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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC REGULATION NOTICE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, that the Oxfordshire County Council

**TEMPORARILY PROHIBITS THE USE OF THE HIGHWAY
BY ALL MOTOR VEHICLES**

- LOCATION:** Barford St John, Bloxham Road
- REASON:** To facilitate investigation works over Barford Bridge
- DURATION:** Starting on 13 November 2023
The anticipated completion date is 15 November 2023
(date included), 07:30 to 17:30 each day.
(Traffic Regulation Notices cover a maximum of 5
consecutive days.)
- ACCESS:** Limited access will be maintained for emergency service
vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of
road, subject to the progress of the works

SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: via): Bloxham Road > Barford Road
> Milton Road > Berry Hill Road > Oxford Road (A4260) > Banbury Road
(A4260) > Hempton Road (B4031) > Hempton Road > High Street >
Bloxham Road and vice versa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Cotton'.

Bill Cotton,
Corporate Director : Environment and Place

Date: 16 August 2023



The End of a Chapter Some of you will know the final paperwork for the sale of The Old School house on the Green went through at the end of September.

For 40 years it had been our parent's home and the epicentre of our family life. 6 grand-children and a great grand-daughter later it has moved on to new owners and new stories.

I am writing on behalf of our family to say a big thank you to the Village for making the last 40 years a joy for our parents, Verna and Bernard. Tending the Green, the Barford News, the garden club, the Parish council, the monthly lunches in the village hall, the Saturday markets, the WI and, not last, and not least, the Friday gathering in the George of the village 'Lads', have filled their years with purpose, achievement and friendship.

Thank you all for being a special part of two very happy and fulfilled lives. Bernard and Verna are enjoying a 5-star retirement at Seccombe Court in Adderbury but often reflect on past times and what they miss about not being 'at home'.

Thank you all once again.

John, Anna, Dominic, Claire, Catherine and all the rest of 'The Family Lane'



CONGRATULATIONS to



Nina and John of High Street welcomed their daughter Lila Rhiannon Cranfield on 25th July 2023, a sister for Rosie



A very special thank you

to Barbara Greenwood who is hanging up her Poppy Collection Box after, in her own words, "more years than I care to remember". Barbara's patch was Robins Close and Townsend, which will now be covered by Liz and James Easter.

May I also take this opportunity to thank Rodney Hobbs who kindly covered Bernard's area, The Green and Church Street, last year. Rodney is now a permanent collector.

Angus Norman
Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator for the Barfords



WHY I SUPPORT LAWRENCE HOME NURSING BY DAVID BEST

Lawrence Home Nursing Team (LHNT) provided compassionate end of life support for my wife Sarah, enabling her to spend her last days at home surrounded by her family when the hospital said that there was nothing more they could do for her. Their wonderful support should be available to anyone who sadly needs it.

The NHS provided superb care for Sarah during the day with a team of District Nurses, but they do not provide support during the night if for example extra pain relief is required.

Guided by a patient's needs and wishes, the LHNT nurses work closely with GPs and community nurses to help manage symptoms and give each person the care that is right for them. And by helping people to relax and feel like themselves, the nurses make sure patients, and their families, get the most out of their last few moments together. The care is completely free and given whenever it's needed, whether for a few hours in the day or through the night.

LHNT look after anyone, 18 and over, who is in their last weeks of life. Patients are referred by GPs, community and specialist nurses, hospitals, hospices and sometimes family members.

LHNT receives less than 10% of its income from the government. The rest comes from donations which is why I have become a volunteer and fundraiser. I am competing in the 10-mile Great South Run in October to raise money for this fantastic charity.

I am a rower not a runner, but I have received advice on how to prepare for the event from Chris Hall and Becky Hodgson at Hall Personal Training where I go for weights and cardio work. As well as providing expert and comprehensive training and nutritional advice, Hall Personal Training hold regular events through the year and has been described as "part gym part social club" – people join for the coaching but stay for the community. You meet regular faces during training and make friends. It helped to keep me sane when adjusting to life without Sarah.



Vesta Scullers' Head 2013

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The reason for writing this article is threefold:
Firstly, to increase awareness of the Lawrence Home Nursing Team.
Secondly, to raise money for the Lawrence Home Nursing Team.
Thirdly, to promote good health and raise awareness of Hall Personal Training.

If you would like to **donate**, please go
to: www.justgiving.com/page/david-best-1695981719134

If you would like more information about the **Lawrence Home Nursing Team** please go to:
www.lawrencehomenursing.org

If you would like more information about **Hall Personal Training** at their
Deddington or Kiddlington studios, please go to:
www.personaltraineroxford.com



UPDATE FROM DAVID BEST from Barford St John



GREAT SOUTH RUN UPDATE

← *at the finishing line*

Well, I ran 10 miles, and how does it feel? Good. It was a relief to complete the course as sponsors have been so generous. I was not looking to break any records and I didn't, but my finish time of 1 hour 44 minutes and 9 seconds was a Personal Best as I have never run 10 miles before! My speed was consistent round the course, but I pushed it for the last two miles as one of my sponsors said they would double their donation if I completed the run in under 1 hour 35 minutes.

I am extremely grateful to Millie White who joined me on the run and helped me with training. Millie set a perfect pace for me for the first 5 miles. It is difficult to judge how fast you should run if you have never run that distance before.

So, what next? Well, on the way home from Portsmouth we passed one of the special boats that are used to row the Atlantic from the Canary Islands to Antigua. I asked Millie if she would join me for that, but it was a definite no, so I will have to think again!



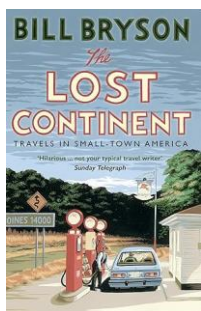
Relaxed at 5 miles



Not so relaxed nearing the finish!

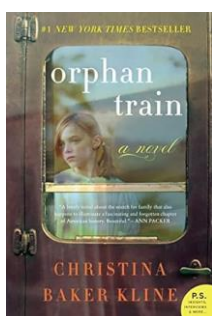


READING RECOMMENDATIONS

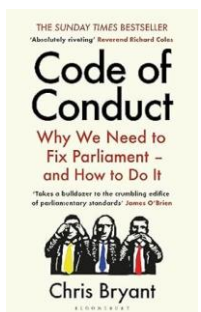


The Lost Continent by Bill Bryson: published as long ago as 1989, it is Bill Bryson's first and funniest book. Its opening line sets the scene - 'I come from Des Moines. Somebody had to.' Once old enough, he leaves and moves to England, staying away for 10 years until he returns for a road trip of 14,000 miles, reliving the family holiday trips of his youth, seeking a make-believe, Truman Show small town of Amalgam. In an often hilarious travelogue, he finds instead one horrific small identical town after another, each a main strip comprising gas station, hamburger joint and motel - which he renames Fartville, Dead Squaw, Coma, Doldrum, inhabited by overfed and ignorant "slow witted hicks with a partiality for synthetic fibres". His characters are sad but superb, an eye opener to those who find it difficult to understand American politics today, 30 years later. His continent is lost both to the myth of motherhood and apple pie - through greed, poverty, pollution, trailer trash and television - and to

Bryson himself as a foreigner in his own country. **Christopher Murray**



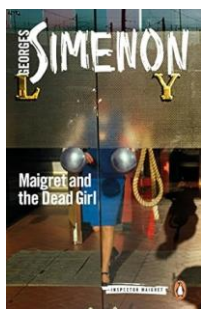
Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline highlights the real-life story of the orphan trains that, between 1854 and 1929, carried thousands of orphaned, abandoned and destitute children from the East Coast to the Midwest. This story weaves between the present day and 1929 to 1943 as we hear the story of Molly and Vivian. 17 year old Molly arrives at Vivian's house to help sort through her attic, full of boxes that reveal different parts of her life. A friendship develops between the two and they find themselves bonding over the shared experience of losing parents and being forced into other families. The book mostly focuses on Vivian's tragic story, being forced onto the 'orphan train' to be viewed, judged and potentially picked by a new family. Her story is easy to lose yourself in and you quickly become very attached to the young Vivian. **Ishbel Freeman**



Code of Conduct: why we need to fix Parliament-and how to do it, by Sir Chris Bryant.

Few people (if any) are better qualified to review Parliament than one who has been ensconced in it since 2001, when Chris Bryant was first elected in the Rhondda. He recently stepped down from chairing the Commons Committees on Standards and Privileges to become a Shadow Minister in the Labour Culture Team. He generously handed over the chairmanship of the committee which found Boris Johnson responsible for misleading Parliament to Harriet Harman. In this wide-ranging book, he covers the turmoil of recent years in clinical detail, including the fastest churn of ministers in history and the large number of MPs suspended. He makes a strong case that politicians are more involved than ever before in cronyism, nepotism and conflicts of interest. The chapter headings, including "Something Rotten", "The Worst Lies in London" and "Conflict of Interest", tell their own story. He

looks at proposals for reform. This book concentrates on Parliament whilst a complementary book, written largely in Barford St Michael by yours truly, examines declining standards in government. It is called **Downward Spiral** and will be published in April. **John Bowers**



Maigret and the Dead Girl (Maigret et la jeune morte), Georges Simenon. This late Maigret novel was released as a film in September, starring Gérard Depardieu as Chief Inspector Maigret. Despite its brevity, just 172 pages, this detective procedural is crafted with the lifetime skill and acerbic intellect which made Simenon a superstar in his day.

There is a Hemingway conciseness and simplicity to the prose, complemented by a minimum of description. This restraint adds weight to the physical details we are occasionally shown. Maigret is supported by his usual Paris detective intimates, but a new presence in the shuffling, depressed form of Inspector Logon adds interest and intrigue to the unravelling plot. Maigret remains his old, understated laconic self: a man who continually ruminates and obsesses over the smallest details of

the crime and the perpetrator's motivation. An elegant, classic murder mystery by a great Belgian writer. **Trevor Arrowsmith**

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



grubadvisor

reviewed by
Carol Hopkins

Where did you eat? The Duck on the Pond
South Newington

Cuisine? Locally sourced British
cuisine

RATINGS Out of 5 stars.....

Food ★★★★★

Service ★★★★★

Value ★★★★★

Atmosphere ★★★★★

COMMENTS:

Eight of us went to the Duck on the Pond for a family birthday celebration on a Saturday evening.

We all had three courses and were delighted in every course placed before us. Between us we covered every dish on the menu. The quality, quantity and presentation were amazing. It was a gastronomic and visual experience, all the ingredients were locally sourced and cooked to perfection. The staff were friendly and ensured we all had a really special evening.

To the two residents in Lower
Street who donated £30 each.

This is very generous of you
and, as I always say, it really is
appreciated and much needed.

From The Team

**THANK
YOU**

POST 

Your local Christmas cards

 For delivery in,
**Deddington, Hempton, Clifton
& The Barfords**

**BY DEDDINGTON SCOUT
GROUP**

 **Collection box in,**
Church Porch &
At the Christmas Market 

From December 8th
Last collection Sat Dec 16th



**4 Bedroom Family Home for Rent and Sale on
Broad Close**

This lovely family home also has 2 reception
rooms, kitchen/dinner and 2 utility rooms,
beautiful garden and patio area.

Located at the end of Broad Close, please
contact

Jo Coppin for further information
07935 321405 or joannebray@hotmail.com



DEDDINGTON BOOKWORMS

Published in 1957, our latest read has been **The Midwich Cuckoos** by **John Wyndham**.

The action begins when all the inhabitants of the small English village of Midwich suddenly fall unconscious. As they start to come round several hours later, they appear to be unaffected but gradually all women of child-bearing age in the village discover they are pregnant. They all give birth on the same day and their children all share the same appearance. The children develop unnaturally quickly, and they soon begin to exert a form of control over the villagers making it impossible for them to leave Midwich. But this is only the first signs of the controlling power they have, and between them their influence over Midwich slowly reveals itself to be a very definite threat.

We all enjoyed the book and found it to be quite thought-provoking in terms of humanity's place in the grand scheme of things.

Deddingtonbookworms@gmail.com



SCAMS & TRICKSTERS

A Talk

by Mandy Masson

Mandy will update us on the common frauds and scams of the moment, affecting many people.

In one year, a What's App scam affected 1,235 people with a total of £1.5 million being lost. It is a high-risk scam at the moment. Would you or your friends and relatives know what to do?

Mandy talks to us about some common scams, what can be done to prevent them- especially with new technology and how to help someone who has been scammed.

Wednesday, 8th NOVEMBER
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
All visitors very welcome (£5)
for more information please contact
Christine 338659
barfordwi@oxforshirewi.co.uk

All Souls



Sunday 5th November

St Michael's church

come any time between 4:00 - 5:00pm

*to light candles and spend time quietly
remembering those who are no longer with us.*

All Souls Service - Deddington

6:00pm

*Including reading the names of the
departed*

CHURCH MATTERS



The Posada is coming to The Barfords!



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

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

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

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

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

There will be one Posada set travelling around The Barfords, with only 12 places available please sign-up quickly to avoid disappointment. All you need

to do is, sign up to be the innkeepers and invite Mary & Joseph for two nights. For more information, please email

Sue or Sally [-barfordchurches234@gmail.com](mailto:barfordchurches234@gmail.com) to choose your dates

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

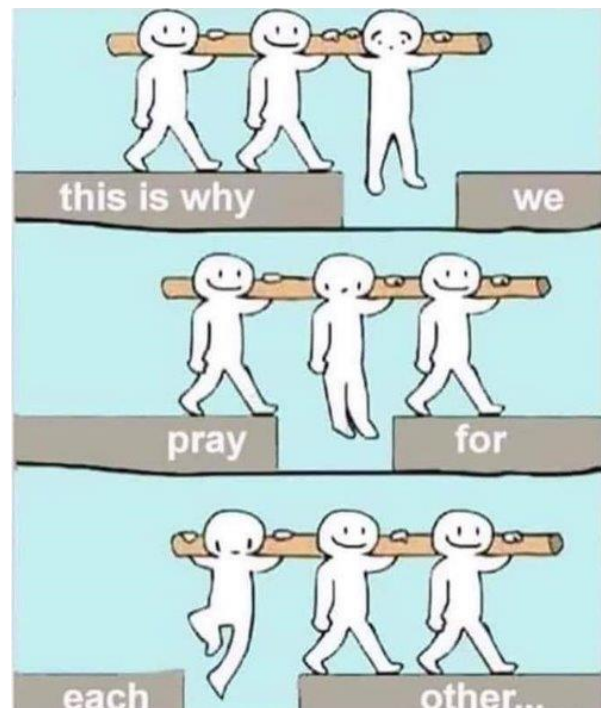


Sunday 12th November



The service for Remembrance Day will be held in St Michael's at 9am. Wreaths will be laid at the war memorial during the service.

Something to think about...



Sue & Sally
barfordchurches234@gmail.com

GREEN THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

You are invited to **Barford Environment Network's** event:

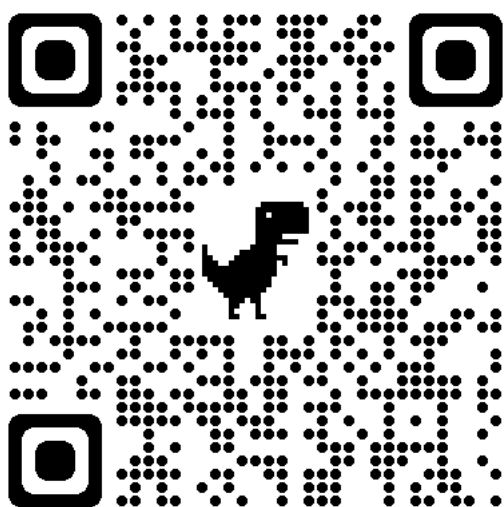


Save our Wild Isles – Hungry for Change

Thursday 16th November, Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

Short film, guest speakers and discussion of the way forward for farming, food and nature recovery. Everyone welcome. No charge, but donations welcome. We hope to see you there!

Survey: Tell us your views! What activities or projects would you like us to organise? **Scan the QR code with your mobile phone to fill in our survey**, or email Linda or John (addresses below).



- Film screenings and discussions
- Guest speakers on environmental topics
- Advice on making your home energy-efficient: heating, insulation, solar panels, grants etc
- Opportunities for zero-waste shopping
- Participatory events such as clothes swaps & repair workshops
- Presentations on wildlife-friendly gardening
- Guidance on climate-friendly eating & moving towards plant-based food: recipes, tastings, demonstrations
- Greening our village – No Mow May, wildflower areas, avoidance of harmful pesticides & weedkillers
- Tree planting
- Ethical banking & investments: avoiding banks & finance companies that invest in fossil fuels

- Raising awareness of wildlife crime – coursing & other illegal hunting, interference with badger setts
- Upcycling workshops
- Activities for children
- How to be an ethical consumer
- Supporting local growers & producers
- Other – please tell us!

Green Thought is compiled and edited by **Linda Newbery**. If you have a green idea to share, or would like to announce a local event, please email L.newbery@btinternet.com

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

2023 CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Since our very first Christmas Tractor Run in 2016, we, along with friends, family and customers from our local farming community, have continued to light up the streets each year with our festive fleet, raising over £97,000 so far for Katharine House Hospice.

We are very excited to be holding the tractor run for the 8th time in 2023, with the convoy once again including Banbury Cross in their tour.

The Route Depart from Spring Hill Farm, Barford St. Michael at 5pm. Travel through South Newington, Milcombe and Bloxham, then A361 to Banbury, around Banbury Cross, then retracing their steps up South Bar on the A4260 to Adderbury. Turn left at traffic lights onto the B4100 (Aynho Road) passing KHH and on into Aynho, from here turning right to Clifton and Deddington (via marketplace) then on to Hempton and back through Barford St. Michael, returning to Spring Hill Farm. Approximate timings are shown on our website.



BARFORD MARKET

**SATURDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER
10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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Artisan breads from Cotswold Bakery

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

Hand knitted woollies and made-to-measure items.

Greetings cards, Locally grown plants

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

bacon /bacon & egg/breakfast butties at bargain prices!!

TEA AND COFFEE SERVED ALL MORNING

BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB
Notes from our Potting Shed – November 2023

"Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes". Unknown

*"November's sky is chill and drear,
November's leaf is red and sear".
Sir Walter Scott*



Begonias still providing colour in a Barford garden in mid October.

Our Autumn Talk and Plant Swap We had a great turnout for our latest event in October. 22 members and one guest enjoyed a thoroughly interesting evening listening to our speaker, Stuart Lowen, who has been with Ball Colegrave for decades and truly knows his stuff. His Talk, entitled 'Colour for the coming season' certainly did not disappoint and our thanks go to member Janet Payne for her summary, as follows:

"Stuart gave an inspiring talk on their new plants, particularly annuals, in the pipeline for 2024. He outlined the exacting work the company does developing and growing plants to very high and innovative standards across six continents, in Costa Rica and Portugal for example. Their sales go to wholesale buyers, then to us, identifiable as named cultivars.

New plants are improved to be more floriferous, stronger, more varied in colour palette and more disease resistant. A new lavender, Blue Spear, for example, has a stronger scent and more flowers per cm. than Hidcote. A new coloured agave, Mangrove, shows architecturally well indoors and outdoors. Impatiens (Busy Lizzie) have recently been almost wiped out by disease. Beacon Lipstick is disease resistant, so can reappear in our containers. A new dahlia (Maxi Starburst Pink) is extra large and early flowering. I liked the look of alstroemeria Indian Summer with bronze foliage and sunset coloured flowers. Growing and planting tips were included – I shall now feed my rudbeckias before the summer next year.

We were thoughtfully provided with catalogues containing colour matching planting plans and notebooks to note possibilities as we plan our pots and border displays for the coming year."

Members enjoyed swapping not just lots of interesting cuttings which will thrive in our gardens,

(especially with the amount of rain we've had recently) but also some interesting garden tools too. Our outgoing Chairman Trevor Stevens hosted the event and the Committee would like to thank Trevor for being a great Chairman over the past 18 months or so. We wish him well for his impending move to Sheffield. We still don't have a replacement and we don't want our Club to close, so if you would like to take over, we would LOVE to hear from you! See contact details below.

Christmas Social and Quiz We'll be holding a festive social in December (date to be decided). We'll welcome members and guests to a fun evening with a great garden themed quiz and our thanks go to Treasurer, Jean Thomas, for devising this. More details next month.

Annual Seed Order: Deadline: Thursday 16 November. Our grateful thanks to Rodney Hobbs for running this popular strand to our Club activities. Catalogues and order forms are in the blue box in Rodney's porch. Rodney's been away for a few weeks but is back now so any questions, please call or email him: Full ordering instructions in October's Barford News. His address is: Pear Tree Cottage, The Green. Tel: 01869 338078 Mob: 07931 584184 rshpersonal@gmail.com

Jobs for November

Autumn has arrived and winter's on its way. Leaves are falling and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protection from frost, gales and freezing rains.

- Move plants into the greenhouse or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it's worth wrapping plants or pots.
- Winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up. This will encourage winter birds into the garden.
- Plant out winter bedding.
- Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubble wrap works well.
- Use a seasonal bonfire where this is allowed, to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting. Check for hedgehogs first.

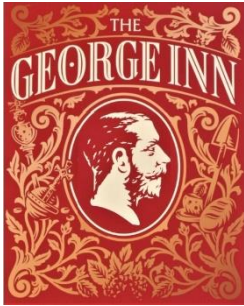
You can still be the Chairman! Sadly no-one's come forward yet and we don't want our Club to disband. It's only a few hours a month so if interested, please chat to Trevor or a Committee member.

Email: trevorstevens49@hotmail.com or to join the Club, contact Sue on 338900, email: sueandles45@hotmail.com

We hope the weather isn't too harsh during November and you can enjoy some good gardening!



Spade and Fork



Dear Barfordians

We hope this message finds you well. Today, we have bittersweet news to share with you all. Our General Manager, Claire, and Head Chef, Val, recently left The George Inn to embark on an exciting new chapter in their careers.

It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to Claire and Val. Their dedication and passion have been invaluable in making The George Inn a warm and welcoming place for all of our patrons. They have worked tirelessly to create a memorable experience for each of you, and their contributions will always be remembered.

While we are sad to see them go, we are excited for their new venture, where we are confident, they will achieve remarkable success. Claire and Val have not only been integral to the daily operations of our pub but have also become dear friends. Their warm smiles and exceptional talents will be missed by both our staff and our customers.

We invite you to join us in wishing Claire and Val all the best in their future endeavours. As we look ahead, we remain committed to providing our patrons with the exceptional service and delectable cuisine you have come to expect from The George Inn. Our doors are always open, and the team at the George look forward to continuing to serve you with the same warmth and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to new beginnings for Claire and Val.

Warmest regards,
Louis and Laura



WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB November@ The George

We are taking a short break and will not be offering a lunch in November.

We will be back next month with
A December Christmas Special Village Lunch.

Full menu & booking details will be in
December Barford News

Shepherd and Bakehouse Charity

Our village charity was originally set up to support apprentices as they started their working life. Over the years we have given awards to young people for a variety of courses and activities that aim to help them in their work endeavours.

This year we have been pleased to be able to award grants of £400 to ten people. The grants we have given over the last couple of years have supported people in many familiar subjects such as history, veterinary science, agriculture, chemistry, business, physiotherapy and sport.

We have also supported some subjects that were less familiar to us but sound fascinating, such as environmental social governance, games art and acting (including stage combat). Some students have put their grant towards driving lessons or new computer equipment and one student tells us how useful a 3D printer will be to support their studies!

The Barfords are very fortunate to be able to support our young people in these exciting ventures.

RAISING AWARENESS IS VITAL - NOT ALL DISABILITIES ARE VISIBLE *by Lucy Norman, Editor*

Not usually being the sort of person to moan and, with the aim of raising awareness of my condition, can I just share something with you. As many of you know, in December 2010 I was diagnosed with Early Onset Parkinson's Disease. The first 6-7 years were ok(ish) and then, with what seemed literally overnight, my symptoms worsened. I was fortunate enough to have Deep Brain Stimulation surgery back in April 2021, which, thanks to the amazing team at the John Radcliffe in Oxford, gave me my life back and I could travel again.

Now, to get to my point. My husband, Angus, and I travel a lot to Spain, about 6 times a year. Even though my symptoms have improved beyond anything I could have wished for I still like to use my Parkinson's stick because of the crowds at the airport. I don't necessarily need it for walking, it's for when I stop and feel a bit wobbly. Now, you would think that somebody using a stick with 'I have Parkinson's, please give me time' emblazed across it would be shown a tad more compassion but no, every time I travel out from Birmingham or back in from Malaga I am met with hostility and nastiness. I have had comments such as "how come she gets to go through first", "I wish I'd brought a stick to get me to the front of the queue, Genius", and not forgetting the dirty looks and the looking me up and down and tutting. It sounds ridiculous but I actually found myself walking with an exaggerated limp so I could justify my place in the Assistance Lane.

So, one day, instead of sitting there getting angry, I came up with the idea of getting a t-shirt printed. I wore it for the first time back in August and what a difference. I could feel people behind me at the airport 'reading my back', then giving me a smile as they sped past me. People actually opened doors for me, let me go first and 3 people came up to me saying "I love your t-shirt" and then telling me their story, one about a grandchild who suffers from terrible anxiety. They all use the Disabled Lane and got the same negative reaction as me. Travelling with my t-shirt on felt like a totally different experience. My stomach doesn't go over anymore waiting for someone to say something. I used to get the most remarks while waiting at the Gate to board. On our last flight home, I could see people getting agitated in the Priority Queue, staring at me sitting in the Disabled Area, so I just turned my back on them and let them read away.

Friends have said that I shouldn't have to do this but, sadly, I do. The posters say "not all disabilities are visible", mine is but this doesn't stop people. Their need to 'say their bit' or the thought that someone else is getting something they are not, (I actually board the plane a whole 2 minutes before they do...!!), any empathy, patience or understanding goes out of the window.



AND MY T-SHIRT READS.... "I am not queue jumping or avoiding waiting my turn. I have Parkinson's, a progressive brain disease that affects my balance and mobility. Believe me, I'd rather be in your queue."

For more information go to www.parkinsons.org.uk



1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

Well, the Cubs have gained their first badge of the new term, the second stage of the Navigator Activity badge. They had to find themselves on a map & draw a simple map of their bedroom, plus, we looked at co-ordinates & used them in a game around the Windmill Centre. Pretty sure most of the couldn't be trusted to find they're way to the bathroom, but we live in hope! They've now moved on to Emergency Aid, which we consider to be a vital skill & try to repeat every year, although I'd advise you not to stretch out for a nice rest – you might find you've been wrestled into the recovery position. deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

Do you know how many bits make up a laptop? No, well it's lots, as the Scouts found out when they dismantled our old & outdated ones (plus a keyboard). They had the best time & after pocketing a few interesting pieces the rest was taken to be recycled – the man at the tip was very surprised!

Next we dug out the camping stoves, compared the different mediums, boiled water using the Trangias (our favourites), & made hot chocolate.

Conkers – what more can we say about that? Bedlam!

Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

**The Deddington Scout Group Trustees met
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DEDDINGTON PFSU

The children have really enjoyed learning about Autumn in our first term of the year. Preschool's focus turns to

celebrations throughout November and December, where we will be learning about Diwali, bonfire night and Christmas. We will also start practising our Nativity with F1. Nursery's focus will also be on Celebrations such as Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Both settings will have Christmas decoration sessions for parents to attend - details of this will be out nearer the time.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Halloween trail, keep an eye on our social media for our next event, the Christmas raffle!

Charlotte Witka | PFSU Deputy Manager



Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

DEDDINGTON GIRL GUIDES It's been a pleasure to welcome five new members to our Unit from various villages around and about.

We have 4 new Patrols now who have all elected their own leaders and are very busy organising their own activities and spending time each week on various projects. We have enjoyed a variety of energetic games and activities and also crafts such as refashioning jewellery.

We would like to thank the parents who have given up time to support our meetings whilst the search continues to find a second leader.

Maggie Rampley 07957 600755



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term has been very busy. We have been able to use all parts of our school playground and field due to some lovely warm weather. This has

been brilliant. The new F1 children have now been fully integrated into our playtimes and so the whole school are together for their morning break sessions. It's wonderful to watch the older children looking after, and playing with, the new children.

In PE, we have had our whole school cross country afternoon which was successful. We have also started swimming sessions for Year 4 this term which have been both beneficial and enjoyable for the children concerned.

Our Harvest Festival was delightful and was largely led by the pupils in our Worship Group. The children spoke and read beautifully and clearly throughout the service. We would like to thank everyone who contributed food gifts to our Harvest Festival and the people at Banbury Food Bank were extremely grateful for all of our offerings.

On Tuesday 10th October staff and children wore yellow clothes to mark World Mental Health Day. Pupils across the school focused on their emotions. They learned how to recognise their own feelings and how to find ways in which to deal with them. Older pupils also focused on how to manage the trickier emotions they may begin to feel as they mature. It was a day which all children benefited from immensely.

We are now looking forward to Term 2 when our plans for Christmas will no doubt begin to take shape!

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

Denise Welch



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TO JOIN US



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FROM THE FIRE STATION

The Scenario 2 training day at Moreton in Marsh proved interesting and worthwhile as the Deddington crew were able to put out fires and search for casualties in controlled situations whilst under the watchful eyes of instructors. 3 scenarios were presented during the course of the day: a domestic dwelling with a ground floor fire, a light industrial unit with a first- floor internal fire and a shopping centre with a fire adjacent to the loading bay. As colleagues from other stations were also attending, 2 crews with 2 separate appliances were operating. In each case, crews had to locate both the trapped casualties and control / extinguish the fire. Each scenario was completed successfully with crews working very well together and tackling the situations correctly.

Each appliance ran an Incident Commander, Pump Operator, 2 Breathing Apparatus crew and one BA commander and a 6th fire fighter. Crews alternated between the domestic and light industrial fires before lunch time, and combined together to attend the supermarket fire as a 2 pump incident. After each scenario was completed, an immediate "on site" debrief occurred, with a more detailed round up and discussion in the class room at the end of the day.

Well done to Garin Wilby and Corrie King in passing their development and now being fully competent, and congratulations to Steve Baker and Cee Jay Harber for passing their BA course. We are approaching winter, so before lighting those fires please get your chimneys swept.

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Thank you from the 200+ Club Team

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



5 Jaw-droppingly, fascinating facts about Guy Fawkes

- Fawkes is a controversial figure. Guy Fawkes was first a face of betrayal because of his role in the plot to blow up the British parliament in 1605, then a popular symbol of protest.
- Fawkes was actually born in York! Fawkes was a representative of a flagrant Yorkshire family and a convert to Roman Catholicism.

His parents were loyal followers of the Church of England. The family on his mother's side were recusant Catholics, while his cousin became a Jesuit priest.

- He was a loyal compadre. Oswald Tesimond, Guy Fawkes' school friend described him as "pleasant of approach and cheerful of manner, opposed to quarrels and strife ... loyal to his friends".
- He had grand dreams. His adventurous spirit, and religious passion, led him to leave Protestant England (1593) and enlist in the Spanish army in the Netherlands. While in the Spanish army he gained repute for great bravery and cool determination.
- Fawkes wasn't actually the original leader of the plot. The Gunpowder Plot conspirators, led by Robert Catesby, were keen Roman Catholics enraged at King James I for refusing to grant greater religious tolerance to Catholics.

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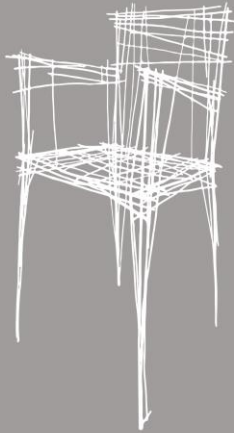
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Diary dates to the editor by 15th of each month please

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Church of England

November

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12th Remembrance Service 9am St Michael
19th Family Service 10.30am St Michael
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Wednesdays	Brownies (Windmill, Deddington) Parish Council, 1 st Wednesday, Bi-Mthly WI, 2 nd Wednesday Boys' Brigade (Deddington)
Thursdays	Village Hall Post Office Open Cuppa Mornings Cubs (Deddington) Scouts (Deddington)
Fridays	
Saturdays	Village Market, 3 rd Saturday (<i>except January and August</i>)

NOVEMBER

1st November PC Meeting
4th Fireworks at Deddington Primary School
8th Scams & Tricksters Talk, WI, Village Hall
12th Remembrance Sunday
13th-15th BRIDGE CLOSED
16th Noc BEN film 'Save our Wild Isles – Village Hall
18th Village Market

DECEMBER

8th-16th Scouts Christmas Post Delivery
16th Tractor Run
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