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the Deddington news

DN can't quite compete with Deddington Guides (see p10) but last month we celebrated 35 years. Over this period we have gone from strength to strength. If you're interested in our history, take a look at our back issues online and see how far we've come. We welcome other media that aim to communicate in our parish with the launch of Deddington OnAir (see p9). I wonder whether these will all survive another 35 years?

October

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| Sat | 1 | Harvest Supper, Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm |
| Mon | 3 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon |
| Mon | 3 | PFSU AGM, the Nursery, 8pm |
| Wed | 5 | Photographic Society: Philip Rigby, 'Lightroom and a Photo from Start to Finish', Cartwright Hotel, Ayhno, 7.30pm |
| Tue | 11 | WI: Harvest Supper and Auction for RBL Poppy Appeal, Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 12 | Fairtrade preview: Parish Church, 11am–7pm |
| Wed | 12 | History Society: 'Apples, the Myth and Magic of England's Favourite Fruit', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 12 | Friends of Castle Grounds: Open meeting, Unicorn, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 13 | Monday Morning Club: Film evening, <i>The King's Speech</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm |
| Fri | 14 | Babies and Toddlers Group: Table top sale, Windmill Centre, 9.30–11am |
| Sat | 15 | Recital: Young pianists celebrate the new Steinway in Deddington Church, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 16 | Deddington Players: Auditions for pantomime, <i>There's No Place Like Rome</i> , Windmill Centre, 2.00pm |
| Wed | 19 | Parish Council Meeting: Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 20 | Deddington Media Quarterly meeting, Unicorn, 6.45pm |
| Fri | 21 | DOGS: Autumn classic at Temple Golf Club |
| Sat | 22 | Photographic Society Exhibition: Living Room in Parish Church, 9am–1pm |
| Sat | 22 | Deddington Farmers' Market: 9am–12.30pm |
| Thu | 27 | Book Club meeting: ring 338094 for venue |

November

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| Wed | 2 | Photographic Society: David McGill, 'The Photographer's Workflow; Processing the Images', Cartwright Hotel, Ayhno, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 3 | 'History of Christianity in Fifteen Objects', Revd Simon Jones, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 4 | PTA: Fireworks display, school field, 7pm |

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Windmill Centre, 21 September 2011

The meeting was chaired by Jim Flux and there was a good turn-out but no members of the public.

Highways/Environment & Recreation:

Work in progress from previous report, little new to report:

- the Dial-a-Ride service is still being discussed.
- local businesses and residents are to be consulted on arrangements for the November Fun Fair.

Planning:

New applications

- Glenthorne, Hopcroft Lane, single storey rear extension, no objection
- Pear Tree Cottage, St Thomas Street, felling the pear tree, no objection
- Greencourts, Earls Lane, revised plan, see previous report, no objection
- Craxton, Castle End, Castle St, felling chestnut tree, no objection
- Horsefair Cottage, Horsefair, single storey rear extension, no objection with qualifications
- Orchard Bank, Goose Green, extension of decking and veranda, no objection
- Hempton House, Snake Hill Lane, Hempton, erection of stable block, concern about access from Hempton Rd. Also concern about possible change of use in the future
- Corner House, High Street, internal and external works, no objection

Emergency Planning:

First draft of the Plan issued, discussion about contents, publication and implementation at next DPC

meeting. Responsibility for salt distribution and insurance liability to be investigated.

The most interesting item was a paper circulated but not discussed from the National Association of Local Councils, detailing the powers of Parish Councils which are very limited; for example 'Planning', 'The Right to be notified of Planning Applications'. In other words no more than the rights/powers of any member of the public.

Finance & General Purposes:

£2,500 agreed as a final settlement with Deddington Charity Estates for Town Hall

£305 agreed as a contribution to the production cost of *A Parish at War*

Allotment costs to be increased to £22 for a full plot and £14 for a half

Allotment trees on the edge of Satin Lane to be trimmed at a cost of £960

Allotment scrub to be cleared at a cost of £300, to allow five or six new plots

Tertiary education grants agreed for Toby Watson and Mathew Teare, two more applications were being processed

Solar panels at the Windmill Centre have produced more power than was expected; a statement of revenue is awaited from Scottish and Southern Electricity

DPC funds: £534,955 held in Barclays, West Bromwich BS, Santander, Anglo Irish Bank. Invoices for payment £7,923.

Next Meeting 7.30pm on 19 October 2011 at the Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter Charles Barker (charlesfjbarker@gmail.com) and not the official Minutes. To see those, go to <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/pcminutes>.

Deddington OnAir Schedule

On p9 David Rogers provides some information about the Deddington OnAir launch. This is a synopsis of their schedule. Further details are on the website: www.deddingtononair.org.

[deddingtononair.org](http://www.deddingtononair.org).

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| Mon–Fri | 7.00am–1.00pm and 10.00–11.00pm Music |
| Mon–Fri | 1.00–2.00pm Book Corner |
| Mon–Fri | 2.00–3.00pm Deddington Discussions |
| Mon | 3.00–4.00pm and 9.00–10.00pm Europe Rocks |
| Tues | 3.00–4.00pm and 9.00–10.00pm R'n'B Show |
| Wed | 3.00–4.00pm and 9.00–10.00pm Rock and Roll Hour |
| Thur | 3.00–4.00pm and 9.00–10.00pm New Music Show |

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| Fri | 3.00–4.00pm Europe Rocks |
| Mon–Thur | 4.00–7.00pm Music |
| Fri | 4.00–5.00pm R'n'B Show |
| Fri | 5.00–6.00pm Rock and Roll Hour |
| Fri | 6.00–7.00pm and 9.00–10.00pm Matt and Jake's Hour of Rock |
| Mon–Thur | 7.00–8.00 Book Corner |
| Fri | 7.00–9.00 Chill Out Show |
| Mon–Thur | 8.00–9.00 Deddington Discussions |
| Sat | 7.00am–11.00pm Music or Live Event |
| Sun | 7.00–8.00am Music |
| Sun | 8.00–12.00pm From the Church |
| Sun | 12.00–1.00pm Music |
| Sun | 1.00–2.00pm Me, Myself, My Music |
| Sun | 2.00–11.00pm Music or Live Event |

FARMERS' MARKET MARKET TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY IN STYLE

Deddington Farmers' Market will celebrate its 10th Anniversary on Saturday 24 September when, in addition to offering the usual wide variety of produce, shoppers will be able to relax while listening to Washboard Bill's Jug Stompers, watching traditional Punch and Judy, trying their hand at balloon modelling, admiring owls from the Owls Galore collection, patting the dray horses from Hook Norton Brewery, taking part in competitions or just taking refreshment in local coffee shops, pubs or the church.

Nearly 70 stallholders are registered to trade at the market, a number of them attending since its inception. To mark the occasion stallholders are being given a rent free stall and have been invited to refreshments in the Unicorn Hotel at the close of the market. One of the stallholders, Cornfield Bakery, is baking a special anniversary cake for market day.

In the evening the Deddington Market Management Group will be holding a celebratory Tenth Anniversary Dinner for its band of volunteer helpers.

On Sunday 25th the Parish Church will celebrate the Market's Tenth Anniversary during its Harvest Festival Service.

Over the years the market has become recognised as an example of good practice and in 2003 became the county's first Certified Farmers' Market under a then new accreditation scheme. It has also been nationally acknowledged in the annual FARMA's Farmers' Market of the Year Competition and by the readers of Country Life magazine. It features in the *Good Produce Guide 2011*.

Geoff Todd 338532

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BLISSFUL THINKING



When not frequenting the apothecary or being dragged from a local tavern, I often meander aimlessly about the town like a travelling prophet, sowing seeds of iniquity upon the homesteads not tainted with virgin sheep's blood whilst indulging in shameless voyeurism. When I find the door not

barred to the weary stranger, I sometimes find myself asking penetrating questions to these curious beings: why do you kind tear yourselves apart coveting what others have? Does the obsession with new sensations override the pride in what has already been attained, or is there merely an unquenchable drive within to gather more at any cost? Is this the only method to deal with the perpetual transience of existence? Is satisfaction viewed as an unsavoury or less evolved state of being?

These queries are often answered with the familiar questions of how I got into their home, and I tell them that once upon a time a man could walk from one end

of the country to the other, taking what he needed when he needed it and having no cause for envy, chagrin or warfare. Their generalised response only tends to reinforce and endorse this perspective that accumulation of private property has bred discontent where once there was none.

Nietzsche once said that his belly is the reason man does not readily take himself for a god. No matter how much he devours, the belly will never be full, because it will chew up what is consumed and dispose of it. Meat, fruit, vegetables, stones, dirt: nothing will ever quiet its consistent yearning. The belly has evolved in developed nations to become figurative rather than literal. In lands of plenty we find other things to accumulate madly in order to satisfy a hunger we cannot comprehend: property, clothes, wealth, drugs, flesh, yet nothing will suffice.

Man weeps at the tragedy of the hole within his soul, parting like the yawning mouth of the grave, and in response he hurls anything he can find into it, yet finds it will never close. All the collective thoughts and words of every man, woman and child who has ever walked the face of the earth cannot offer him the answer he seeks most of all. An unreliable alehouse acquaintance of mine once claimed to have talked to God, and explained the encounter. 'I asked Him what anyone else would have. "What is the meaning of life?"' he recounted. 'And what did he reply?' I countered. 'You ask too many questions. Just shut up and drive.'

Aaron Bliss

aaronjbliss@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS

In 1995 we succeeded John Burden as organisers of the Christmas Eve Carols in the Market Place. We now feel it is time for us to step down from this role and for someone else to carry on the tradition. May we thank everyone who has supported and helped over the years.

Joan and Geoff Todd 338532

CONTACTS LIST

This issue includes the 2010–12 Contacts list. Extra copies are available at the Health Centre and Library.

MR

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

As we begin the new academic year we would like to say thank you to some great supporters in the community. Karen Hayward-Cox generously donated £200 from her London Marathon run to each setting, and this has been spent on toys and garden equipment for the direct benefit of the children. Thank you also to Steve Miller who held a Bee Gees Tribute night in the Church and was able to donate £300 to the settings, and to Al Kitchen whose generous matched funding helped the Moulin Rouge night raise such an amazing total. Your donations make such a difference to us and are greatly appreciated – thank you.

We begin the new academic year with many full sessions at both sites although we still have spaces in afternoon sessions at the Nursery. Please contact us on deddingtonpfsuandnursery@hotmail.co.uk if you would be interested in taking up any of these sessions for your child (age two plus).

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Nursery on Monday 3 October at 8pm. We need the support of the membership (PFSU and DVN parents) to take decisions and elect a new management committee, so even if you are unable to get involved yourself your support at this meeting is still vital. Please come along if you possibly can.

Next month I'll tell you what the children have been up to!

Lucy Squires 337484

PRIMARY SCHOOL

The new term has started really well; all the children have settled in to their new classes and are, as always, working hard.

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Fane and Mrs Samson who have returned after maternity leave – it's as if they have never been away.

Over the summer holidays we had some fairly major building works: we now have a new hall and library. The hall has doubled in size and is now as it was originally when built (the hall was the classroom for the boys, the girls being taught in another room which is now the Year 5 and 6 classrooms).

This month we are looking forward to creating a woven cross for our new hall. All children and parents can come along and contribute to what we hope will be a focal point of our school hall when we come together for collective worship.

Hopefully we will soon be able to invite parents along to celebration assemblies and also make our hall available to the local community – watch this space.

Jane Cross

Deputy Headteacher

jcro1444@ocnmail.net



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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

October

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| Sun 2 | 10.30am | <i>First Sunday</i> |
| | 3.0pm | Boys' Brigade Anniversary Celebration |
| Wed 5 | 10.00am | Eucharist |
| Thu 6 | 2.00pm | Squeals and Wheels |
| Sun 9 | 10.30am | Sung Eucharist |
| Wed 12 | 10.00am | Eucharist |
| Thu 13 | 2.00pm | Squeals and Wheels |
| Sun 16 | 10.30am | Eucharist (with baptisms) |
| Tue 18 | 6.30pm | Eucharist: Luke the Evangelist |
| Wed 19 | 10.00am | Eucharist |
| Thu 20 | 2.00pm | Squeals and Wheels |
| Sun 23 | 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10.30am | Mattins |
| Wed 26 | 10.00am | Eucharist (with healing prayer) |
| Thu 27 | 2.00pm | Squeals and Wheels |
| Fri 28 | 6.30pm | Eucharist: Simon and Jude |
| Sun 30 | 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10.30am | Eucharist: All Saints |
| | 3.00pm | Commemoration of the Departed |

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
 Sun 23 Isabel Walton
 Sun 30 M Nicholls

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Fr John Burns 277396

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: Every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Sun at 10.00am.

St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7.00pm and Sun 8.30am.

Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00pm and at Adderbury before Mass.

The Eve of Sunday 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.

The major feast of All Saints will be celebrated on Tuesday 1 November. Unlike other Holy days of Obligation which have recently been shifted to the nearest Sunday, this feast remains a Holy day of Obligation. Catholics are reminded that the bishops of England and Wales have reintroduced the practice of Friday penance but it is an exhortation to the faithful and no longer a binding law of the church. Those over the age of 14 are requested to abstain from meat and those for whom abstaining from meat is not a penance, such as vegetarians, are advised to choose another form of voluntary penance.

St John the Evangelist, Hempton

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| Sun 2 | 9.00am | Eucharist |
| Sun 16 | 9.00am | Eucharist |
| Sun 23 | 6.00pm | Evensong |

St Michael and St John, Barfords

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| Sun 2 | 5.30pm | Confirmation BfdStM |
| Sun 9 | 10.30am | Family Service BfdStM |
| Sun 16 | 10.30am | Family Service BfdStM |
| Sun 23 | 4.00pm | Evensong BfdStM |
| Sun 30 | 5.00pm | Commemoration of the Departed BfdStJ |

From the Parish Registers:

Baptism:

Sun 18 Sept Joseph Matthew Cattle Monpetit, Deddington
 Amelia Charlotte Robey and Anya Emma Robey, Hempton

Funeral:

31 August Maurice Springall

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), the curate, Revd Dr Dan Inman (338582) curatedan@gmail.com, or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to www.deddingtonchurch.org.

Information on the meetings of other faith groups can be found at

<http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/church/otherfaithsandbeliefs>.

Deddington Church

Winter Fair and Firewalk

Deddington Church will be holding its first Winter Fair on Saturday 12 November from 11am–2pm inside the Church. Join us for a warming winter lunch, gift stalls, exhibitions, music, winter games, raffle and much more.

On the evening of the 12th we will then be holding our Blaze Firewalk Challenge, 6–9pm. If you have ever wanted to walk across hot coals, now is your chance! There are still places left if you would like to join in, but don't leave it too late as we are asking everyone to raise a minimum of £150 in sponsorship before the event. More information can be found in the orange leaflets inside the Church, or do email me for more details. Minimum age 14 – there is no maximum age. Come and take the challenge!

Olivia Fenion
oliviafenion@gmail.com
 01295 273126

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Well done to everyone who was involved in the Ride and Stride day for Oxfordshire Historic Churches. We had four families striding for us as well as everyone volunteering in the Church to welcome 96 visitors from other areas, and serving our delicious refreshments. Many thanks to Pam Dodd for her co-ordination with everything for the day. We are on a nice cycle route but good food helps. Sponsorship money raised will be known later.

Saturday 1 October is the Harvest Supper in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. If anyone has not booked a ticket and would like to come, please give me a call, the cost is £10 per head to include food and soft drinks.

A preliminary notice about the Christmas Bazaar which will be on Saturday 3 December from 11.00am. This is the largest fund-raising event of the year organised by the Friends of the Church who are responsible for the upkeep of the building. Recently new internal doors have been fitted which has created more space

in the Church and Hall, the Church has been repainted throughout and there has been other ongoing essential maintenance. The next priority is a new heating system, then some new windows, new exterior railings to match the ones already on one side, and the decorated area over the Chancel.

All this costs a lot of money. We can apply for grants and we have been lucky in the past, but we have to find the bulk ourselves, so support at the bazaar will be greatly appreciated, and any donations and subscriptions will be most welcome. This building is the only community place left in the village and no one in the area would want to see it close. Many thanks for all your generous support in the past.

I know that in recent months some new families have moved into the village, so a warm welcome to all of you.

Les Chappell 338054

PIANO LIVE!

A concert to celebrate the new Steinway piano will be given in St Peter and St Paul Church, Deddington, on Saturday 15 October at 7.30pm. Talented young pianists from North Oxfordshire will perform a programme of popular and less well-known classics by Beethoven, Grieg, Chopin and others including some jazz. Promoted by the newly formed Church Arts Group, the

concert will be the start of a series to feature this fine Steinway grand piano donated to the church by a local professional musician.

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Janet Lince, info@choros.org

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Friends of the Castle Grounds

Following the huge success of the clearance of unwanted saplings in conjunction with English Heritage and the Parish Council, the group has been busy clearing nettles and dead wood from the banks. Having been told by many visitors that the grounds are now looking at their best in living memory, we want more people to visit and enjoy this beautiful area.

A Teddy Bear's Picnic was held on Sunday 21 August and it became very clear that far more people are interested in the Castle Grounds than we realised.



Pic Susan Fuller

With this in mind we have decided to invite all those interested to an Open Meeting on 12 October at the Unicorn Inn starting at 7.30pm.

We are planning two events for next year and are looking for support for these and for any new suggestions to encourage still further use of this valuable Parish asset.

Anyone who can offer their help, support and ideas and wishes to join our group will be welcome on 12 October – please come along.

Terry Clinch
Friends of the Castle Grounds, Chairman
338711

CHILDREN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The Summer Activities in the parish church in August were as much fun as ever. We have been touched and encouraged by the many children who have come very regularly to all the activities since they were five years old. Some are now 11, so they have sadly come for the last time, but we look forward to their returning as teenagers to help, as other leavers have done already. However, we would like to see more five- and six-year-olds coming for the first time at Christmas (probably on Saturday 10 December – look out for the notices) to ensure the beginning of a new generation.

Jane Green
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THE SWIFTS OF DEDDINGTON

Andy Russell and Chris Mason of the Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project came to The Orchards on Wednesday 20 July to film the activity of nesting swifts under the eaves of the office building in Hopcraft Lane. Andy has also been filming at other nest sites in Cherwell District and talking to people about the birds throughout the summer. The result will be *A Short Film About Swifts*, soon to be available for viewing in the district.

The first showing of the film will be at Kirtlington Village Hall on Wednesday 12 October and everyone is welcome. Soon after a free DVD will be available, and it will be obtainable from a website. Further information, including dates and venues will be published in *DN*.

Swifts have for a long time fascinated the people of the parish: we look forward to their nesting season and to watching the adult birds swooping to gather insects for their young. The main site in Deddington is Hopcraft Lane (about 12 nests), but there are at least another six nesting pairs around the Market Place, Featherton House and perhaps near Wesley Place. Chris and Andy think there are several unidentified nest places. It is hoped to encourage more swifts to new sites; three nest boxes (two sponsored by Cherwell Swifts Conservation and one by Jean Rudge) have been installed at the Windmill Centre with help from the Fire Service, and two boxes are in place at Deddington Primary School, sponsored by the Farmers' Market. Further sites under consideration

are at the church and the fire station. The chances of success with all new sites are much greater if a CD of swift calls is played – these can be bought from the Swifts Conservation for about £5 each.

This year, the swifts arrived in Hopcraft Lane on 5 May, and the last were seen on 21 August. Last year they arrived on 22 April and left on 16 August.

The Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project



Pic Andy Russell

Swift numbers have declined dramatically in the last 20 years – by at least 40%. So the starting-point of the Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project is that we should look after the swifts and the nest places that remain. To help do this, we are establishing a network of swift-watchers in towns and villages in the district who are recording swift

locations and can be alert to potential risks to those nest places. They are also able to obtain advice about swift-friendly building work.

We are also trying to generate greater interest in these wonderful birds and the problems they face. To this end, we have run an information stall at the Farmers' Market and hope to do this again, and to have a small display in the Library at a later date.

If you would like more information on the Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project, the film or nest boxes, then please contact Chris Mason at mason@cando.eclipse.co.uk.

Wendy Meagher
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Deddington OnAir Launch Meeting

A very successful evening was held in the Windmill on 14 September to promote awareness of a new community initiative – the parish now has its own internet-based radio station with content supplied by an increasing number of volunteers.

Heather Ward gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation and then opened up the meeting to questions. This produced some very interesting questions and suggestions from the audience.

This is your station so please let us have your ideas. We need people to make programmes too. It isn't as hard as you might think and we will be happy to answer any of your queries if you would like to contribute an item, become a reporter/contributor/interviewer. Or perhaps you would be willing to be interviewed if you have a story that could be shared.

A venture like this requires relatively expensive professional equipment and we were delighted by the generosity of those who became Friends on the evening and the Farmers' Market Committee which has made a donation of £300 with a further £150 matching contribution. Thanks to those concerned we have already secured that contribution.

If you would like to become a Friend of Deddington OnAir, for an annual subscription of £10, please contact us at the email address below or download a form from the website and return it to Eileen Anderson, Wicklewood, Chapmans Lane, Deddington OX15 0SU. If you would like a form dropped at your home please ring 338325

There are many ways in which you can become involved in and help Deddington OnAir. Please check the website at www.deddingtononair.org for details. We can be contacted by email at studio@deddingtononair.org.

For our current schedule see p9 and the Deddington OnAir website and we hope you like it. Please let us have your comments and suggestions for the future programming schedule.

Finally, our grateful thanks to *Deddington News* for their most welcome donation of £500 - the capacity of this community to embrace and support new ideas never ceases to amaze.

David Rogers, Chairman
studio@deddingtononair.org

PTA

As I write this, the PTA AGM is yet to be held but we are looking forward to a large attendance and the formation of a new committee complete with new chair and treasurer. More details next month.

Our usual fireworks display will be held on the school field on Friday 4 November. Put a note in your diaries now as the fireworks get better each year.

A very exciting year is being planned and we look forward to welcoming you to all our upcoming events.

Janet Watts
PTA Chair, janet@janetwatts6.wanadoo.co.uk

WELL REMEMBERED

MAURICE SPRINGALL

Maurice wasn't born in Deddington, but the family moved here when he was a baby, so he always considered himself a 'Deddington Man'. The third child of a family of seven, they lived in a cottage on the Hempton Road, next to the Windmill School (where the chip shop now stands).

He was called up for National Service aged 19 and was demobbed in 1960 being one of the last intakes for National Service.

Maurice married at 21 and had six children, Vicky, Neil, Max, Matthew, Beki and Lucie, along with 13 grandchildren.

He started his working life as a lorry driver for Lampreys, the seed merchants, and retired as Transport Manager for Cherwell Valley Silos in Kings Sutton.

Having lived locally all his life, Maurice moved back to Deddington to Grove Court in 2003.

A very keen golfer in his spare time, his claim to fame was playing with Bernhard Langer in a Pro-Am.

Maurice made friends easily and there were many male, female, young and old and whoever he met, he seemed to leave an instant and lasting impression with his distinctive voice and outgoing personality.

He will be sadly missed by all.

Rebecca Springall

WEEKLY DIARY

Mon: Homework Club, Parish Church, 3.30–5pm
 Mon: Brownies, Windmill Centre, 6–7.30pm
 Mon: Youth Club, Windmill Centre, 7–9pm
 Mon: Bellringing Practice, Parish Church, 7.30pm
 Tue: Craft Group, Holly Tree, 2.00–4.30pm
 Tue: Tennis Club, Windmill Centre, 10am
 Tue: Internet Café, Parish Church, 2pm–5pm
 Tue: Guides, Windmill Centre, 7–9pm
 Tue: Badminton, Seniors, Windmill Centre, 7–10pm
 Tue: Youth Group, Parish Church, 7–8.30pm
 Alt Tue: Hempton Ladies, St John's Hall, 2–4pm
 Wed term time: Caterpillar Music, babies & toddlers, Windmill Centre, 10am
 Every other Wed: Friendship Club, Windmill, 2.30pm
 Wed: Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys, Windmill, 5pm
 Wed: Boys' Brigade Juniors, Windmill, 5.45pm
 Wed: Boys' Brigade Company, Parish Church, 7pm
 Thur: Life & Portrait Art Group, Holly Tree, 10–1.30 & 2.30–4pm
 Thur: Cubs, Windmill Centre, 6–7.30pm
 Thur: Scouts, Windmill Centre, 7.30–9pm
 Fri: Babies and Toddlers' Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30–11am
 Fri: Katharine House Coffee Morning, Parish Church, 10am–noon
 Fri: Solemates Footcare, Parish Church, 10am–noon
 Fri: Friendly Bridge Club, Holly Tree, 2–5pm
 Fri: Internet Café, Parish Church, 2pm–5pm
 Fri: Church Choir Practice, 7.45pm

DOWN ON THE FARM

As soon as the combine and the baler had returned to their winter quarters it was full steam ahead with the field work to get next year's harvest in the ground.

First on the list was the oil seed rape. The wheat stubbles destined for next year's rape crop were given a good plastering of chicken manure before being cultivated down to a seed bed, the rape crops were planted during the last week of August at a seed rate of 4kg per hectare and then rolled with a heavy set of gang rolls to ensure a good contact between the seed and the soil. Each field was given, within 48 hours of planting, a pre-emergent crop spray to control the emerging weed seedlings. As I sit at the keyboard the rape crops are up in full row and producing their first true leaves. A constant watch will now have to be kept until the first frosts of the winter for any signs of slug and flea beetle damage.

By the time this has squeezed past the editor we shall be on with the drilling of next year's wheat crops. Again after the chicken manure has been spread the ground is cultivated and rolled but unlike the rape crops which have to be planted as soon as possible the wheat ground is left to allow the weeds to germinate and if necessary given a weed spray before being cultivated again and planted in early October. The same treatment will be given to the bean ground but they will not be planted until November.

For some years we have been using minimal cultivation methods (no ploughing). This has reduced our establishment costs (fuel) and allowed the crops to get away to a good start by conserving the soil moisture. But the no-ploughing system is beginning to give us some problems with chemically resistant grass weeds, so this year we have planted one of the worst fields with a green cover crop of Innovative Biofumigant Mustard. This crop is allowed to grow for 60 days before being mulched off and cultivated in. The decomposing mulch produces a very high level of glucoside which, according to the packet, sterilises and fumigates the soil giving a good control of grass weeds. The mustard crop was planted at the end of August and, weather permitting, we shall follow it with a crop of beans in November.

The poor end to the summer has made life difficult for the bees, with many of the hives already preparing themselves for the onset of the coming winter. A few of the smaller hives have suffered badly at the hands of the yellow and black striped bover boys (wasps) and another as yet unidentified black and yellow raider has put in an unwelcome appearance. This monster is a hornet, possibly one of the Asian species, much larger than our native hornets and well known on the Continent for being able to wipe out a strong colony of bees in a few hours. Is this yet another symptom of climate change? So it's back to the drawing board to redesign the hive entrance block so that it is large

enough to let the bees in but small enough to keep the hornets out.

This is something that is not as simple as it sounds as the entrance size is a vital component of a hive's ventilating system.

Bees, or rather the honey they produce, have entered the debate on GM crop production. At the beginning of September the European Court of Justice ruled that honey produced by bees that had taken pollen and nectar from GM plants is to be banned from sale. This ruling was reached by the Court after a group of German beekeepers were banned from selling their honey as it contained pollen from a crop of GM maize which had been planted near their hives. This ruling has the potential for some very far-reaching consequences as it opens the way for the beekeepers whose businesses are affected to claim compensation from the GM companies, the farmers who grow the crops and the governments that allow the crops to be grown. The next problem is, given that most non-EU countries grow GM crops on a commercial scale, that honey and other hive products produced in these countries should also be banned from sale in the EU.

But before the beekeepers of the EU and this country start cheering there is another side to this story, and it is much closer to home than we think. GM technology is not just something that can only be found down on the farm. Many of the latest 'must have' garden plants that can be found in local garden centres and are displayed in the glossy gardening catalogues are the result of the use of GM technology and they all produce pollen and are visited by honey bees. Ho hum.

George Fenmore
338203

[I'm glad to see there's a good reason for us all suffering the pong of chicken manure on the fields over the summer! – Ed]

1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES

We are 40 years old this month!

1st Deddington Guides inaugural meeting was held by the late Mrs Jean Ward at Maunds Farm House, High Street, Deddington. Six girls attended – and we haven't looked back since, with many Guides passing through the unit in that time.

We currently have 30 Guides and in recent years girls have come along who are daughters of our earlier Guides.

Were you a Deddington Guide? Has anyone in your family been a member?

We would love to hear from you, about where you are now and what you are doing. Please do get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you. Ring me on the number below or drop me a line, in the good old-fashioned way to 25 St Mary's Road, Adderbury, OX17 3EZ.

Maggie Rampley
01295 810069

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

The Postbag, or parts of it, now appear on the website Forum (<http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/forum/>). This enables readers to comment without having to wait until DN appears the following month. If you would prefer your letters not to appear online, please tell us when you write. Thank you.

FROM JOAN WRIGHT, GOOSE GREEN, DEDDINGTON

Dear cake makers, on behalf of the Committee I would like to thank you for baking cakes for the Deddington Parish Show. I understand we raised quite a lot of money and this is in part due to all your hard work and effort. Also my grateful thanks to Jean Welford for manning the cake stall and many thanks to the ladies in the kitchen, who always do a sterling job.

FROM MICHAEL ALLBROOK, HIGH STREET, DEDDINGTON

May I clarify a couple of points that have been raised about our book, *A Parish at War?* Initially it was envisaged as a simple expansion of the names on the war memorial, involving researching fewer than 100 people, but thanks to contributions from many people in the parish and the power of the internet, we have



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been able to record the service of over 600 men and women who contributed to the nation's military effort in the last century. In addition, we have included the rather more extensive personal recollections of some two dozen people.

The book is a unique and enduring tribute to our unsung heroes and the first book about the Parish (possibly any parish) which focuses

on the whole of the community in wartime and clearly demonstrates that the whole population was involved in the war effort.

If we manage to sell sufficient copies to generate a profit, we will donate this to a Deddington charity. The book is being sold at a pre-publication price of £10 (deadline 20 October 2011) after which the cost will increase by 25%. Orders can be placed at the Library; alternatively via Rob Forsyth: 338384 or me: 338374.

DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW 2011

Well, it's over for another year but, as the Show Committee hoped, it was bigger than last year and the quality of the exhibits was much praised by the judges. Congratulations to everyone who entered and huge thanks to all the stewards, tea providers, stall minders and the dona-



*Show Champion Dennis Freeman
Pic Judy Ward*

tions bucket holder, without whom we could not run this event. Elsa Williams has the worst job on the day, recording all the results and adding up the scores – a mighty essential job which she does with calmness and efficiency.

My abiding memories of the day will be Eileen Anderson's wonderful embroidered clown picture, the

children's vegetable creatures, especially the ant-eater plus ant hills and ants, and Dennis Freeman's face when his name was read out as Show Champion!

The Boys' Brigade Band played for us this year which helped promote the happy atmosphere. Thanks to them for giving up their time.

The Committee will be meeting soon to review the Show and start to plan for next year. The date will be Saturday 1 September. I would love to hear from anyone who has ideas for new classes so please get in touch. Sian Westbury's suggestion of a jewellery class, which we introduced this time, brought in some beautiful necklaces and bracelets to admire.

Trophy winners can be found at Deddington On-Line, <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/church/parishchurch/parishshow>.

**Wendy Burrows
338082**

The main trophy winners are:

The Jean Welford Cup for Cookery: Elspeth Cox

The Marianne Elsley Cup for Flowers:
Christine Blennoft

The Oliver Hawes Cup for Vegetables:
Dennis Freeman

The Arts & Crafts Cup: Mike Rudge

The Deddington Farmers' Market Cup:
Wendy Meagher

Show Champion: Dennis Freeman

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Team News

The team has been very busy this month with speed enforcement and community events.

We have completed a drug swabbing operation in public houses throughout the rural area. This allows Police and licensees to better understand drug use in rural communities with positive readings prompting Police intervention and support from Cherwell District Council Licensing Department. If you suspect drug use is taking place in your community, please make contact with the Police Enquiry Centre on 08458 505 505. Reports can be made in confidence and are always investigated.

We are conducting Neighbourhood Action Group Surveys in villages to determine new priorities for the team and for partners to tackle. We will report new priorities soon.

Speeding

Speed enforcement remains a Neighbourhood Action Group priority in the rural community – chosen by you during the survey process. Since promoting the 'Community Speed Watch' scheme we have had positive results with identifying, educating and where necessary prosecuting offending drivers. We have very proactive Community Speed Watch groups in Milton, Adderbury and Swalcliffe and thank all CSW volunteers who routinely give time to support Police Officers in running operations. Please treat every village like it is your own, drive carefully and considerately.

We are always looking to recruit new volunteers and set up groups in other villages. If you are able to give a little time each month, please make contact with PCSO Angela Alford of the Rural Neighbourhood Police Team: BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

Crime News

Every year millions of pounds worth of lead, copper and other valuable metals are stolen in Thames Valley. We have seen a large number of thefts of scrap metal in the Banbury rural area over the last year but also lead being stripped from church roofs. Most of these thefts have been in remote or isolated areas, like yards or farms. The Neighbourhood Police Team and Trading Standards are actively perusing rogue scrap metal dealers but please be aware that all areas are vulnerable to this type of crime. The team regularly inspect scrap metal and vehicle dismantler sites and are equipped with an ultra violet light source to search for forensically marked lead often found on church roofs.

Protect your property with these low cost easy options:

Remove any easy access on to building roofs, such as water butts, waste bins and tall trees located near to the building. Remember to get any necessary approval from your local authority for tree cutting before work starts.

Store ladders in a secure place. This is really im-

portant if building works are taking place that involving scaffolding.

Where possible, keep any gates locked and restrict vehicle access into your property.

Make it difficult for thieves to move stolen goods by hiding wheelbarrows and wheelie bins. Put these items in a secure place.

Maximise surveillance by cutting back tall trees and vegetation which could otherwise provide a screen for intruders to hide behind.

Watch out for workmen arriving unexpectedly at a building and report any suspicious behaviour.

If you are approached by a scrap metal dealer, ask to see their licence. They should be able to show you a licence endorsed by the local authority. If they are not able to do this, contact the Police and Cherwell District Council as soon as possible.

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 0845 8 505505 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email: BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk – please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or Antisocial Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the Police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

Community Messaging

Community Messaging is a free service which provides information to subscribers about crime and Police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat antisocial behaviour. More information can be obtained via our website, and you can sign up by following this link: <http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx>.

SCAM WARNING!

Several members of the DN team have experienced or heard of a number of instances of plausible sounding telephone scams recently.

One caller suggested that money was available for overpayment of mortgage interest; another that a phone bill was overdue and the line would be disconnected immediately. They sound plausible because, in the first case, the caller can provide the first four digits of your bank card if you've told them who you bank with, and in the second case, they are able to demonstrate apparently cutting off your phone line.

Please never give bank or credit card details on the phone unless you have initiated the call.

JC

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Art Group

The Art Group is enjoying the use of the Holly Tree, especially the parking. It is easy to bring paints, paper and easels to the hall. The models enjoy the improved arrangements. We meet on Thursdays from 10am to 12.30pm and 1.30 to 4pm. The cost is £15 per day.

Brian Wilson is now treasurer, and Frank Palmer still forms the group, and likes pastels. I am entering three paintings to Art 2 at the Mill for selection.

Jennifer Wealsby (01608 730401) is doing drawing groups as an extra. Drawing means careful measuring in portraiture and light and shade. The group started on 16 September and runs from 9.30 to 11.30am.

Ken Dodgson Wilkinson 337256

1st Deddington Guides

Summer camp was a tremendous success. Twenty Guides were present during the week, there was no rain, in beautiful surroundings at North Aston – our appreciative thanks to Clive and Trudi Busby for their hospitality.

Lots of fun was had stream walking, geocaching, hiking, exploring, playing games, acting, crafts, especially gathering willow twigs and making dream catchers.

Lots of hard work – wooding, collecting water, cooking, learning camp craft skills and emptying the lats.

Singing round the campfire was a wonderful experience, as was getting up at 4am to watch the dawn.

On the last night ten Guides very bravely slept out in shelters they had made from canes, string and ground-sheets. These bivouacs were brilliantly designed and built and stayed up all night. Well done girls! Three older Guides also cooked their own breakfast next morning as part of their Baden-Powell award.

Our guider, Marian Trinder, worked hard beforehand and throughout the week to gain her camp licence – a great achievement – so well done to her.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Marian Trinder 01869 340806

Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

Remembrance Sunday this year is on 13 November. Poppy collections will commence late October.

The generosity of Deddingtonians makes a significant contribution to the work of the Royal British Legion. This is particularly important at this time with our forces being involved in numerous theatres of war worldwide.

Anyone wishing to assist in the poppy collection should contact our Poppy Appeals Organiser, Norman West on 340368 or 0798 573 4839.

Details of the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will be in the November issue of *Deddington News*.

Jean Morris, Secretary
338143

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1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

We started the new term with three new Cubs: Zac, Theo and James, and we hope they will enjoy their time with us. Ben was invested and he spent an evening as 'King of Cubs' with throne, crown and robes. He wrote his own list of laws that the other Cubs had to obey (I think the power may have gone to his head). The Cubs then had to create a meal fit for a king from anything they could find at the Windmill and Ben chose the most 'appetising'.

This year's District Cub camp was held at Horley campsite and was based on the theme of Arctic explorers. They tried their hand at many activities: eskimo fishing, snowballs, Arctic animals, archery, climbing and shooting. We also had a visit from a team of huskies.

Looking forward to an exciting programme of events in the coming weeks.

Jo Churchyard CSL 338071

jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

Scouts started their term with a bit of housekeeping; tents were put up and checked and boxes tidied prior to pitching camp for the Cubs at Horley.

This year we are sending 13 to the County Patrol Camping Weekend and will spend some time planning menus for the cooking competition.

Coming up – pirate day, swimming, conkers, night hike, crime night and much more.

Thanks to Lucy who helped enthusiastically at camp, despite sleeping with a toad.

Pete Churchyard SL 338071

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1st Deddington Brownies

This term we welcome two new Brownies, Josie and Aimee. At our first meeting we made plans for the term and we will shortly be visiting the fire station. At the end of last term we said a sad goodbye to Sian Westbury, our Tawny Owl for the last three years. Thank you Sian for your enthusiasm and commitment and good luck with the new Brownie pack at Steeple Aston. Deddington Brownies still has a waiting list so if you know a girl who would like to join when they are seven, please email Brown Owl, Anne Kent, on the1stdeddingtonowls@hotmail.co.uk to be added to the waiting list.

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington Players

Thank you to everyone who turned up to sort costumes, move bits of staging and tidy cupboards at our 'sort-out' day on 10 September. Having done the spring clean we can now plan the pantomime, which



CALLING MORE CLUBS

this year is ... *There's No Place Like Rome*. If you fancy trying your hand at playing the Emperor Nauseous, his wicked son Biliou, Cleopatra, Mark Anthony, or even a camel ... then you need to be at the Windmill Centre on Sunday 16 October from 2 to 4.30pm when auditions will be held. We have an increasing number of people (children especially) wishing to be in the pantomime so you need to be there to be in it! We will repeat last year's successful drama workshop format for the children. Rehearsals will start around mid-November and the pantomime will be on 19–21 January 2012.

Lucy Squires 338442

Photographic Society

Last month Paul Hallett ARPS gave a presentation on 'Night Photography – How Exposure Really Works'. Introducing the subject, Paul initially spent time discussing the relationships between aperture, shutter speed, digital sensor sensitivity (ISO speed) and focus, and how they affect photographing subjects in limited light conditions without the use of flash. After showing examples of his own work to emphasise these relationships, Paul invited members to leave the meeting room and go outside and take their own photographs of Aynho village at night. After returning, members' photographs were then projected onto a screen and their efforts gently critiqued by Paul, who gave advice on how the images might be improved. A practical and informative approach to the subject, which was much appreciated by members.

Paul is Chairman of the Wallingford Camera Club, and the evening drew to a close with a stunning display of wedding photographs taken by him in his role of part-time wedding photographer.

Two events are planned in October. The first is the Society's annual exhibition of members' photographs at the Parish Church on Saturday 22 October (9am – 1pm), for which admission is free. The second is a presentation on Wednesday 5 October at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho by our Chairman, Philip Rigby, entitled 'Lightroom and a Photograph from Start to Finish'. Everyone is welcome to both these events; just come along and you will find us there.

John Branton 01295 811071
www.adandd.co.uk

Deddington Town Football Club First Team and Reserves

First Team results:

03/09/2011 Bodicote Sports (a) W 1–0 Kaye
10/09/2011 KEA (h) W 4–3 Gibbs M, Hall S, Kaye (2)

Reserve Team results:

03/09/2011 Hardwick Old Boys (h) W 2–1 Debenham, Garstin
10/09/2011 FC Langford (a) D 3–3 Hall D, Lynes, McPhee.

The lights are up, the music has cranked into life and the dance goes on. Our heroes lace their boots, strap their pads, oil their genitals and split their lungs with blood and thunder under traumatic skies for our amusement and regional pride. In an unparalleled opening weekend, both sides negotiated tricky fixtures with excellent wins, particularly the First Team, who stunned last season's runners up on their own turf with a goal from Jordan Kaye. They followed this with an attacking rampage of some note versus Bicester stalwarts KEA, with Kaye notching another two goals alongside Simon Hall and Matty 'Top Dollar' Gibbs.

Simon's brother Dan did the Reserves proud in their stirring draw with FC Langford, after a narrow victory over Hardwick which leaves them unbeaten and feeling optimistic about this season's prospects. Despite some tribulation over the squad size, the new men at the helm of both sides are steering a steady course through turbulent waters right now, and we look forward to the autumn glut of games unbeaten, with passion boiling in our blood and hope burning in our eyes.

Aaron Bliss
07909 642882

Colts

Football is thriving for children and young people in Deddington. We are proud to be an active part of Deddington Town FC. We have two teams in the Oxfordshire Invitation League (U17 and U16), as well as teams playing 11-a-side football in the Witney and District Youth Football League – U14, U13, U12 and two U11 teams.

Mini football in the Witney and District Youth League is also doing well with teams playing seven-a-side football – an U10 team, two U9 teams and an U8 team. The U7s also practise every week and play a few friendlies along the way.

Overall there are more than 150 children and young people taking part in football every week, supported by more than 30 managers, coaches and parent helpers. We will bring you news each month of how we are doing, or follow us on our website – <http://www.deddingtontownfc.com/>.

Roger Sykes,
Club Welfare Officer and U12 Manager 337034

WI

On 13 September our speaker Russell Cherry gave an interesting and informative talk accompanied by good slides on 'The Thames from its Source'. Many churches, bridges and points of interest, together with historical detail, were pointed out. Members enjoyed the talk and President Beryl Suckling thanked Russell.

On 11 October we have our Bring and Share Harvest Supper and Auction for the RBL poppy appeal.

Rene Mahony 338438

...AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The DOGS as usual take September off and travel to all parts. Our final event of 2011 is our Autumn Classic on 21 October at Temple Golf Club. This is a highly sought after venue.

We are expecting a large turn out and good weather (well you know – I can wish).

David Darst
338589

Book Club

At our meeting in July we discussed *A Fine Balance* by Rohinton Mistry. The book prompted mixed views from the group: some loved it, while others struggled to finish it. Set in 1970s India, the story follows the lives of four individuals who become a kind of family to each other despite differences in caste, class and religion.

There are good descriptions of the minutiae of daily life on the streets and the constant struggle for survival, as well as insights into the wider picture of what happened in India following Partition and during the State of Emergency. Towards the end, the misery and hopelessness of their situation is almost overwhelming and you get a sense that the author is trying to pack in too many social and political issues. Some little anecdotes and humour sprinkled through the book help to keep you reading.

The next book is *Alone in Berlin* by Hans Fallada and the next meeting 27 October.

Sally Lambert
338094

Deddington Tennis Club

Following a successful summer, several of the club's team members visited the Bengal Spice to celebrate promotion in the various leagues. The club organises many social events and in October, some members are to spend a week at the Lew Hoad Tennis Club in Mijas, Spain, which is a regular yearly event.

With the nights drawing in, the winter league matches will soon start with three teams in the Banbury floodlit league. The regular Wednesday club evening will soon finish, but Sunday and Tuesday morning tennis will continue.

Tennis coaching for juniors, aged three years onwards, continues at the club and inside the Windmill Centre throughout the winter. For full details, see the club's website on: www.deddingtontennis.com

Steve Ashby
01295 263855

Deddington Babies and Toddlers Group

Over the last month we have been busy with our arts and crafts and also organising some events for the coming weeks.

On Friday 30 September we took part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. This is Macmillan Cancer Support's biggest annual fundraising event and all proceeds we made from serving fresh coffee, tea and delicious cakes go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

On Friday 14 October, we are turning half of the hall at the Windmill Centre into a table top sale. Bring your unwanted children's clothes, equipment and toys to sell. All we ask is that you donate 10% of your takings to the Baby and Toddler Group funds. So come on, clear out your cupboards and make yourself some money or just come along and grab a bargain.

Deddington Babies and Toddlers Group is a voluntary run group for children aged 0–5 years and their mums, dads, carers or grandparents who live in Deddington or the surrounding villages. We meet every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30am at the Windmill Centre, Deddington and would love it if you joined us. If you would like to know more about the group or are thinking of coming along but are nervous about turning up without knowing anyone, then please give us a call on the number below or find us on Facebook. We look forward to meeting you.

Rebecca Moss
336298

Deddington and District History Society

There was a packed house on 14 September to greet our opening speaker, Jim McDermott, who spoke about his work on the archive of the Cartwright family of Aynho, now housed in the County Record Office in Northampton, and about some of his favourite characters and episodes to emerge from records that go back as far as the 12th century.

We are sworn to secrecy about the contents of Box 46; if you weren't there, you'll never know. Some of us have already been to Northampton to check out Deddington material in the archive, and we intend to organise further visits.

Our second meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 October, when musician, folklorist and local historian Tim Healey returns by popular demand. The title of his talk is 'Apples, the Myth and Magic of England's Favourite Fruit'. This will be of interest to more than malophiles. We hope that the North Aston Apple and the Blenheim Orange will feature prominently, but Tim will range widely and cover much of local interest.

Everyone is welcome at our meetings which take place at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month. We look forward to greeting friends old and new.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204
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PIERS GAVESTON AND THE NUN OF DEDDINGTON

As promised last month, this is the first instalment of a serial written in 1849 by Georgiana Bennet and published in the North Oxfordshire Monthly Times and Agricultural Advertiser. A copy has been loaned to us by Clive Sanders and was originally given to him by the late Fred Deely. We hope you enjoy it.

Amongst the Knights who served under the first Edward, in the wars with Gascony, was Sir Piers Gavestone, who afterwards accompanied the Monarch to England, bringing with him his wife and only child. Sir Piers went to reside near Oxford,

but was soon summoned to follow his Sovereign to Scotland, the impetuous Edward being determined to subdue the 'lion-hearted Bruce'. He was long absent, and young Gavestone was left to the care of a fond and indulgent mother, whose only solace was her child. Young Gavestone became, as he grew up, a general favourite. Nature had given him a form and face almost unequalled in elegance and manly beauty. His mother would have kept the boy, now entering his seventeenth year, always by her side, but the remonstrances of a neighbouring nobleman, the Lord de Lincourt, induced her to spare him at times for a visit to her friend's Castle, where he met the young heir, Robert de Lincourt and they became warmly attached to each other.

Robert was a high spirited and ingenuous young man and saw not the fault in Gavestone's character. The latter was brave, warm-hearted and witty, but he was fond of pleasure and careless in principle. His mother died, and after staying a few months with his noble friends, he proceeded to London, hoping to meet his father on his return from Scotland. He was introduced to the young and weak-minded Prince Edward, who, struck by his appearance, conceived an ardent friendship for the stranger, and almost immediately gave him an office in his household, and in a short time was never happy but in his society.

Piers acquired an extraordinary influence over the docile mind of the Prince, who heaped honour after honour on his favourite. After months of continual pleasure, Gavestone requested permission to visit his



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early friends. Edward reluctantly consented, and the Gascon hastened into Oxfordshire, promising to return speedily. But this promise was forgotten when he had been a few days at the Castle, for it now contained an inmate whose fascinations he could not resist. He had previously known that his friend had a sister, and he remembered having seen, when he first came into Oxfordshire, a pale, delicate child, who soon afterwards had been confided to the care of a near relation, the Abbess of a Nunnery; and she had educated her gentle niece in all the learning and accomplishments of that rude age.

When Gavestone met her during his present visit, he did not recognise her, so much had a few years altered his young playmate, but he soon learnt to love her with all the devotion of which his nature was capable. Nor could she be insensible of his attractions; his wit and refined manner won her affections before she was aware. And yet he never spoke of love, it was only expressed by his attentions.

Suddenly, he was recalled to Court, Edward could no longer support his absence. He bade adieu to his host and exchanged vows of unalterable friendship with young de Lincourt, but the sister was not present. He hurried to her favourite walk and found her weeping bitterly. His attendants were close at hand and he could only mingle a few passionate words with his farewell. He sprang on his horse and was soon out of sight.

To be continued next month...

THE MAKING OF A ONE-HANDED ECONOMIST

Gerard Sullivan, who had the foresight and enthusiasm to involve some of us in starting the *Deddington News* in 1976, has written what he refers to as 'an antidote to the numerous dry and dusty texts on economics'.

The aim of the book is to give readers a flavour of what it's like dealing with real economic problems in a number of different real-world contexts, especially in

developing countries. The lesson is usually the same: theory is fine, but it tends to ignore reality. But what happens when theory meets reality? In the words of John Maynard Keynes, 'When the facts change I change my mind. What do you do?'

The book is available from bookshops and online retailers, price £10. I can recommend it. **JC**