

BARFORD NEWS

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The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025

This year Remembrance
Sunday is on Sunday 9th
November. In the three weeks before this there will
be a door to door collection selling poppies round
the Barfords, beginning on Saturday 18th October.

Angus & Lucy Norman
Poppy Delivery Co-ordinators

**BARFORD
MONTHLY
LUNCH CLUB**
BARFORD VILLAGE HALL
21ST OCTOBER
12:30PM

What a fantastic time we had in September, a big thank you to all who came along! Our new Barford Monthly Lunch Club is built on a foundation of community engagement, bringing people of all ages together to share great food, great conversation, and even better company.

Each month, we create a warm and welcoming space, where friendships flourish over home-cooked meals.

So, whether you're working from home, reconnecting with familiar faces or meeting new friends, why not come along!

Choose from:	
Mains	Desserts
Creamy Fish Pie with cheesy mash and young spinach	Tiramisu Cheesecake
OR	OR
Pork Cassoulet Succulent pork slow-cooked in a rich cider-infused gravy, blended with hearty vegetables and aromatic herbs	Apple and Sultana Crumble with custard
OR	Coffee and Teas
Moroccan-inspired vegetable and sweet potato tagine (v) Pickled apricots, tahini yoghurt and coriander	Please bring your own alcoholic beverages to enjoy with your lunch.
	£15.00

Please email Gregg: greggbrown@cook-school.co.uk by **October 13th** with your menu choice.
You will then receive confirmation of your booking.

Supporting fresh, local and ethically sourced ingredients.
Contact Gregg for cooking classes, private catering and events



THANK YOU

WRITE UP INSIDE

Barford St. John and St. Michael Parish Council

Clerk: - VACANT POSITION

Chairman:	Mrs. S. Turner	01869 337228
Vice Chairman:	Dr R. Hobbs	01869 338078
Councillors:	Mr. C. Charman	07796 544363
	Mr R. Cox	01869 337736
	Mr. T. Lovell	07760 162593
	Mrs. Dawn Tucker	07808 890495

Parish Council meetings are held Bi-monthly in the Village Hall on 1st Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm

This is an opportunity for parishioners to bring questions or concerns to the meeting in person

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

ALLOTMENT QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK

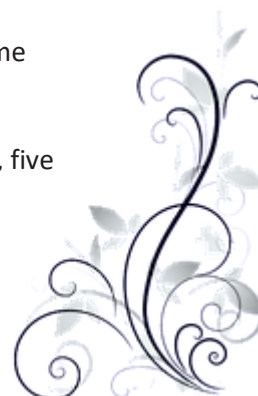
BERNARD LANE

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of Bernard Lane, longtime resident of The Old School House on the Green.

He passed away late on the 31st August and will be greatly missed by his wife Verna, five children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The funeral service is planned for 11:30 on the 1st October at St Michael's church in the village.

A full obituary will be published after Bernard's funeral.





St.Michael's Church



Barford St.Michael



On 23rd and 24th August our church was transformed.
Nine windows were decorated by various village groups.

Accompanied by wonderful local musicians, tea and cake was the order of the day.
107 'grown ups', 12 children and 11 dogs visited. They sat, looked, listened, played, ate and drank.
The atmosphere was great, showing how our church can and should be used for many events.
A total of £304 was raised for the Church Restoration Fund.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VISITED.

BARFORD MARKET

**SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER
10.00 – 12.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Artisan breads from Cotswold Bakery
Meat and dairy Items from butcher Gordon Wrighton
Two New Producers selling Cakes and Greetings Cards**

**Plus an excellent range of local producers selling,
savouries, Hand knitted woollies and beautiful craft items.
Locally grown herbs and garden 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



WHAT'S ON AT THE GEORGE INN?

FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Village night, 18:30 start

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Quiz Night, 19:00 start



We are fully booked for Christmas Day but we will be sharing our festive menu very soon alongside our Christmas opening hours. If you are wanting to book a Christmas party, please book in soon as lots of dates are going quick!



For more information on any of the events or to book a table, please get in touch with Bianca at gm@thegeorgebarford.co.uk or [01869 338160](tel:01869338160)

CONGRATULATIONS
To
Lizzie Eden & Joe Mumford
On the safe arrival of
Harriet Louise
13th August, 2025. Weighing 6.2lbs



**Both Lizzie and Joe spent their childhoods
In the Barfords**



CARPET BOWLS
Every Tuesday evening
In the Village Hall 7.15pm
New Players Always Welcome
We provide the bowls
Contact Les Hall if interested
01869 338659,
hall94.les@btinternet.com



**Do you want a good walk in the Country with
your Dog with no hassle? Why not try our
local Secure Dog walking site?**

- 20 Acres- yes that is 20 football pitches all securely fenced!
- Secure Car Parking.
- 2 Freshwater Stations.
- Boot and dog washer.
- Field Shelter from our weather.
- Lots of Dog Agility equipment as well as logs, Tyres, podium (good for photos!) and lots of smells for your furry friends.
- Last but not least- 3 poo bins around the field so you don't need to carry it!

The field is 1,000 meters in circumference so you can get your steps in!

If you are from Barford we have a **special offer** but please email me on info@fielddaydogfield.com

All other information and booking on our website www.fielddaydogfield.com



to Adam Hogg & Stephanie Bowden
Recent arrivals in Townsend, it was great to see their winning entries in the Village Show!!

Also welcome to Judy & Iain Stirling, who have moved into Broad Close.
We wish them a happy life here in our lovely villages



outingadvisor

review by Lucy

Where did you got?

The Living Room Cinema,
Chipping Norton
www.thelivingroomcinemachippy.co.uk

RATINGS

Out of 5 stars.....

Food

★★★★★

Service

★★★★★

Value

★★★★★

Atmosphere

★★★★★

COMMENTS:

"The Living Room Cinema Chipping Norton is a community-focused boutique cinema. From the founder and executive team behind the highly successful and award-winning The Living Room Cinema in Liphook, The Living Room Cinema Chipping Norton is a friendly and welcoming home from home for the local community in the heart of the Cotswolds."

We love the atmosphere here, the friendly staff and the uber-comfy recliners, chairs and sofas. Ooh, and the bar and food menu!!



to a kind and generous couple wrote to me saying about Barford News, "I feel very strongly it is such a good binder for the village" and donated £200. Fantastic, thank you.

The Team



"conscience is the inner voice that warns us somebody may be looking."

H L Mencken

quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle

FROM A ROBINS CLOSE RESIDENT

After 10 years living without incident in Robins Close, last week my greenhouse was vandalised three panes of glass smashed by a piece of brick thrown by an unknown person, the Police have been informed.

BARFORD BASH LOST PROPERTY

left behind, a beige Jaeger ladies raincoat, size 12.



200 CLUB DRAW - OCTOBER

£50	200	Bowers Family
£25	152	Kath Gosling
£15	042	Sheila Taylor
£10	174	Eliza Cooke-Yarborough
£5	144	Dave Hamer

The draw took place at Coffee Morning in the Hall

BARFORD GREEN GARDEN CLUB

Notes from our Potting Shed – October 2025

Well, what a difference a month makes! So much rain to help our gardens and allotments look fresh and nourished once again. We hope you didn't lose too many plants and vegetables with the drought.

Annual Barford Show, Saturday 30 August



Despite the lack of rain in August, the annual Show was wonderful - masses of good quality entries in lots of classes (see photos). Congratulations to all our members who exhibited and won prizes.



Once again, thanks to Sandi Turner, her Committee and the judges for all their hard work putting on this much loved annual event. It was nice to see so many children taking part too.

Chevil Gardens, Heythrop, Sat 27 Sept

By the time you read this, we'll have enjoyed visiting a superb garden with magnificent sweeping borders and many interesting trees and it's not 10 minutes from Barford! We'll report back next issue.

In the meantime, our grateful thanks to Club member Jean Thomas for this very interesting article on planning and making the most of your borders. It really does contain some great advice.

"Top Tips for Creating Stunning Borders"

Every plant lover finds it hard to resist buying an appealing plant which they have no idea where it will go. "Oh, I'll find somewhere for it" they tell themselves and having bought it, walk around until they find a gap and pop it in. The result can be a garden that looks rather bitty with the prized plant getting lost among all the others. With this in mind, my top tips for creating stunning borders are:

1. *The RHS website. It tells me the plants' ultimate size, growing conditions, when it flowers, position (sun or shade loving) and hardiness. Unless it can tolerate clay and is hardy, it stays in the garden centre no matter how wonderful as I know it won't grow in my garden.*
2. *Select plants with different seasons of interest so the border looks good for more than a few months in summer. Winter interest can be provided by evergreens, hardy cyclamen, hellebores and early flowering bulbs.*
3. *Place tall plants at the back and short ones at the front. However, rules are made to be broken and running tall see-through plants such as verbenas through the border can add interest and structure.*
4. *To make it look more natural, plant herbaceous perennials, small grasses and bulbs in odd numbers like 3 or 5 and avoid planting in straight lines.*
5. *Mixing plants with different leaf shapes and textures will add contrast and variety to avoid a boring green fuzz.*
6. *Repeat patterns of your chosen plants along the border to create a sense of flow and to unify the planting scheme.*
7. *Consider style of planting, usually dictated by your house and site. A stone cottage lends itself to a cottage style of planting, whereas a modern house suits a more formal, symmetrical style.*
8. *Lastly colour. Choosing a limited palette of harmonious colours repeated through the border creates calm and continuity, whereas contrasting colours create a more vibrant and dynamic look. Don't forget green is also a colour and provides a unifying backdrop.*

Despite the above, I still can't resist impulse plant purchases but I've finally learnt to apply "right plant, right place" and to buy at least 3 of them!

Some jobs for October:

- Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants.
- Cut back perennials that have died down.
- Divide herbaceous perennials.
- Plant out spring cabbages.
- Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts.
- Prune climbing roses.
- Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year.

If you would like to join our Club, we'd love to hear from you! Please email Rebecca at: rockcottagebarford@gmail.com



Spade & Fork

VACANCY

PARISH COUNCIL

Would you be interested in joining with like-minded villagers to make a valuable contribution to our community life? The Parish Council are looking to fill the following two vacancies:

VACANCY: CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

This is a part-time position (averaging 10 hours per month) with remuneration on an hourly basis. The Clerk is also the Responsible Financial Officer, who, together with the Councillors, produces a budget, the annual audit and pays outside contractors for work done on our behalf. This is interesting work with a variety of contacts in various public bodies. A job description is available from me at barfordsandi@gmail.com. Applications to the Council close on 30th September 2025.

VACANCY: PARISH COUNCILLOR

There is a vacant seat on the Council, which meets every two months. We are a "hands on" Council, getting involved in simple jobs around the village that require attention. The Parish Council is also the Trustee of the Village Hall, oversees the Allotments and the Playground/West Close. Some of our business is now conducted via email for speed and convenience. See more about the role by Googling "Parish councillor". If you are able to give a few hours every month to help us maintain our villages, please consider joining us.

Sandi Turner | 01869 337228



BARFORD ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

*We are part of the **Four Villages Sustainability Network**, which links Deddington, Duns Tew, Bloxham and the Barfords (and now other villages too) to promote ways of greener living.*

Cherwell Collective's Sustainable Fashion Week culminates in **Ripples of Change**, its sustainable fashion show. This will feature innovative local designers using reimagined textiles, biodegradable materials, plastic waste, and other sustainable materials, with the goal of showing how we can help reduce the huge carbon and environmental cost of fashion. Ripples of Change is on 1st October at The Orangery, Blenheim Palace, 8.30 – 11pm. Tickets on Eventbrite.

Look out too for regular **Clothes Swaps** around the Four Villages such as our own Barford one this June. On alternate months there are swaps and social events at Over Norton Village Hall, often offering repairs to garments, tools or electrical items too. These are part of the Four Villages programme; the next swap, which will include bike repair and pizza, is on Friday November 28th.

Deddington Farmers' Market is on October 25th, 9am – 12.20 pm. The Four Villages group has a stall at the Town Hall where we share news of our campaigns and forthcoming events.

*To sign up for our monthly newsletter and/or the **Four Villages WhatsApp group**, please email L.newbery@btinternet.com.*

VILLAGE BARBECUE LENTIL SALAD

*From the 2025 Village BBQ
Based on Ainsley Harriott's recipe*

Serves 8 as a side dish

- 225g (8oz) small green lentils
(*Lentilles Vert* are cheaper than Puy lentils, the big green lentils go too floury)
- 1 fresh bay leaf
- Splash wine vinegar
- Pinch of sugar
- 1-2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 50g (2 oz) sundried tomatoes in oil, drained and chopped, or the same weight in roasted and peeled peppers
- Approx 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil (or oil from the tomatoes)
- 100g (4 oz) cheese- feta, goats cheese etc. crumbly white cheese works best but I have used mozzarella before
- Good handful of chopped soft fresh herbs- parsley, basil, mint or chives or a mixture

METHOD

1. Simmer lentils with 1.2 litres (2 pints) water plus the bay leaf, vinegar, sugar and some salt. Cook until tender but not mushy, about 20-25 minutes.
2. Drain, remove bay leaf and mix with the oil, vinegar and garlic whilst still warm so the lentils absorb the dressing.
3. When they're cold stir in the rest of the ingredients, you might need a little more oil or balsamic vinegar. Season to taste with salt and pepper and ideally chill for a couple of hours before serving.

This is easy to make into a light lunch as well as a side dish. I've never tried but Ainsley says you can use tinned lentils- rinse well and add additional ingredients in one go.

Hazel Neal

SULGRAVE MANOR AND THE WASHINGTON FAMILY Martin Sirot-Smith



Martin will give his talk dressed in Full Tudor Costume as Lawrence Washington, the Tudor builder of Sulgrave Manor in 1539.

He will tell the history of the Washington family in Britain, the life history of Lawrence and his direct link to George Washington, the first President of the USA.

Wednesday, 8th OCTOBER

in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

All visitors very welcome (£7)

**For more information please contact
Christine 338659**

barfordwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

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INSPIRING WOMEN

CHURCH MATTERS



Monday 25th August at 10am, the Village hall became a hive of activity as we prepared the stalls for the afternoon. Some of the stalls were created and manned by children, giving up their time to support the church. The stallholders were in place by 1.30pm, even though the fete didn't officially start until 2pm. By mid-afternoon the hall and its garden were very busy with many stallholders rushed off their feet.

Following tradition, all prizes were given out at the end of the afternoon. For those who really want to know – the name of the elephant was Romeo!

Grateful thanks go to all those who participated - those who donated; the stallholders; ladies in charge of the refreshments and to everyone who came and spent their money. Your contributions helped us to raise almost £1500 towards the upkeep of the Church.



The first Sunday of every month is a coffee morning in the village – not at the Village Hall but in St Michael's church from 10.30 until 11.30am.

Currently, about 10 of us join together for chat, eating biscuits, drinking coffee and sometimes cake! Voluntary contributions welcome to cover costs.

So, if you're not doing anything next time – why don't you join us?

Sunday 2nd November



Come any time between 4:00 - 5:00pm to St Michael's church 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.

Sunday 9th November



The service of Remembrance will start 9.00am at St Michael's Church.

Sue & Sally
barfordchurches234@gmail.com



VILLAGE HALL BBQ

What a lovely evening!

It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces, but with perfect weather, amazing food and great company there was plenty to smile about.



Huge thanks to the volunteers who donated the fabulous salads, set up the gazebos and tables then spent the evening working hard to make sure everyone had a great time. The purpose of the event is to raise money so that the village hall can continue to operate.

This year we made over £700 which is amazing. Sadly, however, the cost of insurance and safety checks on fire equipment and emergency lighting is £1,200 and of course there are hefty utility bills so we still have a lot of money to find.

The best way that you can support us would be by booking the hall on a regular basis. Villagers pay just £10 (£TEN!) an hour so why not think of using it for everyday activities rather than just big events?

- Kids bored stuck indoors in the winter? Take a beach ball to the hall and let them work off some energy.
- Family get together? Don't make Granny sit on the 'emergency chair', use the hall instead.
- Can't afford a night out with friends? Collect your cocktail ingredients, plug your phone into the sound system and dance the night away without the fear of knocking your ornaments flying.
- Working from home goes well some of the time? If you need a quiet space at times or if you'd like to hold a meeting with real people remember the hall has great wifi, an overhead projector and large screen and a good sound system.

We'll look forward to seeing you over the year.



A huge thank you to all who attended **Duck Race 2025 – The Return!** It was wonderful to see so many of you there enjoying yourselves; those who have been before, those who are new to the villages since the last one in 2019, and some from further afield, too. Also, to our lovely volunteers, who helped with sourcing supplies, setting up, running the show, taking photos, and clearing up afterwards – your help was invaluable, and we simply could not have pulled it off without you – thank you!

We are extremely grateful for the use of the land, and the ducks were very happy to have such a lovely stretch of water to flap their wings on! – all enabled by Tom Lovell and family, who have been nothing but supportive and enthusiastic about helping to get the event back in action – thank you so much!

An added thanks to the Parish Council for their support in general to the Playground Committee, and in particular for this event, working with us to ensure the correct insurances were in place for the day.

Finally, we cannot let this pass without thanking our lovely editor, Lucy, for continuing to advertise the Duck Race on the front of every recent edition of the Barford News, even when we hadn't asked her to! – it did not go unnoticed!

And so to the event itself. We were very lucky with weather, the only downpour of rain coming before play started – a little top up for the river, at least! And then the cheers of enjoyment started very soon after the first arrivals, as a near-miss bullseye was thrown with the very first throw of a dart, I believe! Deric “the duck” Bristow Duck Darts proved popular throughout the afternoon – many prizes were won, with one exact bullseye from **Theodore Cordwell** – well done to you!

Chuck the Chuck-A-Duck duck was also very busy being hurled through the air with varying degrees of success! Neither of the 2019 records were beaten (21m20cm for adults and 12m for the under 12s), but both came pretty close. Our winners were **Andy Wells** with 20m60cm (almost there!!) in the Adults category, **Laurence Fyfe** with a great second throw of 10m10cm in the Under 12s, and the new Under 5s category saw **Reuben Chilver** throw a mighty 4m20cm – which means you hold the current Under 5s record, Reuben! Congratulations to all.

Guess the Weight of Chuck was won by **Theodore** of bullseye fame above! Well done again! In fact, if you look at the table below, the Cordwell family have done rather well for themselves! (Actual weight of Chuck was 1010g, heavier than most people thought.)

The flow of the river provided some challenges for the races themselves after the very dry summer we've had, but the ducks were very happy to be out on the water again after all this time and managed to paddle along quite nicely, largely unphased by the rubber dingy and inflatable duck behind them! – their training definitely helped! Results from the races are below. Well done to all, and to our overall Duck Race Champ, **Ellie Hawtin**, who won without even realising, since she was extremely busy helping on the Darts!

A very interesting range of objects were entered into Run What You Brung – lots of lovely homemade boats, Crocs (the footwear, not the animal) and even a yogurt pot! Such fun! Well done to **George Bullen** (assisted by teammate George P*), who came in first with the ‘Dino Crock’ – see photo.

We also introduced the Name A Duck scheme, where you can choose to give one of the ducks a lifetime name, which came about in part because a certain young George (Bullen) decided to call his race duck ‘Gary’, and we thought we'd run with it! This will now be an ongoing scheme that we hope will grow over the years as something a bit special, a bit fun, with a certificate showing your duck's new name. The family of Jill Hopcraft (who many of you know as the ‘Duck Lady’, but is sadly no longer with us) were given the chance to name a duck in her honour before the event, as a nod to her years of duck-dedication (and not to take away from the rest of the original team, who always did such a wonderful job) – they chose duck #9 to be ‘Sasha the Smasher’, after a pet lamb of hers. Anyone interested can contact us, as this can be year-round if you're suddenly inspired! – not just for the race day itself.

Overall, it was a very successful afternoon. Monies are still being calculated at the time of writing, so we shall report further in the next Barford News. As a reminder, the Duck Race typically funds the upkeep of the West Close Playground, but this year we will also be donating a percentage to the BSM Church Fundraiser. We thank you all again for your support in raising money for them, and in reinstating this event as an integral part of village life.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year! - do let us know if you fancy volunteering or have any ideas to add to the event.

Sophie and Jo (West Close Playground Committee) and not forgetting the stars of the show - The Ducks! Quack quack!

New **CONTACT EMAIL** for any playground matters, offers to volunteer, or naming of ducks:
westcloseplayground@gmail.com

	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	FINAL	Run What You Brung
GOLD	Jacob Cordwell	Sam Brown	Ellie Hawtin	Ellie Hawtin (The Champ!)	George Bullen <i>Dino Crock</i>
SILVER	Caitlin Butler	Nellie Cameron	Dylon Cordwell	Hariette Raffles	Person unknown <i>Blow up stereo</i>
BRONZE	Hariette Raffles	Sam Brown	Colin Woodward	Dylon Cordwell	George Pietruszkiewicz* <i>Right Croc with blue balloon</i>



VILLAGE SHOW 2025 - RESULTS

Vegetables & Fruit	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Cup Winners
Three beetroot	Sophie Holmes	Peter Bird	-	Vegetable & Fruit Classes Mariann Young Allotment Cup 1st Jeff Elliott 2nd Chris & Sarah Charman 3rd Cathy Alsworth
Three carrots	No Entries	-	-	
Three Courgettes	Kathryn Wheeler	Mariann Young		
Three Onions	Mariann Young	Natalie Iddles		
Three Heads of Garlic	Mariann Young	Kathryn Wheeler		
Three potatoes	Margaret Murdin	Mariann Young	Kathryn Wheeler	
Three Runner beans	Anne Pearson	Cathy Alsworth	Kathryn Wheeler	
Five French beans	Stephanie Bowden	Kathryn Wheeler		
Five cherry toms	Sandi Turner	Sue Broughton	Sophie Cameron	
Three round toms	Sandi Turner	Cathy Peacock	Margaret Murdin	
Three peppers/chillies	Mariann Young	Margaret Murdin	Cathy Peacock	
Pair of vegetables	Cathy Alsworth	Margaret Murdin	Mariann Young	
Four assorted veg	Mariann Young	Margaret Murdin		
Cucumber	Sandi Turner	Adam Hogg	Stephanie Bowden	
Three Apples	Chris Murray	Adam Hogg	Anne Pearson	
Soft /stoned Fruit	Margaret Murdin	Sophie Cameron	Stephanie Collier	Cookery & Preserves Jan Elvidge & Kathryn Wheeler
Mis-shapen vegetable	Sophie Holmes	Natalie Iddles		
3 Eggs	Mariann Young	Imogen Foster	Ed Craig	
Cookery				
6 Cup Cakes	Sandi Turner			
6 pieces of Brownie	Carrick Cameron	Jan Elvidge		
6 Flapjack	Jan Elvidge	Rachel Gruber		
Victoria Sponge	Jan Elvidge	Rachel Gruber	Cubby Brett	
Banana Loaf, men	Paul Freeman			
Banana Loaf Ladies	Anne Pearson	Rachel Gruber		
Jar of Jam	Kathryn Wheeler	Cathy Alsworth	Sandi Turner	
Marmalade	Liz Easter	Caroline Bird	Kathryn Wheeler	
Chutney	Gunilla Treen	Kathryn Wheeler		
Lemon/orange/lime Curd	No Entries			
Alcoholic beverage	Ray Cox	Kathryn Wheeler	Paul Freeman	Flower Arranging Sue Lane
Flower Arranging				
Arr. of 5 blooms	Sue Lane	Gunilla Treen	Cubby Brett	
Foliage arr.	Trish Field	Sue Lane	Cathy Peacock	
Miniature	Sue Lane	Nellie Cameron	Gunilla Treen	
Arr. in small basket	Cathy Peacock	Gunilla Treen		Cut Flowers Sandi Turner Photography Jan Elvidge
Cut Flowers				
3 Cosmos	Sue Lane	Trish Field	Kathryn Wheeler	
Sunflower	Stephanie Bowden	Cathy Alsworth	Nick Dowland	
3 Dahlias	Tony Elvidge	Caroline Bird		
3 Roses	Liz Easter	Amalie Craig	Caroline Bird	
4 Fuchsia heads	Sandi Turner	Kathryn Wheeler	Janet Morris	
3 Pelargoniums	Sandi Turner	Eileen Stephens	Trish Field	
5 different flowers	Eileen Stephens	Caroline Bird	Trish Field	
Single Rose	Sandi Turner	Stephanie Collier	Sue Lane	
CRAFTS / Photography				Crafts Christine Hall
Natural material item	Chris Murray			
Knitted/crocheted	Wendy Cross	Anne Perry	Christine Hall	
Needlecraft	Sandi Turner	Cathy Alsworth	Christine Hall	
You made it	Stephanie Collier	Christine Hall	Kerry McLeod	
Photo A Rose	Jan Elvidge	Margo Cameron	Gunilla Treen	W.I. Cup Sandi Turner Victor Ludorum Sandi Turner
A Bird	Tony Elvidge	Jan Elvidge		
An Animal	Tony Elvidge	Nellie Cameron	Charlie Gruber	
Spider's web	Gunilla Treen	Jan Elvidge		
Fruit tree in blossom	Jan Elvidge	Nellie Cameron	Tony Elvidge	
A Garden Gate	Tony Elvidge	Jan Elvidge	Mariann Young	Junior Cup (Most points) George Bullen Best Entry for Age Lewis Curtis-Gardner Outstanding Effort Margo Cameron
Age 7 and under				
Colouring	Florence Lane	Elsie Blee	Luna Foster	
4 Cupcakes	Matilda Hanmer			
Vegetable animal	No Entries			
Lego Model	Freddie Hitchcox	Henry Petruszkiewicz	River Jackson	
You made it	Elsie Mai Hunt	Florence Lane	Sophie Perry	
8 - 15 years old				
A photo any subject	Lewis Cutress-Gardner	Jerome Dowland	Nellie Cameron	
6 Biscuits	George Hanmer	George Bullen	Poppy Morgan Lane	
Banana Loaf	Nellie Cameron	Margot Cameron	George Bullen	
Drawing/painting	Margot Cameron	George Bullen	Nellie Cameron	
You made it	George Bullen	Poppy Morgan Lane	George Petruszkiewicz	

VILLAGE SHOW REPORT 2025

Another good year, with more entries than last year. We were all surprised at how many entries there were in the Vegetable and Fruit Classes, considering the very hot growing season and lack of water. It was great to see such a colourful display. Some very good baking and more lovely flower arrangements this time, too.

Children's entries were also up and the winners and 2nd and 3rd places were quite a bit richer by the end of prize-giving!

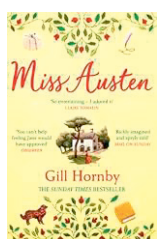
We were a bit short staffed this time, and had to send out for reinforcements on the day, so please join the organising committee if you can help next year. Just contact me or Cathy Alsworth.

Thanks to everyone who took part and contributed to another happy village tradition.

Sandi

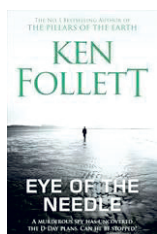


READING RECOMMENDATIONS



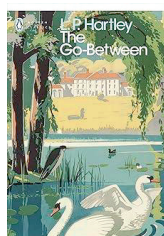
Miss Austen by Gill Hornby skilfully blends fact and fiction, combining research into the Austens with the surviving and fictionalised correspondence between Jane and her sisters as seen through the eyes of Cassandra (Cassy).

It concerns the marital and living arrangements open to the sisters, who are of limited means, but subscribe ardently to the 'poor yet honest' respectable values of their time. Marrying well is regarded as the source of security, wealth and status. The narrative is divided between the time when Jane is writing her then modestly successful novels and later, after her death, when younger sister Cassandra embarks on the grand and sensitive task of editing the life-long correspondence between the two, motivated by a wish to preserve the reputation of the Austen family. Jane Austen enthusiasts will doubtlessly warm to this measured and occasionally witty novel which should perhaps have been entitled 'The Miss Austens.' **Trevor Arrowsmith**



Eye of the Needle by Ken Follett. His weapon is the stiletto, his codename: The Needle. He is Hitler's prize undercover agent - a cold and professional killer. It is 1944 and weeks before D-Day. The Allies are disguising their invasion plans with a phoney

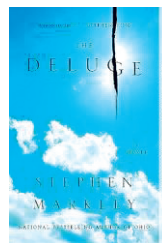
armada of ships and planes. Their plan would be ruined if an enemy agent found out...and then The Needle does just that. Hunted by MI5, he leads a murderous trail across Britain to a waiting U-Boat. But he hasn't planned for a storm-battered island, and the remarkable young woman who lives there. This is an exciting tale about the fate of the war resting in the hands of a master spy, his MI5 opponent and a brave woman. Despite being one of the author's early novels, it is bang on the money and a very appropriate read, given the recent 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. **Paul Freeman**



The Go-Between by L. P. Hartley. From its haunting, much-quoted opening lines: "The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there" this story of a bygone Edwardian summer gradually builds to a sense of coming disaster. Fifty years later, a man comes across his diary of the year 1900,

unlocking long-buried memories. The diary, once a talisman, is now Pandora's Box. In July 1900 twelve-year-old Leo had gone to stay with a fellow schoolboy at his country house in Norfolk. At first shy and socially ill-at-ease, Leo soon felt himself welcome and useful, not realising that he had been an unwitting pawn in a game of adult deception. Curious to discover what happened after his dramatic departure from Brandham Hall, Leo

returns, only to see that the past still casts a long shadow over the present, and cannot be escaped from. **Jenny Greeves**



The Deluge by Stephen Markley is a marathon of a novel, but well worth spending time on. Set in 2020s USA, moving forward to the 2040s, it looks at the climate warnings and tipping-points we're all aware of, and their likely consequences if climate change continues unchecked. There are several

well-drawn viewpoint characters: a neurodivergent analyst; an unscrupulous advertising whizz; the partner of a charismatic activist leader; a reformed drug addict and a group of terrorists, all interspersed with news (and AI) reports and presidential campaigns, with Trump now an embarrassing memory but new incumbents proving just as dangerous. Floods, wildfires and barely survivable heat domes become commonplace; the religious far-right spreads xenophobia, and vested interests prove as powerful as ever while time runs out. It's bleak, wide-ranging, thrilling and utterly compelling – and in spite of everything, Markley manages to end on a note of hope.

Linda Newbery

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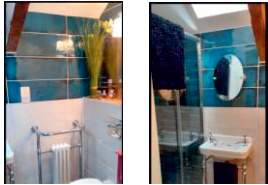
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12th 9.00am Holy Communion St John
19th 10.30am Family Service, St Michael
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Wednesdays	Parish Council, 1 st Wednesday, Bi-Mthly WI, 2 nd Wednesday Boys' Brigade (Deddington) Beavers, Bloxham Primary School
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>)

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3rd Jamie Felton at The George
6th Village Night at The George
8th WI Talk - Sulgrave Manor
18th Barford Market – Village Hall
21st Tuesday Lunch Club in the Village Hall