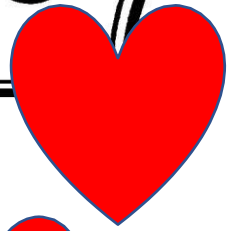


BARFORD NEWS

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BARFORD MARKET

Back again, after our Christmas Break

SATURDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Lovas Bakery from Hempton, with their delicious artisan breads

Sandi with her wonderful variety of chutneys, preserves baked treats

Potted Herbs from Berry's Orchard

Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure item

Greetings Cards and wrapping papers, plus much more

Barford Environment Network – Offering refills of household products helping to reduce plastic waste. Bring your own bottle, or have one filled for you

.....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 Hal

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 12th January 2023 at the Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Sandi Turner (Chairman), Chris Charman, Ray Cox, Maureen Appleby, Tom Lovell, District Councillors Bryn Williams, and David Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). One member of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2022 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Public Participation:

Heythrop Hunt – Residents have complained that riders and hounds went through Barford St Michael and down Horn Hill with hounds going into gardens. A resident wrote to the hunt to complain and received a letter of apology. Residents have complained that no prior notice was given. Concerns have been expressed about health and safety. Apparently, a trail had been laid which should have taken the huntsmen down Summer Ley but the hunt leader took a wrong turn and some of the hunt got separated. Weather conditions were not good on the day for following the trail. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the hunt to express concerns and ask that notice is given in advance so that residents can be warned via the WhatsApp group.

Construction traffic at Buttermilk Farm – Concerns have been expressed by residents about construction traffic from further building work at Buttermilk Farm. A condition of the previous application imposed by Cherwell District Council was that construction traffic should not pass from the site to the A361 via South Newington. The clerk has written to CDC requesting that the same condition is not imposed this time as the road via South Newington is the shortest distance to the A361, is the safest and it does not pass through the centre of South Newington.

Road Safety at Barford Airfield – The Department of transport has commissioned a report on safety outside American Airbases following the death of Harry Dunn at Croughton Airbase. The road safety recommendations are due to be implemented by Oxfordshire County Council Highways. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Highways to ascertain what work will be carried out at St John and the timescales.

Parish Matters:

Defibrillator – This has been ordered and should be delivered by the end of January.

Victoria Prentis Data Connectivity Survey – This was completed by the Clerk.

Bishops Close sign – The Clerk has asked CDC to replace this.

Dog Bin for Barford St John – This has been delivered and will be installed as soon as the weather improves.

Footbridge on the footpath by The Mill in Barford St Michael – OCC haven't repaired this yet, but the clerk has chased OCC to complete.

Planning:

23/0001/F – 3 Summer Ley, B St M – Porch and rear extension – PC has no objection.

22/02387/F – Buckingham, B St M – Alterations and extension - CDC Refused 28/12/2022

Finance:

Payments - The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £3,126.24. This included £1,999 for the defibrillator. The combined bank balances are £9,360.49 after the payments that were approved.

Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 1st March 2023 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.



Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Road Closure at Barford St Michael, Lower Street

A request has been received from National Grid Electricity Distribution for a temporary road closure to apply to a length of Lower Street, whilst essential new connection for supply upgrade works are carried out.

A temporary Notice is being made by Oxfordshire County Council to implement the temporary restriction and will operate from 20 February 2023 up to and including 24 February 2023. This is a 24 hour road closure

Please note that Notices for urgent works can last up to 5 consecutive days only.

Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Standby Manager on 08006783105 or email ahaywood@nationalgrid.co.uk



THE 2022 POPPY APPEAL

As usual, the Barfords have excelled themselves again this year with an incredible total of **£819.81** for this year's poppy appeal. This has been added to by the donations from the Parish council, £100, and the Remembrance Sunday church service collection of another £157.20, making it an even better result for us and the British Legion campaign, of **£1,077.01**. up from £862.29 in 2021

Please may we take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for donating and helping to achieve this amazing total but, of course, this could not have been achieved without the efforts of the Barford Poppy Sellers, who knocked on every door in the Barford, come rain or shine.

Angus & Lucy Norman
Barford Poppy Co-ordinators

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.ukf

See us at the village market every month selling **SESI refills** – washing-up liquid, general-purpose cleaner and more. Also, zero-waste shopping from **Nothing But Footprints** is delivered to our market free of charge. Order online from www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk by Friday lunchtime before a market day.

Cont'd over.....

Heythrop Hunt in our village



On Thursday 5th January, village residents were angered and dismayed when six or seven hounds of the Heythrop Hunt and some 30 riders went up Horn Hill as far as the footpath at the top. The hounds, which had left the main pack, trespassed in two or more gardens; one witness saw them chase a fox into a yard, while another said that the stray hounds remained in Horn Hill after the riders had left. One resident said that he was furious that the Hunt had allowed their activities which appear to be illegal to take place on a quiet street. Another

said: "This is extremely worrying. I have an old cat who's often seen down that end of Horn Hill – there's no way he'd be able to run away from those dogs. This is a massive risk to human safety as well."

Whatever views anyone has of hunting, it's clearly unacceptable for hounds to come into quiet residential streets, to pursue foxes (illegal under the 2004 Hunting Act), to trespass in private gardens and to endanger wildlife, cats and other domestic pets.

The **Parish Council** discussed this on 12th January and will contact the Heythrop Hunt about the incident, requesting that they give advance notice of their next hunt in the area so that at least we're forewarned to keep our pets safely indoors.



The RSPCA's position on 'trail hunting' is clear:

"Trail hunting involves laying a trail for hounds to follow, using urine, body parts and carcasses from animals such as foxes. Some fear trail hunting is being used as a smokescreen to get around the law and continue traditional, illegal fox hunting, which would be a major concern.

"This new 'sport' was adopted by hunts after the Hunting Act 2004 was passed. But despite the ban on traditional hunts, continuing to train hounds to follow such scents could lead to wild quarry animals such as foxes being disturbed, chased and killed if they pick up the scent of a live animal on the trail. In addition, the hunts' dogs may well disturb non-targeted animals, who then may also suffer from injury and stress.

"We're opposed to any so-called 'sport' which causes suffering to animals. We believe that the use of the scent of dead animals is totally unnecessary as other alternatives exist, such as drag hunting*, in which hounds follow an artificially laid scent not derived from animals."

The RSPCA calls for a strengthening of the ban on hunting, to include: an offence of recklessly hunting a wild mammal; increased sentencing; a ban on the use of animal products for trail scents; requirements for hunts to provide maps of trails to the police in advance and to report instances where foxes are killed by hounds.

The **National Trust** has now banned hunting on its land, while **Forestry England** has suspended trail hunting pending investigations.

*Drag hunting differs from trail hunting in that the scent, of non-animal origin, is laid by a human runner. Draghounds are not trained to follow the scent of foxes.

Winter Warmer Checklist



Creating energy we
can all feel good about

Low Carbon Hub has produced a useful guide to saving money and making the most of your heating, with advice including how to pay most efficiently, how to manage your heating systems, insulate your home and make long-term improvements. There's information about grants and support links, too. Find out more at www.lowcarbonhub.org.

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK - 2023



Hi folks and Happy New Year.

A lovely sunny day, but quite a low turnout of just 25 enthusiastic folks of all ages and their pooches set out from the hall at 1030. Unfortunately, several of our 'regulars' had been struck down with the latest horrible cold/cough/flu. Almost everyone completed the walk despite the very muddy conditions, with one or two returning early or taking advantage of Pete Eden's 'rescue service'. Several regulars, who didn't walk came to the hall for the choice of delicious home-made game soup or tomato, others sent donations. 'Thank you' to everyone who supported us and helped raise £120, towards the kids home in Kathmandu.

T'Committee



BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB Notes from our Potting Shed – Feb 2022

A small bird twitters on a leafless spray,
Across the snow-waste breaks a gleam of gold:
What token can I give my friend today
But February blossoms, pure and cold?
Frail gifts from Nature's half-reluctant hand...
I see the signs of Spring about the land...
These chill snowdrops, fresh from wintry bowers,
Are the forerunners of a world of flowers.
Sarah Dowdney

This month there are signs of Spring approaching with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune shrubs and climbers (see Jobs for February) and we've a lot to report on future activities too!

AGM, Monday 6th February, 7.30pm We'll be holding our AGM in the Village Hall. The Club is in a strong position with over 50 members and we're delighted to confirm subscriptions will remain at £5 per year/per household. It's brilliant value as we enjoy discounts at a number of Garden Centres. As we had to postpone our December Social, we'll serve seasonal snacks and mulled wine after the Meeting. You are welcome to pay your Subs at the AGM in cash or you can pay on-line etc. Please join us if you can - we would love to see you!

We have a cheerful, enthusiastic Committee made up of Trevor Stevens (Chair), Jean Thomas, Treasurer, Sue Lane, Secretary, Janet Morris, Margaret Murdin and Jess Romain. However, we would love to strengthen our team with one or two more members, so if you would like to join us, you will be very welcome. It only involves a few hours periodically but it is hugely rewarding and good fun.

Talk on 23rd March, 7.30pm, Village Hall: We're looking forward to welcoming back Chris Day from Buckingham Garden Centre. Chris will talk on

'Gardening in a Changing Climate' and alongside this, he will include tips and hints on vegetable growing. With the extreme weather we're all experiencing, this is a topical subject and one not to be missed. Please put the date in your diary.

Annual Seed Order: Once again, Rodney Hobbs has kindly organised this, despite the Order Form being more puzzling than the questions and answers on BBC2's Only Connect programme! The Seeds are in Rodney's porch in the blue box in alphabetical order. Please collect yours – any problems, ring Rodney on 01869 338078.

We're working on some interesting events for later in the year and will let you have the details when the dates have been confirmed. One of these will hopefully include a trip to Christchurch College, Oxford where the gardens have been completely renovated.

Here are some jobs for February:

- Prepare vegetable seed beds and sow some vegetables under cover.
- 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.
- Chit potato tubers. It's important with earlies and a good idea with maincrops, to 'chit' the seed potatoes before planting. This means allowing them to start sprouting shoots.
- Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off.
- Prune winter flowering shrubs that have finished flowering.
- Divide bulbs such as snowdrops.
- Prune wisteria.
- Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges.
- Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over winter and remove dead grass from evergreen grasses.

If you would like to join our Club, please don't hesitate to contact Trevor on 338403, email: trevorstevens49@hotmail.com or Sue on 338900, email: sueandles45@hotmail.com



We wish you as many happy gardening hours as our cold weather will allow during February!

Spade and Fork



BYGONE BARFORD BABIES – answers on Page 22



This Townsend couple really **Jazz** things up...!!

This Broad Close couple could **TEACH** us a thing or two about fire safety



This Townsend resident wouldn't swap hoofs for **Wheel(s)**....



Deddington Bookworms

Our last book of 2022 was A man called Ove by Fredrik Backman and what a book to finish the year with.

Backman was a Swedish blogger and A Man Called Ove (it's pronounced "Oo-vuh,") was his debut novel. It was published in Sweden in 2012 and translated into English in 2013. It has since been made into the obligatory film (twice!) but the 2022 version stars Tom Hanks, is set in Pennsylvania and Ove is renamed Otto to fit in with the American setting. Americanism at its best I suggest sticking to the book!

The book follows Ove's story from childhood to death but not in the conventional order. Each chapter reveals another layer of the story and you find yourself sympathising with this curmudgeon of a man. I would say we all know an 'Ove', I certainly recognised some of his traits! This made me smile whilst other parts made me grimace with frustration. However, by the final chapter I was hooked and ended up in tears. I was not the only Bookworm who was affected like this.

The first couple of chapters are a bit slow and I did wonder if something has been lost in translation, but I was wrong. I persevered and am very glad I did; this is one of the best books I have read in a long time. A heart-warming story about love, grief and loss whilst touching on themes of community and friendship.

We start the new year reading A Humble Companion by Laurie Graham.

Next meeting dates:
23rd February
30th March

6.30 pm Holly Tree



An Illustrated Talk entitled 'I went to a wedding in India' By Ann Sharman



In 2017 Ann was invited to a Hindu wedding in Delhi - a trip to India would fulfil a desire held since childhood! It turned out to be an unusual, small-scale wedding, giving the opportunity for a close-up experience and some great photography. Ann's talk covers the colourful activities of the wedding days, as well as the ritual of the ceremonies.

Wednesday, 8th February

7.30pm in the Village Hall

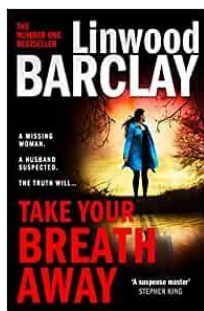
All Visitors welcome (£5)

To come along to our W.I. Meeting

Please contact Christine 338659

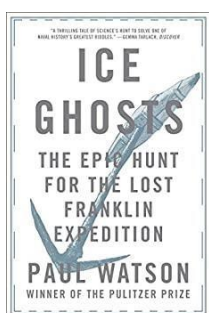
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READING RECOMMENDATIONS

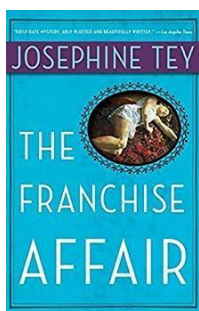


Take Your Breath Away by Linwood Barclay. One weekend, while Andrew Mason was on a fishing trip, his wife, Brie, vanished without a trace. Most people assumed Andy had got away with murder, but the police could never prove it! Andy hit rock bottom and became a pariah in the place he once called home. Now, six years later, Andy has moved away and settled down with a new partner; life seemed good.

But Andy's peaceful world is about to shatter, as a woman who bears a striking resemblance to Brie resurfaces. The police are notified; old questions and dark suspicions re-emerge. Could Brie really be alive after all these years? If so, where has she been? It soon becomes clear that Andy's future, and the lives of those closest to him, depends on discovering what is going on. The challenge will be whether he can stay alive long enough to unearth the answers. **Paul Freeman**

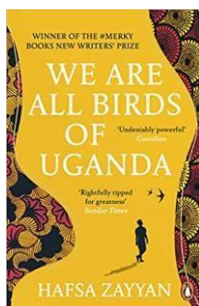


Ice Ghosts by Paul Watson. Like many others I'm fascinated by the doomed Franklin expedition, lost in an attempt to navigate the North-West Passage in the 1840s. Paul Watson's compelling and wide-ranging account takes us from preparations for the voyage and last communications from its crew to the many searches that followed, emphasising the importance of Inuit accounts and records, and bringing us up to date with modern technology and the eventual, quite recent finding of the lost ships, *Erebus* and *Terror*. (Paul Freeman reviewed Michael Palin's *Erebus: the Story of a Ship* here in October '21 – another great read on the subject which begins with Franklin's successful Antarctic voyage with James Clark Ross.) **Linda Newbery**



The Franchise Affair by Josephine Tey. A delight of this absorbing novel from the golden age of detective fiction is a feeling of time and place: the quiet country town, its history written in wood, stone and brick, beyond it a rural landscape, its remoteness undisturbed since the Wars of the Roses.

Solicitor Robert Blair is jolted from his placid, comfortable existence when asked to represent a mother and daughter accused of kidnapping and beating a schoolgirl in an attempt to force her to be their servant. The fury of the tabloid press is aroused. A sanctimonious bishop stirs the pot, thus inciting the mob. He and his woolly-headed activist daughter are deliciously skewered by the novelist's pen. Quietly, methodically, an incorruptible police force accrues evidence, until all seems hopeless. How can Robert Blair prove his clients' innocence and confirm his belief that justice and truth *must* prevail, as the alternative is unthinkable? **Jenny Greeves**



We are all Birds of Uganda, by Hafsa Zayyan, is a remarkable and highly accomplished debut novel. It interleaves two stories – one about an Indian family living and thriving in Uganda, but also facing rising unrest and discrimination under the dictatorship of Idi Amin which forces them to flee. The other story focuses on the life of Sameer, a successful young lawyer growing up in Leicester and then working in London, who is a descendant of the same family. Despite his outward appearance of success he is increasingly troubled by a sense of emptiness in his life. We encounter themes of racial tension, belonging, family, inter-generational relations, the conflict between love and duty and the meaning of home. It is a gripping tale and beautifully written. **Suzanne Franks**

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

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB

22nd February @ The George

12:30pm for 1pm

MAINS

- Chicken Kiev -
new potato | dressed salad

OR

- Smoked Haddock -
creamed leeks | diced potato /white wine sauce

DESSERTS

- Passion Fruit Mousse -
pineapple and mango compote

OR

- Apple and Rhubarb Crumble -
Traditional Custard

Tea & Coffee

Price £10 per person

*Please ring Anne & Mick on 01869 337074, or email mickpearson1@outlook.com
by Friday 13th January to book.*

*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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DEDDINGTON VILLAGE NURSERY

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the Christmas holidays.

At nursery this term our topic is Dear Zoo and the Tiger who came to tea. We will be exploring free painting of zoo animals and excitingly introducing French sessions once a week.

Down at Pre School this term our topic is Chinese New Year and All Creatures great and small where we will be welcoming visits from our children's pets and asking lots of questions on how we look after them.

We are hoping the weather is kind to us as we will be starting our forest school sessions which will take places on different days each week. Our Preschool applications for September are now open, please email Shrene at

info@deddingtonnurseryandpfsu.co.uk

for a form and to arrange a look around.

Kind regards
Charlotte Witka | PFSU Deputy Manager



"You have a more interesting life if you wear impressive clothes."

Vivienne Westwood, quoted in the
Financial Times

AN INVITATION



TO JOIN US



**Village Cuppa
Mornings
10.00 ~ 11.30
Every Thursday
In the Village Hall**



Banbury Foodbank

to help local people in crisis.

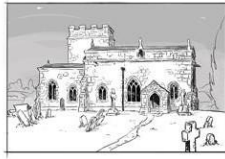
Hunger remains a reality for many. Please help by buying items from the list below and putting them in the box inside the porch of St Michael's church.

cereals, tea/coffee, soup, tinned vegetables, pasta, tinned fruit, rice, biscuits, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, lentils, beans & pulses, uht milk, tinned meat, fruit juices

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE

Many thanks

CHURCH MATTERS



to Sue Lane and her granddaughter, Poppy aged 6, who won the Christmas window competition with the impressive window display on the right.



We hope you enjoyed your prize!



Candlemas is the last festival in the Christian year that is dated by reference to Christmas. In the West, the date of Christmas is now fixed at December 25, and Candlemas therefore falls on the following February 2. In Christian belief this festival celebrates the presentation of Christ in the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after his birth (as Jewish custom required), and the purification ceremony of the Virgin Mary at the same time. It was believed that women were impure for six weeks after giving birth and after the birth of their children, all Jewish mothers went to the

Temple for the ceremony called the Purification.

The English name, 'Candlemas, refers to the custom of blessing and distributing candles and carrying them in procession during the service. The light of the candles is symbolic of Christ as the light of the world, to stick to tradition all the candles should be made of beeswax.

Sue Addison, Churchwarden

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Oxfordshire www.walkinginengland.co.uk/oxfordshire has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Oxfordshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!



John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk | john@walkinginengland.co.uk



From The Fire Station, Deddington

The winter months have seen a steady number of call outs, responding to 30 incidents in November & December; a mixture of standbys, alarms, fire & RTC.

It has been a busy time with training; Barney Neal has passed his 'Safe to Ride' and is now qualified to attend incidents. Steve Baker has passed his Immediate Emergency Care & Louis Martin is now a BA wearer.

Many of the crew members took part in Movember, and we are very grateful for all the sponsorship received. An impressive amount was raised, which will go to some great charities. We were also delighted to have come 5th on the Fire & Rescue UK leader board out of 96 teams taking part!

It is the 80th Anniversary of the Firefighters Charity in 2023, so plans are in progress for a number of fundraising events in addition to the annual Four Farms Challenge; organised to raise monies for the charity along with the Primary School, Nursery and PFSU. This year's event is scheduled to take place on Sunday 21st of May.

Oxfordshire County Council's www.365alive.co.uk website is a very useful site, providing information for home safety, road safety and much more.

Garin Wilby



BARFORD AND DEDDINGTON RAINBOWS

Are these similar to your New year's resolutions?

- 1) Be an inspiration for girls
- 2) Work with great people
- 3) Build skills for life
- 4) Make a difference in the community

Does this sound like your goals for 2023? Our volunteers help give girls valuable skills, confidence and amazing opportunities. You have the power to make a difference to young lives.

We have some great teams running Guides and Brownies in Deddington. Now, we're looking for a team of people to restart the Barford and Deddington Rainbow group (for girls aged 4 to 7 years old). Could you get together with a couple of friends and get the group going again? You don't need to have any previous experience, as support and training will be given. You just need to enjoy working with girls and want to spend time laughing, playing and being inspired by incredible girls!

If you want to help make a difference to your community, join us today by volunteering to help girls reach their full potential! To find out more, look at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/> or contact us on deddingtondistrict@oxfordshiregirlguiding.org.uk

Mary Brodey and Mandy Skuce
Girlguiding Deddington District Commissioners



We had a busy end to last term, with all our Christmas performances taking place successfully and beautifully in

church. This term has started on a much quieter note! All children are working hard on their new topics and are enjoying being back in school. Year 5 will be doing 'Bikeability' sessions this term which we are thrilled to report. These will help our pupils develop their cycling skills, increase their confidence as cyclists and assist them in identifying risks they may come across on the roads.

Another exciting trip taking place for the Year 6s this term is their 'Junior Citizen' experience. This is the first time the children have been able to do this again, since the pandemic. It is such a worthwhile morning for the Year 6s as it increases the children's awareness of the wider environment and the community, plus the dangers they may encounter in everyday life.

All KS2 children will be taking part in Sports Hall Athletics festivals and tournaments during term 3. These will be fantastic for all pupils to take part in and enjoy. Year 3 children have also started their weekly swimming lessons... So, once again, our exciting school life continues to unfold.

As you can see, this term may be short with just 5 weeks in it, but the weeks are packed full of trips, events and a variety of new and interesting learning experiences for all.

Let us hope now that the winter continues to be relatively mild in the weeks ahead!

With best wishes from all of us here at Deddington Primary School.

DENISE WELCH



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

December was an exciting time for Cubs with Christmas looming. We focused one meeting on present wrapping. Following an artful demonstration by Baloo, Cubs had a go at wrapping both a small box and a folded item of clothing. It was surprising how well they did and its hoped that they might have helped wrap presents before Christmas and that the session gave them appreciation for the enormous workload that Santa's elves bear at such a busy time! We finished off our year with a Christmas party where we played games and ate seasonal food and snacks provided by Cubs' families. All had a great time, ate loads, made a mess and went home stuffed!

Paul Honess deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

Well, that's Christmas over with! Time to fill those Thursday winter evenings with useful & sometimes silly topics, this term hedgehogs, Parish Council, wallpapering, plumbing, Japan & pest control, most of these are useful but we can make anything silly!

We finished last term with an evening making 'Racing Bugs' from small mobile phone motors & toothbrushes, they made frantic, mad little vehicles, & followed that with one of our traditional Christmas parties – a Ninja Night. The Scouts came dressed in black, made blow-pipes & throwing stars before taking part in Ninja style tests & exercises. Parents be warned – they may run amok if given a straw at McDonalds.

Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

Many thanks to everyone who used the scout post for their cards, you were, as always, very generous. This year part of the collection will go towards our Toilet Twinning fundraising.

Jo Churchyard deddingtongs1@gmail.com



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

Heading into 2023

Plans are already well underway for some fantastic events and exciting opportunities to support our hospice in 2023. It's thanks to your support that we're able to go on caring for local people living with incurable illnesses. Thank you!

Moonlight, camera, action!

The Moonlight Walk is back and this time we're going to the movies! Our annual flagship fundraising walk is taking place on Saturday 20 May 2023 at Easington Sports Football Club – so get the date in your diaries now and don't forget to tell friends and family!

www.khh.org.uk/moonlight

Challenge accepted

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!

Ride London – 28 May

Abseil – 17 June

Bike Oxford – 25 June

Skydive – 9 September

Thames Path Walk – 9 September

Oxford Half – 15 October

Halloween Walk – 28 October

Plus many more! Find out more here:

www.khh.org.uk/events

How does your garden grow?

Our ever-popular Open Gardens will be making a welcome return in 2023 and we'd love to be able to branch out and grow the scheme. Last year, our Open Gardens helped raise nearly £7,000 for our hospice. If you'd like to get involved and help support us by opening your own garden, then we'd love to hear from you. Our Fundraising team are on hand to offer support and guidance to help make sure your event is blooming marvellous.

www.khh.org.uk/gardens

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CDC website: www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk – Parish Council minutes at www.cherwell-local.com

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VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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

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DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

6th Garden Club AGM
 8th WI, Indian Wedding Talk
 19th Village Market
 20 February 2023 up to and including 24
 February 2023 – Lower Street road closure
 22nd Wednesday Lunch Club, The George

MARCH

1st Parish Council Meeting

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