

MOTHERING SUNDAY, 22nd March, 3:00pm at St Michael's church



A service of celebration, prayer and praise for all those who Mother us in all its forms. Please stay for tea and cake after the short service



is VILLAGE CLEAN-UP MORNING.....please see page 4 for details...

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 5th February 2020 in Barford Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner, Hobbs, Eden, Cox, Charman, District Cllr Willams, Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and 1 member of the public.

Minutes of the last meeting: It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2019 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Public Participation:

Climate Emergency – A member of the public attended the meeting to talk about the climate emergency and ask for the Parish Council's support. The Parish Council agreed to support all village initiatives to counter climate change and allocate time at the Annual Parish meeting for a talk, general discussion and opportunity for attendees to come up with ideas on initiative to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian:None

Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams: CDC integration with OCC efficiency improvements and cost savings on housing:

Extra Care Housing – a housing providers event was jointly organised and held on 28/11/19 at CDC and was attended by 9 housing providers and all districts/city Housing Enabling Teams. This was used to present OCC's market position statement and supplementary document on ECH. The outcomes were: greater understanding among providers about the demand for ECH in Oxfordshire and the county council's intentions and increased interest among some providers to develop schemes in Oxfordshire including on earmarked sites in Cherwell. The event also contributed to the debate about what CDC's policy on ECH should be in the new Local Plan due for completion in 2022.

ECH – the panel for allocating extra care housing in Cherwell has been re-launched with new terms of reference and to reflect new Adult Social Care area team structures (with representation from the North and East area teams). There is now one panel for all 6 schemes in CDC in order to improve coordination and manage total demand against vacancies. OCC has recruited a two year Care

Brokerage post which will assist Adult Social Care to better access ECH placements across the county and reduce void times.

Persistent voids in shared ownership units at one scheme in Cherwell are now being tackled with the housing provider and intervention by OCC/CDC Housing Team Tackling Homelessness – The Relief Plus protocol continues to be implemented between CDC and OCC. This initiative provides vulnerable families that would be likely to be found 'intentionally homeless' diversion away from that decision by offering an extended period in temporary accommodation with support from Children's Services and Housing together. We have had success with several families who have been able to work towards becoming tenancy-ready and accepted in to settled accommodation through the housing register Commissioning of Young People's Accommodation Services – this is led by OCC with all districts/city now contributing to the pooled budget that is being used to commission new services with new contracts starting 1/10/20. While this is not specific to the OCC/CDC partnership CDC Housing Team has strongly supported district council contributions and the move to a model of smaller clustered accommodation units rather than larger hostels. At CDC we are talking to partners about how we could potentially re-purpose any decommissioned provision to meet other housing needs.

A county-wide homelessness strategy for rough sleeping and single homelessness that delivers systems change - this strategy will put the person who is at risk of or experiencing homelessness at the centre of how the system is designed and how services are delivered. It will inform the recommissioning of the existing Adult Homeless Pathway through a new needs assessment and complete system redesign. CDC secured part of the funding for the county-wide systems change post, through a bid to MHCLG on behalf of the 6 council partnership. James Pickering took up the role in October 2019.

Help for potential foster carers and family/friends ('kinship') carers. The OCC/CDC protocol for assisting potential and family carers to move to a more suitable/bigger property in order to fulfil

caring responsibilities has been in place for a number of months. We have reviewed the priority given to foster carers in CDC's Allocations Scheme. We are working on 8 cases across the county referred to us by the Fostering Team (1 of which is in CDC) where foster carers need alternative housing & the protocol is now being translated to other districts.

Keyworker Housing – this work passed across to

Housing in December and will be re-scoped to prioritise the actions to be taken. CDC led the production of a Keyworker Accommodation Guide which sets out housing options for workers in essential services (e.g. care and health) who are struggling to find affordable accommodation in Oxfordshire. The guide is available on OCC and CDC websites and will be marketed through events. Research into barriers faced by keyworkers is being collated and will inform a partnership event to be held in Oxford on 2nd March 2020. OCC/CDC Joint Commissioning of Debt and Money Advice Services - we are running one commissioning process for the provision of debt and money advice in Cherwell and specialist advice services to vulnerable people across the county. A composite needs assessment is being prepared and providers will see one process with lots

More help for older people and vulnerable people on health and housing issues — we are working on proposals of how we could identify and reach more older and disabled people living in poor quality or cold homes, by working with adult social care and health to reach more people. Part of this is a project that CDC has secured funding for through MHCLG's private rented sector (PRS) enforcement fund. This will help us to identify what datasets and intelligence are available to identify people in poor quality PRS accommodation and recommend what interventions we can take help them improve the standard of their property.

covering other facets of the service. There is a saving in commissioning time and back-office

support to the process.

In December the County Council delegated powers to enable Cherwell District Council to carry out enforcement of Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) provisions under The Energy Performance of Buildings (England and Wales) Regulations 2012. This enables the CDC Housing Standards team to add EPC enforcement to the range of powers we

already have at our disposal to improve the standard of housing in the private rented sector.

Syrian Refugee Support Provider -

Commissioning arrangements are under way to secure support services for the new Global Refugee Scheme from April 2020. In terms of the current Syrian VPR Scheme, family 11 will arrive soon. Family 12 will arrive in February/March 2020 and a property is being secured for them. We are already positively working with private landlords to secure properties in advance for the new scheme from April. An event has been organised for 20/3/20 to celebrate the outcomes of the scheme to date.

Grand Designs - Channel 4 have commissioned a second series to chart the progress of families building their dream homes at Graven Hill. The feedback and response to the first series was immensely positive with valuable publicity and increase in sales. Whilst the housing sector has slowed due to Brexit, it is now increasing again now that the exit has finally occurred

Parish Matters:

Reinforcement of The Green – This will be carried out when the weather improves.

Planting of Oak trees along Netherworten Road – This will be carried out at the beginning of March.

Moss on pavement in Robins close – Moss is reported on the pavement. The Parish Council had it sprayed with herbicide and later had it scraped off. It was decided that no further action could be taken at the present time. Pruning of the bushes shading the pavement would help prevent moss growing.

Parking around The Green – Cars often park along the northern edge of the green which sometimes block the road. Parishioners throughout the village are asked to take care, be as considerate to other road users as possible and use garages and parking spaces on their property where possible.

Christmas Charity Tractor Run – This has raised nearly £10,000 so far and donations are still being received.

Making Murreays Lane One Way – One parishioner has expressed objections to this. All other parishioner correspondence and views have been positive towards this idea.

Planning:

19/02593/F – 7 Bishops Close – Loft conversion – Permission granted by CDC
19/02675/F – Village Hall – New external doors – Permission granted by CDC
19/02793/AGN – Springhill Farm – Erect new machinery shed – CDC Prior approval not required.
19/0862/F – Crown House – Extend garage – Parish Council supports application

Finance:

Payments - The Clerk sought approval for payments totalling £489.05. This was proposed by Cllr Eden and seconded by Cllr Turner. The cash in the bank after the November payments is £8,070.33.

Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st April 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

ANNUAL MEETING & BRING AND SHARE SUPPER

at our meeting on Wednesday, 11th March in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Please come along to enjoy shared food and to make your choice for our next President





Barford St John & St Michael Village Clean Up Morning

Saturday 4th April 10am at Village Hall

Please come and join us for our annual litter-pick around the villages so that we can keep the Barfords looking their best.

We supply the bags and have a few grab sticks/pickers

Please bring your own old gloves

(and pickers if you have them)

Refreshments served for all volunteers at 11.15am

'My Husband Dave' Tribute by Kathryn. 20 August 1951 – 2 December 2019

Dave was born in a flat above his father's grocery shop in Wolverton, where he lived with sister Vicky, Dad Victor and Mum Gladys. His Grandfather, Arthur Tombs delivered milk around the Stony Stratford area and by coincidence Kathryn's Grandfather, Harry Savage was also delivering milk in nearby new Bradwell.! There must be a good chance they knew each other.

Dave went to Junior and Secondary schools in Wolverton where Kathryn attended the same senior school...From there Dave progressed to the 'Northampton School of Art' where he studied Graphic Design. On graduating, his first job was with 'Northampton Development Corporation' then he moved on to 'Concept Graphic' in Shipston on Stour. He soon met his life-long friend Tim Porter and the creative pair formed a graphic design business, 'Wheeler and Porter' in Banbury, which was to trade successfully for well over 30 years.



Dave and Kathryn were teenage sweethearts, it was a slightly unusual combination, She was a pony riding member of the Young Farmers Club and he a 'parka' wearing 'Mod' whizzing around on a mirror covered 'Vespa' After a break of 3 years the pair were re-united and in 1975 were married in Bletchley. Initially they set up home in Deddington before moving on to Greatworth, where in 1978 Anna was born. Five years later the family settled in Barford St Michael. The house came with a little land and before long Dave and Kathryn had made a bit of a 'Horsey Smallholding' with a cow, pet lamb, geese ducks and chickens. As a further stab at 'The Good Life' they tried a range of country hobbies, Including Bee Keeping, vintage tractor and carriage driving, scrumpy making, and opening a honey and egg shop!

Following Anna's marriage to Chas, Dave was soon thrilled welcome two gorgeous grandchildren, Jennifer and Albert. 'Papa' Dave was in his element having huge fun letting them ride in and drive his tractor or Land Rover around the field. Other adventures included camping out in the top field and hunting for sneaky 'Trolls' in the shelter!

Dave was steeped in the local community, always happy to help Jeff paint 'panto' scenery and run the market with Peter. Dave loved motor-cycles and invested in a huge 'Harley Davidson Road King' and he and Kathryn toured around Spain France and Greece. He even managed to convince his wife to get a 'Harley Sportster' so that more tours could be tackled!. Dave organised a hugely successful 'Biker Bash' in the barn and was amused to find that it made more money for the church than the fete!. Another 2-wheeled activity was that, along with some biker buddies, he established a regular bike night where anything up to 20 riders could turn up for a blast! ..

There were also plenty of trips to the USA, both on 2 and 4 wheels. With highlights such as visiting the Grand Canyon, Death Valley, and Las Vegas plus a 'Blues Music' trip up the Mississippi taking in the 'King Biscuit' and 'Leland' festivals!

Another project was the production of a magnificent book on the history of Harley Davidson, but when Dave proudly dispatched a copy to Harley FOC his reward was to have legal action for copyright taken against him by the ungrateful manufacturer!!

After being diagnosed with brain metastases, Dave lost his licence for a while, which was really hard on him. But on regaining it he quickly purchased a gorgeous metallic blue 1966 '289 Mustang', then,

equipped with a 'pop-up' tent, Dave and Kathryn burbled off on a tour of Europe!

As a man, Dave was essentially fairly shy, but he certainly knew how to party! He combined a dry practical joking sense of humour with great determination and a generosity of spirit. Fiercely independent and a perfectionist in all of his tasks. But above all Dave lived for and loved all of his family, most especially his beloved Wife Kathryn. Dave was very well known in the Barfords and beyond and will be well remembered by the village community as well as many friends. He leaves a gap in so many lives and will be greatly missed.



Barford Picture House...our penultimate film of 2019/2020 Season

.....on 7th March....L.A. Confidential....this film made in 1997 is 2hr 18mins long, classed as a Drama/Mystery. Rated R. Based on the book by James Ellroy and starring Russell Crowe, Guy

Pearce, Kim Basinger, Danny DeVito and Kevin Spacey. As corruption grows in 1950's Los Angeles, three policemen.....one straight-laced, one brutal and one sleazy.....investigate a series of murders with their own brand of justice. An intricate noir-ish tale. Kim Basinger won an Oscar for Best Actress in a Supporting Role.

As this is our penultimate film this would be a good time to mention that we have run the Barford Picture House for 10 years this October. We will have shown a total of 66 films by the end of this season. The films have been varied in genre and language. Over 850 seats have been sold at £4 for adults and £3 for under 16's. We are very grateful to Age UK for providing the films and hope to continue next Season starting in October. At our Christmas film we gave a donation of £95 to Katharine House Hospice and will continue to give all our profit from this season to this wonderful charity.

Thank you all for continuing to support us. Our last film shown on February 8th was extremely well-attended with around 30 people watching and enjoying Fishermen's Friends. Let's keep it up.

So come to our cosy village cinema, film starts at 7.45 and Hall opens at 7.15

Bring your own chairs and drinks if you wish. Tea and coffee available

BARFORD PICTURE HOUSE - Season Finale - DOUBLE BILL

Saturday 4th April - Join us for an end of season musical extravaganza in aid of **Katharine House Hospice**. You can come along to **one** film or **two**, plus there's a supper between films you can book as well, if you wish.



Price: £4 per film (16s and under: £3), includes tea and coffee
Supper: £5. Limited places. Please book on a first-come-first-served basis (see details below)
Please feel free to bring your own chairs and drinks

4:00 pm Doors open

4:30 pm **Bohemian Rhapsody**:

a 2018 biographical drama film about Freddie Mercury, the lead singer of the British rock band Queen, starring Rami Malek as Mercury, with Lucy Boynton, Gwilym Lee, and Mike Myers in supporting roles. Queen members Brian May and Roger Taylor were consultants on the film which follows Mercury's life from the formation of the band up to their 1985 Live Aid performance at the original Wembley Stadium.

Duration: 2 hrs 13 mins. Rating: 12A.

7:00 pm **Supper**

Coq au vin or vegetable moussaka with duchess potatoes and vegetables Choc ice

To book, please ring Anne & Mick Pearson on 01869 337074 or email mickpearson1@outlook.com by **Wednesday 1st April**.

If you do not receive a reply to your email, we haven't received it so please call us. PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE UNABLE TO CATER FOR ANYONE WITH FOOD ALLERGIES

7:45 pm Rocketman:

a 2019 biographical musical film based on the life of musician Elton John, starring Taron Egerton as Elton John, with Jamie Bell as Bernie Taupin. The film follows John's early days as a prodigy at the Royal Academy of Music through his musical partnership with Taupin. It won Best Original Song at this year's Academy Awards for "(I'm Gonna) Love Me Again". Duration: 2 hrs 2 mins. Rating: 15.



BILL SPENCE 1926 - 2019

With his wife Daphne, Bill moved to Barford St Michael in the early 1980's. The couple made many good friends and soon became an active part of the village community.

Bill was secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee for a number of years. His aims were always to improve the facilities of the hall for the benefit of the community and to ensure its full utilisation. During his time

he oversaw the installation of the central heating; improved access for the disabled; and the provision of a seat outside the hall commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the ending of the Second World War.

His love of the Big Band Sound was well known and he organised several concerts, but his favourite activity was probably the organisation of the weekly Carpet Bowls evenings. In addition to all that and running an allotment, Bill was the Village Reporter for the Banbury Guardian; and for four years also Deputy Editor of the Barford News.

Both daughters, Debbie and Mandy, married in St Michael's Church, in 1984 and 1986 respectively, and in 1999, after retirement, Bill & Daphne moved to Norfolk. Daphne died in 2018 – reunited now and never forgotten.

BARFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 23rd APRIL 2019 7.30 PM, VILLAGE HALL

All residents are invited to the meeting to meet the Parish Councillors and hear what the Parish Council has been doing in the last year and discuss Climate Emergency mitigation actions.

Have a say, ask questions and make suggestions.

AGENDA

Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
Election of the Committee
Talk on Climate Emergency and discussion
Open Forum

After a short break this meeting will be followed by: VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE A.G.M.

All Barfordians are urged to attend this meeting and have a say in the Open Forum

The committee is keen to hear the views of everyone on the running of the Hall, the facilities provided and the activities available



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review by Cathy & Mariann on behalf of Barford W.I.

Where did you eat?

The George Inn

Cuisine?

Full A La Carte Menu

RATINGS

Out of 5 stars.....

Food

Service

Value

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Atmosphere

COMMENTS:

20 members attended our annual dinner, which was a Pre-ordered meal. They offered us their full menu at £20 for 2 courses, £25 for 3, which was a very good deal.

We were greeted warmly by Claire and shown to our tables. The service was a little slow but generally very good considering the numbers involved and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meal.

Our members agreed that it was a pleasure not to have to drive, and that the evening was a great success.





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

Deddington-based artist Janet Bird will be exhibiting her work at The George from the 9th-17th May as part of Oxfordshire Artweeks.

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



pastel, with the odd foray into oils and watercolour. Janet exhibits throughout the year at Church Lane Gallery, in Banbury, and her work can also be seen online at www.janetbirdart.co.uk and on Facebook and Instagram as jaybirdart 1Ad

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN APRIL & MAY'S BARFORD NEWS



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!!



WELCOME to the McCartney Family

Mark, Miriam, David & Lucas

who have recently moved to St. John

we wish them a happy time here in our lovely villages

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB 17th March 2020 12.30PM for 1PM

MENU

MAIN COURSE

braised lamb's liver and bacon served with seasonal vegetables and creamy mashed potatoes

or

beef and mushroom lasagne

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roasted vegetable lasagne both lasagnes served with peas and garlic bread

DESSERTS

apricot and white chocolate bread and butter pudding served with cream

or

apple and almond cake served with ice cream

<u>FINALLY</u>

Coffee & Tea Price £5.00

As usual please bring your own drinks to have with your meal
Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074 or email mickpearson1@outlook.com by Tuesday 10th March

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

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I'm looking for a garage/barn to store an old car for a few months in or near Barford.

Please call Neil on 2 07976 219031

WANTED....an occasional 'home from home' for Tess



Tess is a six year old lurcher who is calm and very happy to sleep most of the day.

I would like to try and find someone who would look after her and keep her company on the very infrequent times that I am away, sometimes just for the day, sometimes a bit longer, in their own home.

I can provide references from my neighbours who have kindly looked after her in emergencies.

If you think you can help in any way please contact Maggie Eden on:

2 01869 338835 or maggie.eden@btinternet.com



SATURDAY 21st MARCH 10AM – 12PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

Delicious Artisan Breads direct from French baker Tierry

Plus a good range of local producers selling eggs, savouries, cakes, honey, dairy produce, rapeseed oils, preserves, greetings cards and wrapping paper

Ikhlas offering Middle Eastern pastries and biscuits.

'Two Jolly Cooks' with freezer-ready home-cooked meals using locally sourced, organic and seasonal ingredients.

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



JANUARY Draw

£10, 214, Jim Murrey £5, 048, Phillip Brodey

FEBRUARY Draw

£15, 086, Margaret Evans £25, 174, E. Cooke-Yarborough £15, 048, Phillip Brodey £10, 101, Stuart Hobbs £5, 090, Mick Honour

the draws took place at village Cuppa Mornings



NEW COLUMN.....In this new column we'll share tips and information about sustainable living, in the light of the Climate Emergency declared by both Cherwell District Council and Banbury Town Council, as well as by Parliament. What can we all do to reduce our impact on the environment? We'll be looking at easy and more challenging things we can try to do.

So, to start with: **cutting back on plastics**. A small thing, but we can all avoid using plastic unnecessarily when buying fruit and vegetables. The main supermarkets have pledged to reduce single-use plastics, yet when you look at the fruit and vegetable aisles you'll still be confronted

by a sea of plastic. Taking your own bags and choosing loose produce wherever possible means you're not contributing to this waste; also you can buy excellent fresh produce, free from packaging, at Banbury market on Thursdays and Saturdays, Deddington Farmers' Market on the fourth Saturday of each month, Wykham Park Farm Shop, Eagles of Deddington and the Bodicote Flyover Farm Shop — which means you're supporting local suppliers, too, and buying what's in season. To go farther with waste reduction, support Banbury's excellent Zero-Waste shop, Nothing But Footprints, in Castle Quay. There you can take your own containers to refill with household cleaners, grains, rice and pasta, herbs and spices, tea and coffee, shampoo, and buy items such as bamboo toothbrushes, refillable water bottles, plastic-free loo rolls and much more. Dan and Vi will give you a warm welcome.

Would you like to contribute to this column with a tip, suggestion or information? If so, please contact Linda Newbery at L.newbery@btinternet.com



FROM Rachel Burns, Waste Strategy Manager Oxfordshire County Council

INTRODUCING THE NEW WASTE WIZARD, an online tool to help people repair, reuse and recycle more.

The Waste Wizard is the county council's response to the evil spell that no-longer-needed items sometimes cast over residents when it's time to recycle or reuse them.



Simply visit <u>oxfordshire.gov.uk/wastewizard</u>. The online tool allows anyone bewitched by the bin to type in the name of any item along with their postcode to find out whether it can be repaired, reused, donated, recycled or if it needs to go into a specific bin or can be disposed of at a Household Waste Recycling Centre.

There's lots of different ways to get rid of waste but you only need one Waste Wizard to help make sure you do the right thing.

- Boost the number of items that get repaired locally
- Increase the number of items reused or donated
- · Cut the amount of contamination in kerbside collection bins
- Ensure anything that can't be reused, repaired or donated is properly recycled or disposed of

CHANGES IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Our Family Service (3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30) is by far our most popular regular service.

It consists of children's activities, whilst the 'grown-ups' enjoy tea/coffee and biscuits (and sometimes cake!). We all then get together for an informal uplifting service. So that the children can be nearby whilst the 'grown-ups' chat in the corner by the bier, we have rearranged the pews in the south aisle (the far side of the church) to make an activities area.



Many thanks to all who helped make it happen. To Nick and Barney for removing and refitting the pews, to Chris and his friend who helped move two of the pews into storage, to Tony and Steph for letting us store the pews in their barn and to Sally for her trip to IKEA for the rugs and cushions!

We hope you like the modifications and look forward to meeting you at our Family Service.

Sue & Tony, Churchwardens





"Another triumph for Deddington Players"

ROBIN HOOD OF DAEDA'S WOOD

The dull days of January are always brightened by the annual Deddington pantomime and 2020 was no exception. Deddington Players' hilarious production of Robin Hood of Daeda's Wood kept the audience

wonderfully entertained with the adventures of Robin, Marian and the Sheriff of Deddington, together with the antics of Maiden Taiwan, Anita Mann, a family of Johns –Little, Big, Medium and Nano, Captain Sausage and a host of other colourful characters in wonderful costumes. Of course there was a Trojan Horse. Even Batman put in appearances at regular intervals, accompanied by appropriate music.

Deddington Players' largest ever cast of over 50 people were able to work with a great script written by Steve Moss and Carrick Cameron. They were supported by innumerable technical staff and brilliantly directed by Elli Ince. Uninhibited performances by the villainous Sheriff and the Dames, with plenty of audience involvement, contrasted beautifully with superb acting, singing and dancing by a very talented cast. In short it was a delight.

Roll on Peter Pan in 2021, and ahead of that, a mid-year production of Allo Allo.

DON'T MISS EITHER OF THEM

THANK YOU, BARBARA!

Barbara Greenwood has decided to step down from her role as a Trustee for the two village charities after many years of service. Barbara took on the role of clerk in the early nineties and has been a keen supporter of both charities. Barbara will have seen hundreds of grants awarded over the years and was always pleased to be able to help local people in this way.

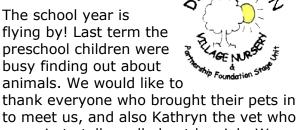
The charities have quite different sources of funding and different objectives.

The Shepherd and Bakehouse charity gets its income from money invested in COIF and is also fortunate to get money donated by villagers. This money is used to support young people (over 16) to start making their way in life whether in further education or work training. Applications should be made in September each year. The Hall and Fernhill charity derives its income from rent on land owned along the Nether Worton road. Grants are given to people experiencing hard times, whether this is financial hardship or those experiencing very difficult times due to ill health or other causes. Referrals or applications can be made at any time.

For more information contact carole.coppin@hotmail.co.uk

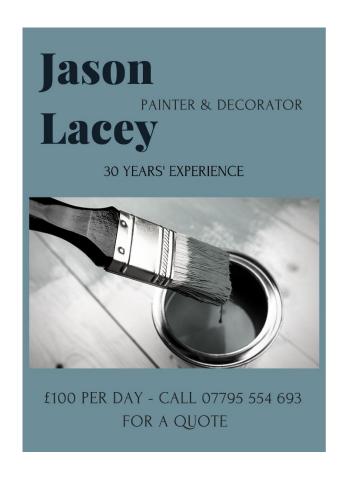
DEDDINGTON PFSU

The school year is flying by! Last term the preschool children were busy finding out about animals. We would like to



to meet us, and also Kathryn the vet who came in to tell us all about her job. We also learnt about Chinese New Year and would like to thank the May Fu II restaurant for once again welcoming us in to see their new year decorations. We very much enjoyed the Chinese food that we took back to school. The Nursery children spent the term doing lots of activities based on their favourite stories, sampled Chinese food, and made Valentines cards and gifts to take home. Coming up in the new term, the Nursery children will be learning about minibeasts and the PFSU children will be talking about transport. We will also be celebrating Mother's Day. Look out for details of some special events for Mums!

Lucy Squires | 2 337484





1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

We started the new year with the Navigator Badge. The Cubs made their way round a virtual map & solved a mystery at the same time using a great programme called Map Detectives. We learned grid references, map symbols & what we would need to take on a hike.

Our resident Minecraft expert (it's all Greek to me } came to speak to them about their passion for the game & they all received an unofficial badge for their efforts.

Jo Churchyard deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

This term we're trying to finish some of the Challenge Badges. For the 'Creative' the Scouts have designed posters advertising Scouting & written & performed their own short plays. Included in these were executions, confused super- heroes, an equally confused leprechaun & a chocolate fountain! Surrealism is alive & well in Deddington.

Peter Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Explorers

2020 started with our going to the village hall at Barford and making our own Escape Rooms. Happy to report that everyone got out ok although we may need to tweak some of the clues as they were a bit obscure and left people in a cave!

We followed this by some practical skills on knotting and lashings as part of the Pioneer badge. A bit of team building saw some of these skills put into practise making a "bridge" to hold cups of water. Some were better than others!

Then off to an International competition as we took part in the Jambowlree.

The re-vamped Banbury Bowl is great and everyone is getting much better.

It will soon be lighter nights and we will be outside more frequently. Barring any more storms Janet Duxbury spartansexplorers@gmail.com

Everyone who went, enjoyed the panto very much – thank you Deddington Players.

DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

Our latest book, **The Small Hand by Susan Hill** was a slim, but very powerful ghostly tale which we all enjoyed reading.

The Woman in Black author tells the story of Adam Snow, an antiquarian bookseller who finds the derelict White House as he tries to make his way home to London one night.

While walking through the overgrown gardens, he feels a small hand slip into his own - and yet when he looks down, there is no child there. Drawn into investigating the history of the house, he finds himself suffering from panic attacks as well as feeling the small hand again in different locations. The suspense is built up slowly with atmospheric story telling set in dark forests in France and the historic city of Oxford, as it builds to a dramatic conclusion.

Our next book is *Eleanor Oliphant* is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman.

Deddington Library 01869 338391







The Barfords have two beautiful churches, both of Norman origin.

The 150 years after the Norman conquest saw a huge programme of church building. Typically, these had semi-circular arched windows and doorways with the windows generally quite small. The doorways were often decorated with repetitive beak head designs.

It is thought that our two churches were built towards the end of this Norman period, probably around 1150. They were both remodelled in the 13th century giving rise to the pointed arches of the windows.

In St Michael's the tower, the font and the north doorway (the one we come in and out through) are possibly the only surviving parts of the Norman church. You can tell the doorway's Norman origin from the semi-circular top to the door arch and the extensive beak head design to the doorway.

It is only the south doorway (again the one regularly used) and the font in St John's church that have survived from Norman times with the church extensively rebuilt in the 13th century. St John's suffered further major changes in the 19th century when the original tower was demolished and rebuilt in its present place over the south porch. Many think this was not a particularly sympathetic rebuild!

St Michael's church is Grade I listed putting it into the same group of wonderful buildings such as St Paul's Cathedral or Buckingham Palace! This gives us a great responsibility to maintain it and puts considerable restrictions, and inevitable costs, on any changes we make. For example, we cannot even drill a hole to put up anything new in St Michael's without getting permission, leading to church wardens searching for existing holes to use to hang things on!

But a church must be so much more than just a building. As a church congregation we cannot simply be wardens of an historic building as if it is a National Trust property, we must be looking to bring the love of Christ to our villages and to make the church inviting to you in our community.

We try to do this by providing services that build on the richness of the Anglican tradition, though we don't use thee's and thou's very often anymore! We also aim to provide services with themes and activities with our Family Service, being very popular. To support this, we have made modifications to the layout of part of the church as you can see elsewhere in Barford News 'Changes in St Michael's church'. We are also creating an area within St John's church to make a play space for young children.

We have plans to make the St Michael's church more useful and comfortable by improving the church heating system (much needed if you've been into the church during the winter!) and the installation of a toilet and kitchen area. These will inevitably require some major fundraising in the village but we will also look for money from various grant giving bodies. Look out in future editions of the Barford News for more information.

As a church we are encouraged by the teaching of Jesus to help those less well off than ourselves. In the Bible it often refers to supporting widows, orphans and aliens which in modern language means users of foodbanks and refugees. We have started supporting Baby Basics, a charity that provides much needed help to young mothers who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burdens of a new baby. The women supported are often teenage mums, people seeking asylum or fleeing domestic abuse and trafficking.

If you, or anyone you know, have any good quality 0-6 month baby clothes or any suitable toiletries for mother or baby please leave them in the box at the back of St Michael's church for your donations. If the church is locked (which it usually is in the winter) please contact Sue Addison or myself with your donations.

Many of you have supported us so far with gifts of clothes; Moses baskets, toiletries and essential baby equipment for which we and Baby Basics are very grateful. I'm hoping to take our first box of clothes to Baby Basics very soon.

The money from collections at two recent baptisms has also been donated to Baby Basics.

Tony Elvidge Churchwarden



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?

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ALL - Everyone's welcome at our new community choir! Held at Katharine House on Tuesday evenings from 6-7.30pm, come along and join others for some singing and social. No experience necessary, simply turn up on the night and join the fun. Sessions cost £5 with a portion going to support the work of Katharine House in the hospice and in the community.

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

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

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DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION

It is certainly fair to say that this month has not been the busiest for Deddingtons' crew, with only 8 shouts attended, divisible as follows: 4 stand bys, 2 fire calls, 1 alarm call and one first response. The 2 fire calls were for an HGV that appeared to be on fire outside of Banbury, but further investigations upon arrival showed it to be overheating brakes which were sticking on generating an appreciable amount of smoke. The second fire call was pallets alight in a Banbury car park, which was quickly dealt with. Whilst returning from this shout, the crew saw a gentleman collapsed on the pavement and stopped to help— allowing the crew to put into practice their IEC paramedic training.

Outside of active firefighting, the whole crew have been busy with training modules, both refresher courses and continued development. Chris Fenemore and George Williamson attended a Health and safety at work seminar, Adrian Spilsbury completed his FF development and is now fully competent. Emma Flint and Adrian Spilsbury are busy studying for their Breathing Apparatus Team Leader qualification. Chris Fenemore passed his Incident Command assessment gaining a 2 year pass. New recruit Ollie Malpass has been undergoing various development tests and is starting his 2 weeks basic training early next month, whilst James Greenwood has completed his Immediate Emergency Care (IEC) practical and is currently studying for his IEC theory and Breathing Apparatus practical. Various crew members have also been visiting the community installing smoke alarms and offering fire safety advice, mainly for the elderly and vulnerable – but this service is open to all residents within the area.

The station also had its annual inspection, whereby the whole station and appliance are looked over, training records examined, and drills observed by both the station manager and regional manager. Thankfully, all was in order and the station, watch manager and personnel were praised for their high standards and cleanliness.

James Greenwood, FFd James@cyclogicalshop.co.uk

INFORMATION from Oxfordshire County Council During March and April, your Household Waste Recycling Centre will be closing for two days to carry out a deep clean and essential maintenance.

CLOSING DATES:

Alkerton (Banbury) - Tues 3rd & Wed 4th March 2020 Ardley (Bicester) - Tues 17th & Wed 18th March 2020 Dix Pit (Stanton Harcourt) - Tues 24th & Wed 25th March 2020 Drayton (Abingdon) - Tues 28th & Wed 29th April 2020 Oakley Wood (Wallingford) - Tues 31st March & Wed 1st April 2020 Redbridge (Oxford) - Tues 10th & Wed 11th March 2020 Stanford (Faringdon) - Tues 21st & Wed 22nd April 2020



Full details can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wasteclosure including details of your nearest site during closures. Thank you in advance for your patience.

For those residents with van or trailer permits, please note these can be used at any of our centres



A quick round up of news this month. Our new younger members of the unit are flourishing in their own patrol, - showing themselves very capable of planning and organising their own activities. Their most popular making "slime" then "mocktails".

Everyone else has been busy too, and we have had lots of activities and discussions around issues such as diversity, the environment, and topical news items. Our Young Leaders have done very well organising games and challenges. We have also begun to work on our end of term entertainment for charity and are looking forward to celebrating "pancake day" and Thinking Day. We hope to meet with sister Guides, Brownies and Rainbows from neighbouring villages to celebrate Thinking Day together during the ½ term break.

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

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St John Passion
Saturday 4 April @ 7.30pm
St. Mary's Church, Banbury

Banbury Choral Society will give a concert of JS Bach's masterpiece St John Passion on Saturday 4 April at 7.30pm. They will be accompanied by the well-known chamber orchestra, the Oxford Sinfonia, six young bright soloists, all under the baton of their inspiring conductor, Julian Harris.

Bach *St John Passion* is intensely dramatic with an overriding message of compassion, hope and ultimate salvation, and is one of the most demanding, and rewarding, works for a choir to perform. This oratorio was first performed on Good Friday in Leipzig in April 1724.

Banbury Choral Society goes from strength to strength and attracts members from Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire. Founded in 1942 the choir has staged numerous concerts in Banbury and North Oxfordshire.

Tickets for *St John Passion*: £15 (£5 under 16s) from www.banburychoralsoc.co.uk;

Box office 07721 204734 or the Banbury Tourist Information Centre

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



This term seems to have flown by and we have had some great educational and most memorable times since we came back to school in January!

We have had some really exciting events going on. Year 4 had a Greek day which took place in our school hall. The visitor who led the day was incredibly knowledgeable of the ancient Greeks and made the day educational, real and entertaining for our pupils. Year 1 went on a trip to Banbury museum and had a fabulous day learning about Victorian toys, linked to their topic in Term 3. Ten of our pupils went on an Orchestra day with Mrs Barber... As you can see, learning and cultural experiences here at Deddington are well underway in 2020.

In sport, we have had a focus on Athletic events this term, especially for Years 5 and 6 pupils. The Warriner School has hosted partnership events in their sports hall and the children have loved taking part and competing against other schools.

The School Council organised a sponsored reading day and all children in school did amazingly well reading in class. The purpose of this was to raise money to buy more books for the children to enjoy. We are always focusing on developing our children's love of reading and so this seemed a perfect opportunity to do this, as well as to raise funds to purchase more books. THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored our pupils and we are currently collecting in the money to calculate the final amount raised.

Linked into our children's love of story reading, we organised some storytelling sessions between classes in school, to link in with the National Storytelling Week. This was extremely successful and the children also loved listening to Mrs Moore tell stories. She is hugely talented as a storyteller so we were all very lucky to listen in to her tales.

For sure, our children have earned a relaxing half term break and we are now looking forward to a warm, sunny spring.

DENISE WELCH

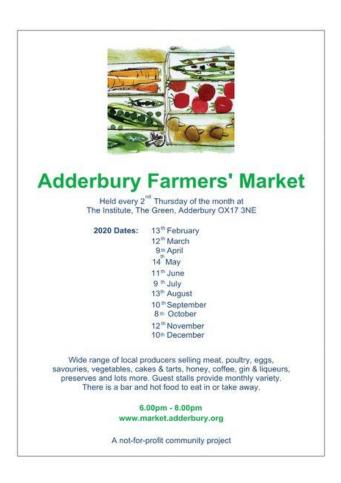




MOTHERING SUNDAY in the UK

DID YOU KNOW?

- Mothering Sunday was celebrated in England as early as the 17th century, making it the first country in the world to have a special day to honour mothers.
- 2. In the old days, Mothering Sunday was also known as Refreshment Sunday because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed on that day.
- Mothering Sunday came back into popular favour in the 20th century after a campaign was launched in 1913 by Constance Smith, a vicar's daughter from Nottinghamshire. She was inspired to start the Mothering Day Movement after reading an article on a similar campaign to celebrate mothers in the US.
- 4. In the UK, phone calls home to wish mum a Happy Mothers Day have been decreasing year by year as more people turn to Skype, email and social media.
- 5. The most popular flowers on Mothers Day in Great Britain are roses, followed by carnations and chrysanthemums.





The Whist Drives held fortnightly in the village hall on a Friday from July until December raised £352.00. The Church received £176, the Shepherd & Bakehouse Trust £88.00 and Katharine House £88.00.

Many thanks to those who help me.

New members are always welcome. Score cards £1.50, raffle tickets 50p. An enjoyable evening is guaranteed.

Judy Hobbs | 2 01869 338475



A little treat for Mother's Day courtesy of Delia...

Ingredients

For the pancake mixture

- 110g/4oz plain flour, sifted
- pinch of salt
- 2 eggs
- 200ml/7fl oz milk mixed with 75ml/3fl oz water
- 50g/2oz butter

To serve

- caster sugar
- lemon juice
- lemon wedges or maybe strawberries & cream...whatever you fancy!!

Method

- Sift the flour and salt into a large mixing bowl. Now make a well in the centre of the flour and break the eggs into it. Then begin whisking the eggs incorporating any bits of flour from around the edge of the bowl as you do so.
- 2. Next gradually add small quantities of the milk and water mixture, still whisking When all the liquid has been added, use a rubber spatula to scrape any elusive bits of flour from around the edge into the centre, then whisk once more until the batter is smooth, with the consistency of thin cream. Melt the 50g/2oz of butter in a pan. Spoon 2 tbsp of it into the batter and whisk it in, then pour the rest into a bowl and use it to lubricate the pan, using a wodge of kitchen paper to smear it round before you make each pancake.
- 3. Get the pan really hot, then turn the heat down to medium and, to start with, do a test pancake to see if you're using the correct amount of batter. I find 2 tbsp is about right for an 18cm/7in pan. As soon as the batter hits the hot pan, tip it around from side to side to get the base evenly coated with batter. It should take only half a minute or so to cook; you can lift the edge with a palette knife to see if it's tinged gold as it should be. Flip the pancake over with a pan slice or palette knife the other side will need a few seconds only then simply slide it out of the pan onto a plate.
- 4. Stack the pancakes as you make them between sheets of greaseproof paper
- 5. To serve, sprinkle each pancake with freshly squeezed lemon juice and caster sugar, fold in half, then in half again to form triangles, or else simply roll them up. Serve sprinkled with a little more sugar and lemon juice and extra sections of lemon.





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1 st	10:30	First Sunday BSM
8 th	9:00	Holy Communion BSJ
15 th	10:30	Family Service BSM
22 nd	3:00	Mothering Sunday with Tea & Cake BSM
29 th	9:00	Holy Communion BSJ

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1st week parish council (not August)

2nd week W.I. meeting Boys Brigade (Deddington)

Thursdays Open cuppa mornings

Cubs (Deddington)
Scouts (Deddington)

Fridays Rainbows

Whist alternate weeks

Saturdays Village Market 3rd week

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3rd Wednesday Village Hall Management Committee

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March

4th Parish Council Meeting

7th Picture House – L.A. Confidential

11th WI Annual Mtg and Bring & Share Supper

17th Tuesday Lunch Club

21st Village Market

28th Tadmarton Golf Taster Day

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1st Parish Council Meeting

4th Village Clean Up

4th Picture House Double Bill

18th Village Market

23rd Barford Annual Parish Meeting

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