

# BARFORD NEWS

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## Anne Hangs Up Her Pinny



After dishing up thousands of delicious Tuesday Lunches, in recent months, Anne has decided to step down. Pictured above with her team, Sue Lane, Mick Pearson, Gunilla Murray and Kathryn Wheeler.

See page 3 for The Pearson's Farewell Message.....you will be missed..!!!

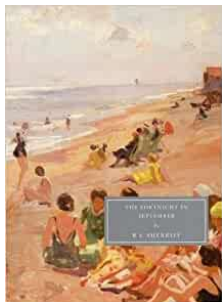
## Reading recommendations from **BARFORD BOOKCHAT**



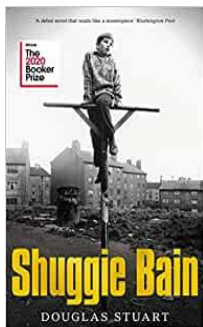
In his new book **Among the Mosques** Ed Husain takes a journey across Muslim Britain in all its variety. This book takes further Ed's personal journey as revealed in his excellent book **The Islamist**.

He journeys to Dewsbury, Manchester, Blackburn, Bradford, Birmingham, Cardiff, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow and London. He speaks mainly to members of the Muslim communities but also to the white communities who in some cases resent and in others support the Muslim communities in their midst. Some of what he reports is deeply troubling, for example the extreme literature available in Northern towns which is not even sold in Saudi Arabia. He paints a picture of some communities more involved in Middle East politics than

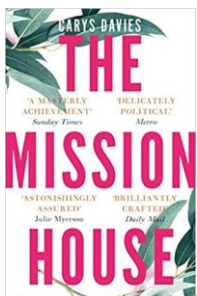
in their local communities. He covers in detail Sharia courts and unregulated marriages. Clearly multiculturalism is to be welcomed but there are certain trends which should worry us. **John Bowers**



**The Fortnight in September** by R. C. Sherriff: Every year, faithfully, Mr and Mrs Stevens, their (grown-up) children Mary and Dick, and little Ernie, take their meticulously orchestrated holiday by the sea at Bognor, staying in the same increasingly shabby boarding house, reprising the same simple pleasures and rituals. It is 1931, and already there is a growing sense that this much-anticipated idyll is inexorably coming to an end, the shadows lengthening. The family's very ordinariness, the modesty of their aspirations, their hopes and fears, could have been made to seem faintly comic and pitiable. Instead, every passing day is a revelation of kindness, family love, loyalty, decency, and the richness of small joys - as warm and gentle as the late-summer sun. **Jenny Greeves**



**Shuggie Bain** by Douglas Stuart is a beautiful, brutal, heartbreaking novel, winner of the Booker Prize 2020. This is a gritty tale about poverty, abuse and alcoholism which revolves predominantly around the relationship of young Shuggie growing up on a sink estate in 1980s Glasgow with his alcoholic mother Agnes. Abandoned by his father and older siblings Shuggie struggles to become the normal boy he desperately longs to be, but everyone has realised that he is "no right"; a boy with a secret that all but he can see. The book depicts the unbelievable cruelty of people. Agnes breaks your heart and Shuggie quickly learns how to survive. Shuggie's devotion to his mother and her brave attempt to try and fight her demons is heart wrenching. I feared what was going to come next but you cannot help but keep turning the pages, hoping....**Ishbel Freeman**



**The Mission House**, by Carys Davies: Hilary Byrd, a disillusioned middle-aged librarian from Petts Wood, travels to India searching for meaning and perhaps to reinvent himself. He ends up in Ooty, a South Indian hill station, lodging with the local padre and his adopted daughter Priscilla. But nothing is quite what it seems and the novel covers so much, but in a wonderfully understated and spare style. Simmering post-colonial tension and religious divisions combine with agonies of misunderstood and differing versions of unrequited love. I particularly liked the observations of the locals on the continuing parade of western 'do-gooders' who pitch up to briefly save the world, cuddle the orphans and then disappear forever. There are echoes of E. M. Forster and **A Passage to India** in both subject and style

but with a very modern twist. Carys Davies deservedly won plaudits for this work which is a real gem. **Suzanne Franks**

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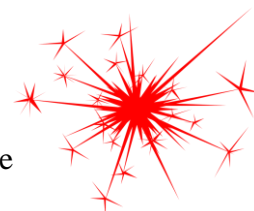


## DEDDINGTON FIREWORKS NIGHT – 6<sup>th</sup> November

Deddington Primary School teachers and parents invite you to join them for a brilliant night of fireworks on the school field on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. Access is from Earls Lane and the event starts at 6.00 pm, with blast off scheduled for 7.00 pm. Everyone from the parish and beyond is welcome.

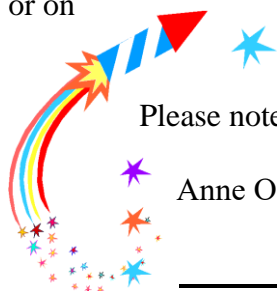
There will be a licensed bar, BBQ, Paddy's coffee stand, popcorn, candy floss and the famous flashing toys stand!

It's a lovely community event which raises important and much appreciated money for Deddington Primary School. Work is underway to renovate the playground, which is in need of some TLC, and funds from Fireworks Night will help to make it a brighter and more exciting place to play.



It's been a long time since we've been able to come together with a beer and a burger in our hands, so please join us to 'ooh and ahh' at the thrills of Fireworks Night on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 from 6.00 pm.

Early bird tickets can be purchased (cash only) from the Flower Shop (Single: £5.00, Family: £14.00) or on the gate (Single: £6.00, Family: £16.00). Under 3s go free. For enquiries, please email: [deddingtonpta@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonpta@gmail.com)



Please note this is a **CASH ONLY** event, so bring your pennies and pounds. See you there!

Anne O'Brien - on behalf of Deddington Primary School PTA

*Anne receiving her flowers from the VHMC*



### TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

It is with real sadness we announce that October's lunch was the last one. We would have happily continued but Anne is suffering with a neck problem which is making the cooking process ever more difficult. Since we started in February 2014 we have thoroughly enjoyed organising these and will miss them very much. We calculate that we have provided around 3,000 meals in that time.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our helpers over the years, in particular our mainstays; Ray Cox, Sue Lane, Gunilla Treen, Glynnis Eastwood, June Ward and Kathryn Wheeler. Thanks also to Mariann Young who was very encouraging when we first ran this idea by her. A big thank you also to The Barford News for their support.

We would also like to thank all of you who supported the lunch club, some of whom were at the first lunch as well as the last one, and most of the others in between. We hope you all enjoyed the experience, we certainly did. It would be lovely to think someone might take this on in the future, when we would be very happy to be one of the diners.

Best wishes from Anne & Mick





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

*"When the trees their summer splendour  
 Change to raiment red and gold,  
 When the summer moon turns mellow,  
 And the nights are getting cold;  
 When the squirrels hide their acorns,  
 And the woodchucks disappear;  
 Then we know that it is autumn,  
 Loveliest season of the year."*

- Carol L. Riser, *Autumn*

Our **Autumn Swap and Social** on Monday 4th October was reluctantly cancelled due to several cases of Covid in the village. Anyone with plants was invited to add them to plants on the verge outside Tony Elvidge's house where proceeds would go to church funds. We hope to organise something to replace this in due course. We were hoping to have a presentation of photographs from our Photographic Competition, which has now been judged, but this will also have to wait. The full results together with Craig Churchill's comments are in a separate piece in this edition of Barford News. Fortunately these photographs in colour. We have donated £165 to Katharine House Hospice both from the Photography Competition and more from the sale of 'MUCK' earlier in the year. We shall continue to support this local hospice whenever possible.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES** were waived this year and no more will need to be paid until next February, at the AGM. Members have been receiving discounts at many garden centres throughout the last 18 months which has helped with 'Corona Gardening'. We are therefore now resuming charges for Members and Visitors for the talks being £5 and £6 respectively.

**FUTURE EVENTS.** Now we are able to commence our talks again Trevor has organised a talk by Andrew Howard on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30, entitled **"Apples /fruit through the year"**. This talk will be illustrated and some 'tasting' will be involved.!! Look at his website [www.heritageapples.com](http://www.heritageapples.com) We hope to be organising more talks and certainly more visits for next year. All talks are for members and friends. Members please keep a look out for an email containing safety information regarding this talk! (masks etc.) Please refer to **Trevor** on [trevorstevens49@hotmail.com](mailto:trevorstevens49@hotmail.com) for further information.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm Ed Munday from BBOWT will come to talk about **'Gardening for Wildlife'**. He will be exploring why we should garden with wildlife in mind and suggesting some of the 'ingredients' we need to incorporate into our gardens to encourage wildlife. There is a minimum charge of **£4 per person** to cover BBOWT costs. **We need at least 15 attendants please**, so make a note in your diaries and please inform **Gunilla** on [gt.designs@btinternet.com](mailto:gt.designs@btinternet.com) if you are coming. There will be some 'Christmas' refreshments. Our AGM will be held in February 2022, date to be announced.

**JOBS TO DO IN AND AROUND THE GARDEN.**

Autumn has arrived and Winter is on its way. Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up. Plant out winter bedding: Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubble wrap works well: Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden: Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting, check for hedgehogs first! If anyone wishes to join the Garden Club, to get many discounts and when permitted, talks and visits, please get in touch. £5 per household per year is an amazing investment.

**MEMBERS EMAILS**, these are now being beautifully co-ordinated by Sue, thank you.

Happy November Gardening.....enjoy your gardens, look to see what you might want to rearrange, dig out or plant elsewhere and even plant new plants. Continue to get out and about with friends, Take care.....keep warm.



**SPADE and FORK**

**200 CLUB DRAW – OCTOBER**

£25	094	Ishbel Freeman
£15	025	Alan Maddison
£10	012	Valerie Cavallaro
£5	091	Wendy Dickins

The draw took place at Thursday  
 Cuppa Morning in the Hall



**Granda & Nanalulu are chuffed to bits to announce that their granddaughter,**

**Kayla Francis Norman**

**arrived safely, weighing in at 7.5lbs on Saturday 9th October.**

**Proud parents, Andrew & Shevonne and Big Bro Toby are all doing well.**

**Angus & Lucy Norman**

Monday's child is fair of face,  
Tuesday's child is full of grace,  
Wednesday's child is full of woe,  
Thursday's child has far to go,  
Friday's child is loving and giving,  
Saturday's child works hard for a living,  
But the child who is born on the Sabbath Day  
Is bonny and blithe and good and gay.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to  
**Russ & Sinead Nicholls**  
on the birth of their baby daughter,  
**Florence Lily,**  
who weighed in at 9lbs  
on 8<sup>th</sup> October

**We wish the little one  
a happy and healthy life**



**CHARITY FUNDRAISER...**My name is Bella and I go to Bloxham Brownies. For my Charities Badge I

had a stall at the market to raise money for 'Dogs for Good'. I raised £32. Thank you to everyone who helped me.



## CHURCH MATTERS



*...the generosity  
of the Barfords*



### All Souls

St Michael's church will be open 4:00 - 5:00pm Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> for you to spend time quietly remembering those who are no longer with us.

You can light a candle and place it on the altar along with your loved one's name. These names will be read out at the 6:00pm All Souls Service in Deddington.

### Reflections on Remembrance

If November has increasingly come to be seen as a month of remembrance, this year it is going to be especially poignant. The ongoing and seemingly relentless effects of the coronavirus pandemic casts a pall over all we do.



This year's All Saints and All Souls Days, let alone Remembrance Sunday, will hold in their midst an unquenched and unresolved grief that holds together both individual and communal stories. The nation grieves the loss of tens of thousands of lives, as well as – arguably – a set of assumptions about how to live well and safely. The 'new normal', as it is sometimes called, is yet to be established.

A feast like All Souls – which can entail simple rituals of candle lighting and a 'roll call' of names – has gained traction, perhaps precisely at a time when many people have struggled to find an authentic language for death. When we remember, we 're-member'. We bring back together. In a world where touch and social relations have been so carefully regulated, how we need All Souls this year.

However, we should not dismiss the transporting power of All Saints Day. Perhaps, this year some will be cautious about it for, in so many ways, it is a 'triumphal' day, when we, the Church, hold in praise and adoration all of our forebears who have been great witnesses to God's abiding love. I do understand that caution, joy, even in the midst of loss, matters, though. I shall still seek joy in the vision of the great cloud of witnesses who worship God in his very presence, interceding on our behalf.

*The Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mann*

**Sue Addison**  
Churchwarden





## WILD FLOWERS IN THE BARFORD - By Janet Payne

### Yarrow - *Achillea Millefolium* (milfoil, soldier wort)

This whitish greyish plant has many tiny flower heads on a stem with feathery, hairy leaflets. It grows in hot sunny spots around the village and many of us have cultivated versions in bright colours from yellow through pinks and rusts to purple. Its many flowers attract solitary bees particularly the wood carder bee. This bee lines its nest with the hairs gathered from the stems and leaves. The females gather these in the form of little wool like balls before flying off to nest build. Honey and bumblebees do visit yarrow flowers for the nectar which is high in glucose but it is mostly pollinated by hoverflies which mimic bees and wasps.

The name achillea comes from Achilles, the Greek hero of the Trojan War who supposedly used it to stop the bleeding of the wounds of his soldiers at the siege of Troy. Presumably it didn't work on his own wounded heel, which caused his death. It has been globally popular in folk medicine and myth for many centuries, as a healing herb and for divination. The Chinese used dried yarrow stalks to consult the I Ching, the Book of Changes, to foresee the future and choose the right actions to take. The Anglo Saxons also used it in their magic and for healing. More recently 'The Family Botanic Guide of 1907' suggests this:

'I have got a cold; I feel starved to death: I take a strong tea of yarrow and have a hot brick wrapped up in a vinegar cloth applied to the feet. A sweat is the result and the cold disappears.'

How times have changed! Yarrow tea is still popular for various ailments but its benefits are most seen in the manufacture of cosmetics and shampoos today.

### Live Music at The George

**4.30pm Sunday 10 September**

A big, big thank you to everyone for the massive support and donations for Dave's Music Event culminating in a whopping **£1527** for Katharine House Hospice.

Kathryn Wheeler

**Memorative event for Dave Wheeler**

**Featuring various bands and solo artists**

**Donations for Katharine House Hospice**





## 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](mailto:john@lcmb.co.uk)

**For instance: JUST IMAGINE** how many plastic washing-up bottles come into the village each month! All that plastic could be kept out of recycling and landfill if we each made **just one change** and refilled with washing-up liquid from our market stall.

**ZERO WASTE**  
doesn't need a  
**handful** of us  
doing it perfectly

...

It needs  
**MILLIONS** of us  
doing it  
**imperfectly!**

Can you make **one simple change**? Or more? Don't forget to complete our **21 pledges** list (several of them very easy, or things you already do) and return it to the stall at the December market for a chance to win a hamper of eco-goodies.

You can **shop Zero Waste** for an increasing number of items. **The Village Refill** shop, based inside Yarnton Garden Centre, and **Nothing but Footprints** in Castle Quay, Banbury, both have wide selection of dried foods, household and self care/ beauty products. **Nothing but Footprints**

( [www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk](http://www.refillnotlandfill.co.uk) ) will deliver directly to our Barford market. Orders placed by midnight on Thursday will be delivered free of charge to our Saturday market. This will

happen EVERY MONTH, so you can plan ahead!

## We're Dreaming of a Green Christmas ...

More next month, but here are some early thoughts:

- Christmas can be a time of tremendous waste – of unwanted gifts, wrapping and packaging!
- Spread Christmas joy by giving something hand-made, home-cooked or home-grown.
- Support local craftspeople by buying gifts from craft fairs and markets (including our own!)
- Instead of **stuff**, give a membership, subscription or an experience, for instance a chance to learn a new skill or try a new activity.
- For a charitable Christmas, agree to give only small token gifts and to make a charity donation for the amount you would usually spend.
- Or agree to give only small gifts found in charity shops – gifts that give twice!
- Make your own decorations! Inexpensive, recycled craft materials can be bought at the **Orinoco** store in Banbury – or make natural decorations from bark, holly, ivy, dried leaves and fruits, etc.
- 26<sup>th</sup> November will be **Black Friday** – but if you want to resist the urge to consume more and more, you could join others who mark it as **Buy Nothing Day!**

**GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH** is compiled and edited by Linda Newbery. If you have a green thought to share, please email [L.newbery@btinternet.com](mailto:L.newbery@btinternet.com)





### DEDDINGTON LIBRARY -

Bookworms - Last month we read  
The versions of us by Laura  
Barnett.

The story of Eva and Jim is told in triplicate, so the reader gets three different versions of their future - together and apart - from 1958 when they meet, up to the present day. With various twists and turns to the conclusion, the narrative is really all about the choices that are made and the different paths that their lives then follow. A very similar story line to the 1998 romantic comedy-drama Sliding Doors written and directed by Peter Howitt.

Disappointingly, despite the good reviews, the Bookworms found all the twists and turns of the different versions frustrating and tediously confusing. It was a page turner, but not in the usual sense, as the reader must keep referring back to see which version is being updated. The writing was not of a standard to keep the reader enthralled and so most gave up on this book before the end.

We meet on the last Thursday of each month and currently have a couple of spaces for new members. If you would like to join us, contact Janet on the number below for more information.

**Janet Macey**  
**01869 336156**

### DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Please see Page 27 and below for Deddington Library's opening hours, they have now returned to original times.



**Monday 2.00–7.00pm**  
**Wednesday 9.30am–1.00pm**  
**Thursday 1.00–5.00pm**  
**Saturday 9.30am–1.00pm**

Also they are now supplying free NHS Test and Trace rapid Covid 19 test kits.

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Clifton & The Barfords

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& at Barford Market  
& village hall P.O.

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

## BARFORD NEWS

### SPONSOR A COLOUR COPY

You may have noticed that last month's edition of Barford News was sponsored by a lovely couple in the village. This edition is paid for by the Parish Council from the Grant that we were kindly awarded back in the summer, and January's edition will be from The George Inn.

If you would like to sponsor an edition, maybe anonymously, personally or through your business then give me a buzz on ☎337678 or email [barfordnews@gmail.com](mailto:barfordnews@gmail.com) for details and cost.

I hope you will all agree that the colour editions look really good, let's try and get it up to 6 colour editions per year.

Many thanks  
Lucy & The Team

## FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

### A brief report from our AGM

Sadly, since the last AGM in 2019, Sylvie Nickels who championed the planting of the Wood, has passed away. The Woodland Trust will be placing a plaque on the gate near the Cosy Lane entrance very near to the silver birch tree planted to her memory by the Friends.



The Friends will stay convened as a group with a "watching brief" that's to say we will monitor the Wood and liaise with the Woodland Trust when necessary. Funds in the account will be used for necessary expenditure and possible purchase of a bench in the future.

There will no longer be a need for paying a subscription .

The present committee is happy to continue to serve. Occasional reports will be sent to the Deddington News and Barford News.

It was noted that much use of the Wood was made during the Lockdown periods last year and this year too. The Woodland Trust have ensured that the rides are kept free from encroaching undergrowth, the wildflower meadow has been strimmed and the wheelchair accessible path improved. The bat boxes had been in use last year although no monitoring was possible until this month when Reg Tipping's group recorded 16 natterers and adjusted the fastenings of some boxes where tree growth had caused fixings to cut into the bark. Their next visit will be in May 2022.

The Friends were pleased to note that visitors to the Wood have been respectful and considerate in clearing up dog litter and picnicking litter. It's a valuable community asset and this shows how much it's prized.

The preparation by Alison Day of the digital updated Diary of the Wood continues and will be made available in due course.

More information about Daedas Wood is available on the Woodland Trust website as well as Deddington on Line.

Annette Murphy (Chair)  
Friends of Daeda's Wood

## CLIVEDEN



**Power, Politics & Scandal  
Historian, Peter Hague,  
will tell us about scandal in the  
history of this famous stately  
home**

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November  
7.30pm in the Village Hall  
Visitors welcome (£5)  
to join our W.I. Meeting**

**For more information contact  
Christine Hall 338 659  
[barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)**

**theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN**

## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



As we head towards half term, we continue to enjoy Autumn and all it brings with it. It was fantastic for us to be able to attend Deddington church as a whole school, for the Harvest Community Communion Service during

early October. This was the first time we had been able to do this in over a year. The children in each class produced some fabulous art work on large sheets of paper, which was displayed in church. They also most generously brought in a massive amount of produce to support Banbury Food Bank. Thank you to everyone in our community who contributed to this wonderful gathering of food.

A whole range of after school clubs have been possible since September. Children of all ages have been able to take part in these, some involving singing, producing art work, Makaton signing, athletics, football and much much more. We were once again inspired by professionals when the 'Women's Cycling Tour 2021' involved the cyclists passing our school on the afternoon of the 4th October. Many of our pupils were able to get a glimpse of the race and were thrilled by what they saw

On 8th October we joined in Youngminds 'HelloYellow' day. By getting involved in this, which was set up in support of World Mental Health Day, we were able to show that doing just a small thing can make a big difference to young people's mental health. The children loved wearing yellow clothes and brought in £2 each to donate to YoungMinds. Thank you to all our parents and carers who supported our children with this event.

Finally, as we head towards the end of term one, we would like to send our very best wishes to all of you in our community, from all of us here at Deddington Primary school.

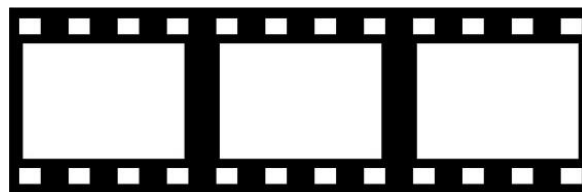
**Denise Welch**

### VILLAGE 200 + CLUB

Tickets for 2022 on sale very soon

£8.00 per ticket

More details next month



## Barford Picture House looking for a new team

The Barford Picture House started in October 2010 with the film 'AMELIE', and have presented approximately 7 films per winter season (Oct-May).

Throughout the season the team provided a wide variety of films to suit all tastes, Comedy, Classic, Documentary etc. With the profits for last season donated to Katharine House Hospice.

All films were kindly provided by Age UK, for no fee. The last film was 'L.A .Confidential' in March 2020.

The original team have decided it's time to hand over to a new group to take on this very worthwhile and much appreciated event. If you are interested in taking the Picture House forward please contact Gunilla on ..... who can advise on what is involved and can give them contact at Age UK.



### ITS BACK... THE NEW YEARS' DAY WINTER WALK....

Good news. Our winter walk that is held on new year's day is scheduled to go ahead. Not yet sure of the format, but in some shape or form it will happen. We are working on the details and will be able to reveal all by the next edition of Barford News.

So dust off your boots and hope for decent weather.





## GARDEN CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION – RESULTS!

### OVERALL WINNER

**Barford Photographer of the Year: Nick Belson**

**Category Winners and runners-up, with comment by judge  
Craig Churchill**



#### 1. Home-grown food, cooked or uncooked



**WINNER: Nick Belson.** “This image is all about colour, it screams it when you open the image, each box containing a perfect selection of colourful veg adding to the final crop.”



**COMMENDED: Ishbel Freeman.**

“The soft green tones and the way the photographer has framed the shot are perfect, but the water droplets really make this image pop.”

#### 2. Hedges, fences, walls, gates or stiles



**WINNER: Nick Belson.** “Lots going on here: the snow-covered wall leading out of the image with the Barford sign grabbing your eye, the walker adding to the image with the grazing sheep following on.”



**COMMENDED: Nick Belson.** “Another cracking landscape image, the tramlines drawing your eye to the misty hedge line, the lone sentinel ash standing proud over it all. One of my favourite images.”

#### 3. Garden tools, sheds or greenhouses



**WINNER: Martin Gannon.** “Would have preferred a tighter crop on the tools themselves but this has everything I

would want. The old old rusty tools hanging there, maybe not been in use for some time, tells a story.”



**COMMENDED: Nick Belson.** “It's a shed...it fits the brief. The curiosities nailed to the front add so much interest, the tall sunflower stems framing the final image perfectly.”

#### 4. Wildlife in my garden or on my walks

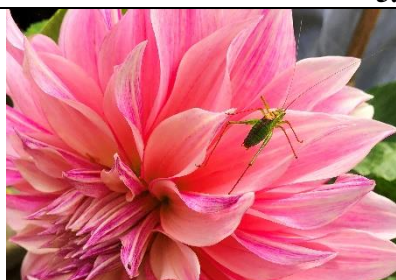


**WINNER: Gunilla Treen.** "A beautiful spotted flycatcher bringing back prey for its brood. I would imagine, sadly, a rare sight in our countryside so the photographer did well to capture this."



**COMMENDED: Linda Newbery.** "The damselfly is a close second. Fantastic to get this at eye level and the detail on the legs, the individual hairs perfectly shot."

#### 5. The smallest wildlife I have found



**WINNER: Nick Belson.** "What's not to like about this? - the contrasting colours of the pink and green and

perfect composition."



**COMMENDED: Nick Belson.** "A very very close second. Again I love the composition here, the bee sitting perfectly on the sunflower, the faded yellows, beautifully captured."

#### 6. A group of flowers growing anywhere



**WINNER: Nick Belson.** "Fitted the brief perfectly, a group of early spring primroses on a grassy bank, the church just visible giving you a good idea of their location."



**COMMENDED: Linda Newbery.** "A stunning untouched field of grasses, interspersed with yellow dots of buttercups, more and more layers out of focus as your eye moves away. Lovely."

#### Under-16 Photographer



**WINNER: Isla Blee.** "Gate overlooking the back of Worton Woods. A pretty perfect landscape image, the main point of focus being the gate, surrounded by a canopy of leaves leading onto to a stand of willows and the woodland behind."

Thanks to everyone who entered, donating £165 for Katharine House Hospice, and to professional photographer Craig Churchill for kindly agreeing to judge.





## DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

We were very excited to be able to watch the Women's UK Bike Tour as it sped through Deddington. We

made flags and got into position on the Hempton Road, ready to wave at the police motorbikes, the vans and the cyclists as they went by. We were rewarded with plenty of waves and a fine selection of sirens, really making our day! Even the local press stopped to photograph and interview some of the children. A few days later we joined the Primary School by dressing in yellow to support World Mental Health Day and to raise money for Young Minds. We helped our children to think about how they could make their friends feel better if they were feeling sad. They came up with some really positive ideas.

**Lucy Squires | ☎ 337484**



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### **Santa Fun Run – 5 December**

Forget mistletoe and wine, if you truly want to feel festive this Christmas then make sure to sign up to our Santa Fun Run. The race is taking place on Sunday 5 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury, and you have a choice of the 1.5km route or the full 5km – kitted out in stylish Santa suit, of course. Tickets are available to buy online now!

### **Schools Santa Run**

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### **RC Baker Christmas Tractor Run – 18**

#### **December**

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## 1<sup>st</sup> DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

### Cubs

The Cubs have had a very busy time working towards their Communicator Badge. We looked at stamps & the postal system (remember them!), Braille, signing and codes. They learnt to send a message in Morse Code and use a walkie talkie correctly before finishing off with a fiendish treasure hunt that incorporated all the former.

Jo Churchyard [deddingtoncubs@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtoncubs@gmail.com)

### Scouts

Oh my goodness, they are so noisy! But that's probably a good thing as they have also been working towards their Communicator Badge. First came the Lego game, look at a Lego pattern then try to describe it to your teammates to replicate, no pointing allowed! Then they made a simple open electrical circuit as a morse code 'flasher' and sent some Q Code messages (look it up). They learnt the Phonetic Code then made up their own based purely on articles of clothing.

We have ventured out in the dark to play a game called 'Combat', like chess but with more shrieking, and staged a Conker Tournament that was won, not by William, but by Harry!

Pete Churchyard [deddingtonscouts@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonscouts@gmail.com)

### Explorers

Our small but exclusive group has been out and about, bowling and enjoying an evening at The Escape Room (unfortunately, they all did escape). An evening of sports and a movie night rounded off the month's activities. If you are interested in joining the Unit contact any of the leaders at, [spartanexplorers@gmail.com](mailto:spartanexplorers@gmail.com)

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## VILLAGE AND LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

Diary dates to the editor by 15<sup>th</sup> of each month please

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#### Church of England NOVEMBER

Sunday 14th - Remembrance Service-9am St Michael's  
 Sunday 21st - Family Service -10.30am St Michael's  
 Sunday 28th - Holy Communion - 9am St John's

*St Michael's church will be closed during the day following the end of British Summertime on Saturday 31st October, as usual, until the clocks change again in March next year. Keys to the church may be obtained from Sue Addison (07484718791) or Tony Elvidge (07711377300).*

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<b>Tuesdays</b>	Guides (Deddington) Carpet bowls – Sept - Mar
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Brownies (Windmill - Deddington) 1 <sup>st</sup> week parish council (not August) 2 <sup>nd</sup> week W.I. meeting Boys Brigade (Deddington)
<b>Thursdays</b>	Village Hall Post Office Open cuppa mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)
<b>Fridays</b>	Rainbows
<b>Saturdays</b>	Village Market 3 <sup>rd</sup> week (except January or August)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday</b>	Parish Council Meeting
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday</b>	Village Hall Management Committee

#### DIARY DATES

##### NOVEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council Meeting  
 6<sup>th</sup> Firework Display at Deddington Primary School  
 8<sup>th</sup> Talk 'Apples/Fruit Through the Year', V/Hall  
 10<sup>th</sup> Cliveden Talk, WI, in the village hall  
 20<sup>th</sup> Barford Village Market in the hall

##### DECEMBER

11<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon Scouts Post Box at VH  
 13<sup>th</sup> 'Gardening for Wildlife' Talk at the Village Hall  
 18<sup>th</sup> Charity Tractor Run

### BARFORD NEWS

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