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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

We are looking for an additional person to join our printing team. It's a reasonably straightforward job taking around three hours one morning each month, but you can get time off for good behaviour! A basic knowledge of computers would be an advantage. The most important skill is a willingness to learn. Please contact me if you think you may be interested.

JC

What's On

May

- Wed 2 Photographic Society: Review of 2017 Prints, Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
- Fri 4 Friends of Hempton Church: Pub Evening, the Old School Room, 7.30pm
- Tue 8 WI: Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 History Society: Gary Lock, 'Becoming Roman in Oxfordshire', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 Annual Parish Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Sat 12 Warriner Choral Society: *Jubilate*, English Choral Gems, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sun 13 Four Farms Challenge: 5k and 10k Fun Run, Castle Grounds, 11.00am
- Mon 14 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
- Mon 14 DOGS: Ladbroke Park Golf Club
- Wed 16 Annual PC Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Mon 21 Friends of Hempton Church: AGM, the Old School Room, 7.00pm
- Sat 26 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 26 Church Craft Market: Parish Church, 10.00am–1.00pm
- Sun 27 Concert: Daniel Lehardt, Piano, Deddington Parish Church, 7.00pm
- Thu 31 Book Group: Details from Sally Lambert on 01869 338094

June

- Mon 4 Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm
- Wed 6 Photographic Society: Andreas Klatt, Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
- Sat 9 NGS Deddington Open Gardens, Rushall House, Castle End House, and Satin Lane Allotments, 2–5.30pm
- Sat 9 –
- Sun 10 Deddington Festival: Art Exhibition
- Sun 10 Deddy Car Fest: Market Place, 11.00am–5.00pm
- Sun 10 Deddington Festival: All the King's Men Workshop, 5.00pm and Concert 7.00pm, Parish Church
- Sun 10 Deddington Town FC Youth: Presentation Day, Windmill Centre, 2.00–5.00pm
- Tue 12 WI: Colin Oakes, 'Plumbing the Depths', Holly Tree, 7.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 18 April at the Holly Tree Club

Present: Councillors Collins, Cox, Eames, Finnigan, Oldfield, O'Neill, Reeve, Squires, Timms, Watts and Wood (Chair), Councillor Williams (CDC) and Councillor Fatemian (OCC).

County Councillor's Report: Street light outside the Co-op – the contractor has tried three times to repair this but parked cars have obstructed access. Further attempts will be made.

A vehicle activated sign may be installed at the pinch point in Deddington to warn of oncoming traffic.

The regulatory signage about HGVs on Philcote Street and St Thomas Street is to be checked.

Planning:

Deddington Vets, Heritage House – replace existing signage at the rear of Walnut Tree Workshops with larger signage in the same position. No objection.

CDC Approvals:

3 Castle End, Castle St – reduction of sycamore.

Annexe adjacent to 3 Holly Tree Cottages, Earl's Lane – change of use from clinic to residential.

Orchard House, Chapel Close, Clifton – erection of two detached dwellings, associated garages and hard standing. Approval despite PC objection.

Quinque House, New St – widen existing vehicle access, demolish wall, erect double car shelter.

Ashcroft House, Hudson St – change of use of ground floor from retail to clinic.

Land to the rear of The Chestnuts, Clifton – demolition of existing buildings and erection of one detached building and garage.

Park Farm Agricultural Barn, New St – conversion of existing barn and outbuildings to residential use.

OCC Depot adjacent to Hill Barn and Banbury Rd – erection of salt barn and wash-down facilities. The nearest neighbour to the site has expressed serious concern about increased noise, especially during unsocial hours. A letter is to be sent to OCC to ensure

that a proper survey is carried out.

Environment and Recreation:

£370 is to be spent on bark for the under-6 play area. A sum of up to £1,000 was agreed for cutting and rolling the grass on the Clifton play area. Volunteers will be sought for regular mowing.

There has been a complaint about litter at the David Wilson site. The clerk is to contact the developers.

The path between the Windmill Centre and the cemetery is to be trimmed and checked once a month.

Finance and General Purposes

The tender of £34,700 from P&B Roofing for the Windmill will be accepted provided that a better quote is not obtained. An extra £750 was agreed for the removal and re-instating of the solar panels.

A new lease is to be prepared for the Windmill Centre. £1,550 has been quoted for this service.

Full payment to Proludic and Streetscape for play equipment at Welford's Piece and Wimborne Close has been deferred until snagging is completed.

The annual parish meeting will be on Wednesday 9 May at 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre. A CDC planning representative will attend and detailed information will be available on how to deal with the imminently emerging Blandford fly.

There are two vacancies on the parish council. Interested parties should contact the parish clerk. The Council would welcome applications from younger members of the community.

Next PC meeting: Wednesday 16 May at 7.30pm in the Windmill Centre. The annual parish council meeting will be held immediately before the regular monthly meeting.

Jean Rudge

The official minutes are available at <http://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/2018.html>.

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Calling All Artists

If you are a potter, sculptor or painter with links to Deddington, the village's Festival committee wants to hear from you. Entries are now being invited for the annual art exhibition that is a popular feature of Deddington Festival.

The exhibition will take place on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 June.

Artists are invited to enter up to three pieces of sculpture, pottery or any form of 2D media. Each piece can be up to a square metre in size, but no bigger. The entry fee is £5 per piece for adults and includes an invitation for you and two guests to attend our private view on Friday 9 June.

Entrants may also submit any signed, unframed, cellophane-wrapped works to go in the browser bar free of charge.

Deddington Festival is also delighted to welcome young artists to take part in the art exhibition. Those aged under 18 are invited to submit one piece each, no larger than A4 in size. The entry fee is £1 for each piece and young entrants, along with two guests, will also be invited to attend the private view to see their work on display.

All entries need to be handed in by 1 June and 15 percent of all sales will go to the Deddington Festival.

For more information, please contact us at art@deddingtonfestival.org.uk.

Janet Bird

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The lighting of the Easter candles service took place on Saturday 31 March combining Deddington, Barford and Hempton with about 20 in the congregation. A lovely service was followed by tasty refreshments. Many thanks to Janet Watts and Angela Conlan for all the food and setting up.

Some events coming up are on Thursday 3 May when the Old School Room will be open for the Cherwell and District elections. Polling is between 7.00am and 10.00pm. Please go along and cast your votes.

The following evening, Friday 4 May, the Friends of the Church are holding a Pub Style Evening from 7.30pm, in the Old School Room. Please bring some nibbles and drinks and meet other villagers for a nice get together.

Monday 21 May will be the Friends of Hempton Church AGM at 7.00pm. Please come along, new committee members are needed, plus a new secretary. Membership is strong but under our constitution we are one committee member short and others may be standing down, so please come and hear what is happening. We are still waiting for the new heating to be installed and the font to be moved but this should take place shortly.

Please remember to let me have any items of interest.

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

May

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 Bumps & Bundles and Tiny Tots – a great place for meeting parents, carers and babies from bump to 3yrs

Sunday Services

Sun 6 10.30am Family Service
 6.00pm Choral Evensong
 Sun 13 8.00pm BCP Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 20 10.30am Holy Communion – Pentecost
 Sun 27 10.30am Holy Communion

Hempton

Sun 6 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 20 9.00am Holy Communion – Pentecost
 Sun 27 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Barford St Michael

Sun 6 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 20 10.30am Family Service – Pentecost
 6.00pm Evening Prayer
 Sun 27 9.00am Holy Communion

Barford St John

Sun 13 9.00am Holy Communion

From the Parish Register

Baptisms

18 March Lottie Rae Steenkamp

Funerals

27 March Vicki Price

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

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
 20 May Maurice Nichols
 27 May Julie

Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

There have been major changes in arrangements at Hethe and there is no longer a resident or full-time incumbent at Hethe. There will be a non-resident priest providing one Mass on Sundays (no Latin Mass). It is hoped that in due course Hethe will also provide one Mass on a weekday. The future contact will be the Revd Robert Hughes, Parish Deacon, 01869 720860.

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.

FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

The Wood has survived the icy blasts of winter quite well. Apart from the ground being waterlogged and therefore slippery underfoot, flora and fauna continue to do well. The bluebells have buds deep down in the protection of leaves so might be flowering later than usual this year. Judging by the amount of birdsong there will be fledglings later, and there is a pale green haze as the trees begin to bud and catkins flower on the willows. It is expected that the Woodland Trust will soon install a new information board and the long-promised wooden bench.

Of interest, although not the work of the Woodland Trust, is the work undertaken to minimise water dam-

age to the banks near the little bridge on the gated road.

I have to mention that no working parties were run by the Friends this past year as tree pruning now requires professional contractors and there has been no litter. Maybe users are voluntarily keeping the Wood and fringes litter free. Also, although there has been considerable wind damage and fallen boughs, people have kindly dragged them off the rides and paths allowing them to become habitats for insects etc.

For further information about the Friends please contact me.

Annette Murphy

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Deddington Gardens Open for 2018 National Garden Scheme

Listed amongst George Plumptre's *Saturday Telegraph* article, 30 of The Best New Gardens To Visit In 2018, the pressure is on for three Deddington gardens opening for the National Garden Scheme (NGS). On 9 June, we hope whilst basking in the summer sun, visitors will be able to see the charming plots of the Satin Lane Allotments, as well as the gardens of Rushall House (Earls Lane/Castle Street) and Castle End House (Castle Street).

The gardens will be open for the NGS from 2.00–5.30pm. Combined admission will be £5, children free. Delicious home made cakes and tea will be on offer at Rushall House. There will be a general plant sale at Castle End House and a 'grow-your-own' plant sale at the Satin Lane Allotments.

Founded in England in 1927, the NGS organises its open gardens scheme for charity. The scheme has passed £50 million to nursing charities since its foundation. Remarkably, the funds are all raised by generous gardeners voluntarily opening their gardens or allotments. Last year the NGS donated a record £3.1 million to its beneficiary charities, including the Queen's Nursing Institute, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, Perennial, Parkinson's UK and MS Society. The funds raised are not only vital to the beneficiaries but, in the case of Hospice UK, Marie Curie and Macmillan, the NGS is their largest single donor.

Simply by visiting a lovely NGS-listed garden or indulging in sweet wares or plants on offer, you are supporting some of Britain's most vital nursing and caring charities.

With the help of the allotmenters, the June 2017 Satin Lane NGS open day proved a resounding success. The true community spirit of the allotmenters came to the fore, all of whom rallied feverishly to ensure the open day was a success.

Delicious cakes and refreshments were made, plants donated, and plot holders were on hand to answer any grow-your-own queries throughout the open day. All the efforts paid off, generating £450 for the vital beneficiary charities supported by the



Hilary Barker and Rebecca Newman in June 2017

scheme. With the opening of two additional gardens, we hope to surpass last year's success and generate as much as we can for these important charities. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

For more information on the NGS, please visit the website, <https://www.ngs.org.uk/>. Deddington gardens are fully listed with further details and photographs. For more information on open gardens in the area, the new 2018 NGS Oxfordshire booklet is available at no charge from Deddington library, Nicholson's Plant Centre and Cotefield Nursery.

Petra Hoyer Millar
NGS Assistant County Organiser Oxfordshire

WARRINER CHORAL SOCIETY

Warriner Choral Society is hosting a Come and Sing Workshop day in the Deddington parish church, on Saturday 7 July starting at 10.00am and ending at approximately 5.30pm. Whether you are an experienced choral singer or not, everyone is welcome.

We will be exploring and learning John Rutter's stunning *Requiem*, culminating in an informal free performance for friends and family at the end of the day.

We hope you will want to join us. Our very talented musical director, Martin Quinn, always aims for us to

have fun with our singing whilst creating a musically rewarding result.

The cost is £20 per singer which includes score hire and refreshments.

Booking is now open. For further details and to book, please go to <http://www.warrinerchoralsociety.co.uk/comeandsing>.

Bobbie Koen, Secretary
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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

There is a subject that divides the UK, but almost everyone I meet in the US is 100% fascinated by: the royal wedding.

It is more than 240 years since we let the Yanks have their independence and so they have forgotten the rotten habits of our ruling classes. They certainly hated George III back then. Today he is a great comic figure in the latest Broadway sensation, *Hamilton*, which we saw last month. These days, most Americans love our royalty more than you or I do.

I have lost track of how many people tell me how much they love *The Crown* or some other such royal drama, but the worse thing is they think it depicts life in the UK today. I had an Uber driver a month ago who wouldn't accept that the UK had a democratic government unlike his fine land. He was a nice bloke – from Ethiopia.

I guess a lot of Americans see the royals as a kind of soap opera, charming, and pretty harmless. Perhaps a reaction: after all their head of state is a completely different character. I know that some people have been very upset about royal toe-sucking in the past, but please compare this with \$150k pay-offs to 'models'. And I don't see the Queen firing staff members on social media or trying to start a war in a country which most of the population can't point to on a map. Exactly where are the Falkland Islands again?

Tomorrow Ben and I are off to Colorado Springs to visit his chosen university on an induction day. Once

again, memories of my own similar trip in 1970 will come flooding back, although the girls will be cuter and the bars will be less significant. The sole reason I chose Leeds University was the enormous length of the Union bar, but of course, American college students are not allowed to drink, unless they have fake ID, or one their mates has fake ID, or someone in their dorm has fake ID.

Their parents think they don't drink but most of them do. It is a bizarre system and one which many kids are completely ill-prepared for; away from their parents for the first time, mature in some ways, but lacking worldly experience because their helicopter parents have not prepared them for real life. Yes, it goes badly wrong a lot of the time.

What went wrong in our house last month was the toilet. My excuse is that American flush systems are completely different in design to the UK method, but as Ernie the handyman said, 'You could have watched a video on YouTube'. I am used to the hired help insulting me in the UK, but this never happens in America. They call you sir and refuse offers of coffee. Ernie is different, he just can't believe that I can't be bothered to fix my own plumbing. Ernie lives in a trailer behind a warehouse, 10 miles south of us. I love Ernie, he's like me. He really can't be bothered about Harry and Meghan. He isn't much of an American really.

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DEDDINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

Scary Stuff

Sometimes people don't buy things because they don't know how to cook them or they've had an unfortunate taste experience with them.

This month's recipe is familiar and comforting but uses an ingredient that is often neglected: freshly cooked and picked cockles (that you can find at the market - *not* the ones you find in jars of vinegar).

COCKLES WITH BACON AND CREAM

serves 2

3 rashers of smoked streaky bacon

1 small onion, peeled

a knob of butter

150ml double cream

150g pickled fresh cockle meat

salt and pepper

nutmeg

2 slices of toast (or fried bread)

Cut the bacon into little strips and dice the onions finely. Gently fry the two in the butter for about 10 minutes. When the onion is meltingly soft and a little caramel-coloured, add the cream and the cockles. Check the seasoning. You may need pepper. You may not need salt. A scrape of nutmeg is nice too. Stir and,

when the cream lightly simmers, race to the buttered toast or fried bread. Eat immediately.

From Valentine Warner's *What To Eat Now*.

More seriously, the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation on 28 May will affect everyone on the market mailing list. In order to continue receiving emails about the market you will have to re-register. You'll get an email telling you how to do this in due course.

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

The market is on Saturday 26 May 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.

Good shopping!

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BLISSFUL THINKING

You know when you have a project to complete but find it excruciatingly difficult to concentrate on the task at hand? It's like you're looking for something in the dark but the head of your torch falls off so the light is diffused everywhere which, although better than darkness, isn't much use without a focused beam. So you scramble around on the floor for a while searching for the head of the torch, but soon give up because it seems as though forcing it is just wasted effort.

Then comes procrastination. Perhaps if you shuffle around aimlessly for a while, you'll stumble over it, and then your problems will be solved and you can find what you are searching for. Except ... what is it that you are trying to find? You'll definitely know when you see it; you just can't articulate it right now.

So phoning a friend is no help. This is your problem alone. Time is ticking by, and still the mission remains unfulfilled. The deadline looms, and you

excoriate yourself for letting this happen again. Why must you keep leaving these things until the last minute and inducing panic? Particularly when you are someone who has always suffered recurring nightmares about being late for important events? Is this some kind of perpetual self-fulfilling prophecy vortex you are doomed to fall through until the end of time? Suddenly though, it hits you. The torch head is long gone but you remember what you were searching for, finally! A really weak meta-analogy. Until next time!



Aaron Bliss

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Walter Meagher, author and parish naturalist, was writing a book about local flora and fauna but died before it could be completed. His widow, Wendy, hopes to publish it in 2018–19. Meanwhile three chapters can be read online as 'tasters' by going to the History home page and clicking on the links to:

History Corner
www.deddingtonhistory.uk

Deddington Castle Grounds; Plantations Old and New; and The 'Living' Churchyard of St Peter and Paul, Deddington.

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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM



So what happened to spring? As I bash this out the weather gods seem to have gone on holiday leaving the ewes, lambs and their shepherd, to the mercy of the Clifton Sea. Although the ewes produced their lambs in the protected comfort of the Clifton lambing sheds during the onslaught of the 'Beast

from the East', we need to get them out to reduce the risk of overcrowding and mis-mothering, to say nothing of the diminishing feed and bedding stocks. They went away into the grass paddocks and all seemed well until the mini-beast hit. To bring them back inside would have, from past experience, caused even more problems, so it was out with the full winter feed rations but this time in mud and water with dejected ewes and mud-covered lambs, with a number of lambs being taken off their mothers and brought into the kade pens to be bottle-fed as their mothers could not cope. It's a heart-breaking situation and one that brings into question the future of the last ewe flock in Clifton.

Some winter flooding of the river valley is essential to preserve the ecology of the river valley but, as I write, we are now in the third hedge-to-hedge deluge since the start of the year with little prospect of any improvement soon. Although we can do nothing about the rainfall patterns, the real problem is the amount of run-off from the various construction projects being undertaken in and around the river catchment area, all of which drain into the river and its feeder streams below the Banbury flood defence scheme.

The next problem down on the farm is that the inclement weather has delayed the planting of the spring crops. The plan was to get these in the ground in between the lambing of the Clifton flock and the start of the North Aston flock, but as the organic flock will be well under way by the time this is submitted, it seems as if the Old Man with his dodgy knees will be tractor bound (if it ever dries up), while the shepherding team get on with the job at North Aston. Not very onerous for the Old Man, as the modern day tractors are hydro-static (no clutch pedal), air-conditioned and fitted with an audio system tuned to Classic FM. Bliss as long as

I ignore all the other gadgets and gizmos and fly the thing as I always did, by the seat of my pants, with the only difficulty being the need for climbing ropes and crampons to get into the cockpit. Ho hum.

The bees have had a difficult winter and, with the late spring, were very hungry by the end of March, so it was out with the feeders and the sugar syrup. Although the local badger population showed no interest in the hives during the winter, the late start to spring has renewed their interest in the contents of the beehive and have revised their strategy to cope with the new A-frame stands. So it's back to the drawing-board, but the solution to the problem may be far simpler and one that has been staring me in the face. After 45+ years of farming we have accumulated a number of old bale and grain trailers no longer fit for use and destined for the scrap yard. These will have expanded mesh beds fitted, recycling old drying grain floors destined for the scrap man and, with the wheels removed, stood on concrete blocks at a height well above old Mr Brock's reach. So the old adage of never throw anything away as it might come in handy one day, may come good again.

At the end of March one of the lambs fell into the river which was in full flood and was washed downstream some way before being able to get out on the wrong side, ending up being stuck between the river and flooded meadowland. We were alerted by a frantic mother pacing the bank calling for her offspring, so it was action stations with all hands on deck with the problem of how to cross a river in full spate. Solution: a boat. In the Home Farm yard we have an Environment Agency compound where they store many different items of equipment, including some river work barges. One of these was borrowed and launched into the river on the end of a winch attached to the farm ATV. After a few attempts the boat washed up, tangled in a willow tree on the far bank. The three intrepid sailors retrieved the lamb who gave up without a fight and the winch-man retrieved the boat and its cargo with no-one getting wet. The lamb was reunited with its mother, so a happy ending to a difficult situation, but the icing on the cake was that, as we loaded the boat back on to its trailer, six curlew flew in overhead to land on the edge of the floodwater, so they are back. On the second of April three pairs of swallows returned to the farm buildings, so there is light at the end of the winter tunnel and spring can't be far behind, even if it's late.

George Fenemore
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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

There was no FoDL meeting this past month so nothing to report on that score, except to remind all of you to continue taking those stunning images for our annual photo competition.

Spring is about to spring apparently, so I hope you'll

have plenty of opportunities to get your cameras out and start taking some great pics for the competition and calendar. Images to be 300dpi and no less than 5Mb. Please send them to me.

Bryn Williams abw@brynwilliams.com

We hope you all had a very happy Easter, despite the cold wet weather.

Thankfully our first week back after the holiday turned out to be a lovely warm week when we could begin to use and enjoy our school grounds more fully. The first day of term saw the whole school taking part in an RE day. Every class spent the day focusing on key RE questions in order to deepen their understanding of religion and its importance to our CofE school. The day proved to be most enjoyable for all staff and pupils involved.

The School Council was asked to lead a competition to name the footpath which will run along the front of the David Wilson development across the road from school and link up to the village. They wanted the name to reflect the local area, whether this was to be linked to Deddington village history or the nature in the area. After a competition amongst classes and many suggestions of names being made, we voted for the winning name of 'Marshall Way' after Canon Hugh Marshall. He was of huge importance to us all at Deddington, often leading church services and assemblies in school, and was our chair of governors



for a period of time. We are sure you will agree that this is a fitting name for this pathway and David Wilson Homes have been informed of our choice.

At the end of April our Years 5/6 netball team took part in the Oxfordshire county finals in Abingdon. They did brilliantly and as always proudly represented our school.

In early May we also took part in a tennis tournament for Years 3 and 4 pupils, and in The Warriner Family Quad Kids Athletics which was organised for pupils from Years 3 up to Year

6. A great time was had by all the participants.

May is of course the month when all the Year 6 and some Year 2 pupils take SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests). We are always proud of our children and their educational achievements and the SATs merely confirm how well our children learn and flourish within the school.

To end our news, let us now hope the weather continues to warm up so that we can all enjoy some much-deserved late spring sunshine.

Denise Welch

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

As with the best laid plans, the installation of SPARK, our new library management system, has been a little delayed but, by the time you read this, it should have been installed, so fingers crossed it all goes to plan now. So, as before, please remember to bring your library cards with you, although if forgotten, we will of course help you at the counter, but it may take a little longer while I get used to the new system.

With your library card, our very capable volunteers can help you use the self-service machines to save you waiting for me; the machines take credit and debit cards as well as cash, so even if you have a small fine, DVD hire fee or reservation to pay for, this can all be done on the RFID machines. Our volunteers can also help you order books on the library public PCs. You just need your PIN (which I can issue at the counter) and library card.

While we still await the arrival of SPARK, Windows 10 was successfully installed as planned on the staff PCs at the counter and a welcome upgrade it was too.

You will recall in April I informed you that OCC has decided to review the opening hours at the library to bring them more into line with other libraries of a similar size in the county. There is no change to the overall number of hours or days that the library is open, but we hope the proposed changes offer a more helpful, simplified timetable. For full details please go to <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/deddington-library> or call in at the library for more information and a consultation from. The consultation has been extended and will continue until 11 May. In the meantime, it's business as usual.

Rhymetime for under fives and families continues to be popular on Mondays, 2.30–3.00pm, so come and join in the fun.

We are very pleased to welcome Mary and Meriel to the Bookworms reading group. I'm sure they will make a positive contribution to the group. There is another place available, so if anyone else would like to join, do let me know – the first Monday of the month, 6.30pm in the library.

We look forward to seeing you in the library again very soon.

Meantime, Adderbury Library is holding a fund-raising quiz on Saturday 19 May at The Bell, Adderbury. Chris and Sandra make everyone welcome so if you want a fun night with a really good meal, why not come and enjoy the quiz at the same time? Tickets are available from Adderbury library or, if you have a query, please ring Aline or David on 01295 810002.

The start time is 7.00pm, £5 per person. All funds raised go towards keeping Adderbury library open.

Stella O'Neill, Library Manager

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LETTERS

FROM ANDREW LANE,
NEW STREET

*Parking – Do We Care
About Our Environment?*

We all know that parking is a contentious issue for many reasons, but I'm prompted to re-open the debate by the notes from the March Parish Council meeting. The bus stop in New Street is indeed a quagmire, but it's not the only place in New Street where verges are being destroyed by parking. Controversial perhaps, but should we not be prepared to walk a little to maintain our green verges or are we content to see them increasingly turned to mud? That is, of course, a choice down to your own conscience, but the decision by the PC simply to ignore the problem concerns me more.

Concluding that putting in hard-standing will encourage more parking implies that not doing so will discourage parking. Clearly that isn't happening, hence the ugly quagmire that we now have. Perhaps the quagmire is acceptable but I suspect most of us don't agree. So we have three options as far as I can see. One is to put in hard-standing, which will be much cleaner, will not actually increase parking, but will result in the loss of the (green) verge. Another is to actually do something to protect the verges, and install protective bollards as in the centre of the village. Even better, plant some trees as in other places on the street.

So PC, let's be a little braver and do something to put a stop to the insidious decline of our environment.

FROM JANE GREEN, CHURCH STREET

Stamp Collection

We are collecting used postage stamps in a box on the chest just inside the church door in aid of the charity, Embrace the Middle East. The charity is organised to sell these stamps and send the proceeds to the Helen Keller School for blind children in East Jerusalem. In addition, if anyone would like to dispose of a stamp album collection, please let me know, green-jane@btconnect.com, 01869 337837, as the charity would be glad to have it and I will send it on to them.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, DEDDINGTON

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 13–19 May

'Charity begins at home, is the voice of the world', wrote Sir Thomas Browne 400 years ago. Christian Aid begins on your doorstep when the volunteer collector receives back the red Christian Aid Week envelope delivered to you earlier. Thank you for your contribution towards the £2,411 collected last year, boosted by £229 reclaimable in tax – thanks to the 108 people able to sign the Gift Aid form attached to their envelope.

Thus together we responded to the voices of the world – those who lost their homes and livelihoods in Caribbean hurricanes and the millions displaced



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by the endless conflict in the Middle East. Better still, we helped Christian Aid prove wrong the proverb: 'Charity sees the need, not the cause'. Our support invests in long term development to undo the chains of poverty. Visit <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do>. Every pound helps. However, consider how small a note seems in the Co-op and how large it seems in a Christian Aid envelope.

FROM STEVE WATERMAN, MILL CLOSE

Reference Helen Oldfield's report of the latest developments with the Neighbourhood Plan in the April DN. It's excellent news that Cherwell is supporting the size, numbers and pace of housing development as set out in the NP but it is particularly frustrating that the NP Steering Committee still appears to be wedded to the use of un-weighted criteria in determining the location of future housing sites.

If anyone looks at these eleven criteria (go to <https://tinyurl.com/yandcbdth> – JC) they will see that, because they are not in any priority order or are given any weightings, they are effectively unusable in making an understandable evaluation of any particular development proposal. For example, if a developer came forward with a proposal for, say, a 20-house development on the ridge and furrow field on Earls Lane, it would fit the criteria (numbers 8, 9, 11 and 3) that emphasise the importance of access to central village services, the reduction of car movements, and not to materially extend the settlement boundary, but would not align with number 2: adverse impact on heritage asset. Without any weightings for these criteria it's not clear how we arrive at a decision for this sample proposal or indeed any other, or to assess two or more competing proposals. Or do we simply say, four criteria are acceptable, and one says not, so there goes the ridge and furrow field. That might be the right decision for Deddington, but it should be a debate that happens as part of the NP process, not afterwards.

People will understand the difficulty and potential pitfalls of coming up with a list of possible sites, but the alternative is that we will be asked to vote for a NP where we not only don't know where the next housing development(s) should be sited but, because of the unprioritised criteria, we don't even know where they might be sited. We will have lost the opportunity for a democratic community approach to this crucial and central aspect of any NP. If the choice of the next development site is going to engender strong and opposing views, then that should be thrashed out within the context of the NP which will have the advantage of ending in a village vote, rather than afterwards when a much smaller number of people will be involved.

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Given all the hard work put in by the Steering Group and others to develop the NP to this stage, it's a real shame that the criteria have not been improved and 'road tested' in order to better help us decide on the location of our future housing developments.

FROM CHRIS TWOMEY, DEDDINGTON

On behalf of the committee and members of Deddington Day Centre I would like to thank the *Deddington News* for their generous donation of £700. This will greatly assist us in our fundraising activities which are continuing to undertake for our survival.

Thank you once again for your very generous support which is much appreciated by us all.

FROM JEAN WELFORD, DEDDINGTON

Young People in Hopcraft Lane

I would like to offer a public thank you to the young families living in Hopcraft Lane for their kindness and offers of help during the recent snowy winter. One young lady who has been here less than a year not only cleared the path to my front door but also cleared the paths in front of the houses in Hopcraft Lane and Philcote Street after several heavy snow storms.

I won't single them out by name, they know who I mean, and we all owe them a great debt of gratitude for their time and thoughtfulness.

Maybe we should remember that there is good in everyone and look for that, showing love and encouragement.

Can We Adopt SuRie?

Deddington is represented at this year's Eurovision Song Contest being held in Lisbon on 12 May. Singer and songwriter SuRie, born Susanna Marie Cork, and daughter of Andrew (aka Andy at Deddington Cricket Club) and Julia Cork (Rhymetime and library volunteer) of Deddington, will be singing *Storm* in competition against 42 other countries as the UK representative. *Storm* was co-written by Nicole Blair, Gil Lewis and Sean Hargreaves. Although SuRie has never lived in Deddington, this seems to me to give us the best reason ever to cheer on our team.

This talented young woman has appeared twice before at Eurovision, on backing vocals in 2015 and musical director in 2017, on both occasions for different Belgian singers, so she has experience.

SuRie's background is in classical music and she's a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music, playing piano and oboe. She has performed all around the world including St Mark's Basilica, Venice, and closer to home at the Royal Albert Hall and St Paul's Cathedral.

If you haven't heard the song yet – and if not where have you been since February? – you can hear her beautiful singing by going to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K--kldOpbJM>.

My favourite quote from SuRie is: 'The moment you're handed a Union Jack live on stage, mid-song,

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Clifton abounds with volunteers at present. Nineteen of our small number came forward for the annual litter pick, or plogging as it is being called by some. However, thanks to an error by CDC the equipment wasn't dropped off in time for the selected date (despite promises) so a second mid-week date has been selected where still a credible eight have offered. It's a shame more don't volunteer as everyone hates the litter blight but it seems only the usual suspects come forward to deal with it – but we are grateful to them. The event will have happened by publication but we'll update you next month.

Trina is doing Clifton proud with her organising efforts for the Four Farms Challenge annual fun run on 18 May and with her numerous other organisers will make sure this is a fabulous local event.

Under the same organising roof is David who is part of the team organising Deddy Car Fest on Sunday 10 June and he has asked me to appeal for some more marshals for the day. He'd also give show room to some unusual cars if you have or know of one. Our half Italian 5-litre Mustang has been roped in as an example. The marshals will be helping with the paid for rides and the free viewings. Non-petrolheads can join in, so if you are interested please approach David Hundley Palmer, hundley.david@gmail.com, or me for more details please. This excellent event is in aid of Young Minds, the children's mental health charity. Mental health has affected a few children and parents in our parish so it was 'no brainer' to support (David's words – not mine).

This month saw the one year anniversary of the restoration of the heart of the community. Rebecca and Tim invited us to the pub's birthday party where Rebecca thanked all their staff for a fabulous year and the village thanked Tim and Rebecca for giving us our pub back. It wasn't quite the 3.00am session of New Year's day but it was a fine evening all the same.

This correspondent cannot recall Clifton-sur-Mer being a feature between editions before but the view is compensation for the appalling weather we've all endured. Some have been trying to work out how to get it into the library's calendar this year.

Finally, Una Stubbs will be back among us by the next issue and you'll be delighted to know our brave boys have moved up from Division 7 to Division 6. There is serious talk of no practice until a friendly at the Pie Pub at the end of the month.

Martin Bryce martinbryce@gmail.com

and you're so proud and overwhelmed, you forget how to fly a flag, how to sing, who you are and whether you remembered to put pants on.'

We wish her luck on 12 May.

Following (her undoubted success at) Eurovision, she will be touring England and has various dates with more to be added. Details are at www.surie.me.

JC

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington and District Photographic Society

We held our 11th AGM on 4 April, which was well attended. Chairman John Prentice presented a report on our activities and commented on the success of our annual exhibition. It was agreed that this continues to provide an excellent showcase of our work and that the quality of prints exhibited is being maintained to a high standard. The club is in a sound financial position and it is not necessary to increase the annual subscription which remains at the current £30. Suggestions for future talks ranged through aerial and abstract photography, archaeology and science images.

The usual 'What Is It?' competition followed with 63 puzzling photographs, taken from close up or unusual angles, for others to guess at. These pictures raised plenty of comment and laughter from the audience and our meeting finished off in a happy mood.

The next monthly challenge is 'A Landscape in Black and White' and our meeting is on 2 May with a display and review of the prints shown at our 2017 annual exhibition. We meet at the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho at 7.30pm.

Paul Brewerton

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Deddington Day Centre (Thursday Club)

Unfortunately, the wrong price was quoted in the last issue. Due to the loss of funding the day centre charges are now £15 for a day of friendship and care for up to 15 elderly people living in Deddington and the surrounding villages. The Centre provides a stimulating and enjoyable day with a range of activities, talks and information in a friendly, informal atmosphere. We offer morning and afternoon tea or coffee, and a substantial two course cooked lunch. Transport may be available at extra cost.

Annie Freeman 01869 338788

Deddington Bookworms

At our recent meeting we discussed the book *Missing, Presumed* by Susie Steiner, and also welcomed two new members to the group.

The book tells the story of Edith Hind, a Cambridge postgraduate student whose sudden disappearance starts a 'high-risk missing person' investigation led by DS Manon Bradshaw, a single lonely 39-year-old detective.

The chapters are written from the perspective of different characters in the story, although not all of them, taking the reader through the search, investigation and reasons behind Edith's disappearance. The characters, drawn from family, friends and police officers, are well written although some are slightly stereotypical. It was felt that some chapters held the reader more than others depending on the character.

Details, such as the press intrusion, make the pressure faced by both the family and the police feel

particularly real. The frustration of not knowing makes this book quite a page turner. Some details of the plot are a bit far fetched but, all in all, the story line is good with a clever twist at the end.

This is the author's second novel, albeit her first crime novel, and is billed as a 'Manon Bradshaw Thriller' which seems to suggest there may be more featuring the detective.

The group enjoyed this book and would recommend it.

This month we are reading *Cider with Rosie* by Laurie Lee and will meet on 30 April at 6.30pm in the Library.

Deddington Library

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Women's Institute

At our April meeting Graham Rayner spoke about 'Making Fine Furniture'. It all started with a box of Lego that Graham received aged four. He loved making all sorts of creations and not long after he was the proud owner of a toy tool set. Unfortunately, he soon realised its limitations and protested to Dad (up the garden in the shed of course) that he needed the real thing. A few months later, Father Christmas did not disappoint and Graham was thrilled to receive a small set of the genuine article.

Not surprisingly, at secondary school, woodwork was Graham's thing and he was blessed with an inspirational teacher. So much so that at lunch times, as Sir departed for lunch, Graham was permitted to enter the woodwork room to clean, tidy and sharpen the tools.

The rest is history as Graham now handcrafts beautiful bespoke contemporary furniture with wonderful pieces of wood and showed us slides of commissions he has created. His talents also lie in restoration and we saw several examples, including a battered old family heirloom card table which, following many hours of loving restoration, was returned as new to its amazed and delighted owner. It was a brilliant talk with Graham staying to answer questions and enjoying convivial refreshments.

The evening was hosted by our new president, Jen Cox, who has taken over from Beryl Suckling (in the chair for 10 years). We thanked Beryl for her hard work and dedication by presenting her with a garden voucher.

If you would like to join our friendly bunch, please contact Jenny Cross, secretary, on 01869 337613.

Sue Lane

Book Group

In March we read *Conclave* by Robert Harris, a fictional account of the election of a new pope. The novel is skilfully written and combines a well-researched description of the conclave process with a twisting and suspenseful story of desire for power. Despite a couple

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of less enthusiastic comments, one that the detail was sometimes excessive and another that some developments were improbable, most of us found it a hugely enjoyable and gripping narrative – a real page-turner. We were all interested to learn more about a complex subject, and various issues raised in the plot led to a fascinating and wide-ranging discussion.

Our next meeting is on 31 May when we will be discussing *Mothering Sunday* by Graham Swift. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for more information.

Sian Waterman

Deddington and District History Society

In April we enjoyed a talk by Ellie Reid on the craze for historical pageants that swept the country at the beginning of the 20th century. The precursors to pageants were living tableaux, often featuring very large casts. Banbury produced a few such tableaux in the late 19th century, usually featuring (of course) a lady on a white horse. Tableaux were replaced c1900 by historical pageants. The first was at Sherborne, Dorset, staged by the splendidly named Louis Napoleon Parker, musician and playwright, who presented scenes from local history in the castle ruins there. It was a great success and attracted so much press coverage and profit that other historic towns decided to follow suit and were prepared to pay Parker good money to stage them. Warwick put on a pageant with an astonishing 2,000 performers, attracting 44,000 spectators over four days. There was even a small pageant in Deddington in 1914. An intriguing pageant at South Newington in 1924 set out to recreate scenes

depicted by the famous wall paintings in the church there. Parker was succeeded as chief pageant-master by a local man, Frank Lascelles, son of the vicar of Sibford Gower. Between the wars the WI organised many village events, which continued into the 1950s before television and other more sophisticated forms of entertainment killed them off.

On Wednesday 9 May the distinguished archaeologist Professor Gary Lock, who many will have seen on television, will speak to us on 'Becoming Roman in Oxfordshire'. The meeting will be in the upstairs meeting-room at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm. As ever, all are welcome.

Barrie Smith, Chairman 01869 337813

Moir Byast, Secretary 01869 338637

Deddington Baby and Toddler Group

This is a friendly group for babies and children up to pre-school age and their parents and carers. It offers variety of toys and activities, together with snacks and drinks. We meet every Friday at the Windmill Centre 10.00am–12.00pm and only £3 per session. There's no need to book, just come along and meet friends or make new ones. See our Facebook page, Deddington Baby and Toddler Group.

Louise Tustain

Deddington Brass

We are planning a concert in Deddington on Saturday 15 September. Please save the date and watch this space for more information.

Lucy Squires

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SPORT

Deddington Town Football Club

First team results

10.03.18	Sinclair Utd (h) (CUP)	W 4–2
17.03.18	Broughton & NN (a)	L 1–4
24.03.18	AFC Bicester (a)	W 8–1
07.04.18	Sinclair Utd	L 0–1

Reserve team results

24.03.18	Wroxton Sports	W 2–1
07.04.18	Banbury Galaxy	L 0–1

By the time you read this, the Coronation Cup final will have taken place, so let's hope that Deddington have vanquished Bishops Itchington, though the Itch are once again running away with the top division, so the Humbugs have it all to do. Still, there's always the Banbury Charity Cup. As far as league standings go, DTFC have made an excellent run into third place, but could still finish as low as eighth, as the middle of the league is compressed with games in hand left for a lot of teams, and a game in hand is worth two in the bush, so they say.

The Reserves have given their dedicated fans something to shout about with an excellent victory

over Wroxton, which has given them a slim chance of finishing one place higher, though relegation is confirmed but for an act of God (otherwise known as a team finishing higher in the league than them being wound up). Make sure you make yourselves part of the final dash for First Team silverware.

Aaron Bliss

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Youth teams

In the Witney and District Youth Football League the U14s playing in the B League had a narrow 3–4 defeat at home to high-flying Ducklington, despite leading 2–1 at half time. The U13 Cobras had a heavy home defeat to Stonesfield Strikers. The U13 Sharks had a 4–0 home defeat to Banbury Irish, followed by a 12–1 win over Carterton Town with Freddie Murfitt, Jack Friday and Felix Norman all scoring hat-tricks. The U12s had a 2–2 draw with Croughton followed by a 3–1 home defeat to Ducklington.

New Club Welfare Officer needed

The club is seeking a new Club Welfare Officer for the 2018–19 season. The role of the CWO is to make sure

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that managers and coaches understand their duty of care towards children and young people. This includes making sure they have an up-to-date Disclosure and Barring Service check when new coaches come to the club (this is updated every three years), have attended a Safeguarding Children course and Emergency First Aid. This is an integral role within the running of the club. More information about the role and our safeguarding policies can be found on the club website. If you would like to apply for the role, please contact us via deddingtontownfootballclub@gmail.com or contact Sarah on sarahcharman77@googlemail.com.

Presentation day

Our annual youth presentation day is at the Windmill Centre on 10 June from 2.00–5.30pm. We are producing a presentation day programme and have opportunities for local businesses to advertise. The programme will be sold on the day to more than 200 people who we expect to attend and will be used as a marketing document for the season ahead, as well as going on our website after the event. If you wish to take up this opportunity to provide support for your local football team, then contact Roger Sykes on 07899 914425 or carsykes@btinternet.com.

Get involved

If you want to get involved with the club as player,

volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please get in touch. Further information about the club is on our website – www.deddingtontownfc/ or visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc.

Roger Sykes
Development Officer and U7/U6 Coach
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Deddington Cricket Club

Matches in the new season for DCC start on 5 May. The Club has two teams in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association League, the Firsts in Division 4 and the Seconds in Division 7 North. We also have a Ladies team in the Midlands League, following their promotion last season. The OCA games are on Saturday afternoons and the Ladies play on Sundays.

The Club is always interested to hear from local players, of all standards and ages, who would like to play. We run midweek outdoor nets and would encourage anyone interested in reviving former skills or discovering new ones, to either come along or contact Lewis Bletchley, membership secretary, bletchers98@hotmail.co.uk. Full details can be found on the club website, www.deddingtoncricket.co.uk.

Simon Oldfield
simon.oldfield0@gmail.com

YOUTH**1st Deddington Guides**

It was great to be able to get outdoors for our last meeting, with the coming of the lighter evenings. Together with school exchange friends from the USA and France, we played an energetic wide game and had an Easter Egg Hunt in the woods on the way home. Google translate was very helpful in explaining the rules of a tag game but was not required for an Easter Egg Hunt. Senior Guide Jess, back at the hall, kept everyone active with a range of co-operative games.

During the last part of the term Jess presented a session all about Fairtrade and Hannah and Connie,

through sensory awareness games, helped us understand the difficulties many others face every day. The senior Guides are all working towards their Baden Powell Award.

We are looking forward to this summer term as ever, with almost all our meetings outdoors, providing a wide range of activities.

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Marian Trinder 01869 340806
Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008
Tilly Neal

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

Spring has finally arrived and we are looking forward to lots of fun outdoors. The PFSU children will be watching tadpoles change into frogs and caterpillars into butterflies, feeding the birds, and spending lots of time in the garden.

Nursery has a brand new kitchen and we would like to thank everyone who was involved in this project, including providing the equipment, storage and fitting. Enormous thanks to Anthony at Howdens Kitchens, Richard Spencer, Nicholls, Hal and Chloe Eriksen, Jo and Matt Belcher, Sophie McCarthy, Russell Andrews, Alistair Gill, Tom Harbottle, Toby the electrician, James

Stamp, Lauren and Gary Odell, and everyone else who was involved. The end result looks amazing.

Coming up soon is the Four Farms Challenge on Sunday 13 May. This is a 5K and 10K and children's fun run around Deddington parish, organised in conjunction with the Primary School PTA and the Deddington Fire Service. To register or for more information visit www.fourfarmschallenge.co.uk.

We will be drawing our spring hamper raffle at the farmers' market on Saturday 26 May – we'll see you there.

Lucy Squires 01869 337484

FROM THE FIRE STATION

March into April has been a steady month for the station. We have been on 32 shouts, consisting mainly of standbys, a handful of RTCs, alarms, a shed fire and a large scrap metal yard fire in Great Rollright. The scrap metal yard fire was a long job for us. We were called to the incident around 10.30 in the evening and didn't return home until 7.30 the next morning. The cause for the duration of the job was down to the fact we were on a watching brief. A watching brief is where the fire is for all intents and purposes extinguished, but requires crews to watch over and damp down the remaining combusted materials, ensuring re-ignition doesn't occur.

Station training over the past few weeks has been orientated towards George and Nicky's In Charge assessments coming up in the late spring to early summer. Scenarios have been set up designed to make them think outside the box and put them both under a bit of pressure in a safe environment. This training is necessary, not only for successfully completing the assessment, but also applies to the real world when they will both be allowed to take the pump out in charge. So far they have both excelled – keep up the good work.

Congratulations are in order for our latest recruit, Adam Perry, who has passed his initial Breathing Ap-

paratus course. In my opinion this course is the most enjoyable and rewarding course you take part in as a firefighter. It consists of you going into live fire situations, allowing you to extinguish the fire and rescue casualties from buildings. Well done Adam.

Although Sharon left around a month ago I just wanted to mention her fantastic achievement in completing the Paris Marathon last weekend. Sharon raised £1,122 for Edie's Butterfly Appeal which is a charity close to Sharon's heart.

Don't forget that the Four Farms Challenge is taking place on Sunday 13 May. You can still register. The run consists of a 10k, 5k over 16s, and 5k under 16s. The course is set between the Castle Grounds in Deddington and Clifton, offering beautiful scenery and we hope good weather. The money raised is split between three charities including the Firefighters Charity so all your support is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately I have not had time to organise a car wash for this month so we are aiming to do one around September after the summer holidays.

Until next time, stay safe.

FF Thomas Hall

Holly Tree Club

Firstly, on behalf of our members and users, the Holly Tree Club management committee wishes to thank the parish council for approving our grant application at their March meeting for £100,000 towards improvements and renovations to the Club. We are very grateful for such tremendous support received from our members and users; huge thanks to all those who wrote letters in our support, as well as those who went and spoke on our behalf at the PC meeting.

We're very excited to have such a great start to our fundraising campaign and are currently working on other applications to gain grant funding for the renovations. Our plans are progressing well and once we have some graphics available we will make them publicly available so that the community can see what we're proposing. We anticipate this taking approximately two years to bring to fruition though, as we're committed to getting the plans right. We would rather spend a bit more time on this stage than rush into it and later realise we've missed something. We will, of course, give you regular updates via these pages each month.

There are a few things we can work on while the big plan is being finalised though: improved disabled access from Horse Fair and some of the damp-proofing work will be made a priority.

At the time of writing, our members are still looking forward to their trip to Stratford-upon-Avon for a river cruise and cream tea which we will report on next month.

There will be no film in May as the projectionist from Age UK is on holiday but we will be back in June with another great movie for you, which we will advertise in the next *DN*.

Don't forget our Monday morning coffee club for the over 60s is held on the first Monday of the month at 10.30am in the Holly Tree Club, except in May of course when, due to the May Bank Holiday, it will be held on Monday 14 May. This will also be our AGM, so I would request that everyone arrive at 10.15am for coffee and cakes provided by the committee, with a view to a prompt 10.30am start.

Just a reminder to HTC users – please identify items that belong to you as we will be having a spring clean after the AGM in May. Anything not claimed will be disposed of. Thank you for your co-operation.

For all Club enquiries, please contact Liz Dickinson 01869 337050 or Diana Marshall on 01869 337761. For all Holly Tree booking enquiries, please contact Hugh Blythe on 01869 338126 or hughblythe@btinternet.com.

John Finnigan, Chair

It's that time of year when we swap loud, frenzied, muddy, goal-mouth action for the more genteel sounds of leather on willow up at the Windmill. The hugely successful tennis club juggles court bookings and the occasional jogger is seen trying out the fitness trail apparatus – although, I have to admit, I haven't spotted one yet.

Football, cricket and tennis are certainly the most visible of all the activities that go on at the Windmill Centre, but it's still only three out of more than 30 local clubs and societies that call our community centre their home. We've got everything from yoga to zumba, mums and tots to Cubs and Scouts, the Day Centre to the History Society, even the pages you are reading now were printed and assembled at the Windmill.



And then there are different spaces for you to hire. How about holding your meeting or seminar in the Clifton Room, or setting up a new exercise class upstairs in the Deddington Studio or throwing a party in the Main Hall and Hempton Lounge?

We have a fully-equipped kitchen and can arrange a licensed bar if you need one. Oh, and let's not forget our floodlit all-weather court – rent it for five-a-side football, netball and soon tennis.

Last but not least, our AGM will be held at the Windmill at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19 June.

To find out more about what the Windmill can offer you, we're inviting the whole parish to a Windmill Open Day on Sunday 16 September. Please save the date.

Vaughan Jones, Chair

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WINDMILL DEVELOPMENT GROUP Over to the Project Manager

Play Area and Woodland Trail: The new project manager, Jeremy Sacha, has started work. One of his first tasks is to draw up a master plan for the sport and leisure area, including the play scheme, woodland trail and access paths. Nicole O'Donnell of Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association will be working with him in a supporting role, which is really good news. The Group will continue to work with Jeremy and the PC clerk to ensure a successful outcome along the lines that we have established already. When the master plan is agreed we'll put it on show for you to comment on.

All-Weather Court: Work on the fencing and lighting is being scheduled in and we hope the all-singing, all-dancing facility will be ready for Deddington Town Football Club's Open Day on 10 June. One outstanding item is the teams' storage area between the two courts which still has to be finalised.

MUGA2: The project has been advertised on the government's Contract Finder website and responses are already coming in. A tender advert will appear in the *Banbury Guardian* during the weeks beginning 19 and 26 April, giving a cut-off date of 3 May, so progress there as well.

At the project manager's suggestion, a clause is to be introduced in the specification, making the contractor responsible for stabilising the groundworks underneath the MUGA surface.

Hall: The project to develop and improve the Centre building is being scoped more widely and thoroughly. The Windmill Management Committee is working on a detailed examination of the present use of all areas, as well as projected future use. All users of the Centre are to be asked what they would like to see in a 21st-century Windmill Centre. The result will be compared with the earlier wish-list of features, based on the Parish Questionnaire/Neighbourhood Plan.

The three architects we have approached have been put on hold while the definitive scheme is drawn up. As with the outside areas, when final achievable plans have been decided, they will be put on show for comment.

Mary Robinson, Chair

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FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

We welcome Mike Robinson who has now joined the committee of the Friends of the Castle Grounds.

Plans for 2018 include the shredding of all dead wood and spreading on to the banks. A calendar of works for the year is being collated. There are plans to introduce native wildflowers to all areas of the grounds.

We are looking to recruit a new secretary for the committee so please contact me if you are interested.

We hope you will come and support the Four Farms Challenge on Sunday 13 May. If you are not taking part, come and see the stalls and various activities and enjoy a lovely family Sunday in this glorious site.

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Honey Bee Round Britain

Who would have expected this would be the first blog entry when the guys left Beaulieu on 19 March? 'Cold! Damn cold! It snowed again overnight so we had to wash the snow off the decks with seawater. We hacked the ice off the cleats and said our passionate goodbyes ...'.

The east coast proved a constant challenge, battling storms and the tides: between Lowestoft and Grimsby on 27 March, 'the seas were big, and when we came off a particularly nasty wave, Pete Best, who was below on a berth, was thrown across the boat together with the berth base, and went head first into the table, splitting his lip.'

Uncertain weather meant changes to the planned schedule: leaving Blyth in Northumberland on 3 April, they had intended to head for Holy Island but 'decided to go straight to Arbroath which was 130 miles which meant an overnighter... the big seas that had been made by the recent strong winds, the pouring rain and the wind against us it made for a very uncomfortable night. With no moon or stars because of the cloud cover we careered along in the dark with the occasional wave breaking over the cockpit. Two hours on and two hours off take its toll on the crew but we work well together and we always get second opinions if we have vessels nearing our course. Eventually dawn

breaks and we see the extent of the swell we have been travelling in.'

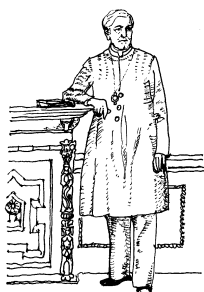
On 9 April the *Dundee Courier* reported their arrival in Arbroath: 'the marina welcomed the crew this week when they met local teenager Cameron Adam, who is being supported by the Teenage Cancer Trust (www.teenagecancertrust.org) in his battle with cancer. The visitors also became the latest recruits to the world-wide fan club for the famous Arbroath smokie after Cameron's dad, Bill Adam, dished up the delicacy as a treat.'

The guys have mastered the east coast wind and weather, and gone round the top of the UK via Stromness in the Orkneys. On 14 April *Honey Bee* was in Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, after completing 1,000 miles – half the trip. A week ahead of schedule, they are resting up before starting to head south at a much more leisurely pace.

Everywhere the response to the trip has been fantastic, with harbour mooring fees donated to the cause, and the guys are near to achieving their £8,000 target. To donate, go to their JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sailroundbritain2018 and keep up to date with their weekly blogs: www.sailblogs.com/member/honeybeeroundbritain.

MR

Deddington 150 Years Ago



The following are extracts from the diaries of the Revd Cotton Risley for the month of May 1868:

4th May – Mr. Whetton came about a sheep wash being made in the Sidelands ground, told him to see it done.

8th May – Sent a tramp to House of Correction for 21 days as a vagrant and for a month additional for violently assaulting the policeman whilst being taken into custody – tore his clothes and kicked him several times.

13th May – I walked to the Cow House and found things in a most disgraceful state – as to the Cow Yard and Stock – as left by Townsend and John Ell – about 6 weeks ago.

18th May – I went to be present at Bletchley Church, Bucks, re-opening.

19th May – The Bishop of Oxford preached in the morning, I read the first lesson. I gave the oak for the communion table and altar rails – having been at school here more than 60 year ago.

24th May – A female named Goseley held forth here at the Wesleyan Chapel from West Bromwich today – and a Ranters meeting was also held just below my house.

29th May – Our sheep shearing took place – I looked in for a time.

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Deddy Car Fest 2018

Sunday 10 June

A plea for help

Last year's Deddy Car Fest was a fantastic, fun event, bringing together amazing cars and making them accessible to the public.

Deddy Car Fest is back for a second season showcasing some of the village's fastest, oldest, rarest and downright wackiest vehicles. This year we are raising money that will go to Young Minds, a children's mental health charity.

A mix of super cars, classic cars and a very large American truck will be taking passengers off for rides, all in aid of Young Minds.

To make this work, we need some helpful willing marshals. If you can put in a morning, afternoon or all-day shift with our team of helpers; you will get to be part of a fun day raising money for charity and being close to the action.

No special experience is necessary, we will help you become part of the team, and you get lunch.

Please contact Paul Drawmer on 01869 338450 or pdawmer@gmail.com if you can join in.