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What a pity that again we shall not get a Parish Council election (see PC notes, p2). Of considerable interest locally is the Deddington Charity Estates' planning application for alterations to the Town Hall. Details of how to access the plans are provided on p2. I would encourage as many people as possible to take an interest in the proposed changes to this historic building.

JUNE

- Wed 2 Photographic Society: Don Byatt, 'Keeping it Simple – a Talk with Digital Prints', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Sat 5 British Legion: Disco with Barney, 8.30pm
- Mon 7 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10.30am–noon
- Tue 8 WI: 'Spinning the Yarn', Ruth Power, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 History Society: A guided walk round the parish of St Thomas the Martyr, West Oxford
- Thu 10 Monday Morning Club: Film evening, *Julie and Julia*, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Thu 10 Friends of Deddington Festival: Reception, Parish Church, 6.30pm
- Fri 11 Deddington Festival: Deddington Rocks, Market Place, 6.30pm
- Mon 14 DOGS: Full day's golf at Burford Golf Club
- Tue 15 Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Wed 16 Deddington Badminton Club: AGM, 7.30pm, Deddington Arms
- Thu 17 Deddington Festival: Community Concert and Exhibition, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 19 School Fete: School field, 2pm
- Sat 19 Deddington Festival: Come and Sing Workshops Morning and Afternoon, *Carmina Burana*, Parish Church, Performance, 7.30pm
- Sat 19– Sun 20 Deddington Festival: Open Gardens and Allotments, 2–6pm
- Sun 20 British Legion: Skittles Competition, 2pm
- Sun 20 Deddington Festival: Joe Newman, Classical Guitarist, Parish Church, 3–5pm
- Sun 20 Festival Concert, Stekpanna, Parish Church, 8pm
- Mon 21 WI: Cake and plant stall, Town Hall, 9.30am
- Wed 23 Deddington Festival: Clifton farmland walk, meet Duke of Cumberland's Head, 6.30pm
- Thu 24 Festival: 'Poetry Please', upper room, Unicorn Inn, 7pm
- Fri 25 Deddington Festival: Writing Competition Awards Evening, Parish Church, 6.30pm
- Fri 25– Sun 27 Deddington Festival: Craft Exhibition, Parish Church, 10am–4pm
- Sat 26 Deddington Festival: Art Workshop, 10am–4pm
- Sat 26 Deddington Festival Art Exhibition, Holly Tree, 10am–6pm
- Sat 26 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting in Town Hall Wed 19 May 2010

This Parish Council meeting was the last session of the present Council; the new PC will meet next month. Helen Oldfield, the new member of the PC who will take her seat in June, attended but was unable to contribute. An election will not now be held on 27 May as Don Anderson has withdrawn his nomination. PC unanimously thanked Don for his hard work over the past four years. An added complication now is that James Privett will resign on 1 June. CDC will be notified of the vacancy and if ten parishioners want an election one will be held, otherwise PC will co-opt someone.

Open Forum

Five members of the public attended and their spokesman thanked the PC for their support in voicing objections to the planning application at Ash Cottage, Clifton although this has been overridden by CDC. The Clifton residents indicated their extreme disappointment and, after asking the PC for suggestions for further action, it was proposed that they write to the Planning Officer at CDC to ask for an explanation.

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Alan Collins reported on attending the last NAG meeting which he found very informative. Priorities of the group are speeding, parking and antisocial behaviour. Some action has been taken with a variety of borrowed equipment and a proposal will be made to June's PC meeting that Deddington make a contribution of £200 for new speed detection equipment. Other parishes in the group will be similarly approached.

Any incidents or intelligence of antisocial behaviour should be reported to 08458 505505 rather than the Deddington Police Office number.

Environment and Special Projects

Dan Bashford of English Heritage is carrying out work at Castle Grounds (reported elsewhere in DN) in co-operation with CDC and the Forestry Commission.

There is concern regarding bonfires being lit at Castle Grounds. This has been reported to the Police as it is potentially damaging to an ancient monument. The Friends of Castle Grounds are keeping an eye on this. If anyone has information they should contact the Police.

Previously reported hogweed is not giant variety, therefore not injurious.

War Memorial

Following a survey of opinions, the view is that the War Memorial should remain where it is. It is possible that grants are available to assist with maintenance and repair. Costings and proposals will be put to a future PC meeting.

Planters, tubs, hanging baskets and flower beds at the cemetery are all in the process of being filled.

Planning

Applications

Gaslight, Earl's Lane: fell self-seeded maple. No objection. Noted that OCC have felled several trees without PC being made aware and have planted three ornamental trees in verge on inside bend blocking sight line and causing future traffic hazard.

Woolgrove House, Duns Tew Rd, Hempton: two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, PC no objection but two residents have objected.

Town Hall: alterations and refurbishment including glass foyer, relocated entrance, interior alterations. Eight councillors no objection, four objections. Understood that Deddington Charity Estates are working in consultation with CDC and English Heritage and will consult with parishioners.

2 Market Pl: installation of metal chimney to rear, no objection.

The Cottage, Philcote St: removal of metal staircase, replace with timber, no objection.

Sedge Hill, Main St, Clifton: ash and holly thinning and pruning, no objection.

Approvals

Cyclogical Shop, Hudson St: replace roof.

2 Philcote St: remodel two storey rear flat roof, raise roof ridge, erect single storey rear extension.

1 The Paddocks: extension to create 4 flats, PC had objected, no explanation received from CDC, letter to be written requesting further information.

47 St John's Way, Hempton: porch, two storey side and single extensions, conditions imposed.

Ash Cottage, Chapel Close, Clifton: single dwelling and integral garage, PC had objected. Conditions imposed.

27 St John's Way, Hempton: single storey rear extension.

Folly Cottage, The Lane Hempton: single storey side and rear extension.

Daeda Cottage, Market Pl: fell two holly trees, PC objected but applicant wished to replace with new trees so objection withdrawn.

Withdrawals

Land at rear of End Cottage, The Stile: Single storey dwelling, PC objected.

Investments

West Bromwich £135,302 @ 1%, Alliance & Leicester £200,000 @ 3.2%, Anglo Irish Bank £200,000 @ 3.25%.

Next meeting: Tuesday 15 June 2010

To view the Town Hall planning application, go to www.cherwell.gov.uk, view a planning application, application search, then use the following two references: 10/00570/F and 10/00571/LB, then look at Associated Documents.

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

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of June 1860:

3rd June – Susan had a disheartening letter from Robert - poor fellow – stating his fears that he had failed his examination, and expressing his wretched feeling under the circumstances.

8th June – We heard from poor Robert again, announcing that he had, at the advice of his Tutor and friends, scratched again rather than risk a Pluck – for law and modern history.

9th June – I heard from the Bishop about the sale of Hempton Church.

18th June – S. Calcutt, the walking postman, about to join his brother in New Zealand.

20th June – Commemoration Day at Oxford, the Prince of Wales was present.

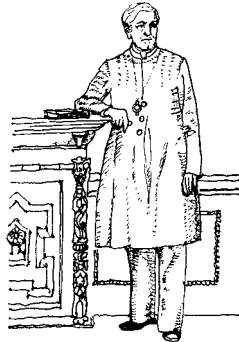
21st June – 3 or 4 boxes arrived from Birkenhead sent home by John from the Red Sea and containing some valuable articles, besides 3,000 cigars.

22nd June – I went up to Mr. Field's office and ascertained the number of souls at Hempton at the last census – 333 including the Windmill cottages and 2 or 3 farm houses – Hempton alone numbered about 270. I heard from one of the Canons of Windsor asking for certain information about the hamlet of Hempton.

23rd June – I went to Windsor to talk over Hempton Church and its present position and future destiny with

one of the Canons in Residence who had written to me. I gave him all the particulars of the case, for which he thanked me and said the Chapter were disposed to entertain favourably the suggestion I had made in a letter to the Bishop of Oxford on the subject, and which he had forwarded to them.

30th June – Saw the two Inspectors of Police about the Circus people and their enclosure here, which came in this evening. I ordered the tent etc. to be removed before Church time tomorrow morning – they had encroached materially on the Turnpike Road.



In last month's Issue I asked if anyone knew where '9 elms on the Adderbury Road' were. Mr and Mrs Robert Stilgoe have told me that they were in the second field beyond their farm entrance. Mr Stilgoe can just remember them being cut down in the 1950s due to disease, but says some of the old stumps are still in the field.

Cure for a cold! Mr Burgess (former Curate) had a bad cold – Symonds ordered rum and milk first thing in the morning, iron medicine, and he was to drink bitter beer and two or three glasses of port wine and eat meat twice a day. (He didn't mention whether Symonds was a doctor!)

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June

Wed 2	10.00am	Eucharist Corpus Christi
Thu 3	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sun 6	10.30am	First Sunday
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 9	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 10	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Fri 11	6.30pm	Eucharist St Barnabas
Sun 13	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)
Wed 16	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 17	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 20	10.30am	Eucharist (Baptism)
Wed 23	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 24	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 27	8.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Patronal Feast Eucharist
Wed 30	10.00am	Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)

St John's Hempton

Sun 6	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 20	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 27	6.00pm	Evensong

SS Michael and John, Barford

Sun 6	4.00pm	Eucharist (Barford St Michael)
Sun 13	4.00pm	Evensong (Barford St Michael)
Sun 20	4.00pm	All Age Worship (Barford St Michael)
Sun 27	4.00pm	Patronal Feast Eucharist (Barford St John)

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev. Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869) or one of the church wardens, Glynne Bianchi (337743) or George Fenemore (338203)

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday mornings at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton except 27 June Faith Sharp

Congregational Chapel, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church together with their congregation.

Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10.30am at this Chapel.

Sunday afternoon services are suspended until further notice.

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Fr John Burns 277396

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Sun at 10am.

St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7 pm and Sun 8.30am.

Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00pm and at Adderbury before Mass.

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

Celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi has been transferred to the following Sunday. Thursday 3 June will therefore not be a Holy Day of Obligation.

Tuesday 29 June is the Feast of SS Peter and Paul and remains a Holy Day of Obligation.

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

Diary continued

Sat 26	Friends of Daeda's Wood: Willow Weaving, Holly Tree Garden, 10am–1pm
Sat 26	Illumination Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm
Sun 27	Deddington Festival: Art Exhibition, Holly Tree, 10am–6pm
Sun 27	Deddington Festival: Daeda's Wood Walk, meet Windmill Centre, 2pm

JULY

Sat 3	Choros: Workshop, Parish Church, 9.30am–4.30pm
Mon 5	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, 10.30am–noon
Thu 8	Monday Morning Club: Film evening, <i>Slumdog Millionaire</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm

PTA

As you read this, the 6th Annual Deddington Walk will have come and gone. Hopefully the run of warm weather will last through the weekend and, once again, we will be basking in sunshine after the morning's exertion. Whatever the weather, I am sure everyone will have enjoyed themselves and thanks must go to our marshals, Alan Rampley our First Aider, the Co-op and all those businesses who so generously sponsored our Walk, and to everyone who helped make it a success once again. Thanks also go to all those who turned out on the day and to those who have kindly sponsored our children – it is you who make the event happen – we could not do it without you!

The next date for your calendar is our annual fête which will be held on the school field on Saturday 19 June from 2pm. This promises to be an exciting event with another new attraction this year – Sheep Racing! The ever-popular quad bikes will be here again along with 'Lane Change Digital Scalextric Racing'. Amazing Animals are coming too – what will they bring this year? Each class will be running a stall as usual so do come and support them and have a fun afternoon. There will be delicious cream teas, a licensed bar and a wonderful sizzling barbecue to feed your appetite!

Janet Watts, PTA Chair
337135

Stop Press: We will clear £1,000 from the Walk – more information next month.

The recorded history of Deddington continues to be enhanced within the Deddington OnLine web pages. Recent additions are articles about personal war stories, local wills, a substantial update about Deddington clockmakers, and a great article from the *Oxford Mail* in 1955. If you go to <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/articles/1955oxfordmail>, there is a reproduction from the *Oxford Mail*. It's an insight into part of Deddington society as it was then.

Further updates can be found at: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/worldwars/personalstories/1939-1945personalstories/ae Harper>; <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/articles/deddingtonclockmakers>; <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/articles/wills,indenturesandconveyances/transcribedwills2>. For this last page, we would be very interested to receive details and transcripts of any old wills or house deeds/indentures.

Another follow-on about the availability of church services through the wonders of the internet. There is now audio and video streaming of live services. David Rogers wrote on the Forum to tell us that there is now a link on the church's home page that will let you see and hear services at home. www.deddingtonchurch.org will take you straight there.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM CANON HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS

This year marks the 50th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood on Trinity Sunday 1960 in St Paul's Cathedral, London. The Vicar has generously invited me to keep the anniversary by celebrating the 10.30am Eucharist in Deddington Parish Church on Sunday 13 June, the Sunday nearest to the anniversary. This is to be less of a celebration than an occasion to give thanks for all the opportunities of worship and service that there have been during these years of ministry, to repent of the many that were missed or fumbled, and to give praise for God's presence in them all.

Along with our family, a number of those who have shared in this ministry at various stages, enriching and supporting it, will be joining us for the service and we hope that lots of our friends in Deddington will also be there. Do come, and please stay for a drink afterwards.

FROM SARA PRICE, NHS OXFORDSHIRE

NHS Oxfordshire and Oxfordshire County Council are seeking feedback from the public to enable the development of a pathway of care for early diagnosis and intervention in dementia for patients in Oxfordshire. We would therefore like to invite your local community to tell us about any experiences of receiving a dementia diagnosis - whether for themselves, a friend or family



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member. We would also like your views on the proposed care pathway diagram for early diagnosis in dementia.

To take part in this consultation, please click on the link below or alternatively please share the consultation website with people in your local area: <https://consult.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/consult.ti/dementia/consultationHome>.

Please note that you may be asked to register on the 'Talking Health' online consultation system if you have not already done so. If you have any further queries or comments about early diagnosis in dementia please contact talking.health@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk.

DAVID HOOD, EARL'S LANE

The Deddington Branch of the Royal British Legion hopes to run a coach to Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire. This was the government Code and Cypher School during the Second World War. It was there that the Nazi Enigma cypher machine was cracked which enabled the Allies to learn many enemy secrets and military intentions.

It is hoped to arrange the visit for early September – the cost should not exceed £25.

Would those interested please contact David Hood on 338200 or Ray Morris on 338143 or email on DeddingtonRBL@aol.com.

'And the Winner is...'

Shortlists have been chosen and the selected scripts sent to the judges for the Deddington Writing Competition. All that remains is for the winners and runners up to be announced and prizes awarded. This will happen at the Awards Evening on Friday 25 June in Deddington Church.

At 6.30pm the judges in the Children's Competition – authors Linda Newberry for the Short Stories and Brian Levison for the Poems – will speak about the competition and some of the entries will be read aloud. Both categories have been divided into three age groups and in each group there will be a winner and several runners-up who will each win a book token, for both poem and story. In addition each writer whose work is on the shortlist will receive a written comment on their writing. A total of 227 entries was received for the Children's Competition, all of which came from young people living in the North Oxfordshire area. Each had to write on the theme of 'Green'.

Between 7.45 and 8.30pm refreshments will be available and several local authors have promised to

bring copies of their recent books to be seen or bought. A chance for everyone to browse, meet authors and get ideas for future writing!

At 8.30pm, the judges for the Open Competition will speak about the 60 stories and 48 poems from all over the country and beyond that were submitted. These could be on any topic chosen by the author. The two published authors judging these are Jane Jakeman for the Short Stories and Jill Haas for the Poems. As with the children's entries, parts of the shortlisted writings will be read aloud to enable everyone to gauge the quality of work that has been received.

The Open Competition has cash prizes – £100 for each winner; £50 and £25 for each 2nd or 3rd prize winner and a written comment on each entry shortlisted.

The Awards Evening is open for anyone to attend and is planned so that it is equally appropriate for people to come for the whole evening or for either half.

Hugh Marshall
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Deddington Festival is nearly upon us and we look forward to enjoying the varied events – some familiar, some new. The Community Concert is being held in Church this year as it is closely linked to an exhibition about life on the Home Front during the Second World War. There will be a good deal of fascinating information and some interesting wartime memorabilia. The concert of songs and memories from the 1940s will be short so that it can be followed by an opportunity to visit the exhibition and enjoy a glass of wine.

The 'come and sing' Carmina Burana has attracted a lot of interest, and representatives from 12 different choral societies from north Oxfordshire and beyond have signed up to take part in the workshops and performance. Anyone who has some experience of choral singing is welcome to participate – you don't have to be a member of a choir – so this is an opportunity for local residents to be part of what should be a very exciting experience. Registration forms can still be downloaded from the website. And if you don't want to be part of the choir make sure you are there at 8.00pm to be part of the audience!

Fri	11	6.30pm	Deddington Rocks: Free open-air concert in the Market Place featuring local bands and nationally acclaimed 'Abba Magic'
Thu	17	7.30pm	Community Concert & Exhibition: 'Keeping the Home Fires Burning' – a tribute to the 1940s' Home Front. Enjoy singing along to the wartime songs; come early to visit the exhibition of memorabilia
Sat	19	8.00pm	<i>Carmina Burana</i> : A 'come and sing' performance of Carl Orff's exciting choral work. There is still time to book a place on the workshops (phone 337238), or just come and enjoy the performance
Sat	19–		Open gardens and allotments in Deddington and Hempton
Sun	20	2.00–6.00pm	
Sun	20	3.00–5.00pm	Teas in the Church: enjoy tea and home made cakes whilst listening to local classical guitarist Joe Newman
Sun	20	8.00pm	Stekpanna: Contemporary jazz with Steve Kershaw and his Russian-Anglo-Scandinavian band
Wed	23	6.30pm	Farmland walk: meet at the Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton for a guided farmland walk with George Fenemore
Thu	24	7.00pm	Poetry Please: Join John Cheney in the Unicorn Inn for an evening of poetry (and wine)
Fri	25	6.30pm	Writing Competition Awards Evening: Announcement of the winners of the Writing Competition and extracts from their work – 6.30pm for children's classes; 8.00pm for open section – with judges' comments and advice
Fri	25 –		Craft Exhibition: Local exhibitors in the Church 'Living Room' (continues throughout the weekend)
Sun	27		
Sat	26		Art Workshop: With local artist Sue Cave – details on website
Sat	26 –		Art Exhibition: 10.00 am–6.00pm
Sun	27		Local artists in the Holly Tree (all weekend)
Sat	26	10.00am	Willow weaving in the grounds of the Holly Tree: learn the art of willow weaving
Sun	27	2.00pm	Daeda's Wood Walk: Meet at the Holly Tree for a guided walk to Daeda's Wood to discover the willow sculptures

Elsa Williams

www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk

Friends of Daeda's Wood

This year Daeda's Wood's contribution to the Festival is happening both in the wood and in the village. On Saturday 26 June at the Holly Tree from 10.00am – 1.00pm, we are inviting all ages to try their hand at willow weaving. Come along for ten minutes and make something simple or spend the morning constructing a work of art. There is no charge for the willow weaving and so we ask that your work be exhibited in the wood on Sunday 27 June between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Wander down on Sunday, wander round and at 4.00pm take your handiwork home to adorn your garden.

Elsbeth Cox, Chairman, 337635

Festival Addendum

Sam Holmes played for us in 2008 and has written to tell me that she has just released an album. Sam has a website at www.sam-holmes.co.uk.

With her unique style and inspirational character, singer-songwriter Sam Holmes, 28, has captured the attention of audiences throughout the UK. Sam grew up in Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire. Her largest audience so far has been 20,000 people at Cropredy. Whilst working on her album she has performed on BBC radio several times.

**Eileen J Anderson
338325**

UP THE ALLOTMENT

Last year I planted my courgettes straight into the allotment and under a fleece. I planted seven seeds thinking not all of them will come up and, if half of them don't, that's great; all seven came up so we were inundated. Whilst I overdid it, whatever you do, don't plant just one as you will need another plant for pollination; they are delicious. Now is the time to plant them straight into the ground but have a fleece ready for the cold nights. You can also plant out squashes and tomatoes once the risk of frost has gone.

Sow sweetcorn in blocks as it is wind-pollinated, 45cm (18in) spacing, with two seeds per hole. The strongest seedling can be selected later.

Sow cauliflowers and purple sprouting broccoli for harvesting next winter.

If you're growing tomatoes start to remove side-shoots from cordon tomatoes as you see them. The side-shoots develop in the leaf axils (ie between the

stem and leaf) and, if allowed to develop, will sap the energy of the plant and reduce the quality of the yield.

There's something lovely about your own lettuces – sow a few seeds every ten days to enjoy a continuous supply.

21 June is officially the time to stop cutting asparagus. Basically you cut asparagus for six weeks, then give the plants a feed and let them go to seed.

Feeding: without the vital nutrients your crop will not flourish so, whilst you may have added compost of well-rotted manure which does add some nutrients, a fertiliser is usually necessary to add the required amount of nutrients. For most crops add a fertiliser a week or so before seed sowing or planting out.

Put up codling moth traps in apple trees.

Remember to keep the hoe on the go.

Samantha Willis

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News from Clifton

A belated Clifton welcome to Kirsty, Andy, young Eden, and Boris the dog. They're not new to Clifton – they moved in eight months ago and have recently come 'onto my radar screen' – but as no one told me earlier I haven't reported it. Andy is a 'sparks' and adds to our community of tradesmen who can help when the lights go out. They have moved a little further east in the village they love and I'm sure we all hope their move went well.

So if you know of anyone who's joined our neighbourhood, please let me know. I won't just bung it in – but ask their permission for inclusion first.

Not much news this month, but I must reassure our eminent local agriculturalist, the well-respected Mr Fenemore, that there are absolutely no plans to resurrect the Clifton Residents' Association (or the Clifton Adultery Club as some remember it).

If there are any other residents who want to do their bit in the community, they should make their names known to the Parish Council who would put them in touch with suitable groups who are looking for volunteers. I may well forward my name as my life recently has become a little unfulfilled. I'm quite interested in percussive music: Pookisnakenberger is a favourite band of mine.

Martin Bryce

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New dog waste bin

There is now a new dog waste bin situated at the junction of New Street and St Thomas Street. It has been generously sponsored by Hook Norton Veterinary Surgery.

Jean Rudge

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News from Hempton

The Ascension Day service at St John's on 16 May was well attended and this year it was extra special as part of it saw a choir from Sofiakyrkan, Jonkoping in Sweden, singing some of their music. The service was followed by a well-stocked buffet with a special Anniversary Cake to celebrate 159 years of Church life at St John's. Many thanks to everyone who organised and supplied refreshments.

The Open Gardens is the weekend of 19–20 June with some gardens in this village included. Please remember that the Church will also be open as it is every day throughout British Summer Time.

The table tennis team finished the season as runners-up in Division 3 of the Banbury and District League, ending up 9 pts behind Ratley A, and were knocked out of the cup in the quarter final by a strong Bodicote team. Bloxham was the eventual winner of the cup. The team received their trophies at a presentation ceremony at Mollington on 7 May.

Although September may seem a long way off, it is time to think about the Oxfordshire Ride and Stride day. To explain to any newcomers to the village, this is a sponsored event to raise money for our Church and the organisation. You visit as many churches as you want to by cycling, walking or riding. This year it will be held on Saturday 11 September between 10.00am and 6.00pm. I should have the necessary forms in July.

Several people have commented to me about the poor conditions of the planters last year. Will they be any better this year? When well stocked they brighten up the approaches to the village.

Les Chappell

338054

DOWN ON THE FARM

There are a number of old weather lore sayings attached to the month of May, but only two have connotations connected to the farming year. The first one says 'a wet May brings forth a good load of hay'; the second goes 'a cold May makes for a fat barn and findy' (good weight) but as I sit and put finger to keyboard, the first half of May has been dry, cold and windy and we are now very short of grass for the sheep. Most years we start haymaking around the middle of July, having 'shut up' the hay paddocks on the first of May, but this year we have had to keep the ewes in the hayfields as the grass keep on the river meadows is very short, so we could end up trying to do the harvest and the haymaking at the same time. As to the fat barn, no comment, as I have always found that the only time to predict the harvest prospects is when it is safely in the barn.

The bees came through the winter in good shape with no over-winter losses. The hives built up very fast during the good weather in April but the low temperatures during the first half of May made life difficult as it was too cold to do the normal brood chamber inspections and take action to prevent swarming. Now, as the weather has at last started to warm up, it's a mad

dash to take emergency action to prevent as many as possible from swarming and disappearing into the great blue yonder. The cold start to May has kept the oil seed rape in flower for a good length of time and I have already made a start with this year's honey harvest and taken the first extraction. What with the hawthorn, and pollen and nectar strips just coming into flower, it should not be too long before the honey extractor is spinning again.

Our summer visitors have been very slow to arrive this year but we now have eight pairs of swallows making use of the farm buildings and the house martins are again collecting mud from the farmyard to build their nests under the eaves of a number of houses in the village.

The resident farmyard birds are all very busy feeding their broods. I shall have to buy a new set of runner bean canes as I left last year's out in the garden still in their pyramids and a pair of goldfinches has taken up residence and has a brood of four chicks, a small price to pay to be able to watch such delightful little birds coming and going.

George Fenemore
338203

DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW

Deddington Parish Show will take place this year on 4 September. Once again the show committee is encouraging you to participate. There are categories for everyone to enter including vegetables, fruit, flowers, baking, art, photography, and children's art and crafts.

This month we would like you to start planning your entries for the flower section. This includes opportunities for everyone with classes including garden flowers, pot grown flowers, foliage plants, cactus, house plants and flower arrangements. This was one of the most popular sections in last year's show and we hope we can repeat that performance this year.

It would be fair to say everyone has a rose or pot of flowers somewhere in the garden which can be nurtured for the show without too much trouble. Even those without a garden have the opportunity to enter the houseplant classes which include a pelargonium, a foliage plant, a flowering houseplant and a cactus.

Last year's flower arrangement in an unusual container was hugely popular and produced some stunning entries and we are hoping for a similar response for this year.

New for 2010 is a class for two sunflowers, which is a great opportunity for adults and children to get the seeds out and get growing.

Sections include a single rose and four stems of roses. Three dahlias in cactus, pompon and flat varieties, three chrysanthemums, two sprays of fuchsias, four stems of any annual and six stems of any flower.

Judging will be done by outside independent judges who will be looking for flower formation, freshness, condition of the flowers/leaves, size and colour in that order. Where more than one specimen of the same variety is required, the uniformity will come into play.

Stan Nelson
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Tree Work and Scrub Removal at Deddington Castle

English Heritage (EH), which owns the central area of the castle, is grant funding tree work and scrub removal in the area of the western castle bailey in the ownership of the Parish Council. The work is being undertaken by the Parish Council with the support of the Friends of Deddington Castle Grounds group, and is strongly recommended by EH. The project will include the removal of small trees, saplings and scrub on the inside of the ramparts that have grown up over the last 20 – 30 years and will make the ramparts more

visible and greatly reduce the risk to below-ground archaeological deposits. The mature trees on the outer ramparts will not be affected. The grant also allows for more grass-cutting over the next three years to prevent regrowth of scrub and to improve the appearance of the grounds.

For further information on the archaeological reasons for the work, please contact daniel.bashford@english-heritage.org.uk.

Dan Bashford

GREEN PIECE

'We need fuel,' one Shell executive said, 'so if we have resources sitting in mother earth we will use it to the last drop'. This was in a *Daily Telegraph* article on 8 May which also had an oblique reference to Deddington. Before the UN Conference in Copenhagen in December the International Energy Agency published its World Energy Outlook Fact Sheet with this most chilling prediction (inappropriate word!):

'The rising global consumption of fossil fuels is still set to drive up greenhouse gas emissions and world temperatures, resulting in potentially catastrophic and irreversible climate change. Even taking account of the impact of the financial crisis, the projected rise in emissions in the Reference Scenario puts us on a course for doubling the concentration of those gases in the atmosphere to around 1000 parts per million (ppm) of CO₂-equivalent by the end of this century. This would entail an eventual global average temperature increase of up to 6°C.

At Copenhagen, the Maldives (that favourite holiday destination) and other low-lying nations said that for them to survive the temperature rise needs to be below 1.5°C. To achieve that, 350ppm of CO₂-equivalent should be the maximum. Data from Antarctic ice-cores shows the present CO₂ level is already higher than in any of the previous 160 millennia.

At the hustings in Banbury the UKIP candidate said action on climate change should not be taken while many remained unconvinced of the need to do so. Tony Baldry replied that he had seen climate change already happening; sherpas in Nepal showed him how the glaciers have retreated.

Christopher Hall
338225

Magic from the Musicals

Saturday 3rd July
St Mary's Church, Bloxham
8.00pm

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Warriner Choral Society

MAURICE FROST FESTIVAL

Four choirs – our Parish Church Choir, the Choir of the Church of the Resurrection, Mafikeng, South Africa, the Sofiakyrkan/Dalvik Kyrka Choir from Sweden (link churches with Deddington) and the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, also with Deddington links – gathered in the Parish Church on 15 May to celebrate the life and specifically the hymnological work of the Revd Maurice Frost, Vicar of Deddington 1924 – 61. Saturday's Evensong included the first performance of *Psallite Domino*, composed by Cecilia McDowall, known to Deddington from her community opera, *King Leo*, performed at the 2006 Deddington Festival. The Bishops of Oxford and Dorchester presided over the weekend-long celebration.

During their stay, between them the African and Swedish choirs also sang in Banbury, Hempton, at the University Church, Oxford, and in Bloxham. A wide swathe of the village was involved in their visit, from the children of Deddington Primary School to generous hosts and hostesses, to those who cooked and chauffeured, together with local hostelries. There was much to remember – the Swedish Folk Mass during *Songs of Praise* on the evening of 15 May and, not least, the ongoing sight of venerable members of the SS Peter and Paul congregation caught up in the life rhythm of African music. More details next month.

Kristin Thompson 337052

CDC GO Active Sunday Cycling

Cycle rides will take place on the second Sunday of each month, meeting at the Odeon Cinema in Banbury at 10am. They are open to anyone over 16 and will aim to go no faster than the slowest rider for a gentle ten-mile ride around Banbury. The rides are free, but please make sure your bike is in good working order. The next ride is on 13 June. For information check www.banburystar.co.uk or email Luke on bs-gorides@hotmail.co.uk.



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FARMERS' MARKET

The next farmers' Market will be on 26 June. With a bit of luck, we should be well into the summer and should be having some nice warm weather. Which means that if you are buying fresh meat, fish etc, you could have a problem with the temperature. Worry no more! Now on sale are the new Deddington Farmers' Market cool bags. You have told us that you prefer a larger sized bag, and the new one has great capacity, insulated sides, a nice square base and a zip top.

Ask at the information point if you want a new bag. Copies of our stallholder lists are also available. If you want to place an order for collection at the market, or wish to contact a stallholder in between markets, our stallholder list shows who sells what, and has all their contact details. This information is also available on Deddington OnLine. Go to the Deddington website, then follow the links for community/farmersmarket and there's a 'details here' link.

Tip of the month. Try parking in Earl's Lane on market day. There's plenty of room and with your new cooler bag you'll have plenty of carrying space and your produce won't 'go off'.

Paul Drawmer, paul@drawmer.net

MARATHON SUCCESS

The London Marathon was an amazing experience for all of us.

Our nine children came to support, along with the huge crowds who lined the 26.2 miles of the race. We all finished with times we had hoped to achieve, Tam completing it in 4hrs 38mins, Sue 4hrs 20mins and Ruth 3hrs 52mins. The last few miles were certainly helped by the support we knew we had back in Deddington!

We held a curry night a few weeks ago to raise money for our charities, managing an amazing £6,000 through the support of local businesses offering raffle and auction prizes. All this will go to Help the Hospices and Whizz Kids, two charities that we became very passionate about during our training.

We would like to thank the many local businesses and villagers for all their generosity, not only with donations but offering to help with all manner of things. Thank you from Tam Levene, Sue Brown and Ruth Tuthill.

Ruth Tuthill
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Oxon Councils Launch £99 Insulation Deal

Local homeowners could start pocketing savings within 12 months of taking up the Council's new home insulation offer.

Under the deal, local homeowners and private tenants can get cavity wall or loft insulation fitted for a standard price of £99 each. At this price insulation pays for itself quickly in reduced energy bills. The low price has been made possible by a performance-related grant from central government.

The £99 deal is subject to funding and offered on a first come, first serve basis. If you are 70 or over, or

receive means-tested benefits, you may get the work done free.

The Council's insulation offer is being managed exclusively by Cocoon, a long-standing partner of the Council. Cocoon offers a fast on-line self-referral option at www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk.

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

Last month's meeting was in two parts. The first comprised a workshop where members who wished to participate offered three themed photographs they had prepared over recent months. The Society's associate member, Yin Wong of Amersham Camera Club, offered a gentle critique of the 54 photographs submitted. Stressing the importance of thinking about what the photograph is meant to convey, Yin offered his personal and often humorous opinion on how members' offerings could be improved by cropping the picture, better composition, greater subject depth and enhancing the creative approach. In the second part, Yin presented a selection of his own photographs, discussing his approach to each image and, in so doing, entertaining his audience with many amusing anecdotes about his experiences in taking various 'street photographs'. It was a very accomplished performance by an articulate, personable and extremely talented photographer.

This month the Society has two events: the first is a meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2 June in the Apricot Room of the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, when there will be a presentation by Don Byatt ARPS, entitled 'Keeping it simple – a talk with digital prints'. The second is an exclusive photoshoot for members only at Broughton Castle, from 11.00am onwards on Saturday 12 June.

John Branton
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Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The DOGS invaded the lovely Frilford Heath Golf Club on Friday 7 May for our first test of the 2010 golfing season. There were 20 smiling faces at the start and halfway through the day the sun made a grand appearance that elated all the DOGS! Our overall winner on the day was Barbara Lowe (yes, again!) with 37 mag-

nificent points. Full details are on Deddington OnLine.

Our annual battle with the Dorchester-on-Thames DOGS is on Tuesday 1 June at Kirtlington Golf Club. They are the current holders of the seriously ugly stuffed dog. Our Captain, David Chatterton, has selected a strong team for the match. Prize-giving will be at the Deddington Arms in the evening.

Our next DOGS event is at the hugely popular Burford Golf Club on Monday 14 June. A big turnout is expected!

David Darst
338589

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At our meeting on 11 May members discussed the resolution concerning the 'mandatory labelling of foods with the country of origin', which will be put before the AGM at Cardiff on 2 June. Points were raised by Maureen Cox and members voted on this. Our member, Moira Byast, then took the floor with her fascinating talk, 'Tasting the Past'. It covered the availability of ingredients and the cooking technology that decided how the ingredients were used, the peasant and lord situation, and how the food differed for each of them. Moira had prepared sample foods ranging from Roman to early and late Mediaeval, Tudor and Georgian, which members were able to taste. Altogether an enjoyable and informative evening.

At our meeting on 8 June Ruth Power (wordsmith) will speak on 'Spinning the Yarn' and on 1 July we have our outing to the National Trust's Wimpole Hall and Home Farm, Cambridgeshire. Friends and families are welcome to join us. The cost is £24 for the coach and entrance fee (National Trust members with card, £16 coach only). Please ring Yvonne Twomey, 337213.

Rene Mahony
338438

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CALLING MORE CLUBS

Youth Club

Our sponsored roller-skate to Hempton and back on 19 April was a great success with £300 raised so far. We now have enough to buy our face-painting kit to paint faces at the Farmers' Market. Many thanks to all who took part, sponsored or made donations and special thanks to PA Franklin & Sons, Deddington Football Club, Mr and Mrs Barnes, and Richard Spencer Builders for their generosity. Please look out for us at the Farmers' Market – we'll be there as soon as we have all our equipment.

We still have lots planned for the term including T-shirt art, hair/make-up evening, smoothies, pizza making, and boxing with an instructor from Fighting Fit, Banbury. These activities are in addition to the general activities such as pool, table tennis, singstar and dodgeball, together with professional help from the Oxford Association of Young People.

If you are 10–14 years old, live in the parish and would like to come along on Monday evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm, new members are always welcome.

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Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

This is a quiet time for the Branch whose main activities are later in the year with the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Services. Norman West is continuing as our Poppy Appeal organiser but would appreciate a little help with collections etc. Please ring Norman on 340368.

The Branch is primarily involved in fund-raising, ex-service matters, welfare etc and the committee is in need of one or two more members. There are only about four or five committee meetings per year and duties are not onerous. There is no requirement for you to be ex-service. Please contact Albert or email DeddingtonRBL@aol.com.

Membership of the Branch also includes club membership and details of the cost are given in the RBL club information. Alternatively call in at the club and the steward will be pleased to help you.

We are hoping to run a trip to Bletchley Park in September (see letters).

Albert Humphries
Chairman/Secretary 338943

Deddington Royal British Legion Club

We are delighted this year to have welcomed a number of new members to the committee. A group of the ladies has raised funds to place a cover over the smoking area – this is proving to be very popular. One of the new members, Mr 'Oscar' Pearman, has built a skittle alley that was inaugurated on Sunday 2 May and was extremely popular. We are planning more skittle days on the weekend of 19–20 June and visitors are welcome. Check for details on our events

notice on the front door and gates of our premises on the High Street for information about this and other events. It may be possible for private groups to use the skittle alley, especially on Monday to Thursday evenings. Please give us a ring.

We continue to run our ever popular meat draw every Sunday at 1.30pm.

Our opening hours are Friday 7.00pm to midnight, Saturday 11.00am to midnight, and Sunday 11.00am to 6.00pm. Anyone interested in joining the club, which includes membership of the worldwide Royal British Legion, is welcome to come in during opening hours and look at our facilities. The cost is £16 per annum, pensioners £11 per annum, and no ex-service experience is required.

Raymond Morris, Chairman 338143
Nina Fairns, Secretary 338878

Deddington Players

The AGM of Deddington Players is on Monday 12 July at 7.30pm. This will probably be at the Holly Tree but I will confirm this next month. All members and anyone interested in finding out about what we do are invited to join us to discuss our plans for the next year. Help us to build on the success of this year's pantomime, volunteer to help us put on an autumn production, or just come and find out how you could get involved. This will be an informal meeting with wine and nibbles and we look forward to seeing you there.

Lucy Squires
338442

Deddington Town Football Club

Reserve Results

17/04/10 Middleton Cheney (h) L 1–7 Large
 24/04/10 ABK Sports Reserves W 4–0 Debenham, Large (2), Kaye
 (Eric Morris Cup Final)

What was once naked reverie now dresses itself in the finest silks of triumph. What croaked aspiration from a throat desiccated by thirst now guzzles the fine wine of prestige and speaks gilded exultations from a silver tongue. As the sun set on another season, its final shards sparkled on the Eric Morris Cup, meaning Deddington Reserves have collected a league and both Reserve cups in just two seasons. A capacity crowd at Ardley witnessed the Reserves demolish old nemesis ABK Sports Reserves, whom you may remember knocked out Deddington from this competition's semi-final last season, before being beaten by Deddington in the final of the Geoff Wilson Cup. It was perhaps fitting that the classic attacking trio of Jordan Kaye, and co-managers Barry Debenham and Mikey Large were responsible for the goals. In a season that had seemed destined for struggle, these three players, along with veteran Andy Shepherd and Marc Walker particularly, have steadied the ship. A Debenham

CALLING MORE CLUBS

header was added to by a breakaway Large finish for a two goal half-time lead, and from then the outcome was never in doubt. Lavish your praise if you will.

The First Team have been superb too; finishing second only on goal difference, and will begin next season in the Premier Division. Kudos must be apportioned to rookie player-manager Matt Garstin who has delivered what he promised when he assumed charge. Another enthralling and glorious season for those Deddington-based architects of swashbuckling football!

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

1st Deddington Brownies

With the arrival of spring the girls have spent this month working towards their Gardeners Badge. They have planted potatoes and various seeds in Brown Owl's garden and are eagerly awaiting the results. We took part in the St George's Day Parade in Banbury in April, parading to and from St Mary's Church with members of Guiding and Scouting from all over the area. As part of the ongoing centenary celebrations we joined Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from all over Oxfordshire to celebrate at the 'Party at the Palace'. This was held at Blenheim Palace and circus skills, belly dancing, knotting and meeting owls were just some of the events available for us to participate in. The afternoon culminated with a picnic, sing-song and a photograph of everyone present – quite an undertaking.

As always there is a waiting list for Brownies so if you think a girl you know would like to join when she is seven, please contact Brown Owl, Anne Kent, on the1stdeddingtonowls@hotmail.co.uk to be added to the list.

**Lucy Squires
338442**

Deddington Vets Football (DUST)

9 May marked a significant day in the 2009–10 football calendar: it was, of course, the last day of the Deddington Vets' football season. Our final fixture was away to the Fosse Way Falcons. Relatively speaking the opposition was in the first flush of youth and cumulatively at least 100 years younger than the parish's favourite geriatric Galacticos. The age imbalance was rectified slightly by the inclusion in the Deddington side of 17 year-old Joe Thornton – you'll discover, as indeed did we, 'vet' does not have a strict definition. As would be expected Fosse Way had much of the early possession and deservedly took the lead. However, within a few minutes Deddington was level after Joe Thornton was cynically scythed down in the box; well, that was our opinion and, after an exchange of a few pleasantries, Joe stepped up to slot home the equaliser. Fosse Way continued to get the better of the first-half and scored twice in quick succession to make the score 3-1 at the interval. At half time our manager, Craig Milner, using his now legendary pow-

ers of motivation, added an extra bounce to our collective step. We (well Joe) went on to score two more goals and make the score 3-3. With only minutes left Deddington committed men forward in the hope of a late winner. This almost paid off, but the best DUST could do was hit the post. From the resultant clearance, with Deddington light at the back, Fosse Way scored. At the final whistle a brave Deddington side had lost 4-3 and were left to console themselves in the pub, recounting what might have been....

**Barry O'Connell
338988**

1st Deddington Guides

Well done to the trusty band who attended St George's Day parade in Banbury. Thank you.

With the continuing arrival of newcomers we have enjoyed sharing the delights of our outdoor meetings with them. We began the term by preparing for the first cookout of the year with a food hygiene session by expert Mrs J Webb. This was very informative and great fun. No undercooked bangers at our cookouts and barbecues this summer! We also learnt to make sitters and understand safety rules around the fire. Our cookout was then a great success and we had time for fun and games afterwards in the gloaming. Thank you to the senior guides and to Mr and Mrs Bouverie for the use of their garden.

Last week we had a superb evening at Wroxton College where we had an opportunity to walk in the beautiful grounds and, under the guidance of three bat experts, saw and heard with the aid of detectors many bats as it began to get dark. We saw and heard many other birds and animals – it was a great evening. As I write we are off to Blenheim for a centenary celebration party in the palace. If it's fine we'll be sleeping under the stars.

**Maggie Rampley, Guider 01295 810069
Marian Trinder, Guider 340806**

Deddington and District History Society

On Wednesday 12 May Liz Woolley gave us a highly informative and entertaining overview of the history of St Thomas's parish in West Oxford. It is, historically speaking, one of the most interesting parts of Oxford, having grown up between Oxford Castle and the great (though sadly no more) Osney Abbey: the abbey's seven-ton bell, Great Tom, now hangs in Tom Tower above the entrance to Tom Quad at Christ Church. West Oxford was always a tumultuous, almost frontier-town, district. Its three breweries and its boating and barging communities may have departed, but it remains a place apart.

Liz's talk was an excellent preparation for the guided visit she will give us on 9 June. Anyone who was not at the meeting and who would like to take part should contact Moira Byst for details. We are trying

to arrange car sharing. It will be a fascinating evening.

Many thanks to our speakers, our members, and not least our hard-working committee members who have made the 2009–10 season another success.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204
Moira Byast (Secretary) 338637

Deddington Tennis Club

The club is enjoying the summer with club nights on Wednesdays from 6.00pm with a 'Takeaway night' on the first Wednesday of the month. Everybody is welcome to come along and give it a try. League matches are on Mondays and Thursdays and some weekends.

Junior and adult coaching takes place on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and there will be a junior camp in the summer holidays.

For details about the club, go to www.deddington-tennis.com.

Steve Ashby, Club Coach
01295 263855

1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

We have three new members to the pack: Callum, Richard and Dan; we hope they will enjoy being with us.

The Cubs have been busy lately. They have sown seeds to grow plants for our planter at the Windmill and this year they are all veggies. We would like people to help themselves to any courgettes, parsley and beans that appear. Easter nests were another topic, messy (very) but yummy, although I'm not sure many made it home!

We all turned out for the annual St George's Day parade in Banbury, with Philip proudly carrying the flag for Cubs and Shaun for the Scouts.

We took a team to the Banbury District activity day at Sibford. The Cubs went on a hike and along the way had a go at pond dipping, pancake making and pioneering.

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Scouts

Dan, Olly and Harry made the great leap up to join the Scouts and threw themselves in at the deep end by attending the District Survival Camp, which we mostly survived! Rabbits were skinned, pigeons plucked and fish prepared. They made and slept in 'bashers' as it was a bit cold, and learnt all about axes, signalling, water, fire-lighting and many other things. They were a great team and we were very proud of them – even though they moaned a lot.

We have been climbing at the Dewey Centre, something everyone enjoys.

Their astronaut contraptions will be on show at our AGM but I don't think NASA should worry too much about the competition.

Pete Churchyard SL 338071
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PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we go into June we are preparing ourselves for change. Our very much loved Head, Mrs Judith Tinsley, is moving on to another school and we are therefore in the throes of recruiting a replacement. Though change can be an unsettling time, it can also be exciting and throw open new opportunities; whoever gets the post will be received with a warm welcome and hard-working staff and children.

Meanwhile school life continues and this month we look forward to a number of activities. The PTA has organised our annual summer fête, to be held on the school field on Saturday 19 June. There will be stalls run by the children and parents, entertainment and refreshments.

We are also looking forward to our Years 5 and 6 taking part in The Warriner Partnership production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Year 6 are also busy preparing themselves for the Community Concert, part of Deddington Festival; their contribution will be based on the Second World War, an area which they really enjoyed studying in the autumn term.

Mrs Jane Cross, Deputy Head
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Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

This term has seen the Nursery children finding out about growth and the PFSU children learning about minibeasts. Both sites are watching as their tadpoles grow legs. The PFSU has caterpillars that are now chrysalises and, most exciting of all, the Nursery now has four delightful chicks and their constant cheeping is a happy background to all the nursery activities.

The PFSU children are also spending this term collecting postcards from around the world and finding out a bit about those places, so if you are going anywhere we would love to hear from you, whether you have a connection with the PFSU or not! Postcards can be sent to us at Deddington PFSU c/o Deddington Primary School and they will reach us. Thank you. We held successful parents' evenings at both sites earlier in the term, where parents were able to talk to their child's key person and see the detailed profile that we keep for each child.

Looking forward we will be practising for our Sports Day on the school field on Friday 2 July and also preparing the children for the big 'move up' in the summer, some from Nursery to the PFSU, and for our PFSU children, into 'big' school.

Don't forget the Casino Night at the Windmill Centre on Saturday 17 July. This is our major annual fundraiser and we would welcome as much support as possible. It should be a good night.

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FROM THE FIRE STATION

In the last month we have received 23 firecalls which included two aircraft crashes, three chimney fires, a grass fire, two electrical fires, a wood shredder/chipper, two car fires and a road traffic collision.

Both aircraft incidents were at the Skimmingdish Lane airfield at Bicester, where the first light aircraft crashed into a crop field adjacent to the airfield, and the second, a glider, crashed into a garden and hedge adjacent to the A4221. Luckily, no one was seriously injured in either of these incidents.

The chimney fires were at North Aston, where a beam in a chimney caught alight, the White Lion pub in Steeple Aston, and the Red Lion at Stratton Audley which also had a thatched roof. We were sent as the third pump backing up the Bicester crews who were working hard to prevent the fire spreading to the thatch. We also required the use of the hydraulic platform to inspect the thatch and ensure that no hotspots were left.

After the incident, we spoke to the landlord who was extremely relieved that he still had a pub left as he thought that he was going to lose it due to the size of the flames that he saw leaping from the top of the chimney.

Not much to say about the grass fire – it was a fire and it involved some grass! The electrical fires were both caused by light fittings. One was in the Castle Quay Centre, Banbury, and the other at a unit on Overthorpe Industrial estate in Banbury. In both incidents, no-one was injured and damage was limited to smoke logging.

At Bainton, we attended a wood-chipping machine that crushes wooden pallets, which had caught fire and then set light to the chipped wood piled next to the machine. We attended as the second pump, assisting a Bicester pump which worked quickly to set up a water supply and bring the machine fire under control. Our job was to tackle the tons of wood chips that had caught alight to prevent the fire spreading further.

Fortunately, the landowner had a large pond from which we could take water, otherwise we may have needed more pumps to establish a water relay as the nearest hydrant was some distance from the incident.

There were two car fires in one night at the Upper Heyford base, within an hour or so of each other, and arson is suspected. Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service routinely works in partnership with Thames Valley Police in cases of arson and has been successful in bringing offenders to court in other parts of the county.

The road traffic collision happened just after midnight just south of Deddington, where one male driver was trapped in his burning car. Some brave members of the public freed him and attempted to extinguish the fire; however we understand that the victim has since lost the use of his legs below the knees.

On a lighter note, at the station itself we can con-

gratulate Sharon Wilson on passing her Breathing Apparatus course and she had her first operational wear at the car fires mentioned above. We are also preparing Richard Day for his 'fitness to ride' test before we let him loose on the appliance, and we are all keen to get him up to standard and 'on the run' as soon as possible as he had such a turbulent training programme because his basic course was cancelled in January due to the heavy snow.

Martin Freeman has passed his emergency response driving test again and I suppose I ought to mention that I passed a Vector assessment which may allow me to go out in charge of the pump. I'm told that Watch Manager Fenemore can't wait for this to happen so that he can book some time off knowing that the pump will still remain available in the daytime, whilst he tends to his harvest crops.

In terms of other news, we may have secured another recruit who has passed most of the selection process, and we hope to see him on his basic course at the end of the year or early next year. We will also be saying goodbye to our whole-time Station Manager, Paul Debling who is retiring from the service in September after many years. I know that I speak for the whole crew in saying that he will be sadly missed. He has had a positive influence on the station and crew and hopes to leave us in good shape, with good crew numbers and skill competence, and some fond memories of us hopefully.

As summer approaches, we hope to meet some of you at the local school and village fetes. As usual, the requests to come to these great activities are many, and we are trying to get to as many as we can, firecalls permitting of course!

The way things are going so far, I think we are going to have a very busy year. We have already had 100 firecalls by mid-May, which is our normal half yearly figure.

At Deddington station, our average mobilisation time (from when our alerters go off to when we are driving out of the station) is a mere 4.8 minutes.

Considering that not only do we have crew responding from Deddington but also from Barford, Adderbury, Hempton and Clifton, I think that is not a slow response time by any means. We can soon be in attendance at any local incident, so please remember that if you need us the sooner you call us the sooner we will be there. Five minutes may seem a long time if you are waiting, but I bet it's taken you that long to read this article (if the editor has not cut it!).

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