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# the Deddington news

There are interesting developments afoot with proposed changes at the Windmill Community Centre and the possibility of money becoming available to spend on refurbishing and expanding it, and the parish's Neighbourhood Plan will soon be available in its draft form for you to comment on. Don't miss your chance.  
**JC**

### October

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| Tue | 3  | PFSU and Nursery: AGM, at PFSU, 7.45pm for 8.00pm   |
| Wed | 4  | School Harvest Community Service, Primary School, 10.00am   |
| Wed | 4  | Photographic Society: Viveca Koh, 'Phoneography to Fellowship', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm                             |
| Fri | 6  | Friends of Daeda's Wood: Bats 'n' Booze, meet at the Windmill Centre, 7.00pm to walk, or layby at Daeda's, 7.30pm           |
| Sat | 7  | Concert: A440 Orchestra, Parish Church, 7.30pm  |
| Sat | 7  | Deddington Players: <i>Licensed to Thrill</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30pm   |
| Tue | 10 | WI: Bring and Share Harvest Supper, Holly Tree, 7.30pm  |
| Wed | 11 | History Society: Julie Ann Godson, 'The Water Gypsy: How a Thames Fishergirl Became a Viscountess', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 12 | Monday Club: Film evening, <i>The Other Boleyn Girl</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm  |
| Sat | 14 | Concert: North Cotswold Chamber Choir, Parish Church, 7.30pm  |
| Wed | 18 | PC: Meeting, The Duke at Clifton, 7.30pm  |
| Wed | 18 | Photographic Society: Workshop: Beginners and Improvers, led by Dave Govier   |
| Wed | 25 | Friends of Deddington Church: AGM, Deddington Arms Board Room, 7.30pm   |
| Sun | 22 | Concert: Adderbury Ensemble, Parish Church, 7.00pm  |
| Sat | 23 | Macmillan coffee morning: Duke, Clifton, 10.00am–1.00pm   |
| Thu | 26 | Book Club: Call Sally Lambert, 338094, for information  |
| Sat | 28 | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm   |
| Sat | 28 | Church Craft Market: Parish Church, 10.00am–1.00pm  |
| Sat | 28 | Photographic Society Annual Exhibition, Parish Church, 10.00am–1.00pm   |

### November

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| Wed | 1 | Photographic Society: Robert Harvey, 'Winter Photography', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 8 | Primary School PTA: Fireworks in the School Field  |

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Deddington Primary School 20 September

There was a good turnout of Parish Councillors, Councillors Fatemian, OCC, and Williams, CDC, and one member of the public who did not speak.

#### County and District Councils reports

Horton Hospital – Oxfordshire Commissioning Groups decision to downgrade services is to be challenged in the High Court

Waste Recycling Centres – OCC has signed a new operating contract for the seven local sites. Hours will not change but there will now be a £1.50 fixed charge for non-household waste. Details can be found at each site.

#### Planning Applications

*No objections*

Caris Lodge, Goose Green, Deddington: reduction of walnut tree

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### DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

After a long summer holiday and despite the mixed weather, the children returned to school fresh and ready for the start of a brand new, exciting school year.

In July we all enjoyed *Bugsy Malone* and our audiences were thrilled by the children's professional performances. The Splurge Guns were an enormous hit.

We have a new F1 class in our Foundation Stage building and they have made a happy start to the beginning of their school lives.

We began the term on Tuesday 5 September and the following day had a visit from Lawrence Prestidge, a young local author. The whole school listened to him reading sections from his books and then each class spent time with him, discussing how to create and name characters for themselves when writing their own stories. This was a positive start to the year in terms of continuing our journey towards becoming an outstanding reading school and it was a great experience for the children to have an author in school.

We worked hard on creating our 'Secret Reading Garden' during the summer holiday. This is where all the new books purchased with the money we raised during our Sponsored Reading event can be found. It is proving to be a popular area where children can sit on benches and small seats, and read and browse old and new non-fiction books, learn from information they read, and enjoy the calm atmosphere of the new library.

We took part in a football tournament at the end of September with a range of other partnership schools. The children enjoyed their involvement in the first sporting event of this academic year.

Our Harvest Community Service will take place on Wednesday 4 October at 10.00am and we hope many of you will be able to come and join us on that morning.

**Denise Welch**

Corner House, High, St Deddington: garage and garden wall repair and maintenance.

The Firs, St Thomas St, Deddington: reversal of usage condition on barn office

Orchard End, St Thomas St, Deddington: two storey extension to rear and new front window

Ashcroft House, Hudson Street, Deddington: an application in two parts: conversion of Ashcroft House from commercial to residential. Conversion of garages and rebuilding the barn at the rear, a conditional objection based on number of parking spaces for anticipated occupancy.

#### Neighbourhood Plan

The plan has been approved and is at to the printers.

#### Environment and Recreation

The Christmas Tree has been ordered from Blenheim.

#### Highways and Transport

Notice of roadworks – January–March 2018, installation of new sewer, A4260, complicated by traffic light modifications during January 2018.

#### Finance and General Purposes

The proceeds of the sale of the British Legion building (£356,100) will be passed to DPC on 31 October. DPC funds at 31 August 2017:

Barclays	£65,525
Nationwide BS	£213,943
Hampshire BS	£76,429
Cambridge & Counties Bank	£85,000
United Trust Bank	£85,000
Total	£525,897

**The next DPC meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18 October at the Duke at Clifton.**

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter, Charles Barker, and not the official minutes. To see those, go to <http://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/2017.html>.



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## FARMERS' MARKET

### Wing It

The day after this market European Summer Time ends so this month's recipe anticipates the comforting sweetness and warmth that winter demands while still paying attention to the barbecue tastes of summer. It's quick, cheap, easy - and messy. Forget the knife and fork. Be prepared for collateral splashage – don't wear or place yourself next to anything that can't be cleaned easily.

#### SWEET AND STICKY CHICKEN WINGS

serves 2-3

- 12 chicken wings (about 600g)
- 2 heaped tablespoons of grain mustard
- 1 heaped tablespoon of runny honey
- 1 lemon
- 3 large cloves of garlic

Preheat the oven to 220C/Gas7. Mix the mustard, honey and juice of the lemon together. Peel and crush the garlic and add it to the mixture with a grind of pepper and salt. Toss the wings in the mixture and roast for forty minutes or until they reach a healthy colour. Turn them over and continue cooking for another ten minutes until they are intensely dark and sticky. Serve with a crunchy salad, a beer and a finger bowl/napkin/wet wipes. Chips are not out of the question.

(from *The Kitchen Diaries* – Nigel Slater)

This is also the month to start thinking about placing your Christmas orders if you're the organised type (which I'm not), and to buy your Deddington Parish Calendar (in the interests of full disclosure my wife is October – her photo, not her).

It will also be the first visit to the market of the organisation, Medical Detection Dogs, who socialise and train bio detection dogs and medical alert assistance dogs. Puppies will be looking for socialisers.

For more up to date information about the market (and contact details for all the stallholders) you can visit the webpage [www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk).

The market is on Saturday 28 October from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

If you can't wait till then, there's always the Adderbury market on the second Thursday of each month at The Institute, The Green, Adderbury, 6.00-8.00pm. More details at [www.market.adderbury.org](http://www.market.adderbury.org).

Good shopping!

**Ian Willox 01869 337940**  
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## Royal British Legion Deddington Branch

The sale of our building has now been finalised between Deddington RBL Trust and Paul Harris Homes Ltd for £370,000 with a completion date of 31 October. The Parish Council will be the beneficiary net of some £14K of costs associated with the sale and winding up of the Trust. Mr Harris is an Oxfordshire based developer and builder who specialises in converting old buildings in a sympathetic manner. We understand he plans to convert the building for residential use.

There will be a Club members-only farewell party on 30 September. Plans are in hand to then dispose of the contents of the building but one full-sized billiard table is still looking for a home. Anyone interested should contact Albert Humphries on 01869 338943. The Branch will continue to raise funds for the Poppy (Haig Fund) Appeal so look for us at the October farmers' market to get your poppy.

The standard will be paraded as usual on Remembrance Sunday. The November *DN* will contain the timings for the parade and church service, and also the date and venue for our AGM in December at which ideas for Branch activities in the future will be discussed.

**Rob Forsyth**  
Chairman

[robert.s.forsyth@gmail.com](mailto:robert.s.forsyth@gmail.com)

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## FRIENDS OF CASTLE GROUNDS

I'm sad to report that there has been some evidence of vandalism and fires being lit at Castle Grounds in the last few weeks. We try hard to maintain this beautiful site. To those responsible, please be aware that you are damaging an English Heritage site which we are trying to preserve for the future.

Subscriptions are now due. We will have a stall in the church at the farmers' market on Saturday 28 October. Our membership secretary, Jean Welford, and committee members will be running the stall. Please come and give us your support and renew your subscriptions. New members are always welcome so come and meet us and have a chat.

Plans for the near future are the repairing and staining of the benches and removal of old wood, plus the upkeep of the banks for the winter.

Once again a reminder for dog walkers to clean up after their dogs. This has become quite a problem over the summer. It doesn't take much to put a poo bag in your pocket when walking your dog or to use it. These are available free at the Parish Council office at the Windmill Centre.

Help us to keep this wonderful site safe and clean for residents and visitors to the village who visit this wonderful area.

**Carol Garrett**  
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## Deddington Neighbourhood Plan

### The Consultation

The moment has arrived. By 1 October you should have received a pamphlet which launches the seven-week public consultation on the draft Deddington Neighbourhood Plan.

The pamphlet gives an overview of the plan and policies and explains where to find – and how to respond to – the complete draft Neighbourhood Plan. This sets out the background and rationale for the 28 policies in full and is supported by two attendant documents: the Consultation and Basic Condition Statements which show how we arrived at this version of the plan and how it conforms with national and local statutory requirements.

We're hoping as many people as possible will send in their comments. The whole consultation exercise includes dozens of institutions far and wide, as well as local businesses, landowners and stakeholders. But our main concern is that people in Deddington, Hempton and Clifton should feel the plan reflects their hopes for the future of the parish – as expressed in the various drop-in sessions and questionnaires we have held.

The views about future development were not unexpected. However sympathetic to the wider housing crisis, beautiful rural villages are not usually keen on hosting extensive new housing estates. Likewise, anxieties about speeding and parking are common to every village in the county.

Pleasingly it became clear from our findings that most people are happy to live in Deddington, for all kinds of reasons: the rural charm, the shops, the pubs, the clubs, the historic features, the landscape, the friendliness and spirit of the place. What did come as a bit of a surprise was the harsh criticism of some of our most prized facilities – the Windmill Centre, the playgrounds and the sports pitches.

Whether our housing policies are honoured and the look and feel of the parish is preserved will be largely down to the planning authority, the developers and possibly government departments. Closer to home, matters are more in our own hands – we can do something about upgrading those facilities, we can at least try to tackle traffic problems and we can help make life a little easier for businesses in the parish.

These are the aims of our policies. Please let us know if we've got it right. As well as the pamphlets delivered to your door, there will be printed copies of the full Neighbourhood Plan and documents available at the library, the parish office at the Windmill Centre and Cherwell District Council's offices at Bodicote House, and all the documents are on our website.

This consultation is the first of the hurdles we have to clear. Next CDC and a government examiner have their say. Then we have the referendum to look forward to.

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## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### October

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Mon–Fri 8.45am Morning Prayer (also on the first Saturday of the month)

Wed 10.00am Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on the fourth Wednesday of the month)

Thu 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels – Play and chat for babies, pre-school children, parents and carers

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Sun 1 10.30am Family Service – A lively service for all ages  
6.00pm Choral Evensong

Sun 8 8.00am BCP Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion – Harvest Festival  
3.00pm Gospel Bell Harvest Celebrations with tea and cake

Sun 15 10.30am Holy Communion

Sun 22 10.30am Holy Communion (said service)

Sun 29 10.30am Holy Communion and Visiting Speaker from Tearfund

#### Barford St John

Sun 29 9.00am Holy Communion

#### Barford St Michael

Sun 1 10.30am Family Service – A lively service for all ages

Sun 8 9.00am Holy Communion

Sun 15 4.00pm Harvest Festival

Sun 22 9.00am Holy Communion

#### Hempton

Sun 1 9.00am Holy Communion

Sun 15 9.00am Holy Communion – Harvest Festival

Sun 22 6.00pm Evening Prayer

#### From the Parish Register

##### Baptisms

17 September Quinn Dennison

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar, Reverend Annie Goldthorp at [vicar@deddingtonchurch.org](mailto:vicar@deddingtonchurch.org) or on 01869 336880. If Annie is not available, then please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). We also have a Curate, Reverend Paula Smith who can be contacted on [curate@deddingtonchurch.org](mailto:curate@deddingtonchurch.org).

#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

22 October Issy Walton

29 October David Morris

**Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157**

#### RC Parish of Hethe

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe, is said at 9.30am every weekday except Thursday. There are two Masses on Saturday, at 9.30am in the Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Latin Extraordinary Rite. There are two Masses on Sunday, at 10.00am in the Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Extraordinary Rite. Confessions are heard at Hethe during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday between 5.00-6.00pm.

Mass is said at 9.00am on Sunday at SS Peter and Paul's Anglican church in King's Sutton.

The Vigil Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport.

**Father Paul Lester 01869 277630**

Information on the meetings of other faith groups can be found at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/church/otherfaithsandbeliefs>.

## Ruth's Writings

Ruth Johnson has been a stalwart of *DN* for more years than we can remember and even now, in her 90s, serenely masters our sometimes temperamental printing-machine to produce the 1000+ copies of the 18-page magazine ten times a year.

She has always had a slightly outsider view, coming partly from her childhood in Switzerland and partly from actually living, until recently, in Duns Tew. But she has drawn from Deddington 'all that is good, educational, inspirational, life supportable and "befrienable" in that great village'.

A collection of her warm, funny and inclusive writings assembled from material first printed in *DN* between 1999 and 2010, with an addition in 2016 to celebrate our 40th birthday, can now be found at [www.deddington.org.uk/news/ruthjohnsonswritings](http://www.deddington.org.uk/news/ruthjohnsonswritings). Many of them are Gleanings from the 14 volumes of the *Parish and Deanery Magazines* 1879–1930 which were discovered in a disused safe in the church in 1998.

Have fun.

**Mary Robinson**

## DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM



According to dewy-eyed romantics, October is the season of mellow fruitfulness, a season of hedgerow fruits, morning mists and golden leaves. As I sit and bash this out the September harvest moon is on the wane and the hedgerows are already beginning to turn so it seems as if the seasons have slipped.

The harvest came to an end over the bank holiday weekend so all is safely gathered in, but now it all has to be put back in for the next harvest, an age old cycle that I have been involved with for the past 60 years. Autumn is my favourite time of the year, with October and its Hunters Moon and early morning mists and frosts bringing us gently into winter. I make no apologies for using the traditional countryside phrase, 'Hunters Moon', although these days I only hunt or shoot for the table, with a few duck, the odd pheasant or two, and a late season roe buck going into the freezer. That's part of my culture.

The bees have been put to bed and have taken down their sugar syrup, but on bright days fly to work the late season ivy to top up their winter feed stocks. October is also a very busy time for our resident wildlife as they prepare for the coming winter weather. Many of their activities go unnoticed. The badgers and rabbits turn out their setts and burrows, replacing their summer bedding with freshly gathered grass to make a warm winter bed. Just as we make hay to feed our livestock through the winter, the rabbits also gather grass and other green feed which they store underground for their winter larder when the ground is covered with snow. Squirrels spend a lot of time gathering nuts and other seeds to stash away in the ground for the winter.

Our Iron Age ancestors did much the same thing, using storage pits for their grain. These pits were dug in free draining soil and lined with stone and clay. Although the outside layer rotted, it formed an airtight seal which kept the remainder sweet. We have the site of an Iron Age farmstead on the farm, consisting of four or five round houses and workshops and, on the bank below the site with the sun at the right angle, you can see the outline of the storage pits. I have dug one or two and the stone and clay lining is still in place although somewhat damaged by 2000+ years of ploughing. The site was photographed at high altitude by a U2 spy plane based at the USAF airbase at Upper Heyford. The pilot and his wife lived in one of the farm cottages. This was during the Cold War and before going off on a mission he would test his cameras over the farm and picked out the cropmarks. They went back to the US some 25 years ago, but returned for 'a trip of a life-time' a few weeks ago and we spent an enjoyable evening reminiscing before they went on to do the Scotland trip, so it really is a small world. They loved to walk the farm footpaths and would always stop for a chat. If they thought something was amiss with the livestock they would let me know. Sadly today it is a very different situation with any number of joggers, runners and two-wheeled pedal pushers, all plugged into their iPads with no time to stand and stare at the river valley or the changing seasons.

Most of our summer visitors have started their long trek south and the birds of passage that passed through on their way north last spring are again heading south. Wheatear and redstart are using the farm as a rest stop to follow the cultivators before moving on, and there is the yellow wagtail with its sulphur yellow plumage, a dainty little bird of passage, feeding up on the river meadows, taking the abundant crane flies (daddy long-legs), the imago of the leather jacket, before they too move on south. It is not just the wagtails that enjoy the crane flies as they, or rather imitations of them, make a very good trout fly for late season fly-fishing. Then there will be the cavalry charge of the northern thrushes, fieldfare and redwings, arriving in large numbers, who make use of the hedgerow fruits. In the past they have stayed for a few weeks before moving on but with the warmer winters of the last few years they now stay on well into the new year and, if the Clifton sea returns to the valley, we will see any number of duck and golden plover. I just wonder how many of the iPad brigade have seen the female peregrine falcon harrying the small groups of lapwing (green plover) that have returned to the river valley for the winter or, for that matter, the young hobby (he was hatched on the farm) trying his luck with the last of this season's swallow fledglings, before he too goes south. It's all there to see if you stand and stare. Ho hum.

**George Fenimore**  
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## News from Hempton

Saturday 9 September was the Oxfordshire Ride and Stride day. The day started bright and sunny but by the afternoon turned very wet and, at times, unpleasant. St John's only had 43 visiting striders which was well down on previous years but those who came enjoyed our refreshments. My thanks to Heather Nason who organised the day for us and all the people who volunteered in the church all day, serving food and signing in visitors. Three families took part for us so well done to them. Sponsorship money raised will be known later.

The harvest service is on Sunday 15 October at 9.00am. Gifts of non-perishable items will be welcome. They can be left in the church and will be donated to a suitable cause.

We now have permission for some re-organising of the church which will be taking place shortly, with chairs replacing some of the pews, new heating installed, and moving the font to a more suitable position. Should anyone wish to buy a pew, please call me.

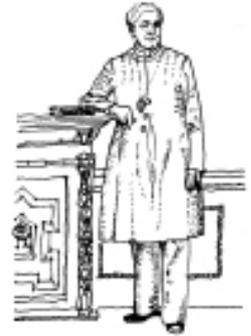
There will be a concert in the church on Saturday 7 October at 7.00pm when the Saltarello Baroque Ensemble return. Tickets on the door, price £10 for adults, £5 for children, with under 5s free.

The Christmas Bazaar will this year be on Saturday 2 December from 11.00am with all the usual attractions so please make a date in your diary. Any help with this event will be appreciated.

**Les Chappell 01869 338054**

## Deddington 150 Years Ago

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of October 1867:



**2nd October** – I signed 14 summonses and 6 in other persons cases for divers offences – drunkenness, assaults, short weights and cat killing.

**8th October** – Mr. Faulkner called twice about the organ matter. I and Holford attended a committee meeting at the Town Hall, I was in the Chair. It was resolved to remonstrate against placing the organ anywhere except the Chancel according to Mr. Street's plan to be carried out by the Bishop's Faculty.

**12th October** – I attended the adjourned meeting at the Town Hall about the organ – the Bishop having interfered and stopped the proceedings too late – no real business done but much plain speaking about that and the seats in the Church took place, which the Vicar did not much like – or Mr. Scroggs the Parish Churchwarden, Mr. Field the other Churchwarden being absent.

**15th October** – Left Oxford for Brighton, stayed until the 1st November. I went to the beach daily.

**Buffy Heywood [bd.heywood@btinternet.com](mailto:bd.heywood@btinternet.com)**

## Deddington Health Centre

### 2017 Flu Clinics

#### FLU VACCINATION SEASON IS HERE

Saturday morning flu clinics are on:

**30 September, 7 & 14th October, & 11 November**

**Weekday clinics from the end of September.**

**These weekday clinics will run throughout  
October, November and December**

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- Children aged 2 or 3 on 31 August 2017
- Anyone 65 years old and over on 31 March 2018 (i.e. people born on or before 31 March 1953)
- Anyone with a long term condition: Asthma (if on a steroid inhaler), COPD, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Chronic Kidney or Liver Disease, Neurological Disease
- Anyone who has an organ transplant or is on immunosuppression drugs
- Anyone on chemotherapy
- Anyone who has had a stroke
- Nursing home residents
- Anyone with a BMI of 40+
- Pregnant women
- Carers

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## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The Sally boys have hung up their sticks as the season is done. It didn't quite end the way planned but they finished eighth missing last place by a mighty eight points. Yorkshire terrier Alan Holmes finished in the top 20 top doll list. When a player fails to score with six stick, a 'blob' is scored and a monetary contribution is made to the 'blob pot'. This money will be spent before Christmas and a team tour to Malaga is being planned – or Ramsgate – the accounts are not yet complete.

This of course means the return of Book Club where a variant of last year's tour of Oxford is planned. This is open to the entire village and you will learn something each week so just pop along at 8.30pm on Thursdays.

Coming up is a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support on Saturday 23 October at 10.00am-1.00pm. Please email [bookings@theclifton-duke.co.uk](mailto:bookings@theclifton-duke.co.uk) to make a cake donation. On 31 October the pumpkin carving competition will be judged at 7.00pm, and next day there is a Hallowe'en Quiz and Curry. Book ahead – I have.

Congratulations to Ian Willox who was recently shortlisted for Humanist Celebrant of the Year by the Good Funeral Awards. A humanist celebrant conducts non-religious ceremonies in place of a minister and, while many of us are big fans of Annie, there is no shortage of the godless down here so we could keep you very busy in the years to come.

**Martin Bryce [martinbryce@gmail.com](mailto:martinbryce@gmail.com)**

## DEDDINGTON DEVELOPMENT WATCH

### Planning update – Potential development sites in the Parish

In July 2015 Cherwell District Council adopted a new 20 year strategic plan (Local Plan Part 1 2011–2031) providing for the building of 21,734 new homes between 2014 and 2031. Subsequently, CDC has been working on two further plans:

- a Partial Review of Local Plan Part 1 dealing with Cherwell's contribution to Oxford's unmet housing needs; and

- Local Plan Part 2, which will focus on non-strategic site allocations for new housing and development management policies.

CDC is currently consulting on how best to accommodate the Oxford overspill. It has put forward plans to build an additional 4,400 houses on sites north of Oxford and around Kidlington, Begbroke, Yarnton and Woodstock.

Work on preparing Local Plan Part 2 has consequently been delayed, but Cherwell has recently published a Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) which assesses the potential for sustainable development of some 290 sites across the District which have been put forward in response to 'calls for sites' to landowners and developers.

Under Local Plan Part 1 the 24 larger villages in the District, including Deddington, are to accommodate an additional 750 homes (on sites of 10 or more) between 2014 and 2031. These are to be allocated under Local Plan Part 2. Because of planning permissions granted in the meantime, it is understood that fewer than 150 remain to be allocated. Deddington Grange (School Ground) does not count towards the 750 since the planning permission dates from 2013.

Nine sites have been put forward around Deddington and one each in Clifton and Hempton. The sites assessed by the HELAA are:

- 114 Home Farm, Clifton 4.35 acres
- 116 Land north of Wimborn Close 4.62 acres
- 117 The Poplars, Clifton Road 4.13 acres
- 118 Western end of Pond Field, Earls Lane 5.24 acres
- 119 Land to the north of Clifton Road 8.2 acres
- 120 Land to the west of Banbury Road (north of Deddington Grange) 18.21 acres
- 121 Land between Chapman's Lane and Oxford Road 8.23 acres
- 122 Land off Hempton Road 3.88 acres
- 123 Land east of Banbury Road and north of Fire Station 5.1 acres
- 124 Part of Gas House field, Earls Lane 7.73 acres
- 137 Land west of Hempton 5.54 acres

Links to maps showing the above sites may be found on the DDW website (see below).

The HELAA identifies two sites adjoining the built-up limits of Deddington as potentially suitable for development, 3.88 acres on the west side of Wimborn Close opposite the entrance to the Windmill Centre

(no 122) and 5.1 acres east of the Banbury Road and north of the Fire Station (no 123), although the latter submission related to developing one acre at the southern end of the field.

Where only part of a field has been proposed for development by a landowner or developer, the HELAA methodology is to treat the whole field as having been put forward for development. Sites 117, 118, 121 and 124 were also submitted for materially smaller areas than are assessed by the HELAA.

The HELAA assesses the suitability of the two above-mentioned sites, 122 and 123, on the basis of 20 dwellings per hectare (dph), although the minimum density prescribed by the Local Plan is normally at least 30 dph (12 dwellings per acre). The reality is that as at Deddington Grange (School Ground), builders may be expected to push for the maximum achievable density.

The HELAA is a source of evidence to inform plan-making. It does not determine whether a site should be allocated for future development. This is a matter for Local Plan Part 2 when it appears, nor does it mean that those landowners or developers promoting sites which have not been assessed as being potentially suitable to be allocated for development will be deterred from submitting planning applications.

The 11 sites assessed by the HELAA total 75 acres, enough for 600 houses at 20 dph and 900 at 30 dph. This does not take account of any plans the Prudential may harbour for Grove Fields (20.5 acres), which could accommodate 165 homes at 20 dph and 250 at 30 dph.

We hope that the Neighbourhood Plan in the course of preparation will offer a degree of control over future development.

#### **Deddington Development Watch**

<http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/deddingtondevelopmentwatch>  
[deddingtondevelopmentwatch@hotmail.com](mailto:deddingtondevelopmentwatch@hotmail.com)

#### **News from Daeda's Wood**

The wood is still lush, thanks to the recent rains.

Reg, who monitors our bat boxes, reports that there were eight pipistrelles in one and evidence of much use in others. We decided at the AGM in April to have a Bats 'n' Booze walk one early evening in autumn. Friday nights seemed favourable, dependent on the weather of course. I suggest Friday 6 October, meeting at the Windmill Centre at 7.00pm for the intrepid and at the car park by the wood at 7.30pm for the less so. If you need a lift please contact me.

**Annette Murphy, Chair**

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## LETTERS

FROM THELMA DOVER,  
DEDDINGTON

*Better Late than Never*

I would like to express my grateful thanks to all who came to my aid on 22 August when I tripped and fell at the entrance to The Grove. Unfortunately I was unable to move and after calling for help for a few minutes a good Samaritan and his wife, who were on their way to the park with three children (oldest 13), stopped and fetched a blanket and cushion.

Unfortunately I did not get their names but perhaps a reader of the *Deddington News* may know them and pass on my thanks.

Also thanks to Dr O'Donnell who called the ambulance, Simon and partner (ambulance crew), June Foster for contacting my daughter and to everyone else who showed their concern.

FROM THE OIL-CLUB <https://www.oil-club.co.uk>

The Oil-Club has launched a club in Deddington and the surrounding area. If you would like to join or find out more, please visit the website. The service is free and works best the more members there are. The benefits are reduced heating oil costs, reduced heavy lorries through our villages, reduced carbon exhausted into our environment. The Oil-Club is an independent organisation and has no links to any of the suppliers. The Club's aim is simple - reduce the cost of heating oil for our members and the environmental impact as much as we can. The Oil-Club already manages more than 5,500 clubs across the country.

By grouping our deliveries by village or postcode and the bulk purchase ability of the Oil-Club, we are able to negotiate with our panel of suppliers the best purchase price for heating oil and pass on the saving to our members. As the membership grows, so does the negotiating power of the Oil-Club.

FROM GEORGE FENEMORE, CLIFTON

I was intrigued to read the Parish Council notes in the September issue, under the heading Parish Document Archive. I joined the PC in the late 70s and stood down in the 1990-91 election. I know for a fact that the PC archive was removed from the Town Hall in 1992-93. What happened to it or where it was deposited was never disclosed. In 2009-10 the PC gave up its lease on the Town Hall and the owners, Deddington Charity Estates, of which I am the chairman, refurbished the building. There were no parish archive documents stored in the Town Hall at that time.

It is intriguing that the documents that have surfaced only cover the period from 1946 to 1972 when I know, from my time as chairman of the PC, that a full set, from when the PC was formed up to 1990, was in



the PC archive. It is also intriguing that the missing documents cover a very divisive period of village history when the then PC bought the old Windmill School and, after a number of land deals, built the Windmill Centre and established its playing field and put in place £1+ million village fund. Although there are very few members of that council still with us, thanks to the photocopier, every member was given

a copy of all council correspondence and minutes. The then editor of the *DN*, Norman Stone, reported verbatim the council proceedings of every meeting. I know of at least one complete set that covers the late 70s to early 90s but they are part of a personal archive and will not be released, so the question is where are the missing official documents? And where have they languished for the past 24 years?

FROM JO GOLDING, OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS  
*Registration for Oxfordshire Artweeks*

May Festival 2018 is now open – the closing date for entries is 31 December 2017. See [www.artweeks.org](http://www.artweeks.org) or contact Jo Golding, [artweeks@artweeks.org](mailto:artweeks@artweeks.org) or 01865 865596 for more details.

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## PLANS FOR THE WINDMILL CENTRE

Our plans for the children's play area are making good progress. We've come up with a range of equipment that we know kids love. The likely site is the old bowling green, but we'd also like to make use of the copse at the south end. An adventure trail here would give children of all ages and abilities a much more exciting play space.

Options around the all-weather court and the Multi-Use Games Area are also firming up. Feedback from children who use the existing half-MUGA court says they would like the area to be fenced in, so the latest plan is to put a 'MUGA2' on the disused BMX track to the west of the AWC, completely fenced in and with a tarmac surface. It will be free to use, so hopefully it will stop the vandalism to the AWC which has been a constant and expensive problem for the Parish Council.

On the third strand – extensions and improvements to the hall and Centre building – we're working on a wish-list of new facilities and features. In the 2015 Parish Questionnaire you told us what you would like to see. We're looking at what other villages have done successfully, such as Kings Sutton, Croughton and Bletchington. It's early days but we need to keep the big picture in mind and make progress on all three strands of the project together.

Interesting discussions lie ahead with the powers that be before we know whether what we would like to achieve is possible. I don't mean the Parish Council – they're behind the project to improve facilities at the Windmill – but multiple legislative hoops laid down by CDC Planning, Landscaping, Ecology, Environment, and Health and Safety, all have to be jumped through before we get there.

Comments and input are always welcome. You'll find a list of members of the Windmill Development Group at [www.deddington.org.uk/community/windmillcommunitycentre](http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/windmillcommunitycentre), as well as a contact email address. Please talk to anyone on this group – we need to know whether you are with us, or whether there are concerns that we need to talk about. When plans are clearer we hope to put on a display showing what the future Windmill will look like. Until then your trusty DN will keep you up to date.

Residents in Mill Close will be most affected by plans around the old bowling green and we'll shortly be able to show you in more detail what we have in mind.

**Mary Robinson**  
 Chair, Windmill Development Group  
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## Deddington Library

The 'Animal Agents' Summer Reading Challenge has now ended and put to bed for yet another year. Medals and certificates have been given to the finishers as they concluded the challenge, or will be given at school assembly in the next couple of weeks. It's always hugely satisfying to see how much pleasure children get from taking part in the challenge each year.

We have been very fortunate to have Grace helping us in the library this summer. Originally a very successful Duke of Edinburgh volunteer, Grace went on to become a Summer Reading Challenge volunteer for the last eight weeks. We shall miss her bright and sunny personality on Saturday mornings.

Rhyme-times for Under 5s and families recommenced following the summer break and are going really well, every Monday from 2.30pm in the library. Grateful thanks to our team of volunteers for supporting this. Do come and join us, it's good fun.

'Get online' week is from 2–8 October. This is a great initiative and prompts me to invite anyone who would like to volunteer to become a 'Digital Helper' (previously a computer buddy) to get in touch. It would be very helpful to have a couple of volunteers with good computer skills to give us a couple of hours a week or a month to support others in the community who are less skilled. Basic but competent skills would help others 'get online'. For example, showing people how to set up an email account, use basic Word and Excel, log on to the internet to search the web, even help with using people's own iPads and smart phones. It's all about getting started. If you can offer any sup-

port to others in this respect, do please contact me at the library.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

### Adderbury Library Fundraising

Saturday 21 October Posh Frocks Party at the Grange Manor, Adderbury. Tickets £20.00 per head, £35.00 per couple. Tickets from Adderbury library or email Keith Mitchell on [krmcbe@gmail.com](mailto:krmcbe@gmail.com).

**Stella O'Neill 01869 338391**  
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## DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW 2017

This report is mainly a tribute to all who helped make this event on 2 September possible.

First there is our committee of six. Stan Nelson is our able chairman with his wealth of gardening and show experience to advise us and he also takes minutes of our meetings. Joan Wright is our assistant secretary who takes on all the publicity prior to the show, gets raffle prizes and gifts for the judges and scorer, and asks people to make cakes for the teas. She works so hard. Sue Ayles is our wonderful treasurer, who helps me with the entries and exhibitors' cards and the scoring on the day. Terry Timms runs the bottle stall and hugely helps with the setting up and clearing up, and Bev Ryland helps with the entries, gets Clifton women to contribute cakes for the teas and, this year, proposed we should have a new produce auction at the end.

Next to mention is our scorer, Elsa Williams who, though loosening her ties with Deddington, remains our scorer and will continue in the future. She also designed and produced all the exhibitors' cards, a far better system than we had previously. Our three vital runners work with her to bring the results from the judges and put out the certificates.

On the show day, the team works hard all day to run this community event, as do the many people who act as stewards when exhibitors arrive with their exhibits, those who serve teas, help with the raffle and run the cake stall. It was a pleasure to have Lord Green read out the trophy winners and Annie, our vicar, present the cups and read out the raffle prize winners.

It is a great deal of tiring work but worth it when one looks at the amazing display of exhibits in all adult sections this year and the number and high quality. There

is so much talent around, not only in our gardeners and cooks, but in the artistic, creative classes – art, crafts and photography. It was a wonderful, thrilling effort from everyone.

The others who are also highly appreciated are the judges who arguably have the most challenging job of all.

On a more sombre note, we were well down on children's entry numbers this year which was very disappointing, but perhaps the fact that the autumn term had not begun was one of the reasons.

### *Trophies*

Welford Cup for Cookery Helen Cox  
 Marianne Elsley Cup for Flowers Philip Smithson  
 Oliver Hawes Cup for Vegetables Stan Nelson  
 St Peter and St Paul Cup for Fruit Mark Ryland  
 John Cheney Art Cup Steve Waterman  
 Stella Marmion Cup for Crafts Kate Petty  
 Farmers' Market Cup for Photography Mike Higgins  
 Deddington Gardeners' Cup for Show Champion Philip Smithson

### *Children's Cups*

5 Years & Under Archie Honess  
 6 to 8 Years Heidi Smith  
 9 to 11 Years Felix Smith  
 12 to 15 Years Becky Skinner  
 Child Champion Heidi Smith

Full details of the winners and runners-up and photographs have been posted on the *DN* website, [http://www.deddington.org.uk/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/15757/Showresults2017.pdf](http://www.deddington.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/15757/Showresults2017.pdf).

**Wendy Burrows Hon Secretary**  
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## BLISSFUL THINKING

As Autumn's headlock gets tighter and summer loses consciousness, the recurrent geopolitical threat of war rears its ugly head again and bares its tombstone teeth. From the days when Odo, the Bishop of Bayeux, was suppressing native Deddingtonian rebellions with boiling oil and alligators (maybe), to the modern day drones and (potentially) ED-209s on the battlefield, the business of war is financed well and evolves rapidly. Only in recent decades has the word 'war' become less a cataclysm to be avoided than a policy tool that governments use to indicate their strong disapproval of something, often something intangible.

Some of these declarations of war against poverty or drugs for instance, have proven to be abject failures on their own terms, while the 'war on terror' seems to share many of the hallmarks of the previous failures, chiefly that the 'war' seems to exacerbate the threat that it avows to defeat.

Still, I have one more declaration of war up my sleeve that surely wouldn't provoke any collateral

damage. I'd like to lay siege to the world's most fearsome silent killer. I speak not of disease or famine, but a force responsible for the majority of fatalities of all living things since time immemorial. A rapacious monster that ages the flesh and organs, drowns, smashes and crushes without mercy; while the further you flee, the more violent its retribution. That's not even the most terrifying aspect of this obscenity: it cannot be seen, smelt, tasted, heard or touched, and it lurks malevolently in the molten depths of the planet's core. It's time to end this scourge once and for all, so join me if you will, in the new war ... against gravity.



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## POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

### Language, Food Trucks and Government Spending

This grumpy old man has a new word that I keep going on about. Following on from my previous rants about how Americans pronounce 'parmashan' which is an Italian cheese, and 'fillay' which is a lump of meat, I now obsess with the way the locals pronounce 'gyro' as hero. Heather refuses to join me on this one because it reminds her of doner kebabs on a Saturday night at a greasy food van after the pubs close.



The first month we were here, I suggested to Heather we eat at a food truck downtown and she vehemently refused. It was only the following day I realised she was thinking of the old greasy dog van rather than what food trucks are now. I search them out, they often congregate together. We went to a music festival a couple of weeks ago and there were 20. We had a pretty good curry and, for probably the first time in a long time, the server didn't ask whether I wanted my vindaloo cool, medium, hot or very hot. Yes, another of my rants. How can they ruin a good curry this way?

I guess those around me are used to the fact that the cynical Brit is now grumpy as well – I got old. I regularly upset the wife by telling her she is sleeping with an Old Age Pensioner. But there are some benefits to the incredibly expensive health care system in the US. I played tennis this week with three other guys who are bit older than me. At the end, one explained he was having his second new knee next week. It then turned out I was the only one who didn't have bionic metalwork and the best guy on the court had three pieces. He is actually 80 and could beat JC or any of the Deddington tennis crowd.

Weather has been a constant topic for me since we arrived in Denver. It is amazing here, with more than 310 days a year of sunshine, very dry and no hurricanes. Further east they get storms every year but the preparedness is improving and the number of fatalities was actually very low, nowhere near the Katrina levels. The

main Texas hospital survived because after Katrina they spent \$50m on storm doors. Whether this kind of response will continue we shall see. The Trump administration is planning to reduce funding to emergency response centres.

The Environmental Protection Agency has removed all references to global warming; it simply no longer exists. Trump has labelled it a hoax and even sane people I know just do not get the connection between the growing extremes in the weather patterns and man-made climate change. The storm damage has brought one good result. Trump has suddenly forgotten about his wall and the planned reduction in government spending and done a deal with the Democrats to put \$20bn out to Texas in aid. I wonder if it will change the minds of any Texans about the value of federal government.

Our sunny summer in Colorado was badly spoilt by the administration failing to get our travel documents renewed, so I missed my son's wedding in Kidlington and we didn't get back to the parish to see our friends. Hope you are all well. I am off to have a 'hero' from a food truck and it will be delicious.

**Mike Ward**

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## Holly Tree Club

The management committee welcomed David Rogers and Philip Allen to the team in September, Philip as our new treasurer, but both bringing with them a wealth of experience and knowledge to support the HTMC progress with our plans to be 'fit for the future' for the benefit of our club members and the Holly Tree property in general.

Our Monday morning coffee club is open to all over-60s in the community, so please come and join us at 10.30am, the first Monday of the month. Membership of the club is £5.00 per annum and a small charge is made per meeting to cover refreshments.

Our members enjoyed a lovely day out at the Herb Centre in Warmington in August; the trip was a huge success. Our next outing is to Aston Potteries on Monday 23 October. This promises to be a very interesting trip. If you're over 60 why not become a member and join us on our many trips and events throughout the year?

We are currently organising our Christmas lunch at the Deddington Arms on Tuesday 5 December. Again, new members are very welcome, not only to join the club but to our Christmas lunch as well, so please get in touch.

In association with Age UK, our next film night will be at 6.30pm on Thursday 12 October; *The Other Boleyn Girl*, a historical drama adapted from the Philippa Gregory book of the same name. No need to be a member or to book, just come along, all over-60s welcome. The only cost is £2.00 for refreshments on the night.

For all Club enquiries, please contact Liz Dickinson on 01869 337050 or Diana Marshall on 01869 337761. For all Holly Tree booking enquiries, please contact Hugh Blythe on 01869 338126.

**John Finnigan, Chair**  
**Holly Tree Management Committee**

## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Book Group

Over the summer we read *Enduring Love* by Ian McEwan. After a group of bystanders attempts a dramatic rescue of a boy in a runaway balloon, one of the would-be rescuers, Jed, becomes obsessed with another, Joe, harassing him aggressively and wreaking havoc on his life.

The opening sequence, featuring the balloon accident, is wonderfully written, but sadly it does not live up to its promise. The characters are contrived and lacking in any depth and emotion. There is another well-written sequence at the end of the book but by then our interest had already waned.

The next meeting is 26 October. Please call for the title of the next book.

**Sally Lambert 01869 338094**

### Adderbury Deddington and District Photographic Society

David Boag made a welcome return on 6 September to give a talk, 'Photographing Nature More Creatively'. David has been a wildlife photographer for over 30 years and has been published in many photographic journals and over 20 book titles on this subject.

His enthusiastic style of presentation captivated the audience's attention from the start. He demonstrated that the use and understanding of light and shade was

important. David emphasised that creativity was the key to a successful picture, one that could stand out from the thousands of others. Using superb photographs of animals and birds his repeated encouragement was to think creatively and use the photographer's intuition to produce a picture with impact. David stressed that use of telephoto lenses is not the only way to create impact. The judicious use of space around the subject and framing the animal imaginatively in the picture could also produce impact. Understanding the subject you are photographing is important. Examples were shown of being able to predict what the animal or bird may do next. This is often the difference between a brilliant and a mediocre picture.

He then moved from wildlife to the creativity required to present successful landscape photography. The possibilities of wide-angle and telephoto lenses was demonstrated by imaginative landscape photographs. The importance of foreground, middle distance and the far distance detail was demonstrated. Emphasis was put on not being discouraged by poor weather conditions. 'Make use of these conditions and emphasise the impact of the landscape before you'. Environment creates atmosphere was the message.

David went into the use of autofocus and the importance of knowing when and how to use the tripod. Although modern high ISO settings may discourage

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## CALLING MORE CLUBS

many from using tripods, the use of one is still beneficial. Commenting on so-called 'rules of photography', stress was placed on not necessarily ignoring them but using that inner feeling which many of us have of what is good or bad in the picture.

**Paul Brewerton** [www.addphoto.co.uk](http://www.addphoto.co.uk)

### 1st Deddington Scout Group

The summer term was a month of camps and trips. We took a combined group of Cubs and Scouts to the County Camp (Oxonjam) held at Blenheim Palace, three days of activities and entertainment including climbing walls and abseiling, inflatables, roller-blading, cinemas, a planetarium, mini tanks, a simulator and lots of tents full of games and crafts. There was even a fire juggler. These activities were spread over four huge zones, the boys spending half a day in each before returning tired and grubby to our campsite. The organisation was fantastic, all done by volunteers and even the weather was kind, only raining one night, meaning we took down dry tents, making us leaders very happy.

#### Cubs

A group of Cubs and Beavers spent a day at the annual Funday held at Woodhouse Park near Bristol. We travelled by coach with others from the District and yet again had a riotous day caving (straw bale maze), backwoods cooking, racing pedal cars and quad bikes, and enjoying a free funfair – we all went on the dodgems together - plus all the usual sideshows.

**Jo Churchyard**

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#### Scouts

We spent our summer camp at our local site at Horley where the Scouts learned some valuable survival techniques including a night in homemade bivvies', backwoods cooking, fire-lighting and water purification.

**Pete Churchyard**

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### 1st Deddington Guides

We ended the term with brilliant fun, stream walking at Barford – everyone's favourite, and all of them soaked from head to foot by the end.

Camp at Shutford was awesome. 2017's changeable weather prevailed and we kept the fire going in strong winds and pouring rain, ensuring we had hot meals and hot water. Well done Guides – a real challenge. We saved the large mess tent from taking off – all hands on deck. The weather meant we had to be flexible with our programme but there was plenty of time for fun and games involving mad scientists, kidnaps and challenges, smugglers and border guards, an amazing water slide, a hike to Hooky for ice-creams and fun in the park, as well as plenty of singing and drama and home spun entertainment. The dawn expedition to the Rollright Stones was a little short on an

amazing sunrise but bacon butties on return seemed to compensate.

We're back for an exciting new term so who knows what fun and games, challenges and new skills to learn and ways to help each other in the community lie ahead? We'll keep you posted.

We are also enjoying the company and assistance of Young Leader Charlotte and Adult Leader Tilly – both former Guides – welcome back to both, we love having your input.

**Maggie Rampley 01295 810069**

**Marian Trinder 01869 340806**

**Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008**

### Deddington Bookworms

Our latest book, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett is highly recommended by the whole group. It tells the story of living and working relationships in Jackson, Mississippi, in the early 1960s, the help being the black women working for white families. In many cases the help spend much of their time raising the children of the white families. The three main characters of Miss Skeeter, Aibileen and Minnie recount stories about the whole community, revealing issues of inequality and civil rights in the process.

Miss Skeeter is one of the upper middle class white children who was raised by the missing Constantine with whom she had an extremely close relationship. She gets her big break as an author by writing a book of the stories from the help in the town. Aibileen was the first to agree to tell her story, raising her seventeenth white child whilst still grieving for the death of her own son. Older and wiser than the brash, hard but warm-hearted Minnie, who could not seem to keep a job because of her temper and tongue, they secretly and bravely worked with Skeeter to develop the story.

It is a wonderful story; the reader is drawn in and seeks to find out the outcome for all the characters (especially the mystery of where Constantine went), a real page-turner. Sometimes amusing, sometimes heart-breaking and both enlightening and shocking with the descriptions of the segregation and injustice of life in that place and time. It is worth repeating – we recommend it.

**Deddington Library 01869 338391**

### Deddington Brownies

Big news – Brown Owl is flying south. My family and I are moving to France some time after Christmas and the Brownie unit therefore needs a replacement Owl immediately. Please spread the word, come and join us to test the water, see if you might fancy being a leader.

This term we have a theme of 'friendships'. We are collecting stones around the village to decorate them. Once that is done we will be hiding them around Deddington on 2 October. Please do the same with your children. Decorate stones and go looking for ours.

## ... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

If you find one or more, you can swap your stone for one of ours. Please send pictures of the ones you find to [deddingtonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonbrownies@gmail.com).

**Regine Parsons**

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### First Team Results

02.09.17 Charlton & District (a) D 1–1 Stanley  
09.09.17 KEA (h) D 2–2 Barton (2)

#### Reserve Team Results:

09.09.17 Kingsmere United (a) L 1–4 Kaye (Josh)

A new season has dawned, but has the importance dawned on our two teams? The First Team has started somewhat sluggishly with a couple of score draws. KEA is never an easy opponent, but at home we would hope to finish them off. The Reserves have not responded ideally to relegation with an opening hammering at Kingsmere, but it's a long season yet, with glory to seek and reputations to salvage. DTFC hopes to see you at the Windmill Centre every Saturday with hope in your eyes and a derogatory song about the referee in your throats.

**Aaron Bliss**  
**07909 642882**

### DTFC Youth Section

The new season started on 9 and 10 September and we play our games at five locations – Christopher Raw-

lins Primary School in Adderbury (U10s), Deddington Primary School (U8 and U9s), Fritwell Primary School (U11 and U12), Steeple Aston Recreation Committee (U14) and the Windmill Centre (U13 Sharks and U13 Cobras). This season we will have eight youth teams, as well as U7s/U6s training at the Windmill Centre on Saturday mornings. (The U7/U6s have no more spaces but we will run a taster session for current Reception class children in April 2018 ready for the 2018–19 season. To register your interest please email me.

In the Witney & District Youth Football League, the Under 14s playing in the U14 B League had a 1–3 home defeat to Freeland who won the U13 C League last season. Lucus Barber scored for Deddington. It was a strong performance from the team and it bodes well for the season ahead. They are buoyed by their football tour to Seville in the summer. The Under 13 Cobras playing in the U13 C League had a heavy defeat away at Stonesfield but, in spite of that, they remain positive for the season ahead. The U12s playing in the U12 C League started their campaign with a 3–3 draw at Yarnton Blues, with two goals from Callum Beattie and one from Thomas Cunningham.

If you want to come and support our two U13 teams at the Windmill Centre, they play on Sundays at 2.00pm. Check the FA Full Time for Witney and District Youth Leagues fixtures.



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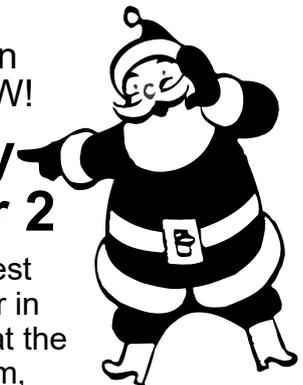
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## ... AND FINALLY

### Under 13 Cobras – players required

Our U13 Cobras team who train at Banbury Academy on Tuesday evenings and play matches at the Windmill Centre have spaces available for new players. If you are interested email Marten Sealby, [marten.sealby@gmail.com](mailto:marten.sealby@gmail.com).

#### Get involved

If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further information about the club is on our website - <http://www.deddingtontownfc/>. Or visit us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc>

**Roger Sykes**

**Development Officer and U7/U6 Coach**  
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### Deddington Players

Auditions for this season's Deddington Players pantomime will be held on Sunday 15 October, 2.00-4.00pm, at the Windmill Centre. If you are interested in being on stage, back stage or simply want to find out a bit more, do join us. We are open to adults, young people and children from Yr1 upwards.

The Deddington Players are presenting a James Bond-themed evening on Saturday 7 October, 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm), in support of Katharine House Hospice. There will be an hilarious, pun-laden one-act James Bond spoof, music from Deddington Brass, Jjames, Becky Jones, and dance by Deddington Youth Dance, as well as a bar, quiz and lots of laughs. Tickets are £5 from The Flower Shop or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/deddington-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/deddington-players).

**Suzie Upson**

[suzieupson@mac.com](mailto:suzieupson@mac.com)

### Women's Institute

We had a well attended meeting on 12 September and welcomed a potential new member. After the business side, we welcomed Peter Preese and his wife. Peter took up photography on retirement and has been exceedingly successful, winning quite a few competitions and also some success in the Countryfile calendar. His photography is largely done on a nature reserve near Stratford, founded by the late Felix Dennis. We were treated to some wonderful pictures, particularly of kingfishers. He also told us some of the tricks he used.

Our next meeting on 10 October is our Bring and Share Harvest Supper with an auction to follow to raise our annual contribution to the Royal British Legion for a poppy wreath. Any monies left over go to the Legion.

For information about the WI please contact either Beryl Suckling on 01869 337385 or Jenny Cross on 01869 337613

**Julia Hobbs**

### Deddington Cricket Club

The 2017 season has not been an easy one in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association area and that includes Deddington. We still maintain two teams but have had difficulties, like many other village clubs, in fielding two sides every week. During the season we had to cancel three matches as a result of non-availability of members. Seventeen teams have disappeared from OCA in the last five years so we're not alone in experiencing these problems. I blame the lack of cricket in state schools and on terrestrial television.

However, we are soldiering on and are determined to maintain our two teams for 2018. There is also a strong likelihood that our women members, who have been playing (very successfully) for Brackley for the past two seasons, will return to Deddington as their home ground.

We have gained a small number of new players during the past year or two and are keen to attract more. We are also working on trying to ensure more of our members are increasingly available for Saturday games.

Deddington has the reputation of being an extremely friendly club with a good atmosphere. We would welcome any new members, male or female. If you are interested, please contact Simon Oldfield on [simon.oldfield0@gmail.com](mailto:simon.oldfield0@gmail.com) or 07771 997358, or me. For more information about the club, see <http://deddingtoncricket.co.uk/>.

**Derek Cheeseman 01869 338609**

[derekcheeseman@gmail.com](mailto:derekcheeseman@gmail.com)

### Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

Our PFSU and Nursery AGM will be held at the PFSU on Tuesday 3 October at 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start. It is vitally important that as many families as possible attend this meeting, so please put the date in your diaries. We are a parent-managed setting and need the support of the membership (parents) to make decisions and elect a new committee, so please come along even if you are unable get involved any further.

We'd like to say a big thank you to Deedee Gill and her family for overseeing the repairs and maintenance at the Nursery this summer. We will be holding some maintenance days in October when we aim to do some further work and redecoration.

The PFSU will be holding a parents information evening during October to explain the tapestry profiles that we keep for your child and to introduce you to our approaches to the teaching of phonics and numeracy. Dates will be confirmed shortly.

Our Christmas Fayre will be held in Deddington Church on Tuesday 5 December.

**Lucy Squires**

**01869 337484**