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the Deddington news

An amazing 16 organisations report on their activities this month, 11 of which provide extra-curricular interests for school age children. Our young people gain a range of skills from these, such as community spirit, self-respect, discipline, co-operation and reliability. The leaders and coaches (many from outside the parish) who willingly give up what spare time they have to provide the facilities and training deserve the plaudits of the parish.

November

- Wed 2 Photographic Society: David McGill, 'The Photographer's Workflow, Processing the Images', Cartwright Hotel, Ayhno, 7.30pm
- Thu 3 The History of Christianity in Fifteen Objects, Revd Simon Jones, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Fri 4 PTA: Firework display, school field, from 6pm
- Sat 5 Help for Heroes: Porcelain Exhibition, Parish Church, 10am-4pm
- Mon 7 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am-noon
- Tue 8 WI: Moira Byast, 'The Ghost of Christmas Past', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 History Society: AGM followed by 'The Early Life of Lord Nuffield', Bob Harris, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 10 Friends of Deddington Festival: AGM, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Thu 10 Monday Morning Club: Film evening, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Fri 11 Remembrance service, Parish Church, 10.45am
- Sat 12 Winter Fête, Parish Church, 11am-2pm
- Sat 12 Church Blaze Firewalk Challenge, Parish Church, 6-9pm
- Sun 13 Remembrance Sunday Parade, 10.30am from Bullring
- Wed 16 -
- Sun 20 Michaelmas Fair, Market Place
- Wed 16 Cricket Club: AGM, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm
- Wed 16 Parish Council Meeting, Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Wed 16 Photographic Society: Simon Lutter, 'Exposure Modes', Cartwright Hotel, Ayhno, 7.30pm
- Fri 18 PTA: George Michael Tribute band, Windmill Centre
- Sat 19 Warriner Choral Society Concert, *Dido and Aeneas*, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Thu 24 Book Club meeting, contact 338094 for details
- Sat 26 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am-12.30pm
- Mon 28 The History of Christianity in Fifteen Objects, Dr Judith Maltby, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Wed 30 PFSU and Nursery: Christmas Shopping and Pamper evening, Bo Peep Farm, Adderbury, 7.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton, 19 October 2011

This was the first meeting in Clifton. It was chaired by Jim Flux on a clear dry evening with a good turnout of Councillors and about eight members of the public. Your correspondent would support further meetings at this hospitable venue except that, because of the pub noise, it was very difficult to hear all of the debate and this record of the proceedings may be short on detail.

Open Forum:

The DPC's support was sought for appropriate flood-lighting at the Windmill Centre. This would encourage more use of the tennis courts. The advice was to apply for planning permission but it was suggested that the proposers should first seek support from the residents of Mill Close.

Christopher Hall has applied for photo voltaic solar panels on his roof and on the basis of environmental protection asked for the council's support. The matter was referred to the planning working group.

Clifton residents were concerned about the weight, volume and speed of Clifton through traffic; it was suggested that offending vehicle registration numbers should be taken and reported.

Environment & Recreation:

£1,000 would be required to restore and make safe the Castle Grounds football pitch and surrounding area. The matter would be referred to the F&GP working group.

The Christmas Tree will be generously sponsored by the Farmers' Market Committee.

Planning:

New applications

Very few planning applications, an unfortunate sign of difficult financial times.

The Knowle, Philcote Street, PV solar panels, not visible from the road, no DPC objection.

Vervain, Philcote Street, loft conversion, roof lights

and various internal works, not visible from the road, no DPC objection.

Approvals

Glenthorne, Hopcraft Lane; Greencourts, Earls Lane; Orchard Bank, Goose Green, all of Deddington; and Hempton House, Snakehill Lane, Hempton.

Emergency Planning:

The questionnaire returns were processed and an emergency plan has been produced to support the vulnerable and those who are concerned that they are at risk. The report will be lodged with the emergency services. The main debate concerned the distribution of rock salt. OCC will fill all the bins around the village once, after which DPC have a limited stock to refill the bins. The parish is advised to use the salt carefully and private houses and businesses facing the road or pavements are asked to clear snow outside their premises.

F&GP

Windmill solar panels: although generating electricity, Scottish and Southern Electricity still have not produced a statement.

Five tertiary grant applications have been received: Andrew Hunsley – Keele; Joseph Thornton – Bristol; Carolyn Sullivan – Coventry; Barney Alton – Bath; Georgina Sullivan – Chester.

Library

Proposals have been put to OCC for a reduced volunteer support programme to reduce staff running costs; OCC is considering the proposal.

Deddington funds on deposit 19 October, £541,279 with Barclays, West Bromwich BS, Santander, and Anglo-Irish Bank

Invoices agreed for payment £5,020.00

**Next Meeting Church Hall, Hempton
16 November, 7.30pm**

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter Charles Barker, and not the official Minutes. To see those, go to <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/pcminutes>.

The Warriner School, Bloxham

The Year 7 intake has settled in remarkably well. September saw the launch of our 'Behaviour for Learning' and we have just completed a cycle of student feedback on the process. I fully accept that students are never going to be happy about a system that involves detention but their feedback was overwhelmingly positive, reflecting on increased lesson productivity and focus because time is not being lost dealing with minor issues such as lateness and lack of essential equipment.

Things are moving on the Sixth Form front. Informal consultation begins next month so look out for the consultation document and register your comments. There will be the opportunity to attend a public meeting as part of the process, and dates for this will also be released next month. I am optimistic that we will get support for this to go ahead, but need as many of you as possible to add your voice to ours.

Dr Annabel Kay, Headteacher
j.wood@warriner.oxon.sch.uk

FARMERS' MARKET

South Koreans Come to Deddington

Four South Koreans from the Institute of the 21st Century Korea Research visited Deddington on 28 September to study how farmers' markets operate in England. They chose ours because it follows best practice in its operation. They wanted to see the connection between local farmers and producers, their customers and the local farmers' market. They were interested in establishing the benefits the market adds to the community. Eco-friendly and organic methods were of



Pic Stephanie Collier

particular interest. During their visit Geoff Todd took them to three of the original producers selling at the market. Starting at Home Farm, Clifton, George Fenemore introduced them to beekeeping and the ecological practices he uses. Next, they spent time at Iron Down Farm, Hempton, where Tony Collier and Seb Peissel talked about selling through farmers' markets, pig and sheep

production and took them on a tour of their butchery. Finally, during a visit to Mark Stay at North Aston Organics, they saw the production of organic vegetables and the operation of the box delivery scheme.

The South Koreans said that they had found their visit extremely interesting. They are planning to return with some of their farmer colleagues to see how they could adapt their methods to a new model based on what they discovered in Deddington.

SITUATION VACANT

How would you like a job with no pay and great rewards?

Deddington Farmers' Market is a not-for-profit group which runs the monthly market. Staffed entirely by volunteers, it has achieved an enviable position within the market community by being not only a preferred market for people to come and buy, but also a preferred market for traders to sell.

We are looking for a new Treasurer. The book-keeping is not too onerous, and the job offers great opportunities to take an active role in the day-to-day running of this successful market. You will need to be able to keep the market books, issue accounts to and collect fees from traders, pay suppliers and come to the monthly management meetings. If you can do this, then we need you. For more details please contact me.

Geoff Todd 338532



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term one has flown by, October being particularly busy, including a Year 5 visit to Blenheim Place to tie in with their World War Two topic, and Year 3 visited Sulgrave Manor. Year 5 have had the opportunity to link with another school in Oxfordshire and this term the Year 5 class from Bayards Hill, Headington, came to visit us for the day – they enjoyed looking around Deddington and finding out about the history of the community. They spent the afternoon playing team games with Year 5 on our field. The children have exchanged letters and we hope this link will strengthen and more visits will follow.

The whole school has been working on our Woven Cross project. All children (and their families) have had the opportunity to work on a cross, made from recycled materials, which will become a focal point of our new hall.

Our thoughts in November are turning towards Fireworks Night, organised by our enthusiastic PTA, whilst the teachers have been making plans for our Christmas productions, to be held in Deddington Church. Year 6 have been invited to a special Remembrance Service at Deddington Church, after which they are looking forward to talking to members of the British Legion and listening to their experiences. Year 1 are excited about their annual trip to Chipping Norton pantomime – this year it is *Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves*.

Jane Cross, Deputy Headteacher, 338430

Deddington OnAir

Since the well-attended open meeting in September we have gained many more friends and have also received donations from a variety of local organisations. I'd like to mention the generosity of the *Deddington News* and also Deddington Farmers' Market for their support.

We have also gained three new shows: David Macey produces a weekly Blues and Jazz show that airs at 7pm each Friday and is repeated on Wednesday afternoons. Ben Ward and James O'Neill have also started an hour-long Variety show at 8pm every Friday. We are also carrying the reading of *Pilgrim's Progress* live from Deddington Church every Tuesday and Thursday 17:00 – 17:55, as well as the Wednesday Eucharist, Evening Prayers, the Sunday 10:30 service and Evensong on the first Monday of each month.

Aaron Bliss and Mikey Large are well on the way to the first episode of Late Night Large which will be a topical discussion programme. A cookery show and a movie review show are in planning as well.

The Deddington OnAir team are delighted that people are coming on board to create new programming and so we are going to expand the equipment library to allow people to have a go at no expense to themselves.

Please do tune in, www.deddingtononair.org.

David Rogers, Chair
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Thu 3	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 6	10.30am	First Sunday
	6.30pm	Solemn Requiem Mass for the Departed
Wed 9	0.00am	Eucharist
Thu 10	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Fri 11	10.45am	Armistice Day Service
Sun 13	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00am	Service of Remembrance Sunday
Wed 16	0.00am	Eucharist
Thu 17	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 20	10.30am	Eucharist with Baptism
Wed 23	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 24	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 27	9.30am	Advent Sunday Celebration
		Sung Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.15am	Café Church
Wed 30	10.00am	Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)

St John's Hempton

Sun 6	9.00	Eucharist
	20	9.00am Eucharist
Sun 27	6.00pm	Evensong

The Barfords

Sun 6	10.30am	Eucharist (BfdStM)
Sun 13	9.00am	Service of Remembrance (BfdStM)
Sun 20	10.30am	Family Service (BfdStM)
Sun 27	4.00pm	Evensong (BfdStM)

From the Parish Registers*Funeral:*

14 October Joe Cowley

Baptisms:

16 October

Emilia Hilda Jane Rawlins

Bryony Maeve Smith

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev. Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), the curate, Revd Dr Dan Inman (338582) curatedan@gmail.com, or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to www.deddingtonchurch.org.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
Sun 27 J Neale

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury**

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Sun at 10.00am.

St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7.00pm and Sun 8.30am.

Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00pm and at Adderbury before Mass.

The Eve of Sunday 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.

Tuesday 1 November is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at Hethe are at 10.00am and 7.30pm

Vigil Mass at Adderbury on Monday 31 October at 7.00pm

Fr John Burns 277396

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

WEEKLY DIARY

Mon: Musictime for under 5s, Windmill Centre, 2pm (term time only)
Mon: Homework Club, Parish Church, 3.30–5pm
Mon: Brownies, Windmill Centre, 6–7.30pm
Mon: Youth Club, Windmill Centre, 7–9pm
Mon: Bellringing Practice, Parish Church, 7.30pm
Tue: Craft Group, Holly Tree, 2.00–4.30pm
Tue: Tennis Club, Windmill Centre, 10am
Tue: Internet Café, Parish Church, 2pm–5pm
Tue: Guides, Windmill Centre, 7–9pm
Tue: Badminton Club, Seniors, Windmill Centre, 7–10pm
Tue: Youth Group, Parish Church, 7–8.30pm
Alt Tue: Hempton Ladies, St John's Hall, 2–4pm
Wed in term time: Caterpillar Music, for babies and toddlers, Windmill Centre, 10am

Every other Wed: Friendship Club, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm
Wed: Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys, Windmill Centre, 5pm
Wed: Boys' Brigade Juniors, Windmill Centre, 5.45pm
Wed: Boys' Brigade Company, Parish Church, 7pm
Thu: Life & Portrait Art Group, Holly Tree, 10–1.30 & 2.30–4pm
Thu: 1st Deddington Cubs, Windmill Centre, 6–7.30pm
Thu: 1st Deddington Scouts, Windmill Centre, 7.30–9pm
Fri: Coffee Morning, Katharine House, Parish Church, 10am–noon
Fri: Baby and Toddler Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30–11am
Fri: Solemates Footcare, Parish Church, 10am–noon
Fri: Friendly Bridge Club, Holly Tree, 2–5pm
Fri: Internet Café, Parish Church, 2pm–5pm
Fri: Deddington Church Choir Practice, 7.45pm

Many Moons Ago ...

In 1976 I was persuaded by one Gerard Sullivan that a community newsletter/magazine for Deddington would be a 'good thing', and that I was the person to edit it. 'Why, who needs it?' says I, 'we're fine as we are'. Deddington was a very different place 35 years ago: a smaller population (1200), more cliquy, dare I say more class-ridden, with no middle ground of professionals.

Anyway, we decided to have a go: 'we' being a publications committee, initially under the auspices of the Windmill Adult Education Committee, comprising Jill Cheeseman (reports and correspondence), Monica Sansome and Mary Sullivan (advertising), and Tony Mann (finance) and me as editor. Yes, the same as your humble current editors, though there have been many illustrious occupants of this seat in between.

Some short-term financial support came from the Parish Council, but that brought its own problems. In the first issue in September 1976 there was a light-hearted dig at the local Conservative Fête which brought an apoplectic reaction from the PC: 'a waste of ratepayers' money', and 'all copy should be vetted by the PC'. The chastened author, shattered by the response, promised to 'put the quill back into the goose'. And 'The Great Deddington Skirmish', the tale of a bust-up between residents of Deddington and Somerton in the 15th century by local historian and musicologist, Geoffrey Hindley. Plus reports from the groups and organisations which are the life-blood of our community.

In 1977 we parted company with the Adult Education Centre, became totally independent and have remained so ever since. Our three guiding principles were drawn up by Norman Stone (editor 1987–94): non-political, non-sectarian and non-commercial.

There were many hiccups in the early days: times when an issue nearly failed to appear due to lack of

volunteers, or cash, or both. Since then it has gone from strength to strength, increasing its page extent, the range of editorial topics covered and advertising from local traders. We have returned any surplus income to the community through grants such as the village noticeboards, sponsoring the Christmas tree, the Hempton church hall doors and, more recently, Deddington OnAir.

In the first issue were ten quarter page ads, all for businesses now gone: Deddington Pottery (now Foresters Cottage in the Tchure); Jones' second-hand furniture and general haberdashers (now part of Philip Allan Updates); Rita and Elizabeth (dressmakers, Centrepoint); Priors Ice Cream Parlour (May Fu II); Acklands jewellers (Coniston House), Ken Garrett's Post Office Stores (Eagles); Goldford Furnishings (Otmoores); Hopcraft & Powell butchers (Finishing Touch); Tuckers Stores (Otters) and Fairview Dairy (St Thomas Street). Other local traders, upset at not being invited to participate in the first issue, joined soon afterwards. Ads cost 50p per quarter page.

As to the technology – what technology? Copy was typed on to Gestetner skins with lots of luminous pink correction fluid, and printed with help from the Vicar, George Palmer, on his hand-cranked duplicator in a spare bedroom with wife Nora reading in bed next door. We had ink up to the elbows, and blood, sweat and tears were spilled in the monthly battle with that machine.

We're still here – the technology has moved on but the production is still mostly home grown – and with your support we will be here in another 35 years' time.

Mary Robinson

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[What a pity we didn't have the foresight to take a photo at the time – Ed]

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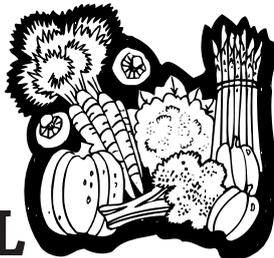
But perhaps our meagre salary will not quite cover the cost of our desires. Fret ye not, credit will see us through. Everyone does it. We demand satisfaction, but instant gratification is a soubriquet we accept as the genuine article. We lend far greater attention to the mammary glands than the elbows, and so we also yearn to always fulfil the taste buds ahead of the digestive tract.

How did we get to this remarkable situation, where a tin of dog food can contain more nutrients than the average microwave snack? People enslaved to the stimulation of *caliculus gustatorius* ahead of their own physical wellbeing walk alongside seemingly rational souls working at jobs they don't like, in order to purchase things they don't need, with money they don't have. The maddening slew of information assaulting us like flaming arrows over the ramparts of the citadel of our souls 24 hours a day may be derided, but it cannot be ignored. Like hypnotism, these suggestions may only be functional when we are at our weakest, and willingly surrender ourselves to their lure. Our melan-

choly dictates we should aspire to reach the heights of those above us in the social scale. Can we attain this by looking like them? Dressing like them? Reading about their daily exploits? Can we really find our own voice in others? It certainly subscribes to instant gratification once more.

Social networking and tabloid newspapers have surely exacerbated this trend and reduced our attention spans still further. If we cannot become interested in something within two hundred characters then it is not worth bothering with. We have ceased to ask what is really relevant to us; rather we wait to be told. This has spawned lowest common denominator capitalism: where companies manufacturing worthless tat, newspapers peddling malignant rhetoric designed to divide, and companies processing addictive food with no nutritional value are winners, while at the top of our economic pyramid obscenely wealthy speculators trade derivatives of no use to anyone outside their circle, to make or break our whole economic system, while hospitals close, schools fail and vital food and fuel prices spiral out of control. Market logic dictates that if the consumer shuns a product, business will be forced to lower prices or improve service in order to survive. But do we lead or do we follow? Has advertising segued from smoke and mirrors to fire and polemic? Would Anton LaVey see this as the triumph or oppression of free will? **Aaron Bliss 07909 642882**

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The Deddington Four

A year ago on a cold October night four friends were ensconced in the snug of the Red Lion sharing a half or two of weak shandy. The talk turned to horse racing and one of our number, Jason Maloney, shared that Peggy Pacey, the much famed National Hunt award winning racehorse breeder of Park Farm, Deddington, had a four-year-old untried filly for sale.

Now Jason has worked with horses all his life and can bore for Ireland on the subject and he told us that he thought the horse had a chance of being a winner. Blood line was discussed and we all shared our long-held dreams of owning a winning race horse. A few more halves of shandy were imbibed and we decided we should look into what we could do as a partnership.

Much to my surprise cometh the morrow everyone was still interested and, if anything, more excited at the thought of owning a share of a racehorse, so we went to view the horse and what a pretty, lively filly she was. We wanted her!

Meetings were convened, costs were looked into, cash flow forecasts estimated, partnership agreements established and a name for the partnership agreed.

And so The Deddington Four racing partnership was formed, comprising Jason Maloney, Dennis Harrison, Tony Roche and Martin Ince. An offer that we could all afford was made for the horse which Peggy kindly accepted and the filly was ours. Hurrah!

Next came the most difficult decision – what to call the her? Many names were thrown into the hat

but in the end we decided to incorporate our love of Deddington and by unanimous agreement she was named Lady Deddington.

We found a trainer near Stow-on-the-Wold and Lady was placed with him in the hope that she would have her first race in the new year of 2011. All was going to plan and we strode the pubs of Deddington telling anyone who would listen about our new-found fame as racehorse owners (well a leg each at least).

At this point things started to go wrong. Remember the winter of 2010–11? Lady was up to her fetlocks in snow and training stopped. Come the snow-clearing in January we found she had an infection and then a problem with a hoof. We were getting disenchanted with the trainer and her progress, so we brought her back to Park Farm for Jason to get her back to fitness.

By the time we had her fit the National Hunt season was finishing and so we decided to look for a new trainer and put her back into training in July with a view to racing her in September if the trainer thought she was worth it. Frustration was setting in as we still had no idea if she had any potential and the money was leaking out of our account.

I had thought prior to this that racehorses ate oats. No, they eat £50 notes. No wonder it is called the sport of kings! The guys in the local hostelrys were very sympathetic and supportive of our situation and offered us encouragement such as 'How's the donkey doing?', 'Do you ever intend to race her?'

We placed Lady with Paul Webber, who has magnificent training stables near Cropredy, in July 2011. A month later he was very pleased with Lady's progress so she was entered in her first race for untried horses at Worcester on 13 September (a bumper as it is known). We all went with mixed feelings. We did our posing stuff in the parade ring before the race, placed our bets, and retired to the grandstand to watch the race.

Lady Deddington tracked the leaders with a starting price of 16–1. Coming into the last mile she moved into second place and the excitement mounted. Coming up the final three furlongs, two geldings took the lead and Lady was third. Would she hold the place?

At the finish line she did not fade and surged home in third place. The Deddington Four and friends were delighted. What a great outcome for her first race, our faith and perseverance vindicated.

Lady Deddington is now back in training and will start to go over hurdles. She needs a few more bumpers to get some form and is pencilled in to a maiden only bumper at Warwick on 3 November.

Every horse race is a one off event with never the same field or conditions, so who knows how the next race will go. The trainer says she has a win in her and if she does we will book the back yard of the Red Lion with Lady Deddington in attendance to celebrate.

Martin Ince 338417

Racing Correspondent for The Deddington Four
'Stay hungry, stay foolish' (Steve Jobs, 2005) – Ed



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THE ALLOTMENT

It seems hard to believe that frosts and winds will be on their way but I'm sure they will be soon. So in anticipation cover your root vegetables with straw or cardboard up to 30cms, to enable you to dig the ground when you want your vegetables. Also stake your sprouts and earth up your cabbages to prevent wind rock.



Plant garlic any time before Christmas in well drained soil; do not plant on freshly manured sites as the garlic is prone to rot. There are varieties of onions that you can plant now which can be harvested in June.

Take hardwood cuttings of currants and gooseberries and indeed any other shrubs.

Finally, as a little preparation for Christmas, go out and buy the Narcissi 'Paper White', a multi-headed narcissus with a delicious scent, and plant them up in a pretty pot and place in a dark area. In 8–10 weeks you should have a beautiful table decoration. Sarah Raven sprays some twigs with silver and places these between them for support which will give you an added festive look.

Samantha Willis

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FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

The most frequently asked question about the wood concerns the number of trees and whether they should be thinned out. Initially, the small whips were planted far more densely than would occur naturally, with the knowledge that, over many years, some would die, leaving the strongest to survive and grow.

For a while now we have been worried about overcrowding and poor growth in some areas; particularly among the oaks, which do not grow as fast as the ashes. To help some trees develop better, we wanted to thin out a few of the weaker trees but were not allowed to do so by the Woodland Trust. However, there has been a change of heart and we may be doing some thinning in the near future.

There are two ways of doing this: felling or ring barking. The first needs no explanation and the second involves cutting around the bark of the tree but leaving it standing. This kills the tree causing it to fall, eventually, and is only suitable for smaller trees well away from paths where people walk. The trees would then be left in the wood to rot down, forming an excellent habitat for bugs, mosses etc. You will see very little difference except, perhaps, the disappearance of some weak and straggly trees and a lighter and more airy undercover, which will also benefit wildlife. We are being advised and helped by the Oxfordshire Woodland Project Manager.

Elsbeth Cox

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A Parish at War

On Remembrance Day, Friday 11 November 2011 the book, *A Parish at War* is being launched after the normal short service which starts at 10.45am. This is a once in a century occasion as the two minute silence will be observed at 11am on 11.11.11.

We understand that in addition to members of our branch of the Royal British Legion, our MP, Tony Baldry, and representatives of the Ambulance Service, Fire Service, Police and WRVS will be present. Year 6 from Deddington Primary School, who have been studying the history of World War Two in the last few weeks, will be attending, as well as a significant number of the people who feature in the book and representatives of other organisations in the Parish.

Please join us at this very village affair in the Church, at the coffee morning and then at the Royal British Legion Club

We are asking everyone to wear their family's medals. It is customary to wear medals for Remembrance Day events – those belonging to relatives should be worn on the right lapel and we hope that this will demonstrate the total involvement of the population in the two World Wars.

Following the service, and by courtesy of the Vicar, we will 'launch' our book over coffee and biscuits - served as usual in the Church on a Friday with all proceeds to Katharine House. We are inviting local TV, radio and newspapers to attend.

Sales of the book are going well (250 copies so far) and we anticipate being able to donate money to the Deddington branch of the RBL. We are asking that this will be used to commemorate the Deddington men who died in World War One and whose names are not on the War Memorial. We are grateful for financial support received from the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the Deddington Market Group. More about this in a later issue.

The Remembrance Day Parade will be held as usual on Sunday 13 November.

Michael Allbrook

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Snapshot from the archive:

October 1976, p.6

PARISH COUNCIL:

There is concern over the unsatisfactory upkeep of the Burial Ground, the inaccurate positioning of graves and their marking on the map. It was agreed to investigate a method of plastic markers and to ask the gravedigger to remove the 'spoil' each time a grave is dug.

Catch up with the past by exploring the *Deddington News* archive from its very first issue right up to today: visit <http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/backissues>.

DOWN ON THE FARM

Well, that's almost it for another year. The oil seed rape was planted on time at the end of August and seems to be in good form. The wheat crops were all drilled by the end of the first week in October so that leaves just the winter beans to deal with in November as soon as the experimental mustard crop has been cultivated under.

Although the bees have been enjoying the warm sunny back end after an overcast cold summer, we are in desperate need of a prolonged spell of wet weather, as the farm is now very dry. The normal 'autumn flush' of grass on the river meadows hasn't happened.

Although the breeding sheep are in good condition they are now short of grass and we will start to hand feed them. We still have 300 of last spring's lambs left to 'finish'. In a more normal year these would be fattened up on the autumn flush, going to market by December, but the continuing dry weather has meant that the best of them are now being hand fed and the longer keep store lambs will be sold off for feeding on roots. The rams went out on 10 October so we should see the first of the main flock drop their lambs around 15 March.

We have increased the Cotswold flock numbers to 20 ewes and if old Fred has performed we should see next year's Cotswold lambs arriving during January, in the hope that we can get the ram lambs in good enough condition to be able to take some to Moreton-in-Marsh show next September.

PIANO LIVE!

The Church's new Steinway piano received its first solo outing on Saturday 15 October in the hands of five young pianists from Oxfordshire schools. The piano lived up to its maker's reputation as the finest in the world, and the pianists stunned us with their talent and enthusiasm.

Each pianist gave a 15 minute recital, with the music ranging from Bach to Rogers and Hammerstein. Choosing just one piece from each of them, Jack Ventress started the ball rolling with an elegant performance of Debussy's charming Arabesque No 2. Fenella Lockyer followed with a toe-tapping Chopin Valse and 12-year-old Michael Ng sped us into the interval with a virtuosic performance of the third movement of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. Local pianist, Peter Oxley, then changed the mood with intriguing jazz improvisations and the concert ended with Seth Cox's sensitive and brilliant rendition of Chopin's G minor Ballade.

The audience clearly enjoyed the event, which was skilfully organised by Janet Lince, a member of the recently formed Church Arts Group. We aim to make best use of our Parish Church's excellent facilities for arts events, particularly music, but hopefully in the future much else. Watch out for future events in *DN* and the online diary on *DN* website and for further information contact Donald Lane, Wesley Place, Church Street, tel 337199.

As I have already said, the bees have been enjoying St Luke's little summer. Topping up their autumn feeds of sugar syrup with ivy pollen and nectar, I have now put them to bed for the winter but we shall still need to make regular visits during the winter months to top up the feeders and make sure all is well.

Now that the autumn field work is done and the machinery has been put away, it is time to start work on refurbishing the winter quarters for the sheep. After many years of good service, the feeding equipment is beginning to show its age. It will all be redesigned to make life a little easier and give more feeding space for the sheep, so it's back to the workshop for me, but this time round I shall be working in steel before returning to the carpentry bench in the new year to make a start on next season's beehives.

Although the river meadows are dry, a large number of lapwings has returned, but they are spending their time on the newly planted wheat and rape crops feeding on crane-flies (daddy long legs) and other insects and we have seen a large number of buzzards (18 in one flock) feeding on worms in the freshly cultivated ground. Some of our other winter visitors have also started to arrive: I have already seen a few golden plover passing over, and two small flocks of field fare and redwing have made a start on the hedgerow berries. As this is some weeks earlier than normal, I hope that it is not a harbinger of the winter to come.

George Fenmore
338203

PFSU and Village Nursery

Autumn has arrived and with it the summer weather so we have been outside making the most of it. The Nursery has started a 'gardening club' and is busy transforming a neglected part of the outside area into a beautiful garden. The PFSU children have been planting spring bulbs, hunting for colourful autumn leaves and making leaf prints.

We held a parents' evening at the PFSU on 19 October to give parents the opportunity discuss how their children have settled in and to introduce our approaches to teaching phonics and numeracy. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Thanks also to everyone who attended our AGM. We have elected a great new committee and they have already begun work to make this year the most successful yet. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to serve on the committee this year, and to all the retiring committee members for your support during the last year (or several).

Next term our topics will include 'celebrations' – Christmas can't be far away.

Lucy Squires
337484



FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

The Postbag, or parts of it, now appear on the website Forum (<http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/forum/>). This enables readers to comment without having to wait until DN appears the following month. If you would prefer your letters not to appear online, please tell us when you write. Thank you.

FROM INGRID ROBEY
ST JOHN'S WAY, HEMPTON

Thank you to everyone who attended my Macmillan Coffee Morning on 30 September. We raised £375 which was brilliant. I would like to thank Cedar Therapy, Bengal Spice, the Flower Shop, the Red House Cake Company and Bannatynes for their generous raffle prizes.



FROM REVD DR HUGH WHITE

Earlier this year the Parish Church held a series of consultations with a view to starting a new style of service on the fourth Sunday of each month. We very much appreciated the input of those who came along to these sessions and enjoyed hearing the creative ideas that were offered.

As a result of these consultations we are trying an experiment with a different kind of Sunday morning which we hope will meet some of the needs and expectations that were expressed. Our Advent Celebration on 27 November will give you a chance to join us in this experiment and tell us what you think. If the response is positive, we hope that this new-style service will become a regular fixture every month.

The service will consist of a number of activities and you are free to come to as many or as few as you wish, as and when it suits you. We aren't expecting everybody to be there for the whole two hours – unless they'd like to be!

The morning will run as follows: 9:30am Sung Holy Communion. 10.30–11.00am Discussion group on the meaning and purpose of Advent. The following will take place from 10.15: making a Jesse tree, making Advent wreaths, making Christmas biscuits, building a stable, Prayer Station, music workshop. Coffee, croissants and newspapers will be available from 10.15–11.15am and if you'd rather sit out the activities and relax, that's fine. The service will finish with shared worship from 11.15–11.30am which will bring together all the morning's activities.

We're looking forward to exploring Advent in a new way and we hope that you are able to come along and join us.

FROM LESLEY NELSON, ROTHBURY HOUSE,
DEDDINGTON

There will be an exhibition and sale of hand painted porcelain in aid of Help for Heroes by local artists, Lesley Nelson and Caroline Stockton, on Saturday 5 November, 11am–3.30pm in the Parish Church Living Room. The porcelain will make ideal gifts for

friends and family and there will also be a selection of inexpensive Help for Heroes merchandise.

Katharine House will provide tea and coffee throughout the exhibition. Please come along and support this worthwhile charity.

FROM SUE AND PAUL DEBLING
BLOXHAM

We have a guest speaker visiting our group from The Armed Forces Christian Union to tell us what they do in support of our serving members and their families. We are an informal group who have relatives serving in the armed forces and enjoy sharing experiences and each other's company, whilst also being able to offer support to one another. No costs involved – just friendship and chatter, together with refreshments. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us. We next meet on Thursday 10 November at 7.45pm. If you would like to join us, then please contact Sue or Paul on (01295) 722097 for further details.

FROM HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS

It is hard to believe that most of the UK's 20 million Christmas trees have nothing about the meaning of Christmas hanging on them. But this year the people who brought us the Real Easter Egg have produced the UK's first ever set of Fairtrade charity tree decorations to carry images of the characters of the Nativity. A box containing six Fairtrade chocolate decorations, ready to assemble, with images of the Nativity, will make a welcome gift for children and adults to hang on the tree and enjoy afterwards. Get these and many other Christmas cards and gift ideas from the Deddington Fairtrade stall on market days or through the Traidcraft catalogue available from the Church, by calling 337761, or email to deddingtonfairtraders@gmail.com Items ordered will be delivered post-free within the parish.

Oxfordshire Artweeks is celebrating its 30th Anniversary in May 2012 and entries are now being accepted for 2012 – with closing dates of 2 December 2011 for paper entries and 31 December 2011 for online entries.

Each May, Oxfordshire artists people open their studios to the public for the county's most important arts festival. Nearly 500 free exhibitions show work by more than 1000 local artists. For details visit www.artweeks.org or contact the Artweeks office on 01865 865596.

Jo Golding, Artweeks Administrator

WELL REMEMBERED

JOE COWLEY 1926–2011

Joe was born in Deddington on 16 May 1926 in a cottage in the Stile, the youngest of three children. He went to Deddington School. When he left school he went to work on the farm for Maurice French for over 30 years until Maurice retired. Joe then worked for Thames Water Authority until his own retirement.

In his boyhood Joe was a member of Deddington Church Choir, then became a bell-ringer and took his turn winding up the Church clock. He was a very keen footballer, playing his first game for Deddington at the age of 12 and his last game when he was 47. He won many cups and medals during his footballing career. Joe would play football on a Saturday afternoon at the Castle Grounds then walk to the farm and milk thirty cows by hand before he went home for his tea.

Joe married Joy on 18 March 1950. When they were courting Joe used to cycle down to Clifton and across the meadows to Souldern where Joy lived.

Joe enjoyed his gardening. He also used to like playing darts and snooker – and particularly enjoyed Saturdays at the British Legion playing snooker with his friends and downing a few English ales. While working on the farm, Joe was a keen huntsman and could be found walking the hedgerows and fields with his faithful dog, Sally.

Over the last few years Joe's health deteriorated and he became housebound. He spent most of the last year in hospital where he always had a smile on his face for the nurses, who used to spoil him with extra ice-cream. Joe spent his last week in a care home.

Joe never had a bad word to say for anyone and no one had a bad word for him – a gentle and well-liked person, a true Deddingtonian!

The cards and messages of condolence have been greatly appreciated.

Richard Cowley

PTA

The PTA AGM was held on 27 September and a new committee formed. Some members of the 2010–11 Committee have been re-elected (thank you for staying on), and we are pleased to welcome some new faces to the team. We also have a new chair, Melissa Chadderton, and a new treasurer, Ingrid Robey.

Huge thanks go to Janet Watts and the outgoing committee for all their hard work. It will be a tough act to follow.

We are all keeping our fingers crossed for lovely clear skies (and no wind) for our Fireworks Night on Friday 4 November. This will be held on the school field as usual. Yet again, we have invested in a fabulous firework display which we hope will delight both young and old. Our gates will open from 6pm when a tantalising aroma will be wafting from our sizzling barbecue to tempt your taste buds. There will be children's entertainment and lots of fun 'glow in the dark' products.

CHRISTINE GAY 1920–2011

Christine was born on 6 October 1920 to John-Henry and Florence Lamming in Cox Green, Maidenhead and joined a sister, Betty. Following a happy rural childhood, Christine left college as a qualified book-keeper and secretary.

While working she met Reginald Gay and subsequently became Mrs Gay on 4 April 1942; they had two sons Michael and Peter.

Christine was a great believer in family life and was very proud of her six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She also liked to collect antiques, enjoyed reading and loved to travel, visiting the Caribbean, California, Hawaii, Hong Kong and Japan.

Reginald had a stroke in 1980 and Christine nursed him in a wheelchair for 21 years.

No longer independent following an operation in 2005, Christine came to live in Deddington with her family. She greatly enjoyed the Windmill Centre on Tuesday and Thursday and loved the village.

Christine passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday 2 October, four days before her 91st birthday. We shall all miss a very good friend and a warm intelligent lovely human being.

Peter and Wendy Gay
pjrg@onetel.net

We have toffee apples (thanks to the Co-op), tea and coffee, and a licensed bar selling mulled wine and beer. For a special treat we also have hot chocolate with whippy cream. This is an all weather event – we will not be rained off. We look forward to seeing you all there and hope you will support this annual village event. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Farmers' Market Committee for lending us their market stalls for the event, as they do every year, it is much appreciated.

Once again, our children are designing a wonderful range of Christmas cards. Many thanks to Mike Homer and Multiflow Print Ltd for assisting with their production. Cards will be on sale at the November Farmers' Market or they can be ordered from Melissa Chadderton on 07889 360358 or email <mailto:melissa@rhubarbcreative.demon.co.uk>.

The PTA is supporting another fantastic live music gig at the Windmill Centre on Friday 18 November. The fabulous George Michael Tribute is playing with support from Deddington's own Breakfast Men. Tickets can be purchased from Steve Miller at the hair salon in the Market Place or Annabelle Clitherow on 07977 513698.

Thank you for your continued support.

Melissa Chadderton
PTA Chair
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CALLING ALL CLUBS



Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

November is a very important month for us culminating in Remembrance Sunday.

Poppy Appeal: Poppies will be on sale from 29 October. They will be available from most local shops, businesses, school and house-to-house collections.

Armistice Day Friday 11 November: There will be a short service in the Parish Church at 10.45am to mark the anniversary of the end of the First World War. Everyone is welcome.

Remembrance Sunday 13 November: The parade will leave the Bullring at 10.30am and proceed to the War Memorial where we will observe the two minute silence at 11.00am and the Act of Remembrance for all who have fallen on active service. The parade will then enter the parish church for the service. We hope that as many as possible will be able to join us in the parade and the church service

Jean Morris, Branch Secretary 338143
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1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

Welcome to James and Jack who have joined us recently. The Cubs have spent the last few weeks working towards their Communicator Badge. We looked at ancient forms of communication, drumming and picture writing, and the Cubs sent each other postcards in hieroglyphics. We moved on to Morse code, sign language and codes.

Next we'll be making guys for our annual display at the market to raise money for Shelterbox, and after that, shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Jo Churchyard, CSL 338071
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Scouts

Twelve of our Scouts (three teams) attended the County Patrol Camping Competition at Horley, where they had to organise their camps, menus, cooking etc completely 'leader free'. They all did very well in what was a complicated competition, one team emerging as the best newcomers. They now realise that they can do all these things for themselves, so next time we go away it's feet up and endless cups of tea for us leaders!

We held a conker evening, with prizes for the biggest, smallest and overall conker fight champion, Felix.

Coming up – a guide to Deddington for children.

Pete Churchyard, SL 338071
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1st Deddington Guides

We have had an exciting new start to term: new patrols, new activities and projects, and new patrol leaders too after our elections.

Pets galore was a popular evening – a chance for the Guides to show off their pets and share their knowledge about their care. Also a chance to 'test drive' a pet you might be thinking of getting. Our visitors included rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, African snails and a duck called Clover.

We continued the animal theme with a super visit from 'Dogs for the Disabled' puppy walker Sue and Harvey the retriever. Harvey will soon start his training course to learn how to help people with a range of disabilities. Trained dogs make a huge difference to people's lives – letting them know the phone or doorbell is ringing, emptying washing machines, taking off socks, putting lights on, answering the phone, etc. They are also highly valued companions of course.

Patrol activities range from those involving our senses, glamour, acting, party planning and exercises, all led and planned by the Guides.

Lots of exciting activities to come – girls of 10 or over please come along – you'll be very welcome.

Our 40th anniversary celebrations continue. We are on the way to making 40 cups of tea or coffee, reading 40 books, etc. We have already walked, cycled or canoed 40 miles.

Please remember, if you are an ex-Guide or have an ex-Guide in your family now living elsewhere do get in touch with us.

Maggie Rampley, Guider 01295 810069
Marian Trinder, Guider 01869 340806
Catherine Blackburn, Guider

1st Deddington Brownies

This term the Brownies have been working on their 'Number Fun' and 'Science Investigator' badges, looking at coins from different countries and then designing their own, and making rockets from balloons. They spent an evening at Deddington Fire Station and learnt about fire safety as well as getting very wet. Thank you to the Deddington Fire crew for hosting our visit.

By the time you read this the Brownies will also have spent an evening at Pets At Home in Banbury, finding out how to care for their pets. Six of the older Brownies are looking forward to attending a county 'Pack Holiday' in November. I will let you know how they get on.

Lucy Squires 338442

Photographic Society

There were three events last month. The first was a presentation from Chairman Philip Rigby LRPS entitled 'Lightroom and a Photograph from Start to Finish'. Introducing the subject, Philip explained that Adobe Lightroom is his preferred software program for

CALLING MORE CLUBS

workflow control of his photographs. He then gave an interactive demonstration, starting with the cataloguing of images – a considerable task, as he has many thousands of photographs. After selecting a photograph, Philip showed how this image could be developed and improved using various tools. Finally, he showed several options available during the printing process. This was an absorbing presentation.

The second event was by member Simon Lutter, giving the second in his workshop series on camera controls and creativity in taking photographs. Later in the month, the annual exhibition of members' work took place in Deddington parish church on 22 October.

Two events are planned for November. The first is on 2 November at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, when David McGill will give a presentation 'The Photographer's Workflow – Processing of Images'. The second is the next in Simon's series of workshops on 16 November at 7.30pm, also in the hotel, when he will be discussing 'Exposure Modes'. Everyone is welcome to both these events, just come along and you will find us there.

John Branton 01295 811071
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Deddington Players

By the time you read this I hope we will have successfully cast the Pantomime. Interest seems to be good this year and you can expect to see several new faces gracing the stage come January. Rehearsals start in mid-November and will go on through snow and Christmas to bring you another polished (?) show on 19–21 January 2012. Put the dates in your diaries now.

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington Town Football Club First Team and Reserves

First Team results:

17/09/11 Woodford United (a) L 3–6 Gibbs M, Flemming J, Thornton L
24/09/11 Bardwell (a) D 2–2 Stevens, Gibbs M
01/10/11 Heyford Athletic (h) (CUP) W 3–2 Stevens, Thornton L (2)
08/10/11 Banbury Galaxy (a) (CUP) W 1–0 Thornton L

Reserve Team results:

17/09/11 Bodicote Sports Res (h) W 3–0 Gibbs L, Debenham, Paroussis C
24/09/11 Highfield Old Boys Res (a) (CUP) L 4–5
01/10/11 Wroxton Sports (a) W 4–2 Gibbs L (3), Rogers D
08/10/11 Chesterton (h) W 5–0 Garstin, Green, Hewitt, Hall D, Large

The Indian summer has seen something of a renaissance on the football pitch, where warriors and artisans collide to create a fusion both easy on the eye and stirring on the heart.

The First Team has progressed smoothly in two cups but stumbled in the league, where two away games could not yield a victory. Local talent Tom Stevens, Matty Gibbs and Luc Thornton contributed most of the goals.

Jason Tustain has taken to management like a pig to slop, maintaining an impressive unbeaten start to life at the helm of the Reserves, who sit proudly atop Division Two, after a trilogy of excellent wins. A Luke Gibbs' hat trick was the highlight of a tricky away fixture at Wroxton, while ex-managers Barry Debenham and Mikey Large also troubled the scorers' sheet.

Be sure to make your voice heard at their backs, as the two sides head into the bleak midwinter far from hibernation.

Aaron Bliss
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Colts

All the teams are up and running with the season kicking off on 8 and 9 September. In the Witney and District Youth League mini football, the U8s have mostly had close games, but dug deep to hold on to their first win of the season – 3–2 against Banbury United Youth Royals. The U9 Sharks started brightly winning four of their opening six games, including a battling team performance that led to a 2–1 win against Bloxham – a game they were expected to lose. The U9 Cobras are a new team and yet to win, but are starting to understand how each other plays, developing with each game. The U10s won their first game of the season, but lost their next three games. They continue to improve and get stronger with each game.

At 11-a-side the U11 Sharks got off to a solid start in the A League, winning three games, drawing one game and losing two. This included an impressive 6–1 win against Bardwell. The U11 Cobras got off to a slow start losing their first three games, but beat Bicester Town Colts 5–4 in a thrilling game. The U12 Tigers have played strong teams this year and lost their first four games, although performances improved with a narrow 4–3 loss to Yarnton Blues.

The U13s are looking for players for friendlies this season; also if you used to play for the U14 Cougars and would like to continue playing football, please make contact with Pete Hickman 07787 326267. The U14s have got off to a slow start with two defeats and a draw in their opening games.

In the Oxfordshire Invitation League the U16s have got off to a strong start in the B League with three wins, a draw and one defeat. The U17s have also started strongly with three wins and one defeat to top the B League. A number of the managers and coaches also took part in a pitch side First Aid course in September to make sure they are well equipped to deal with any player injuries.

Roger Sykes
Club Welfare Officer and U12 Manager, 37034

...AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Deddington Youth Club

We had a sponsored walk around Hempton which everyone enjoyed. It was quite exacting, but it raised much-needed funds.

We pay one member of staff, all rents and necessary costs. We have other staff too. We had a generous individual donation. Our numbers have increased – every evening a time of joy and happiness, and surprises. We hope the Co-op and others will donate soon.

We operate in term time and not half term and we meet at the Windmill Centre on Mondays from 7–9 pm.

Ken Wilkinson
337256

Deddington Tennis Club

With the clocks going back, coaching for mini-tennis, ages 3 to 10, moves indoors to the Windmill Centre on Tuesdays and Fridays and will continue all winter. Junior tennis will continue at the club on Saturday mornings from 10.00am.

Without floodlights, weekday coaching for older juniors and adults has to stop throughout the winter, meaning people have to go to Adderbury or Banbury, making it difficult for the coaches to develop tennis players in Deddington. Also, the club has to hire courts at Adderbury to play winter matches, allowing revenue to leave the village. Over ten years ago the club was refused planning permission for lights, but is re-investigating floodlighting and other options.

For details about the club see: www.deddington-tennis.com.

Steve Ashby
01295 263855

Book Club

At our last meeting we discussed *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal. The author has inherited a collection of tiny Japanese carvings and he sets out to trace their history as they are passed down through generations of his family. The result is a factual memoir of the Ephrussi, a Jewish family of great wealth and status and their fortunes from 1870s to the present day. Many of us struggled with the early parts of the book, but as the characters start to emerge, it becomes more engaging and the sections relating to the treatment of Jews in Vienna following the 'Anschluss' are particularly interesting.

De Waal has researched his family history meticulously, visiting all their great houses in Odessa, Paris and Vienna and giving intimate details of their daily lives. In spite of the slow start, it is well worth persevering with this book. You will be glad you did.

The next book is *My Family and Other Animals* by Gerald Durrell and the next meeting 24 November.

Sally Lambert
338094

1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

We have had a fun start to the term, beginning with a visit from two local Police Community Support Officers who talked about Stranger Danger ('Run, Yell and Tell!') and showed us around the Police van. As usual, the girls all loved being locked in the cell at the back.

We've also made bread rolls for harvest time, toasted marshmallows over a campfire with some of Deddington Guides (thank you to Maggie, Tilly, Sophie P and Jasmine G) and visited the fire station, which involved using the hoses and getting very wet. Thanks to Fire Fighters Adam and Graham for a very entertaining meeting and apologies to parents who spent the weekend trying to dry out shoes.

There is a waiting list for Rainbows. If you think your daughter might be interested in joining, please contact me. It's never too early to put her name down.

Hazel Neal 337822
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Deddington Baby and Toddler Group

On 30 September we took part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We turned the Windmill Centre into a 'coffee shop' and served a selection of teas, coffees and homemade cakes to our customers! We raised £150 for Macmillan Cancer Support and Macmillan has told us that this donation will fund a nurse to care for a terminally ill patient for one day. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event – to our bakers, tea and coffee makers and our customers. It was lovely to see so many different people, especially mums with children who had not visited us before, and also members of the local community. We are very grateful for all your support.

On 14 October we held a baby and toddler jumble sale to raise some much-needed funds for the group. We sold quite a lot of toys and clothes but still have a considerable stock left over so will hold another event in the near future. Thank you to everyone who donated items to be sold.

Our Hallowe'en party will take place on Friday 28 October. Everyone is welcome and children are invited to come in fancy dress. There will be prizes for the best/scariest dressed child. Please bring a plate of party food.

Deddington Baby and Toddler Group is voluntarily run for children aged 0-5 years and their mums, dads, carers or grandparents who live in Deddington or the surrounding villages. We meet every Friday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am at the Windmill Centre and would love it if you joined us. If you would like to know more about the group or are thinking of coming along but are nervous about turning up without knowing anyone, then please give us a call on the number below or find us on Facebook. We look forward to meeting you.

Rebecca Moss 336298

... AND FINALLY

Deddington and District History Society

On 12 October musician, folklorist and broadcaster Tim Healey paid us a popular return visit, to talk on the mythical and historical significance of apples, paying particular attention to the enormous range of local varieties (not least the North Aston Apple, the Deddington Pippin and the Blenheim Orange). As usual with Tim, we enjoyed an instructive and entertaining evening.

On Wednesday 9 November we shall have our AGM, followed by a talk by Bob Harris on the early life of Lord Nuffield. Bob began his working life as an apprentice at the motor works at Cowley before becoming a design engineer. He has long been interested in Lord Nuffield who is, of course, well known as one of this country's great industrialists. It will be interesting to learn how his career began.

Sorry to bring up the subject of Christmas but our annual Christmas party is always popular and people appreciate maximum notice. It will take place on Wednesday 14 December, following Tim Porter's talk on the man himself, St Nicholas. The cost for mulled wine and refreshments will be £3 members, £4 non-members.

Everyone is welcome at our meetings, which take place at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month. We look forward to greeting friends old and new.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204
Moira Byast (Secretary) 338637

I DON'T LIKE CRICKET ...

The challenges of running any village club or organisation are becoming increasingly arduous as the ferocious economic climate bites into every aspect of our lives. Time is at a premium and funds harder to raise. A cricket club poses particularly steep challenges, requiring an inordinate amount of time to organise and prepare (not to mention play!) and also requires a heavy capital outlay on machinery and equipment to prepare safe pitches and practice facilities ... 'jumpers for goalposts' it is not.

Thanks to the hard work of all members, players and support of the local community the club continues

to meet and beat every challenge thrown its way and will enter 2012 in rude health and here are just three reasons why.

Seventy Junior members across four age groups have this season beaten teams from, most notably, Banbury, Brackley and Horley. Three juniors have been selected for County trials with more to follow in the spring. We have a Ladies team that is now winning matches and always plays with a smile. And last but not least over £3,000 was raised this year for the club's chosen charity ROSY.

These achievements culminated in the Club's Awards Evening held at the Windmill when 80 club members and their families joined in to celebrate their successes on and off the pitch in 2011.

In a year of transition, the 1st Team struggled for results and finished in a relegation spot. We did, however, have our own Indian summer with newcomer Manish Verma winning the batting and bowling trophies, the highlight of the season being his 100 at Charlbury.

The 2nds fared better and finished mid table with plenty of youth in the side.

We (over 40s) should all be looking over our shoulders as a wave of talent is heading up the age groups. I give myself two years before I reach for the safety of an umpire's coat.

We held our second Cricket Club Charity Ball in June, raising £5,624 which was split equally between the club and ROSY. Jim and Shep held their annual 'Village Game' on a sun-kissed Sunday with the amount raised to be confirmed.

The 2012 Ball preparation is well under way and will be held on Saturday 16 June. Please make a note in your diaries.

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm in the Deddington Arms. Thank you to everyone for their help and support in 2011 and the club can look forward to 2012 with real optimism as we continue to do our best to offer cricket to all ages within the Parish and beyond.

James Ransom
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News from Hempton

Congratulations to Amelia and Anya Robey of St John's Way who were christened on 18 September at the morning service in the Church by Revd Dr Dan Inman. The following week, Sunday 25 was the Harvest Festival service with a good congregation, and the sale of produce raised £82 which was donated to the Royal Agriculture Benevolent Institute, a farming charity.

1 October was the Harvest Supper with 40 guests enjoying a great meal and after dinner entertainment. It was nice to use part of the Church now that we can open the new doors. Many thanks to everyone for their support.

The Parish Council will hold their monthly meeting

in St John's Church Hall on Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm. Please go along if you have any questions.

The Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday 3 December from 11.00am. There will be the usual stalls with a grand draw, gifts, tombola, lunches and something for the children; the Friends will have a stall to enable members to renew their subscriptions for 2012.

Congratulations to Peter and Cara on the birth of Tristan, on 11 August, and to Jo and Matt a son, Harry, on 11 July. Both families are from St John's Way.

Thieves are in the area again – some lead has been stolen from the roof of the Church Hall.

Les Chappell 338054

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Although we all mourn the passing of Rob, life must go on and we herald the great efforts of Lee Newman (and his Mum, and Dad Alan, cellar man extraordinaire) who is the new bar manager at the Duck and his efforts to keep the centre of this fantastic community alive and kicking.

Lee hosted the first ever Clifton meeting of the Parish Council on the third Wednesday in October where suggestions for managing Welford's Piece were considered by the PC, aided by a good turn out of residents. There is also an attempt to make the pub the Clifton Polling Station, saving a shed load of polar bears when we don't all drive to Candleford to cast our future votes. Good luck to Lee, who incredibly has the Christmas Dining menus out already, an event not normally achieved before 17 December in previous years.

Thievery and thuggery has visited our idyll when one of our colonials got burgled recently. This has heightened Clifton's response from 'very relaxed' to 'mildly miffed and curious' as Air Ambulance collection personnel are interrogated by Police following phone calls from jittery neighbours. Seriously though, any suspicious observations are welcomed by our local 'boys (and girls) in blue' who are keen to apprehend this gang.

Talking of Welford's Piece as we were, we welcomed Jack Hargreaves (remember him?) and the Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers who have done some sterling maintenance work on the hedgerows and borders of our amenity land recently. Now we have shaken the beach sand from our shoes it's back to the daily grind for many of us, so please, following my picture in the last issue, I don't wish to be hounded for autographs any more as I go about my business.

Martin Bryce

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from *Jackson's Oxford Journal* of November 1861:

16th November – Winter Fair:

This fair, principally for horses, will be held on Friday next, the 22nd instant. Additional accommodation will be afforded this year by the filling in of the Town Pool in the Market Place, and we trust that our public lamps will give some token of their existence by being lighted.

30th November – Winter Fair:

Our usual winter fair, famed principally for horses, was well attended by both buyers and sellers. There was rather more than the average number of horses brought to it, but on the whole the trade ruled dull; of cattle there were of few, and these were not a ready sale. There was the usual assemblage of bazaars, stalls, etc. To the disgrace, however, of the Town, the gas lamps were not lighted, owing, we hear, to the rate not being collected to defray the expense of lighting.

Buffy Heywood 338212

Banbury Rural Neighbourhood

Speed Operations have been conducted in Hempton, currently one of our priority speeding sites. We have also established a good bank of volunteers in some villages who assist us with Community SpeedWatch. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this, please contact the team on 0845 8 505 505.

The area is currently seeing a slight increase in burglaries. These burglaries are potentially linked to 'Nottingham Knockers' who sell household items at the door charging inflated prices and sometimes intimidating more vulnerable residents. A leaflet drop in the Barfords, Bloxham and Clifton highlighted the law relating to doorstep selling and the need to report any suspicious behaviour. As a result a number of arrests were made. They have been warned to keep out of the area unless they have a valid Peddlers Licence issued by the Police Force where they live. Please let us know if you see anything suspicious. Contact us on 0845 8 505 505 or if an emergency or a crime is in progress dial 999.

The Tastebuddies Eat at The Fox, Lower Oddington

The Tastebuddies lunch out every two months to assess local pubs and restaurants. They are an independent group with no connection to either DN or the hostelrys visited.

Where? The Fox Inn, Lower Oddington, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire GL56 0UR, tel 01451 87555.

A very pretty pub with a welcoming atmosphere in a lovely country village setting.

Average cost: Starter £7, main course £14, dessert £6.

Was the cooking good? Yes. An imaginative, varied, delicious menu. Well presented and of very good quality. There was also a daily specials blackboard and we were spoiled for choice.

Our starters: Pan fried pigeon breast with Puy lentils, pancetta and frisée; confit duck rillettes with pickled damsons and poppy seed toast; seared scallops with chorizo and sauce vierge.

Our main courses: Baked fillet of line-caught cod with pancetta, shallots, girolles and red wine; pan roast free-range chicken with butternut squash purée and sautéed wild mushrooms; roast rump of Cotswold lamb with spiced aubergine caponata and yoghurt dressing.

Desserts: There were five to choose from plus a selection of Cotswold ice-creams – all equally delicious by the sound of them. We tried the plum panna cotta with set custard and flapjack crumble. There was also a cheese board.

The wine list was extensive and the house wines were available by the glass.

Value for money? Yes

Would you go again? Undoubtedly.



PIERS GAVESTON AND THE NUN OF DEDDINGTON

This is the second gripping instalment of a serial written in 1849 by Georgiana Bennet and published in the North Oxfordshire Monthly Times and Agricultural Advertiser. It has been loaned to us by Clive Sanders and was given to him by the late Fred Deely. If you missed the first gripping instalment, please see last month's DN or go online at www.deddington.news.co.uk.

The Prince welcomed Gavestone back with delight and deemed no reward equal to his deserts, but the King was now returned to London, and he was too wise not to be aware that the most pernicious effects might follow such influence as Gavestone possessed with the Prince. He therefore commanded Piers to quit the Kingdom instantly, and compelled the Prince to swear that he would hold no further intercourse with the Gascon, who now had to mourn his father's death as well as his own banishment.

When the brave and circumspect Monarch died, one of his dying commands to his son was that he should never recall Gavestone without the consent of Parliament. The weak and irresolute Prince did not hesitate to promise, but his father was no sooner dead, than Gavestone was sent for, and on his return loaded with favours.

Time passed on, the Gascon was made Earl of Cornwall and Great Chamberlain of the Realm, besides receiving an immense sum which the late King had directed to be sent to the Holy Land for the relief of the Christians. Gavestone, thus favoured, became intoxicated with his power and treated the English nobles with insolent scorn. The stern men of the time could not brook this and entered into a conspiracy, and the Queen, the haughty and overbearing Isabella of France, joined them. Edward was compelled to yield to them, and Gavestone was again banished, but recalled ere the close of the year. The powerful Earl of Lancaster swore to avenge this insult and the nobles were soon in open revolt. Gavestone fled to Scarborough



Castle where he was besieged and taken prisoner by the Earl of Pembroke, who conveyed him to his strong Castle of Deddington, in Oxfordshire.

It was the close of a stormy day in May of the year 1312 that a small band of men rode into

the Courtyard of the Castle of Deddington, bringing with them a prisoner. The care with which he was guarded, told that his captors deemed his custody of consequence, yet their conduct towards him was rude and harsh. Like them he was on horseback, but his legs had been secured by a rope passed under his horse, his hands were bound behind him, and his head was bare. When he was taken from his horse, his companions surrounded him in such a manner as to render escape impossible. He was hurried unannounced into the Castle and then one of his keepers, in a mocking tone, bade him welcome to the Castle of Deddington, adding, 'Sir Piers Gavestone will, I hope, consider us at his command'.

The captive Knight bowed low but he knew too well that these courteous words were only spoken in mockery and he dared not trust himself to answer, lest he should still farther irritate his triumphant enemies. They led him through the Hall, into the room where sat the Lady of the Castle, who started from her seat at the entrance of armed men, but recognising her Lord amongst them, flew to greet him. Standing by her side, and leaning on the back of one of those high chairs then in use, was a young and beautiful girl, clad in the dress of the Religieuse of the period. She was one of the sisterhood who at that time inhabited a Nunnery within a short distance of the Castle.

To be continued next month...

Diary Continued

December

- Sat 3 Friends of Hempton Church: Bazaar and Lunch, Village Hall, from 11am
- Sun 4 Choros Advent Concert, Parish Church, 6.30pm
- Mon 5 Monday Morning Club: Christmas Lunch, Deddington Arms, 12.30pm
- Wed 7 Photographic Society: Presentation by Tonya Fitz-Johnson, Thames Valley Police, Police Photography, Cartwright Hotel. Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 8 History of Christianity in Fifteen Objects, Dr Sebastian Brock, 7.30pm
- Fri 9 Sofiakyrkan's Youth Choir, Parish Church, 2.00pm
- Sat 10 Children's activities, Parish Church, 10am–12.30pm
- Mon 12 Primary School Production (F1), Parish Church, 2.00pm
- Tue 13 Primary School Production (KS1), Parish Church, 4.30pm
- Tue 13 WI: Christmas/Birthday meal, 7.15 for 7.30pm
- Wed 14 Parish Council Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 14 History Society: Tim Porter on 'St Nicholas' and Christmas party, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 15 Primary School Production (KS2), 6–7pm