

BARFORD NEWS

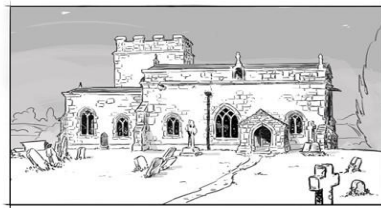
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Price 50p where sold



Christmas Services in The Barford churches



Christingle

Sunday 19th, 10.30am St Michael's

Carol Service

Sunday 19th, 4.00pm St Michael's



Crib Service

Christmas Eve, 4.00pm St Michael's

Midnight in Bethlehem
Christmas Eve Holy Communion
8.30pm St Michael's



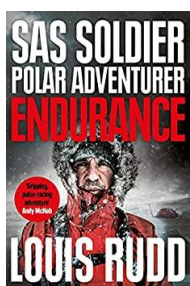
Christmas Family Communion
Christmas Day, 9.00am St John's

Reading recommendations from **BARFORD BOOKCHAT**



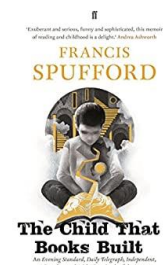
The Lost Pianos of Siberia by Sophy Roberts is an extraordinary epic. Travel journalist Roberts is commissioned to find a suitable piano for a Mongolian virtuoso of Siberian descent, prompting a quixotic adventure to the furthest reaches of Siberia. There she encounters survivors of brutal Russian history from the Romanovs to obscure Jewish cliques, and takes a ship alongside “birders with whom I had nothing in common other than the desire to find a rarity”.

The musical issues are less detailed than the struggles of bleakly impoverished citizens to survive. Roberts cites each piano’s serial number as if this were sufficient summary of the mouldering grand or upright she encounters. As extraordinary as the journey is the determination of Russia’s leaders from the seventeenth century onward to civilise or distract the far-flung population by ensuring their access to live classical music, shipping instruments thousands of miles across frozen wastes via some of the least developed roads in the world. **Trevor Arrowsmith**



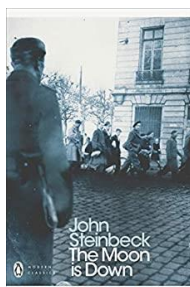
Endurance: SAS Soldier. Polar Adventurer. Decorated Leader, by Louis Rudd. In this gripping account, Louis reveals how a thirst for adventure saw him join the Royal Marines at sixteen and then pass the notoriously arduous SAS selection course at only twenty-two. Having served on various dangerous covert operations around the world, he goes on to describe his first gruelling polar expedition with legendary explorer Lieutenant Colonel Henry Worsley in 2011 and the leadership challenges he faced a few years later when he led a team of Army Reservists across Antarctica. Finally, in 2018, Louis then takes us with him step by painful step as he pushes himself beyond

endurance, travelling alone on his death-defying, unsupported 925 miles trek across the southern continent’s treacherous ice fields and mountains. With an edge-of-the-seat narrative, *Endurance* offers the armchair reader a unique insight into what drives such an inspirational and courageous man. **Paul Freeman**



The Child that Books Built by Francis Spufford is part memoir, part scholarly exploration of genres, conventions and psychological development of children, tracing the author’s love of fiction from early childhood to adulthood. I wrote about his latest novel, **Light Perpetual**, recently, and his writing is just as vivacious here – often very funny, for instance when he writes about his virtual theft of books from under booksellers’ noses by the simple act of reading and ingesting. His account is tinged with sadness as he writes about the serious illness and expected death of his younger sister, and how he sought escape in fiction, seeking degrees of familiarity or strangeness

depending on his needs at various ages. As you read, you will doubtless be reminded of some of your own childhood reading passions. **Linda Newbery**



The Moon is Down: John Steinbeck wrote with incredible clarity and humanity, as can be seen in the beautiful letter he sent his lovestruck teenage son Thom. He used these rare gifts to immensely powerful effect in **The Moon Is Down**, published in 1942, and for which he was later garlanded by the King of Norway.

One unnamed country is overwhelmed and taken over by another. We are taken to a town where the mayor appears compliant and the people largely lacklustre. But all is not what it seems. Extraordinarily subtle for a piece of propaganda, its message is utterly persuasive: ultimately, totalitarianism can never win. **Tom Greeves**

Reviews are compiled and edited by Linda Newbery. For a book review every Monday, all by writers or independent booksellers, follow **Writers Review:** www.reviewsbywriters.blogspot.com

CONGRATULATIONS



WELCOME TO
Evelyn Mae Esgate who
arrived Sunday 7th November 2021
weighing in at 6lb 9oz

A daughter for Nicola & Andy and
Granddaughter for Ishbel and Paul



Wishing Evelyn a long, happy & healthy life



200 CLUB DRAW NOVEMBER

£15	125	Nicky Meadows
£10	218	J. Morris
£5	087	Gemma Phillips

The draw took place at Thursday
Cuppa Morning

Bloxham Christmas Tree Festival

Come and see the stunning spectacle of
St Mary's Church full of imaginatively decorated
Christmas trees on the theme of Christmas carols.

St Mary's Church Bloxham

Fri 3rd December, 11.00am - 8.00pm
(mulled wine during evening late opening)
Sat 4th December, 11.00am - 5.30pm
*(Festival Concert 7.30pm Saturday evening
by the Choir of Exeter College, Oxford)*
Sun 5th December, 11am - 5.30pm
(followed at 6pm by Festival Service)

Admission free
Donations invited in aid of
The Friends of St Mary's, Bloxham

Children's activities
Refreshments in Parish Rooms
Prayer and memorial trees
Vote for the "People's Choice"

St. Mary's Church, Church St, Bloxham, Oxfordshire OX15 4PY
For any queries contact: ian_myson@hotmail.com

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

Santa Fun Run

5 December

Join us for a festive
5km run

£15 Adult
£8 Child
Includes
Santa Suit!

For more details visit www.khh.org.uk/santa

Reg Charity No 291099



“Sticky fingers, tired feet; one last house, trick or treat!”

Halloween is a great time to connect with people around you, share jokes, stories and ultimately have fun together. I especially liked the **cat joke** this year and the story of the **scary Dragon** encounter? Thank you to all the very polite **ghosts, witches, black cats, Frankenstein's**, and numerous **scary visitors** who visited this **Halloween**. Impeccable behaviour and a joy to welcome you all back. Spookiest of thanks **Mrs Halloween!**



TTRO (T9563) Temporary Road Closure, Deddington, Hempton Road Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice - S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

A request has been received from Thames Water for a temporary road closure to apply to a section of Hempton Road whilst a new water main connection is installed.

A temporary Notice is being made to implement the temporary closures and will operate from the 10 January 2022 up to and including the 14 January 2022. This is a 24 hour per day closure. Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works and liaison with the works supervisor. Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Indi Dorcich at Thames water on email indi.dorcich@thameswater.co.uk

Regards

Robert Graham

Officer | Network Management | Environment and Place | Oxfordshire County Council

Email: Robert.Graham2@oxfordshire.gov.uk



RC Baker Ltd, Christmas Tractor Run

FAIRY LIT TRACTORS SET TO HIT THE

STREETS FOR THE SIXTH YEAR RUNNING It's time to start getting excited for one of the highlights in the Christmas calendar. Yes, it's back, the RC Baker Ltd, Christmas Tractor Run, in aid of Katharine House Hospice will be hitting the streets for the sixth year running with a fairy lit convoy on Saturday 18th December 2021.

Departing from Spring Hill Farm in Barford St Michael at 5pm, the tractors will take to the roads travelling through the villages of South Newington, Milcombe, Bloxham, Milton,

Adderbury, Aynho, Clifton, Deddington, Hempton and back through Barford St Michael.

What started off as a small event in 2016, with twenty-six tractors, has steadily grown in numbers reaching a whopping 100 tractors taking part in most recent years.

If you would like to catch a glimpse of the festive fleet the planned route can be found on the website so that you can plan your prime viewing spot as the convoy passes through a village near you. www.rcbaker.co.uk/tractorrund. **Keep your eye out for Kaleb Cooper who has said he will once again be joining the convoy.** They also urge that everyone adheres to any Government guidelines in place at the time. Keep it fun, keep it safe, keep it festive. Visit <https://www.rcbaker.co.uk/tractorrund> for all you need to know for the event.



**Please support
Our Village –
200 Plus Club**

**Raising Funds for our Village Hall
TICKETS FOR 2022 ON SALE SOON!**

The 200+ club is a fundraising scheme which supports the village hall. Tickets are bought annually and members may hold as many tickets as they wish. The tickets cost £8 each.

Half of the total value of subscriptions is retained for hall maintenance; the remaining 50% is paid out in monthly prizes. More members mean increased prize money and more money to keep the hall running.

Assuming we sell at least 200 tickets, there will be 12 monthly draws with prizes of £5, £10 and £15. In addition, there will be a £25 prize every other month and a £50 prize every quarter. At Christmas there will be a bonus prize of £100. £8 for each annual subscription is such a small price to pay towards supporting our lovely hall. So, if you are not already a member of the 200+ club then please join. For just under 70p a month you can make a difference.

New members always very welcome, (members must be 18 years or over). In the present (non normal) times we will try to reduce contact in the collection of payment as much as possible. As a result collectors will be putting notes through existing members' doors indicating how they can pay by cheque or bank transfer.

Thank you from the 200+ Club Team

**If you would like to join please contact
Les on ☎338659 to reserve your tickets**

Post
Your local 20p
Christmas Cards

For Delivery by,
The Scouts

To; Deddington, Hempton
Clifton & The Barfords



**Post Boxes in,
Eagles Butchers
& at Barford Market
& village hall P.O.**

From December 4th
(Barford 11th & 16th)
Last collection Dec 18th

**LORRAINE SIMONS
BIRD FOOD sold by local lady.**




**Superior mix bird seed, Sunflower
hearts,
Suet, Niger seed,
Black sunflower seeds
Nut granules , Peanuts .**

All the above are £2.00 per kg

**Fat balls made with mealworms = 4 for
£1.00**

Standard seed £1.00 per kg

**Dried mealworms 200g for £3.00 (or buy
2 for £5.00) Or 2.5 kg £30**

**Free delivery within 3 miles of Barford
St Michael.**

**Please call Lorraine on:
01869 338048 or 07866 808626**

Email: lorrainesimons69@gmail.com



**TUESDAY LUNCH
CLUB**

14th December 2021

*(Please Note: This is
one week earlier
than usual)*

12.30PM for 1PM

MENU

main course

roast breast of turkey with cranberry sauce, pigs in
blankets and spring onion, apricot & sage stuffing

or

roast topside of beef

with horseradish sauce and Yorkshire pudding

or

nut and bean roast with roasted red pepper & tomato
sauce and Yorkshire pudding

all above meals will be served with roast potatoes and
seasonal vegetables.

desserts

Bailey's profiteroles & hot chocolate sauce

or

sherry, strawberry & peach trifle

or

lemon posset with raspberry coulis with an almond
macaroon biscuit

finally

coffee & tea - price £7.00

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 7th December to book. Please note: if you
do not receive a reply to your email, we haven't

received it so please call us

**WE REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO CATER FOR ANYONE
WITH FOOD ALLERGIES**

PLEASE NOTE The hall will be well ventilated so
please wrap up warm. In order to protect ourselves
as much as possible from the risk of Covid, we would
suggest we all

1. carry out a lateral flow test the morning of the
lunch club to be as sure as possible we are not
contagious;
2. use the hand gel in the foyer on entering and
leaving and
3. wear a face mask in the hall until you are seated.

STRICTLY COME DANCING



MARILYN COPPIN

**...Will be telling us about her
journey into the world of ballroom
dancing and competing. She will be
accompanied by friends from West
Oxfordshire wheelchair dance group
who promote "fully exclusive dance
for everyone".**

Wednesday, 8th December

7.30pm in the Village Hall

Visitors welcome (£5)

To join our W.I. Meeting

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

For more information contact

Christine Hall 338 659

barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

DEADLINE

**for BARFORD NEWS
JANUARY ISSUE**

Dear All

I will need to be strict with the usual
BN Deadline of the 15th due to
Christmas and BN Team (my)
holidays.

Thank you, Lucy, Editor

WILD FLOWERS IN THE BARFORDS

By Margaret Murdin & Janet Payne
White Dead Nettle : *Lamium album*



This usually appears on roadsides, waste land and, possibly, as a weed in your garden. Flowering time is recorded as from April to autumn but you can in fact find it flowering at any time. It is called dead nettle because the leaves have a nettle-like look, but it doesn't sting. The leaves do smell quite strongly: dryish and pungent. Insects and children in the know find sweet nectar in the base of the flowers. Dead nettles provide abundant nectar for both early and late bumble bee. Honey bees rarely visit the flower however because its shape make it difficult for them to get into.

Flower arrangers have recently seemed to have seen the possibilities of the flowers, while stripping off the coarser leaves to display them better. There is a variegated version (*lamium galeobdolon*), probably escaped from a garden, with yellow flowers in spring. This has established a flourishing colony under real nettles at the bottom of Murreys Lane.

As a herb white dead nettle was used across Europe for gynaecological and obstetric problems. The flowers are still dried to make a herb tea.



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

It seems unbelievable to think we are now in November. The weeks seem to be rushing by.

We would like to start our letter to you by saying a massive 'Thank you' to our excellent PTA for organising and leading the firework display on Saturday 6th November. This was a wonderful evening and the enjoyment of it was heightened even further by this being the first 'firework night' at school for two years. We are sure if you attended this evening you would entirely agree with us.

Some of our children in Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in a cross-country event on Tuesday 9th November and came third overall. The pupils were fantastic as runners and showed great spirit and determination in their attitude towards taking part in this event. Pupils in Year 1 and 2 also took part fantastically, in a similar event.

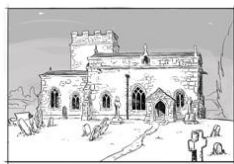
As part of our Remembrance Day thoughts and activities this year, all children produced an individual cross with a poppy on it, using their very own design to personalise each one. 86 of these crosses were then placed around the war memorial in the village, to recognise and show respect for the 86 soldiers from Deddington and its surrounding area, who lost their lives during this terrible war. The rest of our poppies were placed in Deddington Church. These of course show how all of us here at school remember the sacrifice all soldiers/families have made over the years, in wars and different conflicts.

Over the coming weeks we will begin to practice our Christmas performances, which as you can imagine, our children are delighted about. Many of you in our community may well enjoy attending these events next month!

In the meantime, we send our very best wishes to you all, from all of us here at Deddington Primary School.

DENISE WELCH

CHURCH MATTERS



The Posada is coming to The Barfords!



Originating in Hispanic countries to celebrate the nativity story, Posada is a period of time during Advent when figures from the nativity story travel around different households in the community and stay there for a short period.

Families can sign up to take part and then become Innkeepers for the holy family for two days during Advent. Throughout this time, children have an opportunity to learn more about the Christmas story and everyone can meet others from their community as the figures are passed from one house to the next.

As Mary and Joseph travel around the parish throughout Advent, they leave a lamb at every house they stay in. The families bring the lamb to church on Christmas Eve and place them in the stable during the crib service.

The figures travel around in a box with a copy of the Christmas story, a flock of 24 lambs, contact details of the next 'innkeeper', instructions, and an invitation, which gives all the details of the Crib service. Every household taking part will receive a copy of the Christmas story.

It is up to the person or family who are collecting the figures to make contact with the family who had it before you – a full schedule of Mary and Joseph's journey will be sent out to participants.

There will be one Posada set travelling around The Barfords, with only 12 places available. The launch was at the Village Market on Saturday 20th November and some people have already signed up. There are still some spaces unfilled, so please get in touch if you would like to join in.

We want to encourage lots of photographic evidence of Mary & Joseph and their adventures, so we would love you to take a photo of the Posada at your home – and feel free to be as creative as possible. Please email your photos to me (Details at the end of this article) with the following information.

Full Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Mobile Number:

Email address:

Make Christmas really special this year by welcoming Mary & Joseph (and lots of sheep) into your house for two nights this Advent.



“Baby—
basics”

A large box of baby clothes and other items was delivered

to Baby Basics in Northampton last month.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for this important charity that provides much needed equipment to mothers and families who are unable to provide these items themselves.

Find out more about what they do and the type of things they need at baby-basics.org.uk If you have things they need, please contact Tony Elvidge or Sue Addison.

Sue Addison - Churchwarden
(sueaddison7@gmail.com; 07484718791)

GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

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



We're Dreaming of a Green Christmas ...

Christmas can be a time of **tremendous waste** ... and this year of all years, following **COP26**, we're all keenly aware that the last thing the planet needs is food thrown away, plastics dumped into landfill and objects discarded unused. But we can still have a happy and festive Christmas without feeling guilty! Here are some ways to make your Christmas **as green as possible**.

Buy ethical: choose products that are organic, fair trade, sustainable and plastic-free. Buy from companies that pay their employees a living wage. Look for the **Leaping Bunny** symbol on cosmetics and toiletries to be sure they're cruelty-free.

Buy local: support local businesses and craftspeople (for instance at our village market!) – then your money benefits the local economy, not the huge chains.

Make or grow gifts: a pot planted with spring bulbs; a cake or biscuits; jam and chutneys; a freezer meal for someone who lives alone; a knitted hat, scarf or sweater.

Buy second-hand: search charity shops, E-bay and antique markets for unique gifts.

Avoid cheap novelty gifts: these so often end up in landfill!

If you have an **artificial tree**, keep using it. Make your own decorations instead of buying new. Avoid tinsel, which is made of plastic. Use natural greenery instead of plastic garlands – ivy, leylandii and bay as well as holly.

Give experiences instead of things: tickets to a film or concert, a day out, a course, membership of for instance the RSPB, National Trust or the Wildlife Trusts.

Buy less! Do Secret Santa for grown-ups in the family or for work – or agree to donate to charities instead of buying presents.

Find gifts that give twice: support organisations like **Good Gifts**, **Oxfam** or **Choose Love** by ordering tools, seeds, equipment or clothes for people struggling to survive.

Be inventive with gift-wrap! Avoid glittery or foil wrap which can't be recycled. Re-use what you already have – gift-bags, tins and boxes, plain paper from deliveries, odd bits of fabric, old newspapers and maps. Plain paper can be decorated with stamped or freehand designs, and tied with coloured string or ribbon. Or make the wrap part of the gift: a tea-towel or scarf – this is the Japanese tradition of Furoshiki.

Eat kindly: Instead of the traditional turkey or goose and pigs in blankets, try a festive plant-based Christmas dinner - cruelty-free as well as reducing carbon emissions. Great recipes can be found at **bbcgoodfood.com**, at **jamieoliver.com** and in many other places online.

Eat without waste: there's a limit to how much we can eat, even at Christmas! Make a plan and a list, and don't be tempted to buy more. Plan to use leftovers promptly or freeze them for future meals.

Make a promise as a gift: to help someone with gardening or walking their dog.
Re-use Christmas cards by cutting them up to use as gift tags next year.

Hazel Neal and Linda Newbery

Don't forget to complete our **21 pledges** list and return it to the stall at the December market for a chance to win a hamper of eco-goodies. Order from Banbury's **zero-waste** shop, **Nothing but Footprints**, by the Thursday of market week for free delivery to our market: www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk.

CUBiCULO - WINTER MAINTENANCE JOBS

Call Brian on 07825 581904 - Local gardener seeking winter workshop jobs at reasonable rates including.....



GARDEN FURNITURE RESTORATION



and NEW GARDEN FEATURES



Custom built raised beds, planters or sleeper seats **also TOOL SHARPENING** - clean, oil and sharpen garden tools like shears, secateurs, lawn edgers, chainsaw chains - **Other jobs considered – please get in touch for a quote.**



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

What's coming up later this winter? As we approach the end of the year, we're sharing some updates,

ideas, and events for the festive season. We couldn't continue to support our wonderful community without the help of people like you. Thank you!

The gift that keeps on giving If you're after a great idea for Christmas pressies, then we think our A4 Charity Calendar for 2022 makes a great gift. The calendar features 12 stunning local scenes – taken by talented members of Banbury Camera Club – and helps to raise vital funds for our hospice. You can pick up your calendars as well as our fantastic range of Christmas cards in one of our shops or find them in the Christmas Shop on our website.

RC Baker Christmas Tractor Run – 18 December Once again, RC Baker will be bringing the X factor to tractors this Christmas. The hugely popular Tractor Run is making a welcome return, bringing all the glitz and glam of the festive season. On Saturday 18 December, a fleet of fairy-lit tractors will be taking a tour around local villages to spread some Christmas cheer and raise money for Katharine House Hospice. To help plan your evening, you can find all the details as well as the route and timings on our website.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree... There's nothing like the smell of a real Christmas tree to get you feeling festive. And this year, instead of worrying about how to environmentally dispose of your tree after all the festivities are over, you can make a donation to Katharine House Hospice and, in return, we will send one of our elves to pick up your tree to be recycled. Interested? Head to our website to find out more and check if your postcode is included in the scheme.

Could you be a Village Champion for Katharine House? We're looking for volunteers to help put up posters three or four times a year in their local village to help us spread the word about our upcoming events. We already have some brilliant Village Champions, but we're looking to recruit more. If you think you could help, then we'd love to hear from you. Send an email to GetInvolved@khh.org.uk or find out more on our website.

Bereavement support Coping with the loss of someone special is difficult and can be painful. We offer support and counselling to the family and friends of those cared for by Katharine House Hospice. But we're also here to help anyone in the wider community who is adjusting to a bereavement.

If you think that talking to someone would help, or you just want to find out how we can

help support you, please get in touch with Mel Mobley, Bereavement and Counselling Lead, on 01295 811866 or email khhbereavement@ouh.nhs.uk.



Bookworms

Our latest read was written by local author Linda Newbery. Originally published in 2013, with the title 'Quarter

Past Two on a Wednesday Afternoon', Missing Rose was Linda's first adult novel and is a tale of lives and lies.

Anna's older sister Rose vanished one day, with no clues as to what had happened to her. The intriguing plot has many twists and turns and follows Anna and her family as they each deal with Rose's disappearance in their own way. The story highlights sibling rivalries as well as differences in attitudes across the generations.

The reader is kept hooked by the overwhelming desire to know what happened to Rose. I won't spoil the read by saying whether or not you find out!

Janet Macey | 01869 336156



BLISTER PACKS RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Don't forget to drop off your empty blisters into the collection bucket in the porch of the village hall. These will be taken to Superdrug in Banbury



**BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB
NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED
December 2021**

*"I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December
A magical thing
And sweet to remember.
'We are nearer to Spring
Than we were in September,'
I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December."*

Oliver Herford

*"From December to March, there are for many of us
three gardens -
the garden outdoors,
the garden of pots and bowls in the house,
and the garden of the mind's eye."*

Katherine S. White

EVENTS. Our first 'live' event for a while was a talk by Andrew Howard of Heritage Fruit Trees, on Monday 8th November at 7.30, entitled "**Apples /fruit through the year**". Andrew is a very animated speaker and he gave us so much information about apples..... types, skin thickness, smell, storing, pruning and choosing varieties. He has advised Prue Leith on her new fruit orchard, near Chipping Norton (on Channel 5) and is shortly going to FarmEd, outside Chipping Norton on the Shipton-under-Wychwood road, to give some talks about planting orchards. Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions there was no tasting but lots of different apples to look at. We had lovely apple cakes and hot drinks. Thank you Trevor for organising although you were unable to join us and Janet and Lavinia for the refreshments. We had 27 members attending which was a great number. No doubt many of us will be considering planting an apple tree or two in the coming months which are ideal for bareroot planting. If you don't know about FarmEd it is a place where inspiration, education and connection is fostered for people to build sustainable farming and food systems that nourish people and regenerate the planet. There is a beautiful collection of eco buildings with a small café. Look at their website farm-ed.co.uk for details of events and opening times.

MEMBERSHIP FEES were waived this year and no more will need to be paid until next February, at the AGM. Members have been receiving discounts at many garden centres throughout the last 18 months which has helped with 'Corona Gardening'. We are

therefore now resuming charges for Members and Visitors for the talks being £5 and £6 respectively.

FUTURE EVENTS.

On Monday 13th December at 7.30 pm Ed Munday from BBOWT will come to talk about '**Gardening for Wildlife**'. He will be exploring why we should garden with wildlife in mind and suggesting some of the 'ingredients' we need to incorporate into our gardens to encourage wildlife. **We need at least 15 attendants please**, in order to cover BBOWT costs. Members £5 and visitors £6. Make a note in your diaries and please inform **Gunilla** on gt.designs@btinternet.com if you are coming. There will be some 'Christmas' refreshments. Lets hope that we have a full house as we had for the last talk.

Our **AGM** will be held in **February 2022**, date to be announced. At this meeting we will need to appoint a new Chairman and Treasurer, since both Gunilla and Linda will be stepping down after many years. Please come prepared and full of energy!

JOBS TO DO IN AND AROUND THE GARDEN.

Autumn still seems to be here and Winter is on its way, so we are told. The autumn colours are spectacular with many leaves still on the trees. Flowers such as dahlias and others have continued to flower a month longer than normal? What is normal anymore? We as gardeners need to take note and plan accordingly. Many days have been sunny and unseasonably warm, due to you know what!

As we approach the shortest day of the year in **December** you will need work to keep you warm outside, such as digging and tree pruning., if you are able. Check your winter protection and if you have a greenhouse make sure the heater is working. Look at RHS website for tips on heating and insulating your greenhouse in the most 'eco' way.

Happy December Gardening.....enjoy your gardens, look to see what you might want to rearrange, dig out or plant elsewhere. Continue to get out and about with friends, visiting other gardens and parks. Take care.....keep warm and all good wishes for the festive season. I hope that some of your Christmas wishes come true.

SPADE and FORK





DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION

With a change of season upon us, the fire station has seen 14 shouts this month, encompassing standbys, several fires (both domestic and vehicle), alarms, bariatric moving, hazardous materials on the motorway and 2 rescues with trapped members of the public.

The station crew have been busy training, with Garrin Wilby passing his BA, Corrie King starting her BA training, James Greenwood and Ben Fenemore attending a Hazardous Materials course; and Ben Fenemore passing his BA team leader technical exam. Emma Flint will be starting her full Driver training course next month.

With low sun and greasy roads please be careful whilst driving. The drop in temperature will see home fires being lit so please get your chimney swept and test those smoke alarms regularly – constant call outs where smoke alarms have alerted sleeping occupants show how quickly fires can be spotted, put out and lives saved.

James Greenwood FFD

james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk

NEW YEARS DAY VILLAGE WALK

Please see village noticeboards for further information.

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery



This term the Nursery children are exploring Julia Donaldson's stories, and the Pre-School children are finding out about different celebrations including Diwali and Firework Night.

Of course the latter part of the term will be dominated by Christmas and we have lots of Christmas plans including Christmas Jumper Day, parties, decorations and crafts, and Christmas performances. Dates for all our Christmas events are in our current newsletter. Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 need to apply for a Primary School place now for next September. Please note that the deadline for applications is 15th January 2022.

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Jo Churchyard deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

We resurrected The Great Egg Race (anyone remember Heinz Wolfe?) The Scouts made carts to transport their egg as far as possible, each egg had its own unique character & some of the vehicles worked quite well but most were just bonkers! We followed this with the Model Maker Badge, the lovely people at Games Workshop having sponsored it sent out free kits to make Warhammer figures which they spent two happy sessions building & painting. For your information, Warhammer is modern wargaming with plastic fantasy figures instead of lead soldiers.

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Explorers

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VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

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Church of England
DECEMBER

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Thursdays	Village Hall Post Office Open cuppa mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)
Fridays	Rainbows
Saturdays	Village Market 3 rd week (except January or August)
1st Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting
3rd Wednesday	Village Hall Management Committee

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

5th Santa Fun Run (KHH)
8th WI Wheelchair Ballroom Dancing Talk
11th Barford Market – Village Hall
11th & 16th 10-12 noon Scouts Post Box at VH
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