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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

Next time you go into St Peter and St Paul's church take time to go straight ahead to the north wall of the nave where you will find a plaque commemorating the war dead of the parish. Our front cover reproduces their names, as they appear on the plaque, in memory of them and the millions of others who fell before the conflict ended at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 — 100 years ago on the second Sunday of this month.

WHAT'S ON

November

- Fri 2 Deddington Fireworks Night: Primary School Field, Blast Off 7.00pm
 Fri 2 CHANCES: Flock Comedy: Windmill Centre, 8.00pm, Bar 7.30pm
 Sat 3 Space2Learn: Día de los Muertos, Fancy Dress Party, Windmill, 7.30pm
 Sat 3 Warriner Choral Society, Parish Church, 7.30pm
 Mon 5 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
 Mon 5 Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm
 Wed 7 Traidcraft Open Day: Parish Church, 11.00am–6.00pm
 Wed 7 Photographic Society: Banbury Camera Club, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
 Thu 8 Holly Tree Club: Film Night, *Saving Grace*, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
 Sat 10 Litter Picks: 10.00am Town Hall, 11.00am or 2.00pm, Duke at Clifton
 Sat 10 Christmas Craft Fair, Parish Church, 10.30am–4.30pm
 Sun 11 Remembrance Sunday: Parade Assemble in Bull Ring 10.15am; Act of Remembrance, War Memorial, 11.00am, followed by Church Service
 Mon 12 Community Choir: Taster Session, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
 Tue 13 WI: Analiza Jones, 'The Making of Handwoven Bags from the Philippines', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
 Thu 15 History Society: Simon Wenham, 'A Crystal Vision of Victorian Britain; the Great Exhibition', Deddington School, 7.30pm
 Sat 17 RBL: The Deddington Ball, Bo-Beep Farm, Adderbury, 7.00pm–1.00am
 Wed 21 PC Meeting: Old School Room, Hempton, 7.30pm
 Sat 24 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
 Sat 24 Banbury Symphony Orchestra: Parish Church, 7.30pm
 Wed 28 Thames Valley Police: Community Rural Forum, Fire Station.
 Thu 29 Book Group: Contact Sally Lambert 01869 338094 for details

December

- Sat 1 WW1 Concert: Parish Church, 7.00pm
 Mon 3 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
 Mon 3 Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Duke at Clifton, Wednesday 17 October

Present: Councillors Collins, Cox, Higham, Oldfield, O'Neill, Reeve, Robinson, Rogers (chair), Squires, Swadling, Timms, Watts, Wood.

Susan Fuller was appointed as Clerk to the Parish Council.

Planning

No objections

End Cottage, The Stile, Deddington: re-pollard one ash and pollard hazel to 7ft.

45 St Johns Way, Hempton: new garage in rear garden.

Calder Cottage, Philcote Street, Deddington: erection of timber garden room at end of garden.

Old Manor Farmhouse, Hempton Road, Deddington: Fell box elder, prune ash and raise crown to 5.3m over carriageway.

Approvals

Land adjacent to the Tchure: demolition of existing boundary wall and erection of new detached 3 bed dwelling with covered parking.

Bettyon Haven, The Lane, Hempton: 2 storey extension to form two ground floor bedrooms and additional works.

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

After five years of effort, the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to CDC for approval, anticipated to take between three and nine months. David French will be thanked for his professional advice and the innumerable hours he has volunteered on the Plan. (page 9)

Finance and General Purposes

Current funds: £718,793.58.

A wish list for use of S106 funds from the proposed development west of Wimborn Close, should it be approved, will be sent to CDC.

Environment and Recreation

In response to the ongoing dog fouling of the playing fields at the Windmill, a six-month trial of rules for dog-walkers will be started shortly. To deal with increased litter and problems with the bins outside the Town Hall, bins for the use of the stewards have been placed at the primary school and Johnson's yard. In the event that these sites are insufficient a further site on Earl's Lane has been identified. A letter concerning this will be sent to neighbouring residents whose opinions will be canvassed. Realignment of the Clifton footpath was approved subject to an alteration to the proposed route.

Highways and Transport

OCC has agreed to tarmac the surface at the New Street bus stop. OCC Cllr Fatemian and CDC Cllr Williams have been asked, as a matter of urgency, to arrange for the toucan crossing outside the David Wilson development to begin working. There will be a litter pick on Saturday 10 November on the Banbury–Oxford Road with the Deddington group leaving the Town Hall at 10.00am and the Clifton crew leaving the Duke at 11.00pm and 3.00pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday 21 November at 7.30pm in the Old School Room, Hempton

Catherine Desmond

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

DOGS AND THE WINDMILL

The parish council has made a decision about dogs at the Windmill – not a total ban but the introduction of various ground rules (dogs being kept on leads and off the pitches and play areas). Before going into the detail, we'd like to thank all the people who contacted us with their views. Probably the majority were dog owners resistant to any kind of a ban but there were a fair number, including dog owners, who saw the problem and recognised that we had to do something about it.

Referees have told us that our football pitches are probably the worst in the district for dog fouling. It may be only a handful of irresponsible owners to blame but that's no consolation if you're a Colt going in for a tackle and sliding in something horrible. What has brought matters to a head is the new playground soon to be installed on the old bowling green. It's unthinkable that dogs should have free range there or in the new MUGA – both because of the health risk from fouling and also because dogs can frighten children.

Some of our correspondents suggested we should fence off the play area or indeed the sports pitches. This would add considerably to the cost which is already on a tight budget and we'd be reluctant because we want the play area to be as open and welcoming as possible. Others have suggested CCTV directed on to the pitches. This too would be very expensive – and who is going to volunteer to watch hours of videotape, identify rogue owners, find where they live and berate them?

Some councillors were disappointed that there were few or no offers from the virtuous dog owners to tackle the miscreants themselves. On the other hand, we do know there are some heroes (male and female) who not only pick up their own dogs' leavings but other people's as well. Kudos to them.

A couple of correspondents touched my hard heart – one said she loved the social engagement, meeting other dog owners for a chat as they exercised their hounds together. Another spoke of enjoyable family outings at the Windmill when you could take both your children and your dogs. For them, there is always the Castle Grounds to consider, that other huge blessing to the Deddington community. Dogs have free access there, wide open space where they can chase sticks and snuffle around for rabbits. In fact, so much is it a dogs' domain that the parish football clubs are reluctant to play there, despite the shortage of pitches. If

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FARMERS' MARKET

Remember, Remember ...

... that this is the market to place your Christmas orders. If you forget you can contact stall holders directly at <http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk/stall-holders.html>.

Anticipating the excesses of Christmas, this month's recipe appears plain and simple but tastes fantastic despite its paucity of calories. This is the dish to persuade cauliflower haters to reflect on their prejudice.

Cauliflower Roast Chinese Style – serves 2–3 depending on the size of the cauliflower

1 head of cauliflower
1 tsp miso paste
1 tbs soy sauce
sesame oil

Break the cauliflower into roughly equal-sized florets (the smaller the florets the quicker the cooking time) and place in a bowl. Other food writers say the leaves of the cauliflower can also be used. I haven't tried it so I'm not going to suggest you do. Mix a teaspoon of miso paste (I use red miso for this dish but whatever your supermarket has will do) with a tablespoon of soy sauce and work it through the florets until they are completely coated. Line a roasting tin with greaseproof paper (to save on the washing up, so optional) and scatter the coated florets evenly around the tray. Splash on a little sesame oil. Put in a hot oven

and roast for 15–20 minutes, checking every now and then. The florets will catch and brown at the edges (provided you catch them before they catch and burn), so a good stir now and then will help them cook evenly. Keep roasting to the point where the florets collapse which will happen quite suddenly. Serve with plain boiled rice or something more sophisticated.

Be careful of food browsers. I've left a tray of this cauliflower out, ready to plate up, when someone comes by, tastes a morsel – and suddenly half the dish disappears along with a guilty-looking browser.

Provided 5 November doesn't wear them out, the Fire Brigade will be attending this market hoping to recruit some fresh blood. They'll be bringing the fire engine for children of all ages to explore. The police will have a presence too, offering advice on home security.

For more up to date information about the market you can visit the market webpage www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk.

The market is on Saturday 24 November 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. More details at: www.market.adderbury.org.

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WELL REMEMBERED

Eileen Anderson 1953–2018

Eileen was born in the North East of England and attended the local girls' grammar school, leaving after A-levels to work in a bank. Eileen and Don were married in June 1972 and welcomed daughters Helen and Jenny in 1980 and 1983. The family moved to Southport in 1987, where Eileen was a stay-at-home mother, having no family support nearby. She soon looked for an outlet for her abundant energy and desire to contribute to the local community. She volunteered for the WRVS, assisting with Meals on Wheels and distributing clothing to the needy, and hosted less fortunate children, giving them a summer holiday away from their own difficult family circumstances. Eileen also volunteered for the annual Southport Music Festival, attracting competitors nationally, eventually becoming the secretary.

It took a lot to get Eileen to move from Southport but the family moved to Deddington in 1993 after a chance visit to an estate agent in Buckingham led to a detour to look at what was to become their home. Settling here she set about giving unstintingly of herself once more as well as involving her husband and daughters. She famously joined one committee, telling them they got two for the price of one, meaning she would pressgang Don into helping out.

Eileen joined Victim Support, helping those traumatised by crime, where her calm demeanour and listening skills were put to good use. This led to her applying to become a magistrate, receiving her judicial appointment in 2000. Her love of and affinity for the young led to her sitting on the Family Bench, where she took part in difficult decisions safeguarding the welfare of children.

The Deddington Festival became a key part of Eileen's life for many years. Her role as secretary

involved fundraising, administration and, the part she loved the most, working with artists and musicians. Music was a central part of her life, though she had no formal training and joked that she had reached the dizzy heights of piano *Goblin Book 1*.

Those fortunate to have crossed Eileen's path will remember her open, generous-hearted nature – warm, loving, and quick-witted – underpinned by a devotion to family and friends made and kept over the decades. She herself would have been embarrassed by such comments, as she never sought the limelight although usually bathed in it. Often she would meet someone for the first time and come away with a wealth of information about them and their family, while hardly disclosing her own background. While gentle, Eileen possessed a wicked sense of humour which lasted to the end of her days.

Despite her travels Eileen retained her soft-spoken, strong, Geordie accent and at a drinks party this was detected by someone she had just met, who asked where she came from. Her reply, delivered with a mischievous glint, was 'Oxford'. She had few faults but chief among them was an impatient nature which was so useful in getting things done. Her misfortune was to marry Don, who believed there was a good reason for the word 'procrastination'.

The family believes that Eileen's life unwittingly reflected the sentiments expressed by a French-born American Quaker missionary: 'I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.'

Don, Helen and Jennifer

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

We are delighted that Costa Award winning author, Linda Newbery, will be at Deddington Library talking about her latest book, *The Key to Flambards*, on Friday 9 November at 6.30 for 7.00pm. Come and join us for nibbles and a glass of fizz, hear about Linda's inspiration behind the book, her friendship with K M Peyton, and the opportunity to ask questions and discover for yourself the wonderful world of *Flambards*. The story is based on the *Flambards* books by K M Peyton and is set at Flambards in the present day – this summer, leading up to the centenary of the Armistice. The main character, Grace, is the great-great-granddaughter of Kathy Peyton's Christina.

The original *Flambards* books have a great many admirers, many of them now parents and grandparents, so our event would be of interest to both adults and children. The book is suitable for age 11+ and signed copies will be on sale on the evening. Tickets

are available from the library; £5.00 adults, £3.00 under 16s and concessions. Please come and help support the library.

My visit to Deddington Primary school to present the Summer Reading Challenge medals and certificates unfortunately had to be postponed and has been rescheduled for the assembly on Friday 2 November. Don't forget we also have a regularly changing stock of adult and children's DVDs which we loan on a weekly basis for a small fee. Rhymetime for Under 5s and families is held every Monday from 2.30pm in the library. Come and join us. Christmas is rapidly approaching and we will have some additional Christmas stock in the library to cover the season. Not only children's books, but adults too, so if you want to start feeling Christmassy, call in and pick up a Christmas title now.

Stella O'Neill, Library Manager
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CHURCH AND CHAPEL**November****Parish Church SS Peter and Paul**

Mon–Fri	8.45am	Morning Prayer (also on the first Saturday of the month)
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on the fourth Wednesday of the month)
Sun 4	10.30am	Family Service
	6.00pm	All Souls Service
Sun 11	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.15am	Remembrance Day Parade Assemble in Bull Ring
	11.00am	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial followed by Church Service
Sun 18	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 25	10.30am	Holy Communion – Informal Said Service

Barford St Michael

Sun 4	10.30am	Holy Communion
	4.00–	All Souls – An opportunity
	5.00pm	to light a candle and remember loved ones
Sun 11	9.00am	Remembrance Sunday Service
Sun 18	10.30am	Family Service
Sun 25	9.00am	Holy Communion

Hempton

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

From the Parish Register*Baptisms*

23 Sept Jessica Louise King
 23 Sept Freddie Benjamin Peter Lewis
 23 Sept Rosie May Lewis
 23 Sept Esme Jade Lewis

Weddings

21 Sept Lucy Archer and Dominic Pennington

Funerals

20 Sept Eileen Anderson

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or on 01869 336880. If Annie is not available, then please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (01869 338367) or Dave Hughes (01869 347294). We also have a curate, Revd Paula Smith, who can be contacted at curate@deddingtonchurch.org.

RC Parish of Hethe

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

Mass is said at 9.00am on Sunday at SS Peter and Paul's Anglican church in King's Sutton.

The Vigil Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport.

Revd Robert Hughes 01869 720860

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The new heaters in the church and are up and running. Let us hope that they will keep the building much warmer than the old ones. We received a generous grant of £500 from the Oxford Historic Churches which helped with the cost, so our thanks went to them. Lydia Watts rode for us on the Ride and Stride Day and raised £70, half of which goes to St John's and half to the Trust. Thanks to her and to everyone who manned the building throughout the day.

The Parish Council will hold their monthly meeting on 21 November at 7.30pm in the Old School Room. If you have any questions for them please go along.

The Christmas Bazaar will soon be upon us – Saturday 1 December from 11.00am. This is the Friends of the Church's biggest money raiser of the year so please come along and enjoy what is on offer. There will be the usual stalls and the ever popular hot lunches. If you can help in anyway please give Janet Watts a call on 01869 337135 or email wattsfamily1997@gmail.com.

Sadly, I end with the news of the recent death of Alan Shirley, a long term resident of this village who had lived in The Lane since the bungalows were built in the 1960s. Our thoughts go to his family at this sad time.

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WHAT'S ON

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Wed 5	Photographic Society: Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
Sat 8	Royal British Legion AGM and Christmas Dinner, Deddington Arms, 7.00pm
Tue 11	WI: Christmas and Birthday Lunch, Deddington Arms, 12.30pm
Thu 13	Holly Tree Club: Film Night, <i>The Holly and the Ivy</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm
Thu 13	History Society: Christmas Social and Quiz Night: Primary School, 7.30pm

DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

As I put this together, the new farming year is under way, but just what it will hold is anybody's guess.

We are still in the grip of a very dry year. After a few showers and the promise of more, we took the bull by the horns and planted next season's oilseed rape. The seeds germinated well but the promised rain did not arrive and the crop was hit by the cabbage stem flea beetle, a rather good-looking iridescent blue-green beastie about the size of a pin head. It has always been a problem when growing brassica crops but, until recent legislation banning the use of modern technology (neonicotinoids), has been controllable. This year has been a flea beetle year and we have lost all but some 10 acres of the crop. We have had difficult growing conditions in the past but this is the first year at Home Farm that I have taken out a planted crop. These fields will now be replanted, but not with oilseed rape.

This rape failure constitutes something of an own goal for the green lobby in their hysterical attempts to protect bees and other pollinating insects. The modern technology is in the form of a neonicotinoid seed dressing with the crop planted in August and of no interest to the bees until it flowers the following April when it is the only abundant pollen and nectar crop available to them as they come out of winter hibernation, ho hum, but that's our all-seeing masters for you.

Although we have had some rain, the soil moisture is still very low but, by the time this hits the doormat, we may have been able to take the risk of planting the seed for next year's harvest. Regardless, whatever happens, the 2018 drought will have an impact on the 2019 crop, to say nothing of the divorce from the EU.

Despite the summer weather, both ewe flocks have come through well and are in good condition, even without the annual autumn flush of grass in the river valley. We have been able to sell about half the spring lamb crop but still have another 800 to go. With any luck these will be 'finished off' on the surviving root crops planted before the beetles got their act together but we still need rain to get a good crop.

The flock replacements have been bought, along with some 'runners' – ewe lambs which will be grown on and come into the flock next year. We also bought in some new stock rams which are now out on the job, with the first lambs due at the beginning of March. The new rams were bought at the Rugby market sheep sales. The farm's student went to the market with his father, having been given the opportunity (all part of the learning experience) to select and bid for a ram of his choice, so becoming the fourth generation to buy stock at the Rugby sales. He bought a Blue Texel, not a breed I would have looked at but, I must admit, a rather good example and within his budget.



We fit all of the rams with 'raddle' harnesses which have with coloured crayons so that we can monitor their activities. The colour of the crayons is changed every two weeks. 'Blue' was fitted with a different colour from the others and he has proved to be a very active tup. When the ewes come in for the winter his girls will be put into a separate pen and we shall see what his progeny are like.

It is often said that a week in politics is a long time. For various reasons I have dipped in and out of putting this together over the last week, not that I am grumbling, but some very welcome rain stopped play. The grass is growing and, although the tractors are parked up, with all the seed beds ready and the seed in the barn, it won't take long to get the job done, once the rain has soaked in. The old boys at home always said that the weather gods pay their debts – this time, I hope, without too much interest, and the Big Dry becomes the Big Wet.

A few weeks ago I attended what could be called a fringe meeting of the 'real' Oxford Farming Conference to discuss the implications of the EU divorce and the new agricultural policy. Twenty-five of us sat around the table; four farmers, one agricultural advisor and three clergy, with the remainder being bright young things from a number of environmental and other interested groups. It was a good, informative, well-constructed meeting, with a very good organic lunch. As I fought my way home through the Oxford roadworks, I mused on the day's proceedings and the slant of the bright young things' thinking for the future of farming and food production in this country. I began to wonder if there was any future for the farm student (another very bright young thing) on a small tenanted family farm – yes, today 500 acres is a small farm. I concluded, well, yes, there is, as long as we move away from mainstream food production and do a bit of everything and sell direct to those who can afford it. Perhaps we are looking at food apartheid.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY

10 NOVEMBER

DEDDINGTON PARISH CHURCH

10.30am to 4.30pm

Crafts, cards, cakes, Christmas gifts, children's activities

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Firstly an update on Jo Cross's CHANCES charity fund raising which has now reached an impressive £1,400. Adding to this will be the money raised on 2 November at a Comedy Evening at the Windmill Centre. These events have been great fun and I heartily recommend you come along – <https://tinyurl.com/yeh5dftx> for tickets. C'mon, you're not doing anything. Come along for a laugh and raise some more money.

Speaking of raising money, well done the Duck with its bake-off competition where many bakes were presented for a tasting and democracy ruled as a fabulous lemon drizzle cake came third, a very life-like boob cake was second, baked by Tei, and the winner was a chocolate cake richer than Ron Colley. The pub was packed for the adjudication and £184 raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The parish Speed Watch initiative has come to Lower Lark Rise as volunteers monitor vehicle speed and phone usage between now and early November. Thanks for the volunteers. Speaking of volunteers there will be a Clifton litter pick taking advantage of the grass-cutting and die-back on the Saturday before Remembrance Sunday. A few have already signed up but there is room for more. Let me know and I'll pass your contact details on. At the very least we can stop plastics getting into the river via the drainage ditch when heavier rainfall comes.

Excitement abounds with the Book Club's next cultural tour testing public transport and regional hospitality, starting at Reg's Café in Kings Sutton. A further trip is planned when Book Club will adjourn to a bar with Sky Gillette Soccer Saturday on the screen at 3.00pm and the first goal will see the brave boys depart for a night out in the town of the team that first scores in the English Football Premier League. For all of you with smiles playing across your faces, come down to Book Club and get involved. The book we are writing achieved another entry last meeting with a group submission of suffixes. It was more fun than I've made it sound – you had to be there.

I must go now as there is a pumpkin carving competition to be ready for and a curry quiz to be prepared for in early November.

Correction. A Candleford resident challenged some facts in last month's edition. This threw me somewhat as facts are not a key part of this column. Apparently I gave the impression Mark Swadling had turned into a mountaineer, climbing many peaks with his family. This, I am assured, is not the case and I apologise for any confusion caused. He did climb one 'mountain' ...

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ANNIE AND HER ANGELS



On 29 September four brave souls decided to don wings and join our very persuasive vicar, Annie Goldthorp. The aim was to raise money for a desperately needed electronic organ for the church since the cost of repairing the existing organ, at £100,000, is prohibitive. The far less expensive new organ will greatly expand the scope of activities the church can offer and, in turn, help raise money for the church restoration fund. The risks? Annie's Angels wanted to grab people's imagination and, by abseiling 104ft down the side of the Church of St Peter and St Paul, they certainly did. With little experience all angels arrived on the ground with legs of jelly, raising over £3,000 and counting.

Annie: 'The reality was terrifying. The worst part was climbing over the parapet. Then it was exhilarating. The adrenaline kicked in when I landed but I was incredibly anxious until all my angels were safely down.'

Kirsten Goldthorp: 'It was a lot taller than I imagined, but fantastic to have the cheers and support from the village to help work through the nerves.'

Olivia Fenion: 'Did we actually do that?'

Elli Ince: 'It was a case of "Feel the fear and do it anyway".'

James Greenwood: 'Thoroughly enjoyed the abseil – I regularly go up and down the tower's 110 steps to raise the flag – so it was fantastic to take a different route down.'

Thanks to Steve Kaplan and Bloxham School for the use of their climbing wall and especially to Jim Carvell who taught us 'the ropes'.

To donate please go to deddingtonchurch.org.

Elli Ince

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SNOW WARDENS

We are looking for community-minded volunteers who will help their neighbours during snowy or harsh conditions in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton in case of a bad winter.

The Snow Warden Scheme sees volunteers organise the gritting of roads and pavements in the areas where they live. The aim is to help keep our roads, pavements and footpaths safer for everyone throughout the winter, particularly for elderly and vulnerable residents who may also need to have the paths to their front doors cleared in case of heavy snowfall.

The parish council has a limited supply of equipment and reserves of salt. Oxfordshire County Council will grit the major routes in the community. Anything in addition to that will require a community effort.

For more information, if you would like to volunteer or are vulnerable and need help yourself, call me.

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This month's front cover graphically illustrates the severe impact that the Great War had on the parish. Seventy deaths out of a male working population of about 300 — of which only half were of an age to enlist — would have affected every family in some way: twenty-three were sons or first cousins from just eight families. There was an equally large number of physically injured men trying to re-adjust to village life, all of whom carried mental scars to varying degrees.

The Remembrance Day poppies we wear every year remind us as much about the human cost of those injured in all conflicts — and of the need to support them in their communities — as of those who died. Deddington has contributed over £5,000 to the Poppy

Appeal in each of the last two years to do just that. Thank you for your generosity. If you know someone who you think needs our support, please call the Veterans Gateway, 0808 802 1212.

A record of all the Deddington men and women who have experienced war in any capacity can be found in *A Parish at War*, available on loan, or to buy in the library, also online at www.deddingtonhistory.uk where you will find information discovered since completing the original research for the book.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Finally! We're into the home straight with the Neighbourhood Plan. We've made various changes to the policies and surrounding spiel in response to comments from stakeholders and parishioners in the last round of consultation — remember the booklet with pictures and policies circulated several months ago? We've also incorporated initial suggestions from Cherwell District Council.

The Plan itself, comprising the Basic Conditions showing whether the Plan conforms with local and national policy, the Consultation which lists all the ways we've sought local opinion, and the SEA screening statement which addresses environmental issues, was approved by the parish council in October and have now been formally submitted to CDC.

When Cherwell has given the documents the once over, they will organise their own Regulation 16 consultation which will last for six weeks. We half-expect the heavy battalions of developers to pitch in at this point but parishioners and local stakeholders will have their chance too for another bite of the cherry.

When the time comes, the plan documents will be available online on CDC's website and Cherwell will provide a few hard copies which will be found at Deddington library, the Duke at Clifton and at CDC's headquarters in Bodicote House. We'll be reminding everyone when the six-week window begins, with flyers delivered to every house in the parish and a notice on our website.

The Plan documents, together with all the responses culled from the Regulation 16, will be forwarded direct to the independent examiner and we on the Neighbourhood Plan steering group wait on tenterhooks for the reaction. We are pretty much obligated to make any changes the examiner wants — the alternative is to start from scratch again, (heaven forbid). After that it's the referendum. And this is one referendum we're hoping will bring in a swingingly huge yes vote.

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WWI ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Deddington's tribute to the centenary of the end of the First World War is on Saturday 1 December at 7.00pm in the Parish Church. It will be a concert featuring Music Hall songs of the time, war songs and poems to remember all who took part, including the horses, all of whom are owed a huge debt.

Some of our talented children are taking part, including the school choir and the wonderful Deddington Brass Band. Come along to sing the old well-known songs with the cast.

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

In light of the contentious election of Brett Kavanaugh to the US Supreme Court with the overt expectation of it rescinding a woman's right to abortion, this month we have a woman's view of contemporary life in America. CD

Living in Denver is wonderful on so many levels it's easy to forget sometimes that this is America. I became eligible for employment six months after we arrived and by 2014 was working for a company based in Ohio. My biggest customer was in Louisville, Kentucky, home of the Derby (sorry, Derby).

I attended an onsite meeting there in early November of that year, the day after the mid-term elections. I knew the group I was meeting fairly well and considered my rapport with them all to be excellent. As we were settling down, someone asked me if I was pleased that Cory Gardner (right wing and anti-choice) had won the Colorado Senate seat and I honestly thought he was joking with me – being female, I'd found all of Gardner's election sound bites incredibly unpalatable and assumed my eleven educated male colleagues would empathise. Wrong.

My naivety continuing, I tried to explain my viewpoint. I said I couldn't support any man who felt he had the right to control my decisions over my body, with no regard to the impact on my future mental health. I even resorted to using paternal rape leading to pregnancy as an example of why abortion must be legal before my boss finally managed to cut across me to end the conversation because he had realised straight away that my words, however emotive, would fall on deaf ears.

Those of you who remember me know that I spend a lot of time reading and listening to books. This last couple of weeks it's been a repeat of Stieg Larsson's *Millennium Trilogy*. If you have never picked it up, I

can highly recommend it. Anyway, the first book is peppered with statistics about sexual assault and violence against women in Sweden. Back in the early 2000s when the books were being penned, Larsson reports that '92% of women in Sweden who have been subjected to sexual assault have not reported the most recent violent incident to the police'.

These facts have taken on a new resonance recently. I have my own story (unreported) and I know of many, many, other women with similar experiences. The sad thing is, we females are so conditioned that we simply accept our vulnerability as a fact of life. I've never jogged wearing headphones and I still regularly exert far more care in day-to-day situations than would typically enter a man's head.

Was Dr Blasey Ford sexually assaulted? Absolutely. Did a young Brett Kavanaugh have anything to do with it? We'll never know. Should an unproven misdemeanor from decades ago derail someone's professional aspirations in the manner we have all just witnessed? Probably not. But once again, it's the women who have lost out here. We are mocked, ignored and repressed, a curious juxtaposition alongside Trump's other penchant for overt sexualisation.

Back in 2014, one thing stood out for me – if there had been other women in that boardroom, chances are I would still have been a lone voice. That's Kentucky for you. But four years later, in another round of mid-terms, we have a nationwide level of craziness. I have a neighbour in liberal Denver who would passionately disagree with every sentiment being expressed here; Trump is her God, the world is full of fake news, no Muslim should be allowed in the country, women should be paid less than men; her endless list of dubious convictions is astounding, but on every other level we are truly great friends, believe me.

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BLISSFUL THINKING

The Luddites have been unfairly mischaracterised for generations as being afraid of technological progress, when in fact they just didn't want to be rendered unemployed by machines. What will the coming generation of people rendered obsolete by artificial intelligence, 3D printers and sex robots be labelled as I wonder?

Critical thinking might be the magic panacea to all of this, but you won't find much evidence of it reading through Wikipedia's list of victims of selfie-inspired disasters; another human fiasco inspired by technology foisted upon an unprepared populace. Falling off cliffs, hit by trains, deliberately discharging firearms into body parts; you could argue that the one group that has boomed almost in unholy symbiosis with selfie-stick manufacturers is the curators of the Darwin Awards. What's the motivation behind taking a

photograph of yourself with a rictus grin as you perform impromptu dental surgery halfway down the gullet of an alligator? Do you want people to think you're edgy? Or wacky? Nothing screams authenticity like a painfully posed photograph it seems, particularly if you're on holiday and get to mock the natives in the process.

This suicide cult of narcissism can surely only be provoked by a desire to 'go viral' for the vacuous thrill of expected fame and adulation. Still, as a great philosopher once wrote, 'All of these human tragedies are a small price to pay for countless hours of top-notch entertainment'. Or, as another great man sang, 'It's always funny until someone gets hurt ... and then it's just hilarious!'

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GRUMPY LANDLORD

Where would we be without experts? Being behind the bar I'm in the fortunate position to be surrounded by experts on mostly everything – football, rugby, beer, kids, Brexit, religion, haemorrhoids (usually only after the fourth pint), the perfect golf swing – you name it and I have an expert wanting to help me out. The problem is that experts, despite having the same facts, do not always reach the same conclusion – my Chelsea FC expert does not always agree with my Man U expert on who should make the England team.

When we move away from my little world and look at expert opinion on what is good for you, it gets even more confusing. One day saturated fat is bad, now it's fine; margarine was healthier than butter, now it's full of hydrogenated fats; eggs raised cholesterol levels, now we discover they have a negligible effect; coffee doesn't just not cause cancer, it can help burn fat, reduce type 2 diabetes risk and protect from Alzheimer's.

Advice on alcohol is full of contradictions. In 2016 the UK government, on the advice of experts, reduced the recommended maximum weekly intake of alcohol to 14 units a week for men and women, depending on strength, around 6 pints of beer or 6 glasses (175ml) of wine. In New Zealand the recommended guideline for men is 19 units, Ireland and Denmark 21 units or move to Spain where it's OK to drink 35 units. However a recent report from the Department of Epidemiology and

Public Health at UCL found that men with the lowest risk of having a heart attack tended to drink daily and imbibed 7–15 pints of beer a week. A recent publication from the Copenhagen Centre for Prospective Population Studies followed the drinking habits of 24,000 men and women for 20–30 years and concluded that wine may have a beneficial effect on all causes of death, including heart disease and cancer.

Your Grumpy Landlord's theory is that anything that reduces stress levels is good for your health and what could be better than a jolly evening at the pub meeting your mates and making new friends over a few drinks.

And I'm no expert – just slightly biased!

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had another busy month here at school. On a beautiful late September morning, we enjoyed a lovely Harvest Festival in church led by Paula. The children brought tins and packets of food which were donated to Banbury's food bank.

Some of our classes have been on trips to enhance their learning. Year 1 went to the Woodstock Museum and Year 2 to Warwick Castle. The whole school took part in our cross country event, each child running a set number of circuits around the school field with the rest of their class. The Year 4 children started their swimming lessons and Year 6 are having hockey lessons, using Bloxham School's excellent facilities.

A Year 3 and 4 team came joint first in a football tournament and are through to the next round. A group of Year 5 and 6 children came second in a partnership Tag Rugby competition and are also through to the next round. Finally, we are looking forward to the Firework Night organised by our PTA, on Friday 2 November.

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FROM THE FIRE STATION

For this month's article I thought it would be good to introduce some of the crew at your local Fire Station. We are currently recruiting at Deddington, so if this sounds like something you would be interested in, please come by on any Tuesday night between 7.00 and 9.00pm for a cup of tea and a friendly chat.

Chris Fenemore, Watch Manager, 16 Years at Deddington: Between managing our farms in Clifton and North Aston, I also manage the crew at Deddington Fire Station. Twenty years ago, we suffered a serious fire on the farm which was my first introduction to the fire station. Shortly afterwards I read in the *Deddington News* that the station might close due to a lack of crew and I knew this was my chance to make a difference. As an incident commander I get to direct my firefighters to resolve challenging operational incidents which is hugely rewarding.

George Williamson, Crew Manager, 6 years at Deddington: I joined Deddington Fire Station to start a flexible career that allows me to give something back to the community. I work as a maintenance manager at Featherton house. The staff there are really supportive which allows me to give lots of cover during week days. The best part of the job is the excitement you get when the pager goes off – you know you're going out to help people when they need it the most.

Nicky Isted, Crew Manager, 6 years at Deddington: Joining the Fire Service was a dream of mine from when I was a kid. Now, years later, I get to drive the fire engine to real emergencies and help get fire engines to where they are really needed as soon as is safely possible. Working in Adderbury gives me the chance to go on lots of callouts, and the extra money at the end of the month is very useful too.

Adam Franklin, Firefighter, 12 years at Deddington: When I moved to the area I thought the local fire station would be a great place to meet people in the village. Since then I have made many close friends through the Service. I'm lucky to have a flexible job as a gardener and a caring partner who supports what I do. My advice to anyone thinking of joining would be, if I can do it, you can too.

Emma Flint, Firefighter, 6 years at Deddington: The excitement of not knowing what we're going to when we get called out is amazing. Every job we go to is different and there are lots of situations where we get to help people. The training we do every week is fun and it helps that we usually manage to fit a cake in too. When I changed my career, I thought this would be something rewarding to do. Now I fit it around my childminding job and being a mum to my two children.

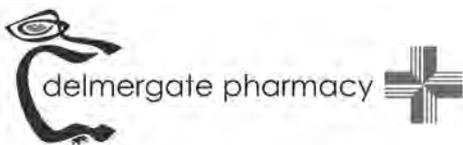
Barney Alton, Firefighter, 3 years at Deddington: I grew up in the community and saw the fire station

as an exciting way to learn new things and help local people. I work in different places doing carpentry so I had to limit my hours with the Fire Service to evenings and some weekends. I have since had the opportunity to transfer into the whole-time duty system and have adapted my cover around my new shift pattern.

Andy Hayward, Firefighter, 1991–2011, 2017 onwards: I followed in my uncles' footsteps when I first became a firefighter at Deddington. I had to move to Banbury in 2002, where I served with the Banbury retained station until 2011. I'm lucky to be able to have re-joined Deddington last year with the support from my partner. I work as a firefighter at London Oxford Airport and can adapt my cover at Deddington around my shift pattern and my young family.

Adrian Spilsbury, Firefighter, 5 years at Watlington and Deddington: When I moved to the area I already knew I wanted to be a part of Deddington fire station as I had already served two-and-a-half years with Watlington. As a farrier I usually work alone so getting called in to work with a tight team with the fire service is fantastic.

**Chris Fenemore
Watch Manager**



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New MUGA: The snagging list is all done, the contractor paid and we've applied to CDC for the £100,000 promised to fund this. All we have to do now is find a solution to the footballs that get kicked over the fencing into the all-weather court.

Children's Play Area: We're still poring over the designs before appointing contractors for the children's play area. We're nearly there.

We have our Certificate of Lawful Use of Proposed Development from CDC which is a great relief. Now we can concentrate on what really matters – making a terrific play area that our kids will enjoy.

We want to remove the huge hedges on the north and east sides of the bowling green to open up the play area to make it welcoming and safe for children, an approach the police are completely behind. This won't be done until we're ready to install the equipment. By way of mitigation, a selection of native trees and shrubs will be planted in the buffer zone between the play area and Mill Close houses, hopefully this autumn.

The budget is likely to overrun so we're looking for grants, cutting out anything that's not completely essential at this stage, and looking for sponsorship for things like picnic tables and benches – we're look-



ing at some very good recycled plastic ones.

Hall: The first job is improvements to the existing building, such as creating a better ambience in the main hall, possibly by using temporary lighting for

social events. Other priorities are improving the heating in the hall (we know how noisy the heaters can be – and the room is still cold) and replacing the floor in the upstairs room, either with a wooden or a sprung floor. Recent good news is that the downstairs loos can be refurbished, thanks to a £25,000 section 106 pot of money from CDC. This will include the essential addition of a decent disabled loo nearer the foyer.

Another £25,000, this time from OCC, will provide new disabled toilets on the west side of the building but these will form part of the second (redesign) stage.

Dogs on the playing field and new children's play area: you'll see elsewhere in this issue that the intention is to run a six-month trial during which dogs will be banned from the playing field but may use other areas only on leads. If that doesn't work, a total ban may be the only solution and I don't think anyone wants that.

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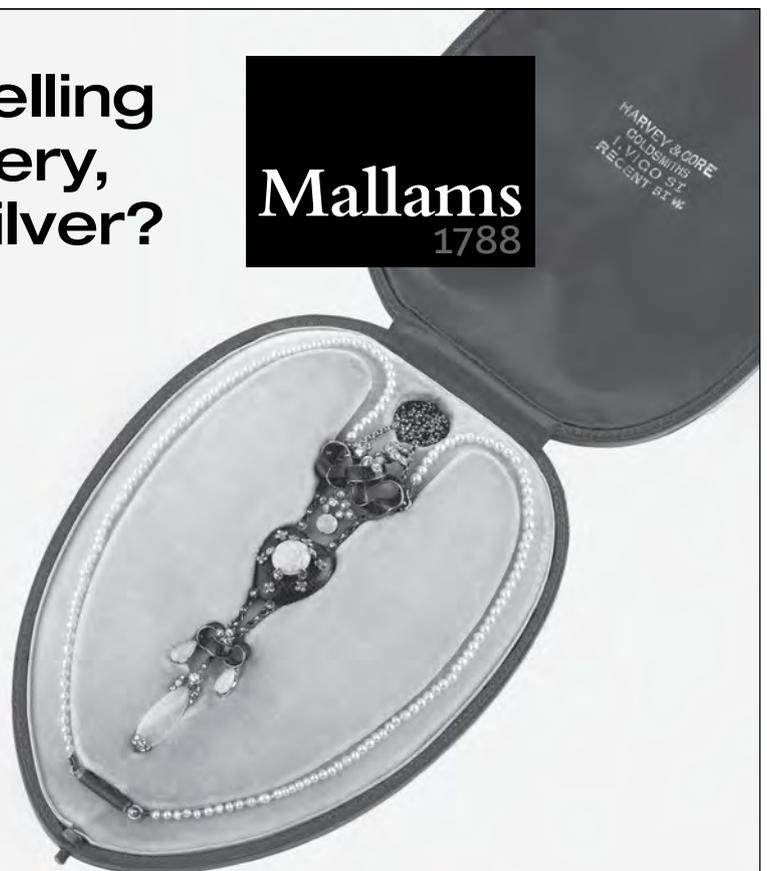
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WINE TIME

As we move into autumn the days of cold, fruity, pink wines sipped in the evening sun are probably now memories of the summer. Tastes change to match the desire for warming, hearty food to keep out the colder weather – time for some satisfying reds. Here are two suggestions.

If you like your reds fruity, full-flavoured and easy to match with food, as well as drink on their own, then look at Cru Beaujolais from France. It is a step up from the standard Beaujolais Villages, which are often pleasant although unremarkable, and very different from Beaujolais Nouveau with its simple fruit and its bubble-gum or pear drop aromas.

There are ten Cru Beaujolais, each with a different name, the most famous probably being Fleurie, Morgon and Moulin-à-Vent. They are all easily available in the UK in supermarkets and wine merchants and prices range from about £10–£20. The bottle will have both the 'Cru' name, eg Morgon, on it and the designation 'Cru Beaujolais'. These wines are usually rounded and soft with their Gamay grape giving flavours of raspberry and red cherries with a touch black pepper, but light tannins. This makes them easy to match with many types of food from steak and duck through to roast chicken and even strongly flavoured salmon dishes.

No wonder they are a mainstay of many a French bistro wine list. Try: Robert Dubuisson, Morgon 2016, at around £10 a bottle, or Château de Beauregard, Moulin-à-Vent 2015 at around £14 a bottle.

Rioja is a firm favourite and often a good safe choice. For an alternative, move slightly south-west away from the Rioja region in Spain and try either a red from Ribera del Duero or, if you can find one at an acceptable price, a red from the Toro region. Both are made with Tempranillo, a slightly different version of the grape that is the backbone of Rioja. This gives the wines lush, rich textures, dark flavours of blackberries and black cherries and sometimes a hint of strawberry too. These are solid wines which work well with game, sausages, chorizo and meat stews. Prices vary considerably and can go sky high, but you can find fantastic examples in the £12–£20 range. Try Momo, Vendimia Seleccionada, Ribera del Duero at around £12 a bottle or Emilio Moro 2015 Ribera del Duero at around £17 a bottle.

Wine Time is a new feature about wine in a not too serious way. If you have a particular question or a topic you would like covered, then please get in touch at Charles.elvin@btopenworld.com.

TRAIDCRAFT OPEN DAY

Traidcraft plc was founded 39 years ago 'to fight poverty through trade' with primary producers being fully rewarded for their labours and paid up front for their products. Sterling's drop in value in June 2016 increased the cost of buying from overseas by a third. Traidcraft refused to squeeze producers to reduce their prices as other importers do and last year made a trading loss of half a million on sales short of £10 million. It has decided to pause trading on 31 December 2018 while still able to meet in full

its liabilities to its creditors, especially its 68 staff. (Going bankrupt leaves creditors out of pocket.) This painful decision is disaster for thousands of producers and there is widespread support for a new business model. That possibility is enhanced if Traidcraft has the best ever pre-Christmas results. Deddington Fair Traders' contribution is the Open Day in the church on Wednesday 7 November – details are on the flier with this month's issue.

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DOGS AND THE WINDMILL *Continued from page 2*

the Castle Grounds are too far way, there are several paths where owners can walk their dogs at the west end of the village. The sports clubs have only the Windmill playing fields. (Coincidentally at the same parish council meeting when the Windmill was under discussion, we heard from a farmer lamenting the unpleasant state of the footpaths through his fields thanks to dogs. Who'd be a dog, huh? Under fire all around.)

This is what the parish council decided: Dogs will only be permitted in the Windmill Centre grounds, including the copse, on a lead. They are not permitted on the sports fields or the play areas at all. A path for dog walkers will be marked with signs indicating a circular route beginning at the entrance to the Windmill Centre, continuing through the car park, along the path past the all-weather court and the new MUGA, through the copse, up the path between the playing field and the cemetery and back along the Hempton Road to

the entrance. We will re-site the dog bins at strategic points along the walk and will, as suggested by one of our correspondents, provide a bag dispenser. An exception from the rules will be made for pupils, human and canine, at the dog obedience classes – their behaviour will be completely exemplary, obviously.

A six-month trial of these ground rules will begin when we've assembled the necessary signs. Initially there will be no compulsion but, depending on how things pan out, we will consider asking Cherwell District Council to implement a Public Space Protection Order which means fines could be imposed and possibly more draconian rules introduced. Let's hope the gentler approach works and let's hope it doesn't cause too much grief to dog owners.

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FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

The Castle Grounds look spectacular at this time of year with an array of different colours around the site. The grass has survived the hot dry summer and has had its final cut for this year. Quite a few branches have come down during the last few months and the Friends have removed fallen wood to more secluded parts of the Grounds.

If you would like to join the Friends please contact Jean Welford, our membership secretary, on 01869 338539, or download a membership form from the Deddington OnLine website. New members are always welcome to help us to keep this special heritage site a safe a wonderful place for everyone.

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HOLLY TREE CLUB

Our next film on Thursday 8 November, in association with Age UK, is *Saving Grace*, a comedy starring Brenda Blethyn and Martin Clunes. When Grace Trevethen's husband jumped out of a plane without a parachute, Grace finds herself left with a manor on the Cornish coast and a suffocating mountain of debt her husband had been secretly amassing. With creditors and repossessors on her heels, Grace is faced with the prospect of losing everything so when Grace is asked to tend an ailing, if illicit, plant she gets an outrageous idea.

Christmas Lunch plans are in place for the Deddington Arms on Tuesday 4 December. Please make your menu choices and payment at the November coffee morning. The Monday morning coffee club is open to over 55s and held on the first Monday of the month at 10.30am in the Holly Tree Club. For all Club enquiries, please contact Liz Dickinson on 01869 337050 or Diana Marshall on 01869 337761. For all Holly Tree booking enquiries, please contact Hugh Blythe on 01869 338126 hughblythe@btinternet.com.

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LETTERS

FROM RUTH JOHNSON, DEDDINGTON

The recent dung or 'muck' barrier put on the border between the Windmill copse footpath and privately owned farmland reminds me of what happened in the war year of 1940 on the border between Switzerland and Germany, near Basel, which was diligently patrolled by German and Swiss soldiers, each guarding their own side.

One early morning the Swiss found a bucket full of cow dung pushed over the border with a label 'To the Kuh Schweizer' [bovine Swiss]. The bucket was promptly returned the next morning labelled 'Each gives of his best', full of fresh milk.

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who has already bought our 2019 Deddington parish calendar. The sales at the September and October markets were encouraging. In addition to calendars we have postcards and blank greeting cards for sale. They make ideal Christmas cards while supporting your local library. Our next outing will be at the November farmers' market or you can simply pop into the library to pick up a calendar and cards in the run up to Christmas. Thanks again for your continued support.

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FUNFAIR BUS CHANGES

The funfair will make its annual visit to Deddington on Wednesday 14 November and will move out on Sunday 18 November. During this period, the S4 bus will not stop in the Market Place or in Horsefair but will instead stop at the junction of High Street and Hudson Street.

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PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

We are looking forward to a term of fun and festivities. The PFSU children will be learning about a variety of celebrations and preparing for their 'Wriggly Nativity' performance during December. The Nursery children will be discovering fairy tales and shapes and are planning a Christmas creative morning in which all our families can get involved. Dates for all events, including Christmas parties, will be confirmed shortly.

Our annual Christmas Fayre will be held in Deddington church on Thursday 6 December from 7.30–9.30pm. Please join us for a seasonal evening of Christmas shopping, mulled wine, and music from Deddington Brass. It is open to everyone and we'd love you to come along. Thank you to everyone who supported our car boot sale which raised £225.

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

In October David Boag returned to give a presentation titled 'Classic Wild Landscapes'. A series of superb pictures showed habitat of unspoiled wild regions in the USA, Canada, New Zealand, Norway and Australia. David stressed the need for creative thinking to make a picture stand out from others. He explained how use of colour contrast and exaggerated perspective in the composition would make the picture 'pop' and stressed the correct choice of lens. Different perspectives from various lenses were shown in the same location, and the creative use of wide angle was explained with brilliantly crisp pictures. The importance of lighting in landscape photography was also emphasised with pictures showing how the angle of camera position could enhance light effects. Members showed their appreciation of the presentation with energetic applause.

The meeting continued with the usual good-natured banter through our monthly challenge, the theme being action and movement. Members' pictures varied through rugby, cricket and motor sport shots, closing with someone struggling to mount a bicycle.

At the end of September in Adderbury and the end of October in Deddington, the society displayed its annual exhibition of members' works. The print exhibition was very well supported. Members submitted 114 pictures covering landscape, portraiture, wildlife and still life in both colour and monochrome. Many said, 'It is the best exhibition yet with regard to the quality'.

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Royal British Legion

As many Branch members as possible are asked to join the parade for the march past in this very important year. On conclusion the Branch Standard will be received by the Vicar for permanent keeping in the church.

If you have not booked your place at our Christmas dinner on 8 December at the Deddington Arms there is just still time. Email the secretary on RBL0746@gmail.com or phone him on 01869 337108. The Branch AGM will be held in the Deddington Arms' upper boardroom at 7.00pm prior to the dinner. We will be looking for ideas for social events for next year.

The trip to the National Arboretum was a great success and a moving experience. The weather was kind. The large number of memorials really brought home how many have died in conflict since 1945. Thank you, Judy, for organising the bus and thank you Iain for counting us on and the same number back on again for the return journey.

Rob Forsyth 01869 338384

New Community Choir

Thank you to everyone who came to our first taster session on 8 October. It was encouraging to see so

many of you and I have to say some of the singing sounded quite good. We are looking at the feedback you gave us. Our second taster session is at the Windmill in the lounge room on Monday 12 November at the slightly earlier time of 7.30pm. The session will be an hour-and-a-half with a chance to sing three songs, meet new people and have tea and biscuits afterwards for a £4 contribution to overheads. A final taster session is planned for early December. Come and see how much fun singing in a group can be – no previous experience required. To register interest please contact Alison Grieve: text 07707 026375.

Alison Grieve

Deddington Bookworms

This month, Deddington Bookworms read *The Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton, her debut novel. The book somewhat divided the group. Some found the historical interest of life in 1600s Amsterdam and the prejudices of society against lower classes, servants and coloured slaves fascinating. The interplay on many levels between the principal characters and the hope and expectations of a young girl moving from the countryside to an arranged city marriage, and the complete arrogance of her husband, was well written. For myself, the addition of the fantasy of the miniaturist lifted the novel to another level, making it a real page-turner and a great read – thoroughly recommended. Incidentally, I then watched the Christmas TV adaptation out of curiosity and found the drama very accurate to the book, with fantastic character portrayal and only one scene changed dramatically.

Our next book is *The Day That Went Missing* by Richard Beard and we will meet on 5 November.

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Women's Institute

Our October meeting was well attended. It has become something of a tradition to hold an auction with the proceeds benefitting the Deddington Branch of the Royal British Legion. We bring items from home and members are tempted to buy them back. Part of the £85 raised will be used to buy the wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

After the auction, we enjoyed a lovely homemade harvest bring and share supper. With this much talent, surely it won't be long before a member is spotted on the *Great British Bake Off*. It was a most enjoyable evening.

We have recently welcomed two new members who both live in the new development, bringing our membership up to 26. If you would like to join our friendly bunch, please contact Jen Cox on 01869 337015 or Jenny Cross on 01869 337613.

Sue Lane

Deddington Players

The Deddington Players had a busy October. We held our annual, one-night-only, evening of entertainment

which included *The Fictional Five*, a short play and spoof of the Famous Five, dance from Deddington Youth Dance Company, acoustic guitar from Josh James and singing from the Chipping Norton Singers. It was an all-round great night out and profits went to the Banbury charity, Home-Start.

No sooner had the greasepaint been wiped off than we held auditions for our pantomime. This season we will be performing *Dick Whittington* at the Windmill on 17–19 January. Get the dates in your diary.

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Book Group

Roseanne McNulty, the central character in Sebastian Barry's *The Secret Scripture*, is in her hundredth year. She has been detained in a Sligo mental institution for decades, the reasons having been long forgotten. Learning that the hospital is to be closed, she undertakes in secret the task of writing her life story. Additional information, sometimes conflicting, is gleaned through extracts from the diary of the hospital psychiatrist who must decide on Roseanne's next placement. It is a tragic tale which unfolds in the tumultuous years following Home Rule in Ireland and demonstrates the devastating impact of prejudice, religious intolerance and political feuding on those without power.

We agreed that this was a beautifully written and poignant novel. Even though some of us had found earlier chapters dauntingly bleak, we were eventually gripped by the powerful narrative. We found the final twist rather unlikely but for most the novel was ultimately a celebration of the endurance of the human spirit.

Our next meeting is on 29 November, when we will be discussing *The Silent Hours* by Cesca Major. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for more information.

Sian Waterman

Deddington and District History Society

Our October speaker, Jan Cliffe, told us how between 2013 and 2015 a group of Chipping Norton people carried out a detailed building survey of the town, the result being a history of Chippy's built environment published in 2017. (We have bought a copy for donation to the Deddington Library.) Five teams of researchers carried out external surveys from the street in order to identify those buildings that merited detailed research. The results are fascinating. The town was laid out c1200 using a standard plot width of 1.5 perches (5.3m) which can still be identified. The group identified many 16th–18th century buildings, as might be expected. More surprising was the discovery of several medieval houses, most notably in Market Street. Apart from the buildings themselves, the group studied property deeds, probate records, newspapers and photographs, all of which contribute to the buildings' history. It was an impressive piece of research, leaving us wondering if something like it, albeit on a

smaller scale, might be possible for Deddington.

On Thursday 15 November our speaker is Simon Wenham, returning by popular demand. His subject is the Great Exhibition of 1851: 'A Crystal Vision of Victorian Britain'. Don't forget that our meetings now take place in the school. Please use the entrance towards the back of the school on the left. The time is still 7.30pm and, as ever, all are welcome.

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SPORT

Deddington Town Football Club

First Team Results:

15.9.18	Bloxham (a)	W 8–2 Cook (2), Garstin, Hall, Simon-Norris, Broughton, Thornton J
22.9.18	Charlton (a)	W 4–1 Dwyer, Simon-Norris, Thornton J (2)
29.9.18	Sinclair Utd (a)	W 9–1
13.10.18	M Cheney (a)	W 5–0

Reserve Team Results:

15.9.18	Sinclair Utd Res (a)	L 0–3
22.9.18	Charlton 2nd (h)	L 2–3 Davies J, Hardy
29.9.18	Sinclair Utd Res (h)	L 2–3 Paroussis, C, (CUP) Lloyd
6.10.18	B Itchington Res (a)	L 2–4 (CUP)
13.10.18	Chacombe 1st (h)	W 1–0

Well, the First Team seems to have gathered its wits and match fitness, and have smashed opponents all over the place, all away from home too. Although scorer information wasn't available for all matches, Joe Thornton made some very productive substitute appearances among the other scorers, and the First Team sits amongst the three early pacesetters in the division. The Reserves meanwhile are struggling to keep clean sheets most of all, but finally managed it against Chacombe. Their reward was a crucial three points, as they try to keep their heads above those turbulent relegation waters. This was a welcome reprieve from two cup exits in quick succession. As we head into the depths of winter, they will need your support more than ever in their latest quest for glory. You know what to do.

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Youth Section

All our teams play in the Witney and District Youth Football League. The Under 15s playing in the B League have had two heavy defeats, at home to Ducklington and away to Launton Athletic, as well as defeat in the Oxfordshire FA County Cup, but we have recruited new players and are positive about the season ahead. The Under 14s playing in the A League had a 6–0 win in the cup over Witney Vikings,

including two goals for Mateo Luna and two for new player Jack Beer. This was followed by a narrow 2–1 defeat at home to Banbury United and a heavy defeat away at Hook Norton. The Under 12s playing in the B League had a 4–1 defeat to Grendon Rangers in the cup, followed by a –0 win over Wychwood with a hat-trick for Jonty Duffy and two goals for Matthew Westbury. This was followed by a 5–1 away defeat at Freeland and 2–1 home win over Highfield Juniors.

All our other teams play development football where results are not reported and the Under 11s, Under 10s, Under 9s and Under 8s are all progressing well this season. The Under 7s and Under 6s now have 22 players and are at capacity. They train on Saturday mornings at the Windmill Centre.

Two of our teams train at the excellent newly refurbished all weather court at the Windmill.

Get involved

If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please get in touch. Further information about the club is on our website www.deddingtontownfc/ or visit us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc

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YOUTH

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

The Cubs went on an eventful hike from Deddington to Clifton: a simple walk complicated by ploughing. They all arrived safely if a little late. Next came tracking skills in Daeda's Wood. Three weeks of science – Mentos explosions, slime and worms (just missing puppydog tails). How much better could it be?

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Scouts

Scouts also hiked. After meeting the Cubs, they walked from Clifton back to Deddington. The wind was howling but the rain held off till near the end. Good practice for the night hike to Horley. At Daeda's Wood we lit fires and cooked in the dark and they are getting quite good at it. Then we spent an evening 'painting' with light after making tiny LED flashers. Problem solving came next, tasks to tax the brain including towers of balloons and fiendish webs.

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Explorers

We focused on two main areas month, navigation and science. Let's just say the science is working well and we haven't lost all the Unit but a bit more practice is needed. We also had an interesting visit to The Mill in Banbury to see *Skin*, a piece of hip-hop dance exploring gender transition. Fascinating and heart-breaking.

The latest charity we are supporting is Centrepoint. We're holding a Big Broth evening with an international twist to raise funds. It should be fun.

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1st Deddington Guides

Before we left thoughts of summer camp behind, the Guides recorded their best memories. What did they enjoy most? 'I enjoyed helping and cooking all the food; my tent; shelter building (this had lots of votes); the sunny weather; the dawn walk; I loved it when it was time to sleep; I loved everything'.

We made the best of the remaining light and spent the start of the first three meetings out of doors. The village quiz was a brain tester. The wide game required imagination and ingenuity and a sense of humour, the marshmallow toasting just required a sweet tooth and a wish to get very sticky.

Now we are really getting down to business. We've learnt about different methods of voting and agreed on the secret vote method to choose our new patrol leaders. Having settled into our chosen patrols, we can focus on our exciting new programme with provoking and challenging new activities as well as lots of fun.

We have continued to discuss environmental issues and looked for ways in which we can make a difference. One small contribution is our scrap paper collecting box in the meeting hall to try and prevent paper going to land fill.

Finally, most of the unit went to the 'Big Gig' at Wembley Arena, London. This is a pop concert put on regularly purely for older members of the Guide movement. Many thousands attend from all over the country. Our girls joined forces with Adderbury Guides and many Banbury Guides on the train to London. The concert, with a line-up of well-known groups, singers and U-Tubers was spectacular and exciting. The Guides returned absolutely buzzing and with croaky voices after their very loud but wonderful day out.

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1st Deddington Brownies

Deddington Brownies meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.00–7.30pm, during term time, when we enjoy crafts, games and sleepovers. We have finished our craft badge and are looking forward to our sleepover at Warwick museum.

However, Deddington Brownies is at risk of closure. We cannot run without volunteers and our current leaders are leaving at Christmas. Without new leaders the unit it will close – can you help? If you would like to become involved, please contact us at deddington-brownies@gmail.com.

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