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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

The *Deddington News*, your antidote to the national dailies with their burden of upheaval and disaster, bringing you exhortations on cleaning up after your dog, the farming round, news of the Deddington Festival 2018, fund-raising sailors, job opportunities, recipes, and reports on everything from updating the Windmill to the Brownies. Happy Spring!

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April

- Wed 4 Photographic Society: AGM, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
 Mon 9 Royal British Legion: quarterly meeting, Deddington Arms boardroom, 6.30pm
 Mon 9 Deddington Bookworms: Library 6.30pm
 Mon 9 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
 Tue 10 Women's Institute: Graham Rayner, 'Making Fine Furniture', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
 Wed 11 History Society: Ellie Goulding, 'Historical Pageants in Oxfordshire,' Windmill, 7.30pm
 Thu 12 Holly Tree Club: Film Night, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
 Wed 18 PC Meeting: Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm
 Wed 18 Royal British Legion: Social Evening, Parish Church, 7.00pm
 Thu 19 Deddington Players: AGM, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm
 Thu 26 Book Group: Contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for details
 Sat 28 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
 Sat 28 Church Craft Market, Parish Church, 10.00am–1.00pm

May

- Wed 9 History Society: Gary Lock, 'Becoming Roman in Oxfordshire', Windmill, 7.30pm
 Sun 13 Four Farms Challenge: 5k and 10k Fun Run, Castle Grounds, 11.00am
 Mon 14 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
 Mon 14 DOGS: Ladbrook Park Golf Club
 Wed 16 PC Meeting: Windmill, 7.30pm
 Sat 26 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
 Sat 26 Church Craft Market: Parish Church, 10.00am–1.00pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 21 March at the Old School Room, Hempton

Present: Cllrs Rogers (Chair), Collins, Cox, Finnigan, Eames, Higham, Oldfield, O'Neill, Reeve, Squires, Timms, Watts and Cllr Williams CDC and nine members of the public.

Open Forum

James Greenwood, on behalf of Deddington Festival's Carfest, asked the PC to consider covering the cost of the necessary road closure. (See below.)

Philip Allan, representing the Holly Tree Club, asked the PC to support the refurbishment required to avoid dilapidation. (See below.)

Planning

Land to rear of 19, The Paddocks, adjacent to Mill Close: Erection of a single dwelling. The PC'S objections to an earlier application were upheld on the basis of access. The PC objected again on the same basis. 2 Batchelors Row, Hempton: single storey rear extension. This application falls under permitted development and the PC made no comment.

Approvals – none

Refusals – none

Withdrawals – one

NHS England has given notification that Rushport Advisory LLP intends to provide pharmaceutical services from The Studio, Hudson Street, Deddington, OX15 0SW.

Deddington Festival

It was agreed to support the Festival and cover the cost of the road closure

Holly Tree Club

The need for investment in the club, which fulfills an important role in the community, had been discussed on previous occasions. The grant application of £100,000 was agreed under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976.

Deddington Nursery School

A grant application of £6,849 for play and kitchen equipment was approved.

Highways

Bus stop near Barracks, New Street. The inadequate provision of parking in New Street has resulted in the grass verge by the bus stop being used as an overspill parking area. The bus stop is a quagmire. The PC argued against providing hard standing because it would encourage further parking.

Environment and Recreation

RoSPA inspections and sign off costs of £550 were approved.

Removal of a metal seating structure at the Windmill was approved.

Scrub clearance at Welford Piece was approved.

Deddington Library opening times: Deddington library is the only one in the county to have evening opening. It is suggested that Thursday late opening should be dropped and extra daytime opening substituted.

'Battle's Over' 11 November 2018: to mark the end of WW1 the Church bells will ring out and a street party is suggested.

Thursday Club: an application has been made to Howard Cox for £25,000 for capital equipment to enable the Thursday Club to continue to provide important support. The application is being made from the Deddington Grange development S106 budget. The PC is anxious that this money be invested in Deddington.

DPC funds as of 28 February 2018

Barclays	£ 410,146
Nationwide BS	£215,003
Hampshire TB	£ 77,450
Cambridge & Counties	£ 85,000
United Trust	£ 85,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>£872,599</i>

Charles Barker

charlesfbarker@gmail.com

The next DPC meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18 April at the Holly Tree Club, Deddington

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter, Charles Barker, and not the official minutes, which are available at <http://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/2018.html>.

SHOUT OUT TO OXFORDSHIRE!

BBC Radio Oxford is launching a new feature for community groups and charities wanting to make an appeal, whether for more members or volunteers, donated items or skills and time – but not money. The station will broadcast radio adverts, free of charge, every day for at least a week, and put them on the BBC Radio Oxford iPlayer for a month.

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Mark Watson

THE WINDMILL



You may not have noticed it, you may still be stuck at the traffic lights; but there is a new management committee

at the Windmill and things are beginning to happen. Our objective is simple: to make the Windmill the best possible community centre it can be. Already home to most of the clubs and societies in the parish and a venue for anything from football presentation days to 18th birthday parties to village pantomimes, the Windmill is a unique village resource. And it is used a lot by parishioners from nine weeks to ninety-five years old. In a recent survey we discovered that over nine hundred of you use it regularly – most of you at least once a week.

So what can you expect? Well, with the caveat that Rome wasn't built in a day and all that, we have ambitious plans. Amongst other things: a new roof, a repaired driveway, new branding, new signage, a new website with an online booking system, improved décor and (drum roll) refurbished loos! We are also very excited about the planned redevelopment of the building and the site – more about that below. There's a lot to do but, with your help and support, we'll get it done.

A date for your diary – we're planning a 'Windmill Open Day' on 16 September.

Vaughan Jones, Chair, Management Committee
vaughan@englishlanguagematters.com

We're making steady progress on all four strands of the Windmill Centre update. You, who live here, told us loud and clear that's what you wanted – and the

parish council listened by setting up a working group to come up with ideas. We put the latest detailed plans and costs to the PC at the March meeting.

All-Weather Court: quotes have been accepted to install tougher, vandal-proof, fencing (£18,893.83 from Steelway Fensecure), and better lights (£6,897.00 from Darke and Taylor). With the recently refurbished mat this should be a better training and playing area and, with good marketing, should provide a substantial income stream.

MUGA2: we've established that there is no ecological barrier to the new MUGA being on the old BMX track. No planning permission is needed, but we do need a Certificate of Lawful Use (cost £234) to ensure compliance with the General Permitted Development Order. That shouldn't stop us advertising on the Government's Contract Finder website and local press for quotes.

Play Area and Woodland Trail: this is a design-led project and the PC has agreed in principle to the appointment of a project manager and designer. The PC agreed that the bid of £14,895.00 from Sacha Barnes be accepted – this is not an extra cost but rather an upfront fee to be met from the budget.

Hall: the longer-term project of planning an upgrade of the Centre building has begun. The PC has agreed to put £2,000 pump-priming money into getting sketch feasibility plans and ballpark costs from architects. It's a big task, and there's hard work ahead to raise funds, but with an energetic and enthusiastic Management Committee behind it we'll give it our best shot.

Mary Robinson, Chair, Development Group
development@windmillcentre.org

HOLLY TREE CLUB

First, a big vote of thanks to our members and the users of the Holly Tree Club for your recent show of support for the request for funding from the Parish Council – more news on this next month, including more detailed plans. Grateful thanks also to Stephen Plummer for fixing our pedestrian gate which was in dire need of attention.

Our members are looking forward to their trip to Stratford-upon-Avon on 23 April for a river cruise and cream tea. The next Film Night, in association with Age UK, is on Thursday 12 April at 6.30pm, showing the war drama, *The Book Thief*. Young orphan, Liesel, arrives at the home of Hans and Rosa, her new foster parents, in 1938. Realising she cannot read, Hans teaches her. Liesel loves books, even rescuing one from a Nazi bonfire. Though Liesel's new family barely scrape by, their situation becomes even more precarious when they secretly shelter a Jewish boy whose father once saved Hans' life.

There is no need to be a member or to book to see the film. If you are over 60 just come along. The only

cost is £2 for refreshments on the night. Unfortunately, there will be no film in May., as the projectionist is on holiday.

Don't forget our Monday morning coffee club for the over 60s is held on the first Monday of the month at 10.30am in the Holly Tree Club. Please note that this month it will be held on 9 April, due to the Easter Monday holiday.

Please remember our AGM will be held during the coffee morning at 10.30am prompt, on Monday 14 May. Again, this is a week later than usual following the May bank holiday. May I also ask all HTC users to identify items that belong to them as we will be having a spring clean after the AGM in May, and anything unidentified will be disposed of. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

John Finnigan, Management Committee Chair

DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

They are off by the time this has escaped the headmistresses' red pen: the first flock will be done and dusted and the organic flock should be under way. The old dears at Clifton pitched in with a bang, just as the Beast from the East and Emma from the South got their act together and the rest you already know. So it was out with the hot air guns to keep the water flowing and warming boxes for the lambs, with -8 temperatures in the barn and a wind chill of -14 outside. In a normal lambing season, if there is ever such a thing, we usually get off to a slow start with a few dribs and drabs but this year it was full-on from the start with the lambing team on full alert. If there was any advantage from the snow event, it was the fact that the school decided to throw in the towel and close, releasing the assistant shepherd to join the team, with constant raids on grandma's cake tin and sweet cupboard. To date we have had a heavy fall of lambs, with the ewes producing plenty of milk and only three 'kade' lambs on the bottle. Even the Cotswolds are strutting their stuff with a good number of ewe lambs and a few very nice ram lambs to choose from for next year's show team. As I have said before, this is my 60th season in the lambing shed but it may well prove to be one too far, as I am now reduced to being the 'night looker', on two sticks with a mobile phone in my pocket.



should get it off to a good start and the late season cultivations should reduce the need for chemical weed control.

As I bash this out, we still await the return of the curlew. They are some three weeks late, but perhaps they knew the Beast was coming and stayed put on the coast. The curlew is one of my favourite birds and I hope they have a better breeding season than last year when three of the four nests were predated by badgers. The fourth nest was protected with electric fencing and managed to hatch but the chicks again were taken before they could fledge, so it's a case of one endangered protected species being destroyed by another abundant protected apex predator.

Another of my favourite birds is the house sparrow and we have a strong colony in the farmyard. They congregate at first light in a large bush outside the office window, awaiting their breakfast of grain cleanings and come when called. During the recent bad weather they have been joined by a number of other finches – bullfinches, greenfinches, goldfinches, siskins and yellowhammers. Other seed eaters have been seen visiting the feeding stations, but, unlike the sparrows, the finches are very shy feeders so some of the bird tables have been moved to out of the way, sheltered, parts of the farmyard and are topped up before first light, so as not to put them off coming to feed. Overripe apples from the orchard are cut up and put out for our resident thrush and blackbird populations. One cock blackbird has been coming for the last three years. He is easily identified as he has a small white spot behind his offside eye (another old term denoting the fact that you always mount a horse from the left or near side when facing the horse from the tail end), he has made his singing post in the top of a false acacia tree in the garden. Although the storm curtailed his operatic endeavours he is now back on full song.

Over the last few years, the RSPB has conducted a number of bird surveys on the farm and we have just received the results from the 2017 surveys which indicate we have the second highest diversity of farmland bird species and the second highest increase of bird species on all their survey sites in North Oxfordshire. Ho hum.

George Fenemore
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After the storm finally abated the Clifton Sea returned with a vengeance and it will be some time before the ewes and lambs can return to their summer grazing. Last autumn's reseeding with a nitrogen-fixing mix will save the day, as it came on well and is now a lush green with a mix of rye grass, clover and vetches. After grazing the pastures will be 'shut up' for haymaking before going back into winter cropping next autumn. This will help to improve the soil and give a none-chemical control of the grass weeds – well that's the theory.

February fill dike was a none starter but, so far, March has made up for it and the two-week period between the two flocks' lambing to get the spring crops planted seems to be a lost cause since the soil is far too wet to work. So it looks as if we will be planting 'cuckoo barley' (an old term denoting late planting). But if spring ever gets going, the lift in soil temperatures

DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

This month the PFSU children have been on the move, finding out about different vehicles and exploring our village. We visited the Castle Grounds and looked for signs of spring. We enjoyed a visit from a police car (pressing the buttons to control the lights and siren

was great fun) and will also be welcoming a tractor to pre-school soon.

Children at both settings made cards, gifts and messages for their mums on Mother's Day. We hope all our mums enjoyed them and had a special day.

Lucy Squires 01869 337484

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

April

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	Bumps & Bundles and tiny tots. A great place to meet for parents, carers and babies, from bump to three years.
Sun	1 10.30am	Easter Day Service
Sun	8 8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun	15 10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun	22 10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun	29 10.30am	Holy Communion

Barford St Michael

Sun	1 9.00am	Easter Day Service
Sun	15 10.30am	Family Service
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sun	22 9.00am	Holy Communion

Barford St John

Sun	8 9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun	29 9.00am	Holy Communion

Hempton

Sun	15 9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun	22 6.00pm	Evening Prayer

From the Parish Register

Baptisms

Feb	18	Ludwig Guy Helgardt Holtzhausen
Feb	25	Felicity Molly Alma White

Funerals

Feb	21	Joyce Minnear
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For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar, Revd Annie Goldthorp, at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or on 01869 336880. If Annie is not available, please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). We also have a curate, Revd Paula Smith, who can be contacted at curate@deddingtonchurch.org.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
22 April Margery Richley
29 April David Morris

Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

There have been major changes in arrangements at Hethe and there is no longer a resident or full-time incumbent at Hethe. There will be a non-resident priest providing one Mass on Sundays (no Latin Mass). It is hoped that, in due course, Hethe will also provide one Mass on a weekday.

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.

Revd Robert Hughes 01869 720860

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

DEDDINGTON HOUSING ASSOCIATION

The Deddington Housing Association manages and oversees maintenance of the four Holly Tree bungalows in Earls Lane, Deddington. The bungalows are for the benefit of the 'aged and/or physically disabled persons in necessitous circumstances within the Parish of Deddington upon terms appropriate to their means' or those who can demonstrate very strong links to the parish.

We will shortly have available to let a fully refurbished one-bedroom bungalow suitable for a single person. It is anticipated this will be available in early

May 2018. Expressions of interest can be registered, in the first instance, by email to stella.oneill@outlook.com or by post to Stella O'Neill, DHA Chair, c/o College Farm Cottage, 5 Hopcraft Lane, Deddington, Oxon OX15 0TD.

The closing date is midday on Saturday 14 April. Those whose expression of interest proves they meet the charity criteria will be sent a full application form for completion, followed by shortlisting, interview and appointment.

Stella O'Neill Chair

HONEY BEE ROUND BRITAIN



Two intrepid Deddington residents, Mike O'Brien and Peter Soddy, are being joined by two mates, Pete Best (some time of this parish) and Mark Bales, on a three-month sailing trip round the British Isles in *Honey Bee*, owned by Pete Best, a 10.4m Hanse 345, built in the Baltic.

After 18 months' planning they leave the Solent on 19 March, aiming to reach Lowestoft in the first week. Then up the east coast, round the top, and a more leisurely cruise down the Western Isles – the number of distilleries up there might have something to do with it. The guys aim to be back in Beaulieu by the end of June.

Quite a challenge, but it's all in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust, www.teenagecancertrust.org. The costs of the trip are already fully funded, so all sponsorship money raised goes to the Trust. More donations are welcome: go to the Just Giving page <http://www.just-giving.com/fundraising/sailroundbritain2018>.

You can keep up to date on a weekly basis with their blog www://sailblogs.com/member/HoneyBeeRoundBritain; or Instagram HoneyBeeRoundBritain, or Facebook: HoneyBee Round Britain. For those who want more detail, use the app Marine Traffic, go to 'my Fleet' and add 'Honey Bee mmsi no 235102559'.

We wish them well, hope they have a cracking time and help an excellent cause in the process.

MR

AFRAID OF FALLING?

Are you an older person who has had a fall or is worried about falling? If so, why not try Dance to Health, a pioneering dance programme designed to help older people prevent falls which can have traumatic effects on people's lives.

The programme has been developed by Aesop, an arts charity and social enterprise. It combines physiotherapy with the creativity and energy of dance provided by experienced and professional dance artists and assistants who have been trained to deliver the falls prevention programme.

Recent funding has now allowed expansion of the programme and it is now being offered in Deddington in partnership with the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and the Royal British Legion.

The new weekly class started recently at the Windmill. It is aimed at the over 60s who have had a fall, or live in fear of falling. The class runs from 1.00–2.30pm on Fridays and includes refreshments afterwards. No dance experience is needed – and the programme is free.

To find out more about the programme and how to sign up for the class at the Windmill please call Hannah Gray, Dance to Health Coordinator Oxfordshire, on 01993 870158, email HannahGray@ae-sop.org or visit www.dancetohealth.org/Oxfordshire.

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DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL 2018

Deddington Festival has unveiled the line-up for this year's four day extravaganza of fun. It offers a packed programme of events designed to appeal to all ages and will run from Thursday 7 June to Sunday 10 June.

All the old favourites will be back, but in some cases with a bit of a twist – Deddy Jazz will be focusing on a more traditional jazz offering than in recent years and Deddy Rocks will be hosted by Kathy and Anton Hayter, owners of the Crown and Tuns, Deddington, so we can look forward to an evening of 'Tuns of Rock'!

The Art Exhibition, the Writing Competition, the Church Tour and the History Walk will also return for 2018 and we will be building on the phenomenal success of two events we held for the first time last year, the Children's Festival and Deddy CarFest.



There will be an acoustic evening at the Deddington Arms on Thursday 7 June and we are also delighted to announce that one of the biggest highlights of last year's Festival, the

singing workshop and concert by the a capella sensations, All the King's Men, will be back, appearing in the parish church on Sunday 10 June.

New to the programme this year is a village treasure hunt on the morning of Sunday 10 June, which promises to be lots of fun for all the family.

To view the full line-up of events planned for this year's Festival, please visit www.deddingtonfestival.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for all the latest updates. We look forward to seeing you in June.

Janet Bird

01869 337428

Betty Stilgoe, who died last month, was an elderly relative who had lived with Robert and June at Ad-

derbury Grounds Farm for the last four years. In her later years she was a private person and then house-bound so she was not well-known in the parish but she and her scientist husband, Henryk, who died in 1973, had very interesting lives during and after the war,



including Henryk's escape from Poland through France to Spain. For details follow the links to 'What's

New' on the History home page. The Deddington Stilgoe page also includes reference to the other Betty Stilgoe who lived in Deddington and her sister, Vera, who lived in Hempton.

Rob Forsyth

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FROM THE FIRE STATION

February has been a fairly quite month with few call-outs. In total we received 24, consisting of a few small fires, a couple of Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) and numerous standbys and alarms. A standby is the situation when we are called to another station that has higher priority for cover when its crew is out on a job. Banbury and Bicester, for example, have priority over Deddington. We do, on occasion, get called out by these stations but, whilst we are on hold there, we use the time to train to keep our own competences up, whether it be practical or technical skills.

We have been doing a lot of practical drills during station training on Breathing Apparatus, RTC and Working at Heights. Training is vital in our providing a competent, effective, service as you never know what you might be called out to next. Unfortunately I have to report some sad news – the retirement of Sharon Wilson. Sharon has been with us for nine years. She joined the brigade in February 2009 and from there has worked her way up to becoming a driver and a BA Team Leader. Sharon has now moved on to a full-time station within the US Air Force. On behalf of the brigade and the station we would like to thank her for all the years of dedicated cover she provided. She will be sorely missed by us all.

I want to mention the traffic lights in Deddington. Unfortunately, they are on occasion causing us to turn

out later than we would like. In general we should have the pump on the road to an incident within four to five minutes of our pagers going off. Since the lights have been in place there have been quite a few occasions when the crews have been stuck in the traffic and the only option has been to run to the station. As yet there seems to be no solution to the problem and we can only promise that we will turn out as quickly as we possibly can.

On a more cheerful note, congratulations are in order for Barney Alton. You may remember in the last issue I mentioned he was about to take his final Breathing Apparatus Team Leaders assessment. I am delighted to announce that he passed with flying colours. Well done, Barney.

Until next time, stay safe.

Thomas Hall, Firefighter

TEAS IN CHURCH

Please come and join us at the popular Teas in Church which will be held again in May, June and July, every Sunday from 2.30 to 5.00pm, when we will offer conversation, tea or coffee and homemade cakes. Please note, there will be no Teas on 10 June due to the Deddington Festival.

Heather Nason,

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

It's Official, I'm Getting Old

We were called to an appointment at the US Customs and Immigration Service. The man seemed quite nice, no tie, but quite a stern look on his face as we started the interrogation. 'What are the full names of your five children'? It took me a while, but I got there with a bit of prompting. But then I could see the follow up question coming ... 'and what are their birthdays?' (I do feel sorry for my lovely wife, she thought I was a good catch in 1990, I had a brand new Jaguar XJS.)



It wasn't a good start, but the salesman in me kicked in, and, after I pointed at the Foo Fighters memorabilia on the wall behind him, we spent most of the rest of the interview discussing Dave Grohl's last Denver show.

It nearly went downhill again when we got to the end and he asked us to stand and hold our right hands up. For a moment, I thought he was going to give us bibles for the other hand. I started getting nervous again. But he just asked us to swear that we hadn't done various questionable acts: had we imported guns, sold drugs, or been a member of the communist party? This last one did cause me to quiver slightly. There was a time in 1968 when I bought the party manifesto from a dingy hippie shop in Leicester. Luckily, I never actually joined, so that was it. We were welcomed in to permanent residency of the greatest democracy in the world.

As we left, all Ben could do was complain about how unfair it all was. I could nearly see his point; the waiting-room had about 30 people in it and none of the families were white Anglo Saxons like us. I guess we were an easy break in proceedings. The rest of them wouldn't have got the smiling treatment. I actually felt very sorry for the staff; it must be a horrible job, nice to have a rock and roll conversation to brighten up the day.

Ben has had a busy week. His school friends all walked out for 17 minutes yesterday to honour the kids killed in the Florida shooting and to demand change. You will have noticed that Trump supported gun control for 12 days, but changed his mind, again. Perhaps this country has a chance to rid itself of its obsession with guns. It appears the new generations of young people have more common sense than their parents.

This is the time of March Madness. No, this isn't another Trump allusion – it's perhaps even more stupid. The whole country is focused on college kids in a knock-out basketball tournament. Everyone does 'brackets', which are predictions of the results. The whole thing drives me crazy; the kids are paid nothing, less than one percent get a pro contract, but the coaches are paid millions.

Rant over, time for my medication. God bless my America.

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Clifton-sur-Mer has come flooding back with the recent sub-zero precipitation thaw and, for many of us, it's a welcome vista as we look across to soon-to-be rearranged Northamptonshire. What this might do to our own CDC's back room activity sharing is a moot point.

Sus and Chris Evans Pollard had a baby daughter, Willow Bay, last Wednesday, in addition to Bella and Oscar. Willow has already been seen in the pub. Well done girl – that's the way we do it down here.

There was a recent gathering of about 15 village children, with mums with wine glasses, up County View (being the only steep, safe, incline the village has) for various Olympic sledging, skeleton and luge competitions. It was wonderful to see children from aged two to twelve having fun together; it all ended in the new playground with a massive snowball fight – which Adam Perry joined in too. This might have been helped by an unusual failure in the Clifton gritter. The snow team will be working on this when it's warmer.

The annual clean-up has had to be postponed due to CDC not delivering the necessary kit. Cllr Collins has asked that the usual suspects watch their in-boxes for the appeal and I'd ask that others do their bit and not just leave it 2to those who always do. If you want to live somewhere lovely you need to do your bit to make it so.

And finally, I can say with certainty that Lower Larkrise stands with Salisbury and will cope if Vlad decides to hold back gas supplies. We can take it.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Striking A Balance

Cherwell District Council took their time but have finally delivered their response to our draft neighbourhood plan. On the whole, they have reacted pretty favourably. The good news is that they judge 'not unreasonable' our limit of 50 new dwellings to be built in Deddington on sites of more than 10 houses between now and 2031, 'having regard to the services and facilities that exist at Deddington village and to the development experienced at broadly comparable villages such as Bloxham and Adderbury'.

They also raise no objection to our policy that there should be no more than 20 houses on any one site, although they ask for more evidence to support this figure, which we have now set about providing.

One point they've raised, which provoked considerable discussion among the neighbourhood plan steering group, was a broad hint that in order to exert maximum influence we could allocate sites, specifying what kind of housing we'd like and where – whether for elderly people or young people looking for small starter homes.

There is no compulsion for neighbourhood plans to allocate sites and for a number of reasons, the steering group rejected this approach early on in favour of setting out criteria on which planning decisions could be based. Foremost was the consideration that if particular sites were named, they would be snapped up immediately by developers at the start of the plan period, and a whole series of applications for additional sites would swiftly follow with no guarantee they would be rejected by the planning authority.

There was also the fear felt by some that if we staged a popularity contest among sites in the village

we would unleash an orgy of nimbyism among residents and bad feeling among land owners. In some villages there are sites that are obviously suitable for development. In Deddington, unanimity is unlikely – any site favoured by some has a good chance of being vigorously opposed by others.

A criteria-based approach can help balance the interests of future residents against environmental concerns of the existing parish. To allocate sites at this late stage would probably involve yet another parish survey and a series of sustainability appraisals which could drag out the neighbourhood plan process indefinitely.

For all these reasons the steering group has decided to stick to its original decision.

Several of CDC's other proposals, mostly of a technical nature, we have decided to adopt. And, guess what? We received more praise for our proposed hospitality for swifts. Indeed we're encouraged to focus even more on biodiversity, habitats and wildlife corridors. This reminds me of the vital importance attached to the possible bat population hanging out behind the Windmill Centre where the parish council is planning a new play area. Let's hear it for the small fry.

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RBL SOCIAL EVENING



You will gather from our flier in this edition that, while the Deddington RBL Club may have closed, the Branch is very much open for business. We invite anyone who is interested to join us on 18 April at 7.00pm in the parish church (free entry and cash bar) to hear a short talk by our guest, Brian Leach (ex RAOC), about how RBL helped him recover from serious injury in Iraq and his rehabilitation back into the community. Our Oxfordshire chair, Lynda Atkins, and your committee will be on hand to chat about and seek ideas as to how our Branch can help fundraise in future. One of the easiest ways to do this, of course, is to join the Branch; the £17 annual subscriptions all go to the charity. Any bikers in the parish may be particularly interested in talking to the RBL Riders' representative who will also be present.

To help estimate numbers, please email me if you intend coming to the meeting.

Rob Forsyth (Chairman)
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WAS IT BUT A DREAM?

You might have seen over 50 Deddingtonians, mostly of a certain age, climb aboard a Heyfordian on 10 March. Trip to the seaside? Cliff Richard show? No, off to English National Opera in London's West End to see Benjamin Britten's *Midsummer Night's Dream*.

And the reason? It was the UK conducting debut of Alex Soddy, Deddington born and bred. (You may remember a few friends got to see him hold New York's huge Met auditorium spellbound last December.)

Some of us had to Google Shakespeare's play to remind ourselves of the twists and turns of the plot, but from the first sinuous curves of the opening strings, the magic took over. With ENO's pared back sets and green and purple costumes, the focus was even more on the music. Britten is not the easiest composer to love – you're not going to come away whistling a happy tune. Alex's command of the complexities of score, musicians, principals and chorus is masterly.

The principals might get most of the critical acclaim, but of Alex the London critics wrote:

'Britten's atmospheric score ... is beautifully played under the Germany-based English conductor Alexander Soddy, a notable ENO debut (*Guardian*).

And 'Alexander Soddy, who has made his name in mainland Europe, was an imaginative choice to conduct ... Soddy marshalled the score's warp and

weft so that everyone held a confident place in the tapestry' (*WhatsOnStage*).

'Alexander Soddy – making his debut with the company and drawing the most refined of sounds from the excellent ENO orchestra – ensures that the magic is as much musical as theatrical' (*The Stage*).

He'll be back at ENO whenever his demanding work schedules allow.

Oh, and you'll never complain about 'our' traffic lights again when you've experienced Piccadilly Circus on a Saturday night!

MR

BLISSFUL THINKING



Between snow in spring, chemical attacks by foreign powers, the malfunctioning temporary traffic lights and Trumpo the Clown's coming diplomatic wrestling match with Nuke Daddy Kim, it's easy to believe that the End of Days is just around the corner. Skies teeming with locusts, seas boiling with plastic, gorillas in combat

fatigues; by hoof or by tooth, humans may be done for.

The magnificent late Professor Hawking suggested we may need to escape the planet to be sure of survival, but what other planet would entertain such hosts? I was listening to a podcast recently that suggested Venus might prove a suitable refuge for future colonisation. Now even my elementary grasp of astronomy and faint recollection of GCSE physics would lead to a conclusion that (despite the fire at our desire) humans don't have a composition of carbon steel nor skin of tungsten, but the enterprising dreamer suggested that these horrifically high temperatures, atmospheric pressure and lack of oxygen only apply to the *surface* of Venus. His pragmatic solution was to live in the middle of the planet in year-round zeppelins. I was captivated, if a little sceptical.

Meanwhile, literally and figuratively back on Planet Earth, there are reasons not to fear the apocalypse. During the snow for instance, carers and emergency workers literally risked their own necks to ensure the vulnerable were not abandoned. Volunteers cleared pathways, picked up medication and called to see if aid was needed. Sure there is also plenty of bone-headed stupidity on display, but the altruism and humanity that always seems to emerge in times of crisis is enough to make me cock a snook at the spectre of annihilation. At least until the summit in Pyongyang!

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BOOKING ESSENTIAL

DEDDINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

Egging the Pudding

Sometimes homemade is the real, rare luxury – like custard. It comes in cans. It comes in cartons. If you're willing to make the effort you can make it yourself from custard powder. But a real custard is a thing apart and takes little more time than a custard powder confection. Just bear in mind that real custard is not meant to be as thick as the packet stuff.

Classic Custard – serves 1

300ml mixed milk and cream

1 vanilla pod (or add a drop of vanilla extract at the end)

1 large egg plus 1 egg yolk

3 tablespoons caster sugar

Put the milk and cream into a heavy-based saucepan set over a medium heat. Cut the vanilla pod lengthways and drop it into the pan. Bring to boiling point; the milk will be quivering and a few bubbles will rise when it is ready. Watch it closely, as the milk takes just seconds to swoosh up the pan and cascade over the cooker.

While the milk is coming to the boil beat the egg and egg yolk with the sugar in a heatproof bowl. The mixture should be pale and creamy. The milk is probably ready now. Put a sieve over the egg and sugar and pour in a little of the warm milk, remove the sieve and stir well. Add the rest of the milk through the sieve, then rinse out the saucepan so that no bits remain on the bottom (do not skip this stage). Pour in the custard and return the pan to the heat. At this point, I



always scrape the black seeds from the vanilla pod with the point of a knife and stir them into the custard. Cook over a gentle flame, stirring slowly and continuously, for a good five or six minutes, until the custard has thickened slightly. Pour into a jug. At the first sign of curdling or graininess, remove the pot from the heat. Place in a sink of cold water and whisk energetically until smooth.

From Nigel Slater's *Real Fast Puddings*.

On a more down to earth note, the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation on 28 May will affect everyone on the market mailing list. In order to continue receiving emails about the market you will have to re-register. You'll get an email telling you how to do this in due course.

For more up to date information about the market (and contact details for all the stallholders) you can visit the market webpage www.deddingtonfarmers-market.co.uk.

The market is on Saturday 28 April 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, www.market.adderbury.org.

Good shopping!

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FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

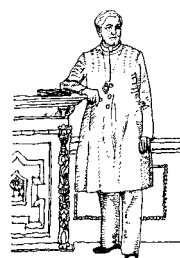
It was really nice to see and hear everyone enjoying the snow at the Castle Grounds, sledging and building numerous snowmen. Whether you are a regular visitor or just came to the grounds for the snow, why not join the Friends of the Castle Grounds and help us to preserve this outstanding site? Please contact Jean Welford, our membership secretary, on 01869 338539 or visit Deddington OnLine to download a membership form.

Spring is on the way, mowing will be starting soon and we will be having a big clean-up of fallen branches and dead trees in the middle of the month while leaving plenty for den-builders and wildlife.

While walking on the Castle Grounds if you see any litter, please pop it in one of the bins and help us keep the site tidy. Just another reminder for dog walkers to clean up after their dogs, help us keep this a clean and safe environment for all visitors.

With the lighter nights and hopefully better weather, come and enjoy this wonderful and peaceful site.

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Revd Cotton Risley for the month of April 1868:

3rd April – I and Holford attended a Petty Sessions for the month, a good deal of business was transacted, 18 or 20 summonses were heard, new overseers and constables appointed.

12th April – Easter Day – I went to Clifton as usual – Holford and John were there both times – there were 17 communicants.

14th April – Went by early train to Oxford and on to Flaxley Abbey with Willy to be introduced to his future bride and her Mother and family. Martina, Willy's intended, amiable, unaffected and cheerful, not pretty but agreeable – 25 years old.

25th April – I went to Oxford to be present at the laying of the Foundation Stone of Keble College, to be built in commemoration of that great and good man.

30th April – Children came for evergreens for garlands. (*For May Day. CD*)

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Oxfordshire Library Services have decided to review the opening hours of the library to ensure that they still reflect the needs of the local community and to bring them into line with other branch libraries of similar size. There will not be any change to the overall number of hours or days that the library is open but we hope the proposed changes offer a more helpful, simplified timetable. In broad terms, it is proposed that the opening hours avoid gaps during the day, we move to one evening session per week instead of the current two, and we retain Saturday morning openings. For full details please go to <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/deddington-library> or call in at the library for more information and a consultation from. The consultation will continue until 30 April.

By the time you read this, Windows 10 will have been installed on the staff PCs and we will be preparing for the installation of the new Library Management System later in the month. It would be very helpful if you could remember to bring your library cards and use the self-service machines while I'm learning the new system. Our team of very capable volunteers is here to help you which will give me more time to get used to the new SPARK system at the counter. If you don't have your library card, I will still be able to help you. Replacement library cards are available but please I try to find your cards; it really does help a great deal.

Similarly you can both order books from the library catalogue and renew books you already have on loan, – as well as accessing a wealth of information – by using the online service. While I can do this at the counter, I or our volunteers will happily show you, on the library's PCs, how to access your personal online library account at <https://libcat.oxfordshire.gov.uk/web/arena/my-account>. You just need to have your borrower number and PIN number to hand. I can issue your PIN number at the counter if you don't have it yet.

We are grateful to Pat and Sue for joining our team of volunteers. Both have recently moved to the village; Pat is joining our team of Rhymetime hosts and should be up to speed during April. She will be a great asset to this talented and supportive team of volunteers. (Rhymetime is for under 5s and families, every Monday 2.30–3.00pm in term time only.) Sue will be delivering Welcome Packs to the new residents in the David Wilson Homes development. We're very pleased that our new villagers are joining in with activities and hope they all settle well in our lovely parish.

We look forward to seeing you in the library again soon!

Stella O'Neill, Library Manager
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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

School life over the past month has been as active as ever. Everyone has continued to love learning and getting better at getting better.

All classes recently participated in the Fairtrade Fortnight, and on Wednesday 7 March the school Fairtrade Group organised a raffle and brought cakes into school to sell. We managed to raise an incredible £292 which we are sharing between Katharine House Hospice and Traidcraft Exchange. Thank you to everyone who made this fundraising event possible.

In sport lots of great achievements have yet again been made:

Year 1 and 2 children have been very excited to begin tennis lessons once a week with coaches from Deddington Tennis Club. Their skills are already developing beautifully. Our teams did very well in the partnership KS2 tournament. Our hockey and netball teams won their finals and are now through to the North Oxfordshire finals. The cross-country teams did equally well and they too will be taking part in the



Oxfordshire County final before the end of term 4. We are extremely proud of the children who have taken part in these events.

Towards the end of March Y6 went to Yenworthy with Mrs Cross and Mr Welch. Unfortunately, due to the extremely cold, snowy weather, their trip was cut short by a day. As always, a great time was had by all. The children experienced a wide range of enjoyable and challenging activities which they

will no doubt cherish forever.

On World Book Day the pupils loved dressing up as book characters, and some children came into school equipped with different character props for us to guess who they were. It was a memorable day for us all and we loved reading and listening to stories throughout the day.

Finally, we would like to wish you a very happy and peaceful Easter from all of us at Deddington Primary School.

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First of all we'd like to thank the generosity and the welcome extended to us all by Mr Chaudhury and his team at Bengal Spice who hosted our first and highly successful FoDL Curry Night. Deddington would be a poorer place without the likes of Mr Choudhury and that's before we've tasted any of his amazing curry dishes. We are fortunate to live in such a caring and diverse community of truly talented, inspiring and genuine individuals. It was a great success with a 90% turnout, despite it being one of the coldest days of the year. At least we made it before the snow arrived on 28 February. We raised an impressive £837 for which we are extremely grateful. It wouldn't have been possible without our resilient volunteers and all the supporters who braved the weather. Thank you and we hope to make it an annual event.

Talking of the snow, you've no doubt been taking hundreds, thousands even, of photos of the wonderful snowy scenes around our parish. With that in mind

and, as spring approaches, please continue taking those stunning shots as we'll once again be running our parish photo competition. The winning entries will make it into the parish calendar, raising funds for our much valued library. Images should ideally be 300dpi, 5Mb's or larger and in landscape format. Please send your files to abw@brynwilliams.com as and when you shoot them, to allow for feedback on your shots. Our deadline will be 3 September and the 2019 calendar will be available to buy at September's Farmers' Market.

Our sister library in Adderbury is holding a Meet the Author event with Annie Murray, in Adderbury library, at 4.30pm on 4 April and a Meet the Ballerina, with Isabel McMeekan on Saturday in Christopher Rawlins School at 7.00pm.

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BOWLS ANYONE?

For anyone suffering withdrawal symptoms after the closure of the Deddington Bowls Club, please note the Bloxham club is welcoming new members, starting its 60th anniversary season in May. The club will compete in the Oxfordshire Men's League and the West Oxfordshire Mixed Triple League as well as holding a

range of friendly matches. Anyone interested in joining can come to the club on a Monday night when club evenings are held for practise or just socialising. For further information see www.bloxhambowls.org.uk or contact Rod Ostler on 01295 720531.

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

On 7 March we welcomed a return visit by Mary McIntyre who gave her presentation 'Photographing the Night Sky, A Beginner's Guide to Astrophotography'. Mary started with information on types of useful equipment and how to set things up in preparation for a shoot and then showed a series of pictures of the night sky, taken on a range of equipment from DSLRs through bridge and compact cameras, to mobile phones. The importance of using a tripod was emphasised as was knowing your equipment thoroughly and the ability to manipulate a camera in the dark.

A series of awe-inspiring pictures followed, arranged in two groups. The first group was taken with a lens of any focal length on camera, whilst the second was taken through a powerful telescope. The latter included colourful pictures of nebulae and star clusters whilst the former were mostly star trails, pictorially composed with interesting foregrounds. Mary explained the phenomena of aurora borealis, which can be seen in southern Britain more often than people realise. The website 'Aurora Alert' gives notification of the likelihood of an aurora appearance.

The second part of Mary's presentation covered her visit to the USA last year to record the total eclipse of the sun. She ensured she was in a good geographical position to see the event for the longest time possible, a full two and half minutes. The result was a series of brilliant and unique pictures of this rare opportunity.

Following a break, the meeting continued with our monthly challenge, 'A Touch of Purple'. Members responded with a wide variety of pictures showing artistic imaginative compositional ability in the interpretation.

Our next meeting on 4 April is the AGM when our past year will be reviewed and members invited to say how they would like the club to progress. The AGM will be followed by a 'What Is It?' competition. Please submit your puzzling pictures to John Prentice in good time.

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Book Group

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd is a coming-of-age novel which we found both absorbing and moving. It is 1964 and two fugitives are travelling together across South Carolina in search of safety. Lily, a white teenager, is escaping from her abusive father, while Rosaleen, a black servant, is fleeing racial injustice. When they reach the town where Lily hopes to discover more about her dead mother, the pair are given shelter on a honey farm run by three African-American sisters.

Lily's narration of the story is direct and often funny, and the novel is heart-warming despite some dark themes. Characters are well-drawn, challenging the racial stereotypes of the segregation era, and the

depiction of strength and support in the female community is particularly life-affirming.

We meet next on 26 April, when we will be discussing *The Visitors* by Sally Beauman. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for more information.

Sian Waterman

Deddington Bookworms

This month we read *Sweet Tooth* by Ian McEwan. Billed as a spy novel set in the late 60s and early 70s, it convincingly conveyed life coming out of the swinging 60s and alluded to the plight of women struggling with sexism in the work place and the old boy network of 'spy recruitment' through the college system. The novel took a while to get going and rather bogged itself down at its mid-point. However, persevere and it begins to hurry along, with a clever twist at the end. All in all, it failed to live up to its enthusiastic reviews and lacked the excitement of a good drama – but a reasonable read none the less.

We are now reading *Missing, Presumed* by Susie Steiner and will meet on 9 April at 6.30pm in the library. New members always welcome

Deddington Library 01869 338391

Women's Institute

We had a quick general meeting to discuss anything arising from the previous month and then proceeded to the election of Jenny Cox as our new president. She is fairly new to the village but not to WIs and other committee duties elsewhere. Beryl Suckling will deal with speakers for another year and the rest of the committee were elected en bloc. However, Yvonne Twomey gave notice that this was her final year as treasurer.

There was a vote of thanks to the committee and a special vote of thanks to Beryl Suckling for all her years of hard work as president. The committee then gave us an excellent cheese and wine feast. Many thanks to all of them.

Julia Hobbs

Deddington Players

The Deddington Players AGM is on Thursday 19 April at 7.30pm in the Deddington Arms. We'll discuss our latest production, our plans for future shows and vote in our officers. Everyone is welcome. If you are planning to attend, please let Suzie know at suzieupson@mac.com.

Suzie Upson

Deddington Baby and Toddler Group

The children enjoyed cake decorating and an Easter egg hunt during March. We were also happy to welcome new members and would love to welcome more. The group runs every Friday 10.00am–12.00pm at the Windmill Centre, providing activities, a selection

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of toys, snacks and drinks and a chance to catch up with friends and make new ones. The cost is £3 per family and no booking is required. Visit our Facebook page, Deddington Baby and Toddler Group, or Contact Maggie Richards, Maggiemr1204@gmail.com.

Louise Tustain

Deddington and District History Society

On 14 March Dr Simon Townley brought us up to date with recent research into the history of Wychwood Forest, an ancient landscape just to our west. In 1086 Domesday Book recorded that Shipton-under-Wychwood, 'capital' of the forest, was the third most valuable estate in Oxfordshire, and throughout the Middle Ages the forest was a favoured royal hunting ground and a valuable economic resource. At its largest extent, under Henry II, the forest covered almost a third of the county. Simon pointed out that the word 'forest' did not imply a landscape entirely covered by trees but one that was subject to forest law. It comprised woodland, wood pasture for deer, grazing for pigs, and areas devoted to crops. It even attracted a number of hermits. The forest was gradually reduced in area and is today but a shadow of its former self, its most impressive remainder being Cornbury Park.

In the 19th century the area acquired a somewhat exaggerated reputation for lawlessness. There were exuberant popular festivities associated with Whitsun and a huge annual fair attended by 20,000 people. To reformers (agricultural, religious and moral) this was an irresistible target. Much of the forest was cleared for arable land between 1856 and 1858, the independent-minded woodland workers being converted to more biddable agricultural labourers. Local customs and festivities largely died out.

Our April speaker was to have been David Hood on the 1950s Malayan Campaign. Unfortunately, David has had to withdraw. His place will be taken by Ellie Goulding, on the subject of the craze for historical pageants in Oxfordshire c.1900. The meeting will be in the upstairs meeting room at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 April. As ever, all are welcome.

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Moira Byast Secretary 01869 338637

Deddington Brass

The band practises on Monday evenings in the church from 7.00–9.00pm. More information is available on our website www.deddingtonbrass.myfreesites.net

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Craft Group

Meets on Tuesdays 2.00–4.30pm at the Holly Tree.

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Friendly Bridge Club

Meets on Fridays at 2.00–5.00pm at The Holly Tree
Hugh Blythe 01869 338126

Thursday Club

For the amazing price of £9 we offer a pleasant and friendly day out for the elderly that includes transport, lunch, tea/coffee and entertainment at the Windmill Centre Thursdays 10.00am–3.00pm.

Annie Freeman 01869 338788

Life and Portrait Art Group

Meets at the Holly Tree club on Thursdays from 10.00am–12.30pm and 1.30–4.00pm. The club charges £10 per session.

Ken Wilkinson
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SPORT

Deddington Original Golf Society

Just to remind you that these are the venues booked for this year's DOGS programme. If you're not a DOG but would like the opportunity of playing some of these superb courses, or if you're interested in joining us please contact our secretary, – Barry Pawley, barrypawley@yahoo.co.uk.

14 May	Ladbrook Park Golf Club
22 June	Badgemore Park Golf Club
17 August	Wychwood Golf Club followed by evening event*
21 September	Olton Golf Club

*DOGS are, once more, most grateful to Rob and Maureen Forsyth for allowing us to use their beautiful garden.

Tony Lowe, Chairman

Deddington Town Football Club

First Team results:

17.2.18	Sinclair Utd (a) (CUP)	W 3–1
24.2.18	KEA (a)	D 2–2

Reserve team results:

17.2.18	Kingsmere Utd FC (h)	L 1–5
24.2.18	Ashton Folly First Team (h)	L 0–4

A new-look website means your intrepid correspondent had no access to goal scorers this month, but I bring you exciting news of the First Team doing the village proud by standing on the shoulders of giants and reaching the Coronation Cup final. Be sure to check www.deddingtontownfc.com and the Deddington Town FC Facebook page for details of the cup final to see the Humbugs hopefully slake their unending thirst for glory. Sadly, there has been very little to stir the blood from the Reserves, and they are almost certain to return to Division 3, a decade after their double-winning heroics saw them last leave it behind. Time for a new

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generation of heroes to seize the sceptre and stake their claims to immortality, I fancy.

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Youth Team

In the Witney and District Youth Football League the U14s playing in the B League have had three defeats — a 2–4 home defeat to Carterton, a heavy away defeat at Chipping Norton and a 3–0 defeat to Ducklington. The U13 Sharks playing in the B League have had just one match, a 0–4 home defeat to Banbury Irish. They sit fourth in the league with six games left to play and still in the hunt for promotion. The U13 Cobras playing in the C League had two home defeats to Launton and Stonesfield and have just one game left in what has been a tough league. The U12s playing in the supplementary cup had a narrow 1–0 defeat to Launton, followed by a 2–3 away win at Carterton and a 1–3 home defeat to Middleton Cheney and have just two games left.

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 www.deddingtontownfc/ or visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc.

Presentation day

Our annual youth presentation day is at the Windmill Centre on 10 June from 2.00–5.30pm. We will be producing a presentation day programme and have opportunities for local business to advertise (thank you to the businesses who supported us last year). The programme will be sold on the day to the over 200 people we expect to attend, be used as a marketing document for the season ahead and go on our website after the event. If you wish to take up this opportunity to support your local football team, contact Roger Sykes on 07899 914425 or direct by email at carsykes@btinternet.com

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YOUTH**1st Deddington Scout Group***Beavers*

Beavers are for children between six and eight. We meet at the Windmill Centre from 5.30–6.30pm on Mondays.

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Cubs

This has turned out to be a very short month. We lost a week to half term, then another to the Beast from the East. Even so, with the help of our two Duke of Edinburgh's Award helpers, the Cubs finished their DIY pencil pots, the Disability Awareness badge and made a short stop and go animation film for their Artist badge. We also spent an evening making pop-up Mother's Day cards.

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Scouts

There was the same short month for the Scouts. We finished the Pioneering badge, making a wheelbarrow (of sorts) and have started the Photographer activity badge. We said farewell to Jack and Dominic who have moved to Explorers. Well done to Jack for gaining his Gold Award.

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Explorers

Fairtrade has been the focus of this month. To date we've tried various products – well, someone has to. Then we were challenged by one of our members to identify food stuff from photos of what they look like before they are processed. Wow, it was difficult. We

got bananas, coffee and cocoa but some proved really hard. To complete the project we're making pancakes from various parts of the world and having a Fairtrade party. Yummy.

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Many congratulations to Janet Duxbury, our Group Scout Leader, on receiving her Silver Acorn Award for services to Scouting. Very well deserved.

Boys' Brigade

Whilst 1st Deddington is closed, lacking leaders, Bloxham's programme welcomes new members. For details visit www.1stbloxhamboysbrigade.moonfruit.com.

1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

Rainbows are the youngest section of the Girl Guide Association aged between 5 and 7. We meet at Barford St Michael village hall on Friday 4.15–5.15pm.

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1st Deddington Brownies

Brownies is for girls aged 7–10. We meet on Wednesday during term time at 6.00–7.30pm at the Windmill.

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1st Deddington Guides

Following the adventure of our winter camp in below zero temperatures and 60mph winds – which we survived and enjoyed – we've been concentrating on our 'Guiding's Got Talent' show. Our committee of older Guides has organised the whole event, producing,

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irecting, rehearsing all the participants and planning the programme. They also organised stage hands, prompters, costume and prop assistants and even directed helpers towards the raffle, and acted as hostesses and refreshments. A brilliant show – well done, girls. The winning acts were 1st place – Victoria, singing, 2nd place – Amelia B, playing the flute, 3rd place – Gaby, Irish dancing. We have raised £150 for the World Wildlife Fund, Victoria's choice.

We took a break from rehearsals to celebrate our Thinking Day with international food and activities and with a candle ceremony. We thought about other Guides and Girl Scouts around the world.

We celebrated Mothering Sunday by attending church with our colours and helped to take the collection and give out the posies. Well done Becca, Lily, Isabella and Connie.

Lastly, two of our senior Guides, Hannah and Connie, in completing their Baden Powell Award, attended an action-packed weekend in Norwich. They made friends with Guides from Cambridge, Essex, Norfolk and Lincolnshire having great fun and taking on new challenges. We are very proud of them.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The church is now waiting for the new low-level heating to be installed and the font to be moved to a more suitable position. The new heating system should be much more efficient than the old one. With this severe winter it has been very cold in there.

Ten pews have been sold and replaced with 36 chairs. A few pews have been retained so the congregation will now have a choice of what to sit on.

The Easter Service this year will be the Service of Light on Saturday 31 March at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments. Therefore there will be no service on Easter Day, 1 April.

The AGM of the Friends of the Church will be on Monday 21 May at 7.00pm in the Old Schoolroom. There is a strong membership which is good but three of the present committee now live outside this village and one or two new committee members are needed as well as a new secretary. Please come along to the meeting and think about taking an active part in the Friends.

Also please remember this is a village column so any news of interest give me a call or e-mail me.

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