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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

The old rhyme about the local villages is kind to Clifton and Hempton but highly disparaging of Deddington – 'Aynho on the hill, Clifton in the clay, dirty drunken Deddington, Hempton high way'. A recent review of the White Horse in Kings Sutton opens with a reference to its closeness to the 'chi-chi village of Deddington'. How far we have come!

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WHAT'S ON

June

- Mon 4 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
 Mon 4 Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm
 Wed 6 Photographic Society: Andreas Klatt, 'The Costa Rica Book', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
 Thu 7 Deddington Festival: Parish Church Tour, 2.00–3.00pm
 Thu 7 Deddington Festival: Live Acoustic Evening, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm
 Fri 8 Deddington Festival: History Walk, Town Hall, 6.00pm
 Fri 8 Deddington Festival: Jazz in the Church, 7.30pm
 Sat 9 NGS Deddington Open Gardens, Rushall House, Castle End House, and Satin Lane Allotments, 2.00–5.30pm
 Sat 9 Deddington Festival: Children's Festival, Parish Church, 12.00–3.30pm
 Sat 9 Deddington Festival: Deddy Rocks, The Crown and Tuns, 3.30pm–late
 Sat 9– Sun 10 Deddington Festival: Art Exhibition, Holly Tree Room, 10.00–5.00pm
 Sun 10 Deddington Festival: Family Treasure Hunt, Deddington Arms, 10.30–12.00pm
 Sun 10 Deddington Festival: Deddy Car Fest, Market Place, 11.00am–5.00pm
 Sun 10 Deddington Town FC: Youth Presentation Day, Windmill Centre, 2.00–5.30pm
 Sun 10 Deddington Festival: All the King's Men Workshop, Parish Church, 5.00–6.00pm
 Sun 10 Deddington Festival: All the King's Men Concert, Parish Church, 7.00–8.00pm
 Sun 10 Open Farms: Hill Farm, Duns Tew, 10.00am–4.00pm
 Tue 12 WI: Colin Oakes, 'Plumbing the Depths', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
 Thu 14 Holly Tree Club: Film Night, *Paddington 2*, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
 Tue 19 Windmill AG Meeting, Windmill Centre 7.30pm
 Wed 20 PC Meeting: Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm
 Sat 23 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
 Sat 23 Church Craft Market: Parish Church, 10.00am–1.00pm
 Thu 28 Book Group: Contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094
 Sat 30 Primary School: Fête, 12.00–3.00pm
 Sat 30 History Society: Visit to Rousham Gardens, 6.00pm, £6 entry

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 16 May at the Windmill Centre

Present: Councillors Collins, Cox, Eames, Higham, Oldfield, O'Neill, Reeve, Robinson, Rogers (Chair), Squires, Timms, Watts and Wood and Councillor Williams (CDC).

AGM:

The monthly meeting was preceded by the AGM at which council members and their working groups were confirmed. The chairman and vice-chairmen are ex-officio members of every group.

Chairman: Cllr Rogers.

Vice Chairs: Cllrs Oldfield and Wood.

Finance and General Purposes: Cllrs Wood, Oldfield, Robinson and Rogers.

Highways and Transport: Cllrs Cox, Collins, Higham, Oldfield and Rogers.

Environment and Recreation: Cllrs Watts, Reeve, Squires and Timms.

Planning: Cllrs O'Neill and Eames.

Large Development: Cllrs Rogers, Oldfield and Wood.

Windmill Redevelopment: Cllrs Robinson, Oldfield, Rogers, Squires and Watts.

Emergency and Winter Planning: Cllrs Cox, Higham, O'Neill, Rogers, Watts and District Cllr Williams.

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllrs Collins, Cox, Oldfield, Rogers and Wood and District Cllr Williams.

Jo Eames and Mark Swadling were co-opted onto the council and will join Planning, Windmill Centre and Emergency Planning groups. Members serving on outside bodies were also confirmed and names will be available on the website.

Attendance records were noted and approved. Three members of the council were congratulated on attending every single meeting last year. *(The community should be very grateful to our Parish Councillors, who receive no financial recompense for the diligent work they carry out with such commitment. JR)*

Monthly Meeting

District Councillor's Report

In the recent elections, Cllrs Bryn Williams, Mike Kerford-Byrnes and Hugo Brown were elected to represent the Deddington Ward. The CDC Chairman is Cllr Maurice Billington and the Leader Cllr Barry Wood. There are 48 councillors: 36 Conservative, 9 Labour and 2 Independent. One seat is vacant. Cllr Williams is Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee and member of the Overview and Scrutiny and Personnel and Standards committees. He thanked the community for their support in his re-election and is looking forward to continuing work with Deddington Parish Council.

Planning

Denbigh Place, Main Street, Clifton: Single storey library extension. No objection.

Environment and Recreation:

Thanks were expressed to those who turned up for the litter pick. Six kilos of rubbish were collected on the Clifton to Deddington road alone. *(More is already appearing. JR)*

Finance and General Purposes

Expenses last month included £1,555 for emptying dog bins.

Highways and Transport

There has been much discussion concerning the siting of the parish wheelie bins next to the Town Hall. These bins are not for public use but for the Steward's use for emptying litter bins. They should be locked but are frequently overflowing. An OCC officer toured the village with the working group and proposed a number of alternative sites as the present location is deemed a fire hazard and unacceptable in a conservation area.

The officer also inspected the New Street bus stop where car parking has chewed up the grass verge, creating a potential hazard. The green plastic surface originally laid down by Highways has apparently been removed. It may be possible to create an area of hard-standing or to move the stop further up the street. The appropriate OCC officer will be contacted.

A member of the public raised the issue of vehicles mounting the pavement when give way signs are not respected at the pinch point in Chapel Square. This matter was already on the agenda and there has been much discussion about installing a mirror or a VAS. The opinion of the residents in this area will be sought.

The half-hourly S4 bus service between Deddington and Banbury will cease as from Monday 21 May. The hourly S4 service between Banbury and Oxford will continue.

Stagecoach plan to add an extra faster, bus direct to Oxford in the morning, leaving Deddington at 7.40am, arriving in Oxford at 8.30am. OCC is going to subsidise a last bus in each direction – 6.50pm from Banbury to Oxford and 8.20pm from Oxford to Banbury, arriving in Deddington at 9.11pm. Meanwhile, residents are encouraged to use the S4 service as much as possible to safeguard against its withdrawal.

The Comet minibus service provided by OCC for outlying villages is fully subscribed and secure for the time being.

The final version of the Neighbourhood Plan should be presented to the Parish Council in July before submission to CDC.

Next meeting: Wednesday 20 June at 7.30pm in the Holly Tree.

Jean Rudge

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

BEWARE THE BLANDFORD FLY!

The Blandford fly is a 2–3mm blood sucking black fly, which gives a nasty painful bite during the summer months, particularly in May and June when breeding. The flies are typically found near areas of water and recently there has been a marked increase in the number of people severely affected by their bites in this area, both in towns and in the country. The insects fly less than 0.5m from the ground, resulting in bites to the lower limbs that cause small to large blisters (up to 22cm diameter) and purple haemorrhagic lesions, with intensely painful stabbing sensations. The saliva of the fly often causes severe local irritation, spreading redness, swelling, pain, joint pain and even high temperature of 38°C (100F) and over, depending on your level of sensitivity. Local reactions can last for several days or longer but can be treated symptomatically by over-the-counter products, such as oral antihistamines and analgesics from your local pharmacy. Antibiotics are rarely needed, although scratching the irritated areas can rupture the skin, leading to secondary infections.

To avoid being bitten by the Blandford fly ...

Cover up. Wear clothing (without holes) that fully covers the legs down to the ankles. Wear socks.

Apply a quality insect repellent (containing DEET), especially when near rivers, streams, grassland areas, not forgetting when near water features in gardens.

Avoid swarms of insects.

What to do if bitten ...

Clean the bite wound with soap and water, then gently pat dry (avoid rubbing the area).

Do not scratch the bite as this will spread the fly saliva and may lead to infection.

Apply a cold compress or ice pack to reduce swelling and pain.

Take oral antihistamines (e.g. cetirizine, loratadine, chlorphenamine).

Take analgesics (e.g. paracetamol, ibuprofen), if in pain or discomfort. Always read the label.

Hydrocortisone can be applied locally to reduce inflammation, and a local anaesthetic (eg Lidocaine) can help pain relief. Creams and sprays will be easier and less painful to apply than ointments. Always read the label.

Antihistamine creams and sprays are not recommended, as they may cause skin reactions.

Cover large blisters with a dry, non-adhering dressing. For swelling (oedema) in the ankle and feet, elevate and rest legs for a few days.

Seek medical help (phone 111 or see a GP) for ... discomfort, swelling or red lines in the groin or armpits; a persistent high fever; spreading redness or hotness around the bite (longer than three days).

Seek immediate help (phone 999) for ... wheezing or problems breathing; swelling of the face or tongue; dizziness; nausea; chest pain – this could be anaphylaxis requiring immediate medical treatment.

Maureen Cox INP RGN BA DipHE

MISSING THE BUS

Bad news for bus passengers – the half-hourly loop service between Deddington and Banbury stopped as of Monday 21 May and the S4 has reverted again to an hourly service running between Banbury, Deddington and Oxford.

Stagecoach seemingly want the S4 to be more of a commuter bus, so they have added an extra, faster bus to Oxford in the morning. Leaving Deddington at 7.40am, it runs straight down the A4260 without diverting to Steeple Aston and Tackley and, though running just six minutes later than the existing 7.34am to Oxford, should arrive 12 minutes earlier, at 8.30am.

Unusually these days, Oxfordshire County Council is going to subsidise a last bus in each direction: 6.50pm from Banbury to Oxford and 8.20pm from Oxford to Banbury (Deddington 9.11pm, arriving Banbury 9.29pm). If they hadn't, the last bus from Banbury to Deddington would have left at 5.50pm.

The half-hourly service was introduced in May 2015, supported by S106 contributions from the Longford Park estate in Bodicote. Usually these contributions last for five years and the hope was that the service would become self-supporting. OCC has now decided that what's left of this S106 money should be diverted to a new service running through the Longford estate. In turn, Stagecoach decided to cut out the Banbury/Deddington loop bus because it did not attract enough passengers to make it financially sustainable.

The Deddington Grange estate comes with a public transport contribution of £73,000. So far the money has not been allocated, and there may be S106 contributions from other villages along the S4 route. David Taylor, the relevant OCC officer, says it is OCC's aim to have a half-hourly Oxford/Banbury service, and these extra sources of funds might make it possible in the future – but it seems a forlorn hope.

We are not alone with a shortage of passengers. I've just seen a piece in the *Guardian* reporting that, nationally, bus journey numbers dipped below 5 billion in 2017 for the first time in a decade. Rail travel has dropped too. Possible reasons? The report quotes various experts' speculations: more people work at home, watch movies at home, have takeaway meals delivered, and shop online. Heavy traffic delaying journeys is another factor – 'Congestion is the enemy of the bus', – and an eight-year freeze on fuel duty hasn't helped. Motoring costs have fallen while fares have been going up and up.

So, in Deddington, we have to try and buck the trend by encouraging as many people as possible to use the hourly S4. It would be a disaster if that were withdrawn or became only a morning and evening commuter bus.

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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

Here we go again! The year is half gone or, depending on your viewpoint, half to come. The spring-planted crops were 'mauled' in to some very wet and difficult seedbeds at the end of April, so 'cuckoo' barley – although I have not, as yet, heard the cuckoo.

The last of the organic ewes finished lambing during May and all are now back out at grass. On the whole it was a good lambing season for both flocks, with only the usual problems. Now the sun has at last reappeared, we have the problem of cast ewes, when a sheep in full fleece, rolls on to its back and can't get back up. Being a ruminant it will quickly fill up with gas and die. With the sheep now all back in the river valley may I remind the many dog walkers to please keep their pets on a lead when in the vicinity of livestock? We have already had a few problems with pet owners saying that their pet is only 'playing' with the sheep. Unfortunately neither the sheep nor their shepherd agree with them.

As I bash this out we are halfway through the 'merry month of May', the weather gods seem to have forgotten the May flowers but perhaps we will have a dripping June to put things back in tune. Unfortunately May is also inspection month. After long hours in the lambing shed it's a case of long hours in the farm office preparing any number of reports and paperwork for the various inspectors who come with their rule book to grant our licence to farm.

First on the list is the EU farm payments scheme, (a mechanism to keep the cost of your weekly shopping basket down), then there is the environmental scheme (Mr Gove's 'public goods') inspection. This is followed by our organic registration inspection, to make sure that we are keeping to the rules, and the next one will be the Red Tractor inspection. This is a real cruncher as every aspect of what and how we farm is looked at. If we pass muster we get sheets of stickers to go on the paperwork that must accompany every load of grain and every animal we send to market – without these compliance stickers we cannot sell anything. Every lamb that is born has to have a tag in each ear, almost before it hits the straw, with its details recorded electronically and sent to a central government database so that it can be traced from farm to fork. Every time it goes through the sheep pens or has any veterinary and medical treatment the details have to be recorded. If a sheep pops its clogs, something they do from time to time, this also has to be recorded, with the cause of death, on a form from a government-licensed collector of fallen stock. So is it any wonder that British farm food is exported to the EU countries that appreciate our high standards, while our supermarkets are allowed to stock their shelves with substandard, worldwide, low-cost scrapings. After all this there will be the bee inspector and Trading Standards in the honey room. Ho, to be a farmer's boy.



I am pleased to say most of our summer visitors have returned. We now have six pairs of swallows (eight last year) and a number of house martins collecting mud from the farmyard for their nests. I wonder just how many tons of mud have been collected over the last 45 years I have been in Clifton and hung under the eaves of the village. The swifts have also returned but in fewer numbers than other years. This has more to do with the fact that many of their traditional nesting places are being done up and filled with insulation than with modern farming practices, and the cold late spring has kept many of our summer visitors on the other side of the 'ditch'.

The weather has also affected insect populations, with orange tip, brimstone, and over-wintering tortoiseshell butterflies putting in a very late appearance. The bees, too, are having a difficult time, with a very slow build-up of their brood nests. We can only hope for a good back-end to fill the honey pot. According to recent reports by the chattering green commentators, the rabbit populations of this country have declined by sixty percent, something that I wish could be conveyed to the rabbit populations on Home Farm. Ho hum, or perhaps Ho bunny.

George Fenimore
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Join us at the...

Deddington Primary School Fete

30 June 2018 : 12.00pm - 3.00pm

Join in the family fun...

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

June

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 2.00am Bumps & Bundles and tiny tots, a great place to meet for parents, carers and babies, from bump to 3yrs

Sun 3 10.30am Family Service
6.00pm Choral Evensong

Sun 10 8.00am BCP Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Sun 17 10.30am Holy Communion

Sun 24 6.00pm Benefice Holy Communion, following the Ordination of the Revd Paula Smith

Sun 3 9.00am Holy Communion
Sun 17 9.00am Holy Communion

Barford St Michael

Sun 3 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 17 10.30am Family Service
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Barford St John

Sun 10 9.00am Holy Communion

From the Parish Register

Baptisms

29 April Lena Rosemary Pietruszkiewicz

Please note: no Teas in Church on Sunday 10 due to Deddington Festival activities.

Hempton

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or on 01869 336880. If Annie is not available, then please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (01869 338367) or Dave Hughes (01869 347294). 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
24 June Margery Richley

Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

There is no longer a resident or full-time incumbent at Hethe. A non-resident priest will say one Mass on Sundays (no Latin Mass).

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

BUS CHANGES FOR CAR FEST

The Market Place and the junction with Hudson Street will be closed between 9.00am and 5.00pm for the Car Fest on Sunday 10 June. As a result, the buses on the Banbury–Oxford service will stop on High Street for the whole day, as on Deddington farmers' market days. Will all residents who park in the Market Place please make sure that their cars vacate the area by 9.00am on Sunday morning as this area will be barriered off. Reminder notices will be posted through your letter boxes nearer the time. Meanwhile, if you would like to know any more information about the event, please call in and see me at the Cyclogical Shop.

James Greenwood
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DEFIBRILLATION AND CPR

The South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust's Community Engagement Team is pleased to announce a free CPR and AED awareness session for all ages, open to individuals, businesses and recreation groups, big or small.

Would you know what to do if somebody collapsed and had a cardiac arrest? If the answer is 'no', come along and find out how you can help.

Do you have a DEFIB in your work place? If so email defib@scas.nhs.uk and tell us about it. For the awareness sessions please contact Community First Responder, Maureen Cox at Maureen.cox@btopen-world.com.

DEDDINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

Broadly Summer

British summers tend to be a bit wayward – heatwaves, cold snaps, predictably unpredictable – which means that the arrival of summer fruits like strawberries and cherries is equally unpredictable. Broadbeans are more reliable and, especially early in their season, a real treat, as is this recipe from Nigel Slater's *Kitchen Diaries*.

As ever, you should be able to find all the ingredients at the market, except the lemon, of course.

Broad Beans and Dill Hummus

- 1.6kg broad beans in their pods
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- juice of one small lemon
- large handful of fresh dill

Put a pan of water on to boil. Pod the beans. Drop them into the boiling water and cook for seven to nine minutes, until tender. Drain them and blitz to a coarse puree in a food processor. Pour in the olive oil, add the lemon juice and dill and a grinding of salt and pepper. Continue to blitz until the mixture is bright green and almost smooth. Scrape into a dish, pour over a little olive oil and eat with pitta or crusty bread. Best eaten in the sunshine – if any.



The General Data Protection Regulation kicked in on 25 May and affects everyone on the market mailing list. If you haven't received your monthly email from the market, GDPR is probably the reason. Everyone on the mailing list was sent an email to allow them to re-register for the mailing. If you haven't yet responded and you want to receive monthly updates on the market you can reply to that email, visit the market

website or fill out a registration card at the information desk at the market.

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 23 June, 9.00am–12.30pm.

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

Good shopping!

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FOUR FARMS CHALLENGE

The fifth annual Four Farms Challenge turned the village fluorescent orange on Sunday 13 May, raising an impressive £3,000 for three great causes, Deddington Primary School PTA, Deddington Village Nursery and PFSU and the Firefighters Charity, thanks to a record number of runners and the outstanding generosity of our 13 event sponsors.

Basking in the spring sunshine and beating the Blandford fly, runners were treated to a fabulous warm-up by Sarah Thorpe, commentary by Al Kitchen and, of course, the much needed barbecue and bar. Little ones had their faces painted, whanged wellies and whacked rats with the PFSU team.

Receiving 5-star Facebook reviews, the event was brought to life by a small army of local families and firefighters, led by Juliet Morris, Trina Murray-Hundley, Kate Oldroyd, Chris Fenemore, Sophie McCarthy and David Murray-Hundley. Full credits, race results and photos are available at www.fourfarmschallenge.co.uk.

Oh, and we are now the proud owners of a very large inflatable race arch should anybody wish to rent it.

Trina Murray-Hundley Trina@fube.co.uk

FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

Congratulations to all the runners who took part in the Four Farms Challenge on Sunday 13 May. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the Castle Grounds in the sunshine.

The English bluebells this year have spread and look magnificent. The flower mats also seem to be thickening out and spreading along the bank. The grass is now being cut every two weeks and the plant life is flourishing including, unfortunately, the nettles.

We are still looking to recruit a new secretary. Please contact me if you or somebody you know would be interested.

Carol Garrett cgarrett@btinternet.com

FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

The Friends held their AGM at the end of April. Amongst matters discussed was the wish to promote the use of the Wood. To this end I will be happy to take a car load of people to visit on Friday afternoons in June and July, meeting at the Market Place at 2.00pm, returning at a mutually convenient time – perhaps two hours later. If you are interested please let me know. We also intend to have an after-school picnic on a Friday early in September.

The information board and new bench have both been installed by the Woodland Trust, owners of Daeda's Wood. Our thanks go to them and the DN for its generous donation towards the cost of the bench. For more information about the Friends do contact me.

Annette Murphy annette-orchard@live.co.uk



Liane Low from Barford St Michael

CHURCH BELL TOWER OPEN MORNING



The Church Bell Tower will be open to visitors on Saturday 23 June, farmers' market day, from 10.00am-12.00noon when visitors will be invited to see the bells, watch them being rung and enjoy the amazing view of the village and the surrounding countryside from the tower roof. Please bear in mind there are over 100 steps up a narrow spiral staircase to the top so sensible footwear must be worn and, due to insurance constraints, children under the age of eight years are not permitted.

The tower contains a set of eight bells, six of which are known to be some 225 years old. The original six bells were requisitioned for making weapons by Charles I and were not replaced until 1791. The other two date from 1946 and were donated to commemorate the Deddington Home Guard. They are rung on Sundays and at practice times, as well as for weddings and funerals and other notable occasions.

Colin Cox
Deddington Church Bell Ringers
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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

Graduation, Schools and Lying Politicians

I had to congratulate one of my colleagues at work today; his lovely daughter had just graduated—from nursery. She is five. In the picture she is wearing a mortar board and gown.

The school system in America is terribly flawed. Public schools, the ones that are 'free', are not properly valued, in similar but more extreme ways, to their status in the UK. Funding is very varied, since it depends hugely on local taxation. Where you live is, therefore, very important. When we were thinking about moving to Colorado, the first question I asked everyone was 'Where are the best schools?' Thus, we chose to live in Greenwood Village as I wanted the public high school experience for the children.

The average salary for a teacher varies enormously across the country. In New York it is \$78,000, in Oklahoma it is \$39,000. Overall the average teacher's pay is about \$3,000 below the \$61k median US annual salary for a person with a bachelor's degree, and 25% have master's degrees.

Educational standards vary wildly. As Ben graduates in May, he has done well and is in the top 10%. But the exams at the end of the year are a joke; he worked out months ago what his grades would be. No end-of-school panic for this young man, a very great difference from his UK contemporaries. There is no standardisation in schools across the country. Universities ask for SAT scores, because relying on the grades from the school just doesn't work. (*SATs are standardised tests developed by a private, non-profit organisation. CD*)

At graduation this month, they had kids standing up and talking in an extraordinarily professional manner. They seem confident, but these kids are brought up in the monied middle classes, not the one percent who own a quarter of America, but the nine percent who run it. Beneath this exterior they lack many of the skills to survive, having been protected and nannied by their obsessive parents. This changes as they go through college, many of them rejecting their parents' conservative views and turning into campaigning liberals, creating some great arguments.

I guess some of us were lucky to have a teacher who mentored them. Mine was Mr Newton. (You can guess his nickname.) He was the one who suggested I go into computing, an odd thing really as none of us had ever seen a computer back in 1970. My Dad said 'It will never last'. Ben has found a number of teachers who he has had really good relationships with. The timetable means they see the same teacher for 50 minutes at the same time each day and many of them are excellent. I am not sure who inspired him to choose to do a degree in Soccer Management, but as he tells me, 'You told me to follow my dreams'.

Cherry Creek High School is huge, over 900 kids in the year, but Ben has grown well in the environment. We are all trying to remain identified as English and we have to be careful that being in America does not take over. As I proudly tell my local drinking mates, best to remember that politicians in the UK get sacked for lying; in the US they get promoted.

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FROM THE FIRE STATION

This month has been relatively quiet when compared to other months with the number of callouts totalling 21. These have consisted of standbys, fires and road traffic collisions. We have been turned out to the M40 on five occasions for jobs varying from scene safety to car fires. Believe it or not, working on highways is probably the most dangerous part of our job, even more so than fires. Working next to live lanes on the motorway, or on any road, offers the risk of being hit by fast-moving vehicles or even sucked into the traffic by larger vehicles as they pass. To counteract this we set up cordons and designate a Safety Officer whose sole role is to watch the live lanes for any oncoming danger. They alert crews of any danger via air horn. Even with these safety precautions in place there is still a real danger posed by working next to live carriageways so we must keep our wits about us.

Training this month has mainly been focused around Breathing Apparatus and working next to water. Although unable to attend myself, the crew went to Blenheim Palace to take part in some water rescue training. This involved rescuing casualties from open water and basic life support upon the casualty's suc-

cessful retrieval. A big thanks must be shouted out to our Crew Manager, Lewis Mahoney, who organised the evening.

Big congratulations must be handed out to George Williamson and Nicky Isted. They have both passed their Officer in Command training which allows them to take out the pump. This is a very tough course and a cool calm head is required to meet the qualifying criteria. A fantastic achievement by you both, well done! More praise is in order for Barney Alton and Andy Hayward who have both passed their Firefighter development course accrediting them as fully competent firefighters. Congratulations to you both.

With the evenings getting longer, summer is fully on its way. Please be mindful of increased outdoor activities when driving in your car, whether it be children playing outside, cyclists or a family walk. One wrong move could be catastrophic so please stick to the speed limits and stay aware.

On a more positive note enjoy the sun while it lasts. Until next time, stay safe.

FF Thomas Hall

BLISSFUL THINKING

I'm writing this piece in Mental Health Awareness Week. Studies have shown that loneliness is prevalent across the nation, across all age groups. Loneliness and its bedfellow, depression, often afflict their victims with similar self-perpetuating cycles. When isolation creeps in, one craves human contact. If none is forthcoming, self-esteem will diminish and social anxiety will increase, meaning that which you crave seems an insuperable barrier to get through, but the longer you take to try, the higher the barrier grows. Other blockades appear, as you question why anyone would want your company anyway. If someone does briefly offer you respite from the torment, it is difficult to shake off the residue of resentment to enjoy the time together before you are alone again, let



alone the apprehension of the familiar malady returning when you close the door. Then you may chastise yourself for not properly savouring the company, and alienating a friend that was good enough to save you from yourself for an evening or afternoon, and so on. Elderly folk may not want to admit loneliness, through pride; young people, through embarrassment; married people, through shame. Calling or texting a forgotten friend out of the blue could just make all the difference, so don't put it off, and be tolerant. Lend yourself to others, and recognise the signs to keep connected yourself. The world's a cold and callous place without buddies and there's always safety in numbers. Be excellent to each other.

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History Corner

www.deddingtonhistory.uk

The History home page has links to the following new material about parish people.

Fred Abel, the Donkey Man. Many remember him but few knew who he was. The article now tells his story and includes a link to a four minute video about him.

Wallins Bakery and the Bliss and Wallin families. There are two new albums of photos in the Gallery.

A large number of newspaper articles about the Stilgoe family, dating from 1807.

Deddington receives many visitors from abroad researching their ancestors. Last month I had the pleasure of meeting Michael Hollier whose ancestors emigrated to Australia in 1844. He lives in Hobart, Tasmania, and now plans to visit his local Deddington there.

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Clifton still abounds with volunteers at present. Well done David, John, Cat, Gilly, Kev, Brian and Jenny, Jill and bossy Cllr Collins, volunteers who picked up 106kg of rubbish from our local environment last month. Highlights were a three-piece suite (I jest you not) and the skull of a youngling with universally acclaimed teeth. The authorities have been informed.

It was thought that another go in the autumn after the last grass cut would be useful and another later on, just in the bounds of the village. This would, of course, mean more volunteers but it would be your chance to stop some plastic waste, as featured in David Attenborough's latest show, from being carried down the drainage ditch, into the Cherwell and thence to the sea.

A big shout to all the volunteers of the Four Farms Challenge for such a great event and giving a lucky 100 people the chance to visit Clifton as they did the 10k loop down Drovers Lane. Some impressive athletes ran through, shaming many of us taking a more sedentary role. A shout out, too, for Olivia and Alice, assisted by Mum for manning the drinks station in Chapel Close. Well done to the Fire Service marshals also telling us when we were done.

The rubbish-removing mentality, detailed above, did not prevent a significant amount of what is clearly commercial waste being dumped in the Parish Council's wheelie bin by the bus stop in Main Street. The waste is entirely of metal frame devices, some apparently of a garden nature. CDC has rightly refused to empty this, so us residents have lost a litter collection facility because someone could not be bothered to dispose of their own waste responsibly but dump it on

us. If it's yours, please dispose of it correctly because it won't go any other way. Thank you. Rant over.

I must also repeat the appeal for some more marshals for the Deddy Car Fest. The marshals will be helping with the paid-for rides and the free viewings. Non-petrol heads can join in, so if you are interested please approach David Murray-Hundley or me for more details please.

It's also worth noting that the turn-out for the royal wedding coverage offered at the 'Duck' attracted some keen royalists, no doubt lifted by the epic love and fire sermon from Michael Curry, the American leader of Meghan's church, and the obvious love between the two. Sadly, this crowd was dwarfed by the gathering for the FA cup final later in the day, but, as you know, this is a rich area of support for these two 'local teams' ... poor old Oxford United.

Oh, and in an almost passing manner, so as not to indicate any note of surprise, the Una Stubbs boys (sadly no ladies yet have volunteered – but would be welcome) won 2–1 away in Charlton last time out, as well as winning the beer leg. This contrasted with the previous night of the stars (*is this because a nil score or 'blob', as it's colloquially known, is recorded with a star on the score board? Ed*) in Bodicote, where 12 was scored – all night, including the beer leg – to their 30! Adding these legs to the one scored in their opening match, averaging a leg per match is mission accomplished so far for a team determined not to be promoted.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Friends of the Church held a pub-style social evening recently in the Old School Room which brought together villagers who one does not see that often. It was a really nice evening with people enjoying a drink, snacks and a good talk. Many thanks to Janet Watts and Angela Conlan for putting it on.

The Old School Room now has Wi-Fi facilities which brings it in line with many other village halls and community buildings and certainly takes us into the 21st century. The church and Old School Room windows have all been cleaned recently which makes them much brighter. When the new heating goes in it should be much more comfortable, particularly next winter.

There will not be an Evening Prayer Service on 24 June as there will be a special Communion Service at Deddington at 6.00pm, celebrated by our curate, Paula Smith, after her ordination at Dorchester Abbey earlier that day. We send Paula all our good wishes

and invite you to that service if you can.

Many thanks to Jonathan Watts and Mark Swadling who collected five bags of litter while walking from Hempton to Barford and back as part of a clean-up campaign. I know that Basil and Jo Churchyard also do their share of litter picking with the help of Scouts and Cubs.

Plans are still in hand with the Parish Council for registering the footpath that runs from the Old Chapel to the top of The Lane as a public right of way. Andrew Crawley has an allotment plot on the Duns Tew road and he wonders if there is anyone who would like to take half of it. If so, please give him a ring on 07511 699749. Finally I have a very old table tennis table to give away. If you are interested, give me a call and you can have a look.

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LETTERS

FROM GRACE SWADLING, CLIFTON
I am 15 years old, I live in Clifton and go to the Warriner School. In 2019 I am going to Peru with Camps International and my school for a month, where we will be volunteering in the community, such as building new water systems, building new schools, working with local children, wildlife conservation and trekking to Machu Picchu. Part of the trip requirement is to fundraise and therefore I am walking the Yorkshire Three Peaks in September. I was wondering if I could have a small space in the *Deddington News* where I could explain my cause and put a link to my fundraising page. Furthermore, if it is in your interest I could then do a piece either once I have walked the Yorkshire Three Peaks or when I have returned from Peru. Thank you for taking time to read my email. grace.s.10@hotmail.com 01869 337454.

FROM DEE HAILEY, DEDDINGTON

I don't know if Deddington residents are aware that a pharmacy is opening in Hudson Street in the near future. According to the current laws this will have a significant effect on villagers because if you live within one mile of this pharmacy, and most of us do, you will no longer be able to have your prescriptions made



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up by the Deddington Health Centre dispensary. So, after visiting the doctor in Earl's Lane, you will have to take any prescription you may need to the new pharmacy. It sounds crazy but it's true.

Presumably, this pharmacy will operate during normal shop hours so it may not be possible to access them in an out-of-hours situation, nor will we have

the convenience of the automatic dispensing robot such as the Health Centre has installed.

It appears to be a fait accompli so it has been suggested that we write to our MP, Victoria Prentis, to see if there is any possibility of getting the law changed. What do other villagers think?

FROM MIKE RAMSDALE, DEDDINGTON

The *Deddington News* should not be the place for Mike Ward to air his personal views on our royal family or individual politicians in America or elsewhere. He should raise his horizons and give us more news and insight from that great country. Would he remember Alistair Cooke who gave a 15 minute radio broadcast from the US every Friday night for many decades? He set the bar high. (*Of course, Cooke was a professional journalist. CD*)

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Development Group

A Little Bad News – A Lot of Good News

First the bit of bad news: the new lighting is not going to be installed in the all-weather court in time for the Football Club's Open Day on 10 June. Work on the new, vandal-proof steel fencing is due to start on 21 May, however, and the AWC can show off its new tennis markings which are proving very popular with the Tennis Club – so that's two bits of good news.

The Project Manager, Jeremy Sacha, should have the first draft of his comprehensive master plan for the sport and leisure area available by early June. This will cover the play area and woodland trail in the copses to the south and west of the site, the all-weather court and new MUGA, access paths, landscaping and seating, and also a proposed amenity path around the playing field suitable for wheelchairs and buggies – more good news.

And Sport England have said they have no objection to the former bowling green being used as a play area. The change of use on its own would have raised objections, but the new MUGA has restored the balance of sporting sites available to the community – a really important piece of good news.

And Mark Swadling has joined the Development Group to bring his professional, technical expertise to the project – yet more good news.

Around 15 applications have come in to bid for the contract to install the new MUGA. The project manager has drawn up a detailed brief and contract which have gone out to all interested parties. He's asked for detailed quotations by 4 June, and he, David Rogers and the Clerk will open them on 6 June. This formal procedure has to be followed under the government and PC's financial regulations on open tendering and transparency. From these we hope a contractor can be selected and a recommendation put to the PC at its 20 June meeting. If all goes well, very tentative dates

scheduled after that are a start date of 9 July and completion by 6 August. So hopefully more good

news to report next month.

We're still looking hard at our wish-list of features for the hall and taking advice on what's achievable – more anon.

Mary Robinson, Chair
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Management Committee

Breaking news ... The Windmill now has its own website ... drum roll ... www.thewindmilleddington.org.

Okay, I understand that it might not seem like such a big deal to you, but it's a massive step for us here on the management committee. At last we've got somewhere to showcase all the many and varied activities that take place at our community centre and keep you up-to-date with future plans and developments. It should also make things easier for you to book the Windmill, so please visit us and find out more.

On this subject, our wonderful bookings secretary, Caroline Tindale, is stepping down after four years in post. We are so grateful for all her hard work. Luckily for us, Julie Gibbs has agreed to take over from Caroline and Julie will be your first point of contact. Welcome to the team, Julie. The contact phone number stays the same, 07720 834006, but please note the new email address: enquiries@thewindmilleddington.org.

Here are two dates for your diary. Our AGM will be held at the Windmill at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 June and everyone is welcome. A Windmill Open Day will take place on Sunday 16 September. More about that next time.

Vaughan Jones, Chair
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WITNESSES TO BURGLARY

Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses following a burglary in Deddington between midnight on 16 May and midnight on 17 May on Castle Street. The offenders stole £80–£90 cash in notes, two silver teapots and a number of engraved silver items including a cigar case, cigarette box and matchbox holder and two christening mugs.

Investigating officer, Claire Rennie, of the Investigation Hub based at Banbury Police Station is appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the

incident or who may have information to call the 24-hour enquiry centre on 101, quoting reference number 43180151102.

If you don't want to speak directly to police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on: 0800 555 111. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

A PITY YOU MISSED IT!

The annual Parish Meeting, held at the Windmill Centre on 9 May, was attended by only a few residents, which was a pity, as it was a very lively and informative event. It is the one opportunity in the year for parishioners to meet the Parish Council, with unlimited time for discussion of any relevant topic. Of course, anyone can attend the PC's monthly meetings but public participation is limited to ten minutes only.

Alex Keen, a senior CDC planning officer, gave an interesting overview of planning procedures and the council's enforcement powers. All planning applications must be in accordance with the area development plan, which includes Neighbourhood Plans, drawn up by PCs in accordance with residents' views. There is a presumption in favour of development, but CDC already has a five-year supply of land available, so further developments in our parish should not be necessary.

One very positive item was the discussion of the ecological and agricultural impact of the increased flooding in the Cherwell valley, due to the new Banbury flood defences and surface water run-off from the many recent housing developments. Its cumulative effects are hard to manage. Possibly the affected area could be included in the Local Plan part 2 and mitigation requested when planning applications are made for developments outside our area but which may still contribute to the flooding problem. It will be necessary to identify the catchment area for the extra

water, especially that draining into the Deddington Brook. The PC is to follow this up immediately..

Concerns were also expressed that the new drains for the David Wilson Homes development are insufficient, despite Thames Water's assurance that their new methods of calculation prove otherwise. Apparently the holding tank at the site is barely above the level of the main road: should it prove inadequate, all overflow would run down into the Deddington Brook. Residents report that the sewage system is already at stretching point. Mr Keen agreed that there are not enough enforcement officers to ensure that developers meet all the required criteria. However, more officers are now being recruited.

A resident raised the issue of a proposed pharmacy in Hudson Street. If this goes ahead, no-one who lives within a mile of the Deddington Health Centre will be able to collect their prescriptions from there. This is obviously an absurd situation but is a current requirement. Maybe the NHS trust which approved this application and our MP should be approached.

The council would welcome suggestions from residents for topics to be included on the agenda for next year's meeting on Wednesday 8 May at 7.30pm in the Windmill Centre – put it in your diary, it really is worthwhile. Advance notice will be published in February and suggestions for topics invited.

Jean Rudge

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Our new library management system was installed in early May. I think I've weathered the change from our previous system reasonably well, but still lots to learn. Thank you all for being so patient with me while I'm getting used to the system; it is appreciated. It really is a great help if you can bring your library cards with you, although if forgotten, I will, of course, be pleased to help you at the counter, but it may take a little longer while I'm still getting used to the new system.

The consultation period to review the opening hours at the library came to an end in May and, at the time of writing, we are still awaiting the outcome of the consultation. More on that in due course, I'm sure.

Rhymetime for under 5s and families continues to be popular on Monday afternoons, 2.30–3.00pm. Come along and join in the fun. Susie and Maureen leave our merry band of Rhymetime hosts at the end of the summer term. We are very grateful for all the wonderful sessions they have hosted for us over the last couple of years and wish them well. Of course, we now urgently need two more Rhymetime hosts to join the team, If you are free for an hour on a Monday afternoon approximately once every 4–6 weeks, we'd be very pleased to hear from you. Full training is given,

so get in touch for more information – no arm twisting, honestly.

Summer is just around the corner and our Summer Reading Challenge, in association with the Reading Agency, will be launched on 14 July. The theme is Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved children's comic, *Beano*, which celebrates its 80th anniversary this year. Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers. Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help them solve clues and collect stickers, having fun and adventures along the way.

We look forward to seeing you in the library again very soon.

The Friends of Adderbury Library are holding a book sale and coffee morning on Saturday 16 June in Church House, between 10.00am–12.00 noon, selling hardbacks, paperbacks, fiction and non-fiction, favourites and rarities, at very good prices.

Stella O'Neill, Manager

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please put 30 June in your diary. This is the day of our school fête which is always most enjoyable.

During much of May the weather has allowed us to use all the school grounds – the field, the adventure play area and the equipment on the playground.

As usual, sport has played an important role in school life. At the end of April our Year 5/6 netball team came third in the Oxfordshire County Finals and in early May Year 3 and 4 pupils were delighted to win a tennis tournament.. Pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Warriner Family Quad Kids Athletics event.

May 13 was a beautiful day for the runners taking part in the Deddington Four Farms Challenge which was enjoyed by children, adults and school staff alike. Revd Annie led a whole school assembly to mark Ascension Day. The children from each year had a bio-degradable balloon, with a prayer attached to it, to set loose in the school grounds. One balloon travelled as far as Stansted.

Preparations are now underway for our whole-school production, due to take place in July. It is exciting when Alicia Rumsby and Seb Heffer begin the auditions. Watch this space for more details.

Finally, we would like to share some great news with you that everyone in our community can celebrate with us. As a church school, we are subject to two inspections. One of these is conducted by Ofsted and the other is our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) visit. This took place in May at the start of Term 5 and and judged all ar-

reas of academic and personal achievement. We are delighted to announce that the school was judged to be an outstanding church school. The following are highlights from the report, which can be found on the school website.

‘Pupils attain highly at Deddington. This is as a direct result of recent strategic improvements that have been made, which are rooted in deeply embedded Christian values.’

‘Pupil behaviour is excellent. The school’s values are lived out by pupils in lessons and during recreational times, when staff strategically plan to support the well-being of pupils.’

While the SIAMS inspection looks at the school through the lens of its Christian character and distinctiveness, it is a comprehensive review of the school’s performance and looks across all areas of teaching and learning, the school environment, and the well-being and attainment of pupils. SIAMS covers many of the core areas which will be reviewed in our next Ofsted inspection. Our ability to deliver an outstanding judgement in this inspection speaks volumes for the overall progress of the school and the culture of continuous improvement which is in place.

We hope this news enables you all to join with us in our very special celebrations at Deddington Primary School.

Enjoy the coming weeks of summer, with warm and hopefully sunny weather.

Denise Welch

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Honey Bee Round Britain: Episode 3

Stornoway to Inverkip

The next instalment of the motley crew’s sailing trip round Britain took them from Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis down through the Western Isles to Inverkip in Inverclyde. After being marooned in Stornoway for a week due to storm force winds, the lads set off again on 20 April, past the islands of Eigg and Muck, and down to the Isle of Mull, calling into the colourful harbour of Tobermory (known to Cbeebies fans) for diesel, water and haggis – and underfloor heated showers.

While Loch Ailne, Sound of Luing, Gulf of Corryreckan and Craighouse had us reaching for our maps, the distillery names of Jura, Islay, Laphroaig, Lagavulin and Bruichladdich were magic to the sailors’ ears. PeterS drew the short straw and was nominated driver for the ‘cultural tour’. ‘The dinghy back to the boat was a bit of a blur and Mike was a bit wet on arrival, but didn’t quite fall in.’

Navigating the sea locks and bridges of the Crinan Canal was a very strange experience, looking down from the boat on to the sea below. Then through the final sea lock into lower Loch Fyne, down the Loch into the Kyles of Bute to a mooring at Tighnabruaich.

In demob mode they made the short trip to Kip Marina on 29 April, marking the end of the first part of the trip. *Honey Bee* was berthed for free (another £55 to the Teenage Cancer Trust on the port’s behalf) and underwent a bit of housekeeping: the boat was washed down from stem to stern and fitted with a new water pump, the heater had a very welcome new blower, the ‘heads’ were manicured and out-of-date food discarded.

PeterB and Mike were joined by Jane and Sue for two weeks cruising the Western Isles, PeterS went off to Vienna to see his son Alex conduct the Vienna State Opera and Mark set off to replace his car which had been stolen while they were away. The team got together again on 14 May for the next leg of the trip and at the time of writing are underway again.

The guys have surpassed their £8,000 target for the Trust (www.teenagecancertrust.org) but donations are still more than welcome. Go to their JustGiving page, www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sailroundbritain2018, and keep up-to-date with their weekly blogs, www.sailblogs.com/member/honeybeeroundbritain.

Mary Robinson

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

The main event of our May meeting was a review of the images from our 2017 annual exhibition as not everyone had been able to visit it. Subjects ranged from landscapes to abstract images and members present explained what had led them to select those particular images. The meeting was well attended and members shared their views on the pictures, often giving constructive and helpful critiques. The club has been in existence for seven years and it was generally felt that the quality of members' work has improved steadily over those years and that the exhibition showcased the society's work well to the local community.

The meeting continued with the monthly challenge. The subject was 'Black and White Landscape'. This produced many very good images and the subject caused many to consider the particular charm of monochrome photography.

Our next meeting is on 6 June at the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, at 7.30pm for presentation by Andreas Klatt, ARPS, titled 'The Costa Rica Book'. The monthly challenge for June is 'anonymous'. Members are encouraged to submit anonymously a photograph that is different from their usual style, challenging members to identify the author. All are most welcome to attend.

Paul Brewerton

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Holly Tree Club

We were delighted so many members joined us for coffee and cake at our AGM on Monday 14 May at which I was re-elected as Chairman, Philip Allan as Treasurer and Stella O'Neill as Secretary. The existing committee was also re-elected, with the welcome addition of Julia Cork. Stella brought us up to date with the renovation plans and GDPR (data protection regulation) which came into force on 25 May, requiring a small change in procedure and completion of a form when members join.

Two proposals were adopted: to reduce the membership age from 60 to 55 and to increase the annual membership fee from £5 to £6.

Work on our new website is going well and should be up and running soon. If anyone has any Holly Tree Club-related history or photos to help us populate the history page on the website, please contact Stella at Stella.oneill@outlook.com.

Our members very much enjoyed their trip to Stratford-upon-Avon for a river cruise and cream tea in April. The Bartons bus was booked to take us; the driver was delightful and couldn't have been more helpful. The river cruise was interesting and the commentary entertaining – that and with plenty of scones, jam and cream made it a trip to be remembered.

June's film is *Paddington 2*, to be shown in association with Age UK on Thursday 14 June at 6.30pm.

Now settled with the Brown family, Paddington spots a pop-up book in an antique shop – the perfect present for his beloved aunt's 100th birthday. And so, the adventure starts, with Paddington spreading joy and marmalade wherever he goes.

Our next trip will be to the Old Dairy Farm Craft Centre, in Upper Stowe, near Weedon on Monday 18 June. The Centre offers a unique selection of shops and traditional crafts from blacksmithing to wood turning, as well as a great restaurant and tea room.

Don't forget our Monday morning coffee club is now for the over-55s and is held on the first Monday of the month at 10.30am.

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

John Finnigan, Management Committee Chair

Deddington Bookworms

Our read for April was *Cider with Rosie* by Laurie Lee. All the Bookworms found it an enjoyable and easy read. We didn't find it to be a page-turner. It's disorganised in its presentation, but it is hugely descriptive in an almost poetic way. It depicts life in rural Gloucestershire in the early 20th century, through the eyes and life of a young boy, from childhood to adolescence. There are reminders of just how hard life was at that time, including the worry of fevers having to run their course in pre-antibiotic days, making ends meet, drawing water and flooding. The book depicts the ups and downs of life in a large family, with clear descriptions of events, for example, the family arriving at Weston and the village outing. Loll was clearly no angel but was bound to have his misdemeanours found out in a rural community and, when appropriate, punishment meted out locally. The story of the 'murder' was in sharp contrast to the way the community could also close ranks.

It was felt this book is worth a read, especially to find out quite how different life was only a century ago.

This month we are reading *The Monogram Murders* by Sophie Hannah and will meet on the 4 June at 6.30pm in the library.

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Deddington and District History Society

May's speaker was Professor Gary Lock, who has spent several summers excavating at Marcham, near Abingdon, where he has uncovered a significant ritual site, in use from the Middle Bronze Age (c1500 BCE) to the late Roman period. In the earlier periods people simply dug pits into which they put votive offerings. As elsewhere, Roman influence took the form of incorporating existing beliefs into their own pantheon.

CALLING ALL CLUBS

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Most significantly, they placed religious worship within buildings, in this case a temple and an amphitheatre with a stage for religious plays. There is no evidence of settlement, no houses or farmsteads; this was entirely a ritual site. There were shops and workshops, providing food and drink for worshippers, and making little bronze objects to be left as offerings. Many have been discovered, and hundreds of coins. Gary's team has also excavated a large late 4th century building where they found coins bearing the Christian Chi-Ro symbol, possibly revealing a very early church. This was a fascinating insight into almost 4,000 years of evolving religious history.

On Saturday 30 June we shall enjoy a private visit to the gardens at Rousham, starting at 6.00pm. A guided tour of the gardens will be offered and we suggest that people take along a picnic, to make a lovely evening of it. There will be an admission charge of £6.

On Wednesday 11 July at 7.30pm we are offering a special lecture, which will take place in the parish church. Stefan White, the celebrated garden historian, will speak on the role of women in horticulture. As well as notables, like Gertrude Jekyll and Vita Sackville-West he will focus on lesser known but important figures such as Beatrix Havergal from Waterperry and Beth Chatto. Admission will be £7.50, to include refreshments. All are welcome.

Barrie Smith, Chairman 01869 337813

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Royal British Legion Branch

Our 18 April Open Evening in the church was a great success. Our thanks go to Revd Annie and all those who helped make it so. An inspiring talk from Corporal Brian Leach emphasised how much the RBL does to support ex-service people in the community. It also inspired what looks to be at least eight new members to join the Branch. We hope more will follow. You do not have to be either ex-service or related to an ex-service person to join.

Fundraising plans for later this year include a barbecue and a ball – more details next month. In conjunction with the church we are planning a visit by bus to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire in October.

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Women's Institute

Our meeting on 8 May was well attended. We voted to adopt this year's resolution about tackling loneliness. After the business meeting we had a quiz – a sheet of photographs of famous people. How quickly some people are forgotten or, if a face is remembered, names are forgotten. Thanks to our President, Jenny Cox, who organised it.

At our next meeting on 12 June Colin Oakes will give a talk entitled 'Plumbing the Depths'. There was some speculation as to exactly what the plumbing and depths are. Interested people are always welcome to come along. Please join us at the Holly Tree at 7.30pm or contact either, Jenny Cox, on 01869 337015 or Jenny Cross, the secretary, on 01869 337613.

Julia Hobbs

Deddington Players

Our AGM in April was so well attended that we had to bring in extra chairs. Thanks to everyone who joined us. We discussed both the merits of our last pantomime, which was the most successful ever, and things we can do to keep improving the audience experience. Officers and committee members were voted on to the committee with Jen Toll agreeing to continue as chair. Some key dates were agreed that you may want to put in your diaries now. Panto auditions will be held on Sunday 14 October with rehearsals starting on Sunday 1 November. Performances will run from Thursday 17–Saturday 19 January 2019. Further information will be available on our Facebook page or contact me.

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Deddington Baby and Toddler Group

May was a busy month, a taster session from musical minis with lots of singing and instrument fun and we were also very happy to welcome Ride on Time with all their fabulous ride on toys for children.

Summer is fast approaching and some of our little ones will soon be outgrowing the group. With them we will lose current volunteers. We are therefore urgently looking for new volunteers to run the group every Friday morning from 10am–12noon. If you might be interested in being a part of this vital village group, please contact me, louiset2511@aol.com.

Louise Tustian

Book Group

In April we met to discuss *The Visitors* by Sally Beaman. Set mainly in the early 1920s but spanning the rest of the century, the main plot concerns the discovery and opening of Tutankhamun's tomb, largely seen through the eyes of two young girls. The author had undertaken an impressive amount of historical and archaeological research and the resulting account is fascinating. The book has many other strands and sub-plots, some of which we found overlong and rather distracting. However, the complex range of real and fictional characters are cleverly woven together and include vivid portraits of personages such as Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon. Although the conversations between the two young girls often seem a little too precocious to be convincing, the description of their friendship is affecting. We felt that this was a work of historical fiction which documented dramatic events

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but also touched on themes of love, loss and death. In spite of our criticisms, it left us with a beguiling and lasting impression.

Our next meeting is on 28 June, when we will be discussing *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for more information.

Sian Waterman

SPORT

Deddington Ladies' Netball

Deddington ladies' netball is hoping to start up again this spring/summer. We are planning to play on Wednesdays at 7.15pm on the newly refurbished court at the Windmill Centre. All abilities are very welcome, no long-term commitment is required, but we do need a minimum number of players to get started again. Please email me if you are interested in coming along.

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Deddington Town Football Club*First Team results*

13.04.18	Bishops Itchington (n) (CUP)	L 0–2
21.04.18	Bishops Itchington (h)	W 6–2
24.04.18	Charlton & District (h)	W 5–1
28.04.18	Middleton Cheney Res (h)	W 2–0

Reserve team results:

21.04.18 Magna Exterior FC Blues (a) L 0–3

Sadly, the Coronation Cup final was unkind to the Humbugs, who fell to defeat at the feet of top-of-the-table Bishops Itchington. They gained some semblance of revenge by battering the same opponents a week later in the league, but Bishops had long since wrapped up the title. Nevertheless, an excellent clean sweep of victories following the cup final saw the First Team finish a very creditable third in the Premier Division. The Reserves lost their last fixture, which wouldn't have made a difference to their relegation, but even in a silverware-free season, both teams managed to top their respective Fair Play leagues, proving that win or lose, DTFC play it hard but fair. Bring on next season!

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

Deddington Town FC Youth

In the Witney and District Youth Football League the U14s had a hard fought 4–3 win at Brackley Athletic with a hat trick for William Mansfield. It was only their second win of the season but they lost the return match 2–0 three days later. The U13 Sharks had an 11–1 win at Witney Vikings (six goals for Felix Norman), 8–1 win at Bloxham (a hat trick for Felix Norman), 5–4 win at Grendon Rangers and 1–1 draw at Charlbury Town.

SPORT

The U13 Cobras ended their season with a heavy defeat at Witney Vikings. The U12s had a 4–2 win over Chipping Norton Swifts.

Presentation day

Our annual youth presentation day is at the Windmill Centre on 10 June from 2.00–5.30pm. There will be a bar, fish and chip van and sporting activities. Thank you to all the Deddington businesses who are supporting this popular annual event.

Looking to the future

We are a successful club, but short on pitches. As well as playing at the Windmill, we use school sports pitches in Deddington, Adderbury and Steeple Aston, and Steeple Aston Recreation Ground. If the Parish Council and Deddington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group can help in their conversations with developers, then we are happy to get involved to support developer proposals to include additional sports facilities as part of any section 106 agreements. Please contact Roger Sykes.

Further information is on our website, www.deddingtontownfc/ or visit us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc

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YOUTH

1st Deddington Scout Group*Cubs*

Cubs have been working towards their Skills Challenge by learning camping essentials: washing-up, shoelace tying and sleeping bag packing. They will soon tackle the Chef's Badge. We spent an evening in the company of Baden Powell, games, nature quiz and *The Jungle Book*.

Jonathan, Bailey, Dominic and Charlie represented the pack at the district Scrapheap Challenge, a story followed by a session of robot building – great fun.

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Scouts

The Scouts have spent the last few weeks working towards their Photographer Badge, under the expert eye of Paul Brewerton, and we look forward to displaying their pictures in the new term.

We finished last term with a session at Spiceball, taking advantage of the free swimming sessions on a Wednesday evening. Everyone who attended gained their second swimmer badge.

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YOUTH ————— *Continued from p17**Explorers*

The last month has seen some different activities. We've begun our Physical Recreation badge, so have been 10-pin bowling in Banbury taking part in Jam-bowleree. To add to this, we had a fun evening doing Zumba and renewing our Promise by glow stick light. It was all much harder than we thought. To help the village we did a litter pick and filled two bin bags of rubbish. Off camping later this month.

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We all joined together for a presentation evening attended by Tim Kidd, UK Chief Commissioner and many leaders from the District during which William received his Silver Award, Philip his Diamond and several Explorers their Platinum but the star of the night was Janet Duxbury, who received the Silver Acorn, next stop Windsor Castle.

1st Deddington Guides

Our usual run of excellent luck with the weather for outdoor events seems to have deserted us. It has held for many years, so I guess it is inevitable. On our first meeting we were unable to get outside due to the rain. The second meeting we cooked sausages and beans in torrential rain and where we had based ourselves at the start of the evening soon became a river. We and all the equipment were drenched. But we cooked sausages that were good to eat. Well done Guides! They never even thought of giving up and were cheerful and singing in the rain till the end.

We had fun building shelters in the woods at Horley – no rain but a very cold wind. Much better weather is forecast for our hike from Adderbury to Deddington.

Congratulations to Becca and Isabel who made us very proud carrying the standards for the annual St George's Day Parade in Banbury.

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WHAT'S ON**July**

Sun	1	Concert: Adderbury Ensemble, Mozart and Britten, St Mary's Church, Adderbury, 7.00pm
Sat	7	Come and Sing Workshop: Warriner Choral Society: Parish Church, 10.00am-5.30pm. £20
Tue	10	WI: Walking Treasure Trail with Cream Tea Parish Church, 2.00pm
Wed	11	History Society: Stefan White 'Come into the Garden Maud', Parish Church, 7.30pm,
Wed	18	PC Meeting: Old School Room Hempton, 7.30pm

DEDDINGTON PFSU AND NURSERY

This term the PFSU children have been discovering the world around us and the Nursery children are thinking about colours and colour mixing and early written name recognition. At both settings we are beginning to prepare the children for their moves in September to new schools and settings. The PFSU children have started practising for Sports Day which will be held on Friday 22 June at 11.15am in the Primary School field. We hope all the pre-school families will be able to join us.

This month we have held two successful fundraising events. Our messy play morning was great fun despite the rain, but the sun shone for the Four Farms Challenge and a lovely time was had by all. We'd like to thank the organisers of both events, as well as everyone who came along and gave us their support. We would also like to thank Deddington Parish Council for their generous grant towards resources and equipment. This will make such a difference to the activities we are able to provide for the children.

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Revd Cotton Risley for the month of June 1868.

11th June – I went to Oxford to vote in Convocation against the Lodging House System.

29th June – The School children had their annual Treat. I attended the Quarterly Sessions at Oxford.

30th June – We drove to a most simple little Church rebuilt in the year 1794 in a village called Goddington where my Grandfather was Curate before the old Church was pulled down some few years ago.

Buffy Heywood

HELP WANTED

The *DN* depends on a team of more than 60 volunteers, from writers and printers to collators and people who brave all weathers to deliver it.

The magazine is printed on a Monday and then assembled by a team of collators in the upstairs room of the Windmill Centre on the following Wednesday. They could really use some help in setting up the tables on which the pages are laid out. A couple of bodies who are happy to lift and carry folding tables (not very heavy) would be greatly appreciated. The job takes half an hour once a month from 9.30–10.00am, although staying on to collate would also be an option. If you are interested please contact Pat Brittain on 01869 338685.