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the Deddington news

The challenge for your *DN* editors is usually to squeeze everything in to your favourite magazine without cutting too much and offending contributors in the process. July is no exception. There are items both ancient and modern, topical and amusing. I hope you enjoy it and we look forward to being back with you in September. Have a good summer.

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What's On July

- Fri 1 Deddington Library: Author event with Linda Newbery and Joanna Rossiter, 7.30pm
- Fri 1 RBL: Commemorating the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, war memorial, 7.30am
- Sat 2 PTA: Village Fête, Primary School, 12.30–4.00pm
- Mon 4 Holly Tree Club: Coffee morning, 10.30am
- Wed 6 Village Networks outreach advice vehicle: Market Place, 10.30am–12.00pm; Hempton Road, The Daedings junction, 12.00–1.00pm
- Wed 6 Photographic Society: Dan Evans, 'Lens Lore: Using the Lens for Best Creative Effect', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
- Mon 11 Beaver Scouts: Introductory meeting, Windmill Centre, 5.30–6.30pm
- Tue 12 WI: Pam Nixon, 'Writing my First Novel', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 13 History Society: Ursula Buchan, 'The Many Lives of John Buchan', £6 including a drink and finger buffet
- Thu 14 Holly Tree Club: Film night, *Bridge of Spies*, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Wed 20 Parish Council meeting: Old School Room, Hempton, 7.30pm
- Wed 20 Photographic Society: outdoor workshop
- Sat 23 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 23 The Saltarello Baroque Ensemble: Hempton Church, 7.30pm
- Thu 28 Book Club, contact Sally Lambert for details

August

- Mon 1 Holly Tree Club: Coffee morning, 10.30am
- Wed 3 Photographic Society: Team Namibia on 'Tropic of Capricorn and Beyond', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
- Tue 9 WI: Celebrating 25 Years of Katharine House Hospice, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Thu 11 Holly Tree Club: Film night, tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Wed 17 Parish Council meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Photographic Society: outdoor workshop
- Sat 27 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

at the Holly Tree Club, Deddington, Wednesday 15 June

Present were Councillors Collins, Cox, Finnegan, Flux, Higham, Oldham, O'Neill, Rogers (Chair), Squires, Watts, Williams (CDC) and Wood. County Councillor Fatemian was also present for part of the meeting.

District Councillor Bryn Williams reported that Cherwell District Council is hoping to improve communication with parish councils concerning planning issues. CDC is also planning to improve its website which has been the subject of considerable negative feedback.

Work on the Windmill St car park in Deddington: the new manager at CDC, Lesley Gordon, will be contacted shortly.

County Councillor Arash Fatemian undertook to follow up several matters with OCC, including the dangerous nature of the road at Clifton Mill and trimming the overgrown path between Hempton and Deddington.

Environment and Recreation

A number of football matches at the Windmill Centre have had to be suspended to allow the removal of dog excrement from the pitches. Deddington is apparently one of the worst grounds in the county with this problem. More signs are to be put up and it may be considered necessary to ban dogs from the playing fields altogether if owners cannot act more responsibly.

Following the most recent RoSPA report, the rotten wooden leg at the Welford's Piece play area is to be replaced.

Planning

Old Foresters Cottage, The Tchure, Deddington: discharge of condition 6 (landscaping). Hornton stone pavings and buff stone chippings are to be used as a covering. Approval, provided no planters or screens are used and vehicle access is strictly limited to loading and unloading.

Car parking area at Holcombe Gardens, Deddington: yew tree crown 20% reduction, lift crown 1 metre. No objection.

45 The Daedings, Deddington: conversion of garage to habitable accommodation. Replace garage door with window on front elevation; form glazed lean-to roof over steps leading from kitchen to utility. No objection provided the window facing 44 The Daedings has opaque glass.

Land at Hempton Lodge, Snakehill Lane, Hempton: development of single storey dwelling – re-submission, fifth attempt to develop this site, which has previously been considered unsuitable for the erection of any dwelling. Objection on grounds of over development, infill, lack of amenity to the occupants and neighbouring properties.

CDC approvals to which DPC had objected:

2 Chapman's Lane, Deddington: demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 detached dwellings.

Satin Lane allotments have been accepted by CDC as an Asset of Community Value.

David Wilson Homes development, Banbury Road, Deddington. Thames Water has now decided that there is no problem regarding the disposal of sewage from this proposed development. This is a direct contradiction of their previous stance and has been explained by a change in the method of interpreting statistics. A letter is to be sent to CDC requesting further explanation of this volte face.

Highways and Transport

During the Hempton speedwatch, ten vehicles out of 159 monitored were found to be travelling at a speed which would earn them a speeding ticket. Further monitoring, both here and at Clifton, is recommended.

The PC is to send a letter to CDC objecting to any measures which attempt to move HGVs from the A361 to the B4031 through Hempton.

Next meetings: 20 July at the Old School Room, Hempton, and 17 August at the Windmill Centre, both at 7.30pm.

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter Jean Rudge, and not the official Minutes. To see those, go to

<http://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/2016.html>.

Home Library Service Needs Volunteers

Oxfordshire County Council has launched a new campaign appealing for home library service volunteers to support their local library and less able people in their area by choosing and delivering books to those who cannot get to a library.

Who benefits? Anyone who cannot get to a library, including the elderly and many disabled people across Oxfordshire who need a volunteer to bring the library to their door. They need a friendly face who can stop by once every three weeks to bring them some new books or CDs and stop for a little chat to share their own stories.

Is the home library service really so important?

Yes – the home library service brings entertainment, pleasure and human contact to people, where they may otherwise have none. The home library service provides support in both rural and urban areas.

Could you spare a little time? Schedules can work around you and you can organise the drop-off times directly with the people you deliver to, meaning you can fit it around your busy life. Expenses are reimbursed and you can do as many or as few journeys as you wish.

Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibrary or contact Stella O'Neill at Deddington Library to find out about volunteering for the home library service and helping people near you.

GROWING UP WITH THE *DEDDINGTON NEWS*

Well, my goodness, 40 years old! That's only a tad younger than me. I can't quite believe it. I remember snippets of the *Deddington News* throughout my life. My mum was one of the main instigators of the birth of the *Deddington News* along with our close friends Gerard and Mary Sullivan. I remember Mum tapping away on the old typewriter and me being fascinated with the speed at which she typed, the constant 'ping, zooooop' sound for a new line and the very few mistakes she ever made. It was never that fast or easy when I learnt to type and Tippex was my great friend in those days (boy, I sound old).

I remember helping out putting the *DN* together every month. The surroundings were chilly (we did it in the church, an office in the Bull Ring and then, later on, in the staff room at the primary school). I seriously loved the importance of the job in hand. I loved the walking round and round the long tables with piles and piles of pages with the spongy-grippy-thumb-stub things which were a hot property and the feeling of panic and doom towards the end of the collecting frenzy if they were short of pages. Was it me? Had

I mis-collected? I loved being hurried along by people behind you. I was often told to stop reading, move faster and collect, collect, no time for reading. Deadlines had to be met, staples had to be stapled, booklets needed stacking and counting. I loved listening to the chatter of the adults – if only there were some juicy titbits I could remember.

I seem to recall I was drafted in several times to deliver them too but some of that was as a Guide rather than Mum persuading me to do it.

I've always been proud of our *DN* magazine and love reading it. I love it even more now it has been digitised and I can read it every month from New Zealand, where once I could only read it when I came home. Technology is a marvellous thing and I am forever grateful for it. Here's to another 40 years, *DN*.

Claire Cheeseman



A Serendipitous Phone Call

Two weeks ago, with a small group of Deddington friends, I went to France to visit the First World War battlefields and pay our respects to Deddington soldiers who died there. Mid-channel I received a message from Stella O'Neill at the library telling me that a lady called Elsie Moorcroft from Liverpool wanted to talk to me about a Deddington soldier. I made contact with Elsie who told me that she had recently purchased a Royal British Legion poppy which came with the name of a specific soldier, Rifleman Norman William Sykes of Deddington. How serendipitous was that?

Elsie wanted to know more about him. He is one of 70 Deddington men who died in WWI and is recorded in *A Parish at War*. Norman was born in Deddington, the son of Henry and Martha Sykes; he was in the Rifle Brigade and was killed in action near Albert on the first day of the Battle of the Somme (1 July 1916), aged just 20.

Unlike many of his friends who have no known grave, Norman is buried in Thistle Dump Cemetery, High Wood, Longueval, near where he was killed. It was not on our itinerary but a small detour took us to a long muddy footpath leading to a field where we found the cemetery containing 137 graves. The tranquillity and beauty of the surrounding countryside was in stark contrast to the shell-scarred battlefield of 100 years ago. In silence we paid our respects at Norman's grave, pondering the remarkable conjunction of circumstances that had brought us there.

Elsie Moorcroft is the 81 year-old daughter of a WWI soldier, Lance Corporal Thomas McWha MC, Croix de Guerre, who also fought in the Battle of the Somme with the Scots Guards. Not surprisingly she

was as moved as we had been by the conclusion to her phone call to our library.

Some photographs are available at <http://tinyurl.com/j96dd29>.

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Royal British Legion

To mark the Centenary of the WWI Battle of the Somme, a short ceremony will be held at war memorials across the country at 7.30am on Friday 1 July.

In Deddington this will consist of three blasts on a whistle – emulating the signal for the first troops to 'go over the top' – followed by a one minute silence, then prayers, to conclude with the Ode of Remembrance.

Please tell any of your friends who might wish to attend.

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Deddington Beavers

If you have a child between the ages of 5½ and 8 years old who would like to find out more about Beaver Scouts, join us for our introductory meeting. Parents and children welcome.

Monday 11 July from 5.30–6.30pm
Windmill Community Centre, Hempton Road, Deddington, OX15 0QH

To find out more before the meeting or to place your child on the 'wanting to join' list, please contact deddingtonbeaver@gmail.com.

Laura Finch

Neighbourhood Plan

The question of playgrounds is a hot topic for both the Neighbourhood Plan steering group and the parish council: who should be responsible for any new play areas built on housing developments in the parish? Are the ones we have already up to snuff?

It seems a good moment to take a closer look at the responses to the Youth Questionnaire which was circulated as part of the neighbourhood plan survey in autumn 2014. Just under half the estimated number of 11–17 year olds in the parish replied, 72 in all. Of these, 33 attended the Warriner School at the time, 19 went to a variety of independent preparatory or secondary schools, and the rest to colleges and secondary schools, plus a precocious duo from Deddington Primary School.

I've commented before on the amazing willingness of Deddington's parents to chauffeur their children around – 78% of those responding to the Youth Questionnaire said they had no problems getting transport to go places. And, pleasingly, 62.5% – or 45 individuals – thought there was enough for young people to do in the parish.

However, when it came to pinpointing what new things and what improvements we need in the parish, they had plenty of suggestions. Some ranged from the outlandish to the just about feasible – ice rink, swimming pool, roller disco, skate park, climbing wall – others all too familiar. Modernise the Windmill Centre and make it more inviting, they chorused; and the most

common suggestion of all – improve the playgrounds. 'A bigger senior playground in Deddington', said one. 'Clifton park is boring with no up-to-date equipment', said another. 'Better teenage park equipment'. 'An obstacle or fitness course'. And so it goes.

A couple called for a netball court, 'somewhere for team games for girls'. That struck a chord. So far as I know female members of the football and cricket teams are few indeed. But – stop press – I've just heard there is weekly netball on the Windmill all-weather court.

Another question asked whether there were any areas of the parish where the youthful respondents felt unsafe. 'None' was the most frequent answer. But there were a few alerts: The Daedings and Gaveston Gardens were too dark, Daeda's Wood was remote with strange people, cars hung around the Windmill car park, and even by day the cycle path to Clifton was uneven and overgrown.

In response there is some good news. Refurbishment at the Windmill is well under way and the parish council is currently exploring grants, ways and means of setting up a fitness trail at the Windmill sports field.

But will the youngsters be there to see it? Only 24% (17 respondents) said they plan to carry on living in Deddington when they grow up. Many more, 42%, said they didn't know. Sensible really. Who knows where jobs, love affairs or curiosity may take them.

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

July

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Mon–Fri 8.45am Morning Prayer
 Wed 10.00am Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on 4th Wednesday, 10.30am on Wed 20 July)
 Thu 2.00pm Squeals & Wheels parent and toddler group
 Sun 3 9.30am Little Saints (an informal service for babies, children and parents)
 10.30am Café Church (an informal gathering, preceded by breakfast at 10.00am with a talk, craft activities for the children, and singing)
 6.00pm Choral Evensong, 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme
 Sun 10 8.00am BCP Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 17 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 24 10.30am Holy Communion (informal said service)
 Sun 31 10.30am Holy Communion
 6.00pm Healing Service

St John's, Hempton

Sun 3 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 17 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 24 6.00pm Evening Prayer

The Barfords

Sun 3 10.30am Family Service BStM
 Sun 10 9.00am Holy Communion BStM
 Sun 17 6.00pm Evening Prayer BStM
 Sun 24 9.00am Holy Communion BStM
 Sun 31 9.00am Holy Communion BStJ

From the Parish Register

Wedding

4 June Bryony Brice and Paul Blant

Baptisms

4 June Stanley Blant
 5 June Lawrence Fyfe

Funerals and Memorial Services

13 June Sylvia Butler
 22 June Mary Ashbridge

August

Sun 7 9.30am Little Saints
 10.30am Café Church
 6.00pm Choral Evensong
 Sun 14 8.00am BCP Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 21 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 28 10.30am Holy Communion (informal said service)

St John's, Hempton

Sun 7 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 21 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 28 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Barford St Michael

Sun 7 10.30am Family Service
 Sun 14 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 21 6.00pm Evening Prayer
 Sun 28 9.00am Holy Communion

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

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton

01869 337157

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

24 July Maurice Nichols
 31 July Wendy Manley
 28 August David Morris

RC Parish of Hethe

Fr Paul Lester

01869 277630

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, Kings Sutton.

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

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Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

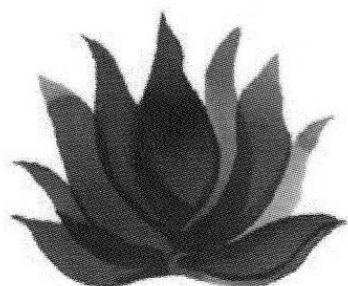
The school year has flown by and most of our children will soon be off to pastures new. We wish them well in their new schools and settings in September. 'Move-up day' will be in the afternoon of Monday 11 July and will be an opportunity for those children moving to Deddington PFSU or Deddington Primary School to spend some time in their new classes.

Prior to this, the PFSU will be holding two informal open afternoons for parents and children joining us in September, to have a look around and ask us any questions. These will be on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 July between 3.30–4.30pm. There will also be the opportunity for the Nursery children to visit the PFSU with the Nursery staff.

Holiday Club will be held at the PFSU (for Nursery to Year 1 children) from 9.00am–3.00pm on 25–29 July, and from 1–5 August. Please return booking forms as soon as possible as spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Forms are available now from the PFSU or Nursery.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in organising or taking part in the Four Farms Challenge. It was a fantastic day and a brilliant fundraiser. Thank you also to everyone who has supported the PFSU and Nursery, in whatever way, during this year. Enjoy the summer!

Lucy Squires
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DEDDINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

STRAWBERRIES

Delight in this year's strawberries might be starting to wane. A hot summer can quickly produce a glut. They are not a fruit that keeps well, nor are they as versatile as other summer fruits like the cherry. But this month's recipe takes the strawberry for granted, is quick to make, and is an excellent summer sauce.

STRAWBERRY SAUCE FOR ICE CREAM

serves 4–6

450g strawberries	350g blueberries
1 tablespoon lime juice	100ml honey
3 tbslp dark rum	75g unsalted butter
2 tbslp soft brown sugar	

Hull the strawberries and cut into quarters. Combine the two fruits and pour the lime juice over. Heat the honey, rum, butter and sugar in a small saucepan over a gentle heat until the butter is melted. Allow the mixture to cool. Toss the berries in the sauce and pour over ice cream. From Sarah Raven's *Garden Cookbook*.

The market is on Saturday 23 July from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

If you're a fan of the market we are looking for someone to distribute market posters and leaflets in the area twice a year so not a huge commitment but you will need a car. Email marketing@deddington-farmersmarket.co.uk if you're interested.

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Deddington & District History Society

The Many Lives of John Buchan



an evening with

Ursula Buchan

Award winning journalist and author who casts further light on her grandfather's famous novel *The Thirty Nine Steps* and reveals more about this remarkable man. She is currently writing a biography of John Buchan to be published in 2018

Windmill Centre, Hempton Rd, Deddington
Wednesday 13 July, 7.30pm

£6.00 on the door to include
a drink and finger buffet

Postcard from America

A bit of a difficult postcard from your crazed US correspondent. I had written a light-hearted piece but tragic events intruded, so a bit of a confused story this month.

Road trips are one of the things I love about America. I loaded up the hot red car with the hot lady and we headed for Yellowstone National Park. The key problem with the trip was that Heather made me stay in a log cabin. She says I was lucky to have internal toilet facilities. She reminded me that this wasn't the worst place we have stayed. We once went to a conference at Butlins in Bognor Regis. At least at Old Faithful this year we could only hear our neighbours talking, a bit more classy than the old UK seaside resort where you could hear the amorous activity as well. And better than the place we stayed on our San Francisco road trip which had bullet holes in the windows. The US does these parks very well, the geography is varied and is wonderfully well protected and controlled.

The other side of the American Dream was cruelly exposed in Orlando this month, with 49 people being murdered by an American Moslem. This has really divided the country, with Trump decrying all followers of Islam but, perhaps more amazingly, directly blaming Obama. In exchanges that would create a huge outcry in Europe, he even implied that Obama was in some way involved.

America is a vast country and opinion can vary enormously. I can only reflect on my experiences

here in middle class, middle America, where there is a huge division. Some rant that Obama should be much more aggressive; there is a lust for blood, a demand for a reaction. There is a lack of understanding of the complexities, but at least this time I have heard no demands for carpet bombing in Syria. Perhaps the maxim that terrorism and uncertainty benefit the conservatives is not so true any more. Trump's rants have actually reduced his numbers in the polls.

The strangest issue to me in this is the failure by huge parts of the population to understand that there is a link between massacres and automatic weapons. Democratic politicians are trying again to reinstate a ban on large magazines (which will fail). Why on earth would anyone want to legally own one? But the majority of US citizens are obsessed with guns and, against all the evidence, believe that owning a gun makes them safer. Basic crime rates are falling in the US but gun deaths are epidemic, the third largest killer of young men.

Our road trip to Wyoming did concern me. It is a very right wing state, the size of England with only 600,000 inhabitants, and two million guns. I saw people walking around with guns in their hands, but all I shot was a couple of bears. You can see the picture on my FB page. At least I now know what bears do in the woods.

Mike Ward, Mikew@qsoftware.com

the Deddington news

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If your answer is 'Yes', then you could be the person we are looking for to join our team of volunteers.

Your tasks would include:

- ✱ Contacting regular and potential advertisers in September
- ✱ Keeping in touch with the clients to ensure that adverts are in on time
- ✱ Liaising with team members to ensure adverts are the right size and in the right format
- ✱ Arranging the adverts on pages
- ✱ Sending a proof to each advertiser
- ✱ Dispatching the finished pages to the printer
- ✱ Minor updating each July

You would not be working on your own: advice and support is available, particularly on the production side.

Down on George's Farm



'A dripping June puts everything in tune'. Well, at the moment June is certainly dripping, but sadly not honey from the comb. As I sit at the keyboard a few days short of the longest day, the honey extractors have yet to spin. After the devastating early spring attacks by the local badger population we have been splitting down the few

strong hives which we had left, in an attempt to rebuild the apiaries. Some of the badly damaged but still viable hives were 'shook swarmed' into new woodwork with other undamaged hives being used to make up a nucleus (half-sized hives). All of these hives are being fed with sugar syrup to help them build up quickly, so with any luck we will get a few boxes of late autumn honey. With these manipulations and a few outside swarms of known provenance, we are almost back to full strength. The next problem is preventing a repeat of last spring. A large pile of wood has been bought and between now and early autumn the workshop saw benches will be spinning to produce new and, I hope, badger-proof hive stands.

The problems in the apiaries are nothing to the big debate and by the time this arrives on the doormat the future of small family-tenanted farms of this country will have been decided. When it comes to farming, an out vote will only aid the big broad acres. A remain vote will mean more of the same: lower farm gate prices and yet more Defra gold-plated EU regulations, so it's not only the workshop woodworking benches that are spinning, with heads, calculators and computers doing overtime in the farm office. In or out, the present situation of high rents and low farm gate food values cannot be sustained. We have been subjected to a sustained period of supermarket price wars which have impinged directly on the farm gate price, exacerbated by cheap imports of food crops grown using modern agro technology that has been banned from use in this country, a case of what the eye doesn't see the

heart doesn't worry about, as long as the checkout price is low enough. The jury is still out with regard to the cropping for next season, but non-food crops for industrial use are now on the list.

It is always a bit of a shock to realise the passage of time, it is now over 42 years since we moved into the farm at Clifton and, like so many, we quickly became involved with the vibrant community of Deddington church, parish council and Deddington Players, to name but a few. Angela Stones' Stone Age article brought back many memories. The first *Deddington News* was a broadsheet giving news, views, events and so on, a far cry from what we have today. As Angela says, you have to be of a certain age to remember the Gestetner machine. We had one at school and anyone 'on report' had the 'jankers duty' (punishment) of turning the handle at the required rate in the school office and if you got it wrong the skin would split, invoking the rage of Miss Garrett, the headmaster's PA, and it took an age to get the ink off your hands.

I have been a church warden to the last four vicars of Deddington. Just before the old vicarage in Earls Lane was demolished, I had the job of clearing out what was left. In a cupboard under the stairs I found two Gestetner machines, both in working order. I wonder if these were the ones on which the first *DN* was printed. Along with the Gestetners was also a treadle sewing-machine belonging to a previous vicar's wife. The equipment was refurbished and sent out to an African mission.

In 1989–90 the then *DN* team approached the PC for a grant from the fledgling parish trust fund, which was the result of the sale of the old Windmill school site (now Murdoch and Mill Close) but that's a story for another day. To replace the old equipment with the new Ricoh and Amstrad equipment, in order to comply with the then regulations governing parish council expenditure, the grant became a loan, with a repayment of one penny per year. I well remember the arguments from some of the PC members against the loan because they considered the *DN* not to be a worthwhile community project. How wrong they were.

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

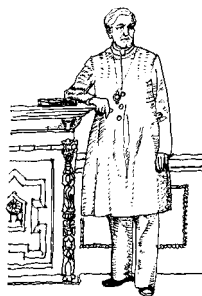
The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the months of July and August 1866:

2nd July – The cricket season began in the Castle Grounds as usual.

3rd July – Our first Archery Meeting took place.

13th July – The Assizes commenced, Holford was one of the Grand Jury.

26th July – I left home for Eastbourne and remained there until the 28th.



14th August – The Annual Cricket Ball took place as usual in the Castle Grounds, it passed off remarkably well, 130 persons being present and the young people reaching home about 5am.

27th August – I visited the Church and saw the plans for the South Porch.

28th August – I started for Littlehampton in Sussex to stay until the 1st September – rather a dull place.

Buffy Heywood

HWMNBN

In the early Harry Potter novels, it was thought prudent to not say the name of the Dark Lord, Voldemort, but instead whisper 'He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named'. It occurs to me that this might be a better appellation for a certain presidential candidate in the US, who appears to have spent a lifetime seeking publicity and has managed to get nearly every news organisation in the world to mention his name every day of the week. What value, I asked myself, would there be in following suit and trumpeting his name? Besides, Brits here keep asking me to explain his candidacy and I am struggling with a short answer, hence this piece.

HWMNBN may believe that he has a cause, or perhaps even that he is a cause unto himself. He may not be the cause but is surely the consequence of a growing alienation between sizeable numbers of US citizens and their national government. Of course people everywhere complain about their governments and for decades now we have winced at an election process, indistinguishable from a comic opera, that begins with farcical debates and ends with bemused resignation. Somehow we have come together afterwards and got on with our lives, probably because Americans have always believed that change can be good, sort of.

This time things are really, truly different. In the past nine months I have taken two long road trips in my native land, totalling 14,000 miles, and I have never seen such a disconnect between We, The People and the government we invented some centuries past.

In a recent Gallup poll, Americans were asked what level of confidence they had in various institutions, including the government. Only seven per cent had a high level of confidence in Congress and only 30% are confident in the Supreme Court. As to candidates for president, in another poll HWMNBN had an unfavourable rating of 70% and his opponent 55%. So we are faced with a situation where a clear majority of the American people is dissatisfied with both candidates and has little faith in the government they hope to lead, regardless of who wins. We do not have any idea of who will turn out to vote. Last election, the winner got 65 million votes and the loser got 60 million which is a not uncommon margin of victory. The wild card in this election may be whether or not some of the 90 million people who did not vote last time will finally participate in the political process. Stranger things have happened.

More to the point, what exactly has happened in this election? Even if we are at odds with our government and even if HWMNBN is a deeply flawed candidate, what is behind the thinking of his supporters? The answers are so obvious and yet so complex that one wonders where to start. America is becoming a land of polar opposites, and while many millions of us continue to live comfortable lives, we share a democracy with a growing number of have-nots, some of whom were

once in the middle class. In a sense, we are discorporating as a social culture whose members once had much in common and whose aspirations could once be shared. Not a perfect society, having long denied freedom's franchise to some, but it was hopeful still that all its children would know a better tomorrow.

As an arbitrary starting point, the unravelling began more than 20 years ago with the passage of the 1994 North American Free Trade agreement which sent a million American jobs to Mexico while simultaneously ruining more than a million Mexican farmers with a flood of subsidised American agricultural products. Many of those Mexican farmers had little option but to join that other flood of economic refugees from Latin America heading for the border to seek jobs in the US.

Then there was the year 2000 Commodity Futures Modernization Act which removed government regulation from derivatives and other complex financial instruments such as credit default swaps, which in turn played a big part in the 2008 recession. Many Americans who lost their homes have never recovered financially. The icing on the cake of self-inflicted woes was the Supreme Court decision in the 2009 Citizens United case which allowed corporations to make unlimited, anonymous, contributions to political candidates. New members of Congress are now advised by their leadership to spend at least 30 hours a week fundraising, and this can now include money from transnational corporations who may have little interest in the economic well-being of the American worker.

The impact of these and other ill-advised government adventures on ordinary Americans is little appreciated outside the US. A report last month by the Federal Reserve Bank reveals that 46% could not meet a \$400 emergency expense without borrowing or selling something. This would include formerly middle class families whose jobs moved abroad, who could not find alternatives and who are culturally disinclined to seek government assistance. Instead they have raided their retirement accounts or run up staggering debt on credit cards. Increasingly desperate, more than a few of these are supporters of HWMNBN.

If there is justice in heaven or earth, history will view HWMNBN as an embarrassing political hiccup. That isn't our problem. Our problem is his supporters and their political future. They have taken the body politic by surprise, which in itself is a commentary on the state of the body politic. But the rest of America mustn't forget them or their grievances. It is no small irony that, while we have been quick to understand the threat posed by radicalisation of extremists abroad, we are scarcely able to appreciate the consequences of radicalising the middle class at home.

Should HWMNBN lose, can anyone imagine that his supporters will rest their case or will remain leaderless for long?

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THE TASTE BUDDIES

We are the Taste Buddies. We lunch out every few months to assess local pubs and restaurants. We hope you will find our observations useful.

WHERE?

The Feathered Nest Country Inn, Nether Westcote, OX7 6SD, tel 01993 833030.

Located in a beautiful setting in a picturesque village, this country inn was a real delight. We were fortunate to visit on a warm sunny day and were able to sit outside on the terrace and enjoy the pretty garden with views over the Evenlode Valley. The inside area is equally appealing with a light-filled restaurant and a cosy bar area.

FOOD SERVED

There are various menus available:

Set Menu (available Tuesday to Saturday lunch only)

Nest Menu (Tuesday to Saturday 12.00 to 2.30pm, 6.30 to 9.30pm)

Sunday Lunch Menu (Sunday 12.00 to 3.30pm)

Afternoon Tea Menu (Tuesday to Saturday 3.00 to 5.00pm). Children's Menu also available

WERE THEY PLEASED TO SEE YOU?

We were warmly welcomed by the staff and looked after attentively throughout.



WAS THE COOKING GOOD?

It was excellent. The pub has been awarded three AA Rosettes for culinary excellence. The food is described as modern British cooking and ingredients are sourced from local suppliers where possible.

The starters were a thing of beauty and tasted as good as they looked. The

mains were all beautifully cooked and presented but the rib eye steak should get a special mention as it was gloriously succulent. We didn't try the desserts, but our coffee was served with delicious petits fours.

VALUE FOR MONEY

This was a quality venue and therefore the prices were a little higher than some we have reviewed in the past, but at £55 a head for two courses, a glass of wine and coffee, not to mention the beauty of our surroundings, we came away feeling that we had got excellent value for money.

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Well done to everyone who came to the party at the church and Old School Room to celebrate the Queen's official birthday. At one stage there were about forty people with a lot of children enjoying themselves. Congratulations to Angela Conlan and her team for organising the event.

On three Friday afternoons in July there will be a diddy boppers dance movement workshop for under fours and their parents. The dates are 1, 8 and 15 July between 2.00–3.00pm. The cost is £3 per child and £1 for siblings in the Old School Room.

The parish council will be holding their meeting in the School Room on Wednesday 20 July at 7.30pm. Please go along if you wish to speak to them.

On Saturday 23 July at 7.30pm the Saltarello Baroque Ensemble will return to entertain you in Hempton church. Tickets costing £10 may be obtained by calling 07870 221898 or on the door at the performance. This group was very popular when they performed last year.

As there is not a *DN* issue in August, it is time for me to mention the Oxfordshire Ride and Stride which this year is on Saturday 10 September between 10.00am–6.00pm. St John's Church once again needs people to take part for us and also to be in church to sign people in and offer our top of the range refreshments. I should have the necessary forms during July so if you wish to take part, please give me a call. Also look out for the posters round the village.

Les Chappell
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BLISSFUL THINKING

The scale of 'first world problems' can at times seem overwhelming. Whether cracking one's smart phone screen, mixing your Co-op offers up, or discovering that two Weetabix won't fit comfortably in an average bowl (so one becomes too saturated with the other bone dry), there are never too many trivial issues to infuriate.

In the digital age, one of the very worst exasperations must be online passwords. Apparently, the average UK web-warrior accesses around 118 different online accounts and forgets on average 49 passwords related to these. Of course an email reminder is a lot less costly to administer than getting a new key cut, but what's a discerning gent to do in order to distinguish the subtle nuances between his Spotify, Tor and Redtube account encryptions? How does one go about creating a password which is incalculable to strangers but instantly memorable to oneself? Perhaps we should resort to maiden names, pet names and house names in alternating case enmeshed with the Fibonacci sequence? Above all else, internet security advice is to never write passwords down, lest a brigand find his way into your homestead and misappropriate your online avatars.

Then again, leaving your passwords inscribed somewhere could ensure that a loved one could continue your online work after your earthly demise. It seems that fraud versus immortality is the true moral binary of our digital age.

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LETTERS

FROM ROBERT FRANKLIN AND CLARE TAYLOR, CLIFTON MILL

On the river in Clifton, we have a veg patch measuring roughly 20x70 feet. 'Veg patch' is used in a hopeful sense of the term, as we don't have the time to devote to developing or working it.

The patch runs alongside the river, has been raised enough not to flood, is in the process of being de-weeded and well-manured, further levelled with topsoil and is currently under weed-suppressing polythene sheets. The plot is surrounded by a clipped hornbeam hedge. At present it is undeveloped, but we would like to complete the pathways, beds, anti-pest cages, and if possible a timber-framed greenhouse on a gravelled area.

It would be great to find someone who would love to help develop and work this patch organically, in return for sharing a little of the crops with us in lieu of rent. We will provide manure, somewhere to keep tools, materials for building pathways and beds, all with unrivalled views over the Cherwell and flood meadows beyond – a sort of co-operative if you like.



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and include your name and address
even if they are not for publication

Anyone interested should email us on the_chicken_whisperer@hotmail.co.uk with a brief bio, including experience in veg and allotment gardening if possible.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL,
DEDDINGTON

Many thanks to all who responded generously to Christian Aid Week.

The excellent result was £2,113.21

from the house-to-house collection (£129.72 more than last year), plus £147.40 from the Big Brekkie. To this may be added a further £249 reclaimable tax from Gift Aided donations, making delivering and collecting the red envelopes well worthwhile. A bonus was the 100 Peruvian sol note worth £21 which, with all the rest, has now been sent to Christian Aid so that they can immediately allocate funds to help create better conditions for those who are in so much need. Deddington School later held a non-uniform day which yielded £270, so that the grand total from the villages with Gift Aid could reach £2,813.11. Thank you for every £1.00.

JEAN MORRIS 1942–2016

Jean was born in Wigan, in August 1942, the only daughter of John and Elsie Plumpton. She attended Notre Dame Catholic School in Wigan. However, as the daughter of a Catholic father and a Protestant mother she attended both churches which led eventually to her great understanding of theology and her respect for all faiths. Her education continued at Salford Polytechnic where she attained her A Levels.

In addition to the family furniture business, her parents opened a chain of petrol stations. In 1962 the local Esso rep called at their home and thus began a relationship that would last 54 years. Jean got engaged to Raymond shortly before leaving for Christ Church College, Canterbury. Throughout her teacher training Raymond would drive to Kent most weekends where they would sit with other students and drink tea with the Archbishop of Canterbury and discuss theology and current affairs.

After graduating, Jean returned to the north and in August 1965 married Raymond. Prior to the wedding they had designed and built their first house in Bury. Here she began her lifelong love of teaching at Bolton Secondary School, pausing only briefly to give birth to two boys in 1967 and 1972. During the next eight years they ran a chain of petrol stations, car dealerships and an aviation group, all of which Jean was actively involved in. After a move to Bolton and then Cheshire in 1975, where Jean continued teaching, she found new roles as chairwoman of the local Save the Children branch and of the Ladies Section of Wilmslow Rugby

Club. She continued until she moved to Deddington in 1991, raising many thousands of pounds for both.

In Deddington they were to own and run the Unicorn until 1995 but again the teacher came out and Jean worked at Drayton School, then Swalcliffe School. Here she ran the autistic and Asperger's unit and found a new niche in teaching. At nearly 60 years old, Jean attended Birmingham University two nights a week, attaining an advanced certificate in education specialising in autism. She continued with the unit until 2005 when she retired from mainstream teaching and went on to do home tutoring for special needs students until her eventual retirement in 2009.

During her time in Deddington Jean was a volunteer on projects such as the parking and traffic surveys, was a loyal member of the Deddington Branch of the Royal British Legion, eventually taking the role of secretary and proudly being able to help organise a number of services and, at the time of her death, the evensong for the Battle of the Somme which will take place on 3 July. Latterly Jean sat on the Friends of Deddington Library committee and was in regular communication with the National Autistic Society where she continued to act as a consultant at the age of 73.

She will be sorely missed by those who knew her. She was a loving (and at times ferocious and doggedly determined) flag-waving patriot, a Royalist and a true friend. She leaves her husband of 51 years, Raymond, and her two sons, Giles and Hugh. *Doce ut discas (Teach in order to learn).*

Hugh Morris

From the Fire Station

It has been yet another busy month for the crew at Deddington. Looking at the log we are still being called out on average once a day but it feels less hectic than past months. I think this is due to incidents being smaller and having bigger gaps between them. We can go quiet for days then be called out four times in one day. People often ask if there is a pattern to being called out and I can say that there is no way of predicting anything at any time.

Our crew was called to a fire at Hook Norton vets. It started in a generator and was quickly dealt with causing very little disruption to the surgery. Luckily Hook Norton, like Deddington, has its own fire station and this goes to prove that a quick response is paramount in dealing with fires. Three fire engines attended this incident, the third being from Banbury.

Deddington has attended a fire in a warehouse in Upper Heyford. This was in a unit that shreds industrial and commercial paper. This was the third time this has happened to the same unit. The cause was an e-cigarette battery being discarded into the recycling. When you discard batteries always be very careful they do not end up in the recycling bin. You can put your old batteries in a bag and leave them on top of your recycling bin and the council will take them away for you.

This month there have been fewer road traffic crashes which is always a blessing. I wish I could say the same for chimney fires. One in particular became really troublesome and the crew had to go back to it three times. The fire had got into a void in the chimney and was impossible to put out in a conventional manner. The outcome was that the rescue tender was mobilised and they put a camera down the chimney to find exactly where the problem was and then the crew had to remove a portion of the chimney to get to it and put it out. Whenever a chimney has been difficult to put out the incident is left open for re-inspection. The crew left the incident at one in the morning and then had to go back at four and again at eight. This causes a lot of disruption to the home owners and they were left with a big hole in their chimney. Far easier if they had just had it swept.

Training has gone into high gear this month with the crew doing first aid refreshers, in addition to a road traffic crash exercise involving crews from three stations, a hazardous material exercise in Banbury and a day's water training. The water training is one of the best training events on our calendar. It involves rescuing people from rivers and lakes. One part of the exercise is wading safely in six inches of water which sounds quite straight forward but when it is racing at five meters per second it is almost impossible to stand up. The crew form a V-shape supporting the person in the front which makes it possible to move forward. The fire service is always on call even on training days. Halfway through this day, a hiker appeared and said he

had seen a deer stuck in a fence. Three of us broke off from the exercise and walked to where the deer was well and truly stuck. It was a little muntjac that had its back legs caught in the wire fence. I quickly lifted it out and it was safely on its way, completely unharmed by its ordeal.

Really big congratulations to Firefighter Lewis Mahony who is now Crew Manager Lewis Mahony. He was already able to take the fire engine out in charge but only as a Firefighter. As a Crew Manager he will be more involved with training and the day-to-day running of the station.

The Four Farms Challenge was a huge success. The crew did the marshalling of the event. This was a massive undertaking with nearly 300 people running the course. The event helped raise money for our Fire Fighters charity, Deddington Nursery and Primary School. The organisers for this event were Chris Fenemore, Neil Skinner, Juliet Morris, Alexander Elvin, Cath Rose and Lucy Sydenham. We would like to thank them for the work that they put in to make the event go so well.

Really big congratulations to Firefighter Tom Hall who raised £1,450.00 for the Fire Fighters charity by cycling from London to Paris. He completed the three hundred and fifty miles in just four days.

Crew Manager Tim Parker

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Book Club

The May book was *Where My Heart Used to Beat* by Sebastian Faulks. Although well written, it evoked a mixed reception. The protagonist, Dr Hendricks, was viewed as a rather unsympathetic flawed character as he related his life through boyhood, student days, service in Italy during the Second World War and his career as a psychiatrist. There were links with a manipulative French doctor revealing the fate of his father in the Great War. A rather depressing tale with some finding his intimacies with women distasteful although there was a certain lyricism in relating his one true love affair.

Our next book is *The Tiger in the Smoke* by Margery Allingham with the meeting on 28 July. No meeting in August, restart in September.

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Deddington Town Football Club

First and Reserve Teams

As the dust settles and the players gather the limbs of their fallen comrades, it's time to honour those who have taken more kicks and dished up more liquid football than most. This season's hall of fame:

First Team Top Scorer:	Simon Hall
First Team Players' Player:	John Bird
First Team Manager's Player:	Ben Lewis
Reserves Team Top Scorer:	Daniel Hall
Reserve Team Players' Player:	Tom Tarrant
Reserve Team Manager's Player:	Dave Heywood
Young Player of the Season:	Hugo Ransom
Most Improved Player Award:	Luca Catana

Don't forget to check out www.deddingtontownfc.com for more match reports and stats.

Aaron Bliss
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Youth Section

We had a successful and enjoyable presentation day on 12 June with barbecue, bar, beat the goalie and other stalls. With over 150 players across the age groups from Under 6s to Under 15s, we had a packed Windmill Centre with players, parents and coaches. We were very pleased to welcome Stuart Haden, Banbury District & Lord Jersey FA Referees Appointment Secretary, to award the trophies to the players. The prizes for the following categories were:

Most Improved Player

U8 Tijn Camonie; U9 Oliver Covell; U10 Filip Lovas; U11 Cobras, Milo Brooke-Little; U11 Sharks, Noah Morris; U12s Adam Court; U13s Daniel Smith; U14s Harry Turburfield and Ryan Moller; U15s (MJPL) Tyler Lloyd; U15s (WDYFL) Charlie Johns.

Sportsperson

U8 James Edmonds; U9 Matthew Edmonds; U10 Sam Woodhouse; U11 Cobras, Lewis Harding; U11 Sharks,

Jack Friday; U12s Noah Hinkson; U13s Kieran Smith; U14s Dan Chambers; U15s (MJPL) Harry Gardner; U15s (WDYFL) Matthew Dawson.

Players' Player

U8 Freddie Wheeler; U9 Jack Kimber; U10 Sam Woodhouse; U11 Cobras, Brodie Hammond; U11 Sharks, Daniel Edwards; U12s Sam Godfrey; U13s Cody Williams; U14s Luke Swann; U15s (MJPL) Nick Dawkins; U15s (WDYFL) Henry Nicholls.

Manager's Player

U8 Alex Dahlman; U9 Jonty Duffy; U10 Leo Sansom; U11 Cobras, Harley Finch; U11 Sharks, Conor McAvoy; U12s James Fox; U13s Joe Sydenham; U14s Sam Nelson; U15s (MJPL) Will Roach; U15s (WDYFL) Harvey Rye.

This year the Chairman's Award went to Gary Dawkins and Mike Lewis who have been involved with the club for over ten years and taken their side from U6s to Under 15s.

We have opportunities for individuals or local business to sponsor the kit for three of our teams next season. If you would like to help your local team and get some profile for your business for the next 2-3 seasons, then contact Roger Sykes.

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 – www.deddingtontownfc.com or visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc.
Club web shop

We have a dedicated online club web shop. If you want to purchase any branded kit, then go to www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/deddingtontownfc. This is a great time to buy training wear, club wear and plenty more before the 2016–17 season starts.

Roger Sykes, Development Officer
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Photographic Society

In June member Randall Miles ARPS presented 'Tales of Future Excursions in the Wilds', in which he explored wildlife and portrait photography at the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania and the bordering Maasai Mara National Reserve in Kenya. Randall, now retired from a career in television lighting, demonstrated his creativity and mastery of various photographic techniques in a series of prints. He started his presentation with sunrises, capturing the extraordinary early morning colours on the plains of the Reserve. Then Randall moved to the difficulties of photographing wild animals from the relative safety of a Land Rover, showing images of lions, wildebeest, elephants, waterbuck, zebras, giraffes, gazelles and impala in their natural habitat.

Randall concluded by showing portraits of the Maasai people. To put his subjects at ease he photographs from a distance of around 25–30 feet, using a telephoto lens and cropping severely in the camera to

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show the face. Randall explained photographing dark skin sometimes fails to bring out the facial features as it is hard to see the shadows so he moves his models to catch the ambient light, using flash in order to light the eyes. These were two of many tips given in a most interesting and interactive presentation, accompanied by excellent prints, that was much appreciated by his audience.

The next meetings are on 6 July, when professional photographer Dan Evans will present 'Lens Lore: Using the Lens for Best Creative Effect', and on 3 August a presentation from the Society's own 'Team Namibia' entitled 'Tropic of Capricorn and Beyond'. On 7 September, member Andreas Klatt ARPS will give an interactive presentation on 'Perception'. There are two outdoor workshops on 20 July and 17 August (see website for details) and an indoor workshop on 21 September, led by John Cavana and Dave Govier, on 'High Speed Photography: Photographing Water Droplets and Water Crowns'. All meetings, apart from the outdoor workshops, are held at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Everyone is welcome to attend. Just come along, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

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Deddington Ladies Netball Club

We've had lots of new members join recently which is great for the club and means we have a fantastic range of abilities, ages and experience, allowing everyone to get a good game. If you would like to join us, we meet on Wednesdays at 6.30pm at the Windmill Centre all-weather pitch, £3 per session. Everyone is welcome.

We still have a damaged netball post so if anyone knows of or can donate any second-hand netball equipment, please get in touch. Also, we would really benefit from a regular – or ad hoc – coach or umpire. Please do get in contact if you can help.

Visit our Facebook page, Deddington Ladies Netball Club.

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The Deddington Players

Dates for next season's pantomime have been provisionally booked for 19–21 January 2017, so pencil them in your diaries now. We'll publish the auditions date, which will be in October, in due course. Contact me if you have any questions in the meantime.

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1st Deddington Guides

How do we do it? The sunshine dance on Tuesday mornings seem to persuade the rain, in some cases torrential, to stop at 7.00pm.

We spent a fine but chilly evening at Home Farm, Clifton, thanks to Bryony and George Fenemore, where the Guides discovered that cooking pancakes on an open wood fire isn't as easy as it seems. However, we had some good, and largely edible, results.

We next turned our hands to mini-pioneering and learnt reef knots, clove hitches, and round turn and two half hitches that would be needed for square lashing. Thank you, Alan, for your help. The Guides practised their knots making stretchers which were really quite impressive. The ensuing race lost its direction a bit in the excitement, but everyone had a good time.

Well done to Amy Upson, working on her Baden Powell Award, for organising our Ready Steady Cook meeting. The Guides again cooked on open wood fires. They had some delicious food for all to taste. The rainstorm stopped play just before the end, but a singsong in the warm made a good end to the evening. Thanks to Janet and Brian Bond for the use of their land and allowing the Guides to explore their woods.

In our ever-optimistic fashion we drove through thunder, lightning and torrential rain to Horley Scout campsite. The morning dance caused the rain to stop at 7.00pm as we arrived. We had a great time building shelters in the woods and appreciating the lovely setting.

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Marion Trinder 01869340806
Catherine Blackburn Banbury

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

We have had quite a few new boys join recently: Jack, Alex, Charlie, Matthew and Sam, and we hope they'll enjoy being Cubs. We have lost Dylan who has left early to train with the county hockey squad. We look forward to him joining Scouts.

A small group went to the District Centenary Cub Camp at Horley in May where they took part in games and activities from the last century. The weather was kind but very cold at night and the birds were very loud at 3.00am.

We have been busy making shelters at the Windmill and in Daeda's Wood.

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Scouts

We are now firmly into camping season and a group of Scouts tackled the annual 24-hour expedition to Horley, bussing to Banbury before walking to the campsite. They did get a bit lost in town, but worked out where they had gone wrong and arrived triumphant. They camped overnight in hammocks, a great success, and walked back to Deddington the next day, footsore but pleased with themselves.

Next came Aqua Camp – sailing, kayaking, dragon

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boating and all things wet. Great fun and it didn't matter that it rained. New camp favourite: chicken fajitas.

Pete Churchyard

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Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

Over the past month we have had a variety of evenings at the Horley Campsite focused on fire-lighting techniques. We have made some Swiss candles, which is a log of wood with sticks in it. It would have been fun to light but all the sticks were damp so none of our fires worked.

Oli Betteridge Spartans ESU

Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959.

Deddington and District History Society

Our June speaker, Katherine Bradley, spoke on the women's suffrage movement with particular reference to Oxfordshire. The movement nationally got under way from the 1850s but, as we know, it met with much opposition before prevailing. Gradual progress was encouraged by women moving from the fringes of involvement in public life to a more prominent role in fields such as local government. In Oxfordshire the way was led by the wives and sisters of university dons: they had the education, the contacts and the leisure. But everywhere women's suffrage was taken up predominantly by the middle classes. By the 1870s all political parties had women's associations within

which the demand for suffrage grew. But the fact that the franchise was still linked to property ownership remained an obstacle. In 1894 women obtained the right to serve as parish and district councillors, and in 1907 as county and borough councillors. The slow progress was unendurable to a more militant wing (suffragettes, as opposed to suffragists) which, led by the Pankhurst sisters, espoused direct action. Campaigning died down during the First World War but afterwards was unstoppable: women householders over the age of 30 achieved the vote in 1918, and in 1928 the Equal Franchise Act removed the gender distinction altogether. Support for and opposition to women's suffrage was never a straight male versus female issue: men and women took both sides. Interestingly, there were strong suffrage movements locally in Banbury and King's Sutton. Why? Because of the strong support of the Quaker banking family of Gillett.

On Wednesday 13 July we have a special event: Ursula Buchan, journalist, author, and grand-daughter of John Buchan, will speak on 'The Many Lives of John Buchan'. Ursula will cast further light on her grandfather's famous novel, *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, and will reveal much more about this remarkable man. She is currently writing a biography of her grandfather to be published in 2018. The lecture will be at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm with a charge of £6 to include a drink and finger buffet. Everyone is welcome.

Chris Day, Chairman 01869 337204

Maira Byast, Secretary 01869 338637

Friends of the Castle Grounds

Congratulations to all the runners at the Four Farms Challenge. We held a very successful cake stall at Castle Grounds which raised £141.00. Thank you to everyone who donated the homemade cakes and those who bought and enjoyed them. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying Castle Grounds on such a beautiful day.

The flower mats have now been laid and we hope they will flourish. We have now got a Facebook page, so please visit and like us.

Renewal of subscriptions is due in July. Please contact our membership secretary, Jean Welford, Abercroft, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington OX15 0TD, phone 01869 338539, to continue your support for Castle Grounds.

New members are always welcome. Please visit Deddington OnLine at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/clubs/friendsofcastlegrounds>. Towards the end of the page you can click and download a membership form, or contact Jean Welford as above.

Please may we remind all dog walkers to clean up after their dogs to keep the area safe for all those who choose to visit such a beautiful site.

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Friends of Deddington Library Photo Competition

Thank you to the people who've submitted photos. We've got some great pictures already. However, we still need more so please don't wait until the deadline of 15 July to send them in.

Another point to make is that we're looking for photos of our villages and scenes from within our parish, not pictures of people or your own children, however photogenic they may be, so please get out there between the showers and shoot the beautiful countryside and landscapes we all take for granted.

File size needs to be 5Mb or more and, ideally, 300dpi. That rules out a mobile phone camera as it's not a suitable quality for a full page in a calendar.

We're looking forward to seeing more stunning images of our wonderful parish. Thank you.

Please send your entries to me.

Bryn Williams

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NAMES – AND THE LANGUAGES OF THE BRITISH ISLES

We've been looking at place names based on Welsh, or an older language similar to Welsh, so how about Welsh surnames? Actually truly Welsh surnames are not very common: the names we commonly think of as Welsh, such as Davies, Jones, Williams, are actually English patronymics. Probably they were originally Welsh names and were translated into English, and of course they can be re-translated back into Welsh: so Bill Davies can call himself Gwilym ap Dafydd. A number of these Welsh patronymics do exist as English-style names. Their initial sound is usually p or b, from the Welsh prefix ap-, a shortening of *map* meaning 'son'. Thus Powell and Pugh are ap Hywel and ap Huw, Bowen is ap Owain. So also Probert, Pritchard, Price, Parry, Bevan: they're all of Welsh language origin. Cornish is very close to Welsh, of course, but with different spelling conventions. Most of the specifically Cornish surnames I can think of, names beginning with Tre-, Nan- or Pen-, such as Trevelyan, Nankevell or Pengelly, are names of locations – *tref*, or *trev*, for example, means farm or village. And we've seen that these Celtic place names occur quite widely: Penrith in Cumbria is 'head of the ford'.

As for Irish and Scottish Gaelic surnames, I can't go deeply into this, even though my own surname is

Gaelic. The subject is very large and complicated and gets confused by the nationalistic myths and beliefs that have been created about Scotland and Ireland. So, much of what is written about it is not correct. We all know, of course, that the prefix Mac or Mc means son, so a name like McDonald is a patronymic. But again, Gaelic names in Ireland and Scotland were often translated into English, so McDonald might become Donaldson, and McKee became Hughes. In Manx Gaelic, the initial *m* in 'Mac' was often deleted, so McDermott or McDiarmid appears as Kermode, McGurk becomes Quirk and McIlroy becomes Kilroy. Incidentally, it doesn't become 'Milroy', even though the Oxford Dictionary of English Surnames claims that it does. As a long-time language scholar, I know that dictionaries can be wrong. My surname has a completely different origin. The first syllable is Gaelic *maol*, meaning roughly forehead and it appears as *mil*-, *mul*- or *mal*. It occurs in for example 'Mull' of Kintyre, in the surname *Milne* or *Mullan*, and in 'Malcolm'. The second syllable means 'red', as in Rob Roy. So there we are.

Seumas O Maolruaidh
aka Jim Milroy 01869 337614

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

It's been another busy month in the library. Our Rhyme-times are going well; we have two in July before the summer break so do come along and join in the fun on Monday 11 and 25 July at 2.30pm. These sessions are volunteer run, so please come and show your support. The little ones have a lovely time singing rhymes and shaking a rattle or tambourine.

If you happen to get your copy of *DN* just before the end of June, don't forget that we have an author event on Friday 1 July. Joanna Rossiter and Linda Newbery are teaming up to entertain in the library at 7.00 for 7.30pm start with wine and canapés on arrival. Adults £6.00, concessions £5.00, tickets from the library. Do come along and support us. We hope with the money raised we can buy some new books for the library.

We are gearing up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The children's theme is 'The Big Friendly Read'. As usual, lots of stickers and fun things to collect, with medals and certificates for those who read six books over the course of the summer, so please bring the children along to join in the fun and keep them reading over the long summer holidays.

The adults' theme is 'A Midsummer Night's Read!' Do pop in and get the details, lots of prizes to be won too.

Finally, but by no means least, Deddington Bookworms are going from strength the strength; here's what they had to say about the latest read: *Notes from a Small Island* by Bill Bryson. In this travelogue Bryson spends seven weeks touring Britain before returning to the USA and during his journey reflects on the many

years he spent in this country and how it both appeals to and often bemuses him.

Although the book is beginning to date, the group liked Bryson's refreshing view of the British people's characteristics and their way of life, noting idiosyncrasies that we take for granted. Some felt it was an effort to get into the book but everyone agreed it was well worth doing so and appreciated the many amusing anecdotes and perceptive comments. All said they would enjoy reading further books by this author.

Thank you all for your continued support of Deddington Library. Hope you have a lovely summer.

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Deddington Youth Club

The Committee of the Deddington Youth Club has decided, with great reluctance, that the Club is no longer financially viable. Unfortunately the numbers are no longer sufficient to meet the necessary expenses despite generous donations from the Friends of Deddington Youth Club, the Parish Council and local community organisations. The Club will therefore close at the end of the summer term.

The Committee has expressed its warm appreciation and gratitude for the contribution of the youth leaders, present and past, as well as to Ken Wilkinson who has been a volunteer helper for many years.

Jane Green
Deddington Youth Club Committee Secretary

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

We've had a busy school year with lots of fundraising and fun. We started with a muddy run and fireworks followed by Christmas disco, Christmas market, a quiz and recently the Four Farms Challenge and there's more to come with the school fête on 2 July and the end of year disco on Friday 15 July. Then we start back in the new school year with a muddy run on Saturday 24 September and a ceilidh on Saturday 1 October.

All the money we raise goes straight back to the school and in particular to support class trips and activities. In addition, this year we have fully-funded both school discos and face paints for the school performance of *CATS*.

We couldn't do it without the help of so many within our community. Thank you to everyone who gets involved and a huge thank you to the farmers' market team who volunteer time (and stalls) in all weathers. We are very grateful.

We hope you will continue to enjoy our events raising money to support our children's learning at school.

Alexandra Elvin

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Deddington C of E Primary School

We are back with lots of school news. Sometimes our news will be historical and occasionally we will let you know about events coming up that you might be interested in attending.



Terms 5 and 6 are always so busy with lots of sport, visits and of course goodbyes. In May Years 2 and 6 had to sit the dreaded SATs and, having worked hard in the build-up, everyone tried their very best. We are extremely proud of them all.

Year 4 did us proud on their short residential visit to Grendon, where everyone enjoyed many outdoor challenges. Year 6 had a successful week's residential visit to Yenworthy Lodge in Devon. The weather was very mean with snow, hail and rain, whilst everyone tried lots of different activities such as rock climbing, orienteering and surfing. One and all challenged themselves and experienced a trip they will remember forever. The whole school appreciated a picnic lunch to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in June and also our sports afternoon where everyone earned house points for Daeda's Wood, Castle Grounds, Barford Green or Snake Hill. Our school values are really put into practise when we take part in sport. Before we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, as they move on to secondary school, many will have enjoyed performing in *CATS*, our musical production for this year. Finally we have to say goodbye and a huge thank you to Mrs Fane who is leaving. We wish her lots of luck in her new school.

Anne Hunsley, HLTA

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

It's all burglary and bicycles this month. Much loved neighbours were burgled while on holiday. By accessing the house via an upstairs window the alarm system was defeated and precious items removed. Not the financial preciousness foremost in the victims' minds, of course, but the loss of sentimental items that cannot be replaced. Not the same but on a TV programme recently, an expert pointed out how much equipment is left lying around, by the side of the house or in an insecure outbuilding. Wrongdoers don't like walking around with their tools. They prefer to use what they find to gain access, so take a minute to look around your estate to see if you are offering a helping hand. If equipment is stored outside, make sure it is properly secured.

The village has been very active on two wheels with the blame firmly at the feet of Ron Colley who, in his very many years on this planet, has raised a lot of money for Action A-T. This is a charity dedicated to fighting Ataxia telangiectasia. It is a rare, neurodegenerative, recessive disease causing severe disability. Ataxia refers to poor coordination and telangiectasia to small dilated blood vessels, both of which are hallmarks of the disease. Symptoms most often appear in early childhood when children begin to walk.

So, to fight this, Ron has signed up a load of riders for Big 60 Sportive – Oxfordshire, a 65-mile bike ride from Deddington to the Churchill Hospital and back. The riders include Mr and Dr Rose, John 'Giro d'Italia' Catania, Cllr Collins and, of course, Ronaldo. So, over-awed by the company, Cllr Collins decided to do the London-Brighton bike ride the week before. 'No problem', he said, 'I've done it before'. However, research reveals that was 35 years ago and he did it on the same bike.

There were some highlights, he reports; a puncture before he started, the first expletive at 10 miles and the first gear change at ten-and-a-half. The first jelly baby was at 20 and a second puncture at 27 miles. He failed to repair it so he wobbled on to some technical assistance that required the removal of the rear brake to allow the bike to move at all. This didn't faze Collins as his limited knowledge of bicycles suggested brakes are only there to slow you down. However, top gear was now unavailable, but after 30 miles this too seemed unimportant. So he crawled up Ditchling Beacon and rolled in to Brighton to be presented with his medal by the Mayor of Brighton and Hove. This effort has raised over £500 for the British Heart Foundation and, if anyone would like to level the playing field for Action A-T, then a visit to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ALAN-COLLINS35> would see any proceeds shared with the whole team – honest. Collins has asked me to thank all who have supported him.

Lastly, the Clifton phone box's days are numbered. It hasn't worked for a long time and in these days of mobiles it isn't much needed.

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Deddington's Celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday

'In or out' is a question which has caused much anguish to everyone who voted in the referendum. The same question caused stress to the organisers of the party on Saturday 11 June, trying to decide whether to have the preferred street party and risk getting wet or worse, drenched, or to be inside the church. The decision had to be made quite early in the day and the weather forecast was not at all good, so risk was not taken and the party preparation proceeded inside the church.

At least 200 people of all ages came and there was a lovely happy atmosphere as everyone ate all the delicious sandwiches, home-made cakes and biscuits provided by a large team of volunteers.

It was good to see so many families with young children there, plus a group from Featherton House and many other local residents.

A wonderful birthday cake was made by Cotswold Bakers, with the first cut made by Jane Kellett who was introduced by Lord Green as a resident of Deddington

for nearly 40 years and who is only twelve days younger than Her Majesty. Lord Green then led three cheers for the Queen and the national anthem. Later there was a short spell of community singing of mainly wartime songs.

Grateful thanks are due to everyone who helped on the day putting up bunting, arranging all the tables and chairs, preparing the food, serving the tea, providing the music, ringing the church bells and for clearing up afterwards – so many people involved with helping to make it a joyous occasion – thank you.

Thanks must also go to CDC, Rodney Hayward, the British Legion and Deddington library for providing funds for us to be able to hold the event.

**Wendy Burrows, Jim Flux,
Jane Green, Janet Higham
Organising Committee**

More pictures at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/gallery/v/Jub+for+DOL/Queens+90th+Birthday/>



Jane Kellett, whose 90th birthday was only a few days away from the Queen's, cuts Deddington's celebration cake.



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JOB VACANCY CO-ORDINATOR

Required to run the Windmill
Thursday Club,
a day centre for the elderly.

The Club offers a day of friendship
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Deddington and surrounding villages.

You will be assisted by a Deputy and
a team of volunteers.

This position is for 10 hours per week
(6 hours at the Club on a Thursday
and 4 hours administration work).

The salary is £9.60 per hour.

Please contact Jean for more
information on 01869 338110