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# the Deddington news

This is a real bumper bundle again this month with a report on last month's brilliant Festival, comments from the local developer, interesting commentary by our very own Aaron, and still lots of events to attend. Find a shady spot, pour yourself a cool drink and sit back and enjoy. Have a good summer and we'll see you in September. **JC**

## What's On

### July

- |      |    |   |
|------|----|---|
| Mon  | 3  | Monday Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree Club, 10.30am   |
| Wed  | 5  | Photographic Society: 'Taking Creative Control of Your Camera', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. 7.30pm |
| Wed  | 5– | Primary School: <i>Bugsy Malone</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.00pm                                   |
| –Fri | 7  |   |
| Sat  | 8– | Parish Church: Flower Festival, 10.00am–6.00pm,   |
| –Sun | 9  | 1.00pm–6.00pm   |
| Sun  | 9  | Deddington Day Centre: Car Treasure Hunt, Windmill Centre, 11.30am                              |
| Sun  | 9– | DOGS: Dudsbury and the Dorset Golf Clubs  |
| –Mon | 10 |   |
| Tue  | 11 | WI: 'Monte Carlo or Bust', Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm  |
| Wed  | 12 | History Society: 'The Richard III Project in Leicester', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm                |
| Thu  | 13 | Monday Club: Film evening, tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm  |
| Sat  | 15 | Village Fête: Primary School field, 12.00–3.00pm  |
| Sat  | 15 | Village Fête: WCC children's play equipment display   |
| Sat  | 15 | 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Active Session, Bloxham  |
| Wed  | 19 | Parish Council meeting: Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm   |
| Wed  | 19 | Photographic Society: Workshop, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm                                 |
| Sat  | 22 | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm   |
| Sat  | 22 | Church: Craft Market at the Farmers' Market   |
| Thu  | 27 | Book Club: Call Sally Lambert, 338094, for information  |

### August

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| Wed | 2  | Photographic Society: Philip Joyce, 'Short Stories', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Mon | 7  | Monday Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree Club, 10.30am                                |
| Tue | 8  | WI: 'When Caring Comes First', Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm                               |
| Tue | 8  | Harvard Krokodiloes: The Stile House, New St, 6.30pm                                 |
| Thu | 10 | Monday Club: Film evening, tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm                                   |
| Wed | 16 | Parish Council meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm                                      |
| Wed | 16 | Photographic Society: Workshop, Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm                             |
| Sat | 26 | Farmers' Market, Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm  |
| Sat | 26 | Church: Craft Market at the Farmers' Market  |

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### The Holly Tree Club, Deddington 21 June

#### Open Forum

Two members of the public addressed the meeting: Justin Rhodes of Holcombe Gardens objected to the extension of Tawny Cottage which would overlook his property. Ed Tott of the Tennis Club wanted to reassure DPC that the application to remove the beech hedge surrounding the tennis courts was because it was binding with the chain link fence and spoiling the playing surface. The hedge will be replaced with a similar one at a greater distance from the court and fencing.

#### Windmill Redevelopment

The main focus at present is the children's play area, to be sited at the former bowling green and extended towards the hall. A consultation will be undertaken using the Scouts and the Boys Brigade to canvas opinions about design, layout and equipment.

A letter is to be written to Sport England informing them that the Bowls Club has ceased and is to be replaced by a much needed 6–12 years play area.

#### Planning Applications

##### No objections

2 Manor Farm Barns, Hempton Rd: felling a pine tree.  
Renwick House, Holcombe Gardens: felling a willow.  
Quinque House, New St: widening access and rebuilding at the rear of the house.

5 New Street: replacing windows with new like-for-like.  
Stoneyford, Clifton: erecting double garage.  
Deddington Health Centre: installing two new windows.  
Orchard View, Clifton: enlarging window and install French doors.

Orchard End, St Thomas St: two-storey extension.  
Greenstone Cottage, New St: double-glazing.

### Deddington Library

Eagle-eyed children will need to solve the strange goings-on in the library for our 2017 Summer Reading Challenge – Animal Agents from 15 July to 16 September. Complete the challenge to get your own wristband, medal and certificate. Join at your library. It's fun! It's free! It's local!

Our Adults Summer Reading Challenge is running again this year with all sorts of prizes to be won. Look for the 'Oxfordshire Reads' postcards in the library.

Our last Rhyme-time for under 5s and families before the summer break is on Monday 17 July. Come and join us at 2.30pm for some summer fun.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Rhyme-time hosts for delivering such a wonderful experience for the children every week. Catherine, who organises the rota does a fabulous job, I'd be lost without her; Julia, Maureen, Hilary, Lesley and Susie who deliver the sessions put so much effort into them, it's always such a pleasure to hear the children engaging with them. Thank you all and have a wonderful summer. The sessions will re-commence in September.

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Innisfree, St Thomas St: felling eucalyptus tree.

#### Objections

Tawny Cottage (see *Open Forum*): proximity to neighbouring property, denial of light, view and amenity.  
Land to rear of Chestnuts, Clifton: demolition of existing buildings, erection of detached house and garage, on the basis of amenity, access, increased traffic and backfill.

#### Neighbourhood Plan

A letter has been written to OCC seeking a share of the development funding from David Wilson Homes (Deddington Grange) for the Primary School and Nursery.

#### Environment and Recreation

Italian Street market – it is proposed to consult with interested parties but generally a favourable response.  
Bowls Club: the gully around the rink may contain asbestos. Testing is required and it should not be touched.

Deddington, Hempton, Clifton footpaths: DPC weed control agreed but grass-cutting is OCC responsibility.  
The Mount, Goose Green: the hedge on St Thomas St is forcing pedestrians into the road.

Tennis Club: beech hedge replacement (see *Open Forum*) is approved with conditions.

#### Highways and Transport

OCC to be asked to review school signs in Earls Lane to alert traffic to the presence of children crossing.

Church St, Deddington: Thames Water to close the road on 13 July for one day, limited access to properties in road. Main impact on Co-op deliveries.

Pinch points at Chapel Square: the cautionary sign on the Clifton side is obscured by hedging. Road markings are worn at the entrance to Market Place and need to be restored by OCC.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 19 July at 7.30pm in the Old School Room, Hempton.**

**Charles Barker**

### Windmill Centre Update

A new Windmill Management Committee is in place: Vaughan Jones is the chair and Sue Ayles treasurer. Vaughan takes over from Mark Tyler who has been chair for 12 years and thanks are extended to him for his service, to Ria Betteridge, the minutes secretary, and trustees Richard Broadbent, Michael Liebrecht and David Rogers, all of whom are continuing in post.

Outside, plans are shaping up for the new play area – see the ad on p12 for the display at the village fête on 15 July asking for children's views on what equipment they would like to have – it's their play area after all. Ideas are also progressing for the all-weather court area and the existing court carpet has been deep cleaned and resanded, ready to be reused.

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## FARMERS' MARKET

### CHRISTMAS

This month's market is approaching peak summer. There should be strawberries. There might be plums. There might even be cherries.

Soft fruit seasons tend to be all too brief so here's a way of hanging on to a little summer sunshine – and preparing a Christmas treat.

#### CHERRY BRANDY

There are three kinds of fruit brandy. The German names are a help. *Kirschwasser* is a white brandy distilled from cherries and their crushed stones – usually bitter acid wild cherries. *Kirschgeist* (literally 'cherry ghost') is distilled from alcohol in which the fruit (without the pits) have been soaked for some time. And *Kirsch Fantasie* is a cordial made from fruit soaked in alcohol. The advantages of a *Fantasie* are that no distillation is required and the fruit is a tasty edible addition.

Fill a clean bottling jar almost to the top with cherries. Snip off the stalks and prick each cherry a few times with a needle first. Pour in caster sugar to come about a third of the way up, then add enough brandy to cover the fruit. Seal the jar and put it away in a cool,

dark place for as many years as you can bear (or at least until Christmas). Turning the jar from time to time will help the sugar dissolve.

When you are ready to drink your *Fantasie*, drain the brandy from the cherries (which make an excellent addition to desserts like ice cream but beware the stones) and sip a little taste of summer. Prost!

It's the same process for making sloe gin or other fruit cordials.

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

The market is on Saturday 22 July 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](http://www.market.adderbury.org).

Good shopping!

**Ian Willox**

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## From the Fire Station

The crew was called out 17 times in the past month. Unlike most other months, nearly all the calls were to fires. The biggest was at Mondelēz, formerly General Foods, in Banbury. The fire started in one of the pump rooms and developed quickly. When crews first arrived at the scene the flames were already coming through the roof. Ten fire engines and the hydraulic platform were soon in attendance. Our crew was tasked with supplying the water for the incident. Mondelēz has its own large water main. Being able to supply copious amounts of water to the blaze quickly brought the fire under control. The hydraulic platform was used to apply large amounts of water through the roof whilst crews fought the fire from inside the building. Within three hours the fire was extinguished and the crews had managed to contain it with no spread to other parts of the building.

Another call was to a house at Bicester. Our crew was already en route to a standby at Bicester fire station. The house had been struck by lightning and the fire quickly escalated. The roof and the first floor of the property were destroyed. In contrast, our crew was called to a fire in a street lamp in Steeple Aston and several other house fires: a computer that had overheated, cooking left unattended, and a light fitting that overheated. None of these incidents escalated.

The Deddington crew has attended more car fires than usual. One in particular could easily have been more serious. A camper van was parked quite near a house in Banbury when it set on fire. The crew managed to put the fire out before it reached the house

but not before it had destroyed the van and a section of the nearby fence.

The crew was involved in two training days in the past month, one at the fire college at Moreton-in-Marsh. This was an incident scenario day which involves incident command and wearing breathing apparatus. The other was a road traffic collision day. The two days are run exactly the same where incidents are set up to simulate real life events. Everyone who took part passed and the feedback from the instructors was very positive.

An operational bulletin has been sent to us this week telling us that there is a nationwide recall on Beko tumble dryers. Our recommendations are that, no matter what type of tumble dryer you have, you should check with the manufacturer that they are safe and have not had any issues. I think that all appliances are potentially fire hazards and should never be left unattended.

Unfortunately, several crew have left us over the past months. Colin Smith, Michael Kolinski and Graham Harding have left due to work commitments. We have now gone from fifteen down to twelve crew. Generally, there is a waiting-list of people who want to join us so we have new recruits starting to go through the process. We're always looking for the right people to join our station. If you would like to know more, you can look at the County Council website [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncall](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncall) or pop down and see us on a Tuesday evening between 7.00–9.00pm.

**Crew Manager Tim Parker**



## FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

[www.FriendsofDeddingtonLibrary.org](http://www.FriendsofDeddingtonLibrary.org)



Given all the other village activities and the summer holidays coming up, we have decided not to hold the garage and yard sale previously scheduled for Sunday 2 July. We anticipate holding it instead as a spring-clean event in 2018.

Our second Deddington Parish Calendar and Photo Competition is well underway. We have received 20 entries to date but would like to see a lot more as we know we've some very talented photographers out there. Entrants are welcome from anywhere and they do not have to live within the parish or the UK for that matter. The only criterion is that the images are taken within our parish. The minimum file size should be 5MB and 300dpi. Get your entries in before the deadline of 18 August. Send your entries to the FoDL email.

Still on the subject of the calendar, we have one month still available to sponsor. The response from businesses within the parish has been fantastic and we're extremely grateful for your continued support. If your business would like to sponsor the last remaining month, please get in touch.

Next time you visit the library, don't forget to check out our book sale trolley. There's some fabulous holi-

day reading material available and by buying a book or two you'll be helping us to raise funds for running the library.

One final piece of news from us is that the FoDL have taken over the production of our Parish Welcome Packs. These contain useful local information for new residents to the parish, so if you know of anyone moving into your street, please contact [books@friendsofdeddingtonlibrary.org](mailto:books@friendsofdeddingtonlibrary.org) or pop into the library and we'll deliver a welcome pack to your new neighbours.

Thank you for your continued support.

### *Friends of Adderbury Library*

Our sister library is holding a book sale, coffee morning and raffle on Saturday 8 July at Church House, Adderbury from 10.00am–12 noon.

On Saturday 8 July John Julius Norwich will be speaking and signing books at The Institute, Adderbury, at 7.00pm for 7:30pm. Tickets are £10.00 including a glass of wine. Entry is free for accompanied children.

**Bryn Williams**

**Friends of Deddington Library**

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## **PHOTO COMPETITION**

FoDL invite entries of photos of  
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For more details, visit  
[www.FriendsofDeddingtonLibrary.org](http://www.FriendsofDeddingtonLibrary.org)

**GOOD LUCK!**



## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### July and August

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

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

#### JULY

Sun	2	10.30am	Benefice Family Service, a special service for the whole Benefice to welcome Paula Smith, our part-time curate, who will have been ordained Deacon at Christ Church Cathedral the previous day
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6.00pm Choral Evensong

Sun	9	8.00am	BCP Communion
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10.30am Holy Communion

Sun	16	10.30am	Holy Communion
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Sun	23	10.30am	Holy Communion
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Sun	30	10.30am	Holy Communion
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#### AUGUST

Sun	6	10.30am	Family Service
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6.00pm Evening Prayer

Sun	13	8.00am	BCP Communion
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10.30am Holy Communion

Sun	20	10.30am	Holy Communion
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Sun	27	10.30am	Holy Communion
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For baptisms and for weddings, please speak to the Vicar, the Revd 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).

#### St John's, Hempton

#### JULY

Sun	2	9.00am	Holy Communion
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Sun	16	9.00am	Holy Communion
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Sun	23	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
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#### AUGUST

Sun	6	9.00am	Holy Communion
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Sun	20	9.00am	Holy Communion
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Sun	27	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
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#### Barford St Michael

#### JULY

Sun	2	10.30am	Benefice Family Service in Deddington (see above)
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Sun	9	9.00am	Holy Communion
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Sun	16	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
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Sun	23	9.00am	Holy Communion
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Sun	30	9.00am	Holy Communion (Bfd St John)
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#### AUGUST

Sun	6	10.30am	Family Service
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Sun	13	9.00am	Holy Communion
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Sun	20	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
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Sun	27	9.00am	Holy Communion
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#### From the Parish Register

##### Weddings

3 June	Rebecca Hutchings and Jason Dixon
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17 June	Izzy Ryland and Chris Read
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##### Funerals

1 June	Mildred Homans
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19 June	Ian Putt
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14 June	Laura Griffin
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22 June	Margaret Murrey
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#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton  
27 August Margery Richley

**Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157**

#### RC Parish of Hethe

**Father Paul Lester 01869 277630**

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe, is said at 9.30am every weekday except Thursday. There are two Masses on Saturday, at 9.30am in the Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Latin Extraordinary Rite. There are two Masses on Sunday, at 10.00am in the Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Extraordinary Rite. Confessions are heard at Hethe during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday between 5.00-6.00pm.

Mass is said at 9.00am on Sunday at SS Peter and Paul's Anglican church in King's Sutton.

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

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

## Pedalling to Paris

Brian and Sophie McCarthy are cycling from London to Paris to raise money as a thank you to the Horton Hospital where their son has spent much time over his three-and-a-half year life.

The couple live in Deddington with their sons, Jimmy and Charlie. Jimmy's health began to deteriorate during the first couple of weeks of his life. He experienced complications and underwent heart surgery from which he recovered relatively well. During his recovery over the following twelve months, it became clear that all was not well and, following months of testing, he was diagnosed with a rare syndrome called Cantu, of which there have been fewer than 100 reported cases ever worldwide.

The good news is that Jimmy has developed very well over the past three years and has been fortunate not to experience some of the difficulties often associated with his condition. He engages normally and intellectually is developing like any other child. It is

highly likely that he will go on to have a perfectly normal life. However, over this period he has been highly susceptible to viral infections and resultant respiratory issues. As a result, he has spent a lot of time in the Children's Ward at the Horton Hospital, typically for five or six days at a time. He is now much healthier and his parents have decided to take the bike ride challenge to raise funds and show their appreciation. The couple are cycling 350 miles to Paris in July, fully funded by themselves, to raise money for state-of-the-art kit that will allow the Children's Ward to show cinema quality films to children.

The couple have raised nearly £13,000 to date and are hoping to reach in excess of £15,000 through their Just Giving page, <https://www.justgiving.com/Brian-McCarthy5>.

**Bev Macleod**

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## Fitness Trail Opened

Victoria Prentis, our re-elected MP, opened the recently installed fitness trail in Deddington on Saturday 22 April, accompanied by County Councillor Arash Fatemian, District Councillor Bryn Williams, representatives of Deddington Parish Council, Deddington Football Club and Deddington Cricket Club.

The installation of an adult fitness trail was a long-held desire of recently deceased Councillor Jim Flux and something that he spent a lot of time and effort investigating. Initially he explored the Castle Grounds as a possible site but the restrictions associated with an ancient monument would have made it extremely difficult. The other obvious location was around the perimeter of the Windmill Centre sports field and, thanks to a grant of £10,000 from Awards for All, which

is a part of the Big Lottery Fund, the project was made possible and completed just before his death.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Fund for supporting the adult fitness trail and Peter Harrod from Streetscape for managing the project.

Deddington Parish Council is delighted to have this new facility. Together with the recent refurbishment of the Windmill Community Centre, the sports and leisure facilities in Deddington have improved tremendously. However, the story doesn't end here and investigations are currently underway to see how the various play areas within the parish and the all-weather court at the Windmill Centre might also be improved.

**David Rogers, Chairman  
Deddington Parish Council**

## Deddington Church Flower Festival

The beautiful church of St Peter and St Paul, Deddington, will be adorned with spectacular floral displays during the weekend of 8–9 July.

The Flower Festival was inspired by a long-time church member who came up with a novel idea to encourage village groups and societies to create their own masterpieces and already 25 have agreed to take up the challenge, including several youth groups. Many clubs will define their displays by incorporating items to show what they do, so look out for flowers in a wheelbarrow, in a teapot, on a cricket bat and many other innovative designs. Various church groups and activities will be displayed in the chancel.

To add to the festivities and the atmosphere, we are thrilled that on Sunday 9 July Deddington's popu-

lar Brass Band will play in the church and, of course, delicious refreshments, including homemade cakes, will be served on both days. There will also be a grand raffle with many prizes, including a unique first prize of a guided tour of the *Mary Rose*.

The Festival is open on Saturday 8 July from 10.00am–6.00pm and Sunday 9 July from 1.00pm–6.00pm. Admission is £2 for adults, children under 12 will be free. All funds raised will be used for the upkeep of the church. Please support us – you will be assured of a warm welcome.

For further information, please contact Jean Welford on 01869 338539.

**Heather Nason**

## Deddington Primary School

The past month has seen many sporting and musical achievements again.

Some Key Stage 2 pupils took part in the Quad Kids Athletics Festival. All year groups qualified for the next stage in this exciting tournament and did exceptionally well to finish high up in their groups.

The triathlon event took place at Sibford School and our Year 3 and 4 boys came second overall. All who competed did well.

Pupils also took part in the Warriner Kwik Cricket Festival in early June. The teams played well, with skill, determination and passion. Sadly they were unable to go through to the final but we were extremely proud of their achievements.

In music we celebrated the success of a Year 5 pupil who entered the Rotary Club's 'Young Musician of the Year' competition. She won the woodwind section for juniors, by playing two recorders at the same time. Later that evening, she was awarded the title of Most Entertaining Performance of the whole event. We are sure you will all agree this was a magnificent achievement.

The school choir performed twice at the Deddington Festival over the weekend of 10 and 11 June. People all around commented on the children's excellent performance.



Our school's orchestra spent a day performing at Tudor Hall School, culminating in a performance for parents which was enjoyed by everyone. The behaviour of our children was also commented on by many Tudor Hall staff members.

As part of our quest to become an 'outstanding reading school' we recently held a sponsored reading event in school and raised nearly £2,000. With this money, we will buy non-fiction books for our school library. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you very much to everyone who sponsored our children for this event.

Our forthcoming performance of *Bugsy Malone* will take place at the Windmill Centre on the evenings of 5–7 July. Tickets are now available from the school office at a cost of £10 for an adult and £6 for a child. We look forward to seeing many of you there to enjoy another wonderful school production.

A final date for your diary: our school fête will take place on Saturday 15 July from 12.00–3.00pm. Come and enjoy the afternoon with us for fun stalls, a barbecue, tombola, lucky dip, face-painting, splat the teacher and much, much more.

**Denise Welch**

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## DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM



A dripping June puts everything in tune. Well, we had a wet start to the month and what we need now is a blazing end to the month, although it can be a little uncomfortable inside a bee suit.

June is known as the 'hungry month' for the bees as the flowering farm crops, rape and beans, have gone off and the hedgerow plants

have yet to get going. It has been a difficult spring and early summer for the bees at Home Farm. The late winter devastation of the hives and then a prolonged spell of cold overcast weather delayed the rebuilding programme but we are now back up to 75% so not bad for the season. With the prolonged spell of cold weather during May the queens went 'off lay' as there was insufficient forage coming into the hives to support the growing brood nests, so we have not as yet been able to extract any honey. The cold dry weather has also had an effect on the pollen and nectar strips, delaying the flowering which in a normal year would cover the hunger gap, so what we need is a good 'back end' on the borage and late flowering red clover.

One very notable thing is that, after the badger attacks, the surviving hives are very defensive and have become difficult to work with, some set to have a go at the sound of me arriving on my ATV, but I have bought a new Chinese-made bee suit which has two layers of mesh to let the air through with a fine plastic square support mesh in between, which prevents the bees from stinging through as it gives a thickness of material deeper than the length of a bee sting.

The farm's wildlife to date has had a good season with eleven pairs of swallows nesting in the buildings, with some on with their second broods. We have two pairs of starlings in the barn, along with any number of house sparrows, pied wagtails in the stables with greenfinch, goldfinch, wren, robin, blackbird, song thrush, chaffinch, mistle thrush (storm cock) and many others all taking up residence in and around the farmyard. It is sad to think that all these birds will one day be displaced when the farmyards at Home Farm are developed but that's progress and the motorway escapees need a dormitory somewhere close to their junction for the daily rat run, ho hum.

Last year we had four pairs of curlew nesting in the valley but sadly all the nests were predated. This season we have only had two pairs of curlew return to the valley. One nest was predated before we found it; the second nest was, under the direction of the RSPB, protected with electric fencing to prevent ground predators and I am pleased to say the nest successfully hatched,

but just how many of the chicks will fledge remains to be seen, but at least they have a chance. Another iconic bird, the English or grey partridge that is part of our environmental scheme, has had a difficult time with the weather and protected avian predators. The traditional hatching time for these birds is the week of 10 June. This year the weather was cold and wet, but we have seen a number of single birds which is an indication that the hen is either sitting or brooding but it will not be until after harvest and the crops are off the ground that we will know how well they have done.

The crops look well and it will soon be time to get the oilseed rape ready for harvest but, before then, the hay must be cut and the Green Goddess sorted out. June has been a month of inspections; first it was the turn of the grain moisture-testing equipment and the grain temperature probes. These have to be tested each year and certified as giving the correct reading. Next came our annual Red Tractor inspection that covers every aspect of our farming operations, both livestock and arable, from where and how we store the grain and what we use to grow the crops. All of this has to be recorded including dates, time of day, what chemicals were used and why, weather conditions, who drove the machinery and a copy of the agronomist recommendations. The chemical store is inspected to see if it meets the regulations and the contents are looked at to see if they are in date and have a government product number.

The livestock enterprise is also subject to the same inspection and record-keeping. Every animal has to have two ear-tags and these are recorded electronically on to a government database, with hard copy printouts produced for the inspector. Every time a sheep receives veterinary or medical treatment, an entry has to be made against its tag number, detailing date, time, reason for treatment, and who did the treatment. Then the flock health plan is put together and signed off by the farm vet. All this work has a number of fees attached and only after we have jumped through all the hoops do we get our licence to farm and sell our produce. But that is not the end of the regulations as every load of grain that leaves the farm has to be accompanied by yet more detailed paperwork and a sticker with our registration number on it. The same paperwork has to be filled out for every sheep that leaves the farm with all the tag numbers recorded and a registration sticker on it and then there is another set of rules and inspections for the organic flock. All this is part of Defra's traceability fork-to-plate regulations, but sadly something that our supermarkets don't enforce when it comes to imported food.

Ho, to be a farmer's boy, but at least we have not as yet had to start ear-tagging the bees.

**George Fenimore**  
**01869 338203**



## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Missing the deadline last month by less than a day brings the happy news this month that David and Trina have another baby girl, Georgina, born on a Saturday morning in mid May. 'Mum and daughter well. Harriet over the moon, doing big sister duties', says Dad who reflects 'now seriously out-numbered and I think a few more grey hairs on the way'. Well done and Cllr Collins wants to thank you for your input on the renovation to Welford's Piece. Anyone else interested, please let me know.

And we have a winner of Clifton's very own Master Chef (*see news passim*). He is Terry and was chef at Falkland Arms, Great Tew, for a long while. The Duck hosted a quiz on 15 June and we were delighted to see many Candleford folk coming down to join in. We may never know how pleased they were to see first prize going to an all-Clifton team but well done to Fi, Cath, Viv, Kev and Doug (who has only just recovered from no music round) who will enjoy the brewery trip and drinking vouchers. This was an 'anything can happen Thursday' with a jazz evening planned on the 16 July. More to follow on the middle Thursday each month when the Una boys are playing away. Sorry to bang on but the pub really has brought a community focus back to us all.

The Una boys continue to rack up legs and free beer and did win their first match last month while still meeting lovely new people and getting out and about.

Division 7 is where they want to stay so don't expect to see many more wins but Alan 'Yorkshire Terrier' Holmes continues to dominate 'Top Doll' position. It's mad but such great fun you should try it.

The Lower Larkrise team is gathering for the Deddington Flower Festival so we'll look forward to seeing their work very soon but it's thought unlikely that it will feature the foliage that is blocking the Ray Jelf memorial path to Candleford. Another working party has been planned at time of print and may well have been in action already. Well done Iron Man Mayo.

Speaking of teams, Deddington Cricket Club is still supported by this corner of heaven but the call should go out to anyone who has played or fancies playing to get along. Any standard welcome (Collins gets a game and he's rubbish) so please let me know and I'll put you in touch (Mark, James et al ...)

**Martin Bryce** [martinbryce@gmail.com](mailto:martinbryce@gmail.com)

## Deddington Connection

In 1875 John Ivens (1828–93) held a mortgage on the The Knowle, 'Philcot' Street. He had three sons who all emigrated to Manitoba, Canada. The eldest, Charles (1859–1926), is the great-grandfather of Pierre Trudeau (Prime Minister from 1968–1984) and hence great great-grandfather to Justin Trudeau, the present Canadian Prime Minister. **Rob Forsyth**

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## FRIENDS OF CASTLE GROUNDS

Congratulations to all the runners at the Four Farms Challenge. We held a successful cake stall at Castle Grounds which raised £130. Thank you to all who donated the homemade cakes and those who bought and enjoyed them. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying Castle Grounds on such a lovely day.

The Flower Festival takes place on 8 and 9 July. We will be making a display, taking our inspiration from a photo of a flower festival held in 1920.

Subscriptions are now due so please contact our membership secretary, Jean Welford, Abercroft, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington, 01869 338539. New members are always welcome. Please visit Deddington OnLine and find Friends of Castle Grounds <http://www.deddington.org.uk/clubs/friendsofcastlegrounds> and download a membership form to join like-minded people who want to preserve and enjoy the heritage of this historic site. There are some lovely links to old photos of Castle Grounds.

Once again, may we remind all dog walkers to clean up after their dogs to keep the area safe for all those who visit such a beautiful site.

**Carol Garrett**  
[cgarrett@btinternet.com](mailto:cgarrett@btinternet.com)

## News from Hempton

At the recent AGM of the Friends of the Church, thanks were conveyed to Mavis Barton who stood down after serving for many years as treasurer and more recently as a committee member. Angela Conlan was elected to fill the vacancy and the rest of the committee was re-elected.

On 8–9 July there will be a Flower Festival in Deddington Church, and Hempton will provide displays from the church, the Friends and the Ladies Tuesday Club. It should be well worth a visit. There is a poster in St John's church porch advertising the hours.

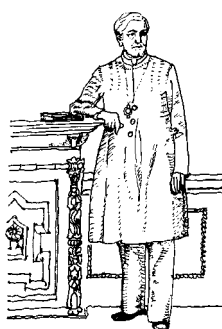
The Parish Council will hold its monthly meeting in the Old School Room on Wednesday 19 July at 7.30pm. Please go along if you wish to speak to them.

Neighbours on St John's Way have commented to me about the amount of wildlife that comes to their properties, particularly red kite flying overhead, and small deer which make nice viewing over the Swere Valley.

As there is no DN in August, it is time to mention the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride Day which this year is on Saturday 9 September from 10.00am–6.00pm. St John's would like people to ride or stride for them, plus people to sit in church for one hour at a time to welcome visitors. I should have the necessary forms during the month so please look out for the advertising posters round the village. We also need someone to organise our refreshments as I believe Pam Dodd wishes to step down after suffering a recent fall and doing it for many years.

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

## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO



The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the months of July and August 1867:

**2nd July** – I went to London to attend the Wykehamist meeting tomorrow.

**6th July** – I went to Oxford to consult one of the Infirmary Surgeons about myself, he satisfied me that he was a practical man and no crotchety

or humbug about him.

**29th July** – Visited the Churchyard – in a disgraceful state overrun with nettles.

**10th August** – I, the Heathcotes and H. Risley (nephew) went to Leamington and Warwick Castle for the day and returned by the last train – having enjoyed ourselves.

**22nd August** – Our last Archery Meeting took place – we had about 50 ladies and gentlemen to supper after the dancing – the day passed off satisfactorily.

**26th August** – A cricket match took place here between the Chipping Warden Club and ours. It being the close of the season the Annual Venison dinner took place in the pavilion as usual.

**Buffy Heywood 01869 338212**

## PFSU and Village Nursery

The final term of the school year is always a busy one. In addition to the move-up days and open afternoons already announced, there will be a PFSU Sports Day on Friday 30 June at 11.15am, followed by the chance to share a picnic in the PFSU garden. Nursery parents have their opportunity to cheer on their children on Friday 14 July, and will receive an invitation to this event shortly. The PFSU children will be celebrating the end of the school year at a teddy bears picnic on Thursday 20 July, and also intend to visit the allotments and Castle Grounds before the end of term.

Our final fundraising effort of the year will be a picnic hamper raffle which will be drawn during the last week of term. Donations of special food items are being accepted at the Nursery and PFSU now. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising events this year. It just remains for us to wish everyone a very enjoyable summer holiday and to wish happiness and success to all those who are moving on to new schools or settings in September.

**Lucy Squires 01869 337484**

## Team Bones

Deddington man Howard Clark is taking part in Ride London. This is a charity event to raise money for Bone Cancer Research Trust. If you would like to help support this, please go to [www.zro7.uk](http://www.zro7.uk) to donate.

Howard will be at the Deddington Farmers' Market in July. Come and have a chat.

## LETTERS

FROM HEATHER NASON,  
EARLS LANE, DEDDINGTON  
*Teas in church during May*

A huge thank you to everyone who donated wonderful homemade cakes, and supplied tea, coffee and milk for the Teas in Church in May. Also to all the kitchen team who gave their time to help. We very much appreciated the support from the village and the Gospel Bell Band in helping us to raise £400.

FROM CATHERINE SENIOR,  
UNSWORTH SUGDEN GROUP  
*On behalf of David Wilson Homes*

With reference Helen Oldfield's article in the June DN, David Wilson Homes would like to reassure residents that we are committed to Deddington. We are currently building 85 homes at Deddington Grange on Banbury road.

As part of our development process, we allocate an S106 agreement through which we will be contributing almost £600,000 to the local area. This money is assigned to a variety of areas, including a community hall, public transport and primary school education.

We take our responsibilities to the communities where we build our homes very seriously. The S106 contributions are paid at various stages. The first of the contributions has already been paid and we are



working with Cherwell District Council to ensure that all future payments are made.

In addition, we are also working closely in the local community with Deddington Primary School. We have recently made a donation to assist them in purchasing building supplies for their Forest School, which is located close to Deddington Grange. We hope to continue to work with the school by

conducting site safety visits and talks for children living near to the development. Site safety and the safety of local people is our number one priority.

With all our developments, it is important to us that we assist the local community as well as building new homes and we hope that our work with the existing community and the S106 contributions will help towards this.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, DEDDINGTON

Very many thanks to all who responded generously to Christian Aid Week. The excellent result was £2,182.35 from the house-to-house collection, £69.14 more than last year. This includes £173.15 from Clifton and £308.73 from Hempton. In all it took 14 person-hours to count. A further £229 reclaimable in tax may be added because 108 people were able to sign the Gift Aid form attached to their envelope, making delivering and then collecting the red envelopes well worthwhile. A bonus was £200 from a local trust. It has now all been sent to Christian Aid so that they can immediately allocate funds to help create better conditions for those who are in so much need. The grand total from the villages with Gift Aid could reach £2,611.35. Thank you for every pound.

## THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY

If you look left as you are being driven approaching Deddington from the south, you will catch a glimpse of a new reservoir. The new 'reservoir' is 18,128 photovoltaic panels, each capable of generating 275 watts, thus able to power 1515 homes – more than the whole of Deddington and Duns Tew. In doing so, for each of the next 25 years, they can save 2150 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> from accelerating climate change. The rental income will keep a family farm in the business of food production and create investment in the local economy.

Sheep from a neighbouring farm will graze the newly sown grass under the panels. New wildflowers will provide a habitat for woodland birds, insects and small mammals. The whole project is being bought by a pension fund, thus providing support for future beneficiaries as they retire. Cherwell District Planning Committee agreed to 'Think Globally, Act Locally'. Action today provides local benefits and dividends for decades to come.

**Christopher Hall**  
[achall@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:achall@globalnet.co.uk)



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## THE KROKS ARE BACK

The Harvard Krokodiloes will be giving their bi-annual Deddington concert on Tuesday 8 August at 6.30pm but at a new venue.

For those who recently attended the All The King's Men concert, as part of Deddington Festival, here is an opportunity to experience a different era and style of a capella singing. For Krok fans, there will be new faces and songs, along with the familiar routines.

Their a capella repertoire ranges from jazz and swing classics of the Golden Age of American music, to traditional airs and ballads and rock numbers from the 50s to 70s. All of this is punctuated by their own choreography and humour.

The Kroks 2017 world tour takes them to China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Australia, Thailand, France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and Deddington.

This year they will be singing in the beautiful garden of Rob and Maureen Forsyth at The Stile House, New Street (about 200 yards down from the Crown and Tuns). Admission will be £10.00 (16 and under no charge). Pay at the door.

Please feel free to bring a picnic to eat during the interval. There will be seating for the concert but if you have a favourite garden chair bring it along. If the weather is unsuitable the concert will move to the church. See their website [www.kroks.com/looklisten](http://www.kroks.com/looklisten) or search for them on YouTube.

**Barrie Smith** [smithinsight@btinternet.com](mailto:smithinsight@btinternet.com)

## NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

for the

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Children invited to  
give us their top 3 choices -

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Basket swings?  
Climbing/sliding?  
Ground level trampoline?  
Climbing wall?

Pics on display at the  
**Village Fete**

Saturday 15 July, 12-3pm  
Primary School Field

**Tell us what you would like -  
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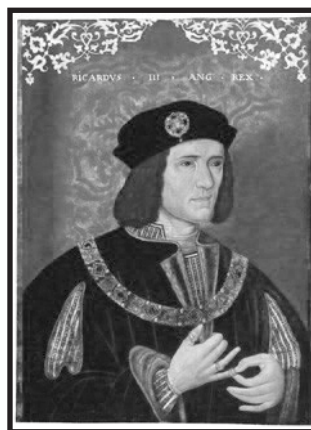
## PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

The PTA contributes enormously to the life of our school by providing all sorts of extras for the children to enhance and enrich their educational experience and the events themselves are always memorable occasions. Unfortunately, as with other schools, Deddington school will receive a reduced budget per pupil over the coming years and so now more than ever the fundraising that the PTA does is critical for the in providing music lessons, journals, school trips, RE days, playground equipment and more.

With changes to the committee, we are searching for a new PTA chair from September. Could that be you? Charing the PTA is a great way to get involved with the school and the community. I understand many people are busy with jobs and other responsibilities (as well as parenting) and that taking on a role like this may feel daunting. To reassure you, the committee is there to work with you and as a group we are in a rhythm of running three big fundraising events a year, sharing the workload amongst us, and whoever takes on the role will receive a comprehensive handover.

Please put yourself forward. If we, the parent community in particular, all take a turn in stepping into roles like this, then together we can help the school reach its potential without creating a heavy burden of extra work for any one individual. If you are interested, please email Alex Elvin at [deddingtonpta@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonpta@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support.

## Deddington and District History Society Presents



## The King in the Car Park

**Dr Richard Buckley**

Manager of the Richard III project in Leicester

The Windmill Centre  
Wednesday, 12 July, at 7.30pm

All are welcome  
Admission £5 (includes refreshments)



## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### First Team results:

13.04.17 Broughton & NN (h) (CUP) L 0–3  
 17.04.17 KEA (a) (CUP) L 1–3

#### Reserve Team results:

11.04.17 Chesterton (h) L 0–1  
 15.04.17 Chasewell Park (h) L 0–6

A diabolical denouement to a wretched season, as the Firsts were eliminated from both remaining cup competitions with a whimper, while the Reserves couldn't even score as they finished rock bottom with just seven points. However, the winning spirit came out post-season, as in Gaffer Joe Davies' own words: 'I took 14 lads from Deddi football club to Krakow in Poland to play in a football tournament. We had two squads of seven for a 5-a-side tournament. One team called Deddi Sea Eagles, the other Deddi Sea Otters. There were teams from Brazil, Slovakia, Belgium, France, Switzerland, England, Poland and Germany in the tournament. The Sea Otters got to the semi-final where they were beaten with a close 7–1. Jack Davies struggled through the match with the world's worst hangover. However, the Sea Eagles, captained by Alex Radini in goal, played the team in the final and drew 2–2 in normal time and then won on penalties with Mike Large scoring the winner in sudden death to win the trophy. Mark Cook came close to winning the competition golden boot, just beating Joe Davies and Joe Thornton to Deddi tournament top goal scorers. Joe Davies can't manage in the Lord Jersey but on the international stage, fantastic'. That's the DTFC spirit! Happy summer everyone.

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

**Aaron Bliss 07909 642882**

### Youth section

On a beautiful summer's day at the Windmill Community Centre, over 300 players, parents and coaches celebrated the beautiful game. Our awards ceremony recognised the achievements of over 150 players from Under 6s to Under 16s. This full list of the winning players will be listed at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/news/extratime>.

We were pleased to have Kevin James from Oxford United and Adam Bradley (our in-house professional coach) present the prizes. Oxford United also provided an endorsement from manager, Michael Appleton, as well as tickets in the raffle. We are grateful for all the shirt sponsors during the season, as well as those local companies who placed an advert in the presentation day 2017 souvenir programme.

#### Get involved

Further information about the club is on our website - [www.deddingtontownfc.com](http://www.deddingtontownfc.com) or visit us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc](https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc).

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

### Deddington Ladies Netball Club

If you have played netball but drifted away or if you've never tried it but would like to, now's the time. Player numbers have been low recently, so it would be great to re-invigorate the club. We meet on Wednesdays 6.30–7.30pm at the Windmill Centre all weather pitch, £3 per session. Pull on your trainers and join us. Contact me on for further information.

**Suzie Upson 07717 205051**

### Deddington Original Golf Society

Our first sojourn for 2017 saw twenty DOGS playing golf or in some cases just walking round and generally making a nuisance of themselves at Ladbrook Park GC, Tanworth-in-Arden, near Redditch. Overall it was a quiet affair and then we realised our secretary, Keith Spengler was on holiday. Regrettably Chris Hughes couldn't join us following a stroke. I've been in touch with Chris and he seems to be doing well. It would appear, having recognised the symptoms, he acted promptly and 'not too much damage has occurred'. On behalf of all DOGS, we wish Chris a speedy recovery and a quick return to our ranks.

Ladbrook Park GC is in a beautiful setting and the people we dealt with couldn't have been more helpful. The consensus was to plan a return trip. Generously, they gave all attending DOGS a voucher for a 4-ball at the most reasonable cost of £99. The winners on the day will be listed at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/news/extratime>.

John Stiff scored 36 points, 20 going out and 16 coming back. Close to winning, but not close enough. John (Chopper) Dauphin made the necessary adjustments to handicaps and those affected were notified.

By the time you read this copy the DOGS will have visited Coventry GC (formerly known as Fineham). Report to follow.

**Tony Lowe, Chairman**  
**[tonylowe077@gmail.com](mailto:tonylowe077@gmail.com)**

### Deddington Cricket Club

After a wet and cool spring, conditions for cricket are improving. The ground is looking good and we are looking forward to a pleasant season.

We are still able to raise two teams each weekend with the help of some very effective ladies.

As mentioned in the past, we would love to resurrect our junior section which would ultimately join the South Northants Junior Cricket League. However, we need to find someone who is keen to take over the running of this section. Ideally it would be a parent, male or female, who has a child of the right age, 8–15 years. It is envisaged, at this stage, if we can get a few interested, that we start off with sessions in the nets at the Windmill and build up slowly from there. If it is successful, it is possible that we could get a team ready for the 2018 season and in the meantime, play

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

amongst ourselves. A junior section is the life blood of the club – all we need is somebody to set the ball rolling. If you're interested, please contact me.

**Derek Cheeseman 01869 338609**  
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### Deddington Bookworms

Bookworms recently read *Suite Française* by Irène Némirovsky which portrays life in France from the beginning of June 1940 until July 1941.

Némirovsky originally intended this to be an epic novel written in five sections. The group noted that *Suite Française* did not seem to be completely edited but the true story behind this makes it all the more poignant. The author had intended to revise the first two sections but was arrested and taken to Pithiviers internment camp, then to Auschwitz where she died in August 1942.

The first part of the book, 'Storm in June', focuses on the lives of a few people who represent the myriads of citizens fleeing Paris in widespread panic as German forces were about to invade. The selfish behaviour of some of the bourgeoisie is sharply detailed.

The second part, 'Dolce', is more of a narrative with a rural setting. The Germans stationed in the village are from a cavalry regiment and the humanity of the individual soldiers shines through as the inhabitants adapt to a different way of life. All agreed the book was a worthwhile read.

**Deddington Library 01869 338391**

### Deddington Players

We met last month to discuss potential scripts for this year's pantomime – yes, work does start on the panto this early. We had some great scripts put forward and we'll let you know the final decision in due course.

Don't forget that we will be holding an additional production this year, as well as our ever-popular pantomime. Join us on 6–7 October for a '007-themed' evening including a hilarious one act James Bond spoof and Bond musical performances from our talented members. Ticket details will be available soon. Contact me for further information.

**Suzie Upson 07717 205051**

### Book Club

In April, we read *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry. In 1893, following the death of her controlling husband, Cora Seagrave leaves her society life in London and heads for the wilds of Essex, drawn by rumours and superstition about the return of the mythical Essex Serpent which was once said to roam the marshes. Accompanied by her autistic son, Francis, and her companion, Martha, she finds herself in the parish of Aldwinter where she makes the acquaintance of the rector, William Ransome, who is exasperated by the effect the mythical creature is having on his parishioners.

The book is very well researched with some won-

derful descriptions of nature, landscapes and life in the Victorian era. The scientific sections are well written, particularly the descriptions of early medical procedures, which we found interesting. The characters, in particular the women, are superbly portrayed, with an emphasis on friendship rather than romantic love. Many of us struggled with some parts of the book but we all agreed that as a whole it was an excellent read.

Please call me for the title of the next book. The next meeting is 27 July.

**Sally Lambert 01869 338094**

### 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

Both sections have been taking advantage of the great weather and sessions in June were held largely outside. Our Awards and Display evening for all sections was held on Wednesday 28 June and it was good to be able to hold this in the church again. I hope everyone enjoyed taking part and that it gave parents and carers a great opportunity to see what we do during our weekly meetings.

We will still be meeting on Wednesday 5 July and the Juniors who aren't involved in the school production should meet at the usual time of 5.30pm but at Deddington parish church instead of the Windmill Centre. Our end of year party will be on Wednesday 12 July. Don't forget that we have an HQ-organised Get Active session booked at Bloxham on Saturday 15 July – details will be going out to parents directly. Also, do look out for our display in Deddington parish church at the Flower Festival over the weekend of 8-9 July.

As we wind down for the summer, on behalf of the team, we hope all our young people enjoy the school holidays and have a well-deserved rest.

**Jen Childs, Leader**  
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### 1st Deddington Guides

Our action-packed programme continues. The Guides are proving to be very efficient at tent pitching, learning their ridge poles from their brailings. It was rewarding to take shelter from the cold wind one evening to update the First Aid training required to complete the Active Response badge, gained by many of the Guides.

We had a very pleasant evening for our hike around the surrounds of Deddington and, although stormy weather threatened our shelter-building at Horley, the rain cleared beautifully. The designs of the shelters were interesting, some a work in progress, but fun to build and we kept dry in the woods.

Three senior Guides, Jess, Hannah and Connie, did a sterling job taking their patrols to an overnight camp. The Guides planned and organised the camp independently – including the meals, activities, and all the health and safety issues, and had a lot of fun. Thank you to Bryony and George Fenemore at Home Farm. The Guides will be back again early next month for their test camp permit when they will be visited and

## ... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

assessed by their mentors. Well done Guides.

Horley was the scene for the overnight patrol competition. Guides from all over the Cherwell area camped out under the stars, braving the showers. They took part in various challenges to try and win the district cup. We didn't win but had a lot of fun and enjoyed another great outdoor experience.

Lastly, we did have to resort to plan B when strong winds prevented us having our annual Ready Steady Cook evening. However, undaunted, we held a Ready Steady Pudding activity with lots of lovely ingredients like strawberries, cream, meringues and chocolate. The creations were amazing and delicious.

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### Deddington and District History Society

We had an enjoyable evening on 7 June when members of the Bloxham History Society visited us for a tour of Deddington, followed by a get-together in the Holly Tree Club. Our visitors were most impressed and have invited us on a reciprocal visit at a date to be arranged next year. Many thanks to our members who came and helped make the evening.

On 14 June we visited Farnborough Hall where, on a glorious summer's evening, Stephen Wass gave us a guided tour of the grounds. Stephen has rediscovered many lost landscape features created in the 18th century that had fallen into disuse and become overgrown. Stephen is such a knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide that he held our attention for two hours and more. At one point, from the churchyard at Farnborough looking across the sunlit valley, he pointed out landscape features dating from the Mesolithic to the modern. It was a tour-de-force. I have put a couple of photos of the event on Extra Time at [www.deddington.org.uk/news/extratime](http://www.deddington.org.uk/news/extratime).

We have a special event on Wednesday 12 July, a lecture on 'The Richard III Project in Leicester'. Thanks to Shakespeare, Richard III is one of the best known and least understood of our medieval monarchs. As everyone will recall, his remains were discovered beneath a car park in Leicester, the site of the old Greyfriars Abbey. Dr Richard Buckley, who led the project which recovered the remains, is coming to tell us about it and about the ill-fated king. We have seen some of the story on TV but this will be an opportunity to learn about it in more detail from the project leader

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## Postcard from America

### The Prisoner, HOAs and Buying a House

I love the cultural differences between the UK and the US. For Heather this means literature and Shakespeare but for me it is something more basic.

We were at the pool social and this lady said to me 'I am number 22', and then someone else said 'I am number 16'. So, of course I said 'I am not a number, I am a free man'.

I then had to spend ten minutes trying to explain late 60s UK TV, even though *The Prisoner* has a cult following here, it never made it to mainstream US TV. You can divide US society between those who love *Monty Python*, and those (the vast majority) who just don't get it. To me this is great fun, although I have to admit that this is probably based on some form of superiority complex. But hey, I haven't really changed by living in America, have I?

I should explain that we have bought a house in Colorado. But this is a totally un-American house; it has no yard. The local Sunday obsessions are unlike Clifton; it isn't car washing. Around here the Monday conversation goes, 'What did you do over the weekend?', - 'Yardwork'. And now I have no yard, the community does it all: lovely grass, two tennis courts, and yes, a pool, all maintained by the very dog-friendly HOA.

Middle American communities live in neighbourhoods which are set up with rules governed by the Home Owners Association. And although one might imagine something like Deddington Parish Council, or perhaps the *Vicar of Dibley*, this really is something

quite different. Maybe. One of my colleagues who lives five miles away is in constant argument with his HOA on the state of his garden, they even complained when he left his 'holiday' (not Christmas, remember) lights up. They were stumped when he explained he was a Sikh and was keeping his lights up for one his own festivals. They are still there.

The community we have bought into is somewhat different. At the pool, Heather was the youngest person there and the lovely retired folk from the 27 houses in the community were very keen to meet us. I can't help feeling that this is the most exciting thing that has happened to them in years. Ben and his admirers swimming in the pool will no doubt create some business for the local undertakers.

The process of buying the house in the US is a very different experience, a four-week timetable of deadlines that rushed by with huge stress, but extraordinary efficiency: no lawyer, and an actual closing ceremony with over 50 documents to sign. But we now own a house, admittedly in the wrong continent, and the great news is that I don't have to pay off the mortgage until I am 94. Perhaps they know something about my future that I don't.

The other good news is that there is no news about Mr Trump this month. He doesn't seem to have done anything to upset anyone. [See p18, Mike – Ed]. I really do love America, it is so full of ridiculous things and sometimes it is so much fun.

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## Is It Safe To Be Rude?

The curse of computer communication is the unwanted email, spam clogging the Inbox and phishing emails trying to elicit money or information or set you up for ransomware.

Even an email account newly set up for the treasurer of the *DN* has been beset from almost the word go with phoney demands to make payments or money transfers. The emails appear to come from other members of the *DN* team but the content does not ring true. Such emails leave you suspicious and paranoid about opening any messages, particularly those inviting you to open a hyperlink.

Recently an email dropped into my inbox. It was sent by a Deddington organisation to more than 50 people, all listed in the 'To' field.

Most of them were unknown to me — until I received that email. Suddenly I had the gift of email addresses for 50 or so total strangers to whom I could now send messages of whatever sort or content, good or bad, that I wished. Wow, had my computer been infected, it could also have given those addresses to spammers and phishers.

If you include a long list of addresses in the 'To' or 'Cc' fields, you share every person's address with everyone else on the list. That message could then be forwarded. Some people will include the previous message and then your address (and everyone else's) will be sent out with more and more other names, increasing the likelihood that recipients will receive a spam message or a virus from some infected computer.

All of which suggested that one of the first people to send a message to the new treasurer of the *Deddington News* had been so compromised.

The vulnerability of the 'To' field for sending emails to large numbers of people is a major disadvantage of

the messaging system. To preserve the privacy and security of people you are sending multiple emails to, it may be best to use the 'Bcc' option — the 'Blind carbon copy' from the days of typewriters and carbon paper but now morphed into 'Blind courtesy copy' for the microchip age.

Unlike the 'To' and 'Cc' options, 'Bcc' protects the privacy of email addresses. Recipients will get a copy of your message, but they can't see the addresses of other people listed in the sender's Bcc field.

The 'Bcc' option has the added benefit of preventing an accidental 'Reply All' that sends a reply intended for only the writer of the message to all those on the recipient list. If people do need to know who else has received a 'Bcc' message, the information can be inserted into the text of the email.

Key 'why Bcc' into an internet search engine such as Google and you can catch up with the debate over whether to Bcc or not to Bcc.

It used to be that the overwhelming advice was to use 'Bcc' for security and privacy. Now there is a counter argument about the ethics of sending emails to multiple people without them knowing who else is getting the message. Even Debrett's has entered the etiquette argument saying it is deceptive. Others suggest it is plain rude.

The University of Pittsburgh puts convincingly the arguments for privacy and security and tells you how to use Bcc (search for 'why bcc and Pittsburgh' to find <https://tinyurl.com/om4gv4c>. For the polite side of the argument, search for 'why bcc and huffington post' to find <https://tinyurl.com/ockswr9>.

Make up your own mind, but I intend to play safe and keep my computer in rude health.

**John Price**

## CALLING ALL CLUBS *Cont'd from p15*

who has kindly agreed to make a special trip here to give us the inside story. We shall meet as usual at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm. There is likely to be a larger audience than usual, so we shall meet in the main hall. Everyone is welcome. There will be a small charge of £5 to cover expenses and refreshments.

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### Photographic Society

The June meeting had a presentation of photographs by Yin Wong, all taken on a visit to the Yunnan Province of China, rarely visited by Western tourists. He showed a map which explained the location of Yunnan in Southern China. He started in Kunming with street scenes showing people in attractive ethnic costumes which are normal wear. Different cultures can be identified by exquisitely embroidered regional costumes. A walk through deep caves provided interesting pictures of floodlit rock formations and vast caverns, followed

by some showing the 'Stone Forest'. Yunnan claims to be the first place ever to drink tea and is known throughout China for fine quality expensive tea.

The photo tour moved to Shangri la (known as Zang Din). Here there were monastic buildings on the mountainsides in a regional architectural style at an altitude of 11,000 feet. Sweeping curved roofs are believed to ward off bad luck. There were some interesting photos of small Mongolian ponies with riders dressed in regional costume. Photos of the plentiful supply of fruits and vegetables shows that travellers need never go hungry. The next place to be visited was Li Jian in the Dali region of Tibet, well known to Chinese for its production of jade. This rarely visited province of China has great potential for keen photographers with mountain gorges, hillside villages, quaint architecture and colourfully dressed residents who are willing to be photographed.

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## Deddington Neighbourhood Plan

### Holiday reading?

In something over a month, the draft Deddington Neighbourhood Plan will be ready for its official seven-week consultation period. Since there will be no Deddington News next month, this is by way of an early warning. All being well, the complete draft neighbourhood plan will be available for everyone to read on our website (see address below) in August, together with two supporting reports – one a consultation describing the neighbourhood planning process over the past four years and the other a Basic Conditions Statement demonstrating how our draft plan conforms with national planning policy and the Local Plan drawn up by Cherwell District Council.

Printed copies of all three documents should be accessible at Deddington library, the parish council office at the Windmill Centre, and the CDC offices in Bodicote. We'll also be delivering a pamphlet to every household in the parish giving an overview of the plan and, in particular, a summary of the policies. The various ways parishioners can respond to the draft neighbourhood plan will be made clear in the pamphlet.

We're hoping many people will respond – with suggestions for improvement and (let's hope) confirmation that we're on the right track and are fairly representing the aspirations of the parish as revealed in the questionnaires and the drop-in sessions. We'll also be approaching all the stakeholders – local businesses and groups, landowners and statutory consultees for their views.

One piece of perhaps welcome news is that Deddington will most likely not be expected to help accommodate 'Oxford's unmet housing need'. Cherwell District is required to provide 4,400 new homes – over and above the 22,800 already envisaged – for the expected hugely expanding workforce in Oxford.

In a partial review of its earlier Local Plan now published for comment, Cherwell is proposing that all 4,400 homes should be built in areas extending north from Oxford, to the south and south-east of Kidlington, and along the A44 corridor in Yarnton, Begbroke (a whopping 1,950 homes on the west side of the A44 there) and on to Woodstock, close to a proposed new Park and Ride.

We can expect an outcry from these places, not least because the proposals involve some building on the Oxford Green Belt. But the rationale is that the homes need to be reasonably close to the new employment centres in and around Oxford, and need to have good public transport links. Building in villages further afield, it is recognised, would clog up the roads with commuter cars.

Cherwell has other planning documents in the pipeline, but at least we in Deddington now know that we won't have to adapt our neighbourhood plan to allow for Oxford overspill.

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## DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL 2017

The annual Deddington Festival was a great success this year, featuring many inspiring artistic and cultural events for those within our community.

All ages happily gathered together to participate and enjoy music of all genres, plus art, dancing, singing, children's writing, poetry, history walks and so much more.

As well as Festival favourites Deddy Jazz, Deddy Rocks, Poetry Please and A Walk on the Wild Side (to name but a few), this year we hosted three brand new events.

Deddy Car Fest gave people the chance to not only look at but also have a ride in a wonderful selection of vintage and super cars while raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. It proved a huge hit, as did our first Children's Festival, with youngsters filling the church with excitement and turning their hands to lots of arts and crafts activities.

We were also honoured to host All the King's Men – an a cappella group from King's College London who will be starring in the BBC programme, *Pitch Battle*

with Gareth Malone. The BBC filmed the concert and their singing workshop, in our beautiful St Peter and St Paul's Church. The church was once again filled

with an audience uplifted by a superb performance and we are thrilled to be making a donation to the church's restoration fund.

Deddington Festival is organised by a small committee and helped by over 160 volunteers who all live in or around our parish. Without their hard work we could not bring this community festival to you.

The Adderbury, Deddington and District Photographic Society have taken some wonderful photographs of our events, which can be viewed on the Deddington Festival Facebook page and at [www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk). Should you wish to contribute

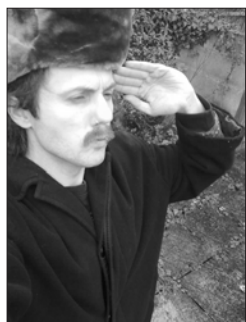
in any way to the 2018 festival then please let us know through the website. See you next year.

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## BLISSFUL THINKING



We often take the natural world for granted, in the comfortable knowledge that a few poor crop yields are unlikely to lead to famines in Anglia or make Canterbury a seaside resort any time soon. Trips to the bottle bank and blue bin are admirable, but our unthinking food waste, needless car journeys and lack of support for clean

energy suppliers betrays this effort.

Now that Trumpo the Clown has decided to join the illustrious ranks of Nicaragua and a war-ravaged Syria in withdrawing the US from the Paris Climate Agreement, we seem to be entering a new age of accelerated damage to our collective ecosystem, when we had hardly slowed the effects of previous ravages. Is it really so difficult to reject lobbying from fossil fuel giants? Is science only considered imperative when there's not big money at stake? The idea that fracking is some shrewd solution to our need for natural gas seems to be dreamt up by the same groups who convinced us that blackening our lungs with tar was actually a health benefit.

Air quality is now declining rapidly in Britain's cities and there doesn't seem to be any concerted effort to reverse this, despite the reports of related deaths and respiratory conditions linked to this issue. It took nearly a century of scientific evidence for leaded petrol to finally be banned worldwide, after being categorically linked to an increase in murders and aggressive crimes, as well as affecting children's IQs and organ functions. It is estimated that this prohibition has saved hundreds of thousands of lives and prevented a similar number of violent crimes, despite costing fuel companies a packet.

It has also been determined in a UN-sponsored study that none of the world's top companies would actually turn a profit if they paid for all the 'natural capital' they use (problems they cause from their activities in terms of pollution and exclusive use of natural resources) that cost the wider community in terms of health and environmental spending. The only argument against following the science seems to be implying that some kind of elaborate hoax has been constructed; as the old joke goes: 'What if we make a cleaner world for nothing?'

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## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNORS

I am writing on behalf of the Governing Body to update you on recent progress regarding the plans to convert Deddington Primary School to an Academy, as part of the Oxfordshire Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST). I am pleased to confirm this is proceeding with a conversion date of 1 July 2017.

The process has been slightly less smooth than we might have hoped, however. After our consultation period earlier in the year where we reassured stakeholders that the transition to academy status would be broadly cost neutral, it became apparent at the end of March that this was no longer the case. It appears the school will incur increased costs in the future as a result of two factors: restructuring of government funding to schools, meaning that a significant portion of funding which would have been allocated to the school upon conversion to an Academy has now been completely withdrawn; and payments to ODST for their support package.

The governors and the school leadership have devoted a lot of time to clarifying the impact of these

increased costs and reviewing the school's position to ensure conversion remains the best thing for our pupils. Taking into account the considerable uncertainty over what would happen if we remained a County Council school, balanced with the very clear and detailed service level agreement from ODST about what their support package will comprise, the governors voted by a large majority to join ODST in spite of the cost impact.

As a Governing Body we felt that it was important to update the community on this development and the school's response. We don't propose to embark on a further round of consultation on this issue as the original arguments for moving to ODST are still valid, and the Governors have taken a decision on the new financial circumstances based on a robust challenge to the facts and figures surrounding this change.

If you have any comments or questions relating to this or any other school business, please contact us via our clerk to governors on [deddingtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonclerk@gmail.com).

**Becky Jones, Chair of Governors**

## Deddington Hits the Airwaves

BBC TV South and Radio Oxford are making a short news item, currently expected to be broadcast from 7.00–10.00am on Monday 31 July, as part of their WWI series on soldiers who died. This one will feature the

three Hancox and two Chislett brothers (see A Parish at War pp24 and 27) using background material filmed and recorded in the village and drawing on parish history on DOL.