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'The cuckoo comes in April. She sings her song in May. In the middle of June she changes her tune and in July she flies away.' Sadly no longer a common sound but still evocative of spring, which brings to mind that other ancient rite, spring cleaning. Don't forget the parish spring clean-up on 1 April, gathering at the Holly Tree at 8.30am – and perhaps starting the habit of picking up the odd bit of litter when you see it. It's where we live, after all.

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## What's On

### April

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| Sat | 1  | Parish Clean-up: Meet at Holly Tree, 8.30am   |
| Mon | 3  | Monday Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am  |
| Mon | 3  | Bookworms Meeting: Call Library, 01869 338391, for details  |
| Wed | 5  | Photographic Society: AGM and Members Evening, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm  |
| Thu | 6  | Ancestry Evening: 'Who Do You Think Your Ancestors Were?', Library, 7.30pm  |
| Fri | 7  | Friends of Daeda's Wood: AGM, Deddington Arms, Upper Room, 7.30pm   |
| Sat | 8  | Concert: Warriner Choral Society and Akeman Chamber Orchestra, Parish Church, 7.30pm                                    |
| Tue | 11 | WI: Martin Sirot-Smith, 'Tudor Easter', Holly Tree, 7.30pm  |
| Wed | 12 | History Society: Mark Curthoys, 'Famous Oxfordshire People from the Dictionary of National Biography', Windmill, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 13 | Monday Club: Film Evening, film tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm   |
| Wed | 19 | Photographic Society: Simon Lutter, Workshop, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm   |
| Wed | 19 | Parish Council: Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30pm   |
| Sat | 22 | Farmers' Market, Market Place, 9am–12.30pm  |
| Sun | 23 | Cricket Club: Pre-season Event, call Sam Shadbolt, 07747 615814, for information  |
| Thu | 27 | Book Club: Call Sally Lambert, 01869 338094, for details  |

### May

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|-----|----|---|
| Wed | 10 | History Society: David Hood, 'The Malayan Campaign', Windmill, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 14 | Four Farms Challenge, starts Castle Grounds, 11.00am                  |

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

at the Old School Room, Hempton, Wednesday 15 March

Terence Timms was co-opted as a new Parish Councillor and also attended the meeting.

District Councillor Bryn Williams is now a member of the Mobile Signal Working Group which will identify the areas suffering from weak or non-existent mobile coverage and give feedback to Ofcom, the government and mobile providers.

Complaints have been made about the naming of the new development causing traffic to be misdirected.

### Planning

#### Approval

Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton: opening rear wall of fireplace. New landlords thanked PC for its support. Home Farm, Clifton: erection of agricultural tied farmer's cottage.

#### No Objection

The Orchard, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington: fell one Leylandii.

8 The Daedings, Deddington: demolition of existing garage and workshop and erection of two storey extension to side and single storey to rear.

Mallows, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington: resubmission to erect rear extension, demolish chimney breast, alter loft to form habitable accommodation, add front and rear dormer windows, taking into account officer and neighbour concerns.

Rowan Cottage, High Street, Deddington: demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of new single storey rear extension and alterations to roof. Request that neighbour's roof be made good and frosted glass be used for skylight.

Town Hall, Market Place, Deddington: installation of two fascia signs, two light boxes and one hanging sign. Recommend only one sign on door and one hanging sign with no light boxes or fascia signs.

### Highways and Transport

Flooding at Clifton. Thanks were given to the Clifton residents who have been trying to improve surface water drainage. Each time a flood occurs parishioners should lodge a complaint with Thames Water by calling 0800 316 9800, option 2, then option 2. You need to state that a Thames Water Field Operations Specialist has confirmed their responsibility and will then receive a reference number. Please give the time, date and reference number to the Parish Clerk, Lorraine Watling, [deddingtonparishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:deddingtonparishcouncil@googlemail.com), so that the PC can attempt to hold Thames Water to their word.

Featherton House will be asked for a less bright light outside the property as the present light could be a distraction to drivers. Concerns about the grass verge outside the church are to be forwarded to George Fenemore as a trustee of the parochial church council. Residents are urged to use the half-hourly S4 bus service to Banbury as much as possible to strengthen the case for similar frequency to Oxford. Comments

about the Comet bus service would be welcomed.

### Environment and Recreation

The parish spring clean will take place on Saturday 1 April. Volunteers should meet at 8.30am outside the Holly Tree Club. Options are being considered regarding the continued slippery surface at the Windmill's All Weather Court. Thanks were expressed to the residents of Wimborn Close for their sterling work in maintaining the grass and play area and to those who helped with trees blown down by Storm Doris at Castle Grounds and Clifton. The tree surgeon's costs were £320.

The grass verge at The Lane in Hempton will be cut twice a year as part of OCC's contract. Clifton residents are invited to become involved in upgrading the play area at Welford's Piece. Feedback on possible play equipment would be gratefully received. A letter from OCC is to be forwarded to the landowner at Coombe Hill concerning the removal of signs and continued diversion of the public footpath at the property. BT no longer allows defibrillators to be housed in the type of kiosk in Clifton and Hempton. The proprietors of the Duke of Cumberland's Head have agreed to accommodate the machine and a new site is being sought in Hempton.

### Finance and General Purposes

The Royal British Legion Club will be closing in May and the building will be sold. The PC will receive the proceeds from the sale. Thomas Fox's quote of £10,578.01 for grass cutting will be accepted. A one-off grant of £100 has been made in support of the proposed Deddington Flower Festival. Residents are urged to submit their replies to the two new questions on the Neighbourhood Plan before 26 March.

Options were considered for a tribute to Cllr Flux. A road in the new development is to be called Flux Drive; a plaque in the Windmill Centre will be considered when work here is complete; roses are to be planted outside the cemetery funded by individual contributions.

**Next PC meeting: Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Holly Tree Club, Deddington.**

**Jean Rudge**

These notes are the view of our reporter. The official minutes are at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/pcminutes>.

### FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

AGM: April at 7.30pm  
in the upper room  
at the Deddington Arms.

## POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

### Fresh Food, Shopping and Fox News

I am sorry to report that I have finally become an American: I bought something from a cable shopping channel.

I know the UK also has shopping channels but there is an obsession in Middle America in getting a deal. There is a TV programme dedicated to following people who shop exclusively with coupons. Of course I have no idea what coupons are.

Shopping is an American obsession but the greatest nation in the world also does not understand the word 'fresh'. This is something to carefully consider when buying your Christmas turkey from the most expensive food store in America. This happened to Heather and, believe me, picking up a 'fresh' 20lb turkey on Christmas Eve and then trying to defrost it is a difficult venture. Checking this on Wikipedia, which of course is never wrong, it appears there is a federal law that prevents fresh food being frozen, but they do it in Whole Foods.

Whole Wallet, as it is known, is a lovely chain of food shops, a bit like Selfridges Food Hall but five times bigger. For me, food shopping is now far too complicated. I have to go to Costco for the cheap stuff, which of course means volume. Unlike the UK where I never had the space, I can now buy 48 toilet rolls and store them in my huge double garage. The day-to-day shopping is done at the gloriously named King

Soopers but the basics can be 50% more expensive there. Which is better than Whole Foods, where the same can of beans can be three times the price. And they have 18 types of beans. A lovely place.

Meanwhile a new American obsession has set in, getting up in the morning and being appalled at their president's latest tweet. Trump gets up at 6.00am and, since he doesn't drink, he is feeling a lot better than I do at that time. He then skims a few right wing websites and switches on his main source of presidential briefing, Fox News.

I guess it isn't the most important issue that someone on Fox is spouting his theory that GCHQ and Obama tapped Trump's phone; there are a lot of nutters getting air time right now. More than 30% of Americans believe things that can be viewed as conspiracies, or in other words, lies. Trump believing unsubstantiated nonsense and tweeting it out would be very funny if it wasn't so dangerous. What happens when one of these sources reports that North Korea has launched a missile which is heading to America?

I am off to put my TV-sourced pillows over my head. The day after I ordered them I saw a news article about the supplier. Apparently the Better Business Bureau downgraded them from an 'A' to an 'E' because their returns service doesn't respond. Honestly, it's great to be an American.

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## FROM THE FIRE STATION

Deddington was called out 22 times in February. The most worrying call was a report of a person on fire at a caravan park just outside Bloxham. This turned out to be a false alarm and was just a pile of rubbish that was being burnt on the site. Whether this was maliciously or accidentally called in will probably never be known but I would like to think that it was accidental.

There was also a call to a house fire in Barford St Michael. The owners had left their property and the call was made by the neighbour who had heard the smoke alarm. Smoke was coming from the front door and the windows were blackened. On arrival teams were quickly dispatched to deal with the fire which had started in the kitchen. It did not have a chance to fully develop due to all the external windows and doors being closed. The heat from the fire in its early stages had been hot enough to melt the smoke detector on the ground floor, so without a doubt it would have developed into a complete house fire if it had enough air to fuel it.

Even though all the external windows and doors were closed all of the internal doors had been left open. This meant that the whole house had been affected by smoke damage. The owners of the property were a young family with three children under the age of five and quite understandably were devastated. The fire service will always try to find temporary accommoda-

tion for people made homeless and can call on the Red Cross to give assistance to people who have lost their homes. The cause of the fire was unclear at the time so a Fire Investigation Officer was called to try and find out the cause. Talking to the owners, they assured us that the cooker was off, but there was a mobile phone that may have been left on charge. I will report on this next month after I have read the report from the Fire Investigation Officer. Our advice is to always shut all your internal doors and check all electrical equipment is turned off at night and when you go out.

The high winds in February caused very little damage to our community but the crew were called to the Windmill Centre in Deddington where cricket sight screens had been blown over onto a car.

The whole crew has now completed our annual breathing apparatus assessment at Moreton-in-Marsh training college. This month the focus is on RTC (Road Traffic Collision) techniques and I would like to thank Station Manager Chris Barbour for coming down to the station and refreshing us on old and new car-cutting techniques.

Remember that you should have a working smoke alarm on every floor of your property and they should be checked every week. I check mine when I put the bins out every week – it helps me to remember.

**Tim Parker**  
Crew Manager

# Ashcroft

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## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### April

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

**Please see enclosed Easter Card for details of services in Holy Week**

Mon–Fri 8.45am Morning Prayer (also on the first Saturday of the month)  
 Wed 10.00am Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on the fourth Wednesday of the month)  
 Thu 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels

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Sun 2 9.30am Little Saints (an informal service for babies, toddlers, young children and parents)  
 10.30am Café Church (an informal gathering, preceded by breakfast with a talk, craft activities for the children and singing)  
 6.00pm Choral Evensong  
 Sun 9 8.00am BCP Communion  
 10.30am Holy Communion  
 Sun 16 10.30am Holy Communion Easter Day Service for Hempton and Deddington  
 Sun 23 10.30am Holy Communion (said service)  
 Sun 30 10.30am Holy Communion  
 6.00pm Service of Healing

#### Hempton

Sun 2 9.00am Holy Communion  
 Sun 23 6.00pm Evening Prayer

#### The Barfords

Sun 2 10.30am Family Service (BStM)  
 Sun 9 9.00am Holy Communion (BStM)  
 Sun 16 9.00am Holy Communion (BStM)  
 Sun 23 6.00pm Evening Prayer (BStM)  
 Sun 30 9.00am Holy Communion (BStJ)

#### From the Parish Register

##### *Funeral*

16 March Pauline Jamieson

#### FODC Floodlight Sponsor

27 March Stella, Karen, Michele and families

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

#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton  
 Sun 23 Margery Richley  
 Sun 30 David Morris

**Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157**

#### 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 Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Latin Extraordinary Rite. There are two Masses on Sunday, at 10.00am in the Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Extraordinary Rite. Confessions are heard at Hethe during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday between 5.00–6.00pm.

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.

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Information on the meetings of other faith groups can be found at  
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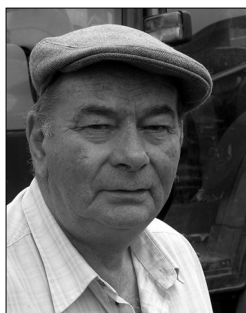
#### KROK ALERT!

For those whose holidays clashed with the Kroks last visit, please note the Harvard Krokodiloes will be back in Deddington for another of their entertaining concerts on Saturday 12 August: an unmissable event in the Deddington music calendar. More details will follow in the June DN.



## DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

As of the second week of March we have fewer than 40 of old the old dears left to drop their lambs. The Home Farm lambing season is almost done; a bit of a mixed bag, as my old headmaster would say 'tries hard but could do better'. For the first time in almost 60 years of being an ovine midwife, I have had to take a back seat, just doing the night time 'overlooking' and feeding a few cade lambs (orphans), while hobbling around on a walking stick.



Next on the spring list is the North Aston organic flock which, by the time this hits the doormat, should be well under way. It is often said that if you keep live-stock you should expect dead stock and that sheep have two ambitions in life, one being to get out and the other to die. We have had our fair share of casualties this winter, largely because we were too kind when it came to the autumn cull, deciding to give the benefit of the doubt and the chance of another season. This is very apparent with the organic flock. Because we are not allowed to use modern veterinary treatments the organic ewes have a much shorter life span than the conventional flock.

Sadly, Queensford Jago, my Cotswold stock ram has gone to the great pasture in the sky. He came to the farm many years ago from a breed sale, setting a new top price for the Cotswold breed and I have a highly treasured photograph of him which appeared on the front page of the diocesan magazine, *The Door*, a few years ago. Now the hunt is on for a replacement but at least he left behind him a good crop of lambs and I like to think he went off with a smile on his face. I knew something was wrong a few weeks ago when he stopped coming for his 'nuzzle' and a few treats on my night time rounds, but he was 10 years old, the sheep equivalent of being over 90, so good on you, old pal, I will miss you.

We live in some very strange times. As I bash this out the House is debating the Brexit bill, something that will have a far-reaching effect on us all. Our masters and the popular press are focused on the firing of the starting pistol, Article 50, but this in many ways is a red herring, as the real issues will be in the reciprocal trade deals struck with other nations of the world. I may be getting a bit long in the tooth but I well remember the effects a previous government, led by our first female PM had on the farming industry, but in those days we still had an engineering industry producing world class agricultural machinery, modern British technology, and a British-owned car industry. Today it is internationally-owned electronic technology, a foreign-owned car industry and invisible financial exports, with the only truly British production coming from our farms, most of which is exported to other parts of the world, as it is trusted to be produced to the highest standards of hygiene and welfare. Yet our own countrymen are being fobbed off with cheap substandard food products

imported by the supermarkets and food manufacturers.

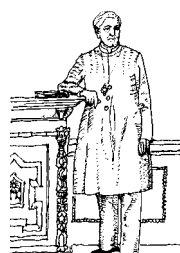
After what can only be called a dry winter, spring has sprung with daffodils, primroses and both white and purple violets putting on a good show in the farmhouse garden, with the blackthorn and damson coming into flower. I am regaled both morning and night by any number of songbirds proclaiming their territory. The crops look well, perhaps a little too well, but as a farmer I am always something of a pessimist. The oil seed rape is beginning to 'run' so it's time to get the bees sorted out and restart the beekeeping enterprise at Home Farm after the badger devastation of the last winter.

A little bit of news hot off the press: after almost three years we have obtained planning permission to build a modest farm worker's bungalow on the Apletree Farm. At last I can bring my son and his family on the farm site so a very big thank you to all who sent letters in support of the application. The only downside is that you may have to put up with me for a bit longer. Apparently, according to the CDC agriculture 'expert', I had not retired because I may do a little overlooking of the night time lambing unit and feed a few cade lambs. Consequently there was no need for the new bungalow. He even went on in his report to say that most modern day shepherds sleep with their sheep in the lambing season, but did not offer any advice as to where I should sling my hammock. Ho hum! We now have the task of getting through 'detailed planning' but at least we have established the principle of need.

**George Fenemore**  
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## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of April 1867:



**5th April** – Attended a Petty Sessions at the Town Hall, signed diverse papers and dismissed the case of concealment of birth as not proven.

**6th April** – Wrote to Manell & Co. disapproving of their 2 last photos of myself taken last week.

**19th April** – Sent to Oxford for some more medicine, I was sadly depressed today – as I am now very often.

**27th April** – Holford's birthday, dear good fellow – may God preserve and keep him to see many more succeeding ones.

**30th April** – In the evening I dined at the Melliers and played a quiet rubber of whist after many years cessation from cards, won 3s. from Mrs. Melliers.

**Buffy Heywood**

## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

A big Lower Larkrise welcome to Paul and Johanne Hornsby who have joined our throng from Bloxham. They are already being pursued to join Book Club and Clifton Ladies Sports and Social Club and they'll be fully introduced to the rest of the village on 7 April. I think there are other newbies I've missed, so please make yourselves known.

The recent 11-year low unemployment figures are about to be dealt another blow by Clifton as CVs and introductory letters are being typed, interview techniques practised and suitable clothing selected as the Duck continues its staff recruitment drive ahead of the soon-to-be-announced opening day. Some will be keeping their fingers crossed that it coincides with the first Una Stubbs game of the season but no one knows when that is as, at the time of going to press, the fixtures haven't been released. An interesting but oh-so-typical approach of our band of 'chucky stick-ers' is that having not thrown a stick for nearly two years they forgo any practice at all until the start of the first end. This will include the first warm up. What could possibly go wrong?

The date of the next parish spring clean has been announced as the week end of 1 April. As this is still in the football season, events may well kick off in Lower Larkrise on the Sunday. I realise this only gives you a couple of days' notice but if you can help please contact me as soon as possible and I'll put you in touch with Cllr Collins who last year collected, with others, 34 Bell's whisky bottles and discovered the lost wallet

of a Candleford resident. When the collected waste was left, as agreed, by the PC bins in Candleford, one of the residents had a hissy fit until he was advised where it had come from.

Flooding continues to be both a pleasure and a problem in Clifton when it rains. Many of us love to see the flood plain in all its glory reminding those avaricious developers why they can't build here, but in Chapel Lane it remains a problem as the drains are overwhelmed and do an impression of the Trevi Fountain – although no money appears. There is a continuing dispute between OCC Highways and Thames Water as to whose problem it is but if anyone who sees it phones 0800 316 9800 and presses option 2 twice it gets logged and someone has to come out. If we're lucky one day they'll come out when it's still raining.

And nearly lastly a big thank you to our public footpath tsar, Andre, for arranging the Monday chip van visits. The first two weeks are proving popular but more could be accommodated so, like the pub, use it or lose it – again, in both cases.

Anyone about to have a new kitchen installed? I know someone with a new but well-tried auxiliary kitchen comprising a plug-in hob, oven and butcher's block that will allow you to set up a kitchen in any room in the house including the library.

Any news – please re-start it coming.

**Martin Bryce**

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## DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Rhyme-time will take a short break over the Easter holidays with the last session on Monday 3 April at 2.30pm with a spring and Easter theme. It would be lovely to see all our regular attenders and new faces alike at this lively Monday afternoon session. Rhyme-times will start again on Monday 24 April.

We are very much looking forward to our Ancestry evening on Thursday 6 April. It promises to be a very interesting evening. Last month I mentioned various research sites the library's public network PC's have access to, quite forgetting that one of the most important resources is in fact the 1939 Register. You will recall though, I mentioned this last year when we first gained a subscription.

The 1939 Register from Find My Past is dubbed the *Wartime Domesday Book*. It was a comprehensive census taken on 29 September 1939 and provides an unprecedented insight into civilian life at the outbreak of WW2. Sixty-five thousand enumerators were employed to visit every house in England and Wales to take stock of the civil population. The information recorded was used to issue identity cards, plan mass evacuations, establish rationing and co-ordinate other war-time provisions. In the longer term the 1939 Reg-

ister would go on to play a central role in the establishment of post-war services like the NHS.

The 1939 Register is hugely significant and the only surviving record of the population between 1921 and 1951 as the 1931 census was destroyed during the war and the 1941 census was never taken. Each record includes the names of inhabitants at each address, date of birth, marital status and occupation. So if you're interested in Ancestry and Find My Past, the 1939 Register is for you. Access to all of these and much more is free in the library, no need to be a member (although we'd love you to join of course), just come along and log on.

Don't forget, our Bookworms meet on the first Monday of the month and would welcome new members. Just contact me at the library for more information.

Our sister library in Adderbury is holding a fundraising pub quiz at the Bell, on Saturday 29 April at 7.00pm. The entry fee is £5.00 per person, preferably in teams of four.

Happy Easter!

**Stella O'Neill**

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## FARMERS' MARKET

**A Bit On The Side**

Sometimes a garnish can make a dish. And sometimes the idea of making a garnish – beyond adding a sprig of parsley – can seem like too much faff. This is the middle ground.

If you've ever had deep fried seaweed in a Chinese restaurant (actually deep fried cabbage or kale) you'll know where this month's recipe is coming from. This version is a bit more elegant. You can use it as a garnish, especially on top of soups, or as a snack to serve with drinks.

*Deep Fried Parsley* from *Sarah Raven's Garden Cookbook*

serves 8–10

200g curly-leaf parsley, stems and coarse midribs removed

Oil for deep-frying (groundnut or rapeseed work well)

1 teaspoon soft brown sugar

2 good pinches of sea salt, finely crumbled

25g crushed cashew nuts or flaked almonds (optional)

Wash the parsley and dry thoroughly in a clean tea towel or salad spinner. Any moisture you leave will make the hot oil spit horribly.

Heat the oil. If you have a deep fat fryer, aim for



170C. If you don't, use a saucepan about a third full of oil. Check the temperature with a cube of bread; if it browns in under a minute you're good to go.

Fry the parsley in small batches to keep the temperature constant. Drop a handful of parsley into the hot oil. Fry for just a few seconds, remove with a slotted spoon and drain on kitchen paper. Repeat with the rest of the parsley.

Scatter the sugar and salt over the fried parsley (and the crushed or flaked nuts if using).

Serve immediately. It's best hot.

For up to date information about the market and contact details for all the stallholders you can visit the market webpage [www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk).

The market is on Saturday 22 April from 9.00am–12.30pm.

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

More details at [www.market.adderbury.org](http://www.market.adderbury.org)

Good shopping!

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The deadline will have passed for returning your responses to the neighbourhood plan mini-questionnaire by the time you read this, so many thanks to everyone who replied. Armed with this snapshot of local opinion we'll be able to put the final touches to the neighbourhood plan, at last. It will be circulated across the parish for a six-week consultation in the summer. Then it goes to a government-appointed examiner for approval. After we've taken on board any changes the examiner may propose, the whole thing goes to a referendum.

Cherwell District Council has various planning documents still to publish but their overall strategy is clear: concentrate new housing development in the big towns – Banbury and Bicester – plus the old air force base at Upper Heyford and probably Kidlington, while limiting building in the villages.

This is not just about preserving the beauty of the rural north Cotswolds, it's also about limiting long-distance commuting to work, avoiding more clogging up of the roads, air pollution and so on.

The strategy tallies with our neighbourhood plan, which, based on the responses to the 2015 questionnaire, proposes a maximum of 50 houses on sites of ten dwellings or more, and 20 houses on any one site within Deddington parish in the period up to 2031.

The mismatch emerges when you compare these figures with the number of fields local land-owners are offering for development. CDC made a 'call for sites' and the results from across the district can be seen on their planning website <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=11741>.

The Deddington options are: M&G, the property developers who own the School Ground site currently under construction, are offering three sites, one at the north end of Wimborn Close for 50–60 houses, one in Hempton on the west side of the Duns Tew road for up to 40 units, and a small plot in Clifton for 20 houses.

M&G, or rather their allied company, the Prudential, acquired tracts of land around Deddington that had previously belonged to Oxford colleges, and there are still large chunks of the estate which they haven't yet offered for development, for instance the fields behind The Paddocks, Mill Close and the High Street.

Local families have offered:

Part of the Poplars field which might accommodate 10 houses and a sloping field south of Chapmans Lane for 36 dwellings;

Land north of Clifton Road and east of Earls Lane for 80 homes, and also a site north of the School Ground which could accommodate 80–100 homes and might come with a gift of land for sports pitches;

A plot of land west of Wimborn Close, number of dwellings unspecified, perhaps around 45;

Three sections of bigger fields, each for 10–15 dwellings that the landowners suggest might be suitable for downsizers, two of them on the north side of Earls Lane, and one on the Banbury Road north of the fire station.

So how will all that work out when the planning applications begin flying in?

**Helen Oldfield**

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## PARK FARM: 22 HECTARES

It is not surprising that road safety is becoming an increasingly hot topic for horse riders and owners. There are more than 45 million drivers in the UK, driving 35 million licensed vehicles according to the '.gov' website. Because horses and riders are neither registered nor regulated, estimates of horse rider number are less definite: Horse and Road Safety Awareness claims that there are more than 4.2 million regular riders, the AA 3.2 million and the British Horse Society (BHS) a dramatically smaller 1.6 million riders.

Equally unclear are the statistics on vehicle and horse accidents. The BHS can on request provide figures based on voluntary reports, presumably largely from its 91,000 members. These figures are only of ridden-horse accidents, and do not include horses that have escaped their fields, or places where they roam comparatively free such as the New Forest or other National Parks. In the last five years more than two thousand accidents have been reported to the BHS, 36 of which caused rider deaths and 181 caused equine deaths. The .gov website 'THINK! Horses' offers conflicting statistics over the same period of time, with 11 rider deaths and 116 seriously injured. The Hospital Episode Statistics Online even more worryingly has data stating that in one year alone, 2014–15, 4,081 patients (rider, driver or occupant) required hospital treatment of some form as a consequence of transport collisions, in spite of the fact that there is no legal requirement for a traffic accident involving a horse to be reported to anyone, unless a human is transported from the scene of the accident *directly* to hospital.

According to reports provided to the BHS, 75% of accidents occurred because the car passed without leaving enough space. The Highway Code requires that the driver pass a horse leaving at least one full car's width. However as a rider I couldn't tell you the number of times I have been pushed up against the verge by two cars passing me and each other in opposite directions without any effort made to slow down. Cars and indeed coaches sometimes pass so close that the stirrup will bang on the vehicle's bodywork. Unlike a car or bicycle, a horse can jump sideways or spin as suddenly as they can accelerate forwards and therefore space in all directions is crucial. Anyone who has stood on a station platform between the yellow line and the track whilst an express train passes can imagine how it feels for a horse and rider, with the difference that the horse cannot rationalise the situation, nor the rider trust the horse to stay motionless as a station platform.

There are no bridlevays from our farm: we must hack along 'A' roads, with 60mph limits to reach bridlevays. Young horses in Deddington are presented with heavy traffic regularly from an early age and this goes a long way (presuming they experience no adverse events) in ensuring they are quiet and confident in traffic for their whole lives. However, before they have accumulated this experience it is frightening to be on

the back of an athletic, highly stressed prey animal, whilst an indifferent driver hurries past on their way to that 'crucial' meeting.

Over a quarter of incidents reported to the BHS included rage directed at the rider by the driver. I, for one, am staggered this is so low. If I have to ask a driver to slow down using the recommended Highway Code hand signals, I almost expect to be sworn at or for the driver to pull over and lecture or even physically intimidate me. The phrase 'if horses don't like vehicles they shouldn't be on the road' is hurled frequently from driver-side windows: quite who the road was originally made for, if not horses; quite how one gets horses used to traffic, without experience, nobody has ever stopped long enough to explain before they rev up and speed away.

As a driver, I am equally appalled by the lack of common courtesy often shown by riders on the road. I, probably too aggressively, instruct all my students to thank enthusiastically every driver who waits or passes responsibly. I am desperately disappointed by riders who walk painfully slowly down the middle of a bendy single lane road, often on the phone, failing to pull into any gateway to allow traffic to pass, staring haughtily, even indignantly, at the driver who finally finds a place to overtake.

Road users aware of the fragility of life, be they parents of young children or those in their evening years, seem to treat life with more respect and use the road more tenderly than those for whom the office deadline is the biggest feature on the horizon. When I come back from a hack my face is often aching from smiling so much at all the drivers who have each made some little effort to keep me (and themselves) alive. I deliberately smile and thank as many drivers as safe riding will allow; I subconsciously fill with overwhelming gratitude for everyone who has deemed safety more important than punctuality.

**Beatrice Maloney**

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## BLISSFUL THINKING



The vernal equinox tells us it's spring, the meteorological calendar and daylight savings tells us it's summer, while the weather tells us it's winter. Outdoor events suggest it's June, wind-chill suggests it's January, while Easter eggs in the Coop suggest it's Boxing Day. The truth is somewhere betwixt and between. When the

flies are spotted, and the bees are on the hot cross buns, we'll know what to do.

**Aaron Bliss**

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## LETTERS

FROM JAMES GREENWOOD, HUDSON STREET, DEDDINGTON  
Storm Doris has unfortunately tangled the flag rope around one of the minuet towers on the church which means that for a short while the flag will not be flying. We plan to cut the rope and untangle it, replace with new and do some routine maintenance on the pulley and pole itself. We hope to get everything sorted by Easter, so please do not think we have forgotten to fly the flag.

FROM PETER ROLLS, WIMBLEDON  
I've finally found a mention of my first ever boss, the lovely Mr Andre Tansley. I'm certain this is the right person, as his wife was called Cindy and they're mentioned in the Deddington Circular Walks leaflet as one of the helpful people that inspect and photograph the walk.

We've lost touch over the probably 15 plus years since we worked at RM in Didcot together and shared jugs of coffee. If you could possibly help connect us I would be most grateful. I can be reached at [peter.rolls@me.com](mailto:peter.rolls@me.com). It's about time we caught up over a couple of jugs. Thanks in advance for any help.



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FROM SARAH BRUNTON, TWY-FORD (daughter of Audrey Brunton)  
I am writing to express my concern at the possible closure of the Windmill Thursday Club.

My mother moved down from Yorkshire three-and-a-half years ago to live in a purpose built granny annex in our garden. Whilst we took this decision as a family to care for her, we are all out at work during the day.

The Windmill Thursday Club provides an essential service. My mother is able to have a day out socialising with her contemporaries and, in her case, it has given her the opportunity to make new friends. Many older people suffer loneliness and isolation and the Windmill Thursday Club has created an atmosphere of friendship. The Club also helps to maintain mental health and well-being by giving its members talks, quizzes and other activities.

Therefore, I request that you give any talk of closure of this club due consideration. The club is the highlight of the week for many of its members who would otherwise be sitting at home alone sinking into a pit of depression.



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## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our sports teams have been busy displaying lots of our school values during recent events. In particular the Year 5/6 hockey team had an excellent tournament competing against partnership schools and winning through to the North Oxfordshire finals. All the hockey coaching the classes have received from Bloxham School has paid off in a very confident but sporting approach to the competition. A huge well done to them and good luck in the next matches.

We need your help; our eco group 'The Energizers' are collecting old prescription glasses to support an organisation called Vision Aid Overseas. The glasses are recycled for the precious metals and the money raised is used to support programmes overseas. One in 10 people in Africa needs glasses to be able to see well enough to learn and earn. Please have a rummage in drawers and cupboards and bring your old unwanted spectacles to school where there will be a collection box by the entrance. Thank you in anticipation of your help. We would also be grateful for any Active Kids school vouchers from Sainsbury's to add to our sports and playground equipment. Please drop them off in the collection box in reception.

We are looking very smart around school at the moment with some long overdue building work to improve our Year 1 classroom and fit new doors to our KS1 entrance. Further building work will take place to

create a new cloakroom for Year 2, thus enabling the KS1 toilets to be redesigned.

Finally we had a lovely time celebrating World Book Day, creating lots of story hats which we wore for the day. A lot of time and effort was put into making the fabulous hats. It was great to do something different from dressing up. We cherish books at Deddington and want to become an outstanding reading school. For more information have a look on our school website, [www.deddingtonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonprimaryschool.co.uk).

**Anne Hunsley 01869 338430**

## SATIN LANE ALLOTMENT CLEAR UP

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed their help – fantastic turn out and a lot of work accomplished.

**Lynda Lake-Stewart**  
**Deddington Allotment Society**  
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## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Ladies Tuesday Club recently celebrated their anniversary with an enjoyable meal at Otters in Deddington. The club was formed in 2000 as a craft group with more than 20 members. Numbers have diminished for various reasons and now around eight or nine people meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Old School Room between 2.00–4.00pm for a cup of tea and cake. It is now more a friendship club than a craft group.

Easter services at St John's will be an Hour at the Cross on Good Friday 14 April at 1.00pm and the Blessing of the Easter Candle on Easter Eve, 15 April, at 7.30pm. There will not be a service on Easter Day.

The Old School Room will be open for polling for Cherwell District elections on Thursday 4 May between 7.00am–10.00pm. I am giving advance notice of the AGM for the Friends of the Church and the Old School Room on Monday 15 May at 7.00pm. Please come to this meeting if you can. New committee members are needed as at least one of the present committee is standing down. There will be more details in the next month's *DN*. Please note the meeting is open to everyone – you do not have to be an existing member.

There is a new picnic table in the church grounds. Please feel free to use it when the weather is suitable for an outside meal but please close the gates while you are there to stop children running on to the road. The snowdrops are fading to be replaced by daffodils in the grass verges which keeps the village looking nice.

More news from villagers is needed to keep this column going. Please call me with any items of interest.

**Les Chappell**  
**01869 338054**



# DEDDINGTON FOUR FARMS CHALLENGE

## Sunday 14th May 2017

The Deddington Four Farms Challenge is a 5km and 10km run around the picturesque parish of Deddington. The event is open to all, and has something to offer experienced runners, fun runners and families alike.

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**Registration is now open**  
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## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Book Group

In February, we met to discuss *Love Me* by Garrison Keillor. Opinions on this book were mixed with some people enjoying the deadpan humour and others struggling with it.

The main character, Larry Wyler, is a novelist who is lured to New York to lead the good life following the success of his first novel. Leaving his wife behind in Minnesota, he heads to the Big Apple to pursue his dream job as a writer for the *New Yorker*, but finds himself bogged down with writers' block. His second novel bombs and in an attempt to keep afloat financially, he becomes an agony aunt for a Minnesota newspaper under the name of Mr Blue. After many sexual conquests and some bizarre situations in New York, he yearns for his old life back home and sets out to win his wife back.

Some of the letters and responses in the advice column are amusing but a bit over the top and the poetry is very strange but there are some good moments of humour throughout and we were glad to have had the opportunity to read a book by this renowned American author and broadcaster.

Our next meeting will be 27 April. Please call for the title of our April book

**Sally Lambert 01869 338094**

### 1st Deddington Scout Group

*Date to remember:* St George's Day Parade, weekend of April 22–23.

#### Cubs

This month the Cubs celebrated Baden-Powell's birthday (Founder's Day). They took part in a nature quiz, played Kim's Game and relayed a message using Chinese whispers, all of which reflected both his interests and career.

We then moved on to the human body, playing Body Parts Beetle and recreating the circulatory system using the Cubs as organs and blood. Best part – the liver dispensing jelly babies.

Home help came next with an evening of ironing, tea-making and the washing of both crockery and windows.

**Jo Churchyard**  
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#### Scouts

Scouts also marked Founder's Day, starting with a riotous game of Schoolboys and Butcher-boys followed by a Lego observation round and, to illustrate his love of nature and the spread of Scouting worldwide, animals carved out of a potato.

We joined the Explorers for nearly Red Nose Night where we played games from around the world then spent an evening discussing bullying in all its forms.

**Pete Churchyard**  
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### Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

Exciting times for the Explorers. We have just had three Platinum Chief Scout's Awards and three Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards presented. Alec Stanworth, the Acting District Commissioner, and Jo Hawtin, the Assistant County Commissioner, came to make the presentations. These are the first of these awards to be gained by the unit members and we hope a further four Platinum Awards will be gained soon.

One of our leaders, Carissa, also got her wood beads. She's now completed her training which takes ages to do and shows how committed she is to helping us out.

We did a Comic Relief evening to celebrate getting our various awards and the Scouts joined us for an evening of games.

**Janet Duxbury 01608 737959**  
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### 1st Deddington Brownies

It has been nearly three years since I took over from our wonderful Anne Kent running the Deddington Brownie unit. We started out with a strong team of four permanent Owls. However, as the Brownies move up to Guides, my dedicated Owls have also flown away!

I would like to take this opportunity to launch an appeal for help. I require an Owl and a treasurer to join the unit from September. I am losing my great Tawny Owl, Emma Best, and will need a replacement to keep the unit open. So this is an appeal to a parent or anyone willing to give up an hour-and-a-half a week, term time only, on a Monday 6.00–7.30pm to come to the Windmill Centre. We also attend the Mothering Sunday service, St George's Day parade and Remembrance Day parade.

The treasurer role is minimal and requires no more than an hour a month to bank our subs, keep track of expenses and pay our rent. A commitment to six months or a year would be amazing. There are 20 girls in our unit and we have lots of fun together.

If you are interested or require further information please contact me at [deddingtonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonbrownies@gmail.com).

**Regine Parsons, Brown Owl**

### 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

March saw lots of gifts and cards being produced for Mothering Sunday – we hope all our mums liked them. We explored Fairtrade last month and many thanks to the Co-op who allowed us to come and look at the Fairtrade products in stock.

Chocolate will be on our minds with a chocolate and Easter theme for the Company section at the last meeting before Easter – yummy! Our last meeting of the term is on 5 April and we resume on 26 April. The evenings are drawing out and we hope to be getting outside a lot more as the weather improves.



## CALLING MORE CLUBS

Don't forget we are back at the farmers' market with our bookstall at both the April and May markets.

**Jen Childs**

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### Deddington Original Golf Society

Just as a reminder and to keep your diary up-to-date, our season starts in May with a visit to Ladbroke Park GC on Monday 8 May. The first tee time for the remaining fixtures are:

Fri 23 June	Coventry Golf Club, Finham	11.00am
Fri 8 August	Buckingham Golf Club	10.00am
Fri 22 September	Naunton Downs	10.30am

Last year's added venue at Tadmarton proved so successful that Keith will be trying to organise another early evening nine hole Texas Scramble. The date is to be confirmed.

The evening social event will follow our day out at Buckingham GC. As the fish and chip catering was such a success we're trying to repeat it again this year.

Last but not least and, as a reminder, your DOGS handicap for 2017 will be your handicap as recorded by DOGS or your official golf club handicap, whichever is the lower. Beware the Ides of Chopper Dauphin if you get it wrong, he was kicked out of the SS for cruelty.

**Tony Lowe, Chairman**

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### Deddington Town Football Club

*First Team results:*

18.02.17	Middleton Cheney Res (h)	L 2-3
25.02.17	Horton (a)	L 1-2

*Reserve Team results:*

11.02.17	AFC Bicester (a) (forfeited – Bicester walkover)	
18.02.17	Charlton and District (a)	L 0-10
25.02.17	Heyford Ath Res (a) (forfeited – Heyford walkover)	
11.03.17	Wroxton Sports (h)	L 1-3

Sometimes words alone can't do justice to the gravity of a situation, but I shall attempt it nonetheless. All games lost for both sides, with the abominable humiliation of a double-figure shellacking at the hands of Charlton and District. I'll be kind to the Reserves, and suggest perhaps a struggle for players is the issue, seeing as this humiliation was sandwiched in between two forfeits. Do we have any ringers in the house? Could they please head down to DTFC HQ with their boots, because things are getting ugly, and I'm not just talking about the referees.

Don't forget to check out [www.deddingtontownfc.com](http://www.deddingtontownfc.com) for more match reports and stats.

**Aaron Bliss**

**07909 642882**

### Youth Teams

The Under 16s playing in the Midland Junior Premier League had a goalless draw with Coventry Sporting,

a 0-1 defeat at home to Solihull, and 1-0 away defeat at Tividale Colts. In the Witney and District Youth Football League, the Under 15s playing in the A League had a 0-1 home defeat to Banbury United Youth, 2-1 away defeat at Charlbury Town Youth, a 1-4 home defeat to Launton, and a 1-6 home defeat to Eynsham Youth. The Under 13s playing in the C League, had a 1-5 home defeat to Chipping Norton Town, followed by a 1-6 victory away at Carterton Town with Lucas Barber scoring four goals. The Under 12 Sharks playing in the B League had a 7-1 win over Easington Town with Freddie Murfitt scoring four goals, a 1-1 draw at Hook Norton, a 4-2 win over Charlbury Town Youth and a 1-1 draw away at Banbury Irish. The team is third in the table, five points off the top with two games to play. The Under 12 Cobras playing in the C League had a 0-2 defeat at home to Ducklington, a 2-2 draw at Garden City, followed by a 2-0 win over Bloxham Rangers. Join the team!

After four years as club secretary for both the adult and youth teams, Martin Hovard is retiring from his role supporting the ten youth teams. He will continue as club secretary for the adult teams. So we are looking for a new assistant club secretary to be involved in the week-to-week running of the youth section. Duties involve liaising with the league, club managers and coaches, and providing administrative support. Full training will be provided. If you are interested in the role or require more information please email [martin.hovard@btinternet.com](mailto:martin.hovard@btinternet.com) or call 07801 700340. The club depends on volunteers to make it run effectively and this is a key role in making sure we provide quality coaching for young players.

### DTFC Youth Presentation Day

This will take place on Sunday 11 June from 2.00pm at the Windmill Centre. It is a great opportunity for all ten teams to come together to celebrate our achievements. There will be a barbecue, bar, beat the goalie and other stalls and activities. We are looking for local companies to sponsor the event – trophies, event programme or the event overall. If you would like to get involved contact Roger on 07899 914425 or [carsykes@btinternet.com](mailto:carsykes@btinternet.com). Further information about the club is on [www.deddingtontownfc.com](http://www.deddingtontownfc.com) and [www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc](https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc)

**Roger Sykes,**  
**01869 337034**

### Deddington Cricket Club

The season starts on 29 April – not long now.

A working party has been organised to get the square up to Lord's standard. Indoor nets are starting on Sundays from 5.00-6.30pm at North Oxfordshire Academy to run until the beginning of the season so we shall all be razor sharp. Do come along if you're interested in playing. You'll be made very welcome. The cost is £3 per person.

## ... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

We are organising a pre-season get-together, probably the weekend of 22–23 April. Again, if you're interested and want further details, please contact Sam Shadbolt on [sam.shadbolt@gmail.com](mailto:sam.shadbolt@gmail.com).

Many of you will know that we have a pending insurance claim following damage caused by Storm Doris. This involves writing off both sight screens and damage to two cars parked by the tennis courts. It must have been quite a sight to see two sight screens flying through the air from behind the pavilion. We are lucky that no one was injured.

The club would like to resurrect our junior section: boys and girls from age 11–15. We need someone to take this on, ideally a parent who has a child of this age. Please contact Sam or me if you are interested in this.

Let's hope for a fine summer and a successful season.

**Derek Cheeseman**  
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 01869 338609

### Deddington Ladies Netball Club

We meet Wednesdays 6.30–7.30pm at the Windmill Centre all weather pitch, £3/session. Pull on your trainers and join us. Contact me on 07717 205051 for further information.

**Suzie Upson**

### Deddington Bookworms

The Bookworms' last book was *Guernica* by Dave Boling. Here's what we thought.

Some of us prepared ourselves to read the book, anticipating with trepidation the story of the bombing of Guernica. However, the author introduced Guernica some years before the bombing and it took some of us a little time to become absorbed. In fact, one person skipped straight to the chapters on the bombing as they didn't like the descriptions of the main family.

Overall, the club would recommend the book. Although the story was felt to be slightly formulaic by some, the historical portrayal of the Basque community, their language, food, accommodation and way of life, drew most of us into the life saga. It connected us with the characters before the portrayal of the cruel annihilation of Guernica town and its inhabitants by the Germans. The depiction of the attack was comprehensive and we were shocked by the mercilessness with which the Germans bombed and shot civilians.

The story helped the readers understand more about the political context and treatment of the Basque people.

We meet on the first Monday of the month. New members are welcome. Contact the library for more information.

**Deddington Library**  
 01869 338391

### Deddington and District History Society

Our March speaker, Brian Lowe, gave us a superbly illustrated talk on Oxford's stained glass. Oxford has one of the finest collections of stained glass in the country, much of its early glass having survived the attention of iconoclasts in the 16th and 17th centuries. The earliest surviving stained glass window in England is late 7th-century at Jarrow. Oxford's earliest stained glass window is a 13th-century portrait of St Edmund of Abingdon in St Michael at the Northgate. Pointing out that it is rather basic in style, Brian went on to explain how stained glass images grew more sophisticated as windows got larger and techniques improved. One can trace the development in the windows of Merton College and New College.

All stained glass was imported from Lorraine in France, which meant that Louis XIII's destruction of the glass works there in 1633 led to a hiatus. When coloured glass re-appeared in England after the Restoration in 1660 it took the form of painted rather than stained glass. Oxford has some wonderful examples of this technique in University College, Wadham College, and Christ Church. Glass in the 18th century was what Brian described as 'painterly'. Good examples in New College include a window with a self-portrait by Joshua Reynolds.

There was a stained glass revival in the 19th century, the Exeter College chapel windows, by Clayton and Bell, being a tour-de-force of the technique. The best windows of the period, often influenced by the Pre-Raphaelites, have a graceful, serene quality. To illustrate the late 19th- and early 20th-centuries Brian singled out CE Kempe, epitomising Anglo-Catholic taste. We were rather pleased by that, since Deddington church has a fine Kempe window at the east end of the chancel. Stained-glass window-making continued throughout the 20th century, by noted artists such as John Piper. Brian suggested a visit to St Peter's College to see good quality modern glass. We enjoyed this talk so much that we have persuaded Brian to lead a 'stained-glass walk' for us around Oxford. We will let members know when we have the details.

Our next event, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12 April, will be by Dr Mark Curthoys of the *Dictionary of National Biography*, about people from our area who have made it into the hallowed pages of the Dictionary. All are welcome.

**Chris Day, Chairman 337204**  
**Moiria Byast, Secretary 338637**

### Women's Institute

We met on 14 March with a good turnout of 18. The AGM was both interesting and illuminating because in just a few minutes our President, Beryl Suckling, summarised our entire year, re-capping the various talented speakers we have enjoyed, ranging from Oxford

historian, Liz Woolley's tale of 'Beer, Sausages and Marmalade' to 'The Beauty of Trees'. The Committee was re-elected *en bloc* but our dedicated President, who has provided a sterling service for ten years, will step down next year.

The AGM was followed by a delicious cheese and wine supper (I had no idea there were so many varieties of cheese) and we go forward into 2017–18 with a strong membership of 25, a varied programme and much conviviality. On 21 March we enjoyed lunch at Otters, a friendly and enjoyable occasion. We look forward to our next meeting on 11 April when our speaker is Martin Sirot-Smith talking about Tudor Easter customs. If you wish to join us, you are most welcome – please contact Beryl Suckling on 01869 337385.

**Sue Lane**

### **Deddington Friendly Bridge Club**

Deddington Friendly Bridge Club meets at the Holly Tree Club each Friday afternoon for a bridge session during which the members circulate to play with different partners throughout the afternoon. The Club has been meeting regularly for more than 12 years but numbers have declined of late as long-term members have got older. A typical Friday session currently sees two tables in action and the club is keen to attract new members. Novices, more seasoned players, and players of all ages are assured of a warm welcome.

If you are interested, please contact me on 01869 338126 or at [hughblythe@btinternet.com](mailto:hughblythe@btinternet.com) for more details.

**Hugh Blythe**

### **Photographic Society**

In March, Robert Harvey began his presentation, 'By the Sea', by explaining that his early childhood attraction to the seashore led to his becoming a coastal scientist. He also explained that, although Great Britain has a coastline of 11,073 miles, it depends which map scale is used: the larger the map scale, the more inlets and bays are recorded. His beautifully photographed coastal features ranged from Sussex to the Isle of Skye, and Lundy Isle to Norfolk.

When visiting a coastal area Robert plans well ahead using tide tables and a sun rose, a chart showing sunrise and sunset at different times of the year. Cliff features at dawn and sunset were stunning. Very clearly his success is down to meticulous planning to coincide with the tidal situation, the sun positions and lighting level on the date in question. The day of the year is important in using the angle of the sun to highlight certain features of places such as Lulworth Cove, Beachy Head or Dunvegan Castle.

The second half of his talk covered man-made features such as sea defences, military buildings and lighthouses. Creative use of angle of view and light produced good shots of breakwater and old wooden groyne installations. More sombre were the derelict

military buildings near Orford Ness and he concluded with dramatic shots of storms along the south coast and the Gower peninsula in the winter of 2013–14. Robert always uses a tripod, AE and 100 ISO exposure setting, and often uses ND Grad filters to slow the motion of waves and produce atmospheric mood shots.

The Society's AGM and members' evening on the topic of 'What is it?' is on 5 April, and the workshop on 'Creative Use of Flash' is on 19 April, led by member Simon Lutter. All meetings are on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

**Paul Brewerton** [www.addphoto.co.uk](http://www.addphoto.co.uk)

### **PARISH SHOW 2017**

This year's Parish Show is on Saturday 2 September and will have all the usual sections – cookery, flowers, vegetables, fruit, art, crafts, photography and children's classes, arranged in four age groups, 5 and under, 6–8 years, 9–11 and 12–15 years.

This annual community event provides a huge opportunity for all ages to share their skills in cooking, gardening and artistic and creative exhibits which are much enjoyed by all who come to see them. Profits are donated each year to village organisations. Please support the show to make it even more successful. You can see the programme on Deddington online, <https://tinyurl.com/moevxl>. Printed programmes will be available at the end of June.

**Wendy Burrows 01869 338082**

### **PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY**

We will be holding a messy play morning on Saturday 1 April from 10am–12noon in the PFSU garden, behind the Primary School, where the children can squelch, pour, mix and splat to their heart's content. This event is open to all children aged up to six years, and costs £5 per child, including a drink and biscuits. We ask that children are accompanied by an adult. Please bring a towel, a change of clothes, and come in old clothes as the paint may stain. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available to purchase.

The Four Farms Challenge will be held on Sunday 14 May. This is a 5K and 10K and children's fun run around Deddington parish organised in conjunction with the Primary School PTA and the Deddington Fire Service. It starts and finishes at Castle Grounds where this year there will be even more family activities including hook-a-duck, splat-a-rat, face painting, glitter tattoos, and a pirate adventure obstacle course. To register for the run or for more information visit [www.fourfarmschallenge.co.uk](http://www.fourfarmschallenge.co.uk).

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and would welcome any donations at either the PFSU or the Nursery. As charities, the extra sports and cooking equipment we are able to purchase with the vouchers is much appreciated.

**Lucy Squires 01869 337484**

## MEN IN WHITE COATS – PART 2

In June 2013 I wrote about qualifying as a cricket umpire. Now, at the urging of the *DN* features Editor, I have been persuaded to reflect on my umpiring experience since then.

I begin with an apology for the gender specific title. Unfortunately it does reflect the current situation in UK cricket where only 6% of UK umpires are female. There have been more female astronauts than have adjudicated male and female test matches. However, a trail is being blazed as there were two female umpires at the Twenty Overs (T20) women's final in March last year.

The most important event for me last season was my three year umpiring assessment; quite a nerve-racking experience. My assessor was present all day to observe my control of the game, my signalling, decision-making and my interactions with my umpire colleague and the players. By the close of play he probably had more specific data on which to make an assessment than many managers have in organisations when they carry out performance reviews. Happily, I passed.

What are my reflections after three years' umpiring? As a player I realised cricket was a complex game which is why it is so difficult to explain to someone from a non-cricketing culture. As an umpire that complexity is multiplied. One reason umpiring decisions are challenged is that some players don't actually know the rules. It is also becoming an increasingly dangerous game for umpires as evidenced by two test match umpires being hit on the head last season. There is now a debate about umpires wearing safety helmets.

Almost every season brings rule changes. Last season, as a result of a court case in which a player sued two umpires for allowing play on a wet pitch (he lost), further guidance was given to umpires on deciding when conditions are unsuitable for play. This guidance was very timely. Shortly afterwards I umpired a game beset by thunder and lightning but was under constant pressure to ignore the conditions since one team would get promotion if they won.

With reference to my gender comments above, having more women in the game appears to alter the atmosphere. In a match at Charlbury the home team included three female players. This was not positive discrimination; they were in the team because of their ability. Two of them opened the bowling; one took six wickets and a great catch. Two then went on to score the second and third highest runs for their team. It was the most sporting match I umpired last season. Each side acknowledged good cricket from the other, there was far less bad language, fewer silly appeals and almost no challenging of umpiring decisions.

I was delighted to hear later that two of my fellow umpires reported a similar experience in Deddington, of a match truly played in the spirit of the game, even without the women players.

Cultural differences came to the fore when I umpired a match at Yarnton during Ramadan. Come the tea interval, all we non-Muslims sat in the pavilion scoffing our strawberries, sandwiches, cream cakes and cups of tea whilst the entire Pakistani side sat outside, presumably trying to ignore us. How their fast bowlers in particular coped with the physical exertion of the match at 5.00pm, not having eaten since sunrise, I do not know. Despite this they put up a very creditable performance in a game played, as the match report said 'in the right spirit'.

A further cultural experience occurred at a match in Oxford where I observed a most stylish batting performance from one of the Indian players. I mentioned this to the captain who then told me that this was the player's first season in the team since coming over from India where his total cricketing experience had been played with tennis balls! That cricket scene in the film *Best Marigold Hotel* was obviously authentic.

Having survived my three year umpire's assessment I have embarked on the next umpiring level. On receiving the preparation work for this, including some scenarios on which to make judgments, any arrogance about 'knowing it all' quickly vanished. There were two scenarios which left me baffled. I then realised that in most of my three years I have either been lucky not to come across these kinds of situations or my white coat emblazoned with an official badge enabled me to get away with some lack of knowledge. I hope that with these new learning challenges I can continue to keep at least one page or rule ahead of players to maintain my credibility.

As a player I used to take for granted the contribution of volunteers in helping to keep the game alive. I am now much more aware of and grateful to the large number of people on and off the field without whom the game would not survive. Unfortunately it seems that with the pressures of modern life and alternative attractions provided by modern technology all sports are having increasing difficulty attracting both participants and volunteer helpers. So much for the 'Olympic effect'.

So why do we umpires give up our time in this way? In my view there are three main reasons: we are keen to keep in touch with what is a great game with a long and fascinating history (see John Major's book *More Than a Game*); we are constantly challenged because of the variety of situations which arise, sometimes leading to changes in the laws of cricket, and leaving little chance to get bored or inattentive; and we want to make a contribution to the communities in which umpires live.

Being a cricket umpire is both an intellectual and interpersonal challenge. I am hoping that by continuing with this activity I will keep those other people in white coats away a little longer.

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## MUSICAL NOTES

On Saturday 8 April at 7.30pm the Warriner Choral Society will perform two great Easter oratorios, Handel's *Passion of Christ* and Haydn's *Stabat Mater*. The choir will be accompanied by the Akeman Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are £12 and available at Hamptons or on the door.

No other concerts are scheduled in Deddington for April. However, Music in Adderbury starts its spring season at St Mary's on Saturday 1 April at 7.00pm with *The Last Hours of Christ on Earth*, a series of vivid choral settings by Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Byrd and Schutz, with readings from John Donne and other Easter texts, led by the Royal Academy of Music's Laurence Cummings.

Reference to future concerts will appear in *What's On* on page one of the DN but there will be no further editions of *Musical Notes* as no one has volunteered to continue it on my retirement.

**Donald Lane** [donald199@btinternet.com](mailto:donald199@btinternet.com)

*Donald Lane has assiduously kept the parish informed of local musical events for the past seven years. To the deep regret of the DN, he has decided enough is enough and turned in his final copy. His lifelong passion for music, both listening and composing, has left him with a breadth of knowledge which will be hard to match but we would be interested in finding a successor to continue Musical Notes. Anyone interested should contact either of the editors.*

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## FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The Friends of Deddington Library would like to thank Thea Jones of Barford for her initiative in raising an impressive £30 from her sponsored walk after Christmas. Her contribution has been added to the funds raised from our other activities, including our calendar.

On the subject of our calendar, we would like to thank everyone who bought and supported our 2017 calendar. Sales were good and the feedback on the quality of photography and the quality of the product was positive.

Based on sales, the support and the fact that it raised much needed funds for the library we are running the photo competition again this year with winning entries being printed in the calendar. The entry deadline is 18 August, later than last year to allow for shots taken during the holidays.

Entrants do not have to live within the parish. However the photos should be taken within the parish – in and around Clifton, Deddington and Hempton. File sizes are to be a minimum of 5Mb, 300dpi, sent as JPGs. If you're unsure, just send them in and we'll get back to you if they need revising. Send entries to me or drop off a CD at the library.

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## EXERCISING FOR WELL BEING

There is very strong medical evidence that illness and disease can be avoided and even reversed by doing aerobic and resistance exercise at least three times a week. It is important that both types of activity are undertaken. We are fortunate that we have a variety of affordable exercise classes available at the Windmill Centre (WCC) and the Holly Tree (HTC).

**Mondays:** 9.30–10.00am, Metafit with Charlotte (WCC), [charlottept360@gmail.com](mailto:charlottept360@gmail.com); 10.00–11.30am, Yoga with Gill (WCC), [gillwebster@talktalk.net](mailto:gillwebster@talktalk.net); 1.00–2.00pm, Gentle Movement to Music with Angela, (HTC), [angela.conlan@yahoo.com](mailto:angela.conlan@yahoo.com).

2nd Monday of month, 1.00–2.00pm, Movement to Music (specifically for dementia) with Paula (HTC).

**Tuesdays:** 9.15–10.15am, Zumba with Steve (WCC), [stevenemear@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stevenemear@hotmail.co.uk); 9.30–10.45am, Yoga with Abigail (WCC), [abigailcl@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:abigailcl@hotmail.co.uk).

**Wednesdays:** 11.00am–12.30pm and 1.00–2.30pm, Yoga with Annette (HTC) [annette-orchard@live.co.uk](mailto:annette-orchard@live.co.uk); 7.30–8.30pm, Zumba with Vonny (WCC) [vonnykimble@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vonnykimble@yahoo.co.uk).

**Thursdays:** 9.30am Barre Fit class with Sarah (WCC), [sarahthorpfitness.co.uk](http://sarahthorpfitness.co.uk).

**Sundays** 4.30–5.25pm, Barre Fit class with Sarah, [sarahthorpfitness.co.uk](http://sarahthorpfitness.co.uk).

It would be advisable to make contact prior to joining a class to ensure its suitability for you and to check that it is not full. An excellent two-week free course, Exercise as Prescription, is run by Trinity College, Dublin, [www://futurelearn.com/courses/exercise-prescription](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses/exercise-prescription)

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## COUNTY COUNCIL RESTRUCTURING

As we have reported in the two previous issues, OCC is seeking public input on its proposal to abolish its six local district councils and operate as a single county-wide council. The leaders of Cherwell District Council, Oxford City Council and West Oxfordshire District Council are strongly opposed to the change, maintaining that meeting local needs successfully depends on their ability to tailor services to individual communities and challenges, an ability which would be lost with a one size fits all approach under a unitary government system.

Last week the leaders of the three councils requested an opportunity to discuss the proposed change with the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, MP, before any decision is undertaken. In their letter they note that four of the county's five MPs have joined them in opposing the proposals and reference what they term 'growing levels of opposition' being expressed by local residents.

There is information on the campaign against the change at Cherwell District Council: [www.cherwell.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk).

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