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I hope you have enjoyed reading our 40 years of reminiscences. Don't miss the View from Fleet Street. Once again the issue is jam-packed with interesting items so sit down with a glass of something and a mince pie and enjoy a good read. Have a happy and peaceful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2017. **JC**

What's On December

- Sat 3 Hempton Christmas Bazaar: Old School Room, 11.00am
- Sat 3 Christmas card collection box: (Scouts local delivery), Eagles, Market Place (until 17 December)
- Sun 4 Concert: Advent Carols by Candelight, Choros Choir, Parish Church, 7.00pm
- Tue 6 School: Open morning for parents, tours at 9.10, 9.40, 10.10, 10.40 and 11.20am
- Tue 6 PFSU/Nursery: Christmas Fayre, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Wed 7 Photographic Society: Gail Girvan, 'From the Shadows Back to Light: Pastels to Camera', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
- Sat 10 Christmas concert: Akeman Voices, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Mon 12 School F1 and Nursery/PFSU: 'Noisy Nativity', Parish Church, 2.00pm
- Tue 13 School KS1: 'Lights, Camel, Action', Parish Church, 4.30pm
- Tue 13 WI: Christmas and 91st Birthday lunch, Holly Tree, 12 noon
- Wed 14 Nursery: Interactive Christmas celebration, 'Journey to Bethlehem', Nursery, 10.00am–12.00pm
- Wed 14 Primary School: Carol service, Parish Church, 2.15pm
- Wed 14 History Society: Christmas social and quiz, Windmill, 7.30pm
- Thu 15 School KS2: Carol Service, Parish Church, 5.45pm
- Sat 17 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9am–12.30pm
- Wed 21 PC meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Sat 24 Carols in the Market Place: Deddington Brass, 6.00pm

January

- Wed 4 Photographic Society: 'Three best images of 2016', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 5 DOGS: AGM, Deddington Arms Boardroom, 7.00pm
- Tue 10 WI: Tim Bryce, 'The Beauty of Trees', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 11 History Society: Stephen Wass, 'The Archaeology of Farnborough Hall Landscape', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 18 Photographic Society: Workshop, Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
- Thu 19– Deddington Players: *Aladdin*, Windmill Centre
- Sat 21 2.30pm and 6.30pm
- Thu 26 Book Club: Call Sally Lambert on 338094 for details

February

- Wed 1 Photographic Society: Paul Brewerton, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

at the Old School Room, Hempton – Wednesday 16 November

District Councillor Bryn Williams reported that the Local Plan will be discussed on 9 January and villages will learn of the proposed new dwellings allocated to their communities.

Because of Oxford City's failure to meet their housing need, CDC has been asked to accept an additional 4,400 dwellings to the 22,840 already agreed. Six possible locations have been put forward in Deddington and one in Hempton. Consultation is ongoing and is available to view online at www.cherwell.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsultation or at Deddington library. Comments should be sent to PlanningPolicyConsultation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or Planning Policy Team at Cherwell District Council.

It has been reported that the time allowing pedestrians to cross at the traffic lights is not long enough for the elderly or large groups of schoolchildren. County Councillor Fatemian will look into this.

He will investigate the aggressive cutting back of the hedge on the main road by David Wilson Homes. The developers were asked to treat such work sympathetically. There is concern as to the legality of work already begun on site. Also the condition that vehicles leaving the site should only turn left towards Banbury is apparently not being observed. CDC will be informed.

Daytime Support Services are to be re-structured due to financial restraints. It is likely that organisations will no longer receive funding from OCC after August 2017. The Windmill Thursday Club falls into this category. More details can be found on <http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/daysservices/>. It would be helpful if residents concerned by this proposal could respond individually to the consultation.

Neighbourhood Plan

Following final two public consultations in spring 2017 a Parish referendum will be organised by CDC. The group is concerned that some issues have not been covered by the parish questionnaire. These include unadopted play areas and roads and leasehold properties.

Planning Applications

No Objections

8 Castle St – refurbish garden shed and garage, garden walls, replace front door to match adjoining house. Some concern that this work may already have been carried out.

Ivy Cottage, 3 St Thomas St – fell one tree. Requested another tree be planted elsewhere.

The Cottage, Philcote Street – new flat roof extension over existing courtyard. Requested consideration be shown regarding highway obstruction during building works.

The Unicorn Hotel, Market Place – single storey side extension with two openings to existing building.

2 Chapmans Lane – change of approved drawings.

Hilary's Hat Hire, Market Place – part of existing roof

to be stripped of concrete tiles, roof strengthened and re-laid using blue slates.

Highways and transport

Data from the speed monitoring equipment at Clifton suggest that a high percentage of traffic is speeding. DPC is to contact OCC and Thames Valley Police.

No changes to parking in New Street at present. A resident's concerns have been forwarded to OCC.

A resident has complained about inconsiderate parking in the Tchure during building works. This will be investigated as a condition of planning approval was that this inconvenience should be avoided.

Environment and Recreation

The fitness trail will shortly be installed.

Four defibrillators will be sited in former telephone kiosks in Hempton and Clifton, and at the Co-op in Deddington (or possibly in the telephone kiosk if this is not appropriate). The telephone kiosk in Hempton Road is to be removed.

The Christmas tree will be erected on Tuesday 29 November. David Hope Electrical has kindly offered to supply hardware and install the lights free of charge.

Councillors have volunteered to clean road signs on Sunday 20 November.

The farmers' market has offered to install a new shed at the Holly Tree Club and this has been gratefully accepted.

Windmill Upgrade

Most work has now been completed.

Note from correspondent: residents are reminded that parish councillors are volunteers and have voted to receive no payment for their considerable input of time, effort and expertise.

Next PC meeting: Wednesday 21 December at 7.30pm at the Holly Tree Club, Deddington.

Jean Rudge

Blissful Thinking

So the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen has bequeathed to us quite a slough of despond. Copious world icons of art, culture, sport and science perished, more refuge was needed than ever, and demagoguery was *de rigueur* once more. The Western body politic is more fractured and confused than ever. The fact that the news of a sitting member of parliament being murdered was on the front page for only a couple of days illustrates the pandemonium crashing all around us for much of the year. Even in the parish, we've had several local icons taken from us, and that wretched housing estate has now begun its first phase towards our ultimate *car-mageddon*. But we're still here, still fighting, and still beautiful, so let's all have a wild Christmas for the ages, and let 2017 clean up the mess.

Aaron Bliss, aaronjbliss@hotmail.com

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

December is upon us. Perhaps time to reflect on some of the highlights of our incredibly busy year and to say a huge thank you for your continued support.

Deddington Bookworms started in April and has gone from strength to strength, a lively bunch of happy bookworms, enjoying meeting and reading every month. We now support five other local reading groups, although they don't meet in the library as The Bookworms, we support their reading materials on a very regular basis.

Regular Rhymetimes for Under 5s started this year too. This is particularly exciting for me as I've tried several times over the last 10 years to get a group going regularly without success ... so I'm pleased to say that, with a huge amount of volunteer support, we now have weekly Rhymetimes, every Monday at 2.30pm.

This year we've recruited, processed and trained eight Home Library Service volunteers, with two more currently being processed. This is fabulous news for the housebound in our community and surrounding villages as we can ensure they still receive books and audios regularly since the demise of the Mobile Library service. It's also great news for the library as we are credited with all the extra issues. The more books we lend, the more valuable the library is.

We have an amazing team of Community Volunteers who turn up every week to support me running

the library. They do a valuable job. Without them, my job would be all the more difficult.

The committee of Friends works very hard to fundraise and support our library and, indeed, are incredibly supportive of me, and perhaps, more than a little indulgent. I'm very grateful to you all, thank you.

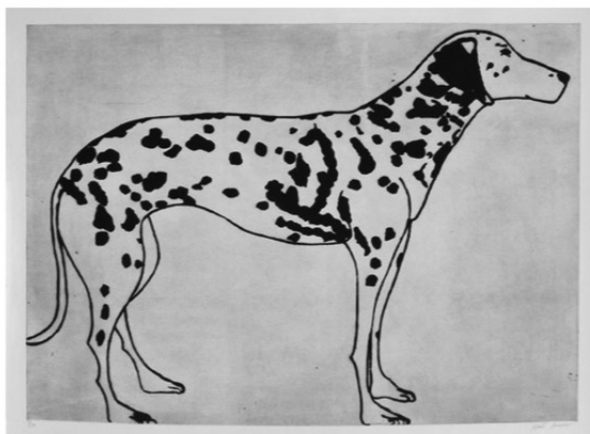
Thanks also to all who have supported the Friends' fundraising over the last year. Without their work and your continued support Deddington Library would be much the poorer.

So, it seems I've managed the library for 10 years on 8 January. Well, hasn't that just flown by. I've loved every minute. Thanks to all in our fabulous community who visit the library and make my job so very enjoyable ... and if you don't visit the library, why not pop in and see what we have to offer?

An opportune moment to remind you that, apart from lending books, Deddington Library has DVDs and audio books for hire. Our stock is regularly refreshed with some of the latest titles. Anything we don't have we can order from any other library in the county for a small fee. We also have free WiFi and computer use, free access to Ancestry, Find my Past and a wealth of other research websites. On behalf of myself and the library's fantastic group of dedicated and hardworking volunteers, we wish you all very merry Christmas and a happy healthy New Year.

Stella O'Neill

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THE VIEW FROM FLEET STREET

Twenty editors imposed their will on my 40-year career with ten different publications. Some of those supreme beings had been charming, others bullies, some were ineffectual, others brilliant and inspiring. None was ever overly polite, and some positively foul mouthed.

Then, following retirement while living in Deddington and thinking I was shot of such taskmasters, I was fated to meet three more editors of a totally different breed: patient, polite though still demanding, requesting rather than ordering.

A friend had advsied, do nothing for at least six months. Do not feel you have to fill your time.

So there I was having let that advice flow over me for a few years when in the *Deddington News* in February 2010 I spotted a plea for help with layout and artwork on occasional and annual ads. They were looking for someone familiar with Photoshop, and perhaps InDesign and who could lend occasional assistance. Anyone interested was asked to contact Mary or Jill to discuss in more detail.

I felt I ought to be putting something more into Deddington than shopping at the Co-op, keeping the Post Office going and ensuring my lawn was tidy. The plea in the *DN* caught me in a moment of susceptibility and I contacted Mary Robinson, who demanded a résumé of my skills: editorial jobs on various newspapers and largely self-taught in the programs mentioned. I passed muster and occasional adverts that needed attention began to land in my email inbox.

Mary must have been pleased with what I did because the 'occasional' became a flood when she decided that many of the annual ads — those on the yellow pages — needed redesigning to the delight of most advertisers getting the free service but to the chagrin of others who felt they liked their brands as they were. Not bad for an editorial wallah turning to the dark side fearfully known as 'advertising', I thought.

Mary, my 21st editor, proved to be the first of the three very different editors I was to encounter in my new 'occasional' role. To my mind she had brought a valuable typographical discipline, secular consistency and objectivity to the *Deddington News*. She was a demanding editor with superb attention to detail, a quality the *DN* still has the benefit of from her new web-based role. Unlike any editor of my previous acquaintance, she was unfailingly polite if occasionally mildly brusque. A treat after some of the ranting tantrums I have witnessed from newspapers editors.

I was to learn that she was one of the founding mothers of the *Deddington News* back in 1976 along with her fellow editor (and my 22nd), the determined Jill Cheeseman, someone with an impressive work ethic that seems devoted to the *DN* when not distracted by the minor irritation of the Cricket Club.



When Mary moved on to exploit more fully her commitment to Deddington On-Line, along came the 23rd editor, the divinely enthusiastic Catherine Desmond, newly returned from the United States.

All so polite, soft-spoken, and positively positive in their encouragement and determination to keep the *Deddington News* at the heart of Deddington, Hemp-

ton and Clifton.

By Christmas 2010 I had been inveigled into giving some temporary support to Ruth Johnson and Pat Swash as they slaved over a hot and noisy Riso printer to produce the 1,000-plus copies of the *DN* each month at the Windmill Centre. Sucked in more deeply I became the apprentice printer and occasional stand-in for either Ruth or Pat.

This was a year of learning what community really means, and how much the *Deddington News* is community, not just a community newsletter.

At one point the *Deddington News* came close to the top in a competition for parish magazines. What separated it from those at the top was the method of printing. The winners and those that were ahead of the *DN* were all professionally printed with glossy covers funded by church or other organisations.

I had the temerity to suggest that the *DN* would do better if we followed that route. Perhaps in my weakness I was thinking of all those hours once a month at the Windmill Centre listening to the chuntering printer churning out 19,000 sheets of paper representing 38,000 pages for four hours and hoping for a more peaceful solution. A few verbally chastened minutes later I realised how deeply the *DN* reaches into the heart of this community. How those 38,000 pages a month are collated and stapled into the finished product by a team of people, and then distributed throughout the parish by others. In the appalling modern managerial parlance: the people of the parish own the *DN*, they are stakeholders in a parish enterprise.

The depths to which that is true is evidenced in every set of reminiscences published this year about the 40 years of the *Deddington News*. That Mary Robinson, Jill Cheeseman and many others are still giving their time after so many years. The continuity and commitment that represents. And we must not forget the contributors, those who find time to write about subjects that affect the village and, month after month, keep us up to date on the clubs and organisations they belong to.

When I was approached by the present editors, Jill and Catherine, to contribute to the series of 40-year articles, I balked. After all I was a Johnny come lately, with just six years. But they asked so nicely, and when editors ask ...

John Price

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

See the enclosed Christmas card for all December services but please note that on Sunday 4 December there is a short service of Choral Evensong at 6.00pm in the parish church followed by the Choros Advent Carol Concert.

JANUARY

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Sun 1	9.30am	Little Saints
	10.30am	Café Church
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 8	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 15	10.30am	Holy Communion with Baptism
Sun 22	10.30am	Holy Communion (informal said service)
Sun 29	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Service of Healing

From the Parish Register

Baptism

20 November George Doggett

Funerals

21 October Christine Blentofft

3 November Harold (Topper) Davies

16 November June Birch

Memorial Service

23 November Marjorie Plumbe

Hempton

Sun 1	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 15	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 22	6.00pm	Evening Prayer

The Barfords

Sun 1	10.30am	Family Service (BStM)
Sun 8	9.00am	Holy Communion (BStM)
Sun 15	4.00pm	Evening Prayer (BStM)
Sun 22	9.00am	Holy Communion (BStM)
Sun 29	9.00am	Holy Communion, (BStJ)

For baptisms and for weddings, please speak to the Vicar, Rev'd Annie Goldthorp, after a service.

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

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

Fr Paul Lester

01869 277630

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe, is said at 9.30am every weekday except Thursday. There are two Masses on Saturday, at 9.30am in the normal Ordinary Rite and 12 noon in the Latin Extraordinary Rite. There are two Masses on Sunday, the first at 10.00am in the Ordinary Rite and the second at 12.00 noon in the Extraordinary Rite.

The Vigil Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport.

Mass is said at 9.00am on Sundays at SS Peter and Paul Anglican Church, Kings Sutton.

Extra Time

A new features page on DN Online with supplementary stories and pictures

December highlights:

- DOGS present cheque to Katharine House
- Longer 'Well Remembered' pieces
- Rural Grants available
- What's new in DOL History: A postscript to the Frank Jarrett WWI story

Make Time for Extra Time – visit www.deddington.uk/news/extratime

PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

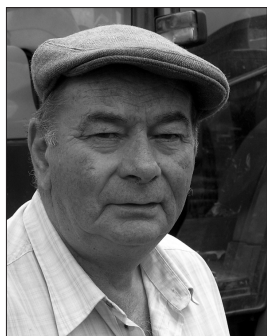
We hope you enjoyed the fireworks. It seems we were the busiest we've been for a few years and we sold out of everything. At the time of writing this it looks like we have raised over £1,000 for the school so thanks to all of you who came and everyone who helped to make it a great success. We will do the same again next year but without the whistles.

We are looking forward to giving the children a

festive school disco on 8 December. We are also very much looking forward to welcoming Father Christmas on 17 December at the farmers' market, in the church from 9.00am. Please bring your little ones to meet the big man himself. There will be raffle and face painting too. Merry Christmas from all at the PTA. Thank you for your continued support.

Alex Elvin 07747 025047

Down On George's Farm



Well that's it, the last offering of the year, and what a year it has been. After 2015's very mild winter in which the local badger population devastated the Home Farm bee-keeping enterprise, we crashed into the 2016 lambing season. Not unusual for the spring at Home Farm, but this year we added an organic

flock to the workload, something that really put the cat among the pigeons as the 'old man' was on night duty for both flocks. But the real cruncher is that the organic flock has left a better bottom line than the conventionally managed flock. 'Ho bong', perhaps it really is time in the face of Brexit for a rethink. After all this old dog can learn new tricks, but the tricks of the new organic sheep management are the same when I lambed my first ewe at the age of 12 when I would ride around the lambing fields on my pony. Today, because of fox and badger predation, we now lamb inside. I still ride around the sheep but now, because of metal hips, it's in an RTV (rough terrain vehicle).

When the lambing was over it was into the hay-making season and we managed to make some very good hay but, because of the rules, the hay for the organic flock had to be made on organic certified land, which made for a six-mile trip by tractor. At least it slowed the traffic on the Oxford road. Once the hay was in the barns it was time to dig out the Green Goddess from her hibernation with the old man in the driving seat.

The harvest was nothing to write home about with disappointing yields and even more disappointing prices but we did take a harvest. With the world awash with cheap wheat, produced with agro technology that we in this country are not allowed to use, it's time for another think as to what we grow, but as tenant farmers we need to produce something to pay the rent.

For the first time in many years we will be planting more spring crops than autumn planted crops. The spring land is at present in either green manure crops or fodder crops for the sheep. Just what will be planted

in the spring is still a matter of some debate in the farm office. The green manure crops will, with any luck, be mulched off and cultivated in by the time this hits the door mat, as it has reached maturity and the sheep will be on the fodder crops. The August-planted oilseed rape crops have survived the determined attempts of the cabbage stem flea beetle to eat it and we may now get a viable crop. Our much reduced area of bread wheat has also benefited from the dry autumn which has kept the slugs at bay, but there is a long way to go between planting and harvesting and the amount of sunlight between grain set and harvest will have a big influence on the bread-making quality of the wheat.

The wildlife on the farm has had a good year and their winter food strips are looking good, but sadly the iconic valley waders lost most of their nests to predation by other protected animals. We live in a mad world where I can legally protect my sheep and other farm animals from attack, but unable to protect my bees which could be called livestock as they are part of my farming enterprise. I have nothing against the brock as he or she is only doing what comes naturally to them.

Other invaders of our privacy are two-legged. Being a small family farm there is little time off with the mad rush of lambing, hay-making, harvest and autumn crop planting, but the October half-term week is special as the youngsters take off for a few days R&R in the New Forest, leaving the old man in charge. Sadly this year I had to recall them, as some local vermin had trashed their home and I really do mean trashed. The local boys and girls in blue were brilliant, as was Tim Cattle who put a team in to make the house secure and cleared up the shattered glass from a double-glazed patio door. Most of what was taken can be replaced, with the exception of a small coin collection given to Chris by his grandfather just before he passed away. This violation was on a small farm cottage in the middle of the village belonging to someone who leads a dedicated retained team of the Deddington Fire and Rescue brigade, a team that is on call 24/7 and will put their lives on the line for others, even the local vermin in difficulty. Why do they bother? But perhaps I know the answer to that question.

George Fenemore
01869 338203

MUSIC MATTERS

Two evenings of seasonal music in Deddington church are waiting for your delight this Christmas.

On Sunday 4 December at 7.00pm Janet Lincé's Chorus Choir will bring their annual Advent Carols by Candelight. Come and hear beautiful music by the likes of composers Howells and Walton, as well as a grand new carol by Robin Morton. All this comes alongside favourite carols for audience. Mulled wine will be served in the interval. Tickets at £12 with concessions are available online from Hamptons, Deddington, and at the door. Come and enjoy.

A week later on 10 December at 7.30pm listen to the sleigh bells ring. It's North Oxfordshire's Christmas event led by the Akeman Singers. The event will bring you a mix of well-known and not so well-known festive gems, both accompanied and a capella. Proceeds will go to Helen and Douglas House, Deddington church's nominated charity for December. Tickets are £12, available from Hamptons, Deddington, or online. This year Akeman Voices are making music matter at Christmas.

Donald Lane, Donald199@btinternet.com

Deddington Primary School

It seems we are singing our way towards Christmas. During November our wonderful choir represented the school at 'Children Singing for Children' at St Mary's Church, Banbury. Lots of local schools take part annually and as usual we sang and performed beautifully. Everyone was very proud of their performance, especially Mrs Rumsby and Mrs Welch, who organised all the rehearsals and accompanied the children.

All the children are now well into rehearsals for our Christmas productions; F1 are going to give us a very 'Noisy Nativity'. KS1 have a super performance called 'Lights, Camel, Action' that they are working hard on and KS2 will get us in the Christmas mood with a wonderful carol service. All the productions will take place in church (dates and times are available on our school website and in What's On).

The choir will make their annual visit to Featherton House to entertain the residents with festive carols before we finish for the holidays and everyone is welcome to attend the Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday 14 December in church at 2.15pm when the whole school will be singing.

Christmas is an important time to think of others so



we have been collecting gift shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

We are grateful to all the people who volunteer and help our school. They give us their time and work hard to enrich the lives of all the children. We are holding a tea party to say thank you at this special time of year. We were really surprised how many people were on the invitation list. Finally we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful

New Year.

Anne Hunsley
01869 338430

FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

A big thank you to the Deddington Scout Group for their help in clearing the banks. They have now been cut and are ready for the winter season. The Castle Grounds have looked wonderful this autumn with a spectacular array of colour.

Thank you to everyone for their support this year to maintain this wonderful site for the future. Merry Christmas and have a peaceful and prosperous new year.

Carol Garrett
cgarrett@btinternet.com



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

**Bring your children
to a candlelit service**
at Barford St Michael Church
on Sunday, 4 December, at 4pm
and
at Deddington Parish Church
on Christmas Eve at 4pm



**The
Children's
Society**

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

POST

Your local Christmas cards



For delivery in
Deddington, Hempton,
Clifton & The Barfords
By the Scouts & Guides



Collection Boxes
in Eagles Butchers
& Barford Post Office

20p per item

From Saturday, December 3

Last collection Saturday, December 17

Deddington Neighbourhood Plan

To Lease or Not to Lease, That is the Question

Stand by for another leaflet, another survey. Events keep overtaking the Neighbourhood Plan steering group and, like the Red Queen in *Alice Through the Looking Glass*, we're having to run just to stay in the same place.

I've written before about two bright ideas dreamed up by developers for new estates. One concerns giving the residents responsibility for maintaining playgrounds on their estates via local management companies.

Even as we go to press – a few days before Cherwell's planning committee meets to decide on the planning application for 99 dwellings on the School Ground – it is still possible that permission, if it is granted, will be conditional on the play area being adopted by the local authority. But it is probably too late to change the second bright idea – roads that do not meet adoptable standards (perhaps you've noticed, David Wilson Homes have started digging already).

Whether there are 85 (as earlier permitted) or 99 homes on the estate, it seems inevitable the roads will be privately maintained – which could mean 100 to 200 wheelie bins lined up along the Banbury Road for collection on Monday evenings if Cherwell District Council follows through on its policy of not collecting rubbish on non-adopted roads.

Both schemes probably save developers money. We've now been alerted via the national press to another ruse – or to give it the technical term, scam. Leaseholds on flats are pretty familiar in this country and there is a rationale for them: the freeholder of a block of flats, for example, would be responsible for maintaining the roof and other communal areas. No such justification would apply to leaseholds on houses.

It seems some of the large development companies (including one in the Oxford area) have been selling new houses on 999-year leases. They then sell on the freeholds to another company, which has no interest

in the estate except to maximise its profits. Meanwhile the new house owners, or rather leaseholders, have to pay a ground rent for which they receive nothing and which multiplies over the decades. They may also be saddled with fees if they want to add an extension to their house. When a few years later they want to move on and sell up, they may have difficulty in finding a buyer.

A refinement of this is for developers to hang on to ownership of potentially money-making facets of the new home, for example solar panels on the roof or geothermal heat pumps buried in the ground around the house. Cunning, huh? Is this a prospect we want for residents on new estates that may be built in Deddington parish in the future? You can probably tell what I think of these notions, but it's what you think that matters.

There's a feeling among several members of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group that if we wish to include policies covering these issues we need an 'evidence base' – some proof of endorsement by the rest of the parish.

So do not be surprised if in the next six weeks or so a leaflet drops through your letterbox containing a mini-questionnaire, this time with probably no more than half a dozen questions.

Many parishioners may not feel personally affected, unless they're hoping to buy or rent a new property in Deddington parish at some point. All the same, if we do launch the survey we fervently hope that as many people as possible will fill it in, or answer it on Survey Monkey in the interest of future residents.

Is there such a thing as society? Well, in Deddington, probably yes.

Helen Oldfield

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www.deddingtonneighbourhoodplan.org

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

Christmas is coming and the month ahead promises to be full of Christmas decorations, performances and parties. At the PFSU we will be holding two decorations afternoons, on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 December from 1.30 to 3.00pm, when parents and carers are welcome to join us to make our classroom look amazing. We present our Christmas production, Noisy Nativity, with the F1 class on Monday 12 December at 2.00pm at Deddington church. The Nursery interactive Christmas celebration, *Journey to Bethlehem*, will take place on Wednesday 14 December from 10.00am to 12.00pm. The PFSU Christmas party will be on the morning of Thursday 15 December, and the Nursery Christmas party on Friday 16 December at 11.30am.

Our major fund-raising event this month is the Christmas Fayre in Deddington church on Tuesday 6 December. From 7.30 to 9.30pm the beautiful building will be brimming with festivity, filled with the smell of mulled wine and the sounds of carols. Stallholders will be selling unique and special Christmas gifts and there will be the opportunity to relax over a drink and a mince pie with friends. Everyone is very welcome. Thank you to Deddington farmers' market for their generous donations to both the Nursery and PFSU. Happy Christmas everyone.

Lucy Squires

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LETTERS

FROM JANE GREEN
DEDDINGTON OHCT
CO-ORDINATOR

Ride and Stride 2016

Nine teams (families, couples and singles) in Deddington took part in this year's event. They included the enterprising Kirsten Holmes with not just one but two horses – she rode Billy and had Spot on a leading rein. Between them all they raised the excellent sum of £850 to be shared between the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and Deddington Parish Church for the maintenance of our historic churches. We are very grateful to them and to their many generous sponsors.

FROM GEOFFREY CLIFTON, CREWKERNE, SOMERSET

I am currently researching my paternal grandfather's activities during the 1880s. My grandfather was William James Clifton who was born or baptised in December 1858, worked as a senior clerk with the Oxford Canal Company and eventually died in South Africa on 6 November 1903 (but that is another story!). My father was born on 25 March 1902 so never knew him.

During the 1880s he led a fairly full social life rowing for the Falcon Rowing Club in Oxford, eventually becoming a committee member and in 1888 the judge at the club's sports events.



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letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk
and include your name and address
even if they are not for publication

It is possible that he was also a member of Deddington Lawn Tennis Club since on Thursday 16 September 1886 there was an all day tennis tournament at Headington Hill Hall in Oxford at which a 'Mr Clifton' and his partner were runners up in a second tournament for those knocked out in the first round earlier in the day. He and his partner represented Deddington Lawn Tennis Club but, as there are

no first names or initials for this Mr Clifton, he is not necessarily my grandfather. Does anyone have any old records of a W J Clifton or William Clifton being a member at that period?

My contact details are 01460 77192 or geoffrey-ann7@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Deddington Brass
will be playing in
the Market Place
for Christmas Carols
on Christmas Eve at 6.00pm
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From The Fire Station

Deddington crew has attended thirty incidents in the past month. There was a call to a thatched cottage in Chilson near Charlbury. This incident started as a chimney fire but quickly escalated when embers got into the thatch. Unfortunately, the property was completely lost to the fire but, being in a terraced row, our main concern was to keep the fire contained to just the one property. Crews quickly gained access to the roof at either end of the cottage and started the arduous task of cutting through the thatch to form a fire break between the properties. Another concern was a one thousand litre oil tank that was unusually situated inside the property in an internal garage. With the fire raging above, a team was committed to keep a covering water jet on the tank to try and stop the fire breaking through. Thankfully the properties each side were saved and the oil tank was kept cool and was never involved in the fire. At its height, there were over thirty firefighters tackling the blaze and crews were there for several days.

I know I mention chimney fires every month but, when you see the devastation of a beautiful 16th century property which could have been so easily avoided by something as simple as getting your chimney swept, you would feel the same. Next time you procrastinate about getting your flue cleaned, just think about the owners of that property who lost all their possessions and will not be back in their home for well over a year.

Other incidents that the Deddington crew have attended were road traffic collisions on the M40, a car fire and most recently, a fire that had started in an extractor fan. Extractor fans can be very flammable

especially in a kitchen. The electric motor can get clogged with grease and dust and can easily catch fire. Deddington was first in attendance at a fire in Banbury where somebody had put a firework through a letterbox. Luckily the fire was extinguished before it could take hold and the police are investigating.

Training this month has been focused on breathing apparatus procedure. Every year the whole crew has to do a training day at Moreton-in-Marsh where they practise new techniques and refresh existing ones. We have just received some metal fencing for the drill yard, which means that we can now have cars delivered to the station to practise our car cutting skills.

Firefighter Nikki Istead will be doing her driving this month, which will mean she can drive the fire engine. However, she will have to wait for another six months before she can do her emergency response driving and drive on blue lights. Watch Manager Chris Fenemore is doing his emergency response driving refresher this week. This is a one day refresher and is undertaken every three years. Good luck to both of them.

We saw another fantastic turn out for Remembrance Sunday. Apologies to the Vicar for the interruption to her sermon, when our pagers activated and some of the crew had to disappear from the church. It is the first time that I can remember the crew has had to leave the church on Remembrance Sunday. The incident was a road traffic collision on the M40.

A sad farewell to Topper Davis who died earlier this month. He was a firefighter at Deddington many years ago. It was a lovely service and it is always sad when we lose one of our own.

Crew Manager Tim Parker

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Father Christmas and his elves will be making a special trip to our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 3 December from 11.00am in the church and Old School Room. He has his own festive grotto so do bring your children to meet him and join in the fun. There are lots of new activities including making reindeer food and bauble decorating. There is a fantastic draw with a first prize of a £300 garden spruce-up, also cakes, tombola and bric-à-brac, delicious home-made soup and bacon rolls. The human fruit machine game is back by popular demand, so too is the chance to win £50 on Select-a-Diary-Date, and lovely Katharine House Christmas cards are on sale. All funds raised benefit the church and Old School Room. Please come along and you will be assured of a warm welcome.

A couple of Christmas services to mention are the carol service on 16 December at 6.30pm, followed by refreshments, and Christmas Day Holy Communion at 9.00am.

Congratulations to Peter Churchyard of St John's Way and Andrea Spooner who were married in a lovely ceremony at the Cotswold Hotel and Spa in Chipping Norton on 29 October. The couple spent their honeymoon in New Zealand and are making their future home in Bodicote.

Well done to everyone involved with the Historic Churches Ride and Stride Day. Our three riders raised £217 in sponsorship which will be split between the Trust and ourselves. Especially well done to Lydia Watts who rode 100 miles.

Finally, our thanks go to John Nason and Frank Neal who have mowed and looked after the churchyard for many years. Two new neighbours are taking over from next season. Thanks also to Sue Montague, Ingrid Robey and Barbara Chappell for delivering this paper in the village.

Les Chappell
01869 338054

Postcard from America

I am not sure if you noticed, but there was a huge occurrence in the US this month. A professional footballer was blackmailed over a sex tape.

American footballers are a different breed from the UK type and the public reaction is very different. Wayne Rooney has a few beers after a game and the UK is up in arms, a corner back called Aqib Talib manages to get shot in a club and the US laughs. He was operating the gun at the time. These guys earn over \$10m a year, and some of them are utterly crazy, but this is what is expected of them. You can't even say they suffer from a lack of education. Rooney probably finished his education at age 15; these guys graduated from college at 22 before they started being paid to play sport. Well, at least they attended college, obviously common sense wasn't on the curriculum.

The tape was shot in Cancun, which by coincidence is where Heather and I went for our fall break. A lovely place apparently but we suffered 40mph winds and continuous rain, so we went to visit the Mayan ruins rather than engage in recordings. I am not sure a linebacker knows too much about Mayan culture but I would thoroughly recommend the trip. It would be cheaper for him next time. The ruins are two or three hours inland, so we hired a car and headed out. About 20 miles in I decided we needed petrol and pulled in to a service station. Their credit card machine was out of order and when the attendant demanded cash, we were in trouble. I didn't have enough pesos.

I had noticed that we were off the beaten track and then we discovered that the nearest cash machine in our direction was 45 miles away. It is easy to forget out on the coast but Mexico is a third world country.

They all seemed very nice and we ate very well, but the poverty was extreme, and we passed through five or six police road blocks in two days. And they didn't seem to like my Trump t-shirt. All North Americans seem to lack a sense of irony.

Which brings me to 'The Donald'. I am not sure I will ever get over this election but, there again, I am good at suffering. I still remember when Neil Kinnock snatched defeat out of the jaws of victory. I have had many long conversations with very committed and sensible young people who feel extremely let down by the system. And I have discovered a number of closet Trumpists who said they wouldn't vote for him, but in the end felt they had no choice but to go that way. Hillary did get more than 50% of the vote but it is staggering to discover that she only got 48% of the white female vote. We will see what happens to his presidency. He is already walking back from many of his 'policies' and he certainly isn't going to be 'draining the swamp' that poisons the US political system.

I don't feel too sorry for the blue collar workers around the Great Lakes who really threw the election. They lost their jobs, feel completely neglected by the system, but they have been lied to yet again. The Republican Party is taking over driving Trump's policies and money and influence will win out again. Trump's huge ego will demand that he leaves his mark, but will some of the 75 legal actions against him, including many sex allegations, colour his presidency. And will anyone care?

Mike Ward

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

A sad month for November with the passing of John Vaughan, the raconteur, antiques dealer and feature of the Duck. In many ways he could be said to have been a founder member of the Book Club. He will always be remembered down here as a Clifton resident, being the very convivial 'lord of the Manor' as befits the resident of Manor Farm, surely the finest house in the village. Indeed Clifton is where he spent the twilight of his time as he was struck by what is the biggest killer in the UK now.

I remember John clearly who had a charming drawl to his accent, which reminded me of home to a degree but meant you had to listen carefully to what he said, which was always worthwhile as he knew so much of so many things and so many people. He was never a gossip – not quite, but was always an enlightening and entertaining bon viveur. I cherish a book detailing the flying suitcase given me by John because he knew the subject was a passion of mine. Many of our neighbours have said how welcoming he was when they moved in and, for those moving into interesting houses, he

was a mine of history. He will be sadly missed and I'd forecast his funeral will be standing room only for late arrivals as many of us will want to say goodbye.

Bonfire night passed with the essential stalls for the PTA fireworks display being put up by 50% Clifton and 25% Hempton residents and taken down by no Deddington residents at all. This seems to be a real slight on Candleford's community spirit as none of those helping out have any kids at the school anymore – by many years. A compulsory draft on current Deddington dads may well be put on the loan of the stalls in the future because I might start to think this is NMP*.

And lastly we'd like to wish Celia, our neighbour and library volunteer a 'get well as soon as someone with your condition reasonably can' but we are confident and are thinking of you.

Any other news – please keep it coming,

Martin Bryce

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*NMP – Not My Problem

Planning update – Potential Development Sites in Deddington

In July 2015 Cherwell District Council adopted a new 20 year strategic plan (Local Plan Part 1 2011-2031). Subsequently, CDC has been working on two further plans:

- a Partial Review of Local Plan Part 1 dealing with Cherwell's contribution to Oxford's unmet housing needs; and

- Local Plan Part 2, which will focus on non-strategic site allocations for new housing and development management policies.

Oxford says it has an unmet housing need of 14,300 homes up to 2031 which cannot be accommodated within the City's boundaries. The other district authorities in Oxfordshire are expected to accommodate this unmet housing need. Cherwell's allocation is 4,400 homes on top of the 21,734 homes it is already committed to build between 2014 and 2031 under Local Plan Part 1.

The allocations of Oxford's unmet housing needs are derived from a 'Spatial Options Assessment' by the Oxfordshire Growth Board. The figures were suddenly produced in September with no public consultation or adequate notice for the public to respond before being signed-off by the Growth Board. This is both undemocratic and severely undermines the Local Plan process since it presents district councils with a *fait accompli* as regards housing numbers.

Earlier this year CDC made a 'call for sites' in respect of both Oxford's unmet housing needs and Local Plan Part 2 across the whole of the district. CDC is now consulting until 9 January on how best to meet Oxford's unmet housing needs. In this context only sites larger than five acres are being considered. The sites put forward around Deddington include six greenfield sites more than five acres:

PR94 Land north of Clifton Road, opposite The Poplars (8.2 acres)

PR95 Land west of Banbury Road between School Ground and the Highways Depot (18.2 acres)

PR98 Land between Chapman's Lane and Oxford Road (8.2 acres)

PR111 Land east of Banbury Road, north of the Fire Station (5.1 acres)

PR112 Land north of eastern end of Earls Lane (7.7 acres)

PR113 Pond Field (aka the 'ridge and furrow' field), north of Earls Lane (5.2 acres).

These six larger fields total 52.6 acres, enough for 640 houses at 30 dwellings per hectare. Prudential Group has also put forward a 5½ acre field at Hempton which could accommodate 67 houses at the same density.

The current consultation on contributing to Oxford's unmet housing needs will be followed later in January by a consultation on Local Plan Part 2, when CDC will also publish its assessment of all the sites submitted in response to the 'call for sites'. This will take the form of a Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA).

The previous CDC assessment in August 2014 listed 22 sites around Deddington (excluding School Ground) which had been put forward by landowners and developers as being available for development.

More information about the two CDC consultations, and how to submit comments, will be posted as and when available on the DDW web site (see below).

Deddington Development Watch

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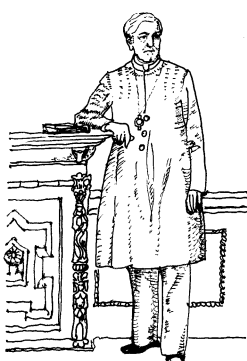
The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the months of December 1866 and January 1867:

13th December – Holford and I went to London for 2 days.

21st December – Called at the butcher's and ordered divers pieces of beef to be sent about as usual at this time.

22nd December – Was busied giving away Xmas boxes, meat and tea to widows and other poor people. John came for Xmas Day.

25th December – Xmas Day – a most comfortless day, a thick fog and a small damping rain fell continually. I went to Clifton as usual, Holford and John were there both times, the Church was nicely



decorated. The 31st Christmas since we came to Deddington.

4th January – We filled the Ice House.

29th January – I went to spend a day or two with my sister, Mrs. Hearn, who was very poorly and depressed – she was anxiously expecting her son, Frederick, travelling from Australia.

30th January – Frederick Hearn arrived from London to the great joy of his Mother after 10 years' absence – looking well considering all he had gone through in the Bush.

Buffy Heywood

CALLING ALL CLUBS

DOGS

Following a fundraising golf day and evening barbecue, members of the Deddington Original Golf Society presented a cheque to Katharine House Hospice for the sum of £610. Moira Logie, a fundraiser at KHH was presented with the cheque by the DOGS Treasurer, Ralph Stewart. On behalf of Katharine House Hospice, Moira thanked Ralph and members of DOGS for their generous donation.

Tony Lowe

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See DOL Extra Time for photograph

Deddington Bookworms

A Place Called Winter by Patrick Gale tells the story of Harry Cane, an Edwardian gentleman, who finds himself in the newly colonised Canadian prairies leading a completely different life from the one he leaves behind in England.

The author wrote this book after finding family papers relating to his mysterious great grandfather. Gale used what he found as a loose base for the novel.

After a slow and slightly disturbing start, the book draws the reader in. The story is multi-layered with good characters. They are all key to the story and include Edwardians with too much time and money on their hands, and displaced native Indians struggling to survive as their homelands are taken from them. The mix of historical fiction, great love and drama enables the reader to learn, weep and page turn as Harry takes you along on his journey.

The group thoroughly enjoyed this book and scored it 9 out of 10. It is highly recommended.

Deddington Library
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Photographic Society

In November, Viveca Koh gave a presentation entitled 'Urban Exploration to Fine Art: A Photographic Journey'. A self-taught fine art photographer with many exhibitions to her name, Viveca spoke of her photographic development over the past few years. Coming across UK Urban Exploration in 2009 led her to photograph abandoned mental asylums and hospitals which encouraged her to experiment with digital post-processing, gradually developing a very different style of photography. The atmospheric photographs Viveca showed illustrated the desolation of buildings that were once full of life. More experimentation with texture overlays led to a collection of images that perfectly capture the look of decay and loneliness of empty buildings. Recently, Viveca's work has moved towards a more artistic and painterly style, which she calls her fine art photography. Viveca's presentation was inspiring, conceptually exciting and visually stimulating throughout, and very much appreciated by her audience.

The second of our annual photographic exhibitions was held in Deddington parish church on 22 October. Being the same day as the farmers' market, it drew a large audience. The Society was delighted to be awarded £200 by the Deddington farmers' market Group to put towards display screens.

The next Society club nights are: 7 December, Gail Girvan presents 'From the Shadows Back to the Light: Pastels to Camera'; 4 January, members present their 'Three Best Images of 2016'; and 1 February, Paul Brewerton gives a presentation. The next workshop is on 18 January on 'Outdoor Photography: Shooting the Sky at Night', led by Jim Muller. All meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. You will be warmly welcomed.

Wendy Meagher 01869 336216
www.addphoto.co.uk

Women's Institute

We met on a chilly evening with a good turnout. After routine business, we had a talk from Colin Oakes entitled 'Digging for Victory'. We were reminded about the encouragement throughout the Second World War to grow fruit and vegetables. At the start, there would have been enough food to feed the nation for thirty days. This was raised in time to one hundred and twenty days and mostly spearheaded by Mr Middleton in his weekly broadcasts.

Some of us are going to Oxford Operatic Society's performance of *Oliver!* and we are looking forward to our Christmas meal in December.

Our next meeting is on 10 January when Tim Bryce will give a talk on 'The Beauty of Trees'. Please contact Beryl Suckling on 01869 337385 or Jenny Cross on 01869 337613.

Julia Hobbs

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

Our two newest recruits are Tommy, and Dominic who is the first to transfer from our new Beaver Colony. We have finished our disability awareness topic; the boys having written their names in Braille and spelt them using sign language. We have now moved on to the environment, looking firstly at recycling (scrap modelling), renewable energy and saving energy at home – more walking, less driving.

As my helper and son returns from his honeymoon in New Zealand, we will take this chance for an international evening with all things Kiwi.

We are also looking forward to our centenary promise party in December.

Jo Churchyard
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Scouts

We finished the health aspect of the skills challenge with an evening stressing the importance of sleep,

CALLING MORE CLUBS

although this seems to come naturally to most of the Scouts. They hunted and counted sheep and stuffed sleeping bags. We have now moved on to the next stage, home skills or, 'what to do when the lights go out', covering useful stuff like tying a tie, using time-tables, ironing and wiring a plug.

For Christmas, we are making voodoo dolls (not traditional, I know) and challenging the Explorers in an evening of cunning problems.

Pete Churchyard

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Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

Well, we told you in the last newsletter we were going to try and knit blanket squares for an international charity. This is going to take longer than we hoped ... we will update you on our progress.

Horley campsite saw us, together with the Scouts, having sausages and buns on strings for bonfire night plus a wide game, in the dark obviously.

Some of us attended Remembrance Day in Deddington whilst others were at Bloxham and Banbury and one even rang the bells. As the Cubs and Scouts were a leader missing in Deddington we assisted to make sure they were all okay.

In the next few weeks we are going to start our air activities badge. This means we can make paper aeroplanes and compete with one another to see who has understood the physics about lift.

Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959

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Thanks to all the boys who turned out for the Remembrance Day Parade and to those who helped at Castle Grounds during Scout Community Week.

Deddington Guides

We are continuing to spend a lot of our meeting time enjoying patrol activities, planned and organised completely by the Guides themselves.

As part of our commitment to prepare the Guides for being responsible reliable members of the community, they are working towards their active response badge. We still have some work to do before the badge can be awarded, but then we'll be ready for any emergency.

We did a little nod to Hallowe'en with fancy dress and some seasonal activities such as apple bobbing and a feast, all organised by the Elephant Patrol, a big thank you to them. The second part of the evening was learning about Diwali and taking part in some activities to help understand the festival.

The Dragon Patrol entertained us with a 'light and fashion' show complete with music and commentary, thank you Dragons.

Our film night was enjoyed by many, all comfortable and cosy in their onesies at leaders' houses. The girls had a lot of fun with the bonus of crisps, popcorn and other goodies (husbands were banished to the back room, out of the way).

Well done to all the Guides who presented such a smart turnout on Remembrance Day, you did us all proud. A special well done to the flag-bearers, Jess M and Bella W, the escorts, Jenni, Jess H, Lilli and Annie-Rose. Also to Hannah and Connie who laid wreaths on our behalf. These duties were carried out very smartly in the public eye, without rehearsal. Congratulations to all the youngsters taking part, Deddington should be very proud.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Marion Trinder 01869 340806

Catherine Blackburn

Deddington Players

The Deddington Players' pantomime, *Aladdin*, is on 19-21 January at the Windmill Centre, Deddington. Expect the usual madcap antics, some new and familiar faces, lots of audience participation and a load of laughs. Suitable for all the family.

There are three evening performances – 7.30pm on Thursday and Friday, 6.30pm on Saturday and one matinee at 2.30pm also on the Saturday. Tickets sell out fast, particularly for the weekend so get yours soon. Tickets will be available from the usual village outlets and online, look out for posters with details.

For further information contact suzieupson@mac.com or 07717 205051/01869 337095.

Book Group

In October, we read *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Browne, a non-fiction story of the Washington University's eight-man crew who ultimately won gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The book is surprisingly interesting, giving insight into the incredibly tough regime in training and the more technical side of rowing, but also paints the not insignificant backdrop of the boys' social, economic and sporting history, the Great Depression and Nazi Germany. The main protagonist is a young man who defies incredible hardships and overcomes considerable personal difficulties to achieve his ambitions.

Everyone agreed that the culmination at the Olympics makes a gripping read, even though the result is known. It was well received by the whole group with some minor reservations over detail. Several people were surprised by how much they enjoyed the book despite neither knowing nor wishing to know anything of competitive rowing.

We do not meet in December but will get together again on 26 January. Please call Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for further information.

Jill Cheeseman

Deddington Ladies Netball Club

The Netball Club is taking a break during the depths of winter but will be back on court on Wednesday 23 February to kick-start our spring training.

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

From February, we will once again be meeting on Wednesdays from 6.30–7.30pm at the Windmill Centre All Weather Court, £3 per person per session.

Our club is fun and friendly with a mixture of abilities and experience. Come and join us in February and give it a go. We would love to hear from anyone with some coaching experience who could attend some 2017 sessions to help us improve our skills.

Contact me or look at our Deddington Ladies Netball Club Facebook page.

Suzie Upson, suzieupson@mac.com

Deddington Town Football Club

First team results:

15.10.16 Sinclair United (a) L 3–4 Smith (Craig), Hall S (2)
 22.10.16 KEA (h) L 1–2 Hayward D
 29.10.16 Hornton (h) (CUP) D 1–1 Davies (Jack) (won 5–4 on pens aet)

Reserve team results:

15.10.16 Bloxham (h) L 0–3
 22.10.16 Fimere (a) L 1–6 Davies (Jack)
 29.10.16 Banbury Utd Yth (a) L 1–4 Hall D
 05.11.16 Bloxham Rsvs (a) (CUP) L 0–7

2016 for the football teams is ending like most of the year has progressed for the wider world: atrociously. Jack Davies notched one for both teams, while the Hall brothers pitched in with goals too, to negligible effect, as one draw was the sole reward for the last month of sweat, blood and beers. You might be surprised to hear that the Reserves were not deliberately throwing their matches, or playing circus animals in key positions. Rumours that a chalky-faced red-nosed goalkeeper's shorts kept falling down at the moment of truth have neither been confirmed nor denied. Twenty goals conceded in just four matches is no laughing matter, but it may warrant the odd cream flan to the face. The Reserves lie rock bottom right now, so if you happen to be handy with a ball at your feet, make yourself known to them immediately. They don't bite though I can't guarantee you'll avoid a squirty flower. The show must go on.

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

**Aaron Bliss
 07909 642882**

Youth section

The Under 16s playing in the Midland Junior Premier had a 1–6 home defeat to Tamworth, and 5–1 away defeat at Stroud before beating Billbrook Juniors 2–0 at home and drawing 2–2 away at Mickleover Sports. In the Witney and District, the Under 15s playing in the A League lost 6–2 away at Banbury United Youth, and drew 1–1 at home to Charlbury Town Youth. The Under 13s playing in the C League, drew 1–1 at home to Banbury Irish but lost 7–3 away at Bicester Town

Stars. The Under 12 Cobras playing in the Under 12 C League had a 1–2 home defeat to Chadlington followed by a 5–1 away defeat at Witney Vikings and a 4–2 away defeat to Ducklington. The Under 12 Sharks playing in the Under 12 B League had a 2–2 draw away at Yarnton Blues followed by a 4–7 home defeat to Combe Junior Sports in the Under 12 Cup.

Ladies team

We are looking for players from 16 years and over to be part of the Deddington Town FC ladies team. We plan to do enjoyable fitness-themed football training sessions on Monday evenings from January at the Windmill Centre from 7.00–8.00pm. As the season progresses we will arrange some friendlies against local teams. If you would like further information, please contact Jodie Perry on 07917 860119 or jodieperry2008@hotmail.co.uk.

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

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

Thank you to all our young people and families who turned out for parade on Remembrance Sunday. It was good to see so many marching. This year the Company section looked at the number of conflicts our nation have been involved in since WW1 and the Juniors studied the Battle of the Somme.

We'd like to say a very big thank you to Christopher and Viviane Hall who kindly arranged for the whole company to take part in a Fair Trade chocolate tasting challenge. We have some very discerning palates within 1st Deddington and everyone enjoyed tasting and writing up their tasting notes.

During December, we will be focusing on Advent and creating some amazing Christmas decorations. Our final session in 2016 will be on the Wednesday 7 December, our Christmas Party. Parents and young people should look out for the forthcoming BB news-sheet which comes out during December.

On behalf of the leaders of 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade I'd like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

**Jen Childs
 07774 608715**

Deddington and District History Society

At our November meeting we marked the 900th anniversary of the Norman Conquest with a talk by Trevor Rowley on Odo of Bayeux, builder of Deddington Castle. This was a fascinating talk, part biography, part history, part archaeology; it was also part art history as Trevor delved into the history and interpretation of the Bayeux Tapestry. Odo, the half-brother of William the Conqueror, was made bishop while still a teenager, serving William as a soldier-bishop.

After the Conquest he played a central role in the redistribution of land from Anglo-Saxon to Norman lords, ensuring in the process that he was the largest

... AND FINALLY

beneficiary after the king. He got much of Kent and huge swathes of land in the Thames Valley and East Anglia. Those three principal groupings of estates formed separate baronies, controlled by the castles that Odo built. Kent was controlled from Rochester, East Anglia possibly from Castle Rising, and the Thames Valley from Deddington. Trevor believes that the large outer bailey at Deddington may have served as a base for cavalry. Odo's power gradually waned, undermined by his enemy Lanfranc, Archbishop of Canterbury, and by Odo's own rashness. He finally overstepped the mark when in 1082 he raised a private army with the intention of seizing the papacy. After rebelling against King William II in 1088 he was stripped of his English lands. Restless to the end, Odo died in 1087 in Palermo, en route to join the First Crusade. It was only a slight let-down to be told that the greatest figure in Deddington's history quite possibly never set foot in the place. It was perhaps as well.

On 14 December instead of a talk we shall have another of our famous Christmas socials, with refreshments (including the best mulled wine in the village) and a fun historical quiz. These events have been so successful in the past that they have become a fixture. It will be at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm, as usual. All are welcome.

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Deddington Cricket Club

Unlike a number of clubs, we still manage to field two teams in the OCA leagues: Deddington 1st in division four and the 2nd eleven in division nine. However, it is evident that it has become increasingly difficult for clubs to maintain their playing numbers. We would welcome new members, irrespective of age or gender. Our teams experienced mixed fortunes in 2016; the 1st XI struggled to avoid relegation and the 2nd XI finished in second place and won an award.

Cricket is an expensive and time consuming sport to run and we are fortunate in having members who willingly give their time to keep the show on the road.

We are very grateful to our Vice Presidents who each year generously contribute to the finances of the club and we are constantly looking for more of them.

In recent years we ran a junior section for boys and girls aged from 10–16 who participated in the South Northants Junior League. We would very much like to resurrect this and would be pleased to hear from parents and other interested people who might be willing to help.

In the long term we are keen to erect a new pavilion, working with Deddington Town Football Club. This would enable both clubs to offer hospitality that we receive when visiting our opponents and to have a facility that could be rented by others.

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DEDDINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

CHRISTMAS CRUNCH

The Christmas market is always a big and busy one: stalls groaning with Christmas pre-orders (log on to the market website below for all stallholders if you want to place an order ahead of the market); schoolchildren singing Christmas carols; and nowhere to park unless you take advantage of the extra parking at the school and the Health Centre. This is also your last market at which to buy the 2017 Deddington parish calendar (available at the information desk). In the interests of full disclosure, I am married to Ms January.

The excesses of Christmas pall sooner or later so this month's recipe is for a crisp and reviving salad that will make an excellent accompaniment to almost any leftover – even turkey.

CELERIAC REMOULADE

serves 6 as a side dish

1 large celeriac (plentiful at this month's market)

2 crunchy eating apples (again lots on offer)

Juice of 1 lemon

Mayonnaise

Large bunch of flat leaf parsley, chopped

Don't be put off by the large hairy celeriac. Peel until you have an orb of clean white flesh. Slice into thin discs then into a julienne (matchsticks). As soon as you have your julienne put them in water acidulated by the lemon juice to stop it going brown. Do the same with the apples (if they are good local apples leave the skin on) and add to the julienne in the water. The apple and celeriac will sit happily in the cold water for an hour or two. You may be tempted to use a food processor. The result will be acceptable but not as nice.

I pimp up a good shop-bought mayonnaise with whatever might be to hand – grain mustard, fresh horseradish, zest of a lemon, toasted fennel seed, roughly chopped capers or some finely diced gherkins.

Drain and dry the julienne. Place about a quarter of the mixture in a serving bowl. Stir through enough mayonnaise to coat the mixture. Then add another quarter and repeat until all the mixture is coated. If you try to do the whole mixture in one go the celeriac will clump, creating clots of undressed vegetable. Sprinkle liberally with chopped parsley (or chopped chives if you have them). This is a filling salad so serve in small portions.

For more up to date information about the market (and contact details of all the stallholders) you can visit the market webpage www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk.

The market is on Saturday 17 December from 9.00am to 12.30pm. If you can't wait till then, there's always the Adderbury market on the second Thursday of each month at The Institute, The Green, Adderbury, 6.00-8.00pm. More details at: www.market.adderbury.org.

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WELL REMEMBERED

GERARD GEORGE SULLIVAN 1938–2016

Gerard grew up in Shepherd's Bush and left school at 16 to seek employment and completed his National Service in the Royal Navy whilst studying A levels by correspondence. He later gained academic qualifications in economics and national economic planning, complementing his teaching qualification from Dudley College of Education.

Gerard pursued his career, teaching economics and politics to sixth form students in Uganda from 1965–1969, as senior lecturer at Oxford Brookes University (formerly Oxford Polytechnic) for 12 years from 1973, and conducting various consultancies as a development economist in the Near East, Africa and South Asia. In the 1980s he was principal of the residential management training centre of the Commonwealth Development Corporation, transforming it from an institution that cost CDC around £400k per year to run, to an organisation that broke even for the first time in 1987. In later years, Gerard worked as an independent management consultant as well as serving as a layperson on multiple committees concerned with training, ethics and management in the NHS. In 2011 he published a memoir, *The Making of a One-Handed Economist* (Book Guild), and was active

throughout his life in advocating policies supporting social and economic equity.

He and his family came to live in Deddington in 1973 and he became actively involved with the Deddington Society, the forerunner of the Deddington History Society. He recruited a coordinator to organise adult education classes in the remaining buildings of the old Windmill Secondary School. In early 1976 he suggested to Mary Robinson and Jill Cheeseman that a parish newsletter should be started. Following some local research, the *DN* was born in September 1976. In both cases, Gerard just lit the fuse and stood back. Jill used to send a copy to him while the family was in Swaziland in order to ensure they were kept abreast of the highlights of Deddington life.

Gerard maintained various non-academic endeavours: on most days he could be seen running in the Deddington area and he ran a marathon in under three hours in 1983; he frequently trod the boards with Banbury Cross Players; and he loved to play piano, especially in the style of jazz pianist Dave Brubeck.

Mary and Gerard moved from Deddington in 2000 to Gloucestershire. He is survived by his wife Mary, and his two daughters, Sian and Ruth.

The Sullivan Family

WILLIAM FREDERICK COWLEY 1925–2016

Known as Bill to his friends and relatives, but Dad and Grampy to extended family, Bill spent his entire life of more than 91 years in Deddington. He was the middle child to Gertrude and Frederick and was born in the row of village cottages called The Stile.

His childhood was hard since his father died when he was only 11 years old. Bill was a choir boy in Deddington and on one occasion sang in Westminster Abbey along with others from the village. After attending Deddington School, Bill trained as a bespoke tailor at the haberdashery store in the Market Place owned by Harry Wells, known as Ticky.

At the age of 17 Bill joined the Royal Marines and became a corporal in the 46th Commandos. On 12 August 1944 he was severely wounded in Troarn and was shipped back to England. After spending weeks in a coma, he spent months in rehabilitation, learning to walk and feed himself. Eventually he recovered enough to allow him to return to his career at the tailors. The effects of his wounds would limit some things for the remainder of his life such as never being able to hold a driving licence. As a result he was regularly seen on his bicycle, usually whistling a tune. The final years of his working life were spent as caretaker at Deddington Primary School.

Following his retirement Bill and Daisy enjoyed a number of trips to visit daughter Susan and her family in Canada and the United States.

Bill was pre-deceased by Daisy in 2012 following 62 years of marriage. They met in Deddington where

she was working as a children's nanny. They were married in Souldern Church in 1950 and spent their early years at The Stile where they welcomed three children; Janet, John and Paul. In 1959 the family moved to The Paddocks where their family was completed with the arrival of Susan and David.

For many years he was a bell-ringer and sidesman. He also took on the role of Bell-ringing Captain until he was no longer able to climb the stairs to the belfry. He enjoyed his garden and had an allotment providing the family with a steady supply of fresh fruit and vegetables. He was still tending his garden well into his 80s.

In 2004 he returned to Normandy with his son, Paul, for the 60th anniversary of D-Day where he spent an emotional few days. He proudly wore his war medals and Royal Marines beret. In December last year he was awarded the Légion d'Honneur, France's highest honour for D-Day veterans which he was proud to show visitors.

Bill was always independent and lived alone for several years, with support from his daughter, Janet. Bill enjoyed regular visits from family members and he was always happy to hear about their latest activities. In May this year he moved to Galanos House, the British Legion care home in Southam. He settled in well and made new friends with similar experiences of the War. Bill left us with many fond memories.

The Cowley Family

An unedited version of this is available on DOL Extra Time

WELL REMEMBERED

HUGH MARSHALL 1934–2016

Canon Hugh Marshall and Diana retired to Deddington in 2001 and threw themselves into village life. For many years he oversaw the Writing Competition for the Deddington Festival. When the farmers' market started he grabbed the opportunity for a Traidcraft stall in the church; now Deddington Fairtraders turning over more than £6,000 a year.

From 1960 Hugh served as a priest, first in the London diocese then in Hereford and two parishes in Southwark. For six years he was Chief Secretary for the Church of England Board of Mission.

From there in 1996 he moved to Wendover and then to Deddington. He not only chaired the Diocesan Pastoral Committee, but was also chair of governors of Deddington Primary School.

He was a great family man, husband, father and grandfather. Particularly fond family memories are holidays and Monday night suppers when Diana was at work and rules were replaced by raucous laughter, bad jokes and risotto. Meals were important family occasions where information was shared and politics debated. They were also invariably interrupted by phone calls and people at the door, a constant reminder we shared Hugh with his parish. We knew from an early age how to greet the homeless, to welcome them in, and sit them down with a cheese sandwich and a cup of tea. No-one was ever turned away, however regularly they visited.

You might think that having a father working from home was an advantage for a household with four children. It did make it difficult to truant from school, come home early or bring new friends round. But it also meant that legitimate time at home during the school day could be spent with Hugh who was always around to listen to woes, to pass on advice or just for a chat. He kept a close eye on us as teenagers, demonstrated

in the evenings by a tick chart on a clipboard in the hall. We had to sign in to the house so that the last one in would lock the front door and close our parents' bedroom door, signalling that we were all back. Of course, the first one in always shut the bedroom door and it wasn't unheard of to come home, tick the chart and go back out again. I suspect Hugh was fully aware.

He was very proud of what we have all achieved. His 13 grandchildren enabled him to continue to enjoy going to pantomimes until last year. He supported us well although sometimes rather irritatingly. He would lend us money if we really needed it and entered the details into a book, latterly a spreadsheet, with interest rates and repayments calculated meticulously.

Although it was often embarrassing to have a father wearing a black dress, it was also quite exciting to have a father who delivered sometimes rather edgy sermons, who took a stand against things he felt were wrong and wasn't afraid of asking difficult questions.

His links with Africa have lasted since Hugh and Diana visited Zimbabwe in 1990. There they saw members of the Matabeleland Mothers' Union immaculately stitching communion linens. He conceived the idea of importing and marketing their handiwork in Britain. The use of their linen at altars, Roman Catholic as well as Anglican, across this country including Canterbury Cathedral, and in continental Europe and Latin America, has yielded thousands of pounds for the MU in Zimbabwe. Their new project is to sink a bore hole in dry land costing at least £6,000. At Hugh's Thanksgiving on 28 October over £1,700 was donated – and more is flowing in yet. Springs of life-giving water from a 'Hugh Marshall Well' will be his lasting memorial.

Hugh was a priest, a husband, father, grandfather and friend of immense goodness and of self-effacing humility.

The Marshall Family and Christopher Hall

HAROLD ARTHUR DAVIS 1927–2016

Affectionately known as Topper, he acquired his nickname from his Dad when he was introduced to his siblings.

He was one of seven children born to Elsie and Fred Davis. In his childhood he sang in the church choir at St Peter and St Paul and in adult life sang as a tenor. Following his mother's love of music, he introduced his four year old twin girls to join him in the church choir. His singing brought much pleasure to his family and friends. His grandchildren all loved the songs he sang, especially the children's songs with the sounds that he added to them.

Topper cared very much about his friends and his village. In his earlier years, he volunteered as a fire-fighter for the Deddington Fire Brigade. Topper also had a passion for football and played well into his adult

life. Topper's love of the outdoors drew him to many of the country sports, such as following the Heythrop Hunt, taking his gun and dog shooting, or hiking across the fields, rain or shine.

After school, Topper worked at Park Farm, Deddington, for Mr Jack Bletzo, working with and riding the horses. Later after marrying Joan, Topper then changed jobs to work for Pressed Steel Fisher in Cowley, Oxford, which allowed him to combine his work with his lifelong love of cars.

He is survived by his loving wife Joan, married for 60 years, his twin daughters, Jane Richardson and Sara Turner, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Annie Goldthorp