

BARFORD NEWS

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PLATINUM JUBILEE STREET PARTY

Sunday 5th June in front of the village hall

4pm come to grab a seat and enjoy a **free cocktail**

4.45pm drink a toast to Her Majesty the Queen

5pm presentation of **Commemorative** mugs to village children

5.30pm prizes for the child with the best home-made **Jubilee cupcake** and wearing the best **handmade crown**

5.30pm - 8pm. Free hot dogs, burgers, soft drinks and ice creams for everyone. Please **bring your own** nibbles, side salads, plates, cutlery, plastic glasses or beakers and extra drinks (alcoholic or otherwise, although the George is open all day)

6pm – 8.30 live music featuring our village talent

9pm onwards Freeway Jam at The George

Please email - mickpearson1@outlook.com to confirm who will be attending so that we know whether to cater for 20 people or 200!!

Mick would also like to hear from any musicians who would be willing to perform.

Please WhatsApp Carole on 07768 378758 if you would like to be involved. We will give full details of the people making this event possible next month, but huge thanks to **Louis and Claire at The George** who are being extremely generous.

Freeway Jam



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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on 6th April 2022 at the Village Hall and was attended by Cllrs Turner (Chairman), Charman, Eden, Cox and Mr Best, (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer). No members of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2022 were a true and accurate record (unanimous).

Allotments:

Mr Paul Preece has collected the outstanding rents from allotment holders. There is currently one allotment vacant with no one on the waiting list.

Parish Matters:

Parish Council Grants – It was agreed unanimously to award grants of £1,300 to the Parochial Church Council and £700 to The Barford News. Although the grants are normally capped at £1,000, it was decided to award £1,300 to the Parochial Church Council towards the cost of replacing the downpipes at Barford St Michael Church.

Dates for the May meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting – Due to the Parish Council elections the date of the May meeting has to be moved to Thursday 12th May. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st June

Parish Council Elections – Five candidates put their names forward to be elected as Councillors. As the number of candidates is less than the 7 parish councillor vacancies the election is not contested, and all five candidates will become councillors on 9th May. A Statement of the Persons Nominated is displayed in the Parish Council noticeboard

National Association of Local Councils Pay Award for Clerks 2020/21 – It was agreed unanimously to award the 22p per hour recommended increase to the clerk.

Planning:

22/00641/F – Standwell, Lower Street – replace garage with garden building – PC supports

22/00675/DISC – The Old Forge, High Street – Window details – PC supports

22/00725/F – The Ledge, Lower Street – Replacement foundations – PC supports

Finance:

The Clerk gained approval for payments totalling £1,044.32 including £544.44 for Insurance and £240.24 to Cherwell for emptying dog bins. The

combined bank balances are £9,692.83 after the receipts and payments.

Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 1st June 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.



May I take this opportunity to thank our Parish Council who have just awarded us a £700 Grant.

This amount ensures no rise in advertising rates, continued distribution to every household in St John & St Michael and, of course, a few colour editions each year.

With sincerest thanks from
'The Team'
Lucy, Mariann & Caroline



to Ben Russell & Rachel Lewis
who have moved into Townsend

Wishing you lots of happiness in
your new home in the beautiful
Barford's

BARFORD MARKET

Saturday, 21st May
10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Lovas Bakery from Hempton, with their delicious artisan breads

Moore & Lyon – Home-reared meats, eggs

**Berrys Orchard from Deddington with a great selection of potted herbs, chives,
Japanese parsley, Rosemary Miss Jessops, Sweet Woodruff, Thyme – common, Vietnamese
coriander**

Two Jolly Cooks – Freezer ready meals

**Plus an excellent range of local producers selling,
savouries, cakes, preserves.**

Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items.

**Barford Environment Network – Offering refills of household products, 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**

BARFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 1st June 2022 7.30 PM, VILLAGE HALL

All residents are invited to the meeting to meet the Parish Councillors and hear
what the Parish Council has been doing in the last year.
Have a say, ask questions and make suggestions.

Agenda

Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
Election of the Committee
Open Forum

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

All Barfordians are urged to attend this meeting and have a say in the Open Forum.
The committee is keen to hear the views of everyone on the running of the Hall, the facilities
provided and the activities available.

Long Live Great Bardfield: the Autobiography of Tirzah Garwood. This curiously hypnotic



autobiography was left incomplete in 1946, by the wife of the painter Eric Ravilious. It's a strangely naive account of a Bohemian life which reads almost like stream of consciousness. Major events, such as the death of a relative, receive similar passing attention to everyday meetings with acquaintances. An accomplished artist in her own right, Garwood is known for her woodcuts, and for endpapers which capture the mood of the 1930's and 1940's. That Ravilious, who died in a flight from Iceland in 1945, is not among the autobiography's dedicatees hints at the complicated romantic lives of both. Garwood died from cancer in 1951, and the editorial work,

including selection of photographs, fell to her daughter. Garwood's poor health, complicated relationships and the care of her two children during and after the war in Eastbourne and London took a toll on her work. **Trevor Arrowsmith**



No Name by Wilkie Collins: First published in 1862, this is the story of two sisters Magdalen and Norah Vanstone, who find out that their parents, whose sudden deaths have left them orphans, were not married at the time of their births, making them illegitimate. They are disinherited by law and cast out from their childhood home by their estranged uncle. The more submissive Norah accepts her fate and finds work as a governess, but Magdalen vows revenge and embarks on a series of plots to regain their inheritance. Aided by the swindler Captain Wragge, she goes through a series of trials leading up to the crucial test: can she trade herself in

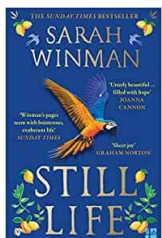
marriage to the man she loathes? The story is full of twists and turns and the characters are well portrayed. **No Name** is a strong illustration of Victorian society and laws which drive Magdalen almost to ruin. **Ishbel Freeman**



Ballads of Battle by Joseph Lee: I recently came across this scarred, battered book, small enough to fit into a knapsack or a pocket. The artist-poet, a Lance-Corporal in The Black Watch, survived the Great War. His poems speak of a universal experience of suffering in conflict, often in homely, vernacular language.

"The Green Grass", a true ballad, John Buchan considered one of the finest war-poems ever written. I haven't been able to discover the fate of E. Collington, Sgt. R.E. who inscribed his name here in no less than three places, in exquisite copperplate. He was every soldier who snatched a moment of solace from a book of poems, amid the horror and carnage of war. **Jenny**

Greeves



Still Life by Sarah Winman: I happened to read this some time ago and am not surprised that it has recently become a word-of-mouth bestseller. The story starts with a dramatic encounter in wartime Italy and moves to 1950s London and beyond. It is a tale of love, war and art; full of interesting characters and surprising encounters, including a nod to E. M. Forster's **A Room with a View**, also set of course in Italy. I should mention that Sarah Winman has an esoteric approach to punctuation, which might annoy some readers. Also there are times when later in the novel the narrative does drag slightly and some of the post-war characters are slightly confusing, but overall there is definitely enough to keep the reader engaged. And somewhat unusually there is an uplifting and moderately happy ending. **Suzanne Franks**

Book 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

Village Clean Up Morning – Saturday, 9th April



Village Clean-Up Morning....A slightly smaller than usual, but enthusiastic bunch of adults, children and dogs turned out for the clean-up morning, Some new faces, and some familiar ones from many previous years. Several sent apologies due to Covid and one family were prevented from coming by aftereffects of a car write-off!! The weather was kind, and the sun came out for us. There was very little litter within the village this year but some of the outer areas, Fernhill, Barley Lane and Hempton Road were quite bad. Volunteers were rewarded with the traditional delicious doughnuts on their return to the hall.

Pictured: First home, Top Left, Andy & Rachel Speight greeted by PC Chairman Sandi, also pictured are Piers & Sally Chapman, Sophie, Margot & Nellie Cameron, Maureen Nolan, Vicky & Bella Wolfe, Paul & Ishbel Freeman, Philip & Mary Brodey, & Rodney Hobbs. Other volunteers who escaped before the photos were taken, Trevor Stevens, Chris & Gunilla Murray, Pat Evans and Janet Payne, hopefully, everyone is listed here. Huge and grateful thanks to everyone involved.

BROUGHTON CASTLE SPORTIVE 2022

Rotary  Club of Banbury Cherwell

Sunday July 10th 2022

Gates open at 0600am

- all profits to local area charities
- Our 4 longer routes will give you a great cycling experience and a great day out in the beautiful Cotswolds
- Start and end at Broughton Castle
- Feeding stations at intervals on all routes
- Full para-medical support, Raynet VHF radio network across region & sweeper vans



- **Cotswold Beast** – 100 miles – all new routes
 - £34 entry – advance booking rate / £40 on the day
- **Windrush Endurance** – 75 miles – new distance / new route
 - £31 entry – advance booking rate / £35 on the day
- **Cotswold Classic** – 50 miles – all new routes
 - £28 entry – advance booking price / £30 on the day
- **Cotswold Tour** – 20 miles of local routes
 - £23 entry – advance booking price / £25 on the day
- **Family Fun ride** – 5 miles local tour for families of all ages
 - £5 entry – advance booking price / £6 on the day

****Payment - on the day entries will be strictly by debit / credit card only****



Rotary  Club of Banbury Cherwell

Need more Information or ready to register?

www.broughtoncastlesportive.co.uk



The Deddington Four Farms Challenge 2022 (*affectionately abbreviated to the 'Four Farms'*) has been running, no pun intended, since 2014 and was hugely missed in 2020 and 2021 for its fun, frolics and farmyard muck

It is a local charity (split equally between the Deddington Fire Service, PTA, PFSU) fun-run offering a 5k and 10k option, together with family entertainment into the early afternoon. Local 'celebrity' coffee Buzzy Beans will be there and they'll be a BBQ, bar, snack and tuck stalls alongside young children's entertainment.

This year, after its absence for the last two years, it is back... on Saturday 22nd May 2022

We've got new sponsors on board, an injection of energy with new members behind its organisation and plenty of fresh blood that has arrived in the parish and beyond during the 'Covid years'...

The updated website is now up and running, entries already being taken on www.fourfarmschallenge.run



“A brilliant evening’s entertainment”
PETER PAN



“They’re back with a vengeance” in this case the vengeance of Captain Hook in **Deddington Players’** hilarious pantomime version of the classic stage show, scripted by Carrick Cameron and Steve Moss. After a Covid enforced absence in 2021 it was a delight to be able to laugh out loud at the familiar jokes, boo-hiss at the villainous Hook, played with great panache by Jen Toll, and sing along with some marvellous musical numbers.

We enjoyed Lost Boys of all shapes and sizes, an itinerant group of hippies, villainous pirates, mermaids, a ticking crocodile that chased Captain Hook around the stage and eventually off the end of the gang plank to his doom; and naturally a stage horse. The dames, Mrs Darling and Nana the nanny, behaved as outrageously as ever. Peter Pan was suitably fearless and was accompanied by his accident-prone shadow and a mischievous Tinkerbell. All ended well (surprise surprise) when Peter and his motley crew rescued Wendy and her brothers and saw off the dastardly Hook and his pirates.



The director, Elli Ince, once again created a great show with wonderful performances from adults and children alike. The singing and choreography of a large cast of 41 was outstanding and the technical, back-stage and front-of-house staff worked miracles to create a spectacular pantomime.



Looking forward to The Wizard of Oz in 2023

**EASTER WORDSEARCH
WINNERS**

**CONGRATULATIONS &
WELL DONE to.....**

Elsie {*pictured*} and her brother Jerome from Townsend who were Runners-Up to Winner, young Theo {*pictured*} of Lower Street.

Theo was extremely quick off the mark in getting his Wordsearch back to me, so much so, that the ink was still wet from the printers...!!





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

"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies". (Gertrude Jekyll).

Following the success of our March speaker, we invited Richard Preston back and enjoyed another evening of gardening tips, intertwined with wit and wisdom. We see our Garden Club as an integral part of village life and as we're keen for more villagers to exhibit in our wonderful Show in September, Richard's Talk concentrated on 'Growing For Showing'. Richard gave us practical advice on how to present the best fruit, veg and flowers. Oh, to be able to grow those spectacular dahlias!

On **Sunday 8 May**, 2 - 5pm, you're warmly invited to Pettifers Garden, Wardington, near Banbury. This is a fundraiser for the Ukrainian Appeal. Entry £6.00. Parking on the Cricket pitch (via Thorpe Road) opposite Barn Farm Plants. It's a 1.5 acre village garden on a north facing slope. Designed and planted over the past 30 years and notable for its use of colour and plant combinations with the stunning backdrop of a medieval ridge and furrow hillside. The garden will hopefully be brimming with alliums. See website Pettifers.com

On **Thursday 26 May**, 7pm, we'll have our annual Plant Swap, at 'Stretford End', Lower Street. Please come along with cuttings you wish to exchange, a drink and take home lots of cuttings too! Partners welcome. Refreshments. We hope for a warm, sunny, sociable evening.

Introduction to Committee: Jean Thomas.
"As a new Committee member and Treasurer, I should like to tell you a little about myself and why I joined Barford Garden Club. My partner and I moved to Barford St Michael last summer, having briefed estate agents to find us a garden with a house attached. Our house occupies a corner plot on High Street which has scope to indulge our love of gardening.

I started gardening as a child when my parents reluctantly gave up a corner of their vegetable plot for me to grow seeds and nurture cuttings. As a teenager I landed my dream Saturday job at a local

florist and learnt how to make bouquets, buttonholes and funeral wreaths. I embraced the 1970's fashion for houseplants and used to propagate African violets and spider plants which the florist shop sold.

A midlife crisis saw me attending horticultural college to do a course in gardening and then garden design. This taught me to love Latin plant names but not the 9am Monday morning spelling test on them!



I love sharing my passion for gardening and learning from others which is why I joined the Club and volunteered to be its Treasurer. The discounts at the local nurseries which members enjoy have also come in handy! Everyone on the Committee has been so welcoming and I would

like to thank Linda for her help in handing over the Treasurer role to me.

I would encourage everyone who is interested in gardening but uncertain where to start, to join the Club as there are few things gardeners love more than sharing their experience, knowledge and passion."

Annual Photography Competition: We're lucky to have Ben Nicholson as our judge. With more than 30 years professional experience, he specialises in homes/interiors, portraits, commercial and aerial photography. Ben will choose a winner and runner-up in each category, plus an overall winner and a special prize for the best under-16 entry. You can enter photographs taken at any time. They can be taken on a phone or camera, landscape or portrait format. Closing date - **30th September**.

CATEGORIES

1. Barford landscapes – in and around the village or on your local walks.
2. Portrait of a gardener.
3. Wild flowers, fruits or leaves in close-up.
4. Sculpture or architectural detail – in any garden, park or other public space.
5. Wildlife in the garden or countryside.

TO ENTER: Send photos (digital only, no prints) as email attachments to Linda Newbery:

L.newbery@btinternet.com. Linda will email confirmation, so if you don't hear from her, try again or phone 01869 337526. Please be clear about which category/categories you are entering, and if the photographer is under 16, remember to add that.

This is a fundraiser for Katharine House, so we're asking for donations. We suggest a minimum 50p per entry or £5 to enter up to three photographs in each of the five categories, i.e. 15 in all. Donations in cash in a marked envelope to one of the Committee, or bank transfer to Barford Green Garden Club, Santander Bank, Sort Code: 09-01-54, Business A/C No: 86893286. Please give your name + Photography as the reference. We look forward to seeing your entries!

Well rotted horse manure for the garden!

Following last year's success, member Kathryn Wheeler is again offering her ponies poo, in return for a donation to Katharine House Hospice. Please contact Kathryn on kjwheeler18@gmail.com

Subs: Thanks to those who've paid. There are still some stragglers so please let us have your £5 asap. Details of how to pay are quoted above.

Some jobs for May:

- Watch out for late frosts, protect tender plants.
- Earth up potatoes and promptly plant any still remaining.
- Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month - except in cold areas.
- Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible.
- Open greenhouse vents/doors on warm days.
- Mow lawns weekly, check for nesting birds before clipping hedges.
- Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs.
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses as near to horizontal as possible. This will restrict sap flow causing more side-shoots to grow along the length of stem.
- Tubs can be planted up with summer bedding in milder areas.
- If you want to grow your own spring bedding for next year, many common choices include wallflowers, pansies and Bellis Perennis. These need to be sown between now and July to flower next Spring, as they are biennials.
- Winter bedding plants can be sown from now until July.

If you would like to join our Club, please contact Trevor on 338403, or email: trevorstevens49@hotmail.com or Sue on 338900, email: sueandles45@hotmail.com



We wish you many warm and happy gardening hours in May!

Spade & Fork



DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS

'Tuesdays with Morrie' is a book about death. Not the most enticing subject but most of the

Bookworms found this book by Mitch Albom a beautiful and moving read.

The book is a memoir of the conversations between Professor Morrie Schwartz and Mitch who was a former pupil. Morrie is dying from the degenerative disease ALS. Morrie and Mitch meet up again after many years when Mitch hears about Morrie's illness. The relationship is obviously very special, they meet on a Tuesday, just as they had in college and Mitch records their conversations to form this memoir.

This is not a morbid book but it is a book that stays with you, a book that encourages the reader to reflect. As Morrie talks, he tells how he has learnt from his life and how he deals with facing death. Although some Bookworms found the tone of a narration very 'American' the majority would recommend this book.

Our next book is Hot Milk by Deborah Levy.

Janet Macey | 01869 336156



Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

During April we celebrated Mother's Day by making cards and gifts for our Mums.

At Nursery it was lovely to welcome our Mums in for coffee and cake and a play in the garden on a sunny day.

Children at both settings have taken part in Easter egg hunts, the chocolate being very popular! At Nursery the children recorded some Easter songs and had an Easter bonnet competition.

We also enjoyed a visit from a tractor and some lambs. Pre-School have resumed their much-missed weekly visits to Deddington Library. Don't forget to join us for the Four Farms Challenge on Sunday 22nd May - www.fourfarmschallenge.run

Lucy Squires | ☎ 337484



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 market every month selling **SESI refills** – washing-up liquid, general-purpose cleaner and more. Get zero-waste shopping from **Nothing But Footprints** delivered to the market, free of charge! Order online by midday Friday before a market Saturday: www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk.

This month's feature: FarmED near **Shipton under Wychwood**, by **Danielle Semple**



I'm the FarmED Sustainable Farming and Food Intern, and am very fortunate to be working at such an incredible organisation which is at the forefront of the regenerative agricultural movement. But before I get carried away, I will answer some FAQs that we get on the farm, and hope to shed some light on what regenerative farming actually is.

- What does FarmED do?

FarmED aims to be at the heart of local, regional and global **agroecological transition**. A not-for-profit organisation, this diverse 107-acre demonstration farm is a Centre for farming and food education. Central to FarmED are its three beautiful **eco-buildings** including a multifunctional meeting space, a Farm to Fork kitchen and demonstration area and a micro dairy. The target audience is **everyone** - from the local community, farmers, growers, advisers, foodies, policy makers, students and researchers all the way to politicians. The mission is to provide learning spaces and events that **inspire, educate and connect** us to build sustainable farming and food systems that nourish people and regenerate the planet. If you're passionate about regenerative agriculture, farming with nature and great food then join us on the journey. It's time to make a difference.

- What is regenerative agriculture?

The term *regenerative* is the new buzzword - *sustainable* is so 2015! There is no set definition, but there is consensus that this one from **The Carbon Underground Initiative** is the one to follow: "Regenerative Agriculture describes farming and grazing practices that, among other benefits, **reverse climate change by rebuilding soil organic matter and restoring degraded soil biodiversity** – resulting in both carbon drawdown and improving the water cycle". There are **5 principles** to regenerative farming:

1. Do not disturb the soil
2. Keep living roots in the soil
3. Keep the soil covered
4. Integrate livestock into the farm
5. Increase diversity of plants

Linked, these principles regenerate the soil, produce nutritionally dense food and sequester carbon to help reduce the effects of climate change.

- Why is what you're doing important?

We've all seen the news, the latest Attenborough documentaries and more importantly felt the effects of **climate change** with the recent storms. It's something we can no longer

ignore, especially in agriculture. The farming industry contributes between **14-30% of greenhouse gases** globally every year, particularly from intensive livestock systems, and at the rate the population is growing and the planet warming, it's clear we can't carry on doing what we currently are, and have been for the past 100 years. **Everyone is involved in farming** one way or another; if you eat food, you are involved; if you have a garden, you are involved. We need to start changing the way food is farmed, and research shows that we can feed populations with a regenerative system, which can also **mitigate the emissions** from farming and part of the transport sector.

- **What can I see on an agroecological farm?**

You can see a plethora of regenerative practices that encompass what the movement is all about. We have a **circular economy, small, stackable enterprises**, and involvement with the local community as well as ways to help **build the soil** and **bring back diversity** to the farm. These include a **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)**, a **micro dairy** and **tree bee hives**. Various groups of people are building their businesses here on the farm, with direct customers to sell to. Moreover, a **genetically diverse fruit orchard**, a **natural flood management scheme** and an **8-year crop rotation** are just some of the things we do to regenerate the soil.

- **How can I make a difference!**

Come to our café for **coffee and cake** for a start! Chat to our friendly members of staff who will tell you what's going on, and what events, walks and workshops you can sign up for. Meanwhile you could Google regenerative agriculture; there's a LOT out there. Source local food at your monthly farmers' market or look for Veg box schemes. Go to the **FarmED website**, www.farm-ed.co.uk, to find out more.

Make One Small Change! ... This month is **No Mow May** – followed by many organisations and councils (not including our own parish council, sadly). But many of us can contribute by leaving a patch of grass unmown and allowing wild flowers to flourish – which will encourage pollinators.

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



DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION - After an exceptionally busy start to the year, this last month has been a little quieter, with 11 shouts in total encompassing stand by's, RTCs, fire and alarm calls.

Emma Flint has passed her emergency vehicle driving course and is now a full "Blue Light" driver and has chauffeured us to several emergencies – having the extra driver will definitely allow us greater flexibility with crewing.

The whole station is very pleased to announce that Deddington has won Station of the Year for 2022. Last year we were nominated but pipped at the post by

Rewley Road. So, to win this year is something very special. It has been a complete team effort, but the station couldn't have achieved this without leadership and guidance from our sterling watch Manager, Chris Fenemore.

The still cool evenings, and the propensity of nesting Jackdaws in the area means that there have been several avoidable chimney fires. Please check you chimneys for dropped twigs and blocked cones before lighting that fire.

James Greenwood FFd james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk



**Familiarity breeds
contempt - and
children.**

Mark Twain



**A reminder that we will be
choosing our RESOLUTION to
put forward to national
at our meeting on
Wednesday, 11th MAY
followed by a board game or two
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
Visitors most welcome £5**

**Please contact Christine 338659
barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk**



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

WILD FLOWERS IN THE BARFORD

BY Margaret Murdin & Janet Payne



**Primrose *Primula
Vulgaris***

No-one walking along Church Street in the spring can possibly miss the large patch of pale yellow and multi coloured primroses colonising the steep bank leading up to the side entrance to the church. Primulas are very

happy to interbreed, hence the variety of colours and sizes as they cross with cowslips (which also primulas but with taller flower stems) and primulas from nearby gardens. Tip: If you want to preserve a particular garden cultivar such as a double, dig it up after flowering and split it with a knife before replanting.

Primroses seem to spread across an area for years, then suddenly die out and start a colony elsewhere, perhaps having exhausted some aspect of the soil which they need. They grow most successfully in damp, shady but not soggy places, facing North or under trees.

In the past they were picked by whole villages in the West Country, bunched and shipped off on trains for Easter celebrations around the country. They can also be eaten.

Isaac Walton, the famous fisherman, gives this evocative recipe in 1653, which Eliza Acton describes as 'eating the spring':

"Excellent minnow tansies:

(minnows)..washed well in salt, their heads and tails cut off and their guts taken out...being fried with yolk of eggs, the flowers of cowslip and primroses and a little tansy: thus used... make a dainty dish of meat. (Tansy is a very bitter herb used in the past: possibly in Lent as a spring clean for the insides). Primrose flowers these days are eaten as cake decoration, preserved in egg white and sugar. Along with violets they look very pretty.

Primulas are rarely visited by honey bees but provide an early source of nectar for the bumble bee queens that emerge early from hibernation. It is the favourite plant of the common carder bumble bee (*Bombus pascuorum*). It is also visited by a special solitary bee, the hairy-footed flower bee and by the bee fly. The bee fly is a fly but wants you to think it's a bee. It is large, brown, hairy and has a long tongue that sticks out permanently. There were a lot of them last year in Christine and Les Hall's garden.

BARFORD VILAGE SHOW SCHEDULE – Saturday 10th September 2022

BARFORD VILAGE SHOW SCHEDULE		SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2022	
Vegetable & Produce Classes		Cut Flower Classes	
1	Three Beetroot, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.	34	A vase of 6 Sweet Peas
2	Three Carrots, long, tops cut to 10cms (4ins) approx.	35	A Sunflower in a vase
3	Three Courgettes	36	Three Dahlias
4	Three Onions	37	Three Roses
5	Five Shallots	38	Four Fuchsia heads in water
6	Three Potatoes of one variety	39	Five Perennial flower stems from your garden
7	Three Runner Beans with stalks	40	Three Annual flower stems from your garden
8	Five French Beans with stalks	41	A Single Rose
9	Five Cherry Tomatoes	Crafts	
10	Three Round Tomatoes	(NB Crafts must not have been entered previously)	
11	Three Peppers or Chillies (same variety)	42	A Collage (any material eg. fabric, plastic, wood, metal)
12	A Pair of Vegetables (same variety) not in other classes	43	An Origami (folded paper) animal
13	Five Single Assorted Vegetables	44	A hand knitted or crocheted article
14	A Cucumber	45	A piece of needlecraft (embroidery, tapestry, patchwork, cross-stitch)
15	Three Apples of one variety, eating or cooking	46	You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes)
16	Dish of one variety of soft or stoned fruit	47	Drawing or Painting: any subject, any medium (mount/ frame optional)
17	Longest Runner Bean	Photography (unmounted)	
18	3 Eggs (same size and colour)	(13cmx 18cm or 5" x 7")	
Cookery Classes		48	A Close Up of an Insect
19	A Coffee and Walnut Cake	49	'The George'
20	Six Shortbread biscuits	50	A Wild Flower
21	Six Pieces of Flapjack	51	An Interesting Leaf
22	A Victoria Sponge, (Raspberry jam, no Cream)	Children's Classes	
23	A Lemon Drizzle Cake (Men only) Recipe in August B News	7 Years and Under (age to be marked on all entries)	
24	A Lemon Drizzle Cake (Ladies only) Recipe in August B News	52	A Colouring Picture (published in July's Barford News)
25	A Jar of Jam	53	4 Decorated Biscuits
26	A Jar of Marmalade	54	A Decorated Mask
27	A Jar of Chutney	55	A Lego House
28	A small pot of Lemon Curd	56	You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes)
29	A Homemade Alcoholic Beverage (small bottle)	8 - 15 Years (age to be marked on all entries)	
Flower Arranging Classes		57	A photograph (Any Subject, 13cm x 18cm or 5" x 7")
30	An arrangement using 5 blooms & any foliage	58	A Decorated Mask
31	A foliage arrangement	59	A Lemon Drizzle Cake (+ classes 23 & 24) Recipe in August B News
32	A miniature arrangement (10cms/4" overall)	60	A drawing or painting (any subject, any medium)
33	A 'Jubilee' Arrangement (accessories permitted)	61	You Made It, Let's See It (Handmade article not covered in other classes)



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

Cubs have had a great time recently. A highlight was our visit to the Deddington Panto. It was a late night for the boys, but they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we like to think that they added a little something to the atmosphere! For their badge work, some cubs have been throwing themselves into their Personal Challenge badge work whether it's looking after new cubs, swimming long distances, leading games, reading to their sibling, or brushing their teeth regularly. We finished up the term by completing their Emergency Aid (level 2) badge and were extremely lucky to be joined on one evening by a cub's mother who is an Advanced Nurse Practitioner. She guided the cubs through how to manage cuts, burns, scalds, asthma attacks and helped us revise 999 calls and dealing with someone who is unconscious. Easter gives us a little breather before we throw ourselves into an exciting summer programme!

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Scouts

The Scouts thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Deddington Players production of Peter Pan, although I'm not sure if they attend for the cultural engagement or the free sweets!

We rounded off the term with an evening of 'Taskmaster' type challenges, everything from balancing a square thing on a round thing, throwing a tea bag into a mug to snuffing out a candle with a cork tied to your trousers. We've also made plans for the Jubilee, an evening of 70 second games & some ideas to help the community.

Well done to the Scouts who helped with the 'Loo Roll Challenge' at the market. We raised £67 towards our target for Toilet Twinning'. The total of rolls in the bag was 476 & the prize was won with a guess of 480. Thanks to everyone who had a go.

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



The end of our spring Term 4 here at Deddington was busy but, as always, most enjoyable. The children all participated in the 'Easter Bunny Hop Run' during the last week of term. They all loved taking part in this run, with their classmates, running around the school grounds.

We held a most successful Scholastic Book Fair and managed to raise around £400 to spend on new books for school. Thank you to all members of our community who supported us by coming into school and purchasing books for our pupils, for them to read at home. Next term the staff and children will have the wonderful job of choosing books to buy for our classes and Secret Reading Garden.

We would like to thank our wonderful PTA once again, for organising an Easter Cake Sale after school. The children and their families were able to buy cakes and in doing so, were helping to raise more money for our school. Thank you to all of you who supported this event.

We were most fortunate to have a visit from 'Dr bike', a council initiative for servicing/fixing bikes. 'Dr bike' was trialling the use of schools and we at Deddington were able to benefit from this service, in the last week of Term 4. Many children brought in their bikes to be fixed. Work took place in a van throughout the school day, in an area outside of the school. This was fantastic and was yet another way of encouraging the community to be more active by ensuring children's bikes are well maintained and safe to use.

Obviously, by the time you read this letter from us, you will have already had your Easter break. We sincerely hope you had a restful time with your families, in the very kind weather that we had too.

With best wishes from all of us here, to all of you in our community.

Denise Welch



DEDDINGTON GIRL GUIDES - It's been a busy spring term, meeting together whilst taking all precautions to protect everyone from covid. We've been outside whenever possible.

In February we held a promise ceremony for 11 guides and 4 Young leaders out of door, in the dark, by torchlight, in 2 degrees, with families present ! That will be one to remember. Our Patrols have been working so well together on their chosen activities, we have learnt many new skills to enable the Guides to feel confident in helping in any emergency.

With the help from our Young Leaders we celebrated world Thinking day, with some international themed activities. Groups of guides have taken on the challenge of the climbing wall, some went to Cadbury's World. On the theme of food, Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and decorating cream crackers, before eating, were popular events.

We were very proud of our Guides at the Mothering Sunday Service. Being in the colour party, taking the collection and helping to distribute gifts to all the Mothers. More food news! We began our fire lighting practices by then toasting marshmallows. In preparation for our first cookout of the summer, we're all looking forward to that. To round off the term we held our Quiz around the village and an Easter egg challenge. We held a sale of cakes and books, raffle etc and in one hour raised £150 to send to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in their work on the Polish border helping youngsters in the Ukraine..... so, well done Guides who demonstrated team work, customer service skills and sense of responsibility and caring for others to helping to raise this money. Thank you too for your support, we have had great fun this term and looking forward to being out of doors for every meeting we can next term.... and really hoping that we can camp again...!

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