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Is Deddington's community spirit fraying? Are we losing the lovely habit of saying 'good morning' or 'hello' as we pass in the street, whether or not we know the other person? Why are there continued complaints about pavements fouled by dogs? And while parking in the village is difficult, can we not exercise the courtesy of not parking on the double yellow lines at the corner of Hudson Street so that the bus can make the turn, as it has been unable to do on occasion?

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WHAT'S ON

November

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| Wed | 1 | Photographic Society: Robert Harvey, 'Winter Photography', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 3 | PTA: Fireworks Night, 7.30pm, School Field |
| Fri | 3 | Talk: 'Immigration: Can and Should It Be Limited?', Lord Green of Deddington, House of St Gregory and St Macrina, 1 Canterbury Road, Oxford, 1.00pm |
| Sat | 4 | Concert: English Song Recital, Parish Church, 7.00pm |
| Sat | 4 | Art Show: The Studio, Midsummer Cottage, 74 Main Street and 64 Hill Farm Lane, Duns Tew, 2.00–5.00pm |
| –Sun | 5 | Concert: Castalian String Quartet, St Mary's, Adderbury, 7.00pm |
| Mon | 6 | Holly Tree Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am |
| Wed | 8 | History Society: Dan Allen, 'What did Granny do in WWI? Women in the Army in the First World War', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 9 | Holly Tree Club: Film Night, <i>Jackie</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm |
| Fri | 10 | Concert: <i>The Story of the Dancer</i> , a Morris Man at the Somme, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 12 | Remembrance Day Parade: 10.15am Assemble in Bull Ring, 11.00am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial and Church Service |
| Tue | 14 | 'Bags to School': Primary School, clothes for charity |
| Tue | 14 | WI: 'Home and Personal Security', Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 15 | Funfair: Sets up, Market Place |
| Wed | 15 | PC Meeting: Old School Room, Hempton, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 19 | Funfair: Leaves by noon |
| Sun | 19 | Concert: Carducci String Quartet, St Mary's, Adderbury, 7.00pm |
| Sat | 25 | Concert: Banbury Symphony Orchestra, Parish Church, 7.30pm |

December

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| Sat | 2 | Concert: ABBA Magic, Tribute Performance, PTA and Friends of Deddington Church, Parish Church 7.30pm |
| Wed | 13 | History Society: Christmas Social, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**Old School Room, Hempton 18 October**

BT will be asked to maintain or remove phone boxes in poor condition. OCC will be consulted about reducing the number of HGVs using Philcote Street. A wheelchair is available for borrowing from the parish church, Hempton church and the Windmill Centre.

Windmill Redevelopment Group: £1,700 has been allocated for a required preliminary ecological appraisal. Discussions will begin shortly with residents of Mill Close about the location of the new playground.

Planning*No objection*

Home Farm, Main Street, Clifton: erection of farm workers' dwelling.

Fairview, St Thomas Street, Deddington: second storey rear extension and single storey rear porch extension.

Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton: Convert snug to letting room.

Field End, Castle Street, Deddington: single storey front extension.

Sedge Hill, Main Street, Clifton: reduce ash tree, subject to TPO 23/94.

Objection

Castle House, Bull Ring, Deddington: conversion of existing outbuildings to create single residential dwelling with separate access via Victoria Terrace.

Highways and transport

OCC will not change the road layout at the traffic lights but the 'inter-green' time has been slightly extended. Speed Awareness signs will be sited on St Thomas Street and Hopcraft Lane for the maximum four weeks. Speedwatch operations will now be conducted only by volunteers.

Environment and Recreation:

OCC has concluded that there is no problem with the hedge narrowing the path on St Thomas Street. Residents disagreeing should write to OCC. The Clerk is preparing to gather evidence for registering the footpath behind the Methodist church as a public right of way.

Finance and General Purposes

£5,000 was voted for refurbishing the church. £150 was voted to deal with a split tree at Castle Grounds. £770 was agreed to pay for hedge-cutting at the Hempton allotments and the pitches at the Windmill Centre. The water charge for the Satin Lane allotments will increase by £1.

Large Scale Development

Sanctuary Housing is seeking two sites for 15–20 shared-ownership houses. The public consultation on large scale developments is open until 19 November..

Next meeting: Wednesday 15 November, 7.30 pm, the Old School Room, Hempton.

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter Jean Rudge. To see the official Minutes, go to <http://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/2017.html>.

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

It was with great pleasure that I visited Deddington Primary School in early October to present the children who had completed the Summer Reading Challenge with their medals and certificates. It was a lovely assembly and I'm always so pleased to visit.

We are seeking volunteers to give us a couple of hours a week – or month – as 'Digital Helpers' (previously Computer Buddies) to help the less skilled to get online, set up an e-mail account, use basic Word and Excel, log on to the internet to search the web, and even help them use their own iPads and Smart Phones. It's all about getting started. If you can help, please get in touch with me at the library. Rhyme-times for Under 5s is held every Monday from 2.30pm in the library. Thanks to our volunteers for making this possible. Join us, it's good fun! Christmas is rapidly approaching and we will have special Christmas stock for both children and adults. If you want to start feeling Christmassy, call in and pick up a Christmas title soon.

It is with great sadness that I report one of our community volunteers passed away recently following a long illness. Celia Clark was one of our first volunteers. She was always enthusiastic and willing and has been greatly missed by the team at the library since her illness forced her to retire. Our thoughts go out to Colin and family at this terribly sad time.

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**CHRISTINGLE SERVICES**

Bring your children to a candlelit service
at Barford St Michael Church
on Sunday, 3 December, at 4pm,
and
at the Crib and Christingle Service
at Deddington Parish Church
on Christmas Eve at 4pm
Crib Service
at Barford St Michael Church
on Christmas Eve at 2pm

And with your donations, support The Children's Society in its care of disadvantaged children



The Children's Society

PARK FARM: 22 HECTARES

If you are of a sensitive disposition, I would recommend skipping this article, as I feel obliged to write of something that, in my opinion, is terrifyingly under-reported.

The statistics of women working in the equine industry are often discussed. Equestrian sports and sailing are the only true mixed sex sports where men and women compete against each other irrespective of gender. Since 1964 women have competed against men in eventing, and before this they were allowed to compete in show jumping and dressage. According to the British Equestrian Trade Association in 2015, 74% of riders are female. Dressage sees better female representation, whilst show jumping worse with eventing as the midpoint between the two. Nearly three times more women than men are registered as event riders with the Fédération Equestre Internationale; and yet, at an Olympic level, men hold twice the number of eventing team places than women and four out of five eventing medals are won by men.

The story in racing is even more extreme. Women have only been allowed to compete in mixed sex races since 1974. Now women coming into racing from college courses outnumber men 70:30. However, only 12% of licensed jockeys are female, only 6% of race rides are given to women, and only 1% of Group One and Two (top class) race rides and male representation is at 88% across racing boards. Even when a woman is given a ride, it is unusual that she is mounted on the highest priced horse, and of course, in the words of Tony McCoy 'I always find I'm more likely to win if I'm riding the best horse.' The gender differences in strength could in theory contribute to a jump rider's proficiency, although, as the national BMI increases, it is surprising that a half starved, dehydrated male jockey trying to make the weight is often still chosen over a healthy woman.

ABBA MAGIC IS BACK!

Soon the clocks will go back and *DN* readers will be looking at ways of enjoying those many dark evenings of late autumn and winter. Many of you will be delighted to hear that ABBA Magic, the foremost ABBA tribute group in the UK, is treating us to a concert in the church on 2 December. ABBA Magic played to a very large and appreciative audience in Deddington only two years ago and some of you may also remember their wonderful performance back in 2010 when they contributed quite memorably to the Festival programme. Their performance on 2 December is a fundraiser jointly organised by the Friends of Deddington Church and Deddington School PTA. We expect it to be quite an occasion. Further details can be found on the FoDC (www.fodc.org.uk) and PTA www.deddingtonprimary-school.co.uk/our-school/pta/ websites or on the insert you will have received with this issue. The Music Goes On and On and On. Come along and enjoy it!

Lesley Milroy

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All of this is widely reported. Apparently under-reported are the appalling working conditions of racing 'stable girls', which in my opinion hinder women from climbing the ladder (the notable exceptions being from well-established racing families which can provide them with rides). I cannot count the number of times I hear of graphic videos shared between stable lads, even owners, trainers and, no doubt, other visiting professionals. I have even heard the remark 'all the lads know I get the first go on the new girls'. This expectation that the women are there to 'provide for the men's needs' is abhorrent. It simply could not take place in a normal office. However, if a 'stable girl' complains to the boss, the woman is encouraged to leave rather than the man, since the statistics show that a male rider is more likely to make a successful jockey than a female, and so the statistics become self-fulfilling. Trainers across the country are struggling to get enough work riders. I would love to learn from a racing yard and believe I could be useful. However, even as a relatively mature, self-assured, married woman, I know I would find the environment so intimidating that I could never do so. Nor would I let a daughter of mine do so. I do not know what has to occur for this to change, but I'm sure that failing to admit to the problem and sacking women who complain will only exacerbate it.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Consult, consider, contribute

The consultation period for the draft Neighbourhood Plan is now well under way and every household in the parish should have received the pamphlet giving an overview of the plan. Many thanks to those who delivered them.

Whether you reply to the summarised policies in the pamphlet or tackle the complete Neighbourhood Plan on our website we are very much hoping to hear from as many parishioners as possible. The ways you can respond are listed in the pamphlet but, to recap, you can fill in the spaces in the printed pamphlet and return it to one of the drop-off points or fill in the Survey Monkey version on our website (makes for less transcribing for us), or email us at comment@neighbourhoodplan.org. The closing date is 19 November.

The Neighbourhood Plan steering group will then have to digest your comments and the views of the stakeholders to make any necessary changes to the draft plan before it goes to Cherwell District Council and an independent examiner.

To catch up with events that may or may not be relevant to our plan: earlier this year CDC issued a call for sites and some nine sites in Deddington parish were put forward for possible housing development by a variety of landowners, one each in Clifton and Hempton and the rest in or around Deddington. In August Cherwell published HELAA, a Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment, which considered the suitability of the sites in Deddington and in

the rest of the district. Only two of the sites offered in our parish were deemed suitable for development by this report: one a field to the west of Wimborn Close on the Hempton Road, the other on the east side of the Banbury Road next to the fire station. The report suggests a density similar to that of the surrounding housing – 31 dwellings on the former site, 41 on the latter, making a total of 72 dwellings. You can see from the draft Neighbourhood Plan these numbers are substantially greater overall and for any one site than those favoured by parishioners and reflected in the plan.

Some have dismissed the HELAA as pretty much irrelevant. The report is a desktop exercise and does not present policy. Cherwell's planning department may take a quite different line in its decisions on individual planning applications or in its Local Plan Part 2, whenever that is finally published.

But it's interesting that the seven discarded sites are rejected on grounds that strike a familiar note – they would have 'significant landscape and visual impacts', they would harm the setting of a scheduled monument, or listed buildings, or more generally the conservation area; they are 'detrimental' to the rural character of the area or are detached from the existing limits of the village. You'd almost think the author had been reading the Neighbourhood Plan's Environment policies.

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SPACE2LEARN – NEW LOCAL CHARITY

Space2Learn is an exciting new fundraising venture to provide and improve facilities for education for all in Deddington, Hempton and Clifton. It came into being to fundraise for a building project at the primary school but we would like to turn it into a versatile and durable source of funding for local educational projects for years to come.

Space2Learn's first project will be to fund the building of a new dance, music and drama space at the school which can also be used by members of the community for all manner of learning. We also need a new nursery building for the learners of the future. Why stop there? What about a learning kitchen for budding chefs? A sound studio for aspiring sound engineers? A mobile classroom with facilities for e-learning? There are no limits to what we could do. Space is infinite.

We are inspired. If you are inspired too, why not get involved? We can use help with organising events and writing bids, and are open to crazy new ideas for raising money. Our first event will be a black tie fundraiser in April 2018. If you would like to be part of the organising team, drop us a line. Local businesses – can you help? Match funding, donations, pro bono work? if there's anything you could offer and you'd like to help, please get in touch.

If you believe in the cause of furthering local education for all and would like to donate some money, we would be more than happy to help you do that. Once we have our registered charity number we will be eligible for Gift Aid and will start our fundraising activities in earnest. I will keep you posted.

If you'd like more information about our aims and plans or would like to get involved in any way, please email Becky, Bev or Pete on info@S2Ldeddington.uk

Becky Jones, chair of trustees

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deddingtonparishcouncil@googlemail.com

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

Mon–Fri: 8.45am Morning Prayer (also on the first Saturday of the month)
 Wed: 10.00am Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on the fourth Wednesday of the month)
 Thu: 2.00pm Squeals & Wheels – Play and chat for babies, pre-school children, parents and carers

Sun 5 10.30am Family Service – A lively service for all ages
 6.00pm All Souls Service
 Sun 12 8.00am BCP Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 19 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 26 10.30am Holy Communion (said service)

From the Parish Register*Funerals*

Oct 3 Christine Rollason

Hempton

Sun 5 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 19 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 26 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Barford St Michael

Sun 5 10.30am Family Service – A lively service for all ages
 4.00pm All Souls Service
 Sun 12 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 19 4.00pm Evening Prayer

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or on 01869 336880. If Annie is not available, then please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). We also have a curate, Revd Paula Smith, who can be contacted on curate@deddingtonchurch.org.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
 26 November Margery Richley

Pastor Isabel Walton 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.

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

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Saltarello Baroque Ensemble returned to the church on Saturday 7 October. A small audience heard this very talented group of musicians who really enjoy their music and are a joy for people of all tastes to listen to. This is their third visit and would like to come back next year when they would be very welcome.

The Parish Council will be holding their monthly meeting in the Old School Room on Wednesday 15 November at 7.30pm. Please go along if you wish to speak to them.

Many thanks to all our striders who took part in the annual Ride and Stride day in September. As I write

they raised just over £200 which will be split between our church and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

Please remember the Christmas bazaar on Saturday 2 December starting at 11.00am with lots of attractions for all the family, so come along and enjoy. This is the Friends' largest fundraising event with all proceeds going to maintaining the church and the School Room. Help with the event would be appreciated and it was good last year that new people became involved.

**Les Chappell
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LICENSED TO THRILL

Not content with giving us their wonderful annual pantomime, Deddington Players treated us on Saturday 7 October to a James Bond-themed evening of music, dance and laughs at the Windmill Centre. In a cabaret style layout, with a well-stocked bar, an hour of music and dance got the audience nicely in the mood. It featured a rousing selection of 007 music from Deddington Brass, delightful solos from Becky Jones and jJames, and beautifully performed dances from Deddington Youth Dance Company.

The interval allowed the audience time for further re-fuelling as well as a hotly contested (Google-assisted?) James Bond and music quiz. And then to the laughs, a hilarious one-act spoof by the brilliant Deddington Players, produced by Martin Squires. From the opening scene, with Miss Funny-Money (Annie Goldthorp in secretary mode) manicuring her nails and announcing that she was 'doing some filing', pun followed pun. With the audience by now well into the mood, the cast occasionally struggled to keep a straight face, but the puns and punchlines were delivered with excellent timing. Heroes and villains occupied their parts with aplomb and the Scottish hoteliers kept both cast and audience laughing at their outrageous accents. All in all it was an outstanding evening of fun and entertainment.

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l-r: Hannah Westbury, Kelly Scott, Carrick Cameron, Amy Upson

DEDDINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

Back To Basics

The key thing I'm supposed to tell you about the November market is to remind you to place your Christmas orders now, something I have yet to manage to do. Instead I head for the market website (below) and the contacts list of stallholders, usually minutes before the December market. Whichever works for you ...

The proximity to Christmas means winter is well and truly under way and, along with it, a desire for strong, warming and comforting tastes. This month's recipe addresses an often mistreated dish and is far easier than most versions.

Red Cabbage – serves 6

(from Valentine Warner's *What To Eat Now*)

A perfect accompaniment to a winter roast and one that will reheat without losing its interest.

1 medium red cabbage	40g butter
salt and pepper	3 bay leaves
4 cloves	25g sugar

100ml white wine vinegar

Discard the outer leaves, split the cabbage down the centre and remove the white core. Shred as finely as you can, rinse under cold water in a colander and drain. The remaining water is probably all you will need. Put a heavy-bottomed pan that can easily accommodate all the cabbage on full heat and add the butter. As soon as it has melted throw in the cabbage – you should hear a frying sound and this is good. Add

two teaspoons of salt, a heavy grind of pepper, the bay leaves and the cloves. Carry on cooking for about 10 minutes, stirring often and adding a flick of water when necessary. Now add the vinegar, avoiding the cloud of vinegar steam that will hurt your eyes and throat. as you stir in the vinegar you should see the acidity snatch back the vivid purple of the cabbage. Keep on cooking and stirring until the vinegar has completely evaporated. Then sprinkle in the sugar. From now on watch the cabbage like a hawk. In the absence of water the sugar will melt and start to caramelise. So keep things constantly on the move to stop the sugar catching and ensure every sliver of cabbage is coated with the caramel. After about five minutes the cabbage should be ready. Taste it – it should have a pleasant sweet and sour taste and a bit of bite.

For more up to date information about the market and contact details for all the stallholders visit the market webpage, www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk. The market is on Saturday 25 November 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

Good shopping!

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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

So what happened to summer? After a very prolonged and damp harvest, followed by a cold dry autumn, the clocks have gone back, the witches are on their broomsticks and my old weather almanac has very few pointers as to the coming winter weather. As I sit at the keyboard, the winter wheat for next harvest is going into the ground into very kind seed beds with the dust rising behind the drill (planting equipment).



asked to provide tins and packages as part of our harvest festival giving – things that could go to the local food bank. A quick look through some of the many boxes somewhat soberingly revealed that the contents of the well-known branded packages and tins all contained imported ingredients, much of which could and should be grown in this country, ho hum.

'Remember, remember the Fifth of November' – we all enjoy a good firework

display, but may I enter a plea for our pets, working dogs and horses, that the failed Gunpowder Plot celebrations be kept to one night, so that they can be kept inside. Most animals are simply terrified by the sudden bangs and flashes. Some years ago, well after the Fifth, my working sheep dog Kim was taking his usual after-supper run, when the village was lit up by an impromptu firework barrage. He fled and was not found until some 10 days later in a very pitiful state in a deep roadside ditch. It took many weeks of careful nursing to get him back on his feet and venture outside. He never worked again and when he did go out, he never left my side and never fully recovered.

George Fenimore

The August-planted oilseed rape got off to a great start with very little slug or flea beetle damage and is now waxing up ready to go into its winter dormancy period. Our cover crops of mustard, also planted at the end of harvest, are going away in leaps and bounds and should be ready for mulching in by the New Year. By the time this hits the doormat, the last of last spring's lamb crop will be strip grazing the fodder rape crops, behind electric fencing, and should be ready for market by the turn of the year with the ewes following on to tidy things up, before coming inside for lambing.

The farming year has turned full circle and we await the spring and with it the lambing. Both the ewe flocks have been sorted out with the ewes that, for one reason or another will not go out to the ram, being fattened up for market. The flock replacements have been bought in from local and north of England sheep sales, with some 'mules', Swaledale cross Blue-faced Leicester ewe lambs being brought down from the back end sales as 'runners' to be grown on before taking the ram this time next year.

We are living in some strange and turbulent times. It is often said that a week is a long time in politics, but in farming five years is a very short planning period. As primary producers we have cast our bread on the waters by planting next year's harvest crops and put the rams out with the ewes, but the success or failure of those crops is in the hands of the gods and the whims of our masters.

As I sit at the start of a new farming year I have no idea as to just what problems our stock and crops will face with the weather and disease in the coming year or, for that matter, what the farm gate price will be when they go to market. But that's the name of the game and an age old problem. As I bash this out we are some 16 months away or just over one crop year from an event that has the potential to be one of the most devastating events to face the tenanted farm sector since the 1930s, Brexit.

After this year's harvest festival I was talking to a small group from the village; one person asked me, as a farmer, what I did and was rather taken aback when I replied, 'I feed people'. Sadly today more and more of the less fortunate members of our society find themselves in need of the food bank and we were



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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

High Schools and Nationalism

American high schools have a certain mystique to us foreigners. *Happy Days* comes to mind. This week Heather and I participated in a truly bizarre high school tradition, the Varsity Senior game. Some of you will have seen the picture of Ben recently. He was selected for the school football first team, which they call Varsity, and they all bleached their hair. He looks like a six foot four inch 17-year old version of Billy Idol.

The game last Thursday night was at the school football stadium, by which I mean the American football stadium. This is a school facility which seats 7,000, but there are only 200 people there. Real football comes behind lacrosse and cheerleading in the high school psyche. Heather was impressed on arrival because my senior ticket was half price, I was grumpy.

Before the kick off, they announce all the players over a very loud PA system. Ben's name was announced, then Heather's and mine. We walked on to the pitch, a wave, a hug, and Ben gave his mum a bunch of flowers which someone had kindly bought from King Soopers down the road. Photos, another wave, and exit.

I told the people we sit with in the crowd that this is probably the most bizarre ceremony I have ever participated in, which leaves them all very puzzled. Then the chap on the tannoy announces that it's time for the other thing I don't understand. Heather had warned

me that if I got down on one knee during the Stars and Stripes that she would leave me. The average American has a huge urge to thump their chests during this and it happens at every possible occasion. If you dare to kneel it seems you are being disrespectful to the nation, all its inhabitants, and all of its servicemen.

The professional American football players are making a statement right now by kneeling or putting their arms around each other during the anthem and, I have to say, most of my neighbours are very unhappy with them. The core issue gets lost, because if anyone really thinks that the average black person in America is treated the same as a white person, they are very naïve. The shocking truth is that racism is still rampant in the Land of the Free and, despite loving to quote the constitution, the key phrase, 'all men are created equal', is lost.

Tonight it was our turn to host the soccer team dinner, 18 kids in our lounge looking as though they were queueing in the hair salon to have their roots done. Tomorrow is the big one; Heather gets together with the other soccer moms to produce signs to cheer on the team at the playoffs. This should be very funny bearing in mind her very limited artistic ability and the extremely serious nature of these fearsome ladies – 'it will be like Art 4 Fun – without the Fun'.

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

After this correspondent has now received the medical and psychiatric reports, I can happily convey Lower Larkrise's sporting achievement of the year (*decade if not millennium – I know you lot down there. Ed*) Kevin 'Iron Man' Mayo won the Thames 184-mile footpath race from the Thames Barrier to the source of the river near Kemble. Not only did he win it outright but he won it by a very significant margin of 18 hours.

Many Clifton residents went to watch the punter at 9:00pm on the Saturday but the rules clearly state they can in no way assist him. So, to ensure this rule was kept, the neighbours went to some lengths to not assist him at all and gave him some abuse – all in the interests of victory. They then went home, watched *Strictly*, ate dinner and went to bed. They awoke and prepared a 50th birthday barbecue while Kev was still going. The long suffering Fi, chief support crew and wife, brought Kev to the barbecue later but Kev looked so ill some thought Fi had brought him round for Cath to certify him dead and save time. But no, he came round enough to join the celebrations later, although there is a stain on the road where he was sitting that we can't explain. Well done Kev – you nutter! First prize is a free entry in a Namibia five day run through the bush without getting eaten. No, we don't know why either.

A big Lower Larkrise welcome to Greig and Alice who moved in in March with young Nina, Freddie and Bobby. The Book Club and Ladies Sports club are already vying to increase their memberships and Greig is looking forward to the improvements planned for Welford's Piece.

Well done to Tei Williams and Jerry Harwood for each getting a photograph published in Deddington Library's fundraising calendar, and great shots they are too. This calendar is an ideal parent and family Christmas present option and they're available from the library and farmers' market.

Some very sad news – of the passing of Celia Clark, a tireless library volunteer and very involved in the pub campaign. A kind person who always thought of others. Our thoughts are with Colin.

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HOLLY TREE CLUB

Sadly, this month we said a fond farewell to Rosemary Packard who has decided to retire from our committee. She has been a committee stalwart and a supporter of the Holly Tree for many years. Rev'd Annie conveyed our grateful thanks for all Rosemary has done in a short speech and presentation of a card and flower arrangement at the beginning of the last members' coffee morning in October. However, we're very pleased that Rosemary will continue to be a welcoming face for Holly Tree users, unlocking and locking up and generally keeping an eye on the building as well as, of course, remaining an active member of the Club.

Our Monday morning coffee club is open to all over 60s in the community, so please come along and join us at 10.30am, the first Monday of the month. Membership of the club is £5 per annum and a small charge is made each meeting to cover the cost of refreshments. We are also organising our Christmas lunch at the Deddington Arms on Tuesday 5 December. Again, new members are very welcome, not only to join the club, but to our Christmas lunch as well, so please get in touch. It is shaping up to be a great event with lovely food and a bumper raffle too.

Our next film, in association with Age UK, will be at 6.30pm on Thursday 9 November and is *Jackie*, a dramatic biography of Jackie Kennedy. After her husband's assassination, her world is completely shattered. Traumatized and reeling with grief, over the course of the next week she must confront the unimaginable: consoling their two young children, vacating the home she painstakingly restored, and planning her husband's funeral. There is no need to be a member or to book to see the film, all over 60s are very welcome. The only cost is £2 for refreshments.

Finally, at the time of going to press we've just heard that the Holly Tree has been given a grant of £400 from the farmers' market towards replacement chairs and tables. This will be very gratefully received at the October market.

For all Club enquiries, please contact Liz Dickinson on 01869 337050 or Diana Marshall on 01869 337761. For Holly Tree bookings, please contact Hugh Blythe on 01869 338126.

John Finnigan

DOL HISTORY CORNER

Deddington OnLine contains a wealth of historical information about our parish; in fact, so much information does it contain that it can be a bit dense to penetrate and that's a problem with history - there is so much of it. With the indulgence of the *DN* editors, I plan to use this space on a fairly regular basis to draw the attention of *DN* readers to new articles published on the site, items of interest received in the Parish Archive (some of which may be viewable online) and make requests for information to fill in blanks on existing stories.

Meanwhile you might like to look at <http://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/sitemap> which will give you some

idea of the vast range of people, events and topics that are covered.

Recent acquisitions which I will talk more about soon are a postcard image of *SS Deddington* - of the Deddington Steamship Company (yes, we had one) - and newly discovered deeds of the Royal British Legion building (former axle tree factory) going back to 1888.

So watch this space ... and please feel free to contact me with new information at any time.

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

This summer's results for all national statutory assessments show the pupils of Deddington Primary School are continuing to receive an outstanding education. We are delighted with their achievements. In Year 1 the vast majority of children achieved at least the expected standard in phonics and in reading. As always, we were really pleased with the impressive results achieved by the end of Year 2. In Year 6 all children made significantly better progress than other children nationally and we were particularly delighted with the outstanding results pupils achieved in reading.

We took part in a wonderful harvest festival service led by Revd Annie in early October. The children brought tins and packets of food which were donated to Polly's Box – Polly is a lady in Banbury who helps homeless people. Our new Secret Reading Garden has replaced the previous library in the Year 5/6 corridor. This part of the school has been completely transformed into a calm, beautiful place where all pupils can relax. The children are now enjoying reading there and finding information from books we bought with money raised in our sponsored reading event. Our



talented teaching assistant, Mrs Sheehan, has dedicated hours of her own time to painting the garden walls and creating this area. We would all like to say a massive 'thank you' to her.

Many of our classes have been on exciting trips to enhance their learning, thoroughly enjoyed by all children and adults alike. Year 1 went to Woodstock Museum, Year 2 to Warwick Castle, Years 3 and 4 to the Chedworth Roman villa and Year 5 to Sulgrave Manor to learn more about the English Civil War. The whole school took part in our cross country event. Every child ran a set number of circuits around the school field with the rest of their class. A group of Year 5 and 6 children participated in the Tag Rugby competition at the Warriner School last month. All team members enjoyed taking part and we managed to reach the semi-finals. Well done to all those involved.

We are looking forward to our firework night on Friday 3 November, organised by our PTA. We hope you can join us there.

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BLISSFUL THINKING



Have you ever texted someone to let them know you defiantly agree with them, despite not really standing up against anything? Perhaps you feel like you're loosing your mind, even though it remains firmly (defiantly, even) tethered inside your skull. I used to think that these were all the mistakes of dyslexics,

or people who struggled to master their native tongue, but recently my mind has been changed by my own practices. Erroneously switching 'definitely' for 'defiantly', or 'lose' for 'loose', as baffling as they initially seem (especially adding a superfluous extra letter in 'lose'), actually makes sense when one views them from the perspective of spell-checking software. Those squiggly red lines will only appear if a word does not exist at all. If you have inadvertently substituted one word for a different word, even when it makes the context of a sentence nonsensical, your device will defiantly not save you from loosing you're principals. So, I conclude that the real problem is that we have surrendered our initiative to technology. How many stories of people driving into the ocean at the behest of their satnav do we have to read before the penny drops? Gather your wits, and ask yourself, when you find yourself arrested at the farmers' market for indecent exposure; should I really have trusted the AI-bot when it told me I was dressed this morning?

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LETTERS

**FROM JOY AND NORMAN DRAKE,
MARKET PLACE**

Dog fouling has recently become a bit of an issue in the village, and I have come across several places where there have been dog mess on the pavement, where the owner has obviously made no attempt to clear up after their dog. As the evenings draw in this could become even more of an issue, as people will walk on it and take the mess back into their homes because they have not been able to see what they have stepped in.

Deddington has been a clean village so please let's keep it that way, and please can owners clear up after their dog. Thank you.

FROM JUDY WARD, WINDMILL STREET

The parish church in Deddington will be open to welcome anybody who is likely to be on their own this Christmas. We are aware that Christmas can be a very difficult time for many people, especially if you have no one to share it with.

It is with this in mind that the church has decided to open its doors on Christmas Day and Boxing Day for anybody who dreads being on their own at this time. There will be refreshments available throughout the day, and most importantly, there will be, amongst other things, people around to chat with.

FROM VANESSA LOACH, EARLS LANE

Operation Christmas Child.

It's that time of year and Deddington Church will again be co-ordinating the Shoe Box Appeal. Wrap your shoebox and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper. Select a boy or girl and age category (2–4, 5–9 or 10–14) and attach a label to the top of your shoebox.



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I would suggest a donation of £5 to cover project costs, including shipping. Please place filled shoeboxes in St Peter

and St Paul's Church before 19 November. For further information contact me, threshingbarn@hotmail.com or 01869 338821.

FROM JEAN RUDGE, NEW STREET

We at the Deddington Day Centre (aka Windmill Thursday Club) would like to express our sincere thanks for the generous financial support we have received from the community to keep our centre running after the loss of central funding.

We have received numerous one-off donations, from individuals and local organisations, and several standing orders – all are accepted with gratitude – as will be any future contributions. This is an on-going challenge, but we are heartened to find the service so much valued and pledge to keep it available to Deddington and surrounding villages as long as we possibly can.

We would also warmly welcome new volunteers on a Thursday to help us achieve this aim – your time would be much appreciated by clients and staff.

FROM HEATHER NASON, EARLS LANE

Thanks to everyone who contributed towards the Teas in Church for September and especially the people who supported us each week. We made a total of £422.28.



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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Our 2018 Parish Calendar was launched at the end of September and on sale the very next day at the September farmers' market. We are extremely grateful to the talented people who entered the photo competition and the winning entries that made it into the calendar. If you've not had a chance to see or buy it when we were at the October farmers' market, we will be at November's market. If you're unable to attend any of the markets please pop in to Deddington library where the calendar is on sale. All proceeds go to support the continued services at the library.

We are sad to report the passing of one of the library's first volunteer's, Celia Clark who died in the Katharine House Hospice in early October. Celia was an enthusiastic and much valued member of our team and loved her time helping at the library as we loved her effervescent presence and devotion. Our thoughts and prayers go to Celia's family and friends at this difficult time.

Bryn Williams

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Revd Cotton Risley for the month of October 1867:

2nd October – I signed 14 summonses for divers offences – drunkenness, assaults, short weights and cat killing.

8th October – I and Holford attended a Committee Meeting at the Town Hall, I was in the Chair. It was resolved to remonstrate against placing the organ anywhere except the Chancel according to Mr. Street's plan.

12th October – I attended the adjourned meeting about the organ – the Bishop having interfered and stopped the proceedings too late. No real business done, but much plain speaking about that and the seats in the Church took place.

15th October – Left Oxford for Brighton – on arrival found Willy had taken lodgings for us. I went on to the beach daily. Left Brighton for London on the 1st November.

Buffy Heywood

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FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

The Bat 'n' Booze walk proved to be interesting – no sign of any bats but the autumn smells and rustling wildlife went very well with a picnic enjoyed by the two Friends who walked down. The wildflower meadow has yet to be cut and the new bench will soon be installed, as well as repairs to the information board.

Annette Murphy

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PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

It has been an enjoyable first term at Pre-school and Nursery. Our new children have settled in quickly and we have been getting to know them and their families, and introducing them to our fun activities. We held our AGM on 3 October and elected a new committee to lead the settings during the coming year. Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting, and particularly to our new and retiring committee members. We were also delighted with the support for our PFSU parents' information evening, and the refurbishment weekend at the Nursery. The Nursery building is looking better than ever. By the time you read this our first fundraiser of the year, our Hallowe'enies party, will have taken place, and the second, our Christmas Fayre in the parish church on Tuesday 5 December, will be rapidly approaching. Christmas is coming!

Lucy Squires

01869 337484

FRIENDS OF CASTLE GROUNDS

Autumn has arrived. Walking through the main gate and up the slope to Castle Grounds, the view of the trees in their various colours is spectacular. Come and have a look before all the leaves disappear and winter sets in.

English Heritage has now erected a new sign at the entrance, welcoming visitors and giving a brief history of the site. New members are always welcome. Visit Deddington OnLine to download a membership form or contact our membership secretary Jean Welford on 01869 338539.

Just another reminder for all dog walkers to clean up after their dogs after visiting the Castle Grounds. Please help us keep it a clean and safe environment for all residents and visitors who choose to visit this wonderful site.

Carol Garrett

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WAITING ROOM

They sit in a row of padded chairs, quiet men and women

Together, but alone in their lives.

Not much hair between them but this is not a beauty salon.

The deal cuts deeper than skin.

Hands are grasping a life-raft rope.

Tubes attached to arms they read a page of Kindle Book or news, are grateful for tea.

Without these visits they would disappear.

Patient of sharp needle pain

They are relieved they can still feel.

The Chapters of Oncology engage, edit,

Are writing their new testaments of hope.

Maureen Dew

In memory of Celia Clark

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Book Group

In September we discussed Ian McEwan's novel *Nutshell*, which is an innovative retelling of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Trudy is pregnant by her estranged husband, John, but having an affair with his brother, Claude, and living with him in the London house owned by John. Trudy and Claude plan to murder John in order to gain possession of the run-down but still valuable property. Our group had mixed feelings about the book, partly because of its improbable narrator, Trudy's unborn child, a foetus with impressive perception and a prodigious vocabulary. In addition, the depiction of the murderous pair and their squalid lifestyle was an alienating factor for some readers. The writing is fluent and vivid, with an often sardonic tone, and there are eloquent and moving passages, particularly in the opening and closing chapters. However, there are a number of digressions where the foetus seems to be a mouthpiece for McEwan's personal opinions on a range of topics. While some of us found *Nutshell* an entertaining read in spite of our reservations, others were disappointed.

The next meeting will be on 29 November when we will be discussing *The House on the Lake* by Thomas Harding. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for more information.

Sian Waterman

Royal British Legion

Our former building now belongs to Paul Harris Homes Ltd so our AGM will be held in the Holly Tree Club, at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12 December. A glass of wine or beer will be available. Nominations for the committee should be with me by 14 November.

The times of the Remembrance Sunday parade and church service are in the *DN* diary.

We are continuing with our monthly bingo in the Holly Tree Club, on the second Saturday of each month, starting on 11 November at 8.00pm. All welcome. Any money made will go to the British Legion.

Nina Fairns, Secretary, 01869 338878

Deddington Original Golf Society

Our last full meeting for 2017 took place at the Naunton Downs Golf Club near Stow-on-the-Wold. Twenty-two DOGS ventured forth and 22 completed the course. The winners were:

Team prize Kevin Darke, David Darst and Phil Goodman with 79 points

Nearest the pin in 2 on 17th hole Barry Pawley 1

Nearest the pin on 6th hole Phil Goodman 2

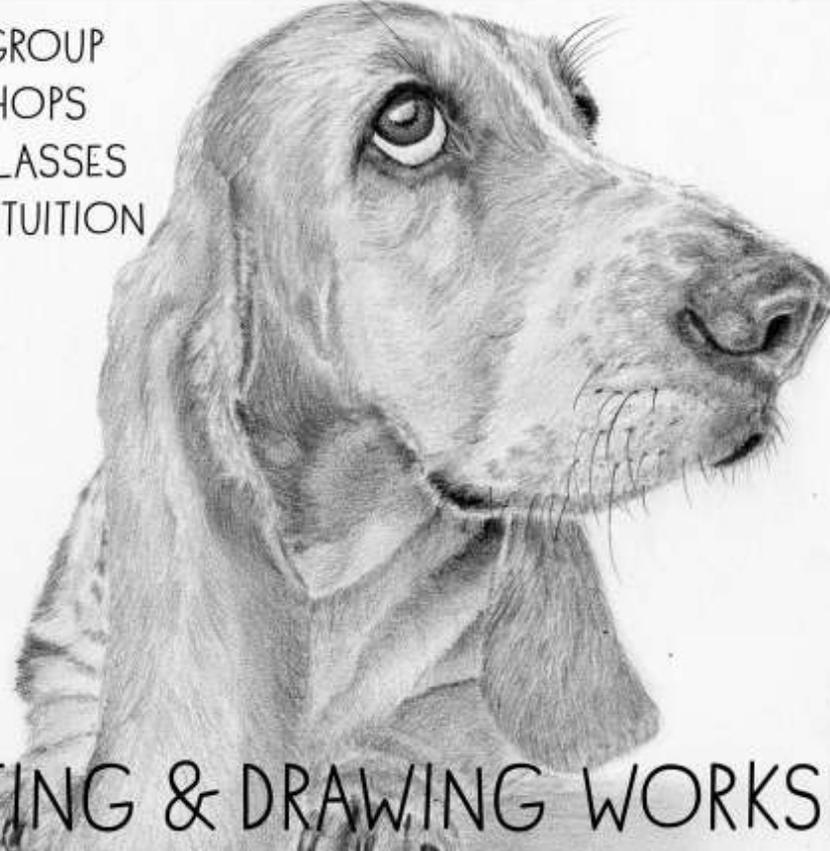
Guest prize Bill Cook 21 31 points

3rd place Peter Curtis 23 34 points

2nd place Phil Goodman 12 34 points (on count back)

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CALLING MORE CLUBS

A Christmas meeting over 9 holes to include dinner for golfers and their non-playing partners is being organised, full information to follow shortly. Details of the AGM will be published in the December issue.

Tony Lowe tonylowe077@gmail.com

Women's Institute

Our meeting this month was a Bring and Share Harvest Supper. Twenty-one of us enjoyed a lovely spread of savoury and sweet food. We then had an auction to raise money for the Remembrance Day poppy wreath. £83.15 was raised – anything over the cost of the wreath goes to the Royal British Legion. Many of us took advantage to get ahead with Christmas shopping.

Our November meeting is on the 14th. At the moment, we are not sure of a speaker as the one booked has had to cancel. For more information about the WI please contact either Beryl Suckling on 01869 337385 or Jenny Cross on 01869 337613.

Julia Hobbs

Deddington and District History Society

We began our October meeting early to allow for socialising and give members the opportunity to let us know their views on membership and future events. We hope, as a result, to have a wealth of new ideas. Following our usual rapid AGM we were entertained by a superb talk from Julie Ann Godson, with the delectable title of 'The Water Gypsy: How a Thames Fishergirl Became a Viscountess'. The girl in question was Betty Ridge, daughter of a fisherman and publican from Noah's Ark Island on the Thames at Northmoor. In 1766 she married the second Viscount Ashbrook, who, while a student at Oxford three years earlier, had fallen head over heels for her during a boating excursion. Julie's account was about more than the remarkable Betty. The Ridges were a highly capable, entrepreneurial and ambitious family. Julie gave us a fascinating account of the family's relentless rise, a pinnacle being reached with the marriage in 1846 of Betty's granddaughter, Charlotte, to the sixth Duke of Marlborough: from weir keeper's cottage to Blenheim Palace in 80 years.

At our next meeting, on Wednesday 8 November, Dan Allen will speak on the role of women in the army during the First World War. All are welcome to our meetings at the Windmill Centre, starting at 7.30pm.

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

Deddington Bookworms

We all enjoyed our latest book – *The Wasp Factory* by Iain Banks despite finding it shocking and disgusting in parts. The story is set in a community on an island in the far north of Scotland. As well as killing three of his family before the age of 10, Frank, the central character, gets a great deal of delight while he is growing up from meting out undeserved punishment on any

living thing that passes by. Frank's father, Angus, an eccentric doctor, is part of the psychological puzzle, going every now and again to Inverness to sell drugs he has made at home. The book entices you to read on and it is well worth it as the final chapter contains a real twist to the story. It certainly won't appeal to everyone but it's worth reading if you are looking for something a little different.

Deddington Library 01869 338391

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

In September we took a group of 11 Cubs to the District Cub Camp at Horley. The theme of the camp was pirates and we all dressed accordingly, lots of skulls and crossbones and even a parrot. The boys took part in lots of pirate games and activities – cannon-ball target, archery, shooting and 'talk like a pirate'. On Sunday they built catapults and spent a happy hour shooting ping-pong balls at each other. The camp fire was a great success – I will never eat a banana with a straight face ever again!

Back at the Windmill we have made helmets and shields and re-enacted the Battle of Hastings.

Jo Churchyard jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

The Scouts have been back to basics so far this term. They helped erect the tents for Cub camp, refreshed their skills with a Trangia and made a jam sandwich. They had to make their sandwich (roll) from scratch, so some made bread rolls, others made blackberry jam and the rest attempted to make butter with a jar and marbles. The bread and jam were a triumph but we ate them with very thick cream instead of butter. Everyone wolfed the results down with relish.

Pete Churchyard pete.churchyard@gmail.com

Remembrance Day Parade is on 12 November.

1st Deddington Guides

We just had time to celebrate our 46th birthday at the beginning of a new term, before it started to get busy. A birthday celebration calls for cake of course. We cheered the original four girls who met founder, the late Jean Ward, at Maunds Farmhouse for that very first meeting in 1971. Douglas Ward was delighted to hear how well we are thriving. Making the best of the last light evenings we toasted marshmallows over mini fires and made use of the field and surroundings.

We've spent time re-convening new patrols, electing patrol leaders, choosing new names and sorting patrol equipment and boxes. This means that the Guides can go ahead and choose, plan and enjoy their own activities. Our annual pet evening was very popular with a collection of guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens and a gecko. We all learnt a lot about caring for a wide range of pets.

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Twenty-four Guides and Leaders went to Wembley to the Big Gig – a pop concert solely for Guides – thousands of them – with many well-known artists endorsing Guiding. The girls had a brilliant time and the train journey to and from added to the fun.

Finally, we were very moved by the plight of flood victims overseas so decided to make a speedy effort to help buy a ShelterBox. These boxes contain everything required to help a family with very basic needs. Thanks to the Guides' efforts we held a cake sale and raffle and raised £85.00 just in an evening's meeting. So, thank you to family and friends for your support.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Marian Trinder 01869 340806

Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008

Deddington Town Football Club

First Team results:

16.09.17	M Cheney Res (a)	W 7–3 Hall S. (6), Stanley
23.09.17	Woodford Utd 3rd (a)	W 1–0 Hall S.
30.09.17	Bloxham (h)	W 1–0
07.10.17	Bishops Itchington (a)	L 2–3

Reserve team results:

16.09.17	AFC Naranja (a)	D 2–2 Tustain (2)
23.09.17	Broughton & NN Res (h) (CUP)	L 0–5
30.09.17	Banbury Galaxy (a)	L 1–5
07.10.17	Broughton & NN Res (h)	D 0–0

The First Team tore up the league with an excellent month, led by the amateur Messi, Simon Hall, who scored an astounding double hat-trick against Middleton Cheney, and followed up with a winner in the next match against Woodford. He may even have scored more, the internet will not spill its secrets right now. This has tucked the First Team just in behind the league leaders, Bishops Itchington, who they missed the chance to usurp after suffering a narrow defeat. The Reserves have unfortunately sunk to second from the bottom of their division, with the obvious problem seeming to be their lack of goals, though Jason 'The Voice' Tustain nabbed a brace against the moronically-monikered AFC Naranja. Let's see if Santa has anything in his football stocking to alleviate these issues, shall we?

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

Deddington Town FC – Youth Section

In the Witney and District Youth Football League, the U14s playing in the U14 B League have had a tough start to the season with defeats against Launton, Launton Athletic and Banbury Irish. Their fortune turned in an entertaining 8–4 victory over Launton Athletic in the return fixture, with William Mansfield scoring a hat-trick and Lucas Barber with a brace. The U13 Sharks playing in the B League have got off to a good start, winning three of their four opening games, including an

entertaining 5–4 win over Witney Vikings with Freddie Murfitt and Felix Norman both scoring twice. The U13 Cobras playing in the C League have had a hard start to the season with a series of defeats in league and in cup. They had a close match with Chadlington before narrowly losing 3–2 despite leading at half-time with Finlay Sealby scoring both goals. The U12s, playing in the C League, have had a good start with two victories but suffered a heavy defeat to Bloxham in the cup.

Our U13 Cobras team, which trains at Banbury Academy on Tuesday evenings and play matches at the Windmill Centre, have spaces available for new players. If you are interested email Marten Sealby, marten.sealby@gmail.com.

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/ or visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc.

**Roger Sykes, Development Officer
and U7/U6 Coach, 01869 337034**

Deddington Players

The Deddington Players staged their James Bond evening on 7 October, including 007-themed music and dance and a short Bond spoof, *Licence to Thrill*. The evening was very popular and we had some

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dapper Bonds and Bond Girls amongst the audience and even a Blofeld complete with cat. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and all the performers from Deddington Brass, Deddington Youth Dance Company, jJaimes Music, Becky Jones and the Deddington Players. We raised £450 for Katharine House and enjoyed a great evening's entertainment.

Our next performance is our pantomime, *Cinderella*, on 18–20 January, at the Windmill Centre. This production has been cast and Cinders, Buttons, the Ugly Sisters and all their friends are now in rehearsal to make this the biggest and best Deddington pantomime ever.

Suzie Upson
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Boys Brigade

Whilst 1st Deddington awaits new leaders, Juniors and Company Section members are welcome to join in Bloxham's programme, part of St Mary's Church. Juniors meet on Tuesday evening at 5.40pm and the Company Section on Wednesday evening 6.30–8.30pm. For further details please visit our website at www.1stbloxhamboysbrigade.moonfruit.com

Photographic Society

In October, we were treated to an inspiring presentation by Viveca Koh on 'Phoneography to Fellowship: My Continuing Journey'. She is a self-taught fine art photographer whose work covers many genres, including the use of background textures and overlaying several images. She became interested in smartphone photography – phoneography – mainly because of its portability and unobtrusiveness. Its versatility has allowed her to specialise in Urban Exploration (UrbEx) Photography, Photographing abandoned and disused buildings, such as asylums, care homes, and schools.

The iPhone, or smartphone, has become her camera of choice for certain situations – where stealth is required or if a candid shot is not possible with a long lens. She described several iPhone apps that enhance the images and also showed how she illustrated *Star Blossom*, a book of poems by her uncle, Fergus Chadwick, which led to her FRPS distinction in 2014.

The second Society Annual Photographic Exhibition is on Saturday 28 October, 9.00am–1.00pm in the Living Room of the parish church, the same day as the farmers' market. All are welcome, admission is free and refreshments are available.

On Wednesday 1 November, Robert Harvey will return to give a talk on 'Winter Photography' at 7.30pm at the Christopher Rawlings School, 1 Aynho Road, Adderbury (by the traffic lights). Workshop and photoshoot details on www.addphoto.co.uk.

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WELL REMEMBERED

Christine Rollason 1959–2017

Christine died peacefully and without pain and with her dignity intact in Katharine House Hospice where she said she 'felt safe'. She showed the utmost bravery and strength in her two-month fight from diagnosis to death, helped immensely by the team at Deddington Health Centre including the Deddington District Nurses and the Community Clinical Nurse Specialists.

She was born Christine Mary Wimpenny and raised in 'God's own country' in Hinchcliffe Mill, Yorkshire, attending Holme Valley Grammar School before going on to Huddersfield Polytechnic to study business studies. Here she met the love of her life, David, who immediately noticed the beautiful girl with the wonderful smile and the arresting brown eyes. They were engaged in New York, married at Holmbridge Church in 1981 and had a 24-hour honeymoon in Ilkley. The *Holme Valley Express* reported 'Couple Leave Area' although they had only moved to Leeds, a massive 20 miles away. It might as well have been Australia!

Sam came along in 1991 and Thomas in 1994. Deddington became home in 1999 and the family quickly formed lasting friendships. There have been many years of parties, concerts and holidays shared with the Deddington family. Christine was very comfortable in her own skin, so much so that she was much happier beavering away in life's chorus line rather than standing centre stage. Christine's obvious beauty was more than matched by her inner beauty; her calm, honest, gentle and caring personality never changed, wherever she was and whoever she was with.

For twelve years she dedicated herself to her students at the Warriner School as a well-respected member of the Special Educational Needs Specialist Service in the school's Communication and Interaction Resource Unit. She understood the needs of young people with speech, language and communication problems and enabled them to communicate their views, wishes and perspectives. Even during her final weeks she repeatedly asked after the progress of the students.

Family was her real passion but, in a family of boys (David included) she had to tolerate the Sunday afternoon TV football fest during endlessly long football seasons. Christine was an innovative cook, enjoying entertaining with David. Her home-made chilli was always sought after for the PTA quiz and put lesser chillis to shame. She took great pleasure styling her home with a Farrow and Ball paint chart and cushions which were her thing.

The family will be eternally grateful for the constant care, respect and kindness that the whole hospice team offered Christine during her final weeks. As David said at her funeral, he had never met anyone with a moral compass as accurately calibrated as Christine's. She believed in good old-fashioned family values and lived her life accordingly.

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