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Deddington's own Olympic contribution shone in the person of Tom Rollason (see p.5) – and did we all hear the three-minute peal of bells at 08.12 on the opening morning? Deddington was joining churches up and down the land to celebrate London Olympics 2012. What an event to round off an eventful summer when the Queen's Jubilee and our own Festival celebrations already seem a distant memory. Our athletes, our communities and our country did us proud, and scoffers and cynics (including me!) were silenced.

DIARY SEPTEMBER

- Sat 1 Parish Show: Parish Church, 9am–4.30pm (exhibitors to bring exhibits 9–10.30am; open to the public: 2–4.30pm)
- Mon 3 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
- Wed 5 Photographic Society: Jim Gracey, 'A China Experience', Apricot Room, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 6 'The History of Christianity in Fifteen Objects': Martin Palmer, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Fri 7 Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Sat 8 Ride and Stride 2012 from Parish Church and Hempton Church, 10am–6pm
- Tue 11 WI: Brian Little, 'Banbury and Deddington, Metropolis and Frontier Past', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 12 History Society: Martin Way, 'Barley, Beer and Barrels', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 13 Monday Morning Club: Film evening, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Sat 15 Closing date for Nursery Questionnaire responses
- Sat 15 Saxophone and Piano Concert: Sarah Markham & Paul Turner, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sun 16 Friends of Castle Grounds: Teddy Bears Picnic, Castle Grounds, 1–3.30pm
- Wed 19 Parish Council Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 20 'The History of Christianity in Fifteen Objects': Dan Inman, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 22 Farmers' Market: celebrating 11th anniversary, 9am–12.30pm
- Sat 22 Deddington Players: Sort out day, Windmill from 10am, barbecue and social evening, 6.30pm
- Sun 23 Hempton Church Harvest Festival, 6.00pm
- Mon 24 Friends of Hempton Church: AGM, Hempton Church, 7.30pm
- Thu 27 Book Club meeting: please call 338094 for details
- Fri 28 Macmillan Coffee Morning, Centrepont, 10.30am
- Sat 29 Photographic Society: Annual Photographic Exhibition, Adderbury Institute, 10am–4.30pm
- Sat 29 Piano Recital: Dominic Piers-Smith, Parish Church, 7.30pm

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COMBINED REPORT ON DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

18 July 2012, Duke of Cumberland, Clifton, and 15 August 2012, Windmill Centre

Alan Collins chaired the first meeting and John Day the second. The special August meeting was called to discuss outstanding planning applications.

Co-option of new Parish Councillor

Stella O'Neill was co-opted and at the same time it was announced that Steve McDowell would have to stand down and so consequently there is now another vacancy on the PC. Nominations should be sent to the Clerk (parishcouncil@deddington.net) by 1 September.

Planning, New Applications

- *Castle Farm Cottages, Earls Lane*, construction of two stone cottages and associated garages, no objection.
- *Former Holcombe Hotel, High Street*, change of use of former hotel into private dwellings, demolitions, alterations and self-contained office, no objection.
- *Holcombe House, High Street*, removal of a yew tree, referred to CDC tree officer, with the request that replanting is a condition.
- *Applewood, Castle Street*, detached car port/store to replace existing shed, no objection.
- *The Old House, Philcote Street*, removal of conservatory, to be replaced with two single-storey rear extensions, various internal works and replacement windows, no objection with conditions.
- *8 Castle Street*, rear vertical extension of existing staircase to create new access to loft conversion, no objection with conditions.
- *2 Duns Tew Road, Hempton*, demolition of existing kitchen and garden store. To be replaced by a two-storey extension. The Planning Working Group suggested this was overdevelopment and would object.
- *Mallards, New Street*, a reapplication with alterations to parking area. The PC objected on the same grounds as before, that the development was overbearing and inappropriate.
- *Rowen Cottage, High Street*, another reapplication with slightly modified dimensions of the rear extension, no objection.

- *Thames Valley Primary Care Trust* have applied for permission to provide pharmaceutical services from Deddington. A similar but private application was received in 2011 and at the time the PC had no objection provided the existing services available from the Health Centre continued. The same condition is to be applied again.

- *Pegasus Group* housing development plans are to be put on public display and will be exhibited at the Holly Tree at a later date.

Finance & General Purposes (F&GP)

The Cricket Club Ball has caused some concern and it was proposed that in future the F&GP should be responsible for the management of events on council land.

Investments £538,624 (July) invested with Barclays, West Bromwich BS, Santander, NatWest and Anglo-Irish.

£4,741 of invoices were agreed for payment in July and £6,451 in August.

Highways & Transport

The Clifton to Deddington footpath will be restored in the autumn by OCC. The PC was asked to make a contribution towards the cost.

A new charity, Phoenix, is being launched to replace the withdrawn Dial-a Ride bus service. Action is being taken by OCC to review the service.

Concern about parents parking and dropping off illegally on the zigzag lines outside the Primary School. Action will be taken to prevent this dangerous practice.

BT Fibre Optic Installation

The survey has been completed in most of the area and new ducting in the Daedings is being tested. Most of the enabling work will be completed by 1 October. A public consultation will be take place on 18 September, details to be made available.

Next Meeting: 19 September 2012, 7.30pm, at the Windmill Centre, Deddington

The notes are the view of our reporter, Charles Barker (Deddingtoncastle@gmail.com) and not the official minutes (see <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/pcminutes>).

Deddington News and Deddington OnLine Join Forces

In July this year *Deddington News* and Deddington OnLine combined forces to become Deddington Media Community Interest Company (CIC), a company limited by guarantee, with any profits dedicated to community projects.

The purpose is two-fold: to protect the team members in law from anyone taking a dislike to anything we publish in print or on screen (though we are of course very careful not to publish anything scurrilous or libellous – see also the disclaimer at the foot of p.1 of *DN*).

The second aim is to provide a platform to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation when this body becomes a reality – it's on the statute book but we're waiting an unconscionable time for the accompanying legislation. We can't become a charity as our aims and objectives don't match those laid down by the Charity Commission, but this is the closest we can get.

In the meantime we continue to donate profits to local projects, and nothing changes in the way *DN* and DoL operate.

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Services for September

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul, Deddington

Sun	2	10.30am	First Sunday
		6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Wed	5	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	6	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	9	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist (with Healing Prayers)
Wed	12	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	13	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	16	10.30am	Eucharist (with Baptisms)
Wed	19	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	20	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	23	9.30am	Eucharist
		10.15am	followed by Café Church
Wed	26	10.00am	Eucharist (with Healing Prayers)
Thu	27	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	30	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Choral Mattins

St John the Evangelist, Hempton

Sun	2	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	16	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	23	6.00pm	Harvest Festival Evensong
Sun	30	6.00pm	Evensong

St Michael, Barford St Michael

Sun	2	10.30am	Eucharist
Sun	9	10.30am	Family Service
Sun	16	10.30am	Family Service
Sun	23	4.00pm	Evensong

St John, Barford St John

Sun	30	4.00pm	Holy Communion
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Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sundays at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the curate, Revd Dr Dan Inman (337893) curatedan@gmail.com, or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). Rev. Dr Hugh White is away in Sweden on diocesan business from 20 August until 22 December. For further information please go to www.deddingtonchurch.org.

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Fr John Burns 277396

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 Sat to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms:

24 June	Janet Susannah Bird;
	Anthony Francis Roche
14 July	William Oscar Clements
15 July	Harry George Doggett; Luke Henry
	Thomas Haynes; Stephan Hey
13 August	Lewis Thomas Preedy-Corby

Wedding: 11 August Anna Rebecca Teare and Matthew Harcourt

Funerals: 2 July	John Derrick Wincer
5 July	Eldrydd Benfield
6 July	Dione Lefever
5 August	Margaret Sainsbury

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

Cometh the ad man – or woman?

We are again looking for someone to handle the annual advertisements which are the lifeblood of *DN*. The appointment made earlier this year didn't work out, so we are again in need of someone to take on this task.

The job comes in two parts and could be done by two people or the same person depending on your skills.

The first is to sell 18½ pages of ads in three sizes. Most of the work is done between September and November, with a small amount of 'tweaking' done in July. Regular and potential advertisers are contacted by letter in September to invite them to take space for the following year, with a follow-up by phone or email and progress chasing to make sure the ad actually reaches us. (This year's letter is already prepared

and ready to go.) There is a wide client base of advertisers, and 80% or so of space is taken up by regular advertisers from previous years both within the parish and further afield. Space is allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Good organisational skills and access to email are essential.

The second aspect to the job involves making up the ads into pages, sending a proof to the client and despatching to the printer. For this, other IT skills will be needed. The job doesn't entail any actual production work on the ads themselves but you will be liaising with John Price, our ads production man. If you are interested, we'd be delighted to hear from you: please contact Jill Cheeseman (editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk) for more details.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

The Postbag, or parts of it, now appear on the website Forum (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 ESTELLE HOPE,
DEDDINGTON (*First appeared in July on Deddington Community notice board.*)

Could I please ask the people who have allotments to be considerate of the neighbours of the site? For the second day running someone has lit a bonfire in the morning and the smoke has drifted back towards the surrounding houses. Since the site has expanded we are being subjected to more and more bonfires in the daytime.

FROM D.M. BROWN, THE BEECHES

Regarding the July DN in which the Taste Buddies gave their verdict on the food and service they had received at the Deddington Arms Hotel – I feel I must write in defence of the Hotel. In July, I and four friends went there for lunch. We are all pensioners so we ordered the set lunch of two courses for £11.95. The first course was tender lamb and the second was raspberry cheesecake, which was delicious. We all agreed it was good value. The young staff were kind and obliging. I asked for a jug of water and in five minutes two jugs were brought to our table. I said to the girl on the staff, 'Thank you, good girl', and there were smiles all round.

FROM WENDY BURROWS, NORMALLY OF THE MARKET PLACE

Many thanks to all of you who sent cards of commiseration with hopes of a speedy recovery to me, following my unfortunate accident which resulted in a badly broken ankle. I have been immensely touched by your kind thoughts and offers of help. The messages have helped to keep me cheerful through a most painful and frustrating time. How lucky I am to have such wonderful friends. I hope to be back on both feet by the middle of September – can't wait.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, PHILCOTE STREET
The church clock has been silent for several weeks. It is an important symbol of village life and service to the community. As such, my understanding is that it is the responsibility of the Parish Council to keep it in full working order.

FROM PAT BRITAIN & HUGH AND DIANA
MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS

This year Deddington was feeling the pinch and was not able to raise quite as much in our annual collection earlier this year as in previous years. But our collection envelopes brought in £1,895 which was very gratefully received by Christian Aid and will be put to good use where it is most needed. Thank you Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. Thank you, all 36 collectors.



Please address all letters to:
KRISTIN THOMPSON
5 THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON
letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk
and include your name and address
even if they are not for publication

FROM JENNY ANDERSON,
CHAPMANS LANE

I'm running the Blenheim 10km Half Marathon on Sunday 7 October with my good friend Nihal Widdowson. As well as being something of a personal challenge (I'm running my first three 10km races in 2012), it's an opportunity to raise money for a tremendous cause, the British

Heart Foundation, to help continue its pioneering and life-saving work. Please visit the website to find out more: <http://www.bhf.org.uk/>.

Sponsorship donations can be made via the JustGiving website (<http://www.justgiving.com/JenniferAnderson10km2012>). It's safe and secure, and they can reclaim Gift Aid. I'm optimistic that I can reach an Olympic gold-worthy personal best with all your encouragement!

FROM CHRISTOPHER HARRIS, formerly of
WOODSTOCK (*first posted on Forum*)

Some of you will have seen the article in the *Oxford Mail* on 17 August pertaining to the unlawful rule imposed by Woodstock Town Council that an 'approved professional firm' (implicitly a funeral director) must be used when interring ashes (aka cremated remains). After significant effort on my part, and having involving the press, WTC has decided to abandon its rule.

Alas Deddington has the same rule. Deddington appears to be the only other parish possibly in the country that insists that the bereaved employ an undertaker for a simple interment of ashes (not Bicester Town Council, as the *Oxford Mail* wrongly stated).

Though not a resident of Deddington, I urge you all to ensure that the Parish Council makes the necessary changes to their cemetery rules and regulations with due haste.

[We understand that the Parish Council will give us their response in time for publication in the next issue of *DN – Ed.*].

FROM HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS

The new Traidcraft catalogue, packed with many exciting and attractive offers, is now available from Deddington Church, at the Fairtrade stall during every Farmers' Market, or ring 337761 or email deddingtonfairtraders@gmail.com for a copy.

Request for information: A notice appeared recently in *Yours* magazine from I. Terry (née Clifton) who wants to contact pupils from the 1960s who attended the Windmill School, Deddington. Contact address: 28, Paddockway, Bletchley, Bucks MK2 2NB.

Deddington's Olympic Torchbearer

Truly inspirational, 18-year old Tom always has a ready smile and a joke despite having an underlying genetic condition which has never had a unifying diagnosis. He has been in and around hospitals from birth: Tom was diagnosed with scoliosis at an early age and underwent spinal surgery in the summer of 2010. Unfortunately the operation did not go smoothly and left him paralysed on his left side and unable to walk.

He spent time in the Stoke Mandeville Spinal Unit and slowly began to regain movement. He is now out of his wheelchair and re-learning how to run. What better goal could he have when doing his physiotherapy than knowing that he was going to be an Olympic torchbearer who could represent the young people



Deddington's torchbearer Tom Rollason on the Bicester leg of the journey on 9 July (Pic Terry Lee Photojournalist)

at the John Radcliffe and Stoke Mandeville Spinal Injuries Unit? Tom never gets down and makes the most of the life he has got. He is an example to everyone who knows him.

The torch arrived in Bicester on the afternoon of 9 July to be greeted by an estimated 10,000 cheering supporters who lined the route. From there it headed for Kirtlington where around 3,000 people turned out to cheer the torch on its way.

After visiting Woodstock and Blenheim Palace, the torch returned for its last pass through Cherwell as it headed on its way through Kidlington, seen by an estimated 14,000 people, before it continued on to Oxford.

Tom's nomination story supplied by David Rollason

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley reappear in September 1862, and the following are extracts from that month:

2nd September – A woman from Clifton came to ask me to bury poor Widow Welch on Thursday, which I agreed to do with the Vicar's permission. I called on J. Cowley's wife and gave her 2s. towards her journey to the Infirmary at Oxford tomorrow.

9th September – I spoke to Mr. Field as Churchwarden about the Sexton's conduct in ringing the bells at an improper time and in an improper manner last night, I also spoke to the Vicar. I went to the Belfry and put a stop to the ringing after much abuse and insolence from the Sexton who was particularly drunk. A young man named Smith was seriously injured in attempting to replace one of the bells after it had been turned from mismanagement by some bad ringer or novice. The stay and rope of the 5th bell had been broken also by one of Franklin's men. The Sexton was drinking today at Boyles's – as he was yesterday at Grace's beer house. I felt I had done only my duty in interfering to put an end to such a disgraceful state of things – though aware of the difficulty of knowing how to deal with a Sexton legally so as to put him out of his office.

10th September – I granted a summons against the Sexton for being drunk on the 9th instant – asked for by the Police.

11th September – I heard the case of vagrancy against the boy Nicholls after the Police had received a good letter from his Mother, who said she and his Father could do nothing with him, that it was not the first time he had been away from home and that they

wished him to be punished. Sent him to the House of Correction at Oxford with Hard Labour for 10 days.

12th September – A person from the Inland Revenue Office in London called to make certain enquiries of me relative to Mr. Hiron at the Stamp Office – told him the truth.

15th September – Wrote to Sir H. Dashwood about a successor at the Stamp Office loco Mr. Hiron, dismissed for general incivility and for having voted (as a Government servant) at the late County Election.

Concert Series in Deddington

Hot on the heels of the Cultural Olympiad's grand finale, Deddington Church is the venue for an exciting Autumn Concert Series with the focus on the church's new Steinway piano. The series starts on Saturday 15 September with saxophone and piano duo Sarah Markham and Paul Turner in a programme that features works by Bach and Gershwin. On the 29th the outstanding young pianist, Dominic Piers-Smith, winner of the 2008 National Yamaha Pianist Competition, performs Chopin, Rachmaninov and Liszt.

Orchestral music is included on Saturday 6 October with the new professional orchestra, Corona Strings, under its conductor and founder Janet Lincé, playing American and New Zealand music including Barber's famous *Adagio*. Last, but not least, choral music makes an appearance with local chamber choir, Akeman Voices singing Rossini's dazzling *Petite Messe Solennelle* on 27 October.

Further concerts are planned for November and December. Tickets for all concerts will be on sale on the door. For more details email churchchartsgroup@btinternet.com.
Janet Lincé

What's Happening at the Town Hall?

You may have seen the scaffolding surrounding the Town Hall in July/early August and perhaps wonder why a new coat of paint has not now been applied.

The first step of the Deddington Charities Estate Trustees' rolling programme of maintenance and improvement, considered the most urgent, has been to replace all six windows at the upper level with double glazed lights in hardwood frames, a condition of the original planning approval. Step 2 will be to re-render the four elevations, a complex and expensive exercise requiring removal of the delaminating areas of previously ill-prepared render, application of a glass fibre scrim, a sand-lime cement render and lime-based paint (all conditions of planning consent). The colour needs approval too!

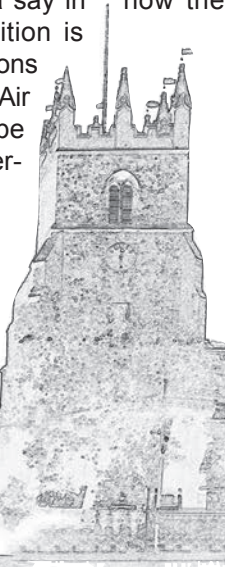
Currently the Trustees are unable to fund this work but hope, in the not too distant future, to be able to implement the next phase. Our aim is to breathe new life into a sadly neglected building, enhancing a very attractive feature of our village.

John Sampson
338739



New Tree for the Market Place

We have asked the PC for their support in sending an earnest petition to the Oxfordshire County Council for the village to be consulted on the choice of tree to replace the oak tree planted in 2008 on the green opposite the Co-op in the Market Place. The tree was one of five oaks especially chosen to be planted in five Oxfordshire regions to mark the Millennium. Recently taken out because of its poor performance, it is due for replacement. Although this land belongs to the OCC, we believe that it is entirely appropriate that villagers should have a say in how their Market Place looks. If the petition is accepted, we will publish the options in *DN*, the Forum, Deddington OnAir and Facebook. Residents will be invited to let us have their preferences. **Jane Green 337837**, green-jane@btconnect.com
Wendy Meagher 336216
Wendy Burrows 338082



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Learn new skills or improve your technique with this friendly class.

The course will be starting on 14 September.

For full details, contact tutor
Jennifer Wealsby
on 01608 730401
or email jenny4art@yahoo.co.uk



Fibre-Optic Network – BT Update

BT's work to build Deddington's new ultra-fast communications network continues at speed. The project will see every home and business in Deddington connected to fibre-optic cables capable of delivering broadband speeds of up to 300Mbps.

In May, Openreach, BT's local network division, started laying fibre-optic cable – the backbone of the service – along the 14km route between Banbury and Deddington. It has arrived in Deddington, and local engineers will now take it to Barford St Michael, Aynho Wharf, Hempton and Clifton. Meanwhile the planning and surveying work is almost complete and more engineers will be clearing the way to lay the fibre-optic cables.

During surveying work in the Daedings, it was found that the copper wires serving the estate are directly buried in the ground, instead of in the usual plastic 'sub-duct' tubing. Fibre cables cannot be buried in the ground, so new plastic tubing needs to be laid to the affected homes. Fifty per cent of homes on the Daedings already have the new tubing in place, and Openreach are grateful to residents for their co-operation in this. wendy.sycamore@bt.com

Questions for BT

DN put questions to BT that have come up in conversations about the fibre-optic installation:

Is it all fibre optic or is any copper still involved?

It's all fibre. The fibre will be laid from the exchange right through to customers' home or business. This is called fibre to the premise (FTTP) or sometimes referred to as fibre to the home (FTTH) and guarantees some of the best broadband speeds in the country.

What's the difference between fibre to the home and fibre to the cabinet? Indeed, what is the cabinet?

All premises served by the Deddington exchange will be able to access fibre to the premise/home. FTTP is a fibre link that runs from the exchange to the home or business. This currently provides broadband download speeds up to 300Mbps. Fibre to the cabinet (FTTC) technology is when fibre runs from the exchange to a new green roadside cabinet. From the cabinet the broadband then travels over the existing copper network to the home or business. This currently delivers speeds up to 80Mbps. There will be no FTTC in Deddington but the existing copper network will remain in place for some time yet.

Does it come right into the home as far as the bit where your main socket is?

The fibre runs all the way to the home. The point at which it is terminated is agreed with the customer when the order is placed.

Is BT intending to do this for every household whether they sign up to the new service or not? At BT's expense?

Yes, fibre-optic cables will be laid to every home and business in Deddington and BT is funding the roll-out of this infrastructure. If the customer decides to place an order an engineer will visit the house to activate the service, and the customer will pay for the service they choose.

Will it still be asymmetric, i.e. will download speed be faster than upload speed? If so by what factor?

FTTP currently provides download speeds up to 300Mbps and upload speeds up to 30Mbps. We say 'up to' because the speed you receive depends on the product you purchase from your communications provider (CP) – we expect CPs to offer a range of speeds and prices.

What will it mean to an ordinary householder?

The main benefit of fibre is speed. Fibre to the premise broadband currently delivers download speeds of up to 300Mbps. Home-users will be able to download and upload information to the internet much more quickly than before. For example, home users can upload photos to Facebook or download a music track in seconds, or an HD video in just a few minutes. Watching television or movies over the internet will be greatly improved as there will be no 'buffering'; so watching iPlayer, for example, becomes a much more enjoyable, uninterrupted experience.

Is it down to an individual CP to decide whether they are going to offer the service in Deddington, e.g. if Zen has only 2–3 clients here, might they not offer it?

Openreach will lay the fibre infrastructure and it is then up to communications providers to decide if they wish to offer a service over it. Openreach has been working closely with its CP customers as it is keen to have a collaborative approach whereby as many communications providers as possible can benefit from the project.

If offering the service, what will a CP have to do physically?

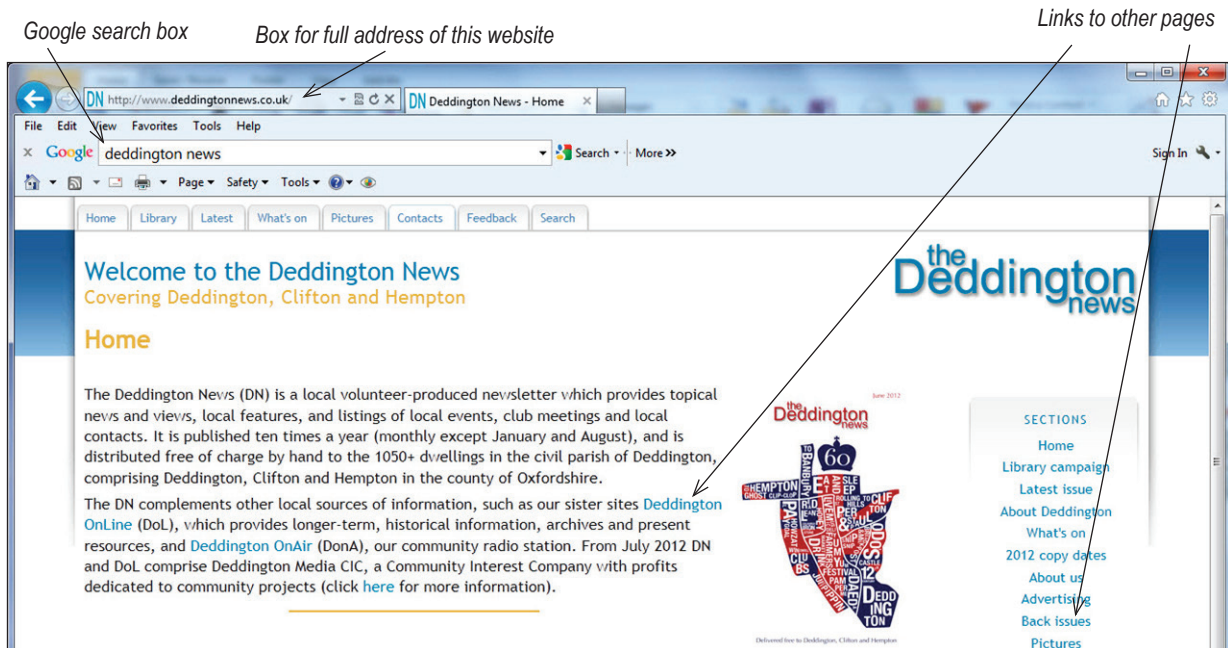
Customers should place an order with their chosen communications provider. The provider will notify Openreach who will install new plastic boxes on the outside and inside of the home/business to connect up the service, position agreed with the householder.

Thieves about ... !

Milk and juice have been stolen from Deddington doorsteps after deliveries by the dairy. The police are encouraging residents to be vigilant about what they are supposed to receive and when. Enquiries with the dairy are ongoing.

A purse was stolen from a handbag whilst the owner was in the doctor's surgery. The owner of the cards subsequently received several calls from persons purporting to be from the bank, requesting information about the cards.

Beating the Browsers



We are forever being encouraged in the national news media, or indeed in the pages of *DN*: ‘for more information go to our website, ‘www.blah, blah ...’. But have you ever wondered how to do that? What exactly does it mean? I suspect that a few of you out there might just be a teeny bit confused about all this jargon and would appreciate a bit of help. So, if you know all about it, move swiftly on ... otherwise stick with me.

A Definition

First, start with the basics: did you know there is a difference between the internet and the world wide web? I certainly didn’t. Think of it like a railway system: the internet acts like the tracks and signalling technology, the infrastructure on which different types of traffic – high speed trains, commuter trains, freight trains – run. The web is just one type of traffic running on the internet. Other traffic types include email, Facebook, or viewing TV programmes via iPlayer.

Using the Internet to Access a Website

If you have a PC or Mac desktop computer or laptop, an iPad or a smartphone, it will have a browser built in. ‘What’s a browser?’ I hear you cry.

Browsers

Names of browsers you may recognise: Microsoft’s Internet Explorer, Firefox, Apple’s Safari, or Google Chrome (not to be confused with Google the search engine, about which more later).

Above you will see (part of) a browser page on a PC – here the Home page of the *DN* website. To read what is on another page, left-click with your mouse where it says ‘Read more’, or ‘Click here’ or any words that appear in blue (blue type on a web page indicates a link to another page). So if, for example, you want to find an earlier issue, simply click on the words ‘Back issues’ in the panel on the right; you will see a page

with all the back issues on, and you can select a date.

Every website page has a unique address called a url – don’t worry what it stands for. If you know the address (in this case: <http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/backissues>), you can go directly to it by typing it accurately into the browser bar (see illustration). Alternatively, copy and paste it in, which is much safer as there’s less room for error in spelling and punctuation.

Using a Search Engine, e.g. Google

If you don’t know the exact address of any website, use a search engine – Google is probably the best known. Others are EveryClick (donates to charity) and Start-page (very hot on keeping your personal data private).

To do this, open your browser again; at the top of the page you will see a box typically entitled ‘Google’ (see above left in pic). Type a few words into it to describe what you are looking for, e.g. ‘Deddington’. Google will do the rest and show you a page where the exact full address is shown, usually at the top of a list. In this case it is ‘<http://www.deddington.org.uk>’. Click on the address to bring up the DoL Home page.

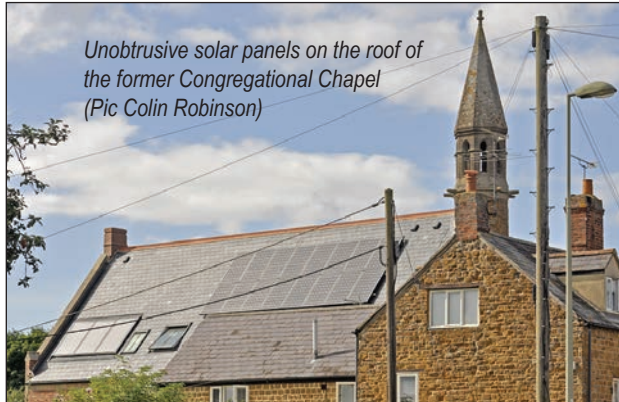
Here, let your cursor hover over any words that interest you (e.g. Clubs). If the words show underlining, left-click on them and you will be taken to that page. If you get lost, or side-tracked, don’t worry, look at ‘History’ in your toolbar at the top of the browser page, and it will show you everything you’ve looked at.

I hope this gets you started in the wonderful world of the world wide web. A demonstration is worth a thousand words, so contact David Rogers on 337065 to book a one-to-one session in the internet café in the Church on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. David will demonstrate and then guide you through doing it for yourself. Play around with it, you can’t do any harm to your computer and you might just find yourself hooked! Let me know if this article helps. **MR**

How Green is Our Village?



Photo-voltaic solar panels in the parish are mostly out of sight. They are unobtrusively generating electricity – reducing CO₂ emissions for the planet and yielding a return on investment for their owners. From the information available, nine installations with a capacity of over 57 kilowatts have already saved more than 27 tonnes of CO₂ being added to global warming, even though some have been working for only a few months. The Parish Council invested £31,000 in 50 panels on the Windmill Centre in May last year; they



have already yielded over £3,000 subsidising the services which the Council provides for the community. In February the Parish Church was able to install 40 panels on the south aisle roof, thanks to the donors of 21 panels, interest-free loans and other donations. The estimated income of £3,600 pa will pay off the loans in two years.

The cost of PV panels has dropped rapidly: in October 2010 a 3.85 kw installation cost £3,429 per kw, but in June this year a 4 kw installation cost £1,950

per kw. Taking account of that, the government has reduced the feed-in-tariff (FITs). It was 43p per unit generated, inflation-proof for 25 years, plus 3p for half the units, as owners were reckoned to use fewer than 50% themselves. It is now 16p per unit, plus 4.5p for half the units, for 20 years. To get FITs at the 16p standard rate a property now needs to have an Energy Performance Certificate of Band D or better. To qualify for that, a most recently acquired property needed improved insulation and a new condensing boiler, but Southern Electric fitted the required loft insulation for free, and would also have fitted cavity wall installation free. The happy owner says: 'We'll get our money back within eight years and then everything thereafter is free money and free electricity!'

The Centre for Alternative Technology's consultants say that at the end of this year a 4kw installation costing £7,650 will be as attractive an investment as before the FIT cuts (see www.cat.org.uk/snip/31232). There is potential for new installations in the parish, even in the Conservation Area.

In the UK since April 2010, 248,000 micro-generation systems have been installed with a capacity of 1 gigawatt – 92% from solar PV. Objectors claim energy bill payers are footing the bill for FITs. It has been objectively calculated that the Treasury receives from the solar industry at least £330m per year in income tax, corporation tax and VAT. Before the government cut FITs by 62%, it said FITs added just £1.40 to the cost of an annual energy bill – 0.1% of the average UK domestic energy bill. Little enough to reduce the impact of climate change on future generations.

Christopher Hall, achall@globalnet.co.uk

WELL REMEMBERED – DIONE LEFEVER 1947–2012

Dione was born in Birmingham in 1947 and was educated at Wroxton Abbey in Warwickshire. She moved to London in her late teens and was a fashion and textiles graduate at Richmond College where she later became a lecturer. This period of Dione's life in the early 1960s predated Carnaby Street, and the aspiring media and pop stars of the day visited Richmond College to buy their stage attire. Dione became friendly with eminent members of the pop and acting world of the time, including Fleetwood Mac (Dione was later a bridesmaid at Mike Fleetwood's wedding), John Lennon and Jimmy Hendrix, for whom she designed and made by hand his iconic white flouncy shirts made famous on his posters and record sleeves. Dione also designed and created costumes for well-known BBC costume dramas such as 'Brideshead Revisited' and 'Nanny'. Also at this time Dione was selected to be the original Mars Bar girl in the famous 1960s' advert – 'A Mars a day helps you work, rest and play'.

In 1970 Dione returned to Birmingham to care for

her ailing mother, where she married and had two daughters, Rowena and Jessica. Dione met her second husband, Andrew, in December 1998 and they were married in March 2004. Andrew and Dione moved to Deddington in May 2007 and sadly the day after they moved into Castle End House, Jess was diagnosed with a brain tumour, from which she died at Katharine House Hospice in November 2009.

One can only surmise that the stress and anxiety caused by the extensive treatment and surgery which Jess suffered were instrumental in subsequent events. Without prior warning Dione had a seizure at Garsington Opera on 4 June this year and was diagnosed as having advanced liver and stomach cancer. Dione died just over two weeks later on 23 June 2012. She was the most perfect and multi-talented mother and wife in every respect, and will be missed by all who knew her.

Totally loved and will always be remembered.

Rowena and Andrew Lefever

Deddington Festival Round-up



Writing Competition

The 365 entries for the competition were divided into two sections: the Open Competition which attracted stories and poetry from many parts of the country; and the Junior Competition which, divided into three age groups, was open to young people who live or attend school in Oxfordshire. Juniors were invited to write about 'Spring', and revealed a wide range of interpretations from the first season of the year, through weird machines, to a brook or gymnastics. The winning entries in all classes may be read in Deddington Library.

Winning Authors:

Open Stories: 1st Gwilym Scourfield of Oxford; 2nd Margaret Bullement of Steeple Aston; 3rd Norman Kitching of Gosport.

Open Poems: 1st Sarah Dukes of Woodburn Green, Bucks; Edith Ward of Manchester; 3rd Phil Powley of Lymington.

Junior Stories: A (11–16 years): 1st Elen Squires of Deddington (the sole entrant).

B (8–10 years): 1st Anna de Portales of Dragon School; 2nd Amelia Barker of Woodstock; 3rd Ellie Norton of Woodstock.

C (5–7 years): 1st Equal Daisy Foley of Woodstock; 1st Equal Timothy Brown of Woodstock; Runner-up: Maya Williams of Woodstock

Junior Poems: A (11–16 years): 1st Elen Squires of Deddington; 2nd Charlie Gough of Chipping Norton School; 3rd Emily Fothergill of Chipping Norton School.

B (8–10 years): 1st Kaynaat Rashid of St John's Priory School; 2nd Maxima Kennedy of Adderbury; 3rd Loveday Lewin of Dragon School.

C (5–7 years): 1st Darcy Brennan-Murphy of Woodstock; 2nd Benjamin Bell-Thorn of Banbury; 3rd Ruth Macgregor of Sherington School.

The voluntary judges for the competition were local published authors Adrian Magson, Steven Matthews, Adam Guillain and Kate Clanchy.

Hugh Marshall, 337761

Art Exhibition

Another successful exhibition of work of local artists was mounted over two weekends. Visitors commented approvingly on the variety of styles and the pleasant location of the exhibition (Holly Tree meeting room). The Norman Stone prize for the favourite artist, as voted for by visitors to the exhibition, was won by a clear nine votes and awarded to Julie Wigg. Our grateful thanks go to Angela Stone for continuing to donate this prize, started by Norman as an added incentive to the display of local talent.

If you would like to enter next year, and perhaps become involved in organising the exhibition, please contact Annette Murphy. The first planning meeting will be in February 2013. **Annette Murphy 336195**

Prize Draw Results

Chauffeur-driven London Airports return transfers (courtesy of Parkers International Ltd), No. 47

MOT test and Silver Service (courtesy of Jaybee Motors, Bodicote), No. 98

Market menu for two with wine of the month at the Deddington Arms (courtesy of Oxfordshire Hotels Ltd), No. 108

Personalised stationery (courtesy of kallkwik Banbury), No. 173

Programme with winning number must be produced. Winner please contact Ralph Stewart on 337367, Clydesdale, Market Place, Deddington.

Friends Supper Party

The Supper Party on 3 August was a great success. With a fine evening – quite something this year – we were able to make full use of the garden for both drinks and supper. Thank you to everyone who supported it and also thank you to all those who produced delicious puddings. We made a profit of £437.00.

Thank you also to those members who helped out during the Festival, delivering leaflets, selling programmes, tickets or tackling any other job that they found themselves doing. The Festival Committee is very grateful for all this help from the Friends.

The AGM is on Thursday 8 November, at the Holly Tree, 7pm. **Althea Wood Chairman, 337904**

Help Wanted!

The Writing Competition has been a feature of the Deddington Festival for several years and the Writers' Group is very grateful for the support given by an increasing number of writers in different parts of the UK who pay to enter. We are also grateful to local headteachers and schools that encourage pupils to enter; to the judges who give their time to read short-listed entries and decide on the prize winners; to local professional actors who add an extra dimension by reading winning entries at the Awards Evening, and especially to the Festival Committee which has underwritten the competition with a modest grant each year. But, as we discovered this year at the Awards Evening, the amount of detailed administration of 360 or more entries is proving too much for a small group of amateur writers to handle accurately, while administering the whole competition. Would anyone (or a team of two) be willing to receive, register and file the entries as they come in, mostly during March–April, and also assist with the distribution of prizes and certificates to the short-listed entrants in June–July? We hope that with a small amount of assistance this worthwhile enterprise may not founder under the weight of its own success. Please contact Hugh Marshall (337761) or Donald Lane (337199) if you are interested.

On George's Farm



We are often advised never to look back, but going over some of my past September offerings, it seems that the present harvest weather is about on par with the past few years. The oil seed rape harvest started a day earlier than last year and came into the barn at a pleasing yield of two tons

to the acre, but unlike last year it all went through the drier.

As I bash the keyboard into submission, the wheat harvest is, as last year, just a few days off, but the cold wet weather that has dogged us ever since our masters declared a national drought has given the wheat crops a hard time. The difficult weather conditions have meant that even where the fungicide sprays have been put on they have been ineffective and the yield-sapping fusarium head blight is at its worst levels for many years with 98% of the crops in this country infected. It is too early to say by just how much the crop yields will be reduced, but the few crops that have been cut along the south coast have shown a reduction in yield of anything from 15% to 50% on last year. The lack of sunshine and the effects of fungal disease will mean

that samples of wheat suitable for bread-making will be very few and far between. But it is not just in this neck of the woods that the weather has been causing problems. All of the major food-producing regions of the world have had adverse crop-growing conditions, and the aid agencies are already predicting reduced food supply and rising prices in many parts of the world.

We have made a little hay from the lambing paddocks, but our main hay meadows are still too wet to carry the machinery and we may well have to wait until the wheat is in the barn before we can cut them. The 'hay' – if you can call it that – will not have much feeding value but it needs to be taken off or the wild flower sward will be damaged.

The ewes have been weaned and are enjoying a few weeks of peace and quiet before the rams go out and they start all over again. Each year we buy in some younger sheep to replace the ewes that are not fit enough to produce lambs the next year, but this year, with the expected high cost of bought-in feed and the loss of this year's hay crop, we may well have to reduce the flock numbers and not buy in any replacements for the main flock. But that decision will not affect the Cotswold flock as I have already bought in some more ewes and a new ram. Queensford Jago, the champion ram at the breed show and sale, is already out on the job, and we should see the first of his offspring in the new year.

The bees have had enough and have started to prepare for winter. We have not been able to take very much honey off this year as the prolonged spell of poor weather has meant that they needed all they could collect. There is a chance that if we get a good back end we may get a small crop of late honey, but after last year's bumper crop we have enough in store to see us through until next summer and by then the new colonies and queens that we have produced this year should (if they make the winter) be in full production. It has been a difficult year all round, but once we do finally get the crops off the ground we can start planning and planting for next year. I now have an assistant beekeeper: grandson Ben has decided that beekeeping is cool and is very keen on learning the hands-on way, so I shall set him up with his own apiary in the spring and let him manage it himself with me looking over his shoulder. First he must make his own hives, and as there is nothing that tastes better than your first jar of honey from your own bees, perhaps the time is coming for the old drone to move over.

George Fenemore 338203



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Benchmarks

A smart new bench has appeared on the layby near the southbound bus stop in New Street. Courtesy of Jean Rudge, it does not commemorate the passing of one of our residents, just somewhere to wait for the bus in comfort. Jean is thinking of inscribing it 'In Praise of Bus Passes'.

Benches have also been placed in the Castle Grounds in memory of Betty Hill and Eddie Lynch.

FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

The excessive rains and cool conditions have resulted in record growth of nettles and thistles on the banks of the Castle Grounds. It is beyond our capabilities to manage this extreme situation. Professional attention is needed and the best time to attack the invasive plants is early spring just as they start to grow. They then need to be sprayed, and English Heritage and a local expert advise that if this is done we should be rid of them.

Our immediate task is to get quotes for this work and present them to the Parish Council which owns the site. It will be up to the Council to choose the quote that it favours and ask us to arrange for the work to be done. We would ensure that the spraying was carried out at the perfect time. With the invasive plants gone we would then prepare the ground for seed and grass planting and in the meantime fundraise for the cost of seed and plug plants.

An important date for your diaries: Sunday 16 September from 1pm to 3.30pm is Teddy Bears Picnic Day at the Castle Grounds, originally to be held in July but postponed due to poor weather. Three prizes for the bests dressed Teddies plus your chance to win the show Teddy if you guess his/her name. Games to play too, so bring the whole family and friends and your picnics and enjoy what we hope will be a sunny and a fun day.

Terry Clinch 338711

Deddington Tennis Club – A Celebration of 30 Years

A very successful barbecue was held at the Windmill Centre on Sunday 1 July to commemorate the 30th birthday of Deddington Tennis Club. The day started a little overcast but by the time everyone had a drink in their hand and food on their plate the sun had emerged. Founder and present members mingled and chatted together; the food (which had been prepared by lots of people – thank you especially Sue Watts and Janet Dunkin) was delicious and the selection of meats cooked to perfection (many thanks to Bob Dunkin for the barbecue).

Among the guests were founder members Beryl and David Greenwood, Clive Sanders, Maureen and Rob Forsyth, Buffy Heywood, Frank Shaw, Nigel Oddy, Graham Cheetham, Ann and Chris Nagele. The original chairman, Rob Forsyth, gave a brief history of how the Club came into being and flourished, at one time having a long waiting list for membership.

Many more people than those mentioned were involved in making the day such a success – putting up the marquee, cutting the grass, moving furniture, preparing the quiz, providing the drinks, etc. It was obvious to all present that tennis keeps you physically and mentally on top form!

We look forward to many more years of sport and socialising.

Annette Murphy 336195

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Deddington Art Group

The Holly Tree venue is much appreciated by the Art Group, a specialist club for life painting and drawing. We more or less have a full house each week. We like the garden, and parking makes it easy for the artists. Frank Palmer sold an oil of Lyme Regis at the Festival Exhibition and another one was sold by Clive King. Contact me for art advice. Banbury has full-time courses for students who are commercial in outlook.

Ken Dodgson Wilkinson 337256

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Our bowls season is still well on track with hardly any games cancelled due to the weather. Our last game was a resounding win away to Witney Town, a very strong club, so we were pleased with the result. We are still looking for new members (free membership) for this year. If you get the bug you may even like to try indoor bowling at Banbury Woodgreen. There are various leagues during the winter months (beginners welcome). If interested please contact Pat Clements (338710) or Chris Twomey (337213).

Photographic Society

At last month's meeting everyone's three best photos from the June Adderbury photoshoot were shown and discussed. This proved so successful that further photoshoots were suggested. There were no workshops held during July or August due to the holidays.

Earlier this month, Anne Sutcliffe gave an engaging and inspiring presentation called, 'Keep on running: Prints of a journey from amateur photographer to fellowship of the Royal Society'. Taking her audience through the three progressive levels of accreditation: LRPS, ARPS to FRPS, Anne discussed the requirements of the accreditation panels, the difficulties that arose for her personally, and how she ultimately succeeded in achieving her goal. Talking openly and frankly about both her successes and failures, Anne showed a variety of prints that highlighted her personal journey through photography, illustrating how she achieved her own particular photographic style. Overall, a most interesting insight into the standards required to reach the higher levels of photography, told by an articulate, entertaining and accomplished photographer.

The next presentation will be on Wednesday 5 September when Jim Gracey will speak on 'A China Experience'. Everyone is welcome at 7.30pm in the Apricot Room, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho.

Wendy Meagher 336216

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

It gives me great pleasure to report finally a decent day, weather wise, when we played at Chipping Norton Golf Club on Friday, 10 August. The temperature was 25° with clear skies – you could have been in Spain. It was magnificent! Marvellous! OK, I will stop there. Forty-five DOGS and guests turned out and the wait

for fair weather was worthwhile. It took an hour and a half to get all golfers on their way. The 1st tier winner was Ralph Stewart with 39 points and the 2nd tier winner was Nigel Carter with 39 points. The overall winner with 41 points was Ron Colley – two shots off his handicap then.

The evening pig roast at Sue and Mike O'Brien's home in Deddington was equally fantastic. The ladies brought salads to die for, as 75 eager and hungry folk descended. The white wine disappeared at a rate of knots – 10 litres gone in a heartbeat – that's summer with the DOGS! Full details are on Deddington OnLine.

David Darst 338589

1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

Plans for making the most of the summer weather frequently had to be changed last term, though luckily the rain held off for our visit to Sapphire Alpacas (many thanks to Val Tew for a lovely meeting). Once the girls had admired Rainbow, the brand new alpaca baby, they were distracted by the stream, buttercups and rabbit holes (and alpaca poo!), but all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The adults were more interested in how you raise alpacas, and came away knowing considerably more than we did at the start.

The District campfire had to be held inside this year, so no actual campfire, just a picnic and lots of campfire singing. It was a shame, but we made the most of it. Lots of Rainbows came and sang enthusiastically.

Torrential rain meant our walk was postponed until September and the cricket in West Close, Barford, was changed due to a dreadful weather forecast. We made sitters (for sitting on) for our campfire in September instead but, in the village hall garden as the weather was in fact glorious, we did finish with a quick game of French cricket before saying goodbye to Florence, who has been a super Senior Rainbow. Elize and Evelyne couldn't be at the meeting but we sadly said goodbye to them. New Rainbows will be starting in September.

Hazel Neal 337822, hmkn@sky.com

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

We said farewell to several of our Cubs at the end of term. Hopefully they had a great time with us and will carry on to join the Scouts in September.

'Bug towers' have been installed at the Castle Grounds in a place where we hope any residents will be happy; we have also obtained a number of bird box kits that we hope to construct during the autumn. The trip to Gilwell was a great success, the Cubs tried climbing, archery, a giant zip wire and a variety of bouncy and fairground rides. The site is fantastic with views across London. We're looking forward to starting the new year on 6 September and welcoming some new recruits.

Jo Churchyard CSL 338071
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... AND MORE CLUBS ...

Scouts

We went on two camps during the summer; the first was the District Camp at Horley with the theme of survival. The Scouts were subjected to a simulated plane crash after which they had to exist on the contents of an army survival pack for the rest of the weekend, not as bad as it sounds! The weather was dryish and the boys camped under groundsheets in the wood. They went home smelly but well fed.

The second was our summer camp at Phasels Wood near Hemel Hempstead. The site was very soggy when we arrived and we struggled to find enough dry ground to pitch the tents, but by the end we were complaining that it was too hot. The Scouts tried out archery, pot-holing, the high ropes, cresta run (a mad downhill hurtle) and pedal car racing, the latter allowing them to drive sedately and show a high degree of sportsmanship – as if! Let's hope the new scout year is as busy as the last.

Pete Churchyard SL 338071
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1st Deddington Guides

We had a brilliant time stream walking – very exciting – what a great way to finish the term's activity meetings. Summer camp at a beautiful site at Shutford was great fun and we had glorious weather. We were also lucky enough to visit stables of event horses and toured their deluxe horsebox. The campfire itself and singing were brilliant. The Guides made superb shelters and slept out in them overnight and the dawn hike was wonderful, especially returning home at 6am to bacon butties cooked on the open fire.

'Camp brought out the best in people – they were friendly and helped each other out' – *Ellie C*

'Camp was really fun because it was sunny. I enjoyed helping to organise some activities' – *Tilly*

'The dawn hike was fun but getting out of my lovely warm sleeping bag wasn't' – *Lorna*

'I enjoyed watching the field become a campsite and loved the water fight' – *Hannah*

'I loved the cooking, activities and jobs' – *Yolanda*

'Camp is a creative place, you learn new things and have an opportunity to be the best you can be. We learnt to be independent' – *Elen*

'I loved the routine of camp, my favourite time was when we climbed into bed' – *Katie*

See everyone on Tuesday 11 September, 7–9 pm.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

Would readers please note that the email address for the Deddington Royal British Legion is *no longer* DeddingtonRBL@aol.com. The new address for the Deddington Branch is mrsjeanmorris@gmail.com

Remembrance Sunday this year is 11 November. The Deddington Branch and Club will again be working hard for the Poppy Appeal. New door-to-door collectors

are welcome. Anyone interested, please contact either our Poppy Appeal Organiser, Norman West on 340368, or me on 338143. We will also have a stall at the October Deddington Farmers' Market.

We are very aware that many of our branch lady members gain very little from their membership and we would like to encourage their involvement. We are proposing to establish a group of ladies who may be interested in visits to places of interest and other activities such as luncheons, etc. Anyone interested, please contact me as below.

Donations/gifts for tombolas, raffles etc. would be much appreciated, particularly in the run up to our Christmas fund raising.

Jean Morris, Branch Secretary, 338143
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Deddington Players

This is the time of year when we start to look forward to the 2013 pantomime (17, 18 and 19 January), which this year will be *Sinbad the Sailor*. Auditions will be held on Sunday 14 October from 2.30 to 4.30pm at the Windmill Centre. Please come along if you would like to be involved. We will be holding a 'sorting out' day at the Windmill on Saturday 22 September at 10am, followed by a barbecue/social at 6.30pm in Cleopatra's back garden (contact me for directions if you need them). All members are welcome (and needed!) at both events.

This year will be our 21st pantomime. We'd love to hear from any of you who have been involved in the past, particularly if you have memories, photographs or mementoes that you'd be prepared to share. We'd also like to invite you to share in our celebrations. Please contact me on Lamjsquires@aol.com or on the phone number below.

Lucy Squires 338442

Book Club

At our last meeting we discussed *Touching Distance* by Rebecca Abrams, a story about the devastating impact of puerperal fever (childbed fever), based on an actual outbreak in 1790 in Aberdeen and one doctor's determination to discover the cause. Doctor Alexander Gordon realised that doctors and midwives themselves, through lack of hygiene, were largely the cause of the contagion. Rejected for his discovery, which was in conflict with perceived views at the time, his work went unrecognised until the middle of the nineteenth century. His research on Aberdeen and the medical background to the disease was remarkable and the agonisingly painful deaths were graphically conveyed. The parts involving his wife's mental breakdown, which he was too distracted to notice, we found less interesting. Very well written, easy to read and enlightening.

The next meeting is 27 September and the next book *Suite Française* by Irène Némirovsky.

Sally Lambert 338094

... AND YET MORE CLUBS ...

Deddington Toddler and Baby Group

On Friday 3 August we hosted our very own mini-Olympics. In the weeks beforehand we made Olympic-inspired crafts, including torches and Union Jack shakers. On the actual day the weather was wet and we held our event inside the 'Windmill Stadium'. Union Jacks and bunting were in abundance and our spectators gathered to cheer on our budding athletes. Our track events included the cup and ball race and the tricycle race, with field events such as the 'discus', (paper plate throwing) and the 'javelin' (using paper aeroplanes made by Kat's fair hands). At our Closing Ceremony everyone was declared a winner and all our athletes were presented with a gold medal. Everyone had lots of fun and the event was declared a great success.

With a new school year approaching, sadly we will say goodbye to some of our children who will be moving on to school, or to the PFSU or Deddington Village Nursery. We wish them well with the next step in their early years – we will miss them and their mums and dads. However as children move on, new ones arrive and we look forward to welcoming them and their parents, grandparents or carers.

Deddington Toddler and Baby Group is a group run by volunteers for children aged 0–5 years and their mums, dads, carers or grandparents. We meet every Friday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am at the Windmill Centre, Deddington, 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!

Wendy Samways 07920 198073

Deddington Town Football Club

The messenger got drunk and fell off his horse, so reports of accolades at the club bash has yet to reach your sceptical correspondent. Needless to say the club is in the throes of an agonising fitness regime in preparations for upcoming rigours, and they hope you will be there to witness the results come the first weekend in September, in their latest quest for the seductive lures of gold and silver.

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

Deddington Town Colts FC

We had a successful presentation day that raised valuable funds for the club. Many thanks to the local businesses who contributed great prizes to the Grand Draw: Auteur Ltd, Banbury Golf Club, CMS Industries, Wantage, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, Deddington Arms Hotel, Hair Razers, Deddington, Hellidon Lakes Golf and Spa Hotel, The Holt, Steeple Aston, Kraft Foods, Banbury, Red Lion, Steeple Aston, SH Jones Wines, Banbury, Tesco, Banbury

The new season starts on 8 and 9 September 2012

and we have nine teams playing from Under 8s up to Under 17s. We also have Under 7s/Under 6s who train on Saturday mornings.

Roger Sykes, Welfare Officer and U13 Coach, 337034

Deddington Town Colts FC Club Secretary

We are looking for a new Club Secretary. The role centres around administration, both internally in the Club and externally as first point of contact for the Witney League and Oxfordshire FA, ensuring that the Club remains compliant with all rules and regulations. The busiest time of year is pre-season, with a requirement to attend all meetings in Witney in mid-June and late August, and ensuring that all teams register all players correctly. Once the season is up and running, the job just consists of forwarding email correspondence to relevant parties, arranging payment of fines (if there are any) and taking the minutes at internal management meetings. In exceptional circumstances there may be a need to make/take a few phone calls. If you are interested please contact Heather Ashworth on 338347 or heathera@cherwell.co.uk.

Deddington and District History Society

Our special summer event, the MP and historian Chris Skidmore's lecture on the mysterious death in September 1560 of Amy Robsart, wife of Queen Elizabeth's favourite Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, drew a very large and appreciative audience. Chris made clear that we shall probably never know beyond doubt who or what was responsible for Amy's death, but new evidence (and a fresh examination of old) seemed to him to point the finger at Dudley's men, seeking to do their lord a favour that was unbidden but assumed. If so, it backfired since the scandal was such that thereafter there was no possibility that the Queen could possibly have married him, even if she had wanted to. It was a most enjoyable and successful evening for the Society, not least because we raised £300 for Katharine House Hospice. It is worth noting that Mr Skidmore waived his fee when he learned of our desire to use the event to raise funds for the hospice.

Our new season begins on Wednesday 12 September, when the ever-popular Martin Way will speak on 'Barley, Beer and Barrels'. With special reference to local brewing companies, he will take us historically through the whole process, from the water, barley and hops that make the brew to the cooper's craft that allows it to be stored and transported to us. On Wednesday 10 October Col. Tim May and Mike Cross will talk on 'The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Project', a history of the Oxfordshire Yeomanry.

We look forward to welcoming back old members and to greeting new. All are welcome. Talks take place on the second Wednesday of the month at the Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.

Chris Day, Chairman, 337204
Moir Byast, Secretary, 338637

News from Clifton

The European Football Championships are a tragic memory (unless you're half Italian, eh John!), Andy Murray came close at Wimbledon, Jonathan Marray did better, wasn't Bradley Wiggins fabulous, and there isn't copy space for our 29 Olympic gold medallists. So this month has a lot of Clifton's sporting achievements.

Doc Cath Rose ran, swam and cycled her way to an impressive 1hr 1:32 min time in the Blenheim Triathlon beating other parochial residents by some minutes. This is an improvement on last year and clearly demonstrates a talent for this very special form of masochism. Impressed and proud of this achievement is husband Doug who has caught the bug and managed a respectable result in another triathlon.

Of course the real motivation for this madness is Iron Man Mayo, who in June jogged from Gas Works Lane, Birmingham, to Paddington, a staggering 148 miles that he covered in only 36 hours. While we were watching the Jubilee pageant on the Thames, Kev was closing in on the 100-mile marker after the worst rain he has ever run in. All this and nearly two marathons left to complete. He is obviously completely barking and in our opinion has shaved years off his life expectancy, but it is still truly an incredible achievement raising nearly £1,000 for Cancer Research UK

The Duck's sally team won their first game in 300 years and are no longer bottom of the league and the Colleys won multiple events at a recent Olympic event /

party. The hosts still have enough beer for a Paralympics Games event later this month.

I want to make an apology prompted by Cllr Jim Flux. In June I suggested that the Parish Council was hoodwinked. I apologise to that august body of people who do a job few understand, fewer are prepared to do and even fewer appreciate the shambles that would prevail if they didn't. It was never my intention to slight them – but Collins! Are you sure?

The Clifton Oil Co-operative did their magic by buying fuel oil for Lower and Upper Larkrise at 48.5p per litre, 3p per ltr cheaper than last year, picking the low point from the 57.41p in May and the 56.75p it is now. Well done Ron.

Martin Bryce Martindnbryce@aol.com

CALLING ALL DN CONTRIBUTORS!

Please send your copy to editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk. This is especially important for the next issue, October, as my co-editor Jill Cheeseman's personal email address will not be monitored while Jill is away in Australia on extended holiday. Any copy sent to Jill's personal email address will not appear in the October DN.

Please send material in by the copy date Saturday 15 September. I am on holiday myself until that date and copy sent in before then will be picked up by our new co-editor, Cat Desmond.

MR

DEDDINGTON health centre

Time to book your flu jab!

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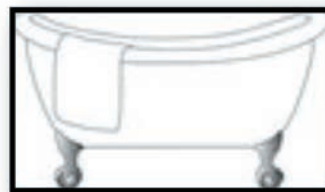
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Blissful Thinking

After a summer of inspirational feats of human endeavour, we are left to ruminate on just how far we are from achieving our own personal bests. For some, it is not simply a case of watching a sport

and enjoying an epiphany that this is your calling. Some wander a lifetime in the forest of disillusionment before a tree falls on them. Some dig a hole in the ground and bury their heads, while others fire up the old pineal gland, whack out the ouija board and plead for divine inspiration. Though hopefully we can eventually learn not to obsess quite so much over the destination, but work at making the journey as scenic and eventful as possible. Perhaps we could also get over our fixation on gold and broadcasting our success, simply to be motivated by the pursuit of personal excellence and fulfilment. So whether you're hurling frisbees at the Windmill Centre, hurdling the cars parked across the school gates, or doing the hundred-metre dash from the Co-op queue, give it your best shot. For yourself. For your community. For your nation. I can see those golden arches now.

Aaron Bliss, aaronjbliss@hotmail.com

News from Hempton

Saturday 8 September is the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride Day. St John's will be open as usual between 10.00am and 6.00pm to welcome visitors from other areas. If anyone would like to ride for us, I have the necessary forms. This is a sponsorship event and any money raised is shared between the organisers and our church. People are also required to staff the church throughout the day, and we are well known for our high standard of catering; please let Pam Dodd or me know if you can help.

Congratulations to Jo and Matt Belcher of St John's Way on the christening of their son, Harry, on 22 July in St John's Church with a large congregation to support them, a really nice service. The next Social Evening will be 7 September at 7.30pm.

Other dates this month will be Harvest Festival Evensong on Sunday 23rd at 6.00pm. Gifts of produce will be most welcome and may be left at the church over that weekend; let's hope for a good congregation. The auction of produce will follow the service and any proceeds given to a worthy charity. The following evening Monday 24th is the AGM of the Friends of the Church at 7.30pm. Please come along to this meeting as the Friends are responsible for all maintenance at the church, and new ideas are most welcome; this meeting is open to everyone. The Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 6 October at 7.30pm, cost £10 per head to include all food and soft drinks. If you require something stronger please bring a bottle and glasses; entertainment will follow the meal. Please contact me for tickets.

Les Chappell 338054

Farmers' Market Anniversary

The September Farmers' Market will be on Saturday 22nd. It is the 11th anniversary of Deddington Farmers' Market. The plan is to close the road alongside the market and to use the extra space to incorporate some extra features. A demonstration by Aga cooks is planned, there will be music from a string trio, and the Owl Man will bring some of his amazing avians.

Look out also for Duff Eggs! A new egg retailer to our market is Emily Duff who, last year, won the Banbury Women in Business 'Young Entrepreneur of The Year' for her start-up egg business.

In the 11 years it has been running, Deddington Farmers' Market has raised some £30,000 for local causes, and many of the parish residents have enjoyed the market as a social event and a source of high-quality provisions from local sources. Keep a lookout over the next couple of months for some new opportunities being made available to be part of the success which is Deddington Market.

Paul Drawmer, paul@drawmer.net

New Nursery for Deddington

The nursery in Deddington has been caring for children in the local community for over 20 years. The building (at the entrance to the Windmill Centre) now needs to be replaced and we are putting together plans for a fantastic new facility to benefit the village and the surrounding area. A very important part of our planning is to find out your views about what services the new nursery should provide for you and the local community in the future.

Please take a few minutes to complete our on-line survey to help us build a brilliant new nursery that continues to care for and support local families for another 20 years and more at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/83B579S. The closing date for survey responses is 15 September 2012. Thank you.

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PIERS GAVESTON AND THE NUN OF DEDDINGTON

The last instalment of a serial written in 1849 by Georgiana Bennet and published in the North Oxfordshire Monthly Times and Agricultural Advertiser. Loaned to us by Clive Sanders, it was given to him by the late Fred Deely. If you missed the earlier instalments, see them online at www.deddington.news.co.uk.

To those of a nervous disposition – be warned, it gets a bit gruesome!



We will now return to Sister Margaret. The Abbot of Adderbury was well known for the strictness with which he enforced the rules of the Church in the Monasteries and Convents under his command. The Nunnery of Deddington was under his control, and its members knew and dreaded the power and disposition of the Abbot.

He approached the Nun, and spoke in his harshest tones: 'Daughter, thou has committed a grievous crime – thou wilt return with me to thy Convent, that thy punishment may be decided.' She bowed her head and followed him to the Convent.

When they entered it, Sister Margaret felt some surprise to find the Abbess and a few of the older Sisters, still up; nor was that surprise lessened to hear the Abbot declare that she had committed crimes worthy of death. The rules of the Order awarded perpetual imprisonment as her punishment and his followers should even now bear her to her dungeon.

He approached the Nun, and told her that the Eastern apartment had been built by the founder of the Convent for a prison, where the first Nun who committed ought that deserved death should be placed with a loaf and a jug of water, and then the entrance was to be bricked up, and no-one allowed to enter the chamber until another Nun might incur the same doom. A cry of horror broke from all but the Nun herself. Her cheeks and lips were pale as marble, but her noble form was drawn to its full height and her arms were folded before her.

Tears coursed down the cheeks of the aged Abbess and she raised and embraced the Nun; then suddenly quitting her, she knelt before the Abbot and, in moving language, implored him to spare 'the good Sister Margaret'. The Nun and Abbess followed the Abbot out of the room. He conducted them up the unfrequented stair, into that desolate apartment which contained only a rude chair and the food ordered by the Abbot. The Nun walked composedly towards the chair and knelt before it, covering her face with her hands.

The Abbot waited some time, but the Nun moved not and he was compelled to leave her without giving utterance to the bitter words which were ready to break forth. He had obtained his point, but he was subdued by the courage and fortitude of his victim. He remained on the staircase while his men walled up the doorway and placed heavy ironwork before it, to make it more secure.

When he returned to the Parlour the early dawn was breaking. No one was there but he would not quit the Convent, lest the Nuns should try to release the imprisoned Sister. Night and morning he visited the doorway of the Eastern apartment to see that no attempts were made to rescue the ill-fated Nun; but he found no change in the appearance of the work, and the only other aperture to that room was a narrow slit high in the wall, scarcely wide enough to admit a finger, much less to allow her to escape. He heard nothing until the evening of the third day; and then he thought he must be deceived, for he seemed to hear faint tones breathing one of the most solemn hymns of the Church. He hurried away in mingled rage and awe. At morning and the succeeding evening all was still.

On the fourth day, all the inmates of the Castle were roused by wild and almost unearthly shrieks – the bell of the Convent tolled, though no one touched it. The Abbess rushed to the top of the Eastern staircase, followed by many of the Sisterhood. It was evident to all that the shrieks proceeded from the walled-up apartment, although they now sounded fainter than before. The almost frantic Abbess laid hold of the ironwork, as if her feeble strength had power to bear it down, when the hand of the Abbot drew her back, and in a loud yet unsteady voice, he commanded all to retire, or he would utter the curses of the Church against those who would prevent the fulfillment of her decrees. In that age such a threat was sufficient, and the terrified women retreated to their cells.

The Abbot lingered and listened – he heard a low wailing sound, which soon ceased – and then he also retired exulting in the belief that his vengeance was accomplished.

He left Deddington on the following morning, never to return. As he passed along the wide waste of land which then lay between Deddington and his Monastery at Adderbury, he was set upon by armed men, who easily conquered his small retinue and murdered him. The first who struck him exclaimed, 'Vengeance upon him who killed the good Sister Margaret'.

[But we're not quite done yet – the next issue of *DN* will contain a postscript to this sorry tale, with perhaps an alternative happy ending for those who like such things – *Ed.*]