

BARFORD NEWS

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grubadvisor
reviewed by
Lucy & Angus

Where did you eat?

puddingface
The Marlstone Tavern
Milton, OX15 4HH
PIES, PIES & PIES

Cuisine?
RATINGS
Food

Out of 5 stars.....
★★★★★

Service

★★★★★

Value

★★★★★

Atmosphere

★★★★★



and BARFORD MARKET IS BACK....see Page 4 for details

grubadvisor is also back.....send in your reviews of any local restaurants, bars or takeaways,,,

Pies.....	Pies.....	More Pies
Steak & Kidney £14.75	Curried Chicken, Coriander & Ginger £14.95	100% Plant Based Pie Of The Day £8.25
BBQ Beef, Bacon & Cheese £15.50	Beef & Hock £14.95	Steak, Jack Daniels, Monterey Jack Cheese £10.25
Tork BBQ, Reggae Reggae Chicken £14.95	Pork, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Apple Sauce £14.50	Peppered Mushroom, Tarragon & Cream £13.25
Moroccan Style Spiced Lamb & Apricot £15.25	Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing £14.95	Chicken, Mushroom, Double Cream & Parsley £15.25
Peppered Steak, Mushroom Brandy & Cream £15.25	Beef, Mushroom, Red Wine & Horseradish £15.25	Chicken, Homecooked Ham & Leek £15.25
	Venison, Pheasant, Port & Juniper £15.75	Beef Vindaloo £15.25
	Not Pies	
100% Plant Mock Fish Goujons, Lemon & Chive Plant Mayo £12.95	Breaded Wholetail £12.95, Scampi, Tartare & Lemon	Casseroled Bangers £12.95, Mash, Onion & Crispy Bacon

COMMENTS: Having moved fairly recently from Deddington, the Pie Pub in Milton did not disappoint. There is easily 3 times more seating, it is lovely, light and roomy. The menu is pretty much the same, with a few additions, a vegan option, Casseroled Bangers and a Beef Vindaloo pie which Angus had. Quite a cheeky little number and absolutely delicious. I had the Moroccan Style Spiced Lamb & Apricot, stunning. According to the website you need to book for lunch times, we just turned up, and it was fine. Regarding evening reservations, well there aren't any, just turn up but I would just say that there is so much more seating now that I wouldn't imagine you'd be waiting long....and you could always have a swift half at the bar...!!

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 5th January 2022 at the Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner (Chairman), Hobbs (vice Chairman), Charman, Cosgrove, Eden, District Councillors Williams, County Councillor Fatemian and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2021 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Report from County Councillor Arash Fatemian: None

Vaccinations – A lot of Council Officers have been diverted to assist with the COVID vaccination programme.

Recycling – Oxfordshire County Council was awarded best recycling council for the 7th year running.

Budget & Council Tax – The budget has not been finalised, but it is likely the Council Tax will increase by 5%.

Bridge Petition – It was agreed that the Clerk will send the completed petition form to Cllr Fatemian.

Report from District Councillor Bryn Williams:

Charges for garden waste collection – Cherwell will charge for garden waste collection from 1st March 2022. Register via the Website if you would like to continue to have garden waste collected <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/10/rubbish-and-recycling/872/payable-garden-waste-collection>

The cost per annum is £36 for the first bin and £30 for additional bins for people signing up before 28th February. The price goes up to £40 from the 1st March.

COVID Vaccinations – These are being carried out at the Town Hall

Recycling – This was up 25% over Christmas

Allotments:

Twelve allotment holders have already paid the rent and 11 are outstanding. The Clerk has passed the list to Mr Paul Preece who will chase in the remaining rents. There is one allotment vacant at the moment with no one on the waiting list.

Parish Matters:

Frequency of Parish Council Meetings – It was agreed to keep the meetings to every other month but review this again after the elections in May.

Hedge along Murrays Lane Boundary of West Close – It was agreed that Cllr Pete Eden and the Clerk

would estimate the number of bare rooted hedge plants are required to fill in the gaps in the hedge and these would be purchased and planted.

Agree and confirm Precept for 2022-23 – The budget had been presented and agreed at the previous meeting. It was agreed that the Precept would be increased by 3% to cover inflation increases. This equates to an annual increase of £1.95 for a Band D Council Tax property.

Agree grass cutting supplier for 2022 – After reviewing the quote from the existing supplier, Thomas Fox Landscaping and Maintenance, it was agreed to accept this.

Planning:

21/04098/F – Letter Box Cottage – Single storey extension – PC support application

Finance:

Payments – The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £534.28. The combined bank balances are £11,363.87 after the receipts and payments.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Please note that this is a summary of the minutes from the meeting. The full minutes can be viewed in the Parish Council noticeboards or at www.thebarfordvillages.co.uk in the Parish Council meetings page.

to the lovely chap from High Street who
donated £25 again
this year and to the fabulous person
who handed Mariann an envelope with
containing £25.

Very, very gratefully received.
The BN Team



Sunshine Cat Rescue 10th Anniversary Sponsored Walk - Kathryn Richards, Fundraising Officer for Sunshine Cat Rescue and Barford St Michael resident.

In 2012 when a national cat rescue charity closed their West Oxfordshire branch, several of the volunteers started Sunshine Cat Rescue. The charity is dedicated to the rescue and care of vulnerable cats and kittens in Oxfordshire. The charity is solely run by volunteers and all the cats and kittens in our care are with fosterers who give up space in their own homes.

I first became aware of Sunshine Cat Rescue when we adopted two sisters Minky and Mouse just before the COVID lockdown in 2020. As I became more involved with volunteering, once we were allowed out again, they asked me to become their fundraising officer.

This year, 2022, marks the 10th Anniversary of the charity and in celebration of this milestone I will be doing a sponsored walk of 20 miles from my own home in Barford St Michael to the founder's house in Milton-Under-Wychwood. The plan is for the walk to be towards the end of March which is the founding month of the Charity. This will obviously be weather dependent. An actual date for the walk will be fixed closer to the time.

Please join in this celebration and sponsor me at www.gofundme.com and search for 'Sunshine Cat Rescue 10th Anniversary Sponsored Walk'. Also follow us via our Facebook page @TheSunshineCatRescue for news on the final date of the walk and progress during the event itself.

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK



Hi folks and Happy New year.

Well, the walk went ahead with what promised to be a sunny day, but they lied yet again about the weather. After setting off, it immediately began to rain. However, most people were well prepared for whatever was about to be thrown in their direction.

The walk took on a completely different style to what we normally do. We abandoned the gathering at the end where we congregate together in the village hall and plumped for an outdoor meet up for fresh bacon rolls.

Now, can I first thank the 50 plus walkers and 12 plus dogs for joining us to raise much needed funds for the kids home in Kathmandu. But I would also like to thank our helpers Sheila, Jill and Pete, but a special mention must go out to Chris Charman, who negotiated with a local farmer and organised the use of a barn for our cookout, and for acquiring the industrial gas BBQ and the bain-marie.

We must also thank George and Jennie in South Newington for the use of their field and shelter.

The day raised £275.

Many thanks T'committee

BARFORD MARKET

**Back again, after our Christmas Break
SATURDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Kan's Kitchen – Thai Food

Two Jolly Cooks – Freezer ready meals

Moore & Lyon – Home-reared meats, eggs

Lovas Bakery from Hempton, with their delicious artisan breads

It's A Chocolate Thing – Wonderful artisan chocolates. Bar flavours include: Salted Caramel, Ginger & Pepper, Eton Mess, Black Forest, Rocky Road

Barford Environment Network – Offering refills of household products helping to reduce plastic waste. Bring your own bottle, or have one filled for you. Products include Washing Up Liquid, White Vinegar, Non-Bio Laundry Liquid, Dishwasher Powder, Window & Glass Cleaner, Soap

Plus an excellent range of local producers selling,

Potted Herbs, savouries, cakes, preserves.

Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items

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

+ Mick & Anne's bacon /bacon & egg/breakfast butties - from the Kitchen

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING FROM THE BAR

All profits for our Village Hall



Learn how an F1 car gets from
design to the track

As told by Gareth Thomas, who has
worked in formula 1 since completing his
apprenticeship (xxx years ago!) He works
in a 'clean room' where the tiniest speck
of dust could affect the precision of the
parts he is building. He worked for
Williams for many years before moving to
the world beating Mercedes team in
Brackley.

He will be bringing a few bits and pieces
for people interested in a closer look.

Wednesday, 9th February
7.30pm in the Village Hall
All Visitors most welcome (£5)
To come along to our W.I. Meeting
Please contact Christine 338659
barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

CONGRATULATIONS

to Catherine Elvidge and Jay Boose on
the safe arrival of Millie Josephine,
born on 9th January, weighing 6lb 7oz, a
beautiful Granddaughter for Tony and
Jan Elvidge



*Thank
you*

to the lovely couple from Townsend who
donated £20 again this year.
We are so grateful for this.

The BN Team

What's coming up in 2022

As well as some old favourites, we're excited to be offering some incredible new challenge events throughout the year! So why not try something new in 2022 and help us to raise much-needed funds for our hospice? As always, your support and generosity means that we can continue to care for local people and families when they need it most.

Walk this way....Our annual flagship fundraising event is back and this time it's by moonlight.....The rebranded Moonlight Walk is taking place on 9 July 2022 at Banbury Rugby Club. We're going back to the eighties – so expect lots of leg warmers, bright colours, big hair and glow sticks galore. Get your tickets today and don't forget to tell family and friends!

Charity challenges

Help us raise money with an adrenaline rush! We have the following challenge events available to sign up to now – the sky is literally the limit!

- Extreme Abseil: Take on the 418 feet National Lift Tower, Northampton on 1 April (no joke!)
- Blenheim Fun Run: Run, jog or walk around the stunning grounds on 15 May
- Wingwalking: Take to the skies on the top wing of a Boeing Stearman bi-plane on 26 May

How does your garden grow? Our ever-popular Open Gardens will be making a welcome return in 2022 and we'd love to be able to offer even more events this year. If you'd like to get involved and welcome visitors to your garden, then get in touch. We're here to offer support and guidance to help make sure your Open Garden event is blooming marvellous. **International Women's Day** To mark this year's International Women's Day, which will be celebrated across the world on 8 March, a festival of arts, community and business events will take place throughout the month at The Mill Arts Centre and Lock29. This year, all money raised is being donated to our hospice in memory of 41-year-old Becky Moyce from Hempton who died at Katharine House in July 2021. For more information, visit iwdbanbury.com or follow them on Instagram @iwd.banbury

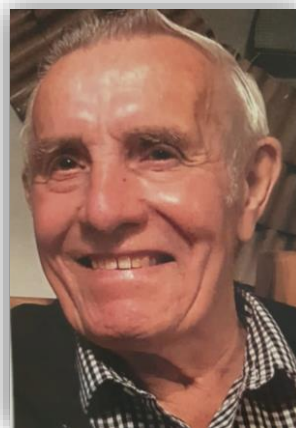
To find out more Head to our website for more details, events and www.khh.org.uk news:.



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!!



In memory of Bill Hardy
11th September 1932
- 4th December 2021

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



TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB
15th February 2022
12.30PM for 1PM

MENU

main course

pork, cider vegetable casserole with herby
dumplings

served with creamy mashed potatoes and
seasonal vegetables

or

oven baked salmon fillet with lemon, butter and
dill sauce

served with garden peas, broccoli and roasted
new potatoes

desserts

cherry pie and custard

or

apricot and white chocolate brioche and butter
pudding and cream
price £6.00

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 8th February 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 meal will only take place if the Government's
Covid rules in operation at the time allow.**

**Assuming we can go ahead
please note the following;**

- 1) The hall will be well ventilated so please wrap
up warm.**
- 2) In order to protect ourselves as much as
possible from the risk of Covid, we would
strongly suggest we all,
a) carry out a lateral flow test the morning
of the lunch club to be as sure as possible we
are not contagious;
b) use the hand gel in the foyer on entering
and leaving and
c) wear a face mask in the hall until you are
seated.**

FIREGUARD FOR SALE £10

**Please contact Mick Pearson on
☎ 337074 for more details**

**proceeds to go to
Barford News**

**Adjustable fireguard for sale, in good
condition.**

If interested please ring Mick Pearson on
01869 337074 for a viewing.



200+ CLUB

JANUARY WINNERS

The draw took place at Thursday
Cuppa Morning in the Hall

£15	209	Tony Shrimpton
£10	058	Marcus Hardingham
£5	193	Hazel Neal



BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB NOTES FROM OUR POTTING SHED February 2022

*"Winter holds fast,
But a little warmth escapes like sand
Through the closed fingers.
The error is annual and certain,
Letting the pygmy flowers
Make their prompt appearance
Under creaking trees.
They stand with serious faces, green ruffled,
As prim as Tudor portraits.*

*In the west
The greys and gleam slide in the wind
And only the descended blackbird
Augments the intrepid yellow."*

'Aconites' - [Freda Downie](#), 1929 – 1993

SEEDS.....***50% discount on seeds***** for the moment we will be doing a second seed order from Kings Seeds. Providing we can get a total order of at least £50 we will qualify for a 50% discount.**

Discounts for packet seeds ONLY. Please do not order Onions, Shallots, Potatoes, Plants, Sundries etc. There is no discount on these and they can be purchased cheaper locally. All seed prices will be discounted by 50% (There is a package and delivery charge of £1.30 per individual seed order.

There are a few catalogues, order forms and ordering instructions in the blue box in my porch. You can also order a catalogue and see the range of seeds at www.kingsseeds.com

Deadline for orders 10 February 2022 If you have any questions please contact me. **Rodney Hobbs**, Pear Tree Cottage, The Green, Barford St Michael. 01869 338078 or rhspersonal@gmail.com

Our **AGM** will be held on Monday **February 21st** at the Village Hall, 7.30. All details will be circulated in an email to Members. This will be an extremely important meeting as the future of our Garden Club is in doubt! We need to understand the history of the Club, founded in 1993 (*see next page*). The constitution states that the period of office for Committee Members should be one year, but that they can be re-elected for a further year if they so wish.

Currently we must recruit a new Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Gunilla has been Chairman since 2012 and Linda has been Treasurer and Secretary since 2018, although a Committee Member long before. The Club has certainly evolved greatly with talks, visits, seed and plant swaps, Open Gardens and Nosey Gardens (at one time). The Membership, currently £5 per household, a bargain, entitles one to discounts at several local garden centres and Barford Garden Centre. The "Notes from our Potting Shed" have also become a monthly addition to the Barford News. IF the GARDEN CLUB ceases to exist then all this will disappear too!! It is up to all members to make sure this doesn't happen. ANYONE who is interested is encouraged to come to the AGM. Unless someone comes forward to fill these roles beforehand, there will be no Membership Cards issued at the AGM. We are suggesting as per the Constitution that these primary roles should be for **one or two years only**.

All relevant paperwork will be circulated to Members before the AGM, by email.

Top gardening jobs this month

Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover. Chit potato tubers. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches. Most top fruit and soft fruit are very hardy but once they start into growth in spring, flowers and buds are especially vulnerable to frost and may need protection to crop well. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'. Prune Wisteria. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges. Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses. Happy February 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.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE AGM

SPADE and FORK



THE BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB

NAME

The club shall be named THE BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB

COMMITTEE

- 1) The Committee shall comprise:-
Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Two committee members
- 2) The executive posts of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer may be combined if necessary
- 3) The period of office for a committee member shall be one year. Committee members may stand in consecutive years if they desire provided they are proposed and seconded. Election will be by a simple majority of members present at a general meeting. Elections shall be held annually at the Annual General meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

- 4) Membership of the club will be open to:
 - a) Any resident of Barford St Michael or Barford St John
 - b) Any holder of an allotment in Barford St Michael
 - c) Any friend or relative of the above

AIMS

- 5) The aims of the club are:
 - a) To promote association between gardeners for the improvement and pleasure in their gardens and allotments
 - b) To seek to purchase seeds, plants, garden supplies and garden equipment at prices advantageous to the members

SUBSCRIPTIONS

From time to time subscriptions may be charged or a levy charged on orders to cover running costs and reasonable expenses. The maximum levels of these shall be agreed at a general meeting of the club.

GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in December or January.

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held if decided by the committee or if requested by at least 10% of the membership. Extraordinary General Meetings shall be held within two weeks of the request being received by the secretary.

The constitution may be changed by a simple majority at a general meeting of the club.

This constitution was adopted at the inaugural meeting held on 20 Dec 93


A.S. LANG
CHAIRMAN

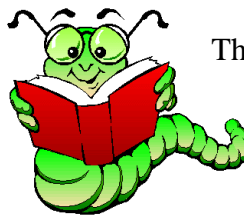

R. HOBBS

Thank you

to our kind and generous
Banbury reader who donated £10
again this year.
Thank you very much.

The BN Team

Bookworms 'Educated' by Tara Westover



The latest book read by the Bookworms was 'Educated' by Tara Westover.

It gives a moving and powerful account of the author's upbringing in a Mormon family living in rural Idaho. Her parents kept the family isolated from the Federal Government so Tara was home schooled, had no birth certificate until nine years old, and no medical records. Her father became more and more radical, making extensive preparations for the 'End of Days' while her mother became an unofficial midwife and herbalist eventually developing a thriving business. However Tara wanted to escape from this sometimes brutal environment and education became her salvation. Through her grit and determination she won a place at university and gained further awards which enabled her to continue her studies, including a place at Trinity College, Cambridge as a Gates Scholar.

Everyone agreed that 'Education' is a very well written book where Tara Westover's intellect shines through. It raised many interesting and thought provoking themes for discussion including the conflict between family ties and the desire to escape, a mother who could not acknowledge the cruelty her son inflicted on his siblings as well as others and the recognition of feminist ideals.

Janet Macey
☎ 01869 336156



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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

BEN Community Evening: We've postponed this to **Thursday 3rd March**, when we hope there'll be a reduced risk to us all from COVID. Join us to learn from **Low Carbon Hub Oxford** how to make your home and way of living more sustainable. You can also hear about **The Oxford Artisan Distillery's** sustainable gin making and sample some of their excellent products. We hope to see you there: Village Hall, 7pm for a 7.30 start.

This month's article is written by **Phoebe Semple**, who's an intern at **Farm Ed**, and is **All About Soil**.

Many of us don't think twice about the stuff that is beneath our feet. It doesn't look nice, it doesn't smell particularly good, and it gets everywhere after a dog walk. But without soil, we would not be here today. Soil is the building block of life. As well as providing an environment and nutrients for plants, microbes and fungi, it filters water, provides food and acts as a sink for carbon sequestration. Without it, the environment would collapse. We rely on it for food production, biodiversity services, and climate change action. It is pretty important and deserves protection.



Topsoil is the most fertile, active and important layer of the soil. It is roughly the top 30 cm of soil (as you can see in the picture) and therefore vulnerable to disturbance from farming practices and weathering. Around 3 million tonnes of topsoil in the UK is being destroyed every year which leaves us with 30-40 years of fertile topsoil left. Because it takes around 100 years to rebuild 1 inch of topsoil, it is one of the most diminished, and overlooked, finite resources in the world.

Many agricultural practices destroy the topsoil, soil structure and organisms' habitats. Without the organisms doing their job in the soil, the soil can't function properly, diminishing its ability to provide all the essential services we and nature rely on.

However, it is not all bad news! There are ways in which we can help protect the soil and what lives in it in order to preserve its ability to provide all the services it does. The processes listed below can be used by farmers and gardeners on large and small scales to protect the soil as they work with the land.

- **No-till/minimum tillage:** If you turn soil over by hand, or have a plough, try reducing the depth and frequency of the disturbance as this directly destroys the organisms' habitats. Earthworms are called nature's plough, so if you leave the soil long enough they will turn it over for you!
- **Organic inputs:** Compost, fallen leaves, grass cuttings are a few examples of organic matter you can leave on the soil to provide food for earthworms and to help the crops grow. Adding a layer of organic matter also protects organisms from predators when they come to the surface of the soil.
- **Cover crops:** Growing legumes, grasses, and herbs within the crops, protect the bare soil after a harvest and can provide a symbiotic relationship with plants so nitrogen concentrations are boosted.
- **Diverse vegetable/crop rotations:** By having a diverse range of crops/vegetables, the soil remains fertile all year as nutrient demand is varied by the different plants. There are books on how to do this for first-time gardeners and those who are looking to become more self-sufficient:

"The Gardeners' World Almanac: A month-by-month guide to your gardening year", and "Veg in One Bed: How To Grow An Abundance Of Food In One Raised Bed, Month By Month".

- **No chemicals:** Reducing usage of artificial sprays and fertilisers used on the land will help nature correct and regenerate itself, as all the microbes and organisms can monitor pest levels themselves. It will also reduce contamination of water sources.



This article aims to provide insight to the importance of soil for the environment and our food production. Hopefully, gardeners will be inspired to adopt some of the beneficial practices mentioned.

Make One Small Change! When buying garden compost, choose peat-free – check the packaging to be sure. Peat reserves store carbon, and must stay in the ground!

Green Thought of the Month is compiled and edited by Linda Newbery. If you have a green idea to share, please contact L.newbery@btinternet.com

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.



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

Deddington Cubs are excited to meet again after the Christmas holidays. They will be working to complete their Pioneer badge working on some knotting and lashing. We will see how far the trebuchets they make can fling a ball without collapsing! This term we are going to be looking at fire safety and road safety as well as hoping to get in some early evening observations of the moon and star constellations towards their Astronomer badge. We are really looking forward to the weather beginning to warm up and the days getting longer so that we can spend more time on outdoor activities.

Paul Honess deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

Ok, so most troops would have finished last term with a Christmas party, we celebrated World Toilet Day instead with the Scouts 'gurning' through a toilet seat (a new one, not one from the Windmill Centre!) We also came up with some grand fundraising ideas, a 'Where Did The Chicken Poo' sweepstake, that raised £19 from the Scouts themselves, the prize won by Adam – a toilet full of chocolate – what else? Keep an eye out for us at a future market, we'll be easy to spot, we're the ones with a giant bag of toilet rolls. This term – Global Issues, International (all things Swiss) and a Ninja night.

Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

As you might notice, after 22 years, I've stepped away from running the Cub Pack & have handed it over to Paul. I have enjoyed every moment of being Akela and I thank all the parents who (probably unwisely) allowed me access to their children, don't worry they'll get over it in the end, the nightmares can't last forever! I haven't left the group completely, I'm still interfering at Scouts (although I like to think of it as helping) and have taken over the role of Group Scout Leader. I hope Paul has as much fun as I've had and the Cub Pack continues to thrive. Thanks again to all the parents and carers who have helped me over the years, I couldn't have done it without you.

Jo Churchyard



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Last term we formed new Patrols and the Guides elected their own patrol leaders.

Congratulations to Polly, Ruby and Ellen. The patrols have been working very well together, happily planning and organising their own activities.

In addition to generally having fun with a wide range of games and activities, the Guides have been taking on the challenge of learning new skills that they can use to help in any emergency situation.

Our Young Leaders are learning leadership skills and have played a big part in running activities at the meetings. They will all renew their promise at a ceremony in the near future when we welcome new Guides..

After a rather slow start, due to covid precautions we hope to be back in action as soon as possible !!

**Maggie Rampley 07957 600755 and
Marian Trinder 96786 901641**



**FIND OUT WHAT'S ON
LOCALLY..... keep up
to date with what is
happening in our
surrounding villages
using the links below:**

**www.adderbury.org/whats-on
www.bloxham.info/broadsheet
www.deddington.org.uk/news
www.steepleaston.org.uk**

CHURCH MATTERS



COVID restrictions have made life difficult for everyone but our desire for the Barford Churches to be as safe as

possible, especially during the Christmas season, led us to do a 'Torchlight Nativity' outside at the Village Hall.

Starting in daylight, it got darker as the story progressed until we finally had to use torches to see our way home!



Many thanks to Sally Barber (Chief Angel!) and Anne Linsey for their inspirational idea and planning!

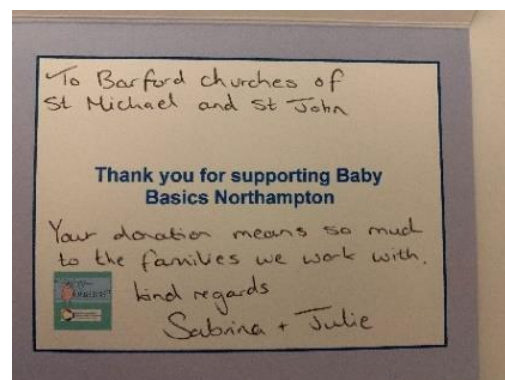


Those present at the Baptism of Eliza Charman (6 Church Street), in early December, gave very generously to the retiring collection. The Church thought it appropriate that this money should be donated to the charity which supports babies and young children - **Baby Basics** (Northampton)

Baby Basics is a volunteer-led project aiming to support new mothers and families who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby.

There is an ever-increasing network of Baby Basics centres across the country each staffed by a committed team of volunteers.

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Sue Addison, Churchwarden

NEWSFLASH

Family Service this month will be held on the FOURTH Sunday, 10:30am on Sunday, 27th at St Michael's

Please join us for crafts, songs, refreshments and prayers

Sally & Anne



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is amazing to think we are now in the year 2022!

We had an incredible end to Term

2 here at school when F1, KS1 and KS2 all managed to perform their Christmas shows in church. A lot of work was put in to make these Covid safe for all adults and children attending, with chairs being numbered and socially distanced to name just a couple of measures which were put in place. All audiences enjoyed our performances and they certainly made everyone feel more festive. It was wonderful to be able to do the shows, especially after last year when recordings had to be made of each performance, due to Covid restrictions.

Our annual Santa run took place in the last week of term and was loved by all year groups from F1 to Year 6, plus the choir sang to the residents of Featherton House in the Home's car park. The residents and children joined together to sing Christmas Carols which was wonderful to hear.

This term has only really just begun, yet already our Year 6 pupils have been to Yenworthy for their school journey. The weather was cold and quite challenging at times, even with some snow falling on the day the children were due to be coming home! All pupils had a fabulous experience though, climbing sand dunes, doing a night walk, a rope course, orienteering and much, much more. This is the first time our Year 6 school journey has been able to take place for two years, as a result of the pandemic, so this made it an even more special adventure to be taking part in.

Swimming and hockey lessons have resumed for Year 4 and Year 5, so once again fitness and exercise remains a key part in the life of our pupils. Year 3 will then begin swimming at the start of February. In addition to this, Year 5 and Year 6 children have several sporting events to look forward to this term, when hopefully they will compete against other schools, depending on Covid.

We are now looking forward to longer days and seeing the bulbs and plants beginning to grow once more, all around our school grounds. All that remains to be said now is:

"Happy New Year everyone, from all of us here at Deddington Primary School".

DENISE WELCH

WILD FLOWERS IN THE BARFORD By Margaret Murdin & Janet Payne

Cranesbill: Geranium



This small purple flower looks insignificant to the human eye. But that is only because we are unable to see it properly. The flower has no interest in us so hides one of its main features from our eyes. But

insects see differently. Their visual spectrum includes ultra violet which this cranesbill takes advantage of. Unseen by us, but clear to any insect, are the lines on the petals leading down to the centre of the flower where the nectary is. These ultra violet lines are like landing lights. They entice the bee in. The bee collects nectar and in so doing pollinates the flower. A win win situation.

There are around 300 species of geraniums - you probably have a taller larger flowered version of this in your garden, usually in colours ranging between white, pink or purple. This example is a small creeping one, spotted on Lower Street bravely flowering in December. As a family they are known as cranesbills because the seed heads look like a bird's head and beak. In the past herbalists used them for their antiseptic, astringent qualities.



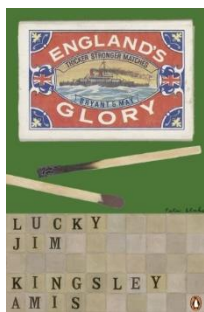
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to help local people in crisis. Hunger remains a reality for many. Please help by buying items from the list below and putting them in the box inside the porch of St Michael's church.

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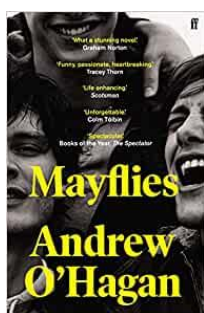
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Reading recommendations from **BARFORD BOOKCHAT**



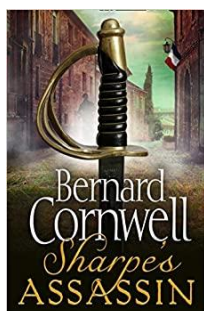
Lucky Jim by Kingsley Amis: I returned to this after reading the biography, **Monica Jones, Philip Larkin and Me** by John Sutherland. Monica Jones is the basis for the comically neurotic Margaret, bane of Jim Dixon's life, and Larkin, Amis's close friend, is the dedicatee; further, Amis calls him the 'ideas man' behind the novel. Larkin had a long but uncertain relationship with Jones whilst on the library staff of Leicester, Belfast and lastly Hull universities, where he was head librarian.

Lucky Jim is the novel equivalent of the 'kitchen sink dramas' of the fifties and sixties. It mocks convention and the establishment while belittling the central character, anti-hero Jim Dixon, probationary lecturer in a Welsh university's History department. The novel shows its age, being overly wordy and descriptive, but is sustained by engagingly witty and slapstick set pieces. The happy ending, in which the guy gets the girl and escapes the obsequious, provincial world of academe, ensures a warm glow. **Trevor Arrowsmith**



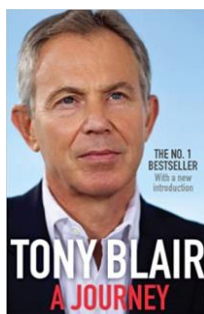
Mayflies by Andrew O'Hagan is a story of male friendship, in two halves separated by thirty years. A group of Ayrshire lads, united by disdain for the Thatcher régime and a love of punk music, plan a weekend in Manchester to see their idols The Smiths. Narrated by the quiet, bookish Jimmy, this trip already has the gloss of cherished memory – a time when he and the extrovert, often outrageous Tully were close friends, and he knew Tully's family better than his own, having 'divorced' his parents.

Thirty years on, with Jimmy now an established author, Tully drops the bombshell that he has terminal cancer and wants help to end his life. The love between the two men (though both have female partners), their fondly shared memories and the ambivalence of the duty Jimmy feels to his old friend, make for a poignant ending that's celebratory rather than maudlin. **Linda Newbery**



Sharpe's Assassin by Bernard Cornwell: Hero, rogue and the one man you want on your side in a fight, Lieutenant-Colonel Sharpe is a man with a reputation. Born in the gutter and raised an orphan, he joined the army twenty-one years ago, and it's been his home ever since. He's a loose cannon, who excels at the dirty business of warfare.

So, following victory at the recent Battle of Waterloo, the Duke of Wellington turns to Sharpe to seek-out and destroy a secretive group of fanatical French revolutionaries hell-bent on revenge. In the maze of Paris' streets, where lines blur between friend and foe, he will have to defeat a deadly assassin who is determined to kill his target, or perish trying. Whilst this represents the 21st novel in Cornwell's historically based series, Sharpe's latest high-tempo adventure can be enjoyed as a stand-alone read. **Paul Freeman**



Tony Blair, A Journey: Sir Tony Blair's knighthood may have been a long time coming, but his autobiography was published with perfect timing – just after the conclusion of Gordon Brown's premiership. This is a profoundly unserious book, and all the better for it. Footnote-free, it is immensely readable and could have been tossed off with a few good bottles of red wine and a Dictaphone. Sir Tony is jauntily untroubled by the havoc he wreaked at home and abroad. It is darkly comic that Freedom of Information legislation is his biggest regret. Meanwhile, an anecdote about his wife meeting Princess Anne is unintentionally hilarious. Calculating to the end, Sir Tony delayed his conversion to Roman Catholicism until after he left office. One can only hope that he is more self-critical when confessing to his priest. **Tom Greeves**

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

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FEBRUARY

Sunday 6th February – no service

Sunday 13th February 9am Holy Communion. BSM

Sunday 20th – no service

Sunday 27th 9am Holy Communion, BSJ
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 1st week parish council (not August)
 2nd week W.I. meeting
 Boys Brigade (Deddington)

Thursdays Village Hall Post Office
 Open cuppa mornings
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Fridays Rainbows

Saturdays Village Market 3rd week
 (except January or August)

1st Wednesday Parish Council Meeting

3rd Wednesday Village Hall Management Committee

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

9th WI Talk – Formula 1 in the village hall
 15th Tuesday Lunch Club – village hall
 19th Village Market in the hall
 21st Garden Club AGM – date to be confirmed

MARCH

2nd Parish Council Meeting – village hall
 3rd BEN Community Evening
 19th Village Market in the hall

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