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the Deddington news

Included with this month's *DN* is a Contacts List which I hope you find useful. We produce this annually so look after it, although it is also available on the website. Spare copies have been produced to include with the parish welcome pack so, if you notice someone new arriving in the area, do contact Joan Wright on 01869 338535.

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What's On

November

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| Tue | 3 | Cricket Club: AGM, the Unicorn, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 4 | Photographic Society: Micki Aston, 'Jerusalem and Istanbul: Two Ancient Cities', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 6 | PTA: Fireworks Display, School Field, gates open 6pm |
| Sat | 7 | Opera Gala: Akeman Chamber Orchestra, Church, 7.30pm, £12 from Hamptons |
| Sun | 8 | Remembrance Sunday: Bullring 10.15am for 10.30am, War Memorial 11.00am followed by church service |
| Tue | 10 | WI: Brian Lowe, 'Stained Glass in Oxford', Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 11 | History Society: AGM followed by Rob Forsyth, 'RN Submarines in the Cold War: A Personal Account', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 12– | Funfair, Market Place |
| | Sat 14 | |
| Sun | 15 | Concert: Adderbury Ensemble and Viv Mclean, Beethoven, Church 4.00–6.00pm |
| Tue | 17 | Deddington Entrepreneurs Network: 'Structured Problem Solving', Unicorn, 7.00pm |
| Wed | 18 | Photographic Society: 'Camera Controls and Composing Photographs', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 21 | Concert: Banbury Symphony Orchestra, Church, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 22 | Woodland Trust: 'Logs4Labour', Daeda's Wood, 10.00am–12.00pm |
| Thu | 26 | Book Club: call Sally Lambert 01869 338094 |
| Sat | 28 | Farmers' Market: 9.00am–12.30pm |

December

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| Tue | 1 | Nursery and PFSU: Christmas Fayre, Parish Church, 7.30–9.30pm |
| Wed | 2 | Photographic Society: John Credland, 'Salon des Refusés', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 9 | History Society: Christmas party, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting at the Windmill Centre on Wed 21 October

Present were Councillors Collins (Chair), Cox, Flux, Oldfield, Rogers, Squires, Watts, Williams (CDC). Mr Ashley Morrell was co-opted on to the Council.

County Councillor Fatemian attended the final half-hour of the meeting. He reported that there will be a road show in Banbury on Monday 2 November to allow residents to express their opinions on proposed budget cuts. These may have a very real effect on areas like highway maintenance, arts funding, day centres and winter spending. To attend the road show, you must register on the OCC website.

District Councillor Williams reported that there will be free parking after 3.00pm at CDC owned car parks in Banbury between 28 November and 12 January 2016.

He thanked Mr Paul Cooper for surveying the northern boundary of School Ground for completion of a group tree preservation order. This will be in place within the next two weeks.

Planning

No objections

Deddington Health Centre, Earls Lane, Deddington, fell one sycamore tree.

Goose Cottage, The Stile, Deddington, reduce a cherry tree by 12 feet and an apple tree by six feet.

Bisham Haven, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington, single storey side extension.

Russell House, New St, Deddington, removal of condition 9 of 14/00298/F – the condition is considered unnecessary to protect privacy.

Gaslight, Earls Lane, Deddington, rendering of outside of property.

10 The Paddocks, Deddington, erection of two storey rear extension and first floor side extension.

Deddington Mill, Milton Gated Road, Deddington, amendments to approved application 15/01754/LB.

Objections:

9 Gaveston Gardens, Deddington, erection of 1.8m high fence along western boundary with footpath, objection on the grounds of alteration of existing boundary.

Ithaca, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington, conversion of detached double garage to a home office and gym, changing the flat roof to a pitched roof and erection of an extension to form a carport, objection on grounds of overlooking neighbouring properties.

Refusals:

Land at Hempton Lodge, Snakehill Lane, Hempton, new dwelling on vacant plot adjacent to Snakehill Lane, Hempton.

Caldicote House, Main St, Clifton, new dwelling and garage.

Approval:

2 Windmill St, Deddington, proposed dropped kerb and driveway changing land from recreational to driveway.

Highways and Transport

Due to a lack of volunteers the proposed cleaning of road signs did not take place. This may be re-scheduled for next year's spring clean.

Remedial work will soon begin on the Windmill Street car park.

A disabled person's parking place is to be installed in Hudson Street outside Otmoors.

Work is due to begin on the gas mains at the traffic lights.

Environment and Recreation

Funds were voted to repair sections of the block paving at the Windmill Centre.

The footpath between the cemetery and the Windmill Centre is to be cleared. It was pointed out that this is not actually a public right of way and no claims can therefore be made for injury or damage. It will be closed on one day each year.

Finance and General Purposes

Satin Lane allotment rents are to be maintained at their current level. Funds were voted for the extension of the water supply.

Funds were voted for Friends of Castle Grounds to complete necessary clearance work. This is for this year only.

Windmill Centre Upgrade

Windows and guttering have been repaired and work will begin soon on the main doors.

Next meeting

**Wed 18 November at 7.30pm
at the Old School Room, Hempton**

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>.

November

Shrinking older, darker, colder, the year pulls down its shutters.

Falling leaves decay to compost, damp from drizzle rain.

Squirrel raiders strip a walnut tree, unstoppable.

Fog blurs chimney pots, daylight and no birds sing.

Neat woodpiles stack heat for winter's lack of it.

Wasp and woodlouse hollow apples frosted on the grass.

Bulbs hide in soil, slide secret roots, blind white through black.

Year end will pass, pale sun will win a warmth and colour back.

Maureen Dew

FARMERS' MARKET

TEMPTATION

It's cold, it's dark and Christmas is looming, which means the November market is the time to place your Christmas orders. Being less than long-sighted, I have never managed to do this. Instead I phone the stallholders just ahead of the December market. You can do either. The Farmers' Market website has a useful downloadable list of all the stallholder contacts here: <http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk/stall-holders.html>.

It's also a good market to start thinking about Christmas gifts. If, like me, the thought brings you out in a cold sweat, there's always the immensely useful Deddington Farmers' Market gift vouchers, available from the Information Desk.

The only consolation for winter weather is the licence (and appetite) it gives for calories. Here's my favourite.

JANSSON'S TEMPTATION

Serves 6

50g tin of good quality anchovies in oil

2 onions, thinly sliced

1 kg floury potatoes, peeled and cut into small batons

175 ml milk Butter

175 ml double cream Salt and pepper

This doesn't sound like much of a dish, but once you've tried it you'll understand the name.

Tip anchovies and their oil into a frying pan. Stir in the sliced onions and fry until soft. Add cream and milk to anchovies and onion and bring to the boil. Taste and season. Stir in the potato batons and mix well so that the onions are well distributed. Pour the mixture into a buttered shallow ovenproof dish and bake in a medium oven until the potatoes are cooked and the dish is nicely browned on top.

A green salad might go well with this. As would a dry white wine – or even a shot glass of frozen vodka.

The Market is on Saturday 28 November from 9.00am to 12.30pm. The Christmas market will be held on 19 December this year.

For more up to date information about the market you can visit the webpage www.deddingtonfarmers-market.co.uk, listen to Deddington OnAir www.deddingtononair.org or BBC Radio Oxford.

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 12 November and 17 December. More details at www.market.adderbury.org. Good shopping!

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I would like to offer a warm welcome and thanks in advance to our new committee who were voted in at the end of September and to our registered helpers too. We look forward to working together to put on a variety of events for the community to raise money for the school. If you would like to know more or join our merry band, please contact me on deddingtonpta@gmail.com.

Many of you will have been part of or heard about the kids mini-monster run which took place on 19 September. It was a great success with over 70 children taking part.

We have raised, so far, a whopping £1,000 from ticket sales and sponsorships with more money coming in. The final total will be shared proportionally with the Preschool as well.

Congratulations to all the kids and a huge thank you to Kat Onions for leading the event.

We are looking forward to seeing you and the children at our Fireworks Night, the school disco and hopefully get a glimpse of Father Christmas too. Please keep an eye out for our newsletter for more details.

I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the committee and the school to thank you all for your continued support.

*Alex Elvin, Chair
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MATRONYMICS AND HYPOCORISTICS!

Last month I discussed surnames and ended by noting the paradox that a woman might have a surname ending in -son even though she cannot be the son of anyone. So, what if you're a feminist? If you're Icelandic, you have no problem. The novelist, Yrsa Sigurðardóttir, is 'the daughter of Sigurða' (not Sigurð!), and this is a *matronymic* – Sigurða is her mother. Among English surnames, a very few did actually originate as matronymics, Margerison and Widdowson for example, but there are vast numbers of patronymics.

The name Richard gives rise to Richardson, Richards, Ritchie, Ricks, Rix, Rickard, Richard, Ritchins, but also Dickson, Dixon, Dick, Dickey, Dickens, Dicks, Dickinson. These last are based on the pet-name (technically a *hypocoristic*) 'Dick'. There used to be another pet-name 'Hick' (now obsolete), which gives rise to another set: Hick, Hicks, Hitchin, Hitchins, Hitchcock, Hickson, Hickox. All these, and more, from the name Richard so it seems that pet-names are very productive (they probably arise from children's usage – in these cases difficulty in pronouncing the sound of R).

Moving on to Robert gives us Hobson, Hobbs, Dobson, Dobbs, Dobbins. From Roger we have Hodge, Hodgson, Hodgkins, Hodgkinson, Dodge and Dodgson. But that's only the beginning of the fascinating story of English surnames ...

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November

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 1	6.00pm	Service of Commemoration for the Departed
Sun 8	8.00am	BCP Communion 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 15	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 22	10.30am	God4Everyone (Family Service)
Sun 29	10.30am	Holy Communion 6.00pm Advent Carol Service

Looking ahead – Services for Christmas

Barford St Michael

Sun 6 Dec	4.00pm	Christingle
Sun 20 Dec	4.00pm	Carol Service
Thu 24 Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Hempton

Fri 18 Dec	6.30pm	Carol Service
Fri 25 Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion

Deddington

Sun 20 Dec	4.00pm	Christingle
Sun 20 Dec	6.00pm	Carol Service
Thu 24 Dec	2.00pm	Blessing of the Crib 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Fri 25 Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

22 Nov Issy Walton

29 Nov Margery Richley

St John's, Hempton

Sun 1	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 15	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 22	6.00pm	Evening Prayer

The Barfords

Sun 1	10.30am	Family Service, BSTM
Sun 8	9.00am	Holy Communion, BSTM
Sun 15	4.00pm	Evening Prayer, BSTM
Sun 22	9.00am	Holy Communion, BSTM 3.00pm 'Messy Church', Village Hall
Sun 29	9.00am	Holy Communion, BSTM

From the Parish Register

Baptisms: (Deddington)

18 Oct Jimmy McCarthy, William Adams

Funerals:

28 Sept	Harry Morley (Barford St Michael)
13 Oct	Reine Horne (Deddington)
16 Oct	Doreen Boam (Deddington)

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Annie Goldthorp, The Vicarage, 1 Earls Close, Deddington (336880), reverendannie@hotmail.com, except on Fridays, her day off, or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to www.deddingtonchurch.org.

Pastor Isabel Walton 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 01869 277630

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

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

The first term of the year is already over and the children are fully settled into their new settings and enjoying all the fun that is on offer. We hope that everyone feels that they understand how the settings operate, but please do ask if you have missed out on something or would like a reminder.

The PFSU held a successful parents' information evening at the start of October and we hope you found it useful. By the time you read this we will also have held our PFSU and Nursery Annual General Meeting - a full report next time.

**Lucy Squires
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THE TOWN HALL – FINALLY

The sun was shining on a September Saturday, perfect to celebrate the completion of the renovation of the Town Hall. The Market was buzzing, the band was playing and, at 11.00am, George Fenemore, chairman of the Deddington Charities Estates, spoke briefly to thank his fellow trustees for all their work.

The Revd Annie Goldthorp blessed the building for its future as a community asset. We were privileged to have with us Victoria Prentiss, Banbury's MP, who, in expressing fond childhood memories of the village, complimented Deddington on its present display and vitality. Then, cutting the tape, she declared the building open.



Tim Catling, the Revd Annie Goldthorp, Victoria Prentiss MP and Trustees of Deddington Charity Estates, Pic Judy Ward

The trustees wish to record their thanks to all those who have been subjected to the discomfort and inconvenience over the years; our most tolerant tenants, the

varied businesses and residents local to the building and all those who have watched with curiosity, perhaps, trying to guess the look of the end result.

The aim has been to restore the building for the enhancement of the village and the pleasure of our community.

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BLISSFUL THINKING

We're a long way from the mercantilist days of yore, but how many phrases still hark back to those carefree days roaming strange oceans evading sea monsters and hunting for plunder?

If a night on the rum made you see fit to harpoon the first mate, you might 'cut and run', or at least 'give them a wide berth' for the rest of the voyage, if you valued your flintlock hand. If you were the kind of reckless gambler who lost money 'hand over fist', then you might be considered a 'loose cannon', and be left 'high and dry' by the crew. Then again, perhaps they liked the 'cut of your jib' and just 'fired a shot across your bows'.

The famous story of Deddington's own 19th Century steam ship magnate, Henry Samman, is definitely one to 'shiver the timbers'. Word has it he was quite the ruffian, though his crude pugilism did nothing to dampen his legend, nor the 'slush fund' he landed when foreseeing the demise of merchant shipping and 'bailing out' while the going was good. Born a few centuries earlier, he would have made quite the pirate. A man both ahead of and behind his time. True Deddington stock!



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News from Daeda's Wood

A really informative article on the Wood has appeared in Cherwell District Council's quarterly magazine, Link. It outlines the history of the Wood, the purpose of the Friends and, more importantly, how bats are being encouraged to make use of the bat boxes installed in May of this year.

A group of interested Friends were very pleased to be able to talk with the team which monitors their use one Saturday morning last month and discovered that some bats had been roosting this summer – likely to have been the Pipistrelle variety. The bats observed near the bridge by the group on the twilight walk in September were thought to be of the Natterer species which roost very close to water. It is an indication of the speed at which the trees are maturing that the fastenings of the boxes erected in May had begun to be overgrown by the trees, in just five months.

For more information on the Friends of Daeda's Wood and to become a Friend, please contact me.

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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

As I said in last month's offering, the last of the 2015 harvest came into the store on 11 September. By the time this hits the doormat, all next year's autumn planted crops will be in the ground, leaving just the spring barley to plant, with any luck just before the main lambing season gets going. If my father were to come back he would say, 'Boy, what are you playing at? You should not plant wheat before Banbury Fair.' Well Dad, the weather was right and the seed beds were good. Experience tells me that if you let this Clifton clay get wet in the autumn, you've had it, so it went in and, as I bash this out, it's all up 'in drill' and looking good and the easterly cold blast courtesy of Mr El Niño is for the moment keeping the grey hordes (slugs) at bay. With the first frosts of the season forecast, the slug Pelletier can stay in the back of the barn where it belongs.

The spring-born lambs were weaned at the end of the second week of August and put out on the hay-making aftermaths (young green growth after hay has been cut) for 'finishing', giving the old girls a few weeks peace and quiet before the rams were let loose on the rampage. The flock has been split, so the first lambs should arrive during February, with the main flock coming down in March. The Cotswold flock has had a good season and are at the moment being courted by last year's supreme senior champion ram, Izod,

a cantankerous old 'B' who knows he's is king of the heap and best not argued with. But who knows, if we get the chemistry right, an Apletree son of Izod may well take the silverware one day.

Our summer visitors have left on their long flight south, but it is very pleasing to note that far more left than arrived in the spring. I may be a romantic old fool, but one of the pleasures of the harvest season, after a long day piloting the Green Goddess, is sitting in the garden with a pint or two of the amber nectar, a stick of crusty bread and a slab of Cheddar cheese, watching the swallows, swifts and martins, hawking for the last of the insects before bedtime and then watching the harvest moon rise above the Cherwell valley escarpment and listening to the tawny and little owls in the wood below the farm buildings, as they set out on their night time adventures, much as it was in my boyhood days. I remember riding home on the last load of sacks of grain, as the full moon came up over the horizon, being buzzed by 'doodle bugs' (the rose cockchafer) and, after supper, lying in bed listening to the owls, the sheep calling to their lambs and the occasional sound of the steam trains in the Banbury shunting yards. Then being woken in the morning by birdsong or rather the wood pigeons in the tree outside my ever open bedroom window, and the sounds of the cows coming in for the morning milking and the impatient reminders from my pony, that it was time for his breakfast and his morning exercise around the sheep before the mist lifted in the valley, ho happy days. That was almost 70 years ago, before the advent of motorways and early morning 'rat runs'. Today I am no longer able ride or enjoy the thrill of the chase (I make no apologies to anyone for that comment) and leave the early morning sheep rounds to the younger generations and their quad bikes.

With winter almost upon us, it's time to get some logs cut and for me to retire into my workshop and start preparing the woodwork for next season's bee hives. Just what winter weather will be thrown at us is anyone's guess, but already a number of our winter visitors are beginning to arrive on their journey south, with small numbers of golden plover, fieldfare, redwing and wheatears dropping in to rest and feed up before moving on south. Nothing unusual in that, except that they are some five weeks earlier than normal and the arrival of the first Bewick swans from their Arctic tundra nesting grounds, have got the experts in a flap, predicting a hard El Niño winter. Who knows? I don't. It's more likely that these old birds know where there are good free meals to be had and they can spend the winter in relative safety and comfort but, whatever the winter weather, spring is on its way and we shall see the first lambs in February, even if, as I have done in the past, I am obliged to dig ewes and lambs and, for that matter bee hives, out of snowdrifts in April, ho hum.

George Fenemore
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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

Diseases and Toilet Rolls

It's good news from Merika – I don't have toenail fungus.

The man on the TV has just told me that there is a cure for a disease I didn't even know existed. If you haven't seen much TV out here, you would be shocked by the amount of advertising for drugs you can't even buy since they need to be prescribed by a doctor. You would also be shocked by the end of these adverts. The one on now is for a new MS drug which I am sure is very good, but they are telling me that it could kill me. It leads one to wonder, do these drug companies have too much money by any chance?

It's the football season again; that is gridiron football of course, which is even bigger than soccer in Europe and the country goes wild. The mania for fantasy sports is also crazy. The top weekly prize on Draft Kings is \$1m. This week a manager at one of the online sites won \$200k on another site. The news says that fraud is not suspected. All very dodgy if you ask me, particularly since online gambling is illegal in the US and if this isn't gambling, I don't what is.

Ben is drawing to the end of his soccer season which has gone well. At last a US coach appreciates his skills, but the interest in kids' sports here is more like an obsession. Training in most of the high school sports is five times a week. The varsity teams play to full grounds. Cherry Creek High School's stadium holds 7,000 people when the football team plays. My neighbours don't believe it when I tell them that 50 is a big crowd at the Warriner School.

An interesting factor at these sporting events is the marching band. I watch them rehearsing on the next pitch to Ben. One hundred kids going through snippets of songs over and over again, while marching in patterns, the girls waving flags. It really is a fantastic modern American sight. I just don't see any English

kids ever doing it. I will always remember my first American marching band experience, at the Air Force Academy with 15,000 people watching as the band launched into *Seven Nation Army*.

The other big American football news this month was when the NFL came to Wembley. They are such softies that they brought their own toilet rolls with them all the way from the good old USA. I can happily report that the toilet paper in the US is really no different from loo rolls in the UK. I remember the Jeyes hard paper of my youth. Young people today don't know when they are well off. Yes, it was like doing your business with the Sun.

The really big news is that I finally have a US credit card. We just celebrated three years in the land of the free and, after constant refusals, they have finally relented and given a credit card to this 63-year old idiot. These are the banks that gave mortgages to people who could never pay them back, which led to the last financial crisis. They think an old English gentleman should have toe-nail fungus before he gets credit, and thus makes a proper contribution to the coffers of Big Pharma. They obviously need my money, or so it goes.

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Nordic Pole Vaults Walkers to Fitness

Cherwell District Council is launching a new Learn to Nordic Walk course in November.

The sessions will run over three consecutive days from Kings Field, White Post Road, Bodicote. The first will take place on Thursday 12 November from 10.00–11.00am, followed by a second session on Friday 13 November from 10am–11.30am. The final session will be on Saturday 14 November from 10.00–11.30am. The course costs £25 for all three sessions. Places are limited and must be booked in advance. To reserve a place email annelewistustian@gmail.com or call 01295 221774

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From The Fire Station

The crew at Deddington have had some really unusual incidents this month. Barney Alton, who has just finished his Breathing Apparatus (BA) training had his first wear at a fire in a flat in Banbury. The crew had just got back from a road traffic collision (RTC) and were already at the station when the call came. Watch manager, Chris Fenemore, was in charge and I was BA team leader. Banbury's first pump was already on standby at Chipping Norton fire station but the on call appliance was available. Martin Freeman was driving, giving us the three most experienced crew at Deddington.

We were first in attendance at the incident which is unusual, soon being backed up by Banbury. Smoke was pouring out of a small open window which Chris Fenemore quickly shut. Barney Alton and I were sent in with BA and found it strange that the front door was unlocked and we could walk straight into the property. If the door is open that must mean that someone is in the property. I had a thermal imaging camera with me so scanned each room looking for a casualty, quickly discovering the fire was caused by a toaster that had been left on the side of a sofa. Thankfully no-one was in the flat so this was all starting to look very strange. I said to Barney to put the fire out with as little water as possible and touch nothing. I immediately sent a message to Chris saying 'arson suspected'. This changes things on the fire ground. The police become more involved and you need a fire investigation team. It turned out that it was a young lad who was living in the flat on his own and did not have anything to light his cigarettes so was using a toaster which he had put on the arm of the sofa and had gone out leaving his home open.

Chris Fenemore got an email from the investigating Station Manager saying that it was the most profes-

sionally handled incident, with the best scene preservation he had ever seen. There is a rumour that this has been framed and put on his mantelpiece. I was more impressed that we got to Banbury first.

It has finally happened. Three o'clock in the morning, a cat stuck up a tree. It had been up in the tree in a small coppice in Steeple Aston for some time and the only reason they sent us was the owner had said it had its paw caught. This changes things because it then becomes an animal rescue. The Station Manager arrived and asked me to get the crew to put up the 13.5 meter ladder to see if the cat was trapped. This task is difficult enough on the drill yard, let alone in a pitch black wood with trees all around. To add to this we were all deprived of sleep, but up it went and the cat jumped to another branch! As the cat was not trapped there was no more we could do and the cat would have to come down of its own accord. A main water jet from our pump would have done the job easily and at three o'clock in the morning this did cross my mind, but this could not guarantee the cat's safety.

Other incidents were a street light on fire and our first chimney fire of the season. Please remember to get your chimney swept. No-one was injured in the RTC we had attended before the flat fire at Banbury and we were just there for scene safety.

Training this month has been focusing on BA as our refreshers are due.

The whole crew managed to attend a Chinese meal to say a sad farewell to Rachel Freeman. Fortunately this time we managed to get through the evening without a fire call.

Safety advice this month must be, don't put toasters on the arm of your sofa to light cigarettes. If you do smoke, then do it outside and use a lighter.

Crew Manager Tim Parker

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Christmas Bazaar will soon be here – Saturday 5 December from 11.00am to be exact. This is a nice event for all the family. Please come along and enjoy what is on offer and have lunch at the same time. Gifts, particularly for the cake and tombola stalls, and raffle prizes, would be most welcome. The cake and tombola stalls sold out very quickly last year.

The Parish Council will be holding its monthly meeting in the Old School Room on 18 November at 7.30pm. Please go along if you need to speak to them.

A special welcome to Katy, Jamie and Annabelle, together with their dog Teddy, who have recently moved into Barn Cottage on the Barford Road corner of the village, and there are new families in Batchelors Row in The Lane whose names escape me at the moment.

Early discussions are taking place about replacing the pews in St John's Church with chairs. All members

of the congregation, Friends of the Church and the village will be asked to give their views over the next few months before it goes any further. The Friends have been left a very generous legacy which would pay for this or something else that might be needed in the Church, such as renovating the decorated ceiling in the chancel area. This is a delicate subject which needs careful consideration.

A nice honour came my way during October when I received a wall plaque from Thames Valley Police for 10 years' voluntary service at their Deddington office. The presentation took place at their Sulhamstead Training Centre in the Reading area, along with many more deserving awards to police officers and to members of the public for bravery.

**Les Chappell
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LETTERS

**FROM JOHN ANDERSON,
HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND**

I read *Deddington News* with interest every month and noticed the article on Exhibition Inn (Rothbury House).

My grandfather, Jesse Callow, purchased the house around March 1947. The house was partly demolished then rebuilt during 1947–48. We moved in early 1949: Jack and Elsie Anderson, me aged seven, and my brother Chris, then three.

I went to Deddington Primary for around four years, then on to Windmill Secondary School for a further four years until we moved to Coventry.

I emigrated to New Zealand in 1962 and am now retired and living on 13 acres, 12 miles south-west of Hamilton.

I would be interested to hear from or of any of my old school mates. Please contact me at jandgandersen@outlook.com.

**FROM CATHERINE BLAXHALL,
ACTION FOR CARERS (OXFORDSHIRE)**

National Carers Rights Day Friday 20 November 2015
'Carers Oxfordshire' Annual Conference

This conference is being held at The Kassam Stadium.

We are thrilled with the quality of our guest speakers. There will be expert seminars and an extensive Information Fair throughout the day.

I do hope many of you will be able to join us at this event – feedback from those attending in previous years has been very positive.

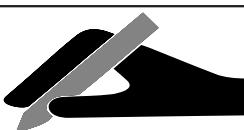
To obtain tickets please visit www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk/cms/news or call 01235 424715. The event is free for carers registered with Carers Oxfordshire.

**FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, THE KNOWLE,
DEDDINGTON**

Deddington Fair Traders wish to thank the *DN* collators and distributors for handling the Traidcraft Open Day leaflet last month. The wide publicity meant that £1,200+ was turned over on the day, a good return for Hamptons' help with the printing, and on the £40 fee paid to the *DN* treasurer. Orders can still be placed for the range of goodies in the autumn catalogue, which is likely to be in the church porch. Advent calendars with daily chocolates might still be available at the Farmers' Market on 28 November.

**FROM PIP DEALTRY, TRANSPORT MANAGER,
VOLUNTEER CONNECT**

Volunteer Connect, supported by CDC, runs a volunteer transport scheme that helps people with problems accessing public transport and who cannot get to important appointments.



Please address all letters to:
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37 THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON
letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk
and include your name and address
even if they are not for publication

If you need help getting to the doctor, hospitals, dentist, or other medical appointments, we will endeavour to find a local, vetted volunteer driver to get you there and back. The price is 45p per mile to cover the cost of petrol. Please call 0300 3030 125 if you need help with a journey, or just to register.

We also need more drivers. If you live within the Cherwell area, have a car and some free time, please call 0300 3030125, or call into Banbury Citizens Advice to discuss this with Volunteer Connect. This is not onerous as we will call you on an as-and-when basis and you can always say no.

**FROM HELEN FOSTER, PROJECT
CO-ORDINATOR, WOMEN AND BROADBAND**

You may remember that OCC got some government funding to set up some workshops about social media for women in Oxfordshire. The website is now live and ready for bookings. There are 40 workshops running until February half-term including in Banbury and Bicester. They are designed to help businesses and individual women learn about social media: what it is, how it is used and how to use it to build a business or brand. If you are an Oxfordshire woman managing or planning to start a business, considering returning to work, or looking to upgrade your skills and your career, there will be something for you.

The website is at <http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk/social-media-workshops> and that takes you to bookings for all the workshops. It is on the OCC Facebook page and is also being Tweeted.

FROM LES CHAPPELL, THE LANE, HEMPTON

Discussions will be taking place over the next few months about removing pews from St John's Church and replacing them with chairs. My feeling is I would hate to see those lovely pews taken out. They are part of the heritage and history of the building and the character would be gone. Several reasons have been given. Some are that they are heavy to move for occasions such as the Christmas Bazaar, it is difficult for funeral bearers to get down the aisle, and for a bride, her escort and groom to walk together. My answer is if you cannot move the pews you would have to have a smaller bazaar. I have attended most funerals over the last 20-odd years and have never had a complaint from the undertakers. I have apologised beforehand and they have said it is not a problem. As for weddings, there have only been three which I attended and all the families seemed happy.

I feel that rather than attract more people into the church which we do need, it could certainly at this time cut the congregation that we do have and result in quite a lot of unhappy people, me included.

Park Farm: 22 Hectares

At the end of the summer, the foals born in the spring are weaned. Suckling takes a lot from the mares, particularly as the foals grow, becoming more demanding and generally unruly. Any parent will understand the exhaustion of trying to feed and educate evermore athletic offspring. Perhaps, therefore, we can forgive the almost palpable relief shown by some of the dams as they are removed from earshot of the foals to a quiet part of the farm. The most experienced mares will barely turn away from grazing to whinny for their absent foals. They will now eat well to increase their fat stores for the winter, and in some cases, to promote the growth of the fetuses already developing inside them due in 2016. In humans, it is estimated that 50% of all pregnancies, or 15% of recognised pregnancies, will end in miscarriage during the first trimester. In horses, a comparable 20% of mares that conceive in the spring will have lost their foals by autumn. As a result it is only on 1 October that the stud fee becomes payable, the mare having been scanned again in late September, and disclosed as officially in foal.

Since their birth in the spring of 2015, this year's foals have been learning from their dams important body language cues conferring both reassurance and discipline. Each foal thus develops an understanding of social hierarchy and subservience that a hand-reared foal is unlikely to have been taught. This 'language' can now be utilised by humans in our contact with them - albeit in a slightly strange, 'bipedal dialect' - as we become their new herd leaders.

Foals, like the young of many species, often find weaning more stressful than their dams. The theories behind this are manifold: the nutritional change, being the most practical, has led to the development of specialist weaning feeds. A 'hard' feed has been first introduced to the foal whilst it was still with its dam, in the form of a lactose-based pellet; the mares being prevented from devouring it by the use of a narrow-entrance feeder, for which the mare's muzzle is too wide. Slowly this has been integrated with, and then replaced by, a prebiotic containing weaning feed, which replaces the nutrients no longer available from milk as a consequence of weaning. However, equally disturbing for the weanling, we feel, must be the loss of a social structure, and mature guidance. Perhaps this may seem as anthropomorphism, but during the day we leave with the foals a kindly gelding, who has been with the dams and foals since their earliest days. Even in the presence of the mares, it would not have been unusual for this 'old boy' to be grazing with the foals whilst the dams removed themselves for a short break, often involving mutual grooming, at the other end of the field. The gelding seems to offer some continuity and calm guardianship that we feel diminishes the stress of these now 'un-mothered' youngsters, and prevents the stress that can result in a *Lord of the*

Flies bullying-based chaos. Further, when it is time for the foals to be brought in at night, he demonstrates a polite confidence in us, which in turn encourages the foals to trust us. Nevertheless, it is always a physically demanding time for us: leading a foal as it follows its mother is relatively straightforward compared to leading a six-month grown athlete, convinced already, that he is a racehorse!

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Deddington Primary School

National attainment and progress results for the academic year 2014–15 have just been published. We would like to share with the local community the impressive results achieved by the village school in all year groups last year.



The percentages of children achieving the expected and better than expected levels by the end of Foundation Stage (age 4–5) were higher than the national average.

Ninety per cent of children achieved the required standard in the year 1 phonics test. This is the highest score ever achieved by the school and is higher than the national average of 77%.

For the third year in a row, results achieved in Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of year 2 (age 6–7) are significantly higher than the national average figures.

At the end of year 6 (age 10–11), 97% of children achieved the 'secondary ready' level of 4b or higher in Reading, Writing and Maths. This is much higher than the national average.

In addition, the progress made by children from the end of year 2 to the end of year 6 was greater than in any previous year at the school. Our overall value added score of 101.6 is the highest ever achieved at Deddington. It indicates that the amount of progress children make at our school is much stronger than seen in the vast majority of other schools.

These pleasing results show the impact of significant improvements made by the school over the last couple of years. They are not only well above national averages, but data shows that they are also comfortably above the results achieved by similar schools to Deddington. We should all feel proud of these fantastic achievements and see them as a clear demonstration of our commitment to excellence and the ongoing journey towards being an outstanding school.

Clive Evans, Head Teacher
Becky Jones, Chair of Governors

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Women's Institute

Our meeting on 13 October included a Bring and Share Harvest Supper with an auction to raise money to buy the Remembrance Day wreath and make a donation to the Royal British Legion. The final sum raised with some donations from absentees was £86.55. Many thanks to all who participated.

We also looked at the menus for our December birthday and Christmas evening out. With all the one hundred years' celebrations of the WI we are proud to be ninety and the actual ninetieth anniversary falls on 8 December, which is our meeting night. So we will give a little thought back to that first meeting all those years ago.

At our meeting on 10 November Brian Lowe will talk about stained glass in Oxford. This talk was scheduled for earlier in the year but had to be cancelled.

Visitors are welcome. If you would like to come to a meeting, please telephone either Beryl Suckling on 01869 337385 or Angela Sones on 01869 338927.

Julia Hobbs

Photographic Society

In October the Society's chairman, Richard Broadbent, gave a presentation entitled 'New Zealand: a Tale of Two Islands'. Unfortunately, his scheduled co-presenter was indisposed, so Richard led his audience on a photographic tour of the islands which he and his wife, Janet, visited last year. Starting on North Island, Richard took the Society through Auckland and the Coromandel peninsula, taking in such features as the Hidden Railway, Hot Water Beach, Cathedral Cove and the geo-thermal Hidden Valley at Orakei Korako, before crossing the Cook Strait from Wellington to South Island. There Richard's travels took us on to Nelson, the sea and beach wildlife at Cape Farewell, past the vineyards and mountains to Kaikura and then to Christchurch, where the city centre is still largely unbuilt following the devastating earthquake of three years ago. After visiting the Moeraki Boulders and crossing Manapouri Lake, the journey ended at Te Anau with its nearby dense, moss-draped rainforest. Throughout the presentation Richard showed a range of unusual and visually striking photographs, complemented by his inimitable description of events. This was a fascinating photographic tour de force that was much appreciated by his audience. The evening concluded with a reprise of photographs from the Society's first annual exhibition, which was held at Adderbury Institute in September.

The next club night is on Wednesday 4 November, when Micki Aston CPAGB will return to give a presentation on 'Jerusalem and Istanbul: Two Ancient Cities'. Member Simon Lutter will lead a workshop on 'Camera Controls and Composing Photographs' on Wednesday 18 November and, on Wednesday 2 December, John

Credland APAGB will return with a presentation entitled 'Salon des Refusés'.

All meetings are at 7.30 pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Just come along – you can be assured of a warm welcome.

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1st Deddington Guides

Making the best of the last light evening we began with wide games outside. We got quite muddy but dodged the rain.

We've formed three new patrols: Dolphins, Penguins and Pandas. We also elected new patrol leaders. Well done Alana, Imogen and Connie. These new patrols have got straight down to business organising and enjoying activities such as mini-play production, fashion design evening, making smoothies and the beginning of a gymnastics display.

It was great to welcome two new Guides, Imogen and Emily, at their promise ceremony.

The annual pet evening was great fun, with hamsters of all shapes and sizes, guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens, ducks, and the star attendance of Dave, the fruit fly, and an extremely well behaved spider. This gave everyone the opportunity to learn about handling and caring for a variety of pets.

Everyone enjoyed the craft evening, key-rings in the making.

We were very pleased to welcome the Revd Annie to our meeting. We found out about her work in the parish and she was also able to tell us about being the first female apprentice in the car industry with Rover. The Guides have great ambitions for their future careers, and took inspiration from the talk by her. We rounded off the evening with games and challenges organised by Amy as part of her Baden-Powell Award. Well done Amy.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069
Marian Trinder 01869 340806
Catherine Blackburn

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

The Cubs enjoyed an afternoon with other packs at the county activity day at Horley. They had the opportunity to try archery, shooting, climbing, laser tag and an awesome inflatable pirate ship, as well as a variety of other 'Scouty' activities.

We have now finished looking at water. That's not staring into puddles but working out how much we use and how we can use less. We compared this with usage in developing countries.

Coming next – air activities.

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CALLING MORE CLUBS

Scouts

Four of our Scouts took part in the annual county patrol camping weekend at Horley. This is a competition testing the boys' camping, cooking and willingness to join in. They came ... well, let's just say they didn't win.

We are coming to the end of our astronomy topic and are planning to recreate the solar system on the field with the aid of a huge torch and a large number of glo-sticks. Anything could happen, we're not ruling out a black hole.

Next – district night hike – will we ever see them again?

Pete Churchyard
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Spartans Explorer Scout Unit

The Explorers went to Horley campsite at the beginning of September and had tuition in rifle shooting. Since then they have been developing their map reading skills and we have been to Cotswold Outdoor in order to ensure they will be properly equipped for their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

We will be supporting Special Effect again by attending the Cotswold Comedy Club event at the Windmill Centre.

Janet Duxbury 01608 737959

Deddington Art Group

Our Christmas party will be on 17 December with a distinctive oriental theme.

We have booked models for each week to January 2016.

We have well-informed artists who enjoy each weekly session. My artistic life improves with a grant from Elizabeth Finn Cave to put on a rainproof roof of plastic, with wooden structure that was very difficult to make. My cousins came from Lincoln and Cambridge to help construct the roof and bought all the wood from Johnsons. They are always very helpful with advice. I am not too clever on buildings. I simply know what I like.

Ken Dodgson Wilkinson

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

The Anchors enjoyed being out and about in the woods collecting leaves and looking for blackberries but will be moving indoors after half-term.

The Juniors were in action at the Battalion bowling competition on 17 October. A high scoring competition with 1st Deddington eventual winners and our very own Felix was individual winner. Fab result all round!

The Company section begins its Battalion events with competitions scheduled for:

Friday 6 November – Company Masterteam

Friday 20 November – Company table tennis

So we'll be practising general knowledge and table tennis but we'll fit some fun stuff in to do with fireworks

and have a look at Guy Fawkes.

In November all sections will be focusing on Remembrance Sunday and will be joining other youth groups, the British Legion and members of our community for the annual parade and service on 8 November.

Last month we said a sad farewell to David, our youth worker, who has moved to a new job. His departure leaves a gap in our leadership team and we really do need additional support to ensure we can run all three sections each week. If anyone is interested in finding out what is involved, please contact me.

Finally, many thanks to Deddington Farmers' Market for their generous donation to 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade.

Jen Childs 01869 337481

Deddington Players

Jack and the Beanstalk 21–23 January 2016

It's that time of year again ... oh yes it is. Our panto for this season promises toe-tapping tunes, hilarious antics, audience participation and probably a cow. Tickets will be on sale in December and keep an eye out for Jack and his friends at the Farmers' Market in the run up to Christmas. Visit our Deddington Players Facebook page for the latest information and behind-the-scenes peeks.

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Deddington Town Football Club

First Team Results

26.09.15	KEA (a)	L 1–2 Large
03.10.15	Woodford Utd (a)	W 2–1 Bird, Kaye (Jordan)
10.10.15	Diverse FC (h) (CUP)	W 3–1 Bradford, Cook, Smith

Reserve Results

19.09.15	Highfield OB (h)	Deddington walkover
26.09.15	King's Sutton Res (h) (CUP)	W 6–1
03.10.15	Banbury Utd Youth (h)	L 0–2
10.10.15	Chesterton (a)	L 0–1

The unblemished start is over, but both teams are holding it together well as the collective match fitness levels reach their premium. Mike Large contributed a rare goal in a narrow defeat to the always feisty KEA, which was followed by a brace of decent victories. The Reserves handed King's Sutton Reserves their collective posterior in the Geoff Wilson Cup, but only gained league points through Highfield's forfeit. There's lots of hard work ahead, and support is sorely needed for the crusades to come. 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.

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Colts

The U15s, playing in the Midland Junior Premier League, lost 6–0 to Stratford Town Colts, but this was followed by three wins in a row – a 4–1 victory over Redditch United, a 3–0 win over Stratford Town Juniors, and a 7–2 victory over Solihull Town with Aaron Jhutti and Piers Walton both scoring hat-tricks. In the Witney and District Youth League, the U15s lost 5–1 to Easington Sports Youth in their only match this month. The U14s sit top of the B League with victory in both their games – the most recent a 3–2 win over Launton Rangers. They also had a convincing 5–0 victory at Bampton Town in the knock-out cup. The U13s have just played one game, a heavy 6–1 defeat at home to Highfield Juniors. The U12s had a 5–4 win at Witney Vikings, followed by a 4–1 defeat at home to Chesterton and a 3–1 defeat at Launton Blues. They then played out a thrilling 5–5 draw with Chipping Norton.

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>.

'Foot Ball'

We're planning a fund-raising 'Foot Ball' next year to celebrate 20 years of Deddington Town Colts. Parents of players, current players, former players – basically everybody – is welcome. As soon as we have fixed a date we'll let you know. In the meantime, any generous offers for the auction or raffle would be very gratefully received. Please call or text Vaughan Jones on 07967 162486

**Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Office
01869 337034**

Deddington Tennis Club

This friendly club is open to all, regardless of standard. The club offers: club nights, league tennis, coaching and social events for all members and friends. To whet your appetite:

Stronger singles are now taking place on Sunday mornings ... take some time to enhance this side of your game and understand the differences from the doubles game (it's all down to you);

A new adult social session on Thursday afternoons from 2.00 until 4.00pm ... use the doodle on the website to see who's coming up and to say you are coming;

Ladies coaching on Friday mornings;

Only four people are needed to make it worthwhile setting up Rusty Racquets on Saturday afternoon ... contact Wayne Ellis, the coach (address on the website);

For £5 per session Saturday morning match practice/coaching 8.30–10.00am (bright and early to enhance your skills);

And there is still plenty of Junior coaching ... see website for details.

This is where the future is and we welcome any new young people interested in the game. We would also welcome help from volunteers (possibly a young person wishing to gain experience for DofE awards or UCAS forms).

Remember there is more information on the website, <http://www.deddingtontennis.com>.

Please make contact with any of the committee if you're interested in joining the club. We are a community-minded club with a very reasonable membership.

Alison Stevens
[deddingtontennis.com](http://www.deddingtontennis.com)

Book Club

For our September meeting we read *The Garden of Evening Mists* by Tan Twan Eng. The narrator is Yun Ling, a retired Supreme Court judge from Kuala Lumpur, who returns to the hilltops of Malaya where she spent many years as a young woman. Using frequent, and often confusing, flashbacks, the central story of the relationship between the young Yun Ling and Aritomo, who had once been the gardener of the Emperor of Japan, starts to unfold. She tries to persuade Aritomo to build a garden for her in memory of her sister, who perished in the Japanese prisoner of war camps. Instead he offers to teach her the art of Japanese gardening and she becomes his apprentice and eventually his lover.

We learn much about the history and geography of Malaya, tea growing, Japanese archery, 'horimono' (the art of Japanese tattooing), the Japanese prisoner of war camps, and there is an interesting section of 'Kamikaze' pilots. The narrative makes it easy to picture the gardens and landscape and the slow pace and tranquillity of these descriptions overrides the violence of some of the sections.

The next book is *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. The next meeting is 26 November.

Sally Lambert
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Deddington Original Golf Society

Thirty plus DOGS, including wives, partners and loved ones, travelled to the New Forest on 20 and 21 September. The very comfortable accommodation was provided by The Bell at Brook where we also dined in our own private dining room. This may have been a case of separating us from their regular and valued clientele. Surely not ...

The Forest course on Sunday was, well, quirky; sharing the course with ponies, cattle, rabbits and of course DOGS. A local rule enables the golfer to replace his ball should it be in or adjacent to a cow pat.

Unfortunately, the heavens opened on Monday and it rained pretty much all day. Nevertheless, everyone enjoyed themselves and huge thanks must go to Ron Colley, the DOGS Social Secretary, for organising such a great weekend.

... AND STILL MORE CLUBS ...

A full society programme for 2015 concluded with our Autumn Classic at The Warwickshire Golf Club on Friday 16 October. The weather was kind and a decent turnout saw the following winners:

Richard Miller – Morning 9 hole Stableford
 John Dauphin and David White – Afternoon team prize
 Richard Miller and Neil Higgins – Longest drive
 Ailean Carter – Ladies nearest the pin
 Tony Lowe – Nearest the pin
 Neil Higgins – Winning guest
 Tony Lowe – 3rd Place
 David White – 2nd Runner up
 John Dauphin – Overall winner

Finally, many, many thanks on behalf of DOGS to Keith Spengler in his first year as Secretary. He just about filled the boots left behind by David Darst.

The AGM looms large and everyone will be notified of the date.

Tony Lowe Chairman
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Deddington and District History Society

Our October speaker was the ever-popular Liz Woolley. She spoke on the experiences of Oxfordshire children during the Second World War. Oxfordshire was a fairly safe haven for evacuees, despite the fact that it had more airfields (27) than any other county. In September 1939 30,000 children were evacuated to Oxfordshire. Many returned home quickly when the expected blitz failed to happen. Then a second wave arrived when bombing started in earnest in 1940, and there was a third influx in 1944 as V1 rockets fell.

Oxfordshire was a centre not only for evacuees but for refugees too, such as those escaping from the Spanish Civil War. Children were not just passive observers. They collected material for recycling, took gardening classes and periodically helped on farms, with tasks such as potato picking. There was disruption: schools suffered repeatedly from alarms, air raid drills and children disappearing to do farm work. Schooling might be reduced in order to provide classes for the extra children.

Experiences on both sides were mixed. Many children were happy and prospered but others suffered loneliness, bullying and distress. There were frequent problems for host families with 'unbilleted' (ie problem) children, a situation improved from 1942 with the appointment of welfare officers.

Liz's talk was greatly enlivened by some marvellous photos which perfectly captured this remarkable chapter in our history. Which of us will forget the picture of a flood of youngsters, some apprehensive, some excited, all bewildered, disembarking from trains at Chipping Norton?

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11 November when a certain Rob Forsyth of this parish will talk about 'RN Submarines in the Cold War:

a Personal Account'. His talk will be preceded by our AGM. As usual we shall meet at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

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Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

Remembrance Sunday

This year it is on Sunday 8 November. The traditional parade will take place from the Bullring at 10.30am. All village groups and villagers are invited to join: assemble in the Bullring at 10.15am. The Act of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial at 11.00am followed by a short service in the parish church after which the parade will reform and march past the saluting base in the Market Place.

The annual Poppy Appeal runs from 24 October to 8 November. This is our main fundraising event of the year and enables the Royal British Legion to support the dependants and servicemen and women who are disabled either in body or mind as the result of military action on behalf of the nation. Demands for this help increase each year so we plead with everyone to be as generous as possible. Donations can be made and poppies obtained from most shops, offices, schools in the village and there will be door-to-door collections.

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due. The RBL has launched a new system for making these payments but it is experiencing some teething problems. If members have any difficulties, please contact me. New members are very welcome. Membership including the RBL Club is £21 per annum and for men aged 65 and over and women 60 and over on 1 October it is £16. Applicants may visit the club on any Friday from 7.30pm and any Saturday and Sunday from noon. Members can visit the club with their spouse or partner and children during these times.

We are planning a visit to the Bletchley Park museum in the spring. This visit will be open to all adults – if you are interested in being advised of details, please email me or telephone me so we can contact you when the details are finalised.

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Deddington Cricket Club

After a brief Indian summer, it is time to reflect on the season past. It was not a vintage one for either of the club's adult teams and there was considerable disappointment that in two short years we have gone from supporting three junior squads to having no junior teams. This was despite plenty of focus from the committee at the start of the year to encourage the formation of a junior section. The conclusion was that we first need some adult members or supporters who have an interest and the time to commit to running a junior side or two, before we can go on a recruitment drive in the local schools, football clubs

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and other institutions. That intent is still there, as a strong youth section is the lifeblood of the club. This was borne out by one of the major features of this season, which was the emergence of a new generation of players who, in the main, have come through the junior section, and have moved from occasional players to regulars during 2015. The likes of Niall and Lewis Bletchly, Matty Teare, Ollie Redford, Oliver Roberts, Niall Murphy, Matthew Oldfield and George Welsh all played significant roles for both adult teams. In addition, there were some other new additions to the playing members of the club who added to the depth and quality of the squad.

A great innovation was our new website. It is a significant step forward and has added to the enjoyment and sociability of the club. Thanks go to Sam Shadbolt and Rich Munroe for editing the site and to all those who have written match reports, added photos, player profiles and other content. Special mention should go to Dave Barnhill for some of the profiles and Lewis Bletchly for the match report on the game against Westcott, in which all of the Deddy players took the personalities of characters from Harry Potter.

And so to the games themselves. The Firsts started very slowly and in those early games only Daire and Gerry showed any consistency with the bat, but in very different ways. The bowlers, especially when fielding second, found it difficult to both attack the stumps and defend low totals. The spirit remained positive, despite the difficult start, and it was a credit to all who played that there was no capitulation or recrimination during the first nine games.

The Seconds fared better in the early encounters, but again lacked any real consistency with the bat and there was always a feeling that the side was only a wicket away from a minor or major collapse, emulating to too great an extent their national heroes. The oasis of steadfastness in all this carnage was George Welch. He demonstrated that playing balls on their merit, using a straight bat and the art of accumulation is a very successful combination. He also heeded the often repeated (usually by yours truly) words of Geoffrey Boycott, that 'ye cann'y score when you're in't hutch'. In the end George went a whole two months with not-out innings and was a lesson to us all in concentration and application. The Seconds also struggled to find the best batting position for a number of the team. Their bowling attack was generally a strong point of the team, as was the fielding. This is not a comprehensive review of each game, but hopefully it will encourage some to go to the match reports and player stats on our website and that of the OCA.

Once again both Deddington and opposition sides benefited from some excellent wickets on which to play and not a single game was lost to bad weather. Thanks to James Ransom once again for preparing such good, even, safe and reliable wickets. The club is indeed

indebted to the hours of dedication he has put in to the Windmill wicket over several years. Unfortunately this was James's last as groundsman, so if the club is to continue to benefit from such a good track in the future, we need to find someone to take over the responsibility of at least managing and co-ordinating pitch preparation from next spring. James is available to advise and hand over his knowledge and experience, but this is an urgent requirement for the committee and the club overall. If anyone knows someone who has the time and interest to get involved, please contact a committee member as soon as you can.

Work has also progressed on a possible replacement for the pavilion at the Windmill. The committee is exploring the possibility of a joint development with Deddington Town Football Club. Both clubs are currently defining the space and facility requirements of each sport and the possible funding available from the ECB, FA and other charitable bodies.

On 11 September we held an awards evening at the Unicorn. There was a good turnout to reminisce and celebrate the famous and infamous of 2015. If you were not able to attend, you missed a good night and some great fish and chips. You also missed this year's award winners. Details are on our website. Many thanks in particular to Jill, Sam and Webby for organising the evening.

So, that was the season that was. What is next? Well, work on plans for the new pavilion is progressing and all members are encouraged to attend the AGM at the Unicorn at 7.30pm on 3 November. This is the time to have your say, elect officials and get involved. Please make every effort to attend because it is your cricket club and it does not function without everyone playing their part, on and off the field of play.

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CENTREPOINT DEPARTURE

Early November will see the closure of Centrepoint. We are sorry to be leaving but excited by the challenges that lie ahead.

We created Centrepoint as a serviced office scheme, opening in October 1989, having spent the previous three months refurbishing the premises which, as older residents will recall, was an antique shop run by John and Judy Vaughan.

Over the years we have been delighted to provide office accommodation, on both a short- and long-term basis, for many start-up companies, whilst at the same time offering photocopying and secretarial assistance to many local residents. Some have visited two or three times a week, others less frequently, but we hope we have always provided a warm welcome and a professional service to all who have asked for our guidance and assistance.

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News from Clifton

It wasn't quite the late Leonard Nemoy, nor indeed was it the very last time. Brave villagers trekked some distance the week before, negotiating barbed wire fences, ditches and impressive-looking bulls to see the last time, only to learn next week was the last time, and even then there will be one more time. I am, of course, banging on about the Avro Vulcan V bomber that made a Lower Larkrise flyover on 11 October that followed the previous week's Book Club trip to see the display at Gaydon where this Cold War warrior strutted its stuff and gave us the 'howl' for about 15 minutes. The photographic records posted attracted over 100 likes on My BeBo Twit Book malarkey. Our parish link to this aeroplane is the late Denys Heywood, ex Squadron Leader of 617 Squadron (yes, that's right, of Dambuster fame) who flew Vulcans from Gaydon and lived among us. He regaled us with some fairly incredible stories of flying for the Queen.

Another book club trip later in the month will be to undertake some serious quality control auditing for Candleford's Farmers' Market as our brave boys and girls (well probably not ...) have to conduct a product audit at the CATS Brewery at Shenington. Now this expert work does not come cheap and it is being somewhat financially supported externally, so if you think you can drink free beer and comment on its suitability, you're the person we are looking for. You see folks, this is what Book Club is all about – exploring the real world, not worlds made up by other people. Only the other week we were exploring what a medical chimera was and how it impacts paternity tests. As an unpopular ex-Prime Minister of ours once said it's all about 'education, education, education'. So come along any Thursday, currently in the Unicorn, from 8.30pm.

This month we have lost two of our fold to higher education as Chloe went 'oop north' and Harry went 'darn sarf' to read stuff. You may know either or both from the work they did in local hosteries before they left and we wish them well. Jake, who left last year, is happily into his second year deep in the Cotswolds and digs full of women. We would remind all of these that the PC does award grants for text books.

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CentrepoinDeparture

With the development of laptops and, possibly more significantly, smartphones, the demand for our secretarial services have diminished and sadly the service we have offered over the years has become uneconomic to continue. In the early days we produced many CVs and typed letters, not only for jobseekers but also local businesses and individuals. This was in an age before the internet and some twenty years before Google came into existence.

The individual businesses currently based in the building will continue to thrive we are sure; it is just the

Musical Notes

November brings a veritable plethora of music to Deddington church. If you don't fancy one there will be another. Or you could be adventurous and sample something new.

It all starts with a colourful Opera Gala from the Warriner Choral Society on Saturday 7 November at 7.30pm. The evening will feature many 'hits' of the opera world, including the *Soldiers Chorus* from *Faust*, *Brindisi* from *La Traviata*, the *Anvil Chorus* from *Il Trovatore* and the *March of The Toreadors* from *Carmen*. The choir will be supported by the Akeman Chamber Orchestra, with professional soloists Belinda Evans, soprano, and Alberto Sousa, tenor. The orchestra plays on its own the overture to *The Barber of Seville* and the stunning Entr'acte to Act 3 of Bizet's *Carmen*. In addition there is a glass of bubbly in the interval. We are offered an evening not to be missed. Dress to impress, sit back and let the amazing music take you on a grand journey.

A fortnight later, on Sunday 15 November at 4.00pm, comes something quite different with the Adderbury Ensemble treating us to an evening of Beethoven. There will be the third of his renowned *Razumovsky* quartets which earned him the Composition of the Year Award in 1806 (yes, they had competitions that long ago). Then, joined by Viv Mclean playing the church's fine Steinway, there will be the seldom-heard chamber music version of the master's Fourth Piano Concerto, a real treat.

Finally on Saturday 21 November at 7.30pm we hear from the might of the Banbury Symphony Orchestra. The piano will feature prominently in this concert too, with the Romanian pianist, Madalina Rusu, joining the orchestra for a performance of Dohnanyi's delightful *Variations on a Nursery Song*. The concert starts with Brahms' arousing *Academic Festival Overture*, includes Liszt's symphonic poem, *Mazeppa*, and brings the concert to a close with Schumann's Fourth Symphony, a noble work first penned in 1841 and then revised 10 years later in a heavier orchestration. Prepare to be amazed.

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reception function and the secretarial service which are closing.

We would like to extend our thanks to the many residents who have used our services over the last 26 years. We will miss you all, and the fantastic facilities available in the village, particularly at the Post Office, the Co-op, Foodies, Eagles and Johnson's to name but a few.

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Debbie Coleman
Lucy Castle