pearson is up for sale, contact Saville's for more information....



TONY'S GARDEN MARATHON

At the time of writing over £1200 has been raised for FareShare. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and supportive comments!

I had a phone call from FareShare the other day thanking me and you for the money sent to them. I've put a few of their comments on

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tony-elvidge along

with details of some of the organisations they are helping. Do have a look. I will be keeping the page open for a few weeks yet so it is not too late to help FareShare which has an important role now and probably more so in the months to come.

Plant Sale

I've started selling dahlias, mostly from cuttings but also 1 year old plants and some more established, from our driveway (The Old Post Office, High Street). We also have a selection of other perennials as well. The money from these will go to FareShare and church funds, much depleted with the church closed.

Tony Elvidge

THANK YOU to the public-spirited young man who cleaned the steps from Murrey's Lane into West Close



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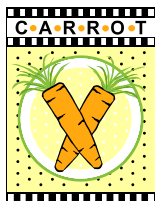
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BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED June 2020



Yes, I remember Adlestrop --
The name, because one afternoon
Of heat the express-train drew up there
Unwontedly. It was late June.

The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.
No one left and no one came
On the bare platform. What I saw
Was Adlestrop -- only the name

And willows, willow-herb, and grass,
And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,
No whit less still and lonely fair
Than the high cloudlets in the sky.

And for that minute a blackbird sang
Close by, and round him, mistier,
Farther and farther, all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

Adlestrop by Edward Thomas

Club members have been kept well-supplied, thanks to the efforts and generosity of various people. We've been offered tomatoes, peppers and courgettes by Mariann Young and Les Hall, dahlias and other perennials from Jan and Tony Elvidge, compost and other supplies from Applegarth ordered by Trevor Stevens, seeds from Zalie Butler, from the extra D T Brown catalogue circulated by Rodney Hobbs and in Trevor's roadside seed swap, bedding plants from Gill Archer ... and no doubt more by the time you read this. Thank you to all those people for keeping us gardening! If you're not a member, do consider the benefits of joining. Obviously our events – talks and outings – have been cancelled for now, but it's only £5 per household to subscribe, and you'd soon recoup that by using your discount card at various local garden centres and nurseries. Even during lockdown we've been able to claim club discount on the bulk orders Trevor has arranged.

If you'd like gardening inspiration, designer and plantsman **Dan Pearson** has a weekly blog, **Dig Delve**, reporting from his large and developing garden in Somerset; there are garden-based recipes, too. He's recently written about the benefits of being confined to home and watching the slow and subtle changes to plants and trees as the season advances. **Anna Greenland**, vegetable grower and cook (many of us met her at our 25th birthday celebration) is also well worth following for her growing advice and her use of vegetables, herbs and foraged plants in recipes, both traditional and innovative. Anna regularly posts short videos on Instagram.

Jobs for June:

- Be water-wise – install butts if you haven't already got them. Use 'grey water' from washing-up and handwashing for potted plants and shrubs
- Pinch out side shoots on tomatoes.
- Harvest lettuce, radish, salads and early potatoes.
- Plant up containers and baskets
- Plant out summer bedding and seed-raised plants
- Stake tall or floppy plants
- It's not too late to direct-sow late-flowering annuals
- Remove blanket weed and duckweed from ponds
 - Wait for bulb foliage to die back naturally before shearing.

We'll hope for more sociable times ahead – meanwhile, happy gardening!

SPADE AND FORK



CORONAVIRUS - WHAT'S BEING DONE BY THE UK SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SECTOR?

Dear Barfords

My name is Paul and I'm a resident of Barford St Michael. I hope that this article finds you well during these strangest of times. I'm an engineer and recently I took up a new job at the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) based at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Harwell. STFC is part of the wider umbrella of research councils which are overseen by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). I thought it would be beneficial to highlight the incredibly positive work that is being completed throughout the science and engineering communities surrounding the coronavirus pandemic.

Firstly, the response from the UK science and engineering community has been outstanding. The science community is working hard to understand the virus and develop the necessary drugs to treat it. The engineering community has focussed on providing practical solutions to help in the treatment of patients and the protection of key workers. In this article I've focussed on some of the work being done at Harwell, however all of the councils across UKRI are contributing to research. They range from looking at the changes in air pollution, to researching the economic & social impacts of the outbreak along with the crucial work being completed by the Medical Research Council.



Based at Harwell the Diamond Light Source is the UK national synchrotron (it's the big round silver building next to the A34 near Didcot!) Effectively it's a very powerful microscope that allows scientists to analyse the structure of materials on an atomic level. Since January they have been collaborating with scientists from around the world using protein crystallography to understand the structure of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. This allows scientists to visualise at the molecular level the interactions of chemical compounds with the viral protein. This in turn allows them to screen large numbers of chemical samples, working to target drugs that could be used to effectively treat the virus. STFC technicians and engineers have also volunteered to help test and calibrate new ventilators produced as part of VentilatorChallengeUK. This is a nationwide consortium of companies from across various industry sectors who are collaborating to provide the large number of ventilators required by the NHS in a very short time frame. STFC staff are focussing training staff in the production, testing and calibration of ventilators being manufactured nearby in Abingdon. You will have heard about the concerns over the lack of Personal Protective Equipment for front line workers. Throughout the site at Harwell over 50,000 pieces of PPE have been collected and donated to Oxford University Hospitals. On site there is also a wealth of knowledge and experience in using 3D-printing techniques and they are working hard to print as much equipment as possible. A group of technicians from the ISIS Neutron and Muon source have also joined together and developed a facemask that can be manufactured at home. The group have taken an open source design known as the 'Badger Shield' and developed it to allow it to be manufactured at home. Though not medical grade they offer an extra level of protection and have been supplied to GP's surgeries and pharmacies.

For those of you who are home schooling STFC has also been busy providing resources for children to keep them engaged with science whilst at home. There is a different theme every week with varied activities posted every day. If you search for #STFCScienceAtHome on Twitter and Facebook, you'll find lots of great content for kids to enjoy and to help with science lessons at home.





For those of you who are Scouts and Girl Guides a new badge has also been developed by graduates at RAL space. The 'Science and Engineering Careers Challenge Badge' has over 20 activities to help children learn about future careers in science and engineering. By downloading the challenge pack Scouts and Guides can find out about data scientists, physicists and mechanical engineers, amongst others, and find out about the work they do to help make a space mission successful.

If you would like any further information the websites below are a great source of information;

<https://www.ukri.org/research/coronavirus/>
<https://coronavirusexplained.ukri.org/en/> www.diamond.ac.uk/covid-19



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have little change in our school circumstances at the moment, but continue to support our wonderful Key Worker parents and their

lovely children on a weekly basis. These pupils have been making fabulous rainbows using chalk, by drawing and colouring them on our school walls and in our Year 3 and 4 playground. They have created these in the hope of brightening people's days as they see them when walking/driving past Deddington Primary School.

Teachers continue to teach from afar and our amazing children have continued to work extremely hard, supported by their parents and wider family members. As said in our letter last month, we as a staff cannot thank our parents and families enough for their time and energy in helping our pupils to work with such incredible enthusiasm. Seeing photos of our children enjoying their learning has kept us all so inspired too.

VE day was planned for and celebrated by us all, in our own homes, as we did not want this very special day and 75th anniversary, to pass by, unmarked by our school. Many children made bunting of their own, to decorate their houses and gardens with.

For now, we are sending our very best wishes to everyone, from all of us at Deddington Primary school.

Denise Welch



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Cubs & Scouts

It's been another virtual month at Cubs & Scouts and I realise that I could invent all sorts of wild and wonderful activities that we've taken part in and nobody would be any the wiser, but it wouldn't come close to what they have actually achieved! First came the Easter Camp, how did you manage that I hear you ask, well the County organised the Easter Camp (at home) and lots of the Cubs & Scouts pitched up in their gardens, some for more than one night (me included). Then to coincide with The Big Night In, Scouting organised a 'Hike to the Moon' when all members were asked to walk at least 1 mile in any way they could. We are now on our way back with only 6000 miles to go & £328,000 raised.

Then came the VE Day celebrations and the Cubs & Scouts stepped up to produce lots of decorations, cakes and the odd scarecrow! Alongside all of this we marked St George's Day, our dragon sadly missing from the streets of Deddingington, but many of us renewed our Scout Promise at home.

What on earth will next month be like?

Jo Churchyard deddingtoncubs@gmail.com
Peter Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Explorers

Unfortunately still no face to face meetings for the foreseeable future but we are trying to keep things together and meet once a week to see one another, check in that we are all coping ok and have a fun evening.

We've had a family quiz night which was quite competitive, followed by bingo, scribbl.io and last week "Would I lie to you". Interestingly we have members of the Unit who have accidentally swum with a reef shark, had money given them by Tom Baker – Dr Who – and our International evenings will be great as we have both Slovakian and African parents. Each Thursday a different explorer arranges flag break and we've been fortunate that 2 of them have been outside. We clap for the NHS etc. and had a reflection on VE Day.

Janet Duxbury spartansexplorers@gmail.com

RESIDENTS ASKED NOT TO BURN WASTE

People living in north Oxfordshire are being asked not to light bonfires to get rid of their waste during the Coronavirus emergency. Cherwell District Council is asking residents to store any large batches of waste until the home and garden excess services resume; or until



Oxfordshire County Council's household waste recycling centres reopen.

Alternatively, people may use the bulky waste service, which was resumed last week. Residents are asked to put suitable garden waste in their brown bins or to consider home composting and ensure that their usual recyclable materials are added to the right bin.

Cllr Dan Sames, Cherwell's lead member for clean and green said: "I urge residents thinking of burning a bonfire not to do so, and above all, to think about fire risk and the health implications and of the smoke on their neighbours, especially during the current situation. "You can help us deal with waste by putting the right thing in the right bin, composting garden waste, or holding other material to dispose of safely once normal service resumes for any amount of waste too big to fit in the kerbside bins."

Burning household items can create excessive smoke and noxious fumes that can harm the environment and public health. Smoke also prevents neighbours from enjoying their gardens, opening windows or hanging washing out. Coronavirus is a respiratory disease and people's breathing could be worsened due to smoke inhalation. Avoiding all bonfires will reduce the chance of people having their health affected and avoid a further burden on the NHS.

There are no laws against having a bonfire, but there are laws to address the nuisance they can cause. The council can take action under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and could serve an abatement notice if officers are satisfied that a nuisance is being caused.

Anyone who has experienced a new nuisance from bonfires in their neighbourhood since the coronavirus outbreak began, can report it online. If bonfire smoke is drifting across a road and endangers traffic or causes injury, people should call 999 to report it to the police.

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9am to 12.30pm

Fresh meat, game, vegetables, eggs
Mushrooms, fish, honey,
cakes, pies and more
Craft stalls in the church

DROP IN COFFEE MORNINGS

Ex-Servicemen's Hall, Bloxham
Every Friday 10am - 11.00am
a limited range of cakes, preserves,
and plants available
Celebration cakes and other
special orders taken



Barfords Village Hall

Offers the ideal venue for your events.
A large room for up to 100 people
audio/projection equipment and loop system
Well equipped kitchen with cookers, freezer and
fridge, crockery and cutlery for 80
** bar area **

baby-changing equipment and disabled facilities.
Secure garden with toddlers play equipment and
space for a marquee and gazebos

Suitable for parties, meetings, clubs, film shows,
cuppa mornings, dances, demos, etc.

Details of rates from the booking secretary –
Maggie Blackhall on 01869 338 938
maggieblackhall@btinternet.com

Any day before 8pm

Barford St. John and St. Michael Parish Council

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Parish Council meetings in the Village Hall. 1st Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm
This is an opportunity for parishioners to bring questions or concerns to the meeting in person
CDC website: www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk – Parish Council minutes at www.cherwell-local.com

VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

CHURCH SERVICES Church of England

There will be no services in either village church this month because of the Coronavirus. Both churches remain locked. If things change we will put notices up on St Michael's noticeboard.

Revd Annie Goldthorp, Vicar, Deddington with Barford, Clifton and Hempton on 01869 336880
Email: vicar@deddingtonchurch.org

Methodist Chapel

For details of services contact:

Mr Robbie Pilkington ☎ 01295 811367

Roman Catholic

Holy Trinity Catholic Church,
26 London Road, Chipping Norton, OX5 5AX

Phone: 01608 642703

Parish Priest: Father Tony Joyce

Email: holytrinityrcchippy@gmail.com

On Call: Rev. Deacon Robert Hughes

Tel: 01295 720869

Mobile: 07766 711984

Masses:

Saturday - 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday – 11.00am Mass

Weekdays Normally 9.15am, can be subject to change

Police contact numbers

In an emergency call 999

Non-emergencies call 101

Textphone 18000

Banbury office 01295 754 541

Thames Valley Crime-stoppers

0800 555 111



Regular weekly/monthly events

Mondays	Beavers (Deddington) Boys Brigade band practice
Tuesdays	Guides (Deddington) Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar
Wednesdays	Brownies (Windmill - Deddington) Fernhill Club 1 st week parish council (not August) 2 nd week W.I. meeting Boys Brigade (Deddington)
Thursdays	Open cuppa mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)
Fridays	Rainbows Whist alternate weeks
Saturdays	Village Market 3 rd week (except January or August)
3rd Wednesday	Village Hall Management Committee

DIARY DATES

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