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the Deddington news

We've celebrated VE Day and VJ Day anniversaries and have been fortunate enough to have an amazing event to commemorate these important dates and remind the younger generation how lucky they are. See p12 for Alan Collins' lively review. JC

What's On October

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| Sat | 3 | North Cotswold Chamber Choir: Rachmaninov, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Mon | 5 | Holly Tree Club: Coffee morning, 10.30am |
| Wed | 7 | Photographic Society: 'New Zealand: A Tale of Two Islands', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 7 | Traidcraft: Open Day, Parish Church, 10.30am–7.00pm |
| Thu | 8 | Holly Tree Club: Film tba, 6.30pm |
| Sat | 10 | Friends of Deddington Church: Jazz Concert, the Dickie White Jazz Allstars, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Tue | 13 | WI: Bring and Share Harvest Supper and Poppy Appeal Auction, Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 14 | History Society: 'Children and War: Experiences of the Second World War in Oxfordshire', Windmill, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 16 | DOGS: autumn classic at the Warwickshire Golf Club |
| Fri | 16 | PTA: Quiz Night, British Legion Club, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 18 | Deddington Players' auditions: <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> , Windmill Centre, 2.00pm |
| Tue | 20 | Friends of Deddington Church: AGM, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 21 | Photographic Society: workshop, 'Being Judgmental About Your Own Photographs', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 21 | Parish Council: meeting, Windmill, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 24 | Farmers' Market, 9.00am–12.30pm, and launch of RBL Poppy Appeal |
| Sat | 24 | Photographic Society: Annual Exhibition, Parish Church Living Room, 9.30am–12.30pm |
| Sat | 24 | Bowls Club: Race Night, British Legion Club, 8.30pm |
| Thu | 29 | Book Club: for venue call Sally Lambert |

November

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| Wed | 4 | Photographic Society: Micki Aston, 'Jerusalem and Istanbul: Two Ancient Cities', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 6 | PTA: Fireworks Display: School Field, 6pm |
| Sun | 8 | Remembrance Sunday: War Memorial 11.00am, assemble Bullring 10.15am |

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Holly Tree Club, Wednesday 16 September

Present: Cllrs Collins (Chair), Cox, Finnegan, Flux, Oldfield, O'Neill, Rogers, Squires, Watts, Williams (CDC). County Councillor Fatemian attended the final half-hour of the meeting.

The deadline for applications for the post of Parish Councillor has been extended to Friday 16 October. Applications should be made to the Parish Clerk.

Environment and Recreation

A site visit was made to Daeda's Wood by Thames Valley police, CDC and DPC. Some vegetation has been cut back and other measures taken to discourage anti-social behaviour.

Windmill Centre vandalism: Further damage has been done to a heavy duty metal panel at the all weather court. Also a window at the Centre has been broken. CCTV footage has again made it possible to identify those responsible and parents have agreed to pay for the damage. Three lockable refuse bins are to be purchased.

Planning Applications

No objections:

Stable Cottage, Hempton Road, Deddington, reduce the crown of a plum tree.

Sedge Hill, Main Street, Clifton, resubmission of previous application.

Coombe Cottage, Hempton, two-storey rear extension. The Old House, Philcote Street, Deddington, fell two juniper 'Skyrocket' trees. Request replanting as per DPC tree policy.

Caris Cottage, Goose Green, Deddington, reduce walnut tree by 5ft.

Axletree Barn, The Tchure, Deddington, reduce holly tree by 50% and reduce an apple tree by 4ft.

Caldicote House, Main Street, Clifton, outline, erection of a single dwelling and garage following alterations to existing dwelling and demolition of outbuildings.

Foresters Hall, The Tchure, Deddington, alterations to previous submission.

Objection:

2 Windmill Street, Deddington, proposed dropped kerb and driveway changing from recreational to driveway. Suggest other options should be considered.

College House Hempton, resubmission of amended application. Recommend objection on the grounds of vision splays and that access is insufficient and also to repeat our previous concerns of over-development of the site and supports the views offered by parishioners, alteration of the building line.

Highways and Transport

Speedwatch took place on 9 September on Hempton Road near the turning for the Windmill Centre. Thirty-eight vehicles were recorded exceeding 35mph, the fastest being 50mph.

Two cases of fly-tipping have been reported: one in Cosy Lane (rubble and masonry) and one at the Windmill St car park (fridge/freezer). Both have been reported to CDC.

The 81 bus service between Banbury and Bicester via Deddington is to be discontinued from the end of October. S4 timetables are being distributed with this copy of the *DN*.

Finance and General Purposes

A £50 student bursary has been awarded to Alex Williams.

Unplanned expenses incurred by the Freddie Knoller event (a great success) will be covered by voluntary donations.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Strategic Guidance document has been approved and forwarded to Cherwell District Council. Thanks and congratulations were expressed to those who produced it. Copies may be seen at the Library or on Deddington OnLine.

Solar panels have been installed at the school.

Almshouse no 4 is to be re-furbished and potential new residents interviewed in October.

Next meeting: Wed 21 October at 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre, Deddington.

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter Jean Rudge, and not the official Minutes. To see those, go to <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/pcminutes>.

Last Bus to Bicester

With any luck you have received the little blue Stagecoach booklet setting out the revised timetable for the S4 bus service between Oxford and Banbury that has been kindly distributed with this month's *DN*.

Thanks to S106 contributions made by developers in the area, the S4 service has doubled during the daytime between Deddington and Banbury. The hope is that in five years' time when the grant runs out, the service will have become self-supporting. So, to reiterate the message in last month's *DN* – use it, or lose it.

This is the sad fate of the 81 Heyfordian bus. This bus has been running three days a week between Bicester and Banbury, calling at Clifton and Deddington, at a substantial loss. The operators are expecting to end the service on Thursdays and Fridays from the end of October, and the Saturday service which is currently subsidised by Oxfordshire County Council, is likely to go the same way.

People who'll be left high and dry by the loss, especially when the Dial-a-Ride service ends next April, might like to be reminded of the service operated by Volunteer Connect, run by Banbury CAB, on 0300 3030 125, and also by Banbury Volunteer Bureau on 01295 759125. Both services need a few days' notice, and a charge for petrol is made.

Deddington's own Community Cares will help with transport for hospital visits: contact 01869 338082, wendy.burrows536@btinternet.com.

Helen Oldfield

FARMERS' MARKET

Roots

The summer has gone. Winter looms. Our tastebuds reflect the change. That bliss point combination of carbs, fats, salt and sugars becomes well nigh irresistible. You could go out and buy a packet of crisps – or you could make your own. Here's how.

Root Veg Crisps

- 6 large carrots
- 2 large beetroot
- 6 medium parsnips
- ½ celeriac (optional)
- oil for deep frying
- 5 cloves of garlic (optional)
- handful of sage leaves (optional)
- flaky sea salt and black pepper

First some disclaimers. This will make a lot of crisps (which will keep in an air tight jar if they get the chance) so you may want to reduce the amounts to suit your circumstances. You don't have to have every root vegetable listed (celeriac tends to fall off mine). And if your veg scrub up well you may not have to peel them (except the celeriac).

Mandolin your vegetables into slices thin enough to be vaguely translucent (say 2mm). Do not mix the vegetables because they have different cooking times. Do the celeriac last because it will start to discolour quite quickly.

Heat your oil until the thermometer says 180C (or a cube of bread browns promptly in the oil). Batch fry your vegetables in the oil (too many veg in one go will

reduce the cooking temperature and you'll get soggy crisps), keeping a close eye on them (the journey from almost ready to burnt is a swift one). Remove the cooked crisps from the oil with a slotted spoon and place on kitchen paper to drain. Do the beetroots last because they will discolour the oil. Deep fried cloves of garlic and/or sage leaves make a lovely garnish. Allow crisps to cool then dust with salt and pepper. Consume.

While you are wandering around the market obtaining your root vegetables, look out for the Deddington school choir, for the face painting and for the sour-dough bread demonstration.

October is also the annual market community cheque presentation day. Money raised by the market (run purely by volunteers) is donated to local projects once a year.

For more up to date information about the Market you can visit the market webpage www.deddington-farmersmarket.co.uk, listen to Deddington On Air www.deddingtononair.org or BBC Radio Oxford.

The market is on Saturday 24 October from 9.00am to 12.30pm. If you can't wait till then, there's always the Adderbury market on the second Thursday of each month at The Institute, The Green, Adderbury, 6.00-8.00pm. The next markets are on 8 October and 12 November. More details at www.market.adderbury.org. Good shopping!

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Postcard from America – Neighbourhood Politics

Another iconic American moment. We have a poster for a US politician on a post in our front garden. However, this isn't Clinton or the soon to be iconic Trump, this is a fine man called Seselmen. David is our company counsel, and no, I don't know what that means either.

There are many differences between our neighbourhood here in Greenwood Village and the village idyll that is Deddington. The houses are much bigger and they are considerably cheaper. The big house on the corner with five restrooms, which hosted a Woody Allen movie, just sold for under \$1m.

Our estate is called Sundance Hills. Out here that has a greater resonance than Gaveston Gardens. One is about recalling a US film character, the other a 14th century lord and gay icon. That probably says it all.

When we first looked round the area I noticed a sign while driving down a local street. Unfortunately, being short-sighted and stupid, I felt blessed to be moving to an area which was 'convent protected'. I now know what a 'covenant' is. It means they can moan about the neighbours not watering their front lawns. Doesn't seem right to me in a mile high desert, and in a time of severe drought. That's my excuse anyway.

The local government structure in the US looks very

odd to a European. The majority of the citizens of the largest democracy in the free world reject 'federal' control whenever they can, which produces many peculiar results. The layout of the 'cities' is not based on logical planning. There is a 'city' about 10 miles north of us which is completely surrounded by the City of Denver. The mayor of Glendale is famous for two things, his love of Rugby Union, (he used local taxes to erect the only purpose built stadium in the US), and his wife, who runs the local strip club, and very nice it is too.

The latest Republican debate was interesting. Of the 12 candidates, only two didn't want to send the troops in to fix the problems in the Middle East. And one of those was Trump, who spent a lot of time apologising for insulting the only female, and for claiming that because Mr Bush's wife is Mexican this meant Jed was soft on illegal immigrants.

As I have said before, they are obsessive people these Yanks, very focused on family, religion, sport and proving they are the best nation in the world. Who am I to say they are wrong, and at least it gives me good material about the lovely time I am having?

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News from Hempton

Well done to everyone involved in the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride day on Saturday 12 September. Despite the weather being damp in the morning, the rest of the day was quite good. St John's had 65 visitors. Numbers were down on last year and up on the year before, but still good. We are on a nice cycle route and people are also attracted by our state-of-the-art refreshments. Many thanks to Pam Dodd and her team for all the marvellous food. Sponsorship money raised will be known at a later date.

The Christmas Bazaar is only two months away on 5 December from 11.00am. This is a happy family occasion. Gifts suitable for the event will be welcome, particularly cakes and bottles for the tombola stall. The Friends have more than 60 members. If every family supplied a gift, however small, eg liquid soap, shampoo, teabags, small bottles of juice, the stall would be well stocked. Both the cakes and the tombola sold out very quickly last year.

Angela Conlan of Corner House, Duns Tew Road, runs a Gentle Dance to Music session at the Windmill Centre on Mondays between 2.00–3.00pm. The cost is £4 with the first session free. If you are interested please give her a call on 01869 338108 or turn up on the day.

Please, if you have any news of interest for this column, give me a call.

Les Chappell 01869 338054

Friends of Castle Grounds

As we come to the end of another season at the Grounds we sadly have to say goodbye to our groundsman, Phil Pinfold. Over the past couple of years he has tirelessly battled the ever-growing banks and kept the path around the top of the ramparts accessible. Recently he cleared the entrance which has really improved access, almost doubling the width of the path. You may have seen him as he mowed and strimmed the scrubby grassy banks and paths. We will miss his attention on the Grounds but would like to pass on our grateful thanks for all the time and hard work he has given. We will put on our thinking caps to decide how to continue his good work.

Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers will return next spring to repair the last part of the wall and finish the capping. Their visit in September achieved a further length of capping over the rebuilt wall, although some damage had been done since their visit in June which made progress slower than expected.

New members are always welcome. Please contact our membership secretary, Jean Welford, Aberford, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington OX15 0TD, or call 01869 338539. You can download a membership form to join like-minded people who want to preserve and enjoy the heritage of this historic site, on the Friends of Castle Grounds page under 'Clubs' on Deddington OnLine website, with links to some lovely old photos.

Carol Horlock, Secretary 01869 338935

Fireworks Night

**Friday 6th November
At Deddington Primary School**

Gates open: 6pm. Blast off: 7pm

Adult: £5.00, Child: £2.50, Under 5s: Free
and Family (2 adults and 2 children): £12.50

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL**October****Parish Church SS Peter and Paul**

Monday–Friday 8.45am Morning Prayer
 Wednesdays 10.00am Holy Communion (with
 prayers for healing on
 the 4th Wednesday)
 Thursdays 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels

Sun 4 10.30am Pets' Service
 6.00pm Choral Evensong
 Sun 11 8.00am BCP Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 18 8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 25 10.30am Harvest Festival Family Service

From the Parish Register*Weddings*

19 September Jennifer Anderson and Henry Foord

Baptisms

20 September Evie Maharry

Funerals

29 August Michael Reason

Services of Thanksgiving

14 September Len Plumbe

St John's, Hempton

Sun 4 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 18 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 25 6.00pm Evening Prayer

St Michael's, Barford

Sun 4 4.00pm Harvest Festival
 Sun 11 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 18 6.00pm Evening Prayer
 Sun 25 9.00am Holy Communion

For baptisms and for weddings, please speak to the Vicar, the Rev'd Annie Goldthorp, after a service. For funerals and home visits in the case of illness, please contact the Vicar (01869 336880; vicar@deddington-church.org) except on Fridays, her day off, or one of the church wardens: Iain Gillespie (01869 338367) or George Fenemore (01869 338203).

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

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
 25 October John Neale

Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe, is said at 9.30am every weekday except Thursday. There are two Masses on Saturday, at 9.30am in the normal Ordinary Rite and 12 noon in the Latin Extraordinary Rite. There are two Masses on Sunday, the first at 10.00am in the Ordinary Rite and the second at 12.00 noon in the Extraordinary Rite. 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. Mass is said at 9.00am on Sundays at SS Peter and Paul Anglican Church, King's Sutton.

Fr Paul Lester and the congregation warmly welcome you to an Open Day on Saturday 10 October from 1.00–4.00pm at the Holy Trinity RC Church, Hethe. Come and see the church, known as a 'hidden gem' of North Oxfordshire. Hear about the origins of the church, the meaning of the symbols and view some historic vestments, sacred vessels and ornaments. Refreshments available free of charge and optional raffle.

Fr Paul Lester 01869 277630

New Family Service

Deddington Parish Church has launched a new style service aimed at encouraging more people of all ages – and especially families – to get involved with the local church community.

Held at 10.30am on the fourth Sunday of every month, the service features a mix of traditional hymns, new songs, prayers, readings and Bible focused messages with a focus on creating a relaxed and friendly environment. As well as hot drinks and cakes, there will be activities for children and a warm welcome for all is guaranteed.

Janet Bird
01869 337428

Pets' Service

4 October at 10.30am

Deddington Parish Church

Bring your pet to church

**All well behaved pets and their owners
 welcome!**

Deddington Parish Show 2015

The Parish Show held on Saturday 5 September was again a great community event, with lots of people of all ages supporting it.

I would like to start this report by thanking all who helped to make this Show possible: Joan Wright and the other Show Committee members, the stewards, the team serving the teas, the stall and raffle servers, the scorer and the runner, and those who stayed to help clear up afterwards.

It was good to see the Revd Annie enjoying the exhibits. Thanks to her for allowing the Show to continue in the church - such a wonderful venue for it - and for her attendance. She even presented trophies to the winners, so was well involved.

Because so many came to the Show and bought teas, raffle tickets, cakes and tried their luck at the bottle stall, we have enough funds to run it next year and can donate some money to village groups, a tradition we started four years ago.

The exhibitors were a little down in number from last year, especially in the children's classes, but there were some beautiful exhibits and an amazing array of flowers and vegetables considering the wet weather we have had. The judges thought the fruit entries were outstanding and the judge was very impressed with the standard of work shown in the crafts section. Barrie Clifford's wooden items were stunning.

It was good to see children entering adult classes, especially the Coppin family. Jack and Alfie were out to beat Steve, their Dad, in the Men's Only Cake class, but experience won through. There's always next year, boys!

Trophy and certificate winners:

Welford Cookery Cup Winner: Gillian Boyd, 2 Louise Ayles, 3 Jen Field.

The Marianne Elsley Cup for Flowers Winners: Gordon Hands and Lesley Nelson, 2 Diana Marshall, 3 Windmill Thursday Club & Sue Ayles.

The Oliver Hawes Cup for Vegetables Winner: Stan Nelson, 2 Bev and Mark Ryland, 3 Mike Boyd.

The St Peter and St Paul Cup for Fruit Winner: Bev and Mark Ryland, 2 Wendy Burrows, 3 Gordon Hands.

The John Cheney Cup for Art: Winner: Ken Wilkinson, 2 Pamela Taboada and Ronald Turner, 3 Peggy Russell and Steve Waterman.

The Stella Marmion Cup for Crafts Winner: Kate Petty, 2 Joy Drake, 3 Barrie Clifford.

The Farmers' Market Cup for Photography Winner: Lucy Squires, 2 Joanne Pickles, 3 Mike Higgins.

The Deddington Gardeners' Cup for Show Champion Winner: Bev and Mark Ryland, 2 Mike Boyd, 3 Wendy Burrows, Stan Nelson and Kath Morris.

Children's Trophies:

5 Years and Under Winner: Polly Banks, 2 Jasmine Fawcus, 3 Ellen Bird and Orla Brown.

6 to 9 Years Winner: Izzy Kenny, 2 Daphne Garbutt, 3 Jemima Banks and James Edmonds.

10 to Under 15 Years Winner: Laura Burland, 2 Megan Squires, 3 Ben Cox and Jack Coppin.

The Maureen Forsyth Cup for the Child Champion Winner: Laura Burland, 2 Polly Banks, 3 Megan Squires.

Next year's Show will be on Saturday 3 September.

The programme with entry form will be online in early January 2016, so lots of time to make exhibits. Come on, children of Deddington Parish – I challenge you!

Wendy Burrows
Hon Secretary 01869 338082



Summer is over and Christmas is coming **OUCH!**



Make a date in your diary NOW!

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 5th

Don't miss the best Christmas Bazaar in North Oxfordshire at the Old School Room Hempton

Join us from 11am for bargains galore, a bite to eat and, more than anything, a welcoming start to the Christmas season

Further details next month

Friends of Hempton Church and Old School Room
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From the Fire Station

Deddington has attended twenty-five incidents in the past month. There was a large blaze of stacked straw at Hanwell Fields in Banbury. This required eight fire engines which were there for most of the night. Unfortunately it coincided with Rachael Freeman's leaving meal which half of the crew missed. However, they have all decided that there will be another meal for her. The Deddington crew also attended a burst water main on Broughton Road in Banbury. This we found to be particularly challenging as it was a twelve inch main that was, among other things, supplying the Horton Hospital. Houses on the Broughton Road were being flooded so we had to divert the water flow away from the houses. A seventy millimetre hose was charged with water and laid along the footpaths which managed to temporarily divert the water until our high volume pump could get there and lay a bigger and heavier hose to do a more permanent job. Southern Electric and Thames Water were at the scene really quickly and managed to isolate those services. Only small amounts of water got into some basements which was quickly pumped out.

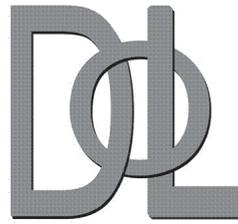
We had another busy day when we were called to an electricity transformer that had caught fire on a timber pylon in the middle of a farmer's field. What seemed at first to be very straightforward quickly became more serious. People started coming from their homes saying that their household appliances were blowing up. Crews were sent from house to house to isolate electricity supplies. A transformer designed to convert electricity from 400v down to 220v had failed but not shut off and was pushing 400v into peoples' homes. Southern Electric were soon on the scene and isolated the transformer. Straight after this incident, the crew was mobilised to a restaurant where the cleaner had mixed acid and bleach in a toilet to clean the pan. Without knowing it, he had made chlorine gas and was quickly overcome by the fumes. He managed to get himself out of the toilet and in to the hands of the ambulance service. It is really important not to mix any cleaning products together and, if you are putting them down the toilet, always flush away several times before adding other products.

The crew also helped out with marching and marshalling at the VJ Day parade in the Market Place in Deddington. This is the first time that this has been done. We marched with a brass band and it was great that people came out to support their community.

Training is always ongoing at the station and it's RTC (road traffic crash) training at the moment. For several weeks we have been at Smiths of Bloxham, practising our cutting techniques such as the standard ways to remove a roof from a car plus some other techniques that we do not use as often.

This is a good time to start thinking about readying your car for winter and of course getting your chimney swept.

Crew Manager Tim Parker



Three Horse Shoes or Exhibition Inn

Hilary Smith's article *The Curious Case of the Deddington Jugs* in the June 2014 edition of *DN* prompted me to investigate the history of this old inn and why it was in ruins in 1947 when

the jugs were found. It is located on the north side of the Bull Ring and the Revd Cotton Risley dined there in 1859. Thanks to the documents and images provided by Stan and Lesley Nelson, who live in what is now called Rothbury House, a record of the former inn's story from the 18th century onwards can be found on DOL.

Red Lion Pub

While researching the Three Horse Shoes I came across an interesting snippet about someone who lived at the Red Lion in 1574.

The Gibbs family

Thanks to the input of three Gibbs descendants (one in the USA), a considerable amount of information about this Deddington family has become available. The Gibbs family was large and many-branched – as the family tree of the 11 branches descended from William Gibbs (b1808) shows in the online article. Each branch has a narrative section to browse along with old photographs and copies of wills.

VJ Day 70 years on

Allan Collins' account of the day, together with 30 photographs from the inimitable parade, through to the culminating sing-along in the church, and Rob Forsyth's stories of Harry Sorell, Sid Berry and Len Plumbe who all served in the Far East, are available in this article. To read them go to: <http://tinyurl.com/p5nwh7s> then follow the individual links.

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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM



Well, that's it. After what seems to have been a very protracted harvest, the green goddess is back in the barn and the last of the winter planted bean crop came into store on 11 September, some three weeks later than last year. The last field of beans was a small seven-acre plot on the side of the river valley

escarpment overlooking Bowman's Bridge, a small pack horse bridge crossing the Deddington brook. The willow and oak trees that surround the bridge have been home to a large rookery for as long as I have been on the farm. Rooks are very partial to emerging bean shoots and gave this particular field their undivided attention. In hindsight we should have taken it out and planted in a crop of spring rape but, as one of the very important attributes of being a farmer is being an optimist, the crop was left to see what would happen and, yes, it all did happen. By late spring, well beyond the safe date for planting anything else, it became a very colourful agronomist's nightmare or, depending on your point of view, a botanist's delight, with any number of arable land flowers (weeds) putting on a good show. We did in the end manage to harvest a few tons of beans, but the real lesson was that it reminded us of why we stopped growing the things in the first place, but having spilt the beans on one of our less successful attempts at crop production, the other crops were well above our five-year average.

The downside to all this is that everyone else has had good yields and the farm gate prices have gone through the floor as, although we have a plentiful supply of home grown grain, it is cheaper for our food manufacturers and supermarkets, because of the

strength of the pound sterling against the euro and the American dollar, to import grain and other farm gate commodities than use home produced commodities.

The bees have had what can only be described as a difficult summer and, by the end of August, had gone into winter shutdown. By the time this has scraped past the editor's red pencil they will have received their annual treatment for the dreaded varroa mite and put to bed with a good feed of sugar syrup. If we get a good 'back end' they will forage for the pollen and nectar from the ivy which is their last chance to top up the winter food stocks.

Ivy is a very important plant when it comes to all things environmental, and plays a big part in the over-winter survival of many different species of insect and birds. It is the last plant to flower in late autumn and produces large amounts of pollen and nectar which many of our diminishing insects, butterflies and moths feed upon before going into winter hibernation. Many of these invertebrates bed down for the winter among the thick stems and evergreen leaves of the plant, which also provides shelter and a food bank for many of our small farmland and garden birds in the short, cold days of winter. Another attribute of the plant is its berries which don't ripen until well after other hedgerow fruits have been exhausted and provide a good fall-back larder for many of the larger birds. Ivy is a slow-growing, none parasitic plant, which causes no harm to the trees it clings to. It is shallow-rooted and doesn't rob the much deeper-rooted trees of soil nutrients so it is very sad that even in these enlightened days of environmental awareness, the old myths surrounding ivy killing trees still abound. Many of the trees in the village, along the roadsides and footpaths, have had the ivy cut off at ground level, an act of ignorant environmental vandalism. Ho hum.

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BLOTTED OUT

Deddingtonians of a certain age will have been saddened to note the recent death of George Cole, famous first as Flash Harry in the *St Trinians* films, but closer to home as the fetishistically philandering Sir Giles Lynchwood in the 1985 television series of Tom Sharpe's *Blott on the Landscape*.

With surprisingly up-to-date echoes of the current HS2 controversy, the story concerns machinations around the siting of a new motorway through unspoilt countryside and the potential demolition of Lady Maud Lynchwood's ancestral home. In one episode a drunk in charge of a digger accidentally demolishes a house in the picturesque village of Guilstead Carbonell. Deddington was the filming location for the village of Guildstead Carbonell, where several mock buildings, having been erected during the preceding week, were

demolished in the Market Place for the film. Hook Norton Brewery served as the Handyman Brewery where Blott obtains copious supplies of strong ale for the motorway workers, served in what was in fact the Unicorn. Many of those in Deddington on the night of 10 August 1984, partied for much of the night as the BBC blew up the purpose-built house, and set fire to the specially erected petrol pumps in front of the Co-op. For those who missed the glory days, DVDs of *Blott* are available from the library and the following DOL links will fill in all the rest.

<http://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/photos,filmsandillustrations/blottonthelandscape>
<http://dnarchive.deddington.org.uk/72dpi/1984/DN19840903.html>.

Catherine Desmond

BLISSFUL THINKING

Realism is what we imagine it to be multiplied by what we make it, and if we don't like it, we'll just come up with something better. 'Fractured realism' is a genre of fiction that takes the world as we know it, with one or more distinctive turns at earlier points in our developments. Some of these have become very popular in modern fashion and culture.



The Steampunk movement imagines a Victorian Britain where steam became the dominant source of energy, rather than coal. People float around in their ruffled finery, catching zeppelins to work and such. Some of the aspects of our own modern nations that we take for granted almost seem like fractured realism: the fact that we still rely on digging and drilling into the earth for the majority of energy needs, or that we still have people in crowns and robes living in castles away from the rest of us.

Anachronisms can form a part of a progressive society, and in some ways help us retain a sense of common identity. But what if these fractures were more exciting? What if we kept bears as pets instead of dogs? What if we ate insects instead of cattle? Our human-animal dynamic seems natural to us, but only through generations of familiarity. What if we could only see in an infra-red spectrum? Our amazing body can repair various wounds and punctures, but what if this healing power extended to regrowing lost limbs? Medical research would surely attempt to trick the body into growing extra limbs for surgical purposes; Channel 5 for programming purposes. What if gravity fluctuated as much as the weather? It sounds fun, but a rapid shift could mean multiple deaths in the space of a few seconds as people hit the ground like bugs flying into a moving car's headlights.

On the other hand, we could all float to work with metal capped boots on, and use magnetised floors to root us to the ground.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

We ended last year with the successful school fête. We were fortunate to have a lovely sunny day and a great turnout. Everyone enjoyed the games, activities and music on offer. The raffle was a huge success with lots of great prizes donated by local businesses. Our thanks to everyone who supported the event and made it such a success, including the Revd Annie, Deddington Farmers' Market, the pupils and staff of Deddington Primary School, the PTA committee and helpers and, of course, everyone who supported the event.

News from Clifton

Have you seen her not there these days? A key member of our community who has entertained and worried us all? Bright-eyed and always curious, kind and patient, but always in charge of her village? I'm talking of Sally of course. The dog who so owned Main Street she could walk between the traffic without a scratch. But you haven't seen her lately have you? Sadly, whilst on holiday in France, she had to be put down following a very short but devastating illness. This is really tragic news for Rebecca, Tim and the girls as she was so fit when they left, and being abroad at the time it was very sad. So the pub dog has passed on.

Another loss to our community, although a far more trivial one, as this correspondent understands, we have lost our bus ... OCC is to withdraw the subsidy and Heyfordian can't afford to run a loss-making service. I must say I have ridden this omnibus on quite a few occasions and it was never that busy. I certainly never saw any neighbours on it. It is perhaps the very definition of 'use it or lose it' I guess. Something to ponder if the pub should re-open.

The Una Stubbs team finished with mission accomplished, top of the mini-league they wanted to be top of, and the next season full of hope and expectation with so many fun and kind people to be reunited with again. In short they avoided relegation and came top of the micro-league of two and will play again against the friendliest teams they have ever met. They're still not very good – but do they have fun, or what?

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As I write, we are looking forward to kicking off our fundraising events for the autumn with our first ever kids' muddy run on Saturday 19 September. Seventy-two children are being sponsored to complete a kids' muddy run around an obstacle course.

We have our AGM next week so in the next issue we will be able to introduce our new chairperson.

On Friday 16 October we are holding a quiz night at the British Legion. This is a popular event and is back due to demand.

Our main community event this autumn is the fireworks display on Friday 6 November on the school field. There will be a fantastic firework display and we will have the barbecue, bar and tuck shop fully stocked. There will be a glow toys stall selling pocket-money priced light-up toys for the kids among us. Tickets will be available in advance and on the night.

And a final date for your diary this autumn is Father Christmas's visit to the Farmers' Market on Saturday 22 December.

Thanks for your support and we hope to see lots of you at the quiz and firework display.

Julia Jackman, Co-chair
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Betty's Box

When Betty Hill died a box was found in her house containing sundry old and fascinating papers about Deddington which we are publishing at intervals.

The following, written in 1896, is a selection taken from the following document:

RULES AND REGULATIONS for the management of the DEDDINGTON PARISH FIRE BRIGADE in 1896:

1. This Brigade shall be called the DEDDINGTON PARISH FIRE BRIGADE, and shall consist of ordinary and honorary members.

2. The Brigade is to consist of a Captain, Lieutenant, Engineer, Sub-Engineer and eight Firemen (numbered one to eight), a Secretary and Treasurer. Persons only of undoubtedly good character shall be eligible to enter the Brigade.

3. The uniforms and all necessary accoutrements for the men to be

provided by the Council and are only to be worn when called out for drill or service at a fire. Every member is expected to keep his uniform clean and in good order.

4. Each member on joining the Brigade shall subscribe his name to the Rules and Regulations in a book kept by the Secretary for that purpose, in proof of his willingness to submit to all such Rules and Regulations.

5. Any member wishing to leave the Brigade shall give fourteen days' notice to the Captain and shall deliver

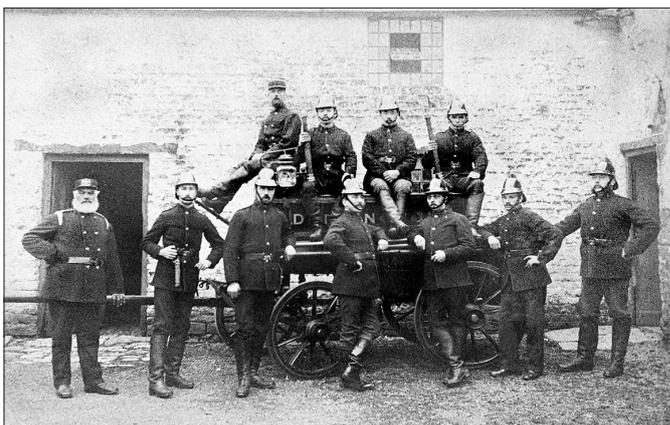
up all articles of uniform to the Clerk in a thorough state of repair.

6. The Brigade shall have four Wet Drills in each year for the purpose of testing the Engine and appliances and at least eight other drills to take place if possible one in each month of the year. The actual cost of the Wet Drills to be defrayed by the Council.

7. A charge of £2 per day, or part of a day, will be made for the use of the Engine outside the parish, which sums shall go into the Common Fund of the Council.

8. The Captain must see that his men have proper refreshments when they have been engaged in fatiguing duty for many consecutive hours and prevented them from attending their meals, the expenses of which may, if necessary, be defrayed by the Council out of the Engine fund.

Approved Rules July 14th, 1896



Was this Deddington's first fire engine? At a guess it was taken around the end of the 19th century, but where?

From these first principles the responsibilities of the Deddington Fire Brigade have evolved and responded to a changing world.

See Tim Parker's bulletin 'From the Fire Station' (DN June 2015) to read how the Fire Service continues to adapt its structure, methods and technology in meeting today's challenges.

What hasn't changed is the courage and dedication of the men and women who are committed to this work.

Hilary Smith

News from Daeda's Wood

I wrote this report on the evening of the twilight walk to the Wood: a beautiful evening as the sun began to set with a huge red glow in the western skies and a neat crescent moon making an appearance. Our group of eight adults and a child walked through the Wood listening to the night sounds of creatures settling down. We followed the paths using our torches to avoid fallen branches and sticky muddied areas, Charlie re-assuring us that he knew the way back to his car. Near the little bridge over the river Swere we noted bats flying among the trees and played a quick game of 'Pooh sticks' before retracing our steps and heading back to the cars. Our walk lasted about an hour until there was a chill in the air; we all agreed that we had enjoyed seeing the Wood at this time of the evening, feeling safe in the company of friends.

It would be a great shame if people avoided walking in the Wood because of the activities of a very small number of people who have been behaving

inappropriately at times. You might have seen the work undertaken by the Woodland Trust, who are responsible for the management of the Wood: the blocking of access to part of the river near the bridge by large branches which is meant as a deterrent to people intent on indulging in group sexual encounters. I have visited this area several times and, judging by the present absence of litter and obviously untrodden undergrowth, it is no longer used for such purposes. Both the Rural Police Team and the Woodland Trust are monitoring the situation and believe giving publicity to this matter not only stigmatises the Wood, thereby deterring families from visiting, but may cause an increase in inappropriate behaviour. The Police advise that anyone witnessing such behaviour should phone 101 and on no account intervene.

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LETTERS

FROM JOY DRAKE,
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Stamps and the RNIB

I would like to thank all the people who throughout the year have kindly been putting envelopes of used stamps through our letter-box or left hefty packages of stamps on our doorstep following my letter in the Deddington News last November. I have sent all the used stamps on to the RNIB who are very grateful. Please keep leaving the stamps and I will keep forwarding them. Thank you all very much.

FROM JOHN, RICHARD
AND STEVE PLUMBE

We would like to thank everyone who attended our father's (Len Plumbe) funeral on 14 September. It was lovely to see so many people from the village, clubs he attended and also business acquaintances and customers from when he ran Archway Garage. We would also like to thank his friends and neighbours who helped him so much, especially during the last few years. We also appreciated the kind wishes and sympathy shown towards us during this difficult time.

FROM HELEN MARSHALL,
DIRECTOR, CPRE OXFORDSHIRE
**Countryside Champion needed for
Bicester District**

The Campaign to Protect Rural England is looking for a new Chairperson to help co-ordinate its activities in South Cherwell, including Bicester, Kidlington, the Heyfords, Otmoor and all the surrounding areas.

CPRE works to protect and promote the countryside. We have a very friendly and experienced Bicester District committee, but would love to find someone to come on board as Chairman. It's a great way of getting



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to know your local area and helping to influence local decision-making on issues as varied as planning policy, affordable housing, litter, minerals and water. With so much development scheduled to come through in the area in the next 20 years, it is vital that someone is in place to speak up for the countryside and make sure that we can keep thriving village communities.

The role is voluntary and needs a commitment of just a few hours a week. No particular knowledge or qualifications are required, but it would suit someone with leadership or organisational experience and good people skills.

Full details are available on the CPRE Oxfordshire website – www.cpreoxon.org.uk or by calling the CPRE Branch Office on 01491 612079

FROM BARBARA PAWLOWSKA,
OXFORDSHIRE ADVOCACY

I am writing on behalf of Oxfordshire Advocacy, an organisation that provides free advocacy services for vulnerable adults (18+) and adults (50+) affected by cancer. Our service is free, independent, non-judgemental and confidential. Our aim is to help anyone who is affected by cancer (either as a patient or family member, friend of carer) and is aged 50 or over, to resolve issues or difficulties (cancer-related or not) and to improve the quality of their lives. We can help with many issues, including treatment and care, social, financial and employment issues and can provide a listening ear.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any more questions,

Barton Neighbourhood Centre, Underhill Circus, Oxford OX3 9LS, tel 01865 741200, email barbara.pawlowska@oadg.org.uk, www.gettingheard.org.

Musical Notes

Hoping that you enjoyed the Fournier Trio on 20 September, it is appropriate to note that the Adderbury Ensemble together with our favourite pianist, Viv Mclean, will be back in Deddington on 15 November with an all Beethoven programme.

The highlight for October will be a performance of the Rachmaninov Vespers by the excellent North Cotswold Chamber Choir on Saturday 3 October at 7.30pm. Written and premiered in 1915, this unaccompanied choral work consists of settings of texts taken from the Russian Orthodox All-Night Vigil ceremony. It has been praised as Rachmaninov's finest achievement. Conductor, Sarah Tenant-Flowers and the choir will

relish this opportunity to give a performance of what is surely one of the greatest choral works of all time.

In addition, on Saturday 10 October, jazz lovers, in a Friends of Deddington Church event, will be entertained by the Dickie White Jazz Allstars, with Dixieland and New Orleans favourites.

Finally for those who are happy to travel a little further, the Oxford Lieder Festival starts on 16 October for a fortnight of song from a veritable outburst of national and international professional singers and pianists. Full details can be found on their website.

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FREDDIE KNOLLER LITERARY EVENT

'For evil to prosper requires only good men do nothing' is a much misattributed comment on many events in history including the Holocaust. It was also the backdrop to a literary event sponsored by the Parish Council and arranged by the Friends of Deddington Library. It featured a remarkably youthful Freddie Knoller who is the subject of a book written by Deddington resident, John Landaw. This book, available to buy from your local Library features Freddie's life from the time he was sent away from his Viennese home after the Anschluss, that saw Austria absorbed into the Nazi Third Reich, to the time he 'met' Bill Betts from Wellesbourne, who was driving a Sherman tank at the time of Freddie's liberation from Bergen-Belsen. Freddie is Jewish and remains one of the few remaining survivors of Auschwitz.

I mention Bill because he was in the audience with his Légion d'Honneur, awarded to all surviving D-Day veterans on the 70th anniversary by a grateful French nation. Three days before the 75th Anniversary of Battle of Britain Day, more than 80 people paid to watch the BBC documentary of Freddie's life. After a picnic lunch, the audience had an opportunity to meet him and ask questions. The unexpected bonus was Freddie meeting Bill who had no idea why he was ordered to give up his tank's rations after the camp was liberated and so many inmates were discovered suffering severely from malnutrition. Freddie himself weighed six stone on this day.

The documentary covers Freddie's flight to safety in Belgium, his post-invasion escape to France, his internment as an enemy alien, his further escape to family in Vichy France, then his voluntary return to his

Belgian internment camp to recover (unsuccessfully) his beloved cello (such a powerful link to his family and their music evenings) before electing to go to Paris and start a career as a pimp to the occupying forces. Then he tells of wetting himself as the Gestapo offer him a job before Freddie became what the Germans called a terrorist and he discovered in a brutal way 'Hell hath no fury'. This led to confessing he is Jewish being better than the alternative.

Then a trip in a cattle truck as taken by millions before and millions to follow with a doctor who not only helped Freddie survive the trip, but also the war. Freddie gave a passionate insight into what it really means to value life, to be hungry and to survive. He answered many questions with a glint in his eye that belies his 94 years and a humour that ignores his extraordinary life experiences. I should never again say I am hungry, or I have been mistreated. I have been humbled by one extraordinary man and I feel the richer for having met him. 'Men will think themselves accursed they were not here'. However another heart-warming aspect of this remarkable event was the significant number of young people who not only came along but thought it 'brilliant' and 'awesome'. We must remember what happened and what the causes were – and how we stop it happening again.

If I have not described the content fully the Friends of Deddington Library might be persuaded to run the event again this time with a video of the Q & A – or you could buy the book. You must buy the book at least and compare this story to the plight of very many thousands today.

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SURNAMES: SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Surnames, as we know them, are rather recent in human history, and this month I'd like to consider one particular type – the kind that is derived from names of personal relationships, especially relationships to fathers. Such names are called *patronymics*.

Sally Magnusson is a television presenter whose father was Magnus Magnusson. Magnus was Icelandic and his second name was a simple patronymic: he was actually a son of someone called Magnus. Sally, however, is obviously not the son of anyone. In Iceland, where most people do not have surnames, her second name would be Magnúsdóttir because she is the *daughter* of Magnus. Very sensible, you might think.

British names like Johnson, Davidson, Anderson, originated as patronymics, but they have become surnames because they are now handed down through the generations. So we see nothing wrong with calling a woman Mary Johnson or Sally Wilson, even though Mary and Sally cannot be the sons of anyone. But what if we are strong feminists? To be continued ...

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THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Domestic heating oil is a target for thieves. Following these simple ideas can act as a deterrent.

Don't be left out in the cold.

CCTV can deter thieves and record any tampering or theft

Oil levels: check these often and report any irregularities

Location of your oil tank, so it is in view of the property
Defensive planting can deter thieves, grow prickly hedges

Consider using security lighting to illuminate your tank, use an alarm for oil levels or build a cage around the tank. It is difficult to secure such a valuable asset as it is kept outside, often in full view and has to be accessed easily by your fuel supplier. If damaged by thieves it could also cause an environmental catastrophe. If your tank is emptied by a thief then you could be left with no heating. Check the level in your tank regularly, look for spilt fuel, marks on locks or anything else suspicious and report this through the non-emergency 101 enquiry centre.

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

In September member Mick Brittain gave a presentation entitled 'Art School to Photographic Society: In search of a Personal Style'. Reviewing his early life, Mick left school early to enrol at the Birmingham School of Photography, which introduced him to the 5x4 and 10x8 inch film camera formats, but the environment left him dissatisfied. He moved to Bournemouth, adopted 35mm photography, and became involved in photographing students at the local School of Fashion where he learnt the techniques of studio lighting and modelling.

He relocated to London, only to find that fashion photography there was exclusive and extremely competitive. So he turned to photographic work for advertising agencies, becoming a specialist in interpreting clients' requirements and setting up the studio environment for photo-shoots. Mick showed photographs taken at various stages of his career, including some stunning photographs taken in Croatia.

In later years, he converted to digital photography and became interested in HDR (High Dynamic Range) using Adobe Photoshop, the intention being to create a 'super real' image of a particular scene. This involves the superimposition of several photographs and software manipulation to create a visually interesting effect, rather than necessarily being a true image of the subject. He showed examples of super real images, demonstrating the HDR technique. This was a stimulating presentation from an accomplished commercial photographer which was greatly appreciated by his audience.

The next club night is 7 October when members Richard Broadbent and Phil LeMare will present 'New Zealand: A Tale of Two Islands'. The workshop on 21 October is on 'Being Judgemental about your own Photographs'. On 4 November, Micki Aston CPAGB will return with a presentation on 'Jerusalem and Istanbul: Two Ancient Cities'.

All events are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Women's Institute

In July we held our joint celebration tea party (the centenary of WI and 90th year of Deddington Institute). Members and guests were welcomed and given a brief outline of events over the years. During tea the anniversary cake was cut by Barbara Gray, our retiring group link advisor, and Edith Garrett our oldest retired member. A vote of thanks was given by Stella Oakes, our new link advisor, who led members past and present in the singing of *Jerusalem*.

Our August speaker was Michael Hodges. His subject was 'History Beneath my Feet'. Michael demonstrated the use of a new sophisticated detector and

recounted his experiences of working with landowners and archaeologists.

Beryl Suckling 01869 337385

At our September meeting we welcomed most of our members to an interesting talk. Jennie Boyle returned to talk to us on 'Sea, Sand and Sacred Places'. This covered a tour through Jordan and Egypt. She had some trepidation about going and some people did take a refund due to the volatile situation in Egypt. They visited Petra, various monasteries and convents then cruised from Sharm el-Sheikh to Egypt and the temples at Karnak, and up to Suez with three days in Cairo. They were welcomed everywhere as tourists were so thin on the ground. There were some very good pictures of early icons.

Next month is our bring and share harvest supper – not fish and chips as advertised – since we decided we didn't need to have fishy fingers for the auction where we raise money for the Poppy Appeal. This takes places on 13 October.

Julia Hobbs

Deddington Players

Auditions for this season's Deddington Players pantomime, *Jack and The Beanstalk*, are on Sunday 18 October at 2.00pm at the Windmill Centre. Come along to this informal fun session if you're interested in acting, singing, dancing, backstage, costumes or make-up. It's open to adults and children from Year 1 up.

Put the performance dates in your diary now: 21–23 January 2016. Tickets on sale from December.

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Deddington and District History Society

At the start of our new season on 14 September we got off to what might be described as a sinking start with Charlie Barker's account of the final moments of Henry VIII's great ship, the *Mary Rose*, off Portsmouth on 19 July 1545. There were almost no survivors from the ship's complement of 500–700 men. Charlie, who is Director of Mary Rose Archaeological Services and, of course, a Deddingtonian, told us that there has been a recent re-evaluation of the sinking, which is usually attributed to incompetence on the part of the crew. It is now thought that French claims to have sunk the ship with long-range cannon fire from oared galleys might well be true. The sailing ships of both fleets, completely becalmed, were unable to manoeuvre and never engaged each other. Major work on the recovered wreck at Portsmouth is nearing completion and from Easter 2016 the *Mary Rose* will be viewable as never before by the public.

Our next speaker, on Wednesday 14 October, is the ever-popular Liz Woolley, on the subject of 'Children and War: Experiences of the Second World War in Oxfordshire'. Everyone is most welcome to come along

CALLING MORE CLUBS

to hear her and, we hope, join or re-join the Society. Why not pick up a meetings card from the library to see what we have on offer during the coming year? Our meetings take place at the Windmill Centre on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Membership is a mere £11pa.

Chris Day, Chairman 01869 337204
Moira Byast, Secretary 01869 338637

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

The club is holding its annual Race Night on Saturday 24 October at the Royal British Legion with the first race coming under starter's orders at 8.30pm. All are welcome – no entry fee.

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DOGS

Several stalwarts from DOGS lined up military-style, armed with Callaway Fusion and Cobra drivers to accompany members of the British Legion, retired military personnel, Satin Lane allotmenters, the Rifle Club, Bridge Club, WI and others in paying homage to the veterans in attendance for the VJ Day Parade on Saturday 15 August.

Giving up an hour of our Saturday afternoon paled into insignificance compared to the sacrifices they and their compatriots made on our behalf over many conflicts. On behalf of DOGS we add our respect and thanks for keeping us safe and free.

Given this opportunity and for the record, DOGS stands for Deddington Original Golf Society, not, as a certain councillor who shall remain anonymous termed, the Deddington OLD Golf Society ... He could be forgiven as there is much more *silver thread among the gold* these days. If there are any younger golfers in the area, and I'm talking below 60, we would love to hear from you. Details available on Deddington Online.

Our last day out for 2015 will see a good contingent making their way to the Warwickshire Golf Club on Friday 16 October. This will be an optional 27-hole competition. Nine in the morning and 18 in the afternoon, culminating with dinner and prize-giving.

Looking back briefly, 30-plus golfers invaded a damp Leamington and County Golf Club on 14 August. The numbers were more than doubled for the annual barbecue and prize-giving. Mercifully the weather behaved and everyone appeared to enjoy the occasion.

Tony Lowe, Chairman
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1st Deddington Guides

News about our Summer Camps

A large contingent went to Quest, the five-yearly Oxfordshire International Guide Camp. What a wonderful week that was. Here are some of the Guides' views.

'We enjoyed meeting new people from different

places, making new friends, and everything about camp.'

'I enjoyed the International Drummers, and the badge swap with American and Mexican Girl Scouts.'

'I loved going to the activity camp and doing the trapeze challenge, also the slack lining.'

From the Guides who camped at North Aston, where they cooked all their meals on wood fires, and had to collect all the water and wood.

'My favourite things about camp was all the exciting adventures and activities, including making and testing our own swings.'

'The making of the trapeze, the blindfold trail through the woods and stream.'

'Exploring the village and church, learning a big part of its history.'

'I loved the food, it was home cooked, and I enjoyed doing the cooking, especially eggy bread and the chocolate pudding.'

'We enjoyed building shelters and all the games.'

'We thought moving into the mess tent on the last night in the rain was great, we loved sleeping all together, singing and telling stories, it was fun.'

Well done to the two brave Guides who slept out in the shelters they had built themselves. Both are only 11 and obviously made of strong stuff.

Thank you so much to Mr Taylor and Mr and Mrs Busby for their kind hospitality.

Now we're back to business for the new term, fire-lighting and s'mores (these are toasted marshmallows with a layer of chocolate spread sandwiched between crackers – American campfire treats, you'll be back for more). We're also planning wide games, patrol leader elections, a pet evening, winter camp, science sensations, film night, craft activities and much more.

Girls aged ten or over are all welcome.

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Marion Trinder 01869 340806

Catherine Blackburn

Deddington Town Colts

The new season has been a mixed start for our teams. The U15s playing in the Midland Junior Premier League, had a 7–3 defeat at North Birmingham Celtic. In the Witney and District Youth Football League, the Under 14s had an impressive 7–2 victory away at Hanwell United, and the U12s had a narrow 3–4 defeat at home to Tower Hill. The younger age groups started playing matches as well, and the Under 7s/ Under 6s started training on Saturday mornings with great enthusiasm.

We welcomed Andrew Charman as the new chairman for Deddington Town Colts and, under his enthusiastic leadership, the committee already has plenty of ideas for the season ahead to support players and coaches to develop their skills.

We are looking to recruit a few volunteers to help

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

fund-raise for the club. If you want to get involved, or have a chat about what this entails, call or email me. If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further information about the club is on our website – <http://www.deddingtontownfc.com/> or visit us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc>.

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Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal time is with us again and we shall be launching this year's appeal at the Farmers' Market on 24 October. We hope that we can rely on your support as usual.

Remembrance Sunday is on 8 November and we shall be marking this with the traditional parade from the Bullring to the War Memorial where the Act of Remembrance will take place. Following that there will be the usual short service in the Parish Church whereupon the parade will reform and march past the saluting base in the Market Place.

The Parade will be led by Deddington Brass who will also accompany us during the Church service. All the village groups are welcome to take part in the parade, as are all villagers. Assembly is in the Bull Ring at 10.15am. Any queries can be addressed to me.

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1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

The new session has started with some good weather which allowed the Anchors to go hunting for blackberries and Juniors were introduced to boules last month. I think we will be inside for October but we will see ...

We've welcomed Matthew to the Anchors and I hope he enjoys his evenings with us. We have space in all sections so if anyone is interested in joining us please give me a ring.

Thanks to all the young people who were involved in the Battalion Church Parade at King's Sutton on Sunday 20 September. This was a great celebration of 50 years of the 1st King's Sutton Boys' Brigade. With the new term comes Battalion competitions and dates for diaries are:

Friday 2 October – Juniors Top Team
Saturday 17 October – Juniors 10 pin bowling
Friday 6 November – Company Masterteam
Friday 20 November – Company table tennis

Don't forget you can follow 1st Deddington BB on Twitter.

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1 St Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

Cubs are back after the summer break and will be tackling their digital citizen badge with help from some of the older Scouts as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award service.

This term we will be looking at air activities, silhouettes and water. Instead of our usual display of guys at the Farmers' Market, we will be raising money for Water Aid with a sponsored water carry.

Also – trips to Coventry Air Museum and the County Activity Day at Horley.

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Scouts

Our numbers have swelled due to an influx from Cubs and we are happy to have them all. This term we are hoping to cover astronomy and astronautics with a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester. The Scouts are raising money for Dogs for the Disabled with the £1 Challenge. They have to make £1 grow by any legal means they can. This was very successful the last time we tried it. We shall also be visiting Cotswold Outdoor to look at equipment and possibly entering teams for the District night hike, County Patrol Camping Weekend and the District Cooking Competition. Hopefully we'll be invited to try the results.

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Spartans Explorer Scout Unit

So far this term the unit has spent two sessions at Horley, trying to improve their archery and shooting skills.

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Deddington Baby and Toddler Group

Under New Management

Nicky, Katie and Trina would like to say a warm hello and welcome to Deddington Baby and Toddler Group. We have taken on the running of this friendly group for babies through to toddlers, mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone else who takes care of the little ones.

We run every Friday 10.00am–12.00 noon at the Windmill Centre. The cost is only £2.50 per family which includes coffee or tea for grown-ups and snacks and drinks for little ones. We have a weekly activity table and music time, alongside a wide range of toys and games. We have special seasonal crafts and parties. This week we made some sparkly crowns in honour of Queen Elizabeth becoming the longest reigning monarch.

This month we are taking part in the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 25 September so bring along some extra change for a range of

... AND FINALLY

homemade cakes and biscuits. All money raised goes to Macmillan Cancer Support. Our usual activities will be available.

We are keen to welcome newcomers so please come and join in the fun. For more information contact me or follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with weekly activities – search Deddington Baby and Toddler Group.

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Deddington Town Football Club

First Team Results:

05.09.15	Broughton & N Newington (h)	D 2–2
12.09.15	Bishops Itchington (h)	W 3–2
	Kay, Rollason, Thornton J	
19.09.15	Ashton Villa (a)	D 1–1

Reserve Results:

12.09.15	Sinclair Utd (a)	W 1–0
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An understated but excellent start for both sides, with no chastening defeats as the match fitness builds up. DTFC are normally renowned for slow starts, but clearly the pre-season work has paid dividends. The First Team will surely be gunning for the title and a cup run, while the Reserves' fortunes are anyone's guess. Make sure you show yourself Saturday afternoons at 2.00pm at the Windmill Centre to help them on their road to glory. Anyone craving more stats and photos of our stars should visit www.deddingtontownfc.com, the website for all things related to the Colts and Adult teams. It even features a full complement of match reports from the Reserves' famed double-winning campaign, penned by yours truly.

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Book Group

At our July meeting we discussed *The Ghost of the Mary Celeste* by Valerie Martin. This is a fictional account of the events surrounding the nineteenth century mystery of the *Mary Celeste* which was found drifting and deserted in the Atlantic Ocean, still under sail and with no signs of a struggle.

The start of the book is a bit disjointed as a lot of threads are woven into the story and it is hard to see how it will all fit together but it soon starts to fall into place. It is excellently written throughout with some beautiful descriptive passages, in particular those relating to disasters at sea and day-to-day life aboard ship at that time. The Victorian obsession with spiritualism tied in well with the ghostly theme of the book.

The final chapter features an interesting diary account of the fatal voyage, but the mystery of the ship's abandonment remains, as you would expect, inconclusive.

The next book is *The Shepherd's Life* by James Rebanks and the next meeting will be on 29 October.

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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON CHURCH

Dixieland and New Orleans Jazz Evening

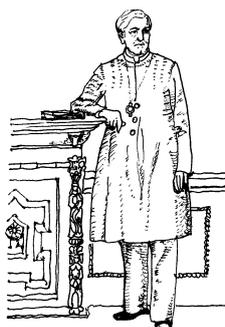
Many of you came along last year to the jazz concert organised by Friends of Deddington Church, and a very enjoyable occasion it turned out to be. On 10 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Church, Dickie White's Jazz Allstars, already known to many DN readers, will once again be treating us to a feast of Dixieland and New Orleans Jazz. Do come along and enjoy the music; a glass of wine and nibbles are included in the ticket price of £15.

The varying contributions of many Friends and supporters have made it possible to organise this attractive event. We are grateful to all who have helped, and particularly appreciate the generous contribution to our costs from the Farmers' Market Management Group.

Another event, also in the church, is on 20 October at 7.30pm, is the Friends AGM. All current and prospective members are welcome.

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO



The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for October 1865:-

2nd October – Mr. E. Turner [the Doctor] came to see Susan again. A woman from Westcott Barton came begging having lost a fat pig – I gave her 5s.

8th October – The 37th anniversary of our wedding and a most melancholy one,

my dearest wife being cast down on a bed of sickness after 2 years suffering, more or less – a more patient creature I never witnessed.

11th October – Spoke to Rose about making this house her home for life – in case of my dearest one's death.

12th October – A young woman of Great Barford came to offer herself as cook – agreed she should come on trial at the annual wage of £20, she finding her own washing, tea and sugar.

21st October – Spoke to the Vicar about the delay in restoring the Church and suffering the fine weather to pass away and nothing done. He said that Franklin was so busied about the roof of New College that he could not attend to the Church here. Spoke to him again about the Churchyard and the Sexton, to whom he said he had spoken especially about the Curfew having ceased for some time past.

26th October – I paid M.A. Taylor, the cook, her wages now due preparatory to her leaving tomorrow to be married shortly to Henry Mullis of this place – she had been with us for 10 or more years of service.

Deddington Neighbourhood Plan

Something concrete at last. The Deddington Neighbourhood Plan steering group has drawn up a Draft Strategic Guidance document – which was unanimously endorsed by the Parish Council at its September meeting and is now being sent on to Cherwell District Council.

The document focuses on housing, and the emerging policies it contains are based on the key findings of our consultations in the community and on established planning principles. The aim is to exert maximum influence on the District Council as it decides how many of the 750 new homes that are earmarked for villages in Cherwell should be allotted to Deddington.

The strategic guidance kicks off with a bullet-point summary as follows:

Housing growth: The maximum number of new homes to be permitted [in the parish of Deddington] in the period 2015-2031 should be 50. The maximum number of houses on any one site should be no more than 20.

Location: Building should largely be outside the Conservation Area but within the village boundaries. There is a strong preference to preserve the Conservation Area and the green spaces within and around it.

Brownfield: Development which makes use of previously developed land and buildings will generally be preferred to greenfield locations.

Distance: Distance from the centre of the village and the Health Centre should be taken into account in providing suitable homes for older residents to downsize.

Housing need: Priority should be given to 2 and 3

bedroom houses, affordable homes and provision for older residents wishing to downsize. The Neighbourhood Plan survey indicated 55 people wish to downsize now, and 183 think they may do in future. Fifty-three would like a starter home.

Affordable housing: Any new development of 10 homes or more will include 35% affordable homes. Of these affordable homes, the maximum number permitted by Cherwell District Council will be available for shared ownership. People with strong Deddington connections should be given priority.

Infrastructure: Given the known problems within the parish, no development should go ahead without adequate infrastructure providing water and, in particular, sewerage.

The rest of the strategic guidance includes more detail of the policies and the figures from the neighbourhood plan questionnaire carried out last year that back them up. You can find the complete document on our website (see below) or there will be copies in the library.

The intention now is to hold a third set of drop-in sessions, this time at the Windmill Centre towards the end of November, when parishioners will be able to respond to these policies and all the other emerging policies across the whole gamut that will make up the final Neighbourhood Plan – community, sport, the environment, transport, traffic, cycleways and footpaths, businesses.

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Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Team

What the team has been doing this month

In August the team attended Deddington Farmers' Market, taking the opportunity to engage with the local community.

The team attended Cropredy for the three day Cropredy Fairport Convention. This event attracts over 18,000 visitors to the village and there were only three criminal offences reported during the event.

On Thursday 20 August, we dedicated patrols to anti-social behaviour connected with GCSE exam result day. I am pleased to report that it was a very quiet night with no incidents being reported.

PCSO Beaumont attended a cross border meeting with our colleagues in Northants Police and Warwickshire Police. These meetings are an opportunity to share information and intelligence.

Changes to Dangerous Dog legislation

Thames Valley Police would like to remind members of the public of changes to the legislation regarding controlling your dog.

It's against the law to let a dog be dangerously out of control anywhere, whether in a public place or a private place, for example a neighbour's house or garden, or in the owner's home.

The law applies to all dogs.

Being out of control

Your dog is considered dangerously out of control if it injures someone or makes someone worried that it might injure them.

A court could also decide that your dog is dangerously out of control if either of the following applies: it attacks someone's animal or the owner of an animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop your dog attacking their animal. A farmer is allowed to kill your dog if it's worrying their livestock. The link below takes you to the gov.UK webpage for more details.

<https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/overview>.

You can also follow us on Twitter @_ThamesVP or on our local Twitter Site @TVP_Banbury alternatively you can give us a 'like' on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/thamesvp>.

WELL REMEMBERED

Len Plumbe 1921–2015

Len Plumbe was born in Clifton in 1921, one of three sons to Frank and Sophia. He attended school in Clifton and Deddington before leaving at 14 to start his first job at Holidays Agricultural Engineers and Ironmongers in the High Street. It was here that he developed what was to become his lifelong passion for all things mechanical. He worked for a short time at Pressed Steel in Oxford making sea mines, a job he hated, and in 1940 he enlisted in the RAF.

After six weeks' square bashing in Blackpool, followed by various mechanics, fitters and engine courses, he was posted to RAF Stradishall in Suffolk where he worked on Sterling and Wellington bombers. One of his jobs was to recover damaged aircraft that crash-landed, Newmarket racecourse being a favourite spot. In 1944 he was posted to Bombay, not knowing the destination until he arrived. From there he was sent to Chittagong and on to Burma where he was part of a mobile Beaufighter support unit working from temporary airstrips cut out of the jungle. Len particularly disliked the jungle at night as there were 'eyes everywhere' and you never knew what was crawling over you in the dark. At the end of the war he was in Singapore where he turned down the chance to join the Australian Air Force and sailed back to Southampton and then on by train to Kirkham, Lancashire, where he was demobbed with eight weeks' pay and a suit.

After the war he drove buses for Stanley Hall for 12 months and then worked for Fred Price at Hopcrofts Holt as a mechanic, a job he enjoyed as at this time there were no new parts and everything had to be repaired. It was while driving for Stanley Hall that he

met Marjorie and they were married at Horley in 1950. They had three sons, John, Richard and Stephen.

Len purchased Archway Garage in 1957, initially working long hours seven days a week, with Marjorie doing all the bookkeeping for the business. On buying a Morris 8 car which he lovingly restored he joined the Morris Register car club which opened up a whole new circle of friends for him.

As the garage became more successful he was able to find the time to take his family on days out at the weekend, steam rallies and banger racing among his favourites.

In 1991, aged nearly 70, he decided to hang up his spanners and retire, although this only meant that he had more time to look after a friend's vintage car collection.

Len loved gardening and could be heard whistling his trademark tuneless tune while tending his plants. He loved to show visitors around the garden and most would leave with arms full of plants and cuttings.

The arrival of grandchildren gave him a whole new generation to entertain, whether making things in the shed or inventing his own daft words to make them laugh.

When Marjorie became ill Len looked after her until it became too much for him and she had to go into care, a decision he took with great reluctance. Len enjoyed life and meeting people and was regularly seen around the village until shortly before his death at the age of 94.

John, Richard and Stephen Plumbe

WEEKLY DIARY

Mondays

Age UK Oxfordshire, Windmill	2.15–3.15pm
Brownies, Windmill	6.00–7.30pm
Youth Club, Windmill	6.30–9.00pm
Brass Practice, Living Room	6.45–8.45pm
Bellringing Practice, Church	7.30–9.00pm
Homework Club, Church	3.00–5.00pm

Tuesdays

Tennis Club, Adults, Windmill	10.15–11.15am
Craft Group, Holly Tree	2.00–4.30pm
Internet Café, Living Room	2.00–5.00pm
Badminton Club, Windmill	
Juniors	6.30pm
Seniors	7.30pm
Guides, Windmill	7.00–9.00pm

Wednesdays

Tennis Club, Adults, Windmill	6.00–9.00pm
Boys' Brigade Company, Windmill	
Anchor Boys	5.30–6.30pm
Juniors	5.30–7.00pm

BB Company/ Seniors, Living Room

7.15–9.00pm

Thursdays

Life & Portrait Art Group, Holly Tree	
	10.00am–12.30pm
	1.30–4.00pm
Thursday Club, Windmill	10.00am–3.00pm
Cubs, Windmill	6.30–7.30pm
Scouts, Windmill	7.30–9.30pm
Youth Group, Church	7.00–8.30pm

Fridays

Mums & Tots, Windmill Centre	9.30–11.30am
Drawing & Watercolour Classes, Holly Tree	9.30–11.30am
Coffee Morning, Church	10.00am–12.00pm
Solemates Footcare, Church	10.00am–12.00pm
Friendly Bridge Club, Holly Tree	2.00–5.00pm
Internet Café, Living Room	2.00–5.00pm
Tennis Club, Adults, Windmill	6.00–9.00pm
Choir Practice, Church	7.45pm