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Merry Christmas and, we sincerely hope, a peaceful New Year, from the deliverers, collators and staplers, printers, advertising organisers, cover designers, treasurer and editors of the DN.

There is no January issue so check for January events in What's On and throughout this issue.

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WHAT'S ON

December

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| Tue | 1 | Village Nursery and PFSU: Christmas Fayre, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 2 | Photographic Society: John Credland, 'Salon des Refusés', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 5 | Scouts: Christmas card post boxes in Eagles, Market Place and Barford Post Office |
| Sat | 5 | Christmas Bazaar: St John's Church Hempton, 11.00am |
| Mon | 7 | Holly Tree Club: Coffee morning, 10.30am |
| Tue | 8 | Holly Tree Club: Christmas lunch, Deddington Arms, time tba |
| Tue | 8 | WI: Christmas and 90th Anniversary meal, Otters, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 9 | History Society: Christmas Party, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 9 | Boys' Brigade: Christmas party and final session |
| Thu | 10 | Holly Tree Club: Film, tba, 6.30pm |
| Fri | 18 | Baby and Toddler Group: Christmas Party, Windmill Centre |
| Sat | 19 | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm |
| Sat | 19 | PTA: Santa in Parish Church, 9.30am–12.30pm |
| Sun | 20 | Scouts: Christmas card delivery |
| Sun | 20 | Christingle Service, Parish Church, 4.00pm |
| Thu | 24 | Blessing of the Crib, Parish Church, 2.00pm |
| Thu | 24 | Carol singing: Market Place, 6.00pm |

January

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| Mon | 4 | Holly Tree Club: Coffee morning, 10.30am |
| Wed | 6 | DOGS: AGM, Deddington Arms, 7.00pm |
| Tue | 12 | WI: Libby Griffin, AgeUK, Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 13 | Deddington and District History Society: Dr Simon Townley, 'Oxfordshire Victoria County History's Recent Work', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 14 | Holly Tree Club: Film tba, 6.30pm |
| Wed | 20 | Photographic Society: 'Correct Exposure' workshop, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 21– | Deddington Players: <i>Jack & the Beanstalk</i> , Windmill |
| Fri | 22 | Centre, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 23 | <i>Jack & the Beanstalk</i> , 2.30pm and 6.30pm |
| Fri | 29 | PTA, Village Nursery and PFSU: Quiz, Royal British Legion, time tbc |

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting at the Old School Room, Hempton on Wednesday 18 November

Present: Councillors Anderson, Collins (Chair), Cox, Finnegan, Flux, Morrell, Oldfield, Rogers, Squires, Watts, Williams (CDC) and Wood

Due to the resignation of Councillor East, a vacancy has arisen which will be advertised in January. Ms. East was thanked for her work on the council.

Work to the gas mains in High Street, Deddington, has not been completed and will be resumed shortly. DPC is to send a letter to the gas company and OCC to complain about the inconvenience caused to residents during the work already done. Following completion of the work the phasing of the traffic lights will be reviewed.

District Councillor Williams reported that the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment offers matching funding for local projects.

Work has started on the Windmill Street car park and a blocked drain has been cleared. The work will be completed when weather conditions permit.

Planning:

No objections

12, The Paddocks, Deddington – single storey rear extension.

Tara, Duns Tew Road, Hempton – erection of three dormer windows to roof.

Deddington Mill, Milton Gated Road, Deddington – alterations and extension to existing outbuilding for guest bedrooms and home office, ancillary to the main house.

Tara, Duns Tew Road, Hempton – amendment to existing proposal to include garage conversion and extension.

2 Police Houses, Hempton Road, Deddington – single storey rear extension, single storey front porch and roof alterations to front of dwelling.

The Orchard, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington – fell three silver birches to ground level.

The Threshing Barn, Pound Court, Deddington – reduce crown of three ornamental pears.

Orchard House, Chapel Close, Clifton – erection of two detached dwellings. DPC objection. CDC approval.

DPC objection; CDC approval

Ithaca, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington – conversion of detached double garage to a home office and gym, changing the flat roof to a pitched roof and erection of an extension to form a carport.

Hempton Lodge, Hempton, single storey timber outbuilding for use as a garden room.

Gaslight, Earl's Lane, Deddington – rendering of outside of property.

Highways and Transport

Prior to the installation of a vehicle activated sign Clifton a speed watch was carried out. One hundred and eight cars were monitored over a 30 minute period. Twenty seven vehicles were speeding at 36

mph or more, with a top recorded speed of 47 mph. Another speed watch is planned after the VAS has been installed.

The S4C bus service from Deddington to Duns Tew and Middle Barton will end in February 2016. The Dial-a-Ride service will end in April 2016.

Environment and Recreation

Oxford Conservation Volunteers will clear the path between the cemetery and the Windmill Centre on Sunday 10 January. They will also erect five bird boxes in the copse at a cost of £5 per box.

Quick response codes are to be produced to enable download of the Deddington Circular Walk pdf file.

The Cricket Club is to repair the Cricket Pavilion.

Thanks were expressed to Deddington Farmers' Market for the donation of £400 towards the Christmas tree.

A leaking trough at Deddington allotments has been repaired. The mandatory water charge to allotment holders, Deddington only, is to be increased by £1 per year.

Complaints about this year's fair were discussed and it was concluded that the event receives enthusiastic general support. This was expressed in the survey carried out for the Neighbourhood Plan.

DPC has provided an area in the Hempton Road cemetery for the surface scattering of ashes. Further details may be obtained from the Clerk.

Windmill Centre Upgrade

Work will soon begin on the exterior woodwork. The entrance hall and main hall are to be improved, as are the current toilets. It is possible that an extension may be built on the west side of the Viewing Lounge to provide facilities for the disabled.

The School is to commission an architect to draw up plans for extension.

There was a lively discussion about proposed cuts to services by OCC and a strong feeling that there has been no democratic involvement in government proposals. Residents are reminded that they may make their views known to OCC until 30 November on the Budget Saving Options and until 8 December on the Future Provision of Intermediate Care in North Oxfordshire.

Next meetings:

Wednesday 16 December at 7.30 pm in the Holly Tree Club, Deddington.

Wednesday 20 January at 7.30pm at Deddington Primary School

Jean Rudge

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

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Please remember the Christmas Bazaar coming up very shortly on Saturday 5 December from 11.00am: a nice family occasion with stalls to suit everyone, games for children and, of course, lunch. Help in providing bottles, cakes and other items for the tombola stall and as raffle prizes would be appreciated.

By the time you read this the new fence should be in place at the front of the church to replace the broken one, giving the building a much better look. Also coming up in December will be the ever popular Carol Service on Friday 18th at 6.30pm with the Deddington church choir, followed by seasonal refreshments. Christmas Day Eucharist will be at 9.00am, but there will be no Evening Prayer Service on the 27th.

If you wish to hire the Old Schoolroom please remember the hiring charges are very reasonable at £4 per hour. It is ideal for such events as birthday parties and meetings. Give me a call if you should need to use it. As the year ends I would like to thank the following for delivering this paper in the village: Sue Montague, Ingrid Robey and Barbara Chappell, as well as Rebecca Warwick and Cara Hedges who delivered when others were away. Many hands make light work as the saying goes. Thank you also to the many people who have helped at the church. Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone.

Les Chappell 338054



Christmas

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Inspire Believe Achieve

Six months down the line from our vote against expansion and our decision to look at ways to improve the school buildings, I thought I would write again to keep the village abreast of our plans

Hopefully you read the Head Teacher's report on our results in last month's edition. We had the best progress results ever at Deddington School last year and great attainment. Congratulations to all of the children and staff, including those in last year's Year 6 who have moved on. You have set a high standard for the school to maintain. There is a lot of positive work going on in school to keep the bar high for our current pupils and to keep the upward trend in progress.

The governors strongly believe that the school building needs to better reflect the excellence that is going on inside. As I mentioned before, until June this year, the possibility of expansion had been around for a long time, paralysing any attempts to look again at ways we could improve the learning environment. However, we have taken great strides forward in the last six months. As a result of my article in the *Deddington News* in July, we had the unbelievable luck of an offer of help from Grayling Thomas Architects, a local firm specialising in Education Projects. They have been amazingly generous with their time in helping us to gauge what we can do.

We now have some early plans and some broad brush costs to contemplate. At the time of writing, I'm not able to give you any more detail but we hope to unveil our plans and our fundraising target early in 2016. Just to say that we are really excited about the opportunities these plans will offer, not just to the children at the school, but to the community as a whole.

Becky Jones, Chair of Governors
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FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

This will be the last report on the Wood for this year and the next will be in February. So let's hope that Nature works her magic over the winter to reveal the bare trees in all their beauty.

We are shortly anticipating a Logs for Labour event which we expect to be well attended and have enjoyed a thoroughly stimulating First Aid training session.

Dates to note are Saturday 30 January, Logs for Labour, 10.00am–1.00pm (contact Riki Therivel, levett-therivel@phonecoop.coop if you propose to come) and Saturday 28 February, working party, 10.00am–noon.

Next year is the 20th birthday of the Wood, so please give me your suggestions for ways we can all best celebrate it. This is our very own local Wood even though the Woodland Trust owns it.

Best seasonal wishes from the committee of the Friends of Daeda's Wood.

Annette Murphy Chair
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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO



The following are extracts from the diaries of the Revd Cotton Risley for the month of December 1865.

2nd December – Holford returned from the County & Woodstock Balls. W. Jordan came and I paid him for 4 days brewing.

13th December – Our dearest one was considerably weaker today; wrote to Willy to say so.

15th December – Robert came by the 4 o'clock train to see his Mother again, poor dear thing, she having passed a very bad night and was evidently much weaker.

21st December – Holford went to Banbury to attend a meeting of Magistrates at the Red Lion Hotel about the cattle plague.

22nd December – I wrote to Willy & Robert to tell them how much weaker their dearest Mother was. I was busied after luncheon giving our Christmas Charity to the widows and others here and at the Hamlets.

24th December – Willy & Robert both arrived in the course of the day, a sad and sorrowful Xmas for us – but God is good and His Will must be done.

30th December – The saddest day of my life – my dearest Susan, the most attached and affectionate of wives, the sharer of my joys and sorrows, breathed her last in my arms this morning. Her sufferings of no common kind were borne by her with the most striking patience and resignation to her Heavenly Father's will – may she prove to be a Guardian Angel to me from the World of Spirits for the rest of my days. The bell tolled minute time for half an hour only at my particular desire. I ordered a neat oak coffin and shell to be made at late H. Franklin's and gave instructions for the Funeral at Adderbury.

Buffy Heywood

Anyone wanting larger portions of the Revd Cotton Risley's take on Deddington 150 Years Ago than our monthly snippets provide can buy his complete published diaries as published by the Banbury Historical Society. They are available either from the Banbury Museum shop or from Margaret Little, bemelittle@bitinternet.com.

Early Victorian Squarson: the Diaries of William Cotton Risley, Vicar of Deddington, 1835–1848, Banbury Historical Society Vol 29 (2007) £15

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

JANUARY

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Weekly

Mon–Fri 8.45am Morning Prayer
Wed 10.00am Holy Communion
Thu 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels

Sun 3 6.00pm Evensong
Sun 10 8.00am BCP Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 17 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 24 10.30am *God4Everyone* (no Communion)
Sun 31 10.30am Holy Communion
6.00pm Service of Healing

Barford St Michael

Sun 3 10.30am Family Service
Sun 10 9.00am Holy Communion
Sun 17 4.00pm Evening Prayer
Sun 24 9.00am Holy Communion

Barford St John

Sun 31 9.00am Holy Communion

Hempton

Sun 3 9.00am Holy Communion
Sun 17 9.00am Holy Communion
Sun 24 6.00pm Evening Prayer

From the Parish Register

Funeral:

1 Nov Dennis Bagot

Baptism:

15 Nov Oliver Clements

For baptisms and weddings please speak to the Vicar, the Revd Annie Goldthorp, after a service. For funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or on 01869 336880 except on Fridays, her day off, or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to www.deddingtonchurch.org.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
Sun 3 Covenant Service

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

Fr Paul Lester 01869 277630

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

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

MUSICAL NOTES

There will be plenty of music around for the Christmas season in the church, in the home, in the square and on the various media, so I will just remind you of the now perennial favourite, the Advent Carols by Candlelight with Janet Lincé's chorus, in the parish church on Sunday 6 December.

At 7.00pm Choros will once again delight an ever-appreciative audience with carols old and new. Their programme will include works by Holst, Warlock and, in memory of the late, great Sir David Willcocks, several favourite carols by him that are sung the world over. As always there will be carols for the audience to join in with plus an exciting new commission from the up-and-coming composer Janet Wheeler. For the first time Choros is joined in this concert by the excellent Sofia Youth Choir from Jönköping, Deddington's diocesan link church in Sweden, who will perform their Ceremony of Light. Do come and enjoy.

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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM



Well that's it for another year. All the winter planted crops are up well in drill and looking good, and by the time this hits the door mat, the green manure mustard crop should have been mulched off and ploughed in. With the open furrows left for the winter frost to work down, once the spring warms up these fields will be

planted with spring barley, in between the lambing of the early-lambing flock and the main flock. Well that's the plan anyway, but sheep being sheep, they may have other ideas.

If the 'open back end' continues and the tide in the Clifton Sea stays out, the ewes will be able to stay on the river meadows until the New Year before coming in to the buildings for lambing. Although it means a lot of extra work it is always nice to get the old girls back inside where we can easily spot and sort out any problems in the run up to the lambing.


I have been involved with sheep all my life and over the years have assisted with many births, but the first ewe I helped will always be well remembered. It was on Easter morning in 1958 and I was 12 years old. I was sent off to do the rounds as the then Bishop of Dorchester was coming to the farm for breakfast, having taken the early morning service. Although Warkworth church was not in his patch it was his boyhood church and he always took the 8.00am Easter service and then came to the farm. After a quick change I was soon cantering across the farm to the lambing fields on my pony, Silver. The sheep were well use to the pony being ridden among them and took little notice of us. One ewe was away from the rest of the flock and in trouble, with just the lamb's head showing; a situation that could be fatal if left too long. The ewe took no notice of the pony walking slowly up to her. I knotted the reins so the pony would not step on them, bailed out of the 'side door' and rugby tackled the ewe before she knew what was happening. Silver wandered off grazing and left me to it. I had seen my father and our vet, Mr Jack Walker, deal with the same situation, but this time it was down to me. Without going into too much detail I managed, after about ten minutes, to deliver a strong lamb. Once the ewe was mothering her lamb I left them to it and had a long walk to catch my pony to finish the rounds before riding home for my breakfast, a very pleased 'lambing shepherd'. Happy days.

At Home Farm we have always done our bit to improve the natural environment on the farm and have for the last 30 years been involved in many different environmental projects. It's now ten years since the government launched its flagship higher level environmental scheme and we were one of the first in this neck of the woods to join. Our ten-year contract comes

to an end in January 2016, so it's a case of first in first out. Although a replacement scheme was announced by Defra some 18 months ago, it has taken until October this year to get the application process up and running. With a lot of help from the local RSPB and Natural England we have applied for the new scheme but will not know until late December if we have been successful. The difficulty is that the new arrangements will have a start date of the first of January each year, so if we miss this start date we will have to start all over again and try for January 2017, losing a year's funding. The payments come from the EU and are compensation for forgone income on the land taken out of production. As tenants we pay rent on the total area of the farm, so the loss of the funding would have a devastating effect since we would have to bring our environmental land back into full production to pay the rent. The new rule book runs to over 350 pages; our designated Natural England adviser is based in Kent and has to drive over here to do farm inspection visits. Ho hum, what a mess.

See you in the Market Place on Christmas Eve for the annual carol sing around the Christmas tree. Happy Christmas,

George Fenemore
338203



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HYPOCORISTICS AGAIN

We've noticed that, in the formation of patronymics (second names derived from the father's name), pet names (hypocoristics) are used very frequently. Let's say there was someone called John, and he had a son called Walter, and this son was generally known by the shortened form Wat, giving us Wat Johnson. Suppose he then had a son also named Walter. Well, the son had to be distinguished from his dad, so they called him Watkin, 'little Wat Watson', and of course his son might then be Tom Watkinson.

A lot of hypocoristics are like that, such as Wilkin, Dawkin, Hopkin, Dickin, from William, David, Robert and Richard. If your surname is Atkinson, you may not know that this indicates that you had an ancestor named Adam, of which Atkin is a hypocoristic; and Adam also gives rise to Addison, Acheson, Aitken, Aitchison (the last two mainly Scottish), and others. The celebrated local scholar, Richard Dawkins, may well know that his surname commemorates someone named David or Daw. Indeed, sometimes the pet naming process can apply to the names of non-humans. I'm certainly familiar with the word 'cuddy', from 'Cuthbert', meaning a little horse or a donkey in the North and Scotland, and the word 'donkey' itself, replacing 'ass', may also be a pet-name from Duncan. But, to return to humans – it may be thought rather sad that common traditional pet names, such as Bob, Jim, Ted, Bill, Dick, are going out of use and are being replaced by Rob, Jamie, Ed, Will, Rick (or Ritch). My grandson James, who is named after me, is never called Jim. But this loss is a natural process, and many traditional pet names are already extinct, living on only in surnames like Dickens and Hitchins. Nowadays, we wouldn't call David 'Daw' or Richard 'Hick' and the last 'Hodge' that I've heard of is Dr Johnson's cat 250 years ago. So we may be sure that there will always be pet names.

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Quality Assurance has been the topic of the month as Lower Larkrise's Iron Man Mayo arranged a Quality Audit to protect the whole parish from shoddy goods being sold at the Farmers' Market. Traders have to clear a very high bar to assure us their produce is of high enough quality. A particular producer from Shennington came forward hoping to sell his wares, necessitating an audit. A rigorous level of expertise was required to carry out this audit. Our brave Book Club boys have the necessary skill set, having done brewery audits twice before, once in Kingham at a business which reputedly turned down a £2m bid, and another at Bourton-on-the-Water.

Kevin and his erection crew put up and took down the stalls for the PTA firework display with the help of a very few keen dads who grew jealous of this upcoming quality exercise and wondered if this crew was one they fancied joining. Next day the minibus arrived at the Duck, picked up the Candelford contingent at the Town Hall and then off to Shennington and the Cats Brewery. Set in beautiful countryside this brewery has been in business for over a year and grew out of the Hook Norton Brewery which is still discussed in respectful terms. Chris, a young looking 33 year old, talked us through the process and answered insightful and inane questions in good humour. A delightful chalk board diagram over the mash tank helped the explanation. Then to the tasting. Four beers were tasted before 'quantative easing' took place as pint sized samples slipped down over a novel table-football tournament in the corporate hospitality suite. The dedicated team finally retired to various Candelford hosteliaries which strangely seemed to be offering very dull beer. Then off to the curry house for deliberation where the green light was agreed.

So if you feel you have missed out, or don't yet have the requisite expertise, whether you're a chap, mem-sahib or maiden, membership of Clifton Book Club and the Farmers' Market Erection Crew is surely your way forward to fulfilment and happiness. You will also be able to join in the educational classes that recently taught Candelford residents why Tommy Flowers is an unsung hero of the modern world (Google him! – he's on YouTube), why his qualification for computer science in 1982 was so ironic and how Hurricanes shot down more Nazi bombers than Spitfires in the Battle of Britain. They convene in the Unicorn at present on a Thursday night but are planning a home return soon. See – education, education, education as someone wrote only last month.

I have to report that the recent traffic chaos in Lower Larkrise still hasn't prevented all Candelford's water pressure running down the hill to the Cherwell (pronounced *Chaaarrwell*, of course) as anyone standing on the front car park of the Duck can attest on any day after a week of no rainfall.

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'TIS THE SEASON FOR HIGHER ENERGY BILLS?

Maybe not. There are now so many things we can do to lower our home energy costs, helping ourselves and the planet in the process. Some are obvious, some not well understood and some are brand new. So before the wassail bowl is passed our way, let's see what we might do to make the coming year a bit more prosperous.

First, let's begin with a primer on home energy because there is a popular misunderstanding of how heat moves from where we want it to where we don't. There are three ways in which our homes lose energy. The first is through conductive loss, when heat moves through a solid like timber, stone or plaster. The second is by convective loss, when heat moves through a fluid such as air and escapes through cracks and hidden openings. The third is by radiant loss when infra-red heat energy behaves like visible light and is lost through window glass or even through roof tiles when there is no cloud cover on winter days.

A common solution of course is to insulate our homes better and, broadly speaking, it is often an effective way to cut costs, especially with loft insulation which is mostly effective in limiting conductive losses. However, it is not always the first and most cost-effective measure we can implement to save heating energy.

The first thing to consider is how we can reduce convective energy loss, especially in homes with two or more storeys and higher ceilings. While we often hear people say that 'heat rises', that isn't exactly how things work. In reality, what happens is that cold, denser air enters our homes, usually through foundations and thresholds, and, because it is heavier than warm air, pushes that less dense 'fluid' up and out through penetrations in walls, ceilings and window-frames. This is where we can use low-cost DIY materials like caulking and weather stripping to block drafts, not only cutting heating energy costs but also affecting how we interact with our heating system, since the human body is very sensitive to temperature differentials in a room. If our ankles are 19°C and our ears are 21°C, we are likely to crank up the thermostat even though we might have been quite happy at a uniform 20°C.

Loft or sidewall insulation is the next priority, the former sometimes being a DIY option while the latter requires special equipment and is best left to professional installers. The final consideration is whether we can do anything to reduce radiant energy losses. If you've ever walked by a window in winter wearing short sleeves, you've probably felt a chill but not realised that it was from heat energy leaving our body. Modern energy-efficient windows often have a heat mirror coat-



ing on the glass, consisting of a metallic substance only a few atoms thick that is transparent to visible light but shields against radiant energy losses. (It also helps out in warm weather by preventing outside solar energy from making the indoors hotter). For older windows there are transparent films that can be applied to reduce radiant losses or gains.

Sometimes the places which are leaking energy from our homes are obvious and we can simply focus on those areas in order of need and cost effectiveness. Sometimes they are not so obvious and that's where specialised testing and equipment can help. There are home energy firms which use a blower door consisting of an expandable seal that fits in a door opening. Embedded in the seal is a powerful fan that can either pressurize or depressurize the house to exaggerate the points of entry for drafts. Using an infrared camera or a non-toxic smoke stick, all those hundreds of otherwise invisible holes and cracks in the building shell can be identified. Once these voids are sealed, bills can plummet and winter comfort be greatly improved.

Finally, we shouldn't forget lighting and electrical appliances. Modern household appliances and heating devices are labelled with alphabetical energy use ratings, A+ to A+++ representing the more efficient choices. Since such items can last a long time, paying attention to the label and paying a little more can yield big savings in the long run.

For cutting lighting costs the newest and best option is the LED (light-emitting diode) light bulb. These bulbs have an exceptionally long life compared to the older incandescent or later energy-saving compact fluorescent bulbs. For example, older technologies might have had a useful life of 750 to several thousand hours whereas LEDs can last upwards of 50,000 hours and their energy efficiency is phenomenal, with a 4 watt ceiling lamp providing the same level of illumination as a 50 watt conventional lamp. Of course they are more expensive at present (£2–6 for most, depending on wattage and quantity), but if you look at lifetime operating costs versus the initial price they are a tearing bargain. Used in a light that is on a lot or in a difficult to reach spot, LEDs are the best and should be the only choice.

The real secret to home energy affordability is seldom attributable to any one big thing, but rather to doing lots of small things over time and taking an active role in managing energy use. Simple, important and within our grasp.

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FARMERS' MARKET

Christmas

I'm not a fan of Christmas. I tend to leave the planning to the last minute and get grumpier with each successive 'festive' meal I have to cook. I look forward to that clear run between Boxing Day and New Year's Eve when not very much is supposed to happen.

Of course you will be different. You will have planned ahead – placing your Christmas orders with stallholders in advance (if you haven't, you can still do it – download <http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk/stall-holders.html>) so that on market day you can collect your orders in time for a relaxed lunchtime drink.

However well you plan, there are almost always unexpected guests. So it is wise to have a few things up your sleeve. Nuts and crisps and the inevitable mince pies are the usual standby but this month's recipe is an excellent and impressive addition that doesn't shout Christmas.

Banbury Cakes – quick, easy and local. (From Sarah Raven's *Complete Christmas*)

For 15-20 cakes:

500g puff pastry (bought of course)

450g mincemeat (the better the quality the mincemeat the better the cake – so don't stint)

1 egg white

A little caster sugar

Roll out the pastry as thinly as you can and, using a cutter, cut into 10cm diameter rounds. Put a heaped

dessert spoon of mincemeat into the centre of each round and then gather up the pastry to make a purse shape, pinch firmly together and trim any excess pastry. Turn the cake upside down and flatten it slightly. Cut three slits in the top. Mix the egg white with the caster sugar and glaze the cakes with the mixture using a pastry brush. Put the cakes on a silicon mat on a baking tray and bake in a preheated oven, 200C/gas mark 6, for about ten minutes until they have a crisp, crystallised finish.

The cakes can be frozen but I suggest you store them in an airtight tin. They will keep for up to a month. Given a chance. Lovely with some double cream.

For last minute presents there's always the immensely useful Farmers' Market gift voucher, available from the Information Desk. For more up-to-date information about the market you can visit the market webpage www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk, listen to Deddington On Air www.deddingtononair.org or BBC Radio Oxford. The Market is on Saturday 19 December from 9.00am–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, 18.00–20.00. Next market 17 December. More details at: www.market.adderbury.org.

Good shopping!

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

Geography, Contrasts and War

I have to admit it, I got an F in 'O' level Geography. But that was a long, long time ago, and now I think I have a pretty good grasp of the world. I can name all 50 US states; it is my 'counting sheep' activity on a sleepless night.

So, imagine my shock to discover our flight from LA to Hawaii was going to take over five hours. On every map of the USA that I have ever seen, Hawaii lies a short distance off the west coast of California, all very odd to simple boy from Leicester.

A lot of travelling in the last three weeks. I have been through ten states, perhaps an ideal opportunity to offer deep insights into the American dream? No, I always have to remember that a white Anglo travelling on business is not going to learn much about the 40 percent of the citizens who have little or nothing. Some of them undoubtedly serve me in restaurants, and occasionally a beggar will be visible at a set of traffic lights, but the have-nots live a life away from corporate middle class America.

Two weeks ago I was in Georgia, a southern state, but one of the affluent ones. Atlanta is one of the wealthiest cities in the country. I went to Augusta, which to most British people is the home of the Masters tournament, and probably the most exclusive golf club in the world. But at my customer's premises, less than three miles away, I discover derelict houses and outstanding poverty. A country of contrasts.

Driving back to Atlanta, I stop for gas. In fact I stop twice, it's a problem of old age. And in both stores a whole corner is dedicated to slot machines, with young white kids with lots of tattoos sitting in front of them.

Gambling is very open in Georgia, in fact, throughout the South. Then I fly to New Hampshire, and driving to my hotel I am looking for something to drink in my room. But no, in NH take-out alcohol is only available in state-run stores and they shut at 9.00pm. I went thirsty – and there isn't any gambling.

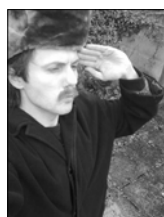
I saw a report this week on the integrity of the individual states. The highest was a C and only three scored above D+. To put it bluntly, corruption and greed are rife in US politics. It is no surprise that the population is turning against politicians. The top two Republican candidates right now have never fought an election. I don't think we will see Donald Trump as the US President, and some of his policies are totally crazy, but the entertainment value is high, as long as you don't close your eyes and visualise his finger on the button.

Last Monday I was in New York for a meeting. Luckily I didn't go to McDs for breakfast on the opposite corner. Someone got shot, dead. In NY no one bothers to notice. In Texas they want to send gunships to Syria. A land of contrasts, and huge contradictions; I love travelling around it and challenging them all. However, if you see a report that I got hospitalised, please bear in mind it was undoubtedly my fault. They don't get the English sense of humour and certainly don't like to be criticised over their wish to conquer. As the next US President (Senator Rubio) said this week 'the world is a safer place when the US is the strongest military power'. Scary, but I still love the place. Most of the time.

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BLISSFUL THINKING



We're often told nothing is free in this life. Soon, perhaps that may be the case, but for now we at least have fresh air, sunshine and (sometimes) fornication to enjoy without payment, at least of a monetary kind. In a small village particularly, living costs might seem to grow exponentially. In this

spirit (of a shameless plug), I offer you a new project, completely free of charge. *Green Belt* is a new comedy drama radio series on village life I am producing for Deddington OnAir, our village's very own 24 hour streaming online station. It will be broadcast in weekly installments from December, featuring a litany of local talent. Please do tune in and let me know what you think at www.deddingtononair.org or look for updates on the *Green Belt* Facebook page. Look out for one another this Christmas, and make sure you binge on all the simple joys of life while purging the negativity. Let us all strive to be the wise man or woman rather than the festive goose!

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DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL 2016

There has been a very limited response to the recent advertisement for people to help to organize the Festival in 2016.

The upside is that classical Indonesian dancer, Ni Madé Pujawati and her husband, Professor Mark Hobart, together with Keith Howard, Professor of Music at the School of Oriental and African Studies, have agreed to organize some world music and dance performances. The downside is that no one has offered to help with general administration, requiring a chair, secretary, treasurer and someone to oversee marketing and PR. The world performance events are likely to attract visitors from Oxford and Banbury as well as further afield, but need coverage in newspapers, radio and other media. Without such specific local help, these events will need to be left for future years or might be incorporated within some wider framework. However some of the events normally run during the festival will still take place.

Anyone interested in helping should get in contact with either Mark Hobart, m.hobart@soas.ac.uk or Angelique Camoenié, akklover@hotmail.com

LETTERS

FROM NIGEL & SUE ODDY (SOUTHBOURNE), NICK & FIONA SMITH (HOLCOMBE HOUSE), MARK ADAMS & LUCY GRIFFITH (CHARTERS HOUSE) Since the Holcombe Hotel/Peppers closed a few years back, parking arrangements in Holcombe Gardens have been a little chaotic.

We have now waved goodbye to the builders, along with their skips, and have a full complement of permanent residents.

The land and road here have always been private, but in recent months it has become a bit of a free for all in terms of parking. It has sometimes been hard for us to park here ourselves.

Along with improving the appearance of the space with some softening and landscaping, we will be formalising matters over the next couple of months by putting signs up to show that there is no public parking available here. We felt that out of courtesy we would try and inform everyone as soon as we could of our future plans.



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FROM JOHN SAMPSON, THE LANE, HEMPTON

The suggestion of replacing pews with suitable wooden chairs in St John's has, not surprisingly, produced a wealth of polar opposite opinions. Whilst details of Les Chappell's letter can be refuted, the primary purpose of the Church is the worship of God and by extension

to enhance the ability to serve the local community. Built in 1851, comprising the Church and Old School Room, it has served the village for many years and thanks to the magnificent efforts almost 30 years ago of those who fought to retain it, the whole building is still open. I would suggest that the provision of more space could promote greater benefit locally, both in worship and social functions. Rest assured that any decision will not be taken in haste and the widest possible views will be sought.

DEDDINGTON WRITERS' GROUP

Closing the Book

This group came together following a paragraph in the *Deddington News* in 1996. The original three writers expanded to six all from our village with varying backgrounds, and all were retired. They decided to meet to exchange scripts, offer constructive criticism and share information on getting published. A membership of six proved ideal, and has been kept at this level. The group met once a month at a member's house. Two members would circulate scripts for the others to read beforehand. This meant that each member had an opportunity to present a script every three months. Criticism was encouraged and welcomed, provided it was accompanied by suggestions for improvement. Simple flattery was deemed unhelpful. At one stage we kept an honours list of who had sent off what to which magazine, just to keep us on our toes. Most members have had works published, or have self-published with success and several have won prizes in competitions.

In 2005 the group organised its first writing competition in association with the annual Deddington Festival. This covered adults and children and invited entries for short stories and poetry. Outside authors were invited to be judges and were often amazed at the high standard of the entries, especially amongst the children.

Now, two decades on, with some 15 members having at some time joined and left the writing group, the ravages of time and a dwindling membership have led those of us remaining to cease our regular meetings, yet still keep in touch. The children's writing competitions will continue in the safe hands of the Deddington Festival.

Perhaps writers of a younger generation might like to follow in our footsteps. It's good fun and we can certainly recommend the working formula.

Donald Lane on behalf of Sylvie Nickels, Molly Neild, Maureen Dew, Hugh Marshall and all those who have gone before us.

DEDDINGTON'S NAME CLEARED

Deddington made the national papers in June (obviously a slow news period) with the report of a serious sexual assault in the churchyard at the end of the Deddington Festival. It dampened the afterglow from the DeddyRocks concert and left a very uncomfortable feeling as to the safety of the village after dark.

Happily, we can all stop worrying. While no details are available, Thames Valley Police has recently issued a very short statement on the alleged assault, stating that 'there has been a thorough investigation and police have concluded that no offence took place and the case is now closed'.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Fallout from the Drop-ins

By the time you read this the Neighbourhood Plan's third round of drop-in sessions will have taken place – hopefully with a big turn-out. In our previous consultations with parishioners, proportionately more people living in Deddington's Conservation Area have taken part than people from the west end of the village. We're hoping that the change of venue for the drop-ins, the Windmill Centre rather than the church, will have changed this.

As you will see from the updated policies, which will be posted on the Neighbourhood Plan website shortly, we have been very much influenced by the key findings revealed by the parish questionnaire last year. For instance, the widespread dissatisfaction at the state of the Windmill Centre and the quality and quantity of sports and play facilities has been taken to heart by the Neighbourhood Plan's Community group and the parish council. Parish funds have been set aside and some refurbishing is already under way at the Windmill Centre.

In other areas it is more difficult to balance competing interests. On the one hand there is wide concern that the historic beauty of Deddington village – and Clifton and Hempton – be preserved. On the other hand, the questionnaire demonstrated, alongside the need for starter homes, a sizeable demand for homes suitable for downsizers with more than 200 expressing the wish to move to elderly-friendly accommodation now or in the future.

There has been some discussion in the steering group as to how many of these 238 would actually choose to move house when it came to the point, even if suitable homes were available, partly because of the traumatic upheaval of leaving a loved family home, and partly because, given the present astonishing upward spiral of house prices, the best way to invest your assets might be to stay put.

Even so, we have to assume that since the population of Deddington parish, like that of the county as a whole, is ageing, there will be a need for such housing. And the likelihood is that the elderly will wish to live close to the Health Centre, the shops and bus stops, perhaps in the areas that are so highly prized for their landscape value. How to square the circle?

Another time bomb awaits. The Neighbourhood Plan group's present policies for affordable housing may have to be rethought in light of the government's Housing Bill now going through Parliament. At present our housing policy HOU6 proposes that any new development of 11 homes or more should include 35 percent affordable homes, that is homes for rent for people on the Cherwell District Council housing register or shared ownership homes. This conflicts with a clause in the Housing Bill that requires developers to provide a percentage of starter homes at a 20 percent discount of market prices instead of affordable homes

in the traditional sense. Depending on timing, this could even affect the proposed share of affordable housing on the School Ground site in Deddington.

A second clause in the Housing Bill proposes that housing association tenants should have the Right to Buy the homes they occupy, which could potentially cut the number of affordable dwellings available in Deddington. An exemption has been agreed for rural areas, as confirmed in a letter from the Housing Minister, Brandon Lewis, forwarded to Deddington parish council, which raised the matter with our MP, Victoria Prentis. It is not clear whether such an exemption will apply to Deddington since it is not, for example, in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, officially at least although we might think otherwise.

If you have views on any of these issues, especially if you were unable to attend the drop-in sessions, please write to our website (www.deddingtonneighbourhoodplan) and to me – or, if you don't have online access, in a letter to the parish council office at the Windmill Centre in an envelope marked 'Neighbourhood Plan'.

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This is the viewpoint of the author, not necessarily that of the NP steering group as a whole.




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Baby and Toddler Group

Father Christmas is coming to the Baby and Toddler Group!

We have had a wonderfully busy first two months since taking over the running of the Baby and Toddler Group. We have loved welcoming new faces and lots of established members too.

Firstly, a belated thank you for everyone who baked, ate cake and donated money to our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised a fantastic £54.

October saw beautiful autumnal crafts with 'leaf' hedgehogs and spooky Hallowe'en clay crafts. We finished up with a spook-tacular Hallowe'en party; grown-ups and little ones all made a superb effort with fancy dress and enjoyed Hallowe'en games and treats.

We have lots of Christmas fun to look forward to over the next month including a Christmas craft table every week. Keep the glitter away from your home and let your little ones make some festive mess with us.

On the final Friday before Christmas, 18 December, we have our Christmas party: bouncy castle, festive treats and a visit from Father Christmas.

We are always keen to welcome new families so please come and join in the fun. For more information, contact Nicky or follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with weekly activities – search Deddington Baby and Toddler Group.

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Photographic Society

In November Micki Aston CPAGB gave a presentation entitled 'Istanbul and Jerusalem: Two Ancient Cities'. Micki introduced her audience to the religious tapestry of Jerusalem with its Crusader walls and, through her camera, to life in the Muslim, Armenian, Christian and Jewish quarters of the Old City.

The Muslim quarter is the largest and most populated, with many religious sites, stunning medieval Islamic architecture and busy bazaars. Micki showed a range of photographs, demonstrating her skill at landscape and street photography, including the use of a fisheye lens to provide unusual images of people and architecture. She then visited the Jewish Quarter with its ancient Roman Cardo Street, the old Byzantine bazaar and Hasidic Jews at the West Wall. In the Christian quarter she visited the site of Jesus's death, burial and resurrection, before ending in the smaller Armenian quarter, which has been continuously occupied since the first century BC.

In the second part of her presentation, Micki took us to Istanbul, a large city divided by the Bosphorus which separates the Christian and Arab communities. Once capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, the city is characterised by religious and Byzantine architecture,

such as the Hagia Sophia, existing in close proximity to once fine buildings that have long since become derelict, a mix that provided opportunities for many contrasting images. Micki concluded with street photography, commenting that the different religious clerics in both cities appeared to live in friendly harmony, without religious or ethnic factionalism.

The Society received a generous grant of £200 from the Farmers' Market, which has enabled us to buy a new projector giving significantly better performance.

Our next meeting is on 2 December when John Credland, APAGB, will give a presentation on 'Salon des Refusés', followed by a workshop on 20 January led by member Simon Lutter on 'Correct Exposure'. All meetings are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Everyone is welcome. Please come along and meet us all.

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Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

Remembrance Sunday fell on 8 November 8 and we marked it with the traditional parade from the Bull Ring to the War Memorial. It was led by the Royal British Legion Standard, carried by our Standard Bearer, Dave Keats, supported by Norman West and Kevin Skelton and music by Deddington Brass under their bandleader Graham Wallington. This was very well supported by villagers and many of the village groups which paraded their own standards.

The Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11.00am was led by the Revd Annie Goldthorp who was conducting the service for the first time since becoming our Vicar. Wreaths were laid by representatives of the various village organisations and the Last Post and Reveille were played by Irene Bailey who played earlier in the morning at Barford. Irene travels from her home in Swindon each year to both these services and has done so for many years, for which we are extremely grateful.

We continued Remembrance in the parish church for which the Vicar had compiled a revised service. This was excellent: the Vicar gave a very moving personal address, the choir sung an anthem, accompanied by Ed Liebrecht on bugle and Deddington Brass accompanied the National Anthem in their inimitable style. There were readings by our President, Major David G Hood MC (ret'd) and our Treasurer, Norman D West. Prayers were led by Pastor Isabel Walton of the Deddington Wesleyan Reform Church. The Kohima Epitaph was said by Albert Humphries, MBE.

Our thanks are extended to all who contributed to the day and especially the Vicar, the churchwardens, choir and organist and all those mentioned above. Finally, may we thank Michael Reason for assembling

CALLING MORE CLUBS

the Memorial Garden in the Market Place. At the end of the Remembrance Service, the parade passed the Memorial Garden and the salute was taken by our President.

The Poppy Appeal was launched at the October Farmers' Market and, in spite of inclement weather, it was well supported. Many village businesses, the school and residential home had collection boxes once again and we thank them and our door-to-door collectors. We are grateful to all who have contributed.

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Deddington Original Golf Society

The AGM of the Deddington Original Golf Society will be held at the Deddington Arms on Wednesday 6 January at 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing as many DOGS as possible. In the meantime, a very Merry Christmas and a happy, but above all, healthy New Year to all DOGS from your Committee.

Tony Lowe, Chairman

Deddington and District History Society

Our November speaker, Rob Forsyth, proved such a draw that we transferred the meeting to the Windmill Centre's main hall. He managed somehow to cram autobiography, political, military and social history into an hour and still leave time for a lively question and answer session.

Rob joined the Royal Navy at the traditionally romantic age of sixteen. As a self-confessed contrarian by nature he was judged ideal material for the submarine service. He began serving in submarines in 1962, achieving his first command in 1972. His final command, in 1977, was the nuclear hunter-killer submarine, *HMS Sceptre*. The hunting was of Soviet submarines off Greenland, Iceland and Scandinavia and in allegedly Soviet waters. Rob had a number of hair-raising stories of creeping undetected into Soviet anchorages to observe their shipping, sometimes, unbelievably, from a distance of a few feet. Perhaps most startling was his story concerning the height of the Cuban missile crisis when a trespassing Soviet submarine was attacked by the Americans. The sub was armed with nuclear-tipped torpedoes which the captain was about to fire when he was overruled by the on-board political commissar. Communist political commissars are usually portrayed by Hollywood as fanatical fundamentalists, but this one perhaps saved the world from a nuclear conflagration, meaning that we could sit comfortably in a lecture 53 years later and learn just how close we came to destruction. A cold sweat broke out in a warm room.

On 9 December we shall hold our annual Christmas event, combining fun on a loosely historical theme with

refreshments that will include the Society's Famous Mulled Wine™. The December meeting has become one of the most popular of the year. Everyone is welcome. Come along to the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm but please let Moira Byast know if you are thinking of joining us so that we know how many to cater for.

Our speaker on Wednesday 13 January will be Simon Townley, talking about the recent work of the Oxfordshire Victoria County History, whose most recent research includes the Wychwoods area.

Chris Day Chairman 337204
Moira Byast Secretary 338637

Deddington Players

Get your tickets for the Deddington Players' pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk* on 21–23 January!

It's that time of year again ... oh yes it is! Our panto this season promises toe-tapping tunes, hilarious antics and, of course, a cow. Will Jack and his friends rescue the Princess from the Giant's castle in the sky? Will the Good Fairies weave their magic over the Bad Fairies? Will there ever be enough make-up to beautify the Dames? All will be revealed in our side-splitting panto, suitable for all ages.

Tickets are on sale from the Flower Shop in Deddington £4/child, £5/concessions, £6/adult. This year we hope to make tickets available online; see posters for further information. Performances are in the Windmill Centre on:

Thursday 21 January, 7.30pm

Friday 22 January, 7.30pm

Saturday 23 January, 2.30pm

Saturday 23 January, 6.30pm

Keep an eye out for Buttercup the Cow and Jack and his friends at the Christmas Farmers' Market. Visit our Deddington Players' Facebook page for the latest information and behind-the-scenes sneaky peaks.

PS It's behind you!

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Deddington Town Football Club

First Team Results:

17/10/15 Heyford Athletic (h) L 0–3

24/10/15 Hornton (a) W 5–3 Charles (2), Catania, Kaye (Jordan) (2)

31/10/15 Middleton Cheney (a) W 5–1 Jarrett, Kaye (Jordan) (2), Rollason

Reserve Results:

17/10/15 Bodicote Sports (a) L 0–3

24/10/15 Bloxham Res (h) Deddington walkover

31/10/15 Finmere (h) W 7–2

Not a bad month for the First Team, as they recovered from an abject home defeat to score five goals

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

two games running, helping them climb to third in the early table. 'Flash' Jordan Kaye contributed a brace in both of these impressive wins. The Reserves' laboured start to the season might have seen them hit on a spot of form, as new management duo the Hulk (Joe Davies) and Fireman (Barney Alton) oversaw a walkover cup win and a great comeback against Finmere. Having witnessed the match, I can attest to the fact that a wretched 2–0 deficit at half-time was thoroughly forgotten with a masterful display of attacking in the second period. The finishing particularly was something to behold, with feet and heads. Lots to look forward to in 2016, and don't forget to check out www.deddingtontownfc.com for more match reports and stats.

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Colts

The U15s playing in the Midland Junior Premier League had a 2–1 victory over Lye Town, with goals from Will Roach and Kamron Dron. They then lost 3–2 away at Heather Juniors, with Piers Walton scoring both goals. They then fought out a 5–5 draw with Tividale after leading at half time.

In the Witney and District Youth League, the U15s lost 8–0 away at Eynsham Youth. The U14s drew 3–3 to Charlbury Town Youth to drop to second in the B League. The U13s had an astonishing 23–3 away victory at Grendon Rangers. The U12s did not have any matches over the past month.

If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further information about the club is on our website – www.deddingtontownfc.com. Or visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc. **Deddington Town Foot Ball**

We are delighted to announce that the Foot Ball will take place at The Great Barn, Aynho on Saturday 19 March. This is an important fund-raiser for the club and a great chance to celebrate 20 years of Colts' football in the village. A welcome drink, three-course dinner, grand auction, live music from the Meanies, disco and bar until 1.00am – it's going to be a really special evening. Parents of players, senior players, former players and friends of the club – all are welcome. For more information and to book your tickets please visit www.dtfcfotball.co.uk or call Vaughan on 07967 162486. See you there!

**Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Officer
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1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

Thank you to all our young people and families who turned out for parade on Remembrance Sunday. It was good to see so many marching.

This year the Company section looked at rationing in Britain during WWII and were really interested to see some authentic ration books from that era. They also fielded two teams in November's Master Team competition and we were joint 5th and 3rd. This was a very close competition with 1st Wallingford being the eventual winner. Our attention will be focused on first aid in the new year.

Our final session in 2015 is on Wednesday 9 December, our Christmas Party. We resume on Wednesday 6 January with our Enrolment Service for all members in Deddington parish church.

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

Jen Childs, Leader, 07774 608715

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

The Cubs have finished their digital citizen projects and are all wearing their new badges. They were very ably led by two of our older scouts working towards their DOE award. We are now well into the air activities' badge and have made paper planes (of course), jet engines and parked an airliner. We hope to finish with a visit from a pilot and a trip to the Midlands Air Museum.

A group of Cubs and Scouts (and leaders) raised £70 at the last market by carrying 10 litres of water over 3.5 km, this will be donated to Water Aid. Well done everybody.

Benjamin, Ben, Ethan, Dylan, George, Jack and Lewis have all received their Silver Award.

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Scouts

The Scouts finished their astronomy badge with a chaotic recreation of the solar system with glo sticks, which we managed without a big bang.

We've now started work on bearings and map reading and after a visit from a representative from 'Dogs for Good' we are trying out some sports for the disabled. Hopefully they will raise a lot of money from their £1 challenge to donate to the charity.

Next, a night hike, a film night and some seasonal fun.

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Spartans Explorer Scout Unit

The Explorers spent an enjoyable evening at the Cotswold Comedy Club who were supporting Special Effects, our current charity. Over the past few weeks they have also completed part one of their chef's badge by cooking a variety of dishes that the Scouts then sampled – yummy. They are looking forward to part two – baking.

... AND YET MORE

They have also started their science and technology badge and will soon be training for the Tour de Trigs. Climbing at the Dewey Centre nicely rounds off the term.

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Thanks to all the boys who attended Remembrance Parade, very smart, well done.

Many thanks to the Market Committee for their generous donation, we will put it to good use.

Christmas Card Delivery – look for our boxes in Eagles and Barford Post Office, on site from 5 December 5. Deliveries on 20 December.

1st Deddington Guides

The guides really loved the 'Street Dance' session with a professional teacher. In just an hour they had learnt a dance routine to perform all together. It was brilliant.

Following the half term break they came to the meeting in some super Hallowe'en costumes. We played traditional games (to us) like apple bobbing, biscuits on a string and the 'Mummy' game.

We continue to keep busy with our patrol activities and challenges, with most patrols about to gain their 'Go For It' award on topics such as passion for fashion, keep fit and show time.

Well done to Amy U who organised some activities for the Guides connected with keeping fit. This is part of work towards the Baden-Powell award.

A small contingent did us proud on Remembrance day. Well done Becca, Amy U, and Connie. Many of our guides come from other villages some distance away, for example, Fritwell, and often are involved with their own churches.

Film night is very popular at this time of year and we are looking forward to that. Then I expect we'll be starting to make preparations for Christmas.

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Catherine Blackburn

1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

We've had a fun term with lots of seasonal crafts and cooking and playing games. We started with our traditional campfire and marshmallow toasting with help from 1st Deddington Guides, which is always a very popular meeting! We made bread rolls at harvest time, and our own butter to go with them, and then Deddington Pudding Pies to coincide with the traditional Martinmas Fair. We also got very gluey making autumn leaf-covered jars, which look lovely with a battery tea light inside.

Very excitingly we finally got our unit flag (Rainbows haven't had a flag until now) which Ella did a great job of carrying at the Remembrance Sunday parade, with Evie and Lois making up the colour party as escorts.

We had a really good attendance rate, as usual, and the girls who came were a credit to the unit.

We've said a sad goodbye to Vivi and Jemima A and have welcomed Eden and Matilda, so we remain full.

Hazel Neal

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Women's Institute

We had a very good attendance at our November meeting. Brian Lowe, one of the official guides in Oxford, gave an absolutely riveting talk on stained glass in Oxford. The art started with the Norman invasion and we were taken through its gradual development. It was a hazardous occupation as all sorts of fairly lethal chemicals were used. We finished up in the twentieth century with John Piper. The photographs of the different college chapels were stunning throughout.

We all paid up for our ninetieth birthday celebration next month when we will eat out in Otters.

At our meeting on 12 January a speaker is coming from Age UK in Banbury. She is going to talk to us on the work done in the Banbury Office.

For more information, contact either Beryl Suckling on 01869 337385 or Angela Sones on 01869 338927.

Julia Hobbs



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THE TASTE BUDDIES

We are the Taste Buddies. We lunch out every two months to assess local pubs and restaurants. We hope you will find our observations useful.

WHERE?

The White Horse, Duns Tew, Tel: 01869 340 272

A very pleasantly decorated pub, traditional in style, with a large seating area to the rear.

FOOD SERVED

12.00noon–2.30pm and dinner 7.00pm–9.00pm

AVERAGE COST

Starters: £4.50–£7.50

Mains: £12.95–£22.00

Desserts: £6.00–£7.00

WERE THEY PLEASED TO SEE YOU?

We received a warm welcome from the sole front of house man.

WAS THE COOKING GOOD?

We were a little disappointed in the cooking; all dishes seemed to lack seasoning.

For starters we had butternut squash soup, £6.00, which was absolutely tasteless and lacked seasoning and potted shrimp and toast, £7.50, which was served in a glass with clarified butter the entire depth of the glass. A bit too much butter!

Mains were wild bass with sautéed potatoes and tomato stuffed peppers, £15.50 and leek and goat's cheese tart with watercress and frites, £12.50. The bass was overdone, the frites never arrived and the tart lacked both the flavour of goat's cheese and seasoning.

The available desserts were vanilla panna cotta, Bakewell tart, sticky toffee pudding, chocolate truffle and salted caramel, ice cream and a cheese board.

VALUE FOR MONEY?

We thought the prices were a little on the high side.

WOULD YOU GO AGAIN?

No, we would not.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

We hope you enjoyed our Fireworks Night on 6 November. We certainly did. You may have noticed the paramedics on site and a lost children area as well as lots of hi-vis jackets which were introduced for your safety and we will ensure that level of security is provided again next year. We are thrilled that we raised over £1,000 and will let you know how we spend our money in subsequent reports.

In previous years the PTA has given teachers £500 to spend as they wished for their class. We are delighted to continue the tradition. Our first donation will be for Year 4 which is planning a trip to Warner Brothers' studios in London to complement its literacy work on stories set in imaginary worlds. They will use our donation to pay for the transport.

On behalf of the PTA I would like to say a huge thank you to the Farmers' Market which donated £225 to the PTA. Thank you!

Don't forget the school disco is on Thursday 10 December in the School Hall, access via Y3/4 entrance, for Key stage 1 from 4.45– 6.00pm and Key stage 2 from 6.30–7.45pm. This event is a gift from the PTA to the children so there is no charge. Each child will get a bag of sweets, some popcorn and some squash/ water.

Once again Father Christmas has found time in his busy schedule to come to Deddington and meet the children. This year he will be in the church. Please come and visit him on Saturday 19 December between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Please look out for details of a quiz early in the new year and more information of other fundraising and community events.

I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the committee and the school to thank you all for your continued support.

Alex Elvin Chair
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Would you like free firewood, or do you have a woodland that needs managing? The Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment's "Logs for Labour" programme aims to promote sustainable use of firewood by running events where volunteers help to manage woodlands in return for logs. The events run most weekends in the winter, are about 3 hours long, and could involve coppicing hazel, thinning trees or piling up brash. All you need are sturdy gloves, shoes and a saw (only hand tools are allowed for insurance reasons)... or let us know if your woodland needs the help of volunteers. Information about forthcoming events is at www.oxon-woodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour or like www.facebook.com/oxonwood.

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

We've had a lively time over the summer with a great response to the 'Record Breakers' Summer Reading Challenge for both children and adults. Thank you all for taking part. I hope you enjoyed the challenge. We also had a very well attended visit from Oxford University Museums in August when we held an interactive story time in which the children were encouraged to handle and discuss the artefacts that were 'record breakers' in their own right.

We now look forward to Christmas and plan to have a children's Story time before the Christmas holiday. It will be advertised in the library, local notice boards and village media – or call the library after the beginning of December for details.

In the New Year we are starting two reading groups, Coffee and Crime at 10.00am on Wednesday mornings and a second, general Reading Group, name to be decided, on the first Monday of each month at 6.30pm – all welcome. If you are interested please telephone or email the library for more details and to register your interest in either group so we can be prepared.

Finally, our Home Library Service would like some help please; if you are interested in helping Maureen Dew to deliver books to the housebound in our parish, please get in touch for more details.

On behalf of myself and the library's fabulous group of dedicated and hardworking volunteers, we wish you all very Merry Christmas and a happy healthy New Year!

Stella O'Neill, Library Manager

PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

This month is full of Christmas festivities. Our Christmas Fayre takes place in Deddington church on Tuesday 1 December from 7.30–9.30pm. There will be stalls selling unique and special Christmas gifts including jewellery, cards, and crafts. There will be mulled wine, and the sound of carols played by Deddington Brass. Come and enjoy the opportunity to relax with friends over a drink and a mince pie and to make a start to your Christmas shopping. Everyone is welcome.

Both settings will be presenting Christmas performances for friends and family. The Nursery will be doing *Journey to Bethlehem* on Tuesday 15 December and the PFSU children, along with their friends in the F1 class, will be showing *Hey Ewe* on Monday 14 December at 2.00pm in Deddington church. Both settings will hold their Christmas parties on Thursday 17 December. The PFSU will also be holding a 'decorations' afternoon on Wednesday 2 December from 1.30pm–3.00pm, when parents are invited to join their children at pre-school for a creative afternoon and a Christmas snack. We hope to make the classroom look wonderfully festive on this occasion. Happy Christmas everyone!

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ALMA AND FRIENDS



Photo courtesy Holly Taylor

Alma Hartley, Pam West and Jean Waddup at Banbury's Michaelmas Fair

You don't have to be an under 15 to enjoy a fair. Ninety one year old Alma Hartley, Pam West, 79, and Jean Waddup, 70, and their care staff from Featherton House braved the rain for a bus trip into Banbury to visit the Michaelmas Fair, an annual event for Featherton residents.

Workers at the Fair gave the Deddington group VIP treatment when they cleared the dodgem rink for the trio. Alma's favourite was always the dodgems and, although her macular degeneration means she can no longer see to read, she nonetheless took a turn at the wheel under the close eye of Jenny Ward, the activities co-ordinator, while the other two piloted themselves.

After the dodgems, Jean went on the waltzers, and then the trio enjoyed winning cuddly toys on the Hook a Duck stall and were given extra toys to take to other residents not able to take the trip. Alma's bear joins her existing collection on her bed.

The group ended the afternoon with a quick visit to a cocktail bar before returning to Featherton House on the bus, leading passengers, including a group of schoolboys, in highlights from the *Sound Of Music* and *Show Me The Way To Go Home*.

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