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Lots to do over the summer with Festival activities but do come to the public meeting on 12 July on the Library Consultation to discuss our best options for progress – and remember to complete your PC emergency planning form.

July

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| Fri | 1 | Deddington Festival: Writing Competition Awards, Parish Church, 6.30pm |
| Sat | 2 | Deddington Festival: <i>The Armed Man</i> , Workshop day and evening concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 3 | Photographic Society: Photoshoot at Broughton Grange Farm, 5.00pm, members only |
| Sun | 3 | Deddington Festival: Open Mic Night, Unicorn Inn, 7.30pm |
| Mon | 4 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon |
| Tue | 5 | Deddington Festival: Poetry Please, Unicorn Inn, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 6 | Photographic Society: Karl Harrison, 'Panoramic Stitching of Photographs', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 6 | Deddington Festival: Clifton Farm Walk, meet at Home Farm, 6.30pm |
| Fri | 8 | Deddington Festival: Deddington Rocks, Market Place from 5pm |
| Sat | 9– | Deddington Festival: Art Exhibition, Holly Tree Club, 10am–6pm |
| Sun | 10 | 6pm |
| Sat | 9 | Concert by Blackbird Leys Choir, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 9 | Deddington Festival: 'A Night at the <i>Moulin Rouge</i> ', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 10 | Deddington Festival: Teas in Church with guitarist Joe Newman, 3.00–4.30pm |
| Sun | 10 | History Society: Picnic in Barford St Michael (call 338537) |
| Sun | 10 | Deddington Festival: Stekpanna, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Tue | 12 | WI: Visit to Portsmouth and Southsea (call 337213) |
| Tue | 12 | Public Meeting: Library Consultation Process, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 13 | Photographic Society: Paul and Celia Hallett, 'Night Photography', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 14 | Monday Morning Club: Film evening, <i>Made in Dagenham</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm |
| Sun | 17 | Photographic Society: Workshop by Simon Lutter, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 17– | DOGS: Golf at Tracy Park Hotel and Golf Club, Bath |
| Mon | 18 | |
| Wed | 20 | Parish Council meeting, Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 23 | Farmers' Market, 9.00am–12.30pm |
| Mon | 25 | Tennis Club: Junior Tennis Camp, www.deddington.com |
| Thu | 28 | Book Club meeting: call 338094 for venue |
| Fri | 30 | Harvard University Comes to Deddington: The Old Post House, New Street, 6.15pm |

August Diary see p12

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

15 June 2011 at the Holly Tree Club

The meeting was chaired by Jim Flux; there was a good turnout of Councillors and four members of the public.

Open Forum Geoff Todd, Pat Swash and others suggested that the Farmers' Market, the Festival and others needed an accessible power supply now that private tenants had taken over the Town Hall. DPC agreed to consider.

CDC Dial-a-Ride funding is being reviewed and is being questioned by OCC.

F&GP The Annual Accounts to March 2011 were approved with a small surplus against the budget as a result of cost savings. £10,000 has been withdrawn from the West Bromwich BS to pay for the Windmill solar panels.

Environment & Recreation

Swifts: nesting-boxes are being placed at the Windmill Centre and possibly in the Fire Station tower.

Cemetery: wildflower meadow will be mowed in July and seeds collected; an audit is being taken of all the flowers that survived the winter.

The school is having second thoughts about restoring their pond but they have adopted the planter on the main road near them.

The annual problem of football being played on the cricket pitch at the Windmill was discussed. The football season finished so late there was little time to repair the turf particularly around the goal-mouth. The Football Club is to be asked to co-operate with turf watering and rolling at the end of the season.

Highways

The police and volunteers have been conducting a speeding blitz in Hempton and issued 10 tickets in one day. The postbox outside the Co-op is difficult for some people to reach. A site outside the Post Office was rejected by Royal Mail; the Highways group is looking for suggestions for alternative sites. (Suggestions please to Lorraine Watling at the office or Parishcouncil@deddington.net.)

Planning – Applications

End Cottage, The Stile, a revised application for a new build after previous applications were rejected. This application is for a two-storey traditional style cottage. The same objections remain about it being a back land development in a conservation area which would overburden the difficult access road.

Wynford House, New St, no objection to the construction of a conservatory.

24 Gaveston Gdns, no objection to the replacement of a conservatory.

Peppers Hotel, no objection to the pruning of two yew trees and the removal of a holly tree.

Emergency Planning

The questionnaire needs to be completed and returned

to the DPC office or one of the three collection points: Health Centre, Post Office or Church. An emergency plan will be presented to DPC later in the year based on the data. Concern was expressed by some residents about their obligations to house people in an emergency or to shift snow. No one is required to do anything but volunteers are sought who could help in an emergency of whatever kind.

Library

The 'Book a Future for Deddington Library' group met on 7 June to consider the revised OCC position on the future of the library. A list of questions was formulated for OCC that require clarification. These are: (1) What are the criteria for re-categorisation to a Community Plus Library? (One-third volunteers, two-thirds paid staff, as opposed to two-thirds volunteers and one-third paid staff under present proposals.) (2) Is the building fully serviced? (3) Will insurance, Council Tax, maintenance, energy bills and cleaning services be paid by OCC? (4) If any savings can be achieved in these costs by 'group', will these be accounted to Deddington Library? (5) Will any income for facility re-use also be credited to Deddington Library? (6) Do OCC have criteria or person specification for volunteers? If so when will this be available? (7) Will the Library Manager manage the volunteers when they are on site (as if they were employees)? (8) Will OCC provide the required training? If so will they absorb the costs and how many people will be trained? (9) For how long will this training be available? (10) Will the volunteers (and trainee volunteers) be fully covered by employer, employee and public liability insurance? (11) Will the volunteers be subject to OCC staff appraisal system? (12) Who will carry out this appraisal? (13) Can an unemployed volunteer claim benefits? (14) Will this funding continue in perpetuity? (15) What is the process for correcting errors in 'Deddington Library Facts and Figures'? A second public meeting will be held on 12 July to discuss response to consultation paper.

Castle Grounds:

English Heritage has rejected the idea of a bench for Eddie Lynch on the Mound; his friends will be consulted on an alternative site.

A noticeboard is needed at the western boundary by the car park to advise on site rules, regulations and the events and activities of the Friends of the Castle Grounds.

English Heritage will not allow bench plinths that break into the ground to preserve possible archaeology. An alternative is being investigated to mount the benches on surface plinths.

A public picnic is being planned in September to promote the attractive aspects of the Castle grounds.

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**Deddington Festival Concert: Karl Jenkins
The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace
 Saturday 2 July at 7.30pm**

The classical concert for this year's Festival will be a performance of the popular *Armed Man* by Karl Jenkins. Members of choral societies from all over Oxfordshire and beyond will be joining with local residents and a professional orchestra for what promises to be a very exciting event.

The concert will open with Karl Jenkins' *Palladio* – a short piece for strings which anyone who listens to Classic FM regularly will be sure to recognise. The main event will then be *The Armed Man*, which has been described as one of the most beautiful and moving pieces of music ever written and is certainly one of the best loved works of the contemporary choral repertoire. It is dedicated to the victims of war and combines the sacred words of the Mass with secular texts by Kipling, Tennyson, Dryden, Swift and others. The purpose of the work was to reflect on the horrors of the wars of the twentieth century, and to pray for a peaceful future. A special performance of the work, conducted by the composer himself, will take place at 'Ground Zero' in New York in September this year to mark the tenth anniversary of 9/11.

Tickets for the concert will be on sale at the June Farmers' Market and on the door on 2 July – but make sure you get there early!

Elsa Williams, elsawilliams@btinternet.com

**A HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY
 IN FIFTEEN OBJECTS**

From September this year until August 2012, Deddington Parish Church, in association with the Faculty of Theology at Oxford University, will provide an introduction to the history of Christianity through 15 objects, presented by leading international scholars. Following in the footsteps of Neil MacGregor (Director of the British Museum) last year, this series seeks to explore the material, rather than intellectual, legacy of faith throughout the centuries, and examine how Christianity has shaped, and been shaped by, political, economic and social changes since the first century AD.

With speakers including the bishops of Oxford and Gibraltar, the Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity from Oxford, the Emeritus Lightfoot Professor from Durham, and the former Warden of Keble College, among many others, the series is an unprecedented opportunity for some of the nation's leading church historians and theologians to convey their learning to a popular audience.

Admission to each talk is free, and the talks will also be available online, both live and as podcasts, on www.historyofchristianity.org.uk. The first talk is on 5 September at 7.30pm by the Bishop of Oxford.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Fifty-two people were in the congregation for the Ascension Day service with the Bishop of Dorchester presiding. The Bishop blessed and dedicated the new doors between the church and hall. Refreshments were served afterwards with bubbly to celebrate 160 years of church life at St John's. The new doors make a complete difference to the whole building with more space for every occasion.

Village groups are being offered free access to the hall. It is an ideal size for small to medium functions with a nice kitchen for serving food and drinks. However, donations to the Friends of the Church are always welcome as more work is needed on the building with very little money in the kitty.

The table tennis team finished bottom of Division 2 in the Banbury League after a disastrous season and will almost certainly be relegated.

The Parish Council will once again be meeting in the Church Hall on Wednesday 20 July at 7.30pm, so if you have any concerns please go along.

Congratulations this month, to Adrian Brent and Amy Smart of Batchelors Row in The Lane, on their marriage on 30 April; to Stephen and Despina Pond, also of Batchelors Row, on the birth of a baby girl, Bella; and to Basil and Jo Churchyard on the birth of their first grandchild, Jacob, a son for Jack and Amy.

It has been reported to me that produce has been going missing on the allotments, so please keep an eye out for any strangers there.

As there is no DN in August, I should just mention this year's Oxfordshire Ride and Stride Day which is on Saturday 10 September. If anyone would like to ride for St John's, I should have the necessary forms in July.

Les Chappell 338054

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July

Sun	3	10.30am	First Sunday
		6.30pm	Evensong St Thomas
Wed	6	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	7	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	10	10.30am	Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Wed	13	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	14	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	17	10.30am	Eucharist with Baptisms
Wed	20	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	21	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Fri	22	6.30pm	Eucharist St Mary Magdalene
Sun	24	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Eucharist
Mon	25	6.30pm	Eucharist St James
Wed	27	10.00am	Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Thu	28	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	31	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Mattins

St John's Hempton

Sun	3	9.00am	Eucharist
	17	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	24	6.00pm	Evensong

August

Sun	7	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	21	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	28	6.00pm	Evensong

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

11 June	Georgia Rose Milroy
15 June	Ellen-Jane Clare Ward

Wedding

11 June	Andrew Milroy and Lara-Ming Sinnatambo
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Information on the meetings of other faith groups can be found at: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/commu-nity/church/otherfaithsandbeliefs>.

August

Wed	3	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	4	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sat	6	10.00am	Eucharist Transfiguration
Sun	7	10.00am	First Sunday
		6.30pm	Evensong
Wed	10	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	11	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	14	10.30am	Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Mon	15	6.30pm	Eucharist Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed	17	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	18	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	21	10.30am	Eucharist
Wed	24	10.00am	Eucharist with Healing Prayer St Bartholomew
Thu	25	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	28	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Service of the Word
Wed	31	10.00am	Eucharist

The Barfords

Sun	3	10.30am	Eucharist (BfdStM)
Sun	10	10.30am	Family Service (BfdStM)
Sun	17	10.30am	Family Service (BfdStM)
Sun	24	4.00pm	Evensong (BfdStM)
Sun	31	4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)

August

Sun	7	10.30am	Eucharist (BfdStM)
Sun	14	10.30am	Family Service (BfdStM)
Sun	21	10.30am	Family Service (BfdStM)
Sun	28	4.00pm	Evensong (BfdStM)

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), the curate, Revd Dr Dan Inman (338582) curatedan@gmail.com, 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

24 July	George Pearce
31 July	John Goulder

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

14 August Faith

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Fr John Burns 277396

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Sun at 10.00am.

St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7.00pm 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.

There are no major feasts in July but the solemnity of the Assumption falls on 15 August. This is normally a Holy Day of Obligation but as it falls on a Monday this year, this has been transferred to the previous Sunday.

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

A big Clifton welcome to Neil, Kelly and Libby who have moved into this little corner of heaven and will experience their first School Fête on Saturday as they rush to embrace all that is good and wholesome in our community. But as some arrive some must sadly leave and it's a fond farewell to Ian, Sarah, Hugh, Richard and William Baines who have felt the need to move all the way to Candleford. Gone but not forgotten – especially as Ian still owes the Book Club a cultural trip to Bristol.

The tradition of endurance athletics continues as our very own doc (well one of three actually) Cath Rose competed in the Blenheim Triathlon. Cath finished a very creditable 71st out of 205 in her class. Well done Cath. You can support her by going to uk.virginmoneygiving.com and then put in Cath Rose to the 'find a friend' bit and you'll find the page.

One of our other doctors, Viv Collins, is also doing

a charity run in University Parks this month. No pressure Sanjay – no pressure!

Finally I can reveal what the book club are up to. Unlike other less dedicated book clubs these cerebral lot are actually writing a book. It's fully illustrated (as you'd expect from this bunch of 'artists') and the working title is *A Crap Guide to Good Beer*. They have currently reviewed 15 ales most of which are brewed locally and have all been available from cellar man extraordinaire Alan Newman of the Duck who keeps a new beer every week for these fine fellows of which I am proud to be a member. 'Bring me Sunshine' by the Tring Brewery is currently top of the leader board. If any of you feel equally qualified to participate in this handsome venture then just any pop along any Thursday after nine. Serialisation rights are being offered around.

Martin Bryce, martindnbryce@aol.com

SWIFTS RETURN TO DEDDINGTON

For decades swifts have been returning to their established nesting site in Deddington each spring and this year they arrived on 5 May. A local group has been researching nesting sites in Deddington and other places around Cherwell. In a quest to discover more sites and recruit additional observers Chris Mason, who leads the group, was given a stall at Deddington

Farmers' Market on Saturday 28 May.

The Farmers' Market Management Group has given the group a grant to meet the cost of two swift nesting boxes to be placed at a suitable site in the village.

Geoff Todd 338532

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Future Developments at the Town Hall

Since the Parish Council gave notice of termination of their lease with the Deddington Charity Estates, the trustees have discussed in depth the future use and development of the Town Hall. The charity, long-established, has as its purpose the provision of housing, namely the Almshouses, for specific beneficiaries. As such there is an obligation to use the assets of the Trust towards support of that purpose, rather than to provide and service the Town Hall as a local public amenity.

The main income is derived from four Almshouses. There is a very minimal income in letting the Town Hall for public use, with overhead expenses of insurance, heating and lighting met by DCE.

The Almshouses have undergone an essential maintenance/refurbishment programme over the last five years, capital funds being used to pay for the work.

The structure of the Town Hall has regrettably deteriorated during the previous leaseholds and a recent survey revealed a number of areas requiring urgent attention, notably the windows and external rendering. The existing cement render is incorrect for a building of this age and as a listed structure extensive expenditure will be incurred since a lime/mortar render using a specialist firm will be necessary. In addition it would be beneficial to improve the heating system as soon as possible. The trustees have spent a considerable sum on urgent repairs in the last eight months.

Accepting that, rightly, public and open information was important to the community, the trustees published an outline of planning permission for future development. Through the pages of *DN* comment was sought, with an offer of free use to any new interested party until 31 December 2010, as to how the property might be occupied. Time was spent discussing a number of options.

It became obvious that a larger regular income stream was required to commence a rolling maintenance programme. Advice was sought from a senior Charity Commissioner and two alternatives became clear, to sell or to lease. If sold, the building would be lost to the community which the trustees were reluctant to accept.

It is now unequivocal that to raise money in order to initiate essential repairs requires a tenant paying a commercial rent. The tenancy is solely for the room and toilet, the building remaining the property of DCE. Negotiations for the use of the undercroft, facility for electric power, hanging of banners and retention of the bus shelter are currently in progress.

Commercial sensitivity has restricted public information until now. I would be happy to respond to any queries.

John Sampson, Trustee
338739





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Deddington Writing Awards

Deddington Writing Competition, now in its fifth year, is held to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to try their hand at writing a short story or a poem which will be judged by experienced writers and have a chance of winning a prize.

While the Junior competition, in three age groups, is restricted to entrants from North Oxfordshire and is often encouraged in local schools, the Open Competition has no age or residence restrictions and this year entrants have been free to write on any subject of their choice. People entering the Junior Competition were asked to write, using their imagination as well as their skills in language, description and story telling, on the theme of 'News'.

Once again we are fortunate in having the support of four experienced authors to judge the entries and they will announce the winners and present prizes in Deddington Church at the Awards Evening on Friday 1 July. The results of the Junior Competition will be at 6.30pm, followed by refreshments at 7.30pm when local authors, including those who have been the competition judges, will exhibit and offer their published work for sale.

The Open Competition results will be announced at 8.00pm. Throughout the evening extracts from some of the successful poems and stories will be read aloud and the judges will comment on the entries that they have read. In addition the poet Olivia Byard will give a talk on 'Writing Poetry'. The event for which there is no entry charge is part of the Deddington Festival.

The shortlists can be seen at www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk. Come and find out who will be the winners.

Hugh Marshall 337761

PTA

Once again I am writing this just before one of our major fund-raising events and can only hope for warmth and sunshine this coming Saturday – the day of our Summer Fete. So much time and preparation has gone into the event and I hope everyone has a fabulous time.

I'd like to thank all those who have supported it in one way or another. Many thanks in particular to the Deddington Market Group for the loan of the market stalls together with a superb raffle prize. Thanks are also due to the Deddington Arms Hotel and the Peach Pub Company for kindly donating the two major prizes in our raffle. Many other local businesses also contributed to our raffle or sponsored our fête magazine for which we are grateful. Another special thanks must also go to Jenny for donating the fabulous Wow Wee musical items. It is fantastic the way the whole community comes together to support our village school. A huge thank you! Lastly, we must not forget everyone who gave up their time to help and for all the generous donations we received. It is much appreciated.

Well, that is nearly it for the 2010–11 fundraising year. We have had a great time, worked extremely hard and we hope to have been able to raise in excess of £10,000 (including monies raised at the fête).

This will be used to provide some outdoor seating and shade for our top field, to assist with the creation of a sensory garden and to supply additional resources for each of our year groups. Confirmation of the final sum raised this year will appear in the next edition. Very many thanks for your tireless support – we couldn't do it without you. Have a wonderful summer break.

Janet Watts 337135

Parish Council Notes continued from p2

Invoices agreed for payment £3,442

Investments of £546,409 at Barclays, West Bromwich BS, Santander and Anglo Irish Bank.

Next meeting – 20 July in Hempton Church Hall

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THE ALLOTMENT

Rabbits and Guests

If you look up rabbits and growing vegetables on the internet there are all sorts of ideas for growing vegetables for your pet rabbits. However, I don't want a pet rabbit. To try to prevent rabbits eating your vegetables here are some ideas.

1. *Unappetising* – You could just grow plants they're not supposed to eat such as squash, potatoes and tomatoes. I can say that my potatoes are flourishing, although there are only so many potatoes we can eat.

2. *Fences* – Chicken wire fences or cages that will deter the rabbit.

3. *Smells* – Another idea is to place a stinky smell around your plot; apparently they don't like the smell of dried blood or liquid soap. Here are some products that I haven't tried but you can source on Amazon:

Defenders Rabbit and Wild Animal Repellent

Dried blood – on a positive note if it doesn't work this acts as nitrogen and will give you vegetative growth.

Chilli powder round the base of the plant will apparently deter them.

(I hope these ideas are more successful than the fox repellent that a customer said didn't work at all. In fact the fox was asleep on the area the customer had sprayed).

4. *A meal* – Plant clover around the edge of your allotment as rabbits will eat that by choice. This will also act as a green manure and encourage bees.

5. *Snakes* – Alternatively if you chop up a hose and place it around to look like a snake they will apparently be scared and not cross into the area. This might be amusing to watch if you have time to sit quietly.

Keep your eye out for other pests and diseases and happy gardening.

Finally there may be an allotment party in July, date to be confirmed.



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HARVARD UNIVERSITY COMES TO DEDDINGTON

On the weekend of 29–30 July a sound of Harvard University will be coming to Oxford and Deddington.

The Harvard Krokodiloes (Kroks) will be giving a concert in Christine Blennot's beautiful garden at 6.15pm on Saturday 30 July – weather permitting. See below for details.

The Kroks are Harvard University's oldest 'a capella' singing group. Carrying on a tradition which began in 1946, each year a group of 12 undergraduates performs concerts in the United States before embarking in May on a world tour. This year's tour takes them to Australia, China, Japan, South Korea, Germany, France, Italy and, for a grand finale, to Oxford and London.

Over the years the Kroks have performed for kings, presidents, ambassadors, major corporations, and on TV and radio stations in many countries.

Particularly memorable concerts have included: the handover of Hong Kong to China; President Bill Clinton's inauguration; the United Nations in Geneva; and charity concerts in Carnegie Hall, New York.

Their performances of jazz, swing and rock music from America's golden ages of music of the 1920s to the 1960s (and even later) appeal to people of all ages,



musical tastes and cultures. Saturday 30 July will provide a unique opportunity to hear world class singing in our own lovely village. Entry is free but if you enjoy the concert (how could you not?) and would like to make a donation, this would be appreciated. The concert starts at 6.15pm and will go on as long as they can keep singing and the audience ask for encores. There will be an interval so please bring along a picnic and a rug or folding chair.

Grateful thanks on behalf of the Kroks to Christine for her generosity in opening her garden for this event. Her address is The Old Post House, New Street (just past the Crown and Tuns pub).

If you would like a preview of the Kroks please go to their website at www.kroks.com/looklisten.

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ON THE FARM

With the summer solstice now past, is the cup half full or half empty? I like to think it is half full with the best half of the year to come. 2011 seems set to become a year of weather records: January gave us the coldest winter weather for 30 years, next came the warmest start to spring for 90 years and shirt sleeve lambing, followed by the driest spring for 35 years and, as I scramble to meet copy date (late again), we are well set for the coldest June since heaven knows when. But at least it's dripping although the recent rain is too late to help boost the harvest yields. As the dry spring weather prevented the wheat plants from producing the normal amount of grain bearing stems (tillers), the dripping June will fill the grain in the ears that have been produced, but it is not all doom and gloom as the warm spring brought the oil seed rape into flower early, giving the bees a good start to the honey season.

We seem set for another record as we have already extracted almost as much honey this year as we did for the whole of last season. We have one or maybe two more extractions to come, with all the hard work done by the bees.

The oil seed rape crops look set to give us a very good yield, but I will leave it at that until it's in the barn. The warm spring weather gave us an excellent show of May blossom and we now have a very good crop of berries for the birds to enjoy next winter. This is not as the old wives' tale has it, a warning of a hard winter to come but a sign that the bees have done a good job. This is just as well as the prolonged dry spell has meant that the bird seed strips that were planted at the end of April are not growing very well, and we shall need to start using the feeding stations much earlier than normal.

Again, due to the 'big dry', the grass situation is difficult and we may risk leaving the cutting of the traditional river valley hay meadows until after harvest, in the hope that the dripping June and the 'autumn

flush' will bulk the grass up to give us enough hay for the winter.

The ewes have now been shorn; the shearing team arrived at nine o'clock and by lunch time the 350 ewes were all in the buff. The Cotswold ewes have produced some good quality fleeces which are now in the hands of the local spinning and weaving ladies, so it won't be long before Cotswold wool is, after a break of several hundred years, back on sale in Deddington. It would be nice to think that this could coincide with the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Farmers' Market in September.

The birds and bees seem to be having a good year, with 2011 turning out to be the year of the goldfinch, as we have seen a considerable increase in the numbers of breeding pairs and young fledglings. We have also seen an increase in the numbers of breeding pairs of grey partridge, but most partridge chicks are hatched during the second week of June and are very susceptible to cold, wet weather so we could be in for a poor partridge year, but we won't know until the crops are off.

On the other side of the coin, the recent wet weather has been good for the curlew and redshank which are breeding again this year on the river meadows as the ground was becoming too hard for them to feed.

Please note that as part of the Deddington Festival, the farm walk (a walk on the wild side) is on Wednesday 6 July at 6.30pm, meeting at Home Farm, Clifton, not as previously advertised, at the Duke of Cumberland's Head (where with any luck we shall end up). There is ample parking in the farmyard. We shall walk across the farm to Bowman's Bridge, taking in as many of the environmental projects as possible. The timescale is flexible depending on the weather, so come prepared, as the only thing that will stop us is deep snow, and the way the mercury is heading at the moment even that is possible. See you then.

George Fenimore
338203

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

This term the Nursery children are finding out about 'Under the Sea' and at the PFSU the children are 'Keeping Healthy' as well as preparing for their move up to 'big school' in September.

There will be open days at the PFSU on Monday 4 and Wednesday 6 July from 3.30 to 4.30pm. These are for the parents with children who will be moving up to the PFSU in September. Do come along and meet us and ask any questions you may have.

All the children moving up to the PFSU or on to Deddington Primary School will also have a 'move-up' day on Tuesday 19 July, when they can be left for the

afternoon and get to know the staff, other children and their new classrooms.

Finally I must mention our most important fund-raising event of the year, 'A Night at the *Moulin Rouge*'. This event (for adults) will be held at the Windmill Centre on Saturday 9 July from 7.30pm. Tickets at £20 include supper and live band, and can be bought at the PFSU, Nursery or the Flower Shop. Please join us if you can. It should be a great night.

Lucy Squires
PFSU 337484
Nursery 337383

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

In future the Postbag, or parts of it, will appear on the DOL Forum. This will enable readers to comment without having to wait until the following month. If you would prefer your letters NOT to appear online, please tell us when you write. Thank you.

FROM PAT BRITTAIN, DIANA & HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS

When all the red envelopes had been collected and examined, then examined again to make sure that nothing was lurking inside; when the cash had been counted and the cheques checked; when the long-suffering staff in the Post Office had weighed it all up and put it through the system; when the Christian Aid forms had been completed ready for audit.. we found that you had given the magnificent sum of £1,956 plus approximately £175 to be reclaimed from the 117 Gift Aid slips that had been filled in and signed, making a grand total of £2,131 given by the generous people of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. This is at least £100 more than last year – in spite of the recession. Our thanks to everyone who gave, collected or helped in any way. Special thanks from the many who will benefit from Christian Aid Week 2011. You have 'helped people in poverty out of poverty'.

... AND FROM HUGH MARSHALL

During the summer the Fairtrade stall will be open in Deddington Church during each Farmers' Market – Saturdays, 23 July and 27 August. A new Traidcraft catalogue will be available in August and Deddington Fairtraders' popular annual Christmas Preview and Bargain Sale will be on Wednesday 12 August – note the date.

PS We have been invited to start a small Fairtrade stall at Barford's friendly monthly market – 10.00am to 12 noon on the third Saturday each month. Would anyone be interested in setting this up and selling at it? Please speak to me (337761) to find out more.

FROM REVD DR HUGH WHITE, DEDDINGTON
WOMEN BISHOPS

As part of a Church of England-wide consideration of proposed Church legislation on women bishops Deddington Parochial Church Council is to discuss the matter and report its views to the Deddington Deanery Synod which in turn will report to the Oxford Diocesan Synod. Approval of the proposed legislation will require a majority of Dioceses voting in favour of the proposals and then a two-thirds majority in favour in each of the Houses (Bishops, Clergy, Laity) of the General Synod. The General Synod vote will take place in July 2012.

If anyone would like to comment on or discuss the legislation or make a representation to the PCC before its meeting on 20 July, please contact me. The issue



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and include your name and address
even if they are not for publication

the C of E is now discussing is not so much whether to ordain women as bishops, a move that has been agreed by General Synod, but what to do with respect to those who cannot in conscience accept the ministry of women bishops. You can Google 'Draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure' for the details of the legislation proposed. Or you might prefer to read,

as members of the PCC are doing, the summary of the state of play offered by the *Church Times*, a copy of which is available in the Church.

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

Following our reading of the King James Version of the Bible we at the Church are hoping to embark on a reading of Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* in the autumn which we would broadcast via the internet. Please let me know if you might be interested in taking part: 349869 or vicarhugo@hotmail.com

FROM JEAN FLUX, THE DAEDINGS

As a dogwalker, I walk regularly, armed with the recognisable green bags, the streets, green spaces and field paths in and around the village. I have been disturbed recently about the exponential increase in the number of discarded cigarette butts everywhere, not just outside our pubs and restaurants, where the management presumably no longer supply ashtrays because no smoking is permitted inside the premises, but also on the margins of the Windmill field, where our children play, and down Cosy Lane and elsewhere. Surely it is not unreasonable to expect smokers to use the rubbish bins around the village, or to take their toxic waste home to put it into their domestic bins?

FROM BEV BRADY, MURDOCK CLOSE

I am sure many of you reading this knew and loved Eddie Lynch. He was such a popular, humorous lad. His death shocked our community and left many of us empathising with his family and friends.

For this reason I have decided to do a tandem parachute jump at Hinton-in-the-Hedges on 11 September 2011 for the charity 'Brake'. Brake is a road safety and victim support charity.

Eddie touched so many lives before and after that fateful day, and I hope this will be reflected in the money we raise to make him proud.

There is a sponsor form at the Post Office or you can go to <http://www.doitforcharity.com/BEVB>.

Thank you for your support.

BLISSFUL THINKING

The problem with free will is it allows the freedom to make bad choices. We are offered anywhere in our dear village to sequester our automobile, but this also means that everyone else is afforded that right. Some people choose to park adjacent to the convenience store, along parallel lines with the cars that flank them. Others choose to park haphazardly alongside the green; three feet from the kerb. Others still select a place which narrows the road for other motorists, blocks the Co-op delivery truck or the pavement for the less able-bodied. Some park in bus stops, across drives, on double yellow lines or on top of a Farmers' Market stall.

Yet our indignation at these reckless parkers' thoughtless actions is countered by the knowledge that, should some kind of harsh parking penalties be applied, we too may be in the firing line, should a sensible space not be adequately available at our time of asking. We tolerate these selfish actions because we too may, in haste, frustration or pure lunacy, contemplate breaking the code of courtesy to fellow personal transport receptacle owners. And we would hope that on our return, our vehicle has not been towed, burnt out or otherwise defaced by some efficacious vigilante mob. In short, we allow selfishness for the opportunity to indulge our own selfishness and, in doing so, display a paradoxical altruism; it's live and let live baby, tolerating avarice, selfishness and gross stupidity on various levels, in order to maintain the fragile harmony of the greater good.

My freedom is no more worthy than your freedom for I am as flawed as you and just as likely to exploit weaknesses in systems within the boundaries in which I operate. When this balance is thrown too far in one direction, when too many parties take too much and don't give enough, then the ultimate system that governs us all will respond by suggesting that perhaps the freedom is not worth defending. Perhaps blasted by enough media rhetoric we may even come to believe it ourselves. Thus we slip on our own handcuffs lest loose hands harm those we hold dear.

But hold tight dear friends, for there is a third way. The first way being *laissez-faire* apathy, which runs the risk of greater repercussions and fracturing of the social contract down the line. The second is removal of all freedom; an action akin to killing a fly with an atom bomb. But a third way would fall somewhere between the two, say perambulating to the convenience store or alehouse, silently mocking the hordes of vexed drivers along the way while also giving your sinuses a snoutful of unrefined O₂ and your flesh a fresh hit of Vitamin D. Relish that air of haughty superiority! Revel in care-free and healthy propulsion! Glory in self-sufficiency by taking your own carrier bag! Seize that sparkling new day and wring it dry whilst people are created, people expire and civilisations fall around you. All this nonsense about overpopulation misses the point: ants still outnumber us a million to one.

Aaron Bliss

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DEDDINGTON ONAIR

Deddington OnAir now has its own website at www.deddingtononair.org and you can listen on your computer, tablet computer or smart phone.

In September we intend holding two information evenings to launch the station, one at the Windmill Centre on the 14 September and one at the Church (date tba). All are welcome. Please join us to hear more and meet the team of volunteers.*

There will be a chance to hear our plans for the station as well as an opportunity to give your ideas and suggestions for programme items. We will be looking for volunteers to help in all aspects of programme making, from interviewers to interviewees.

Do you have an interesting story to tell? Do you belong to a village club or society? Would you be willing to help us fill up the programming schedule?

Please take a look at the website to see just what we have achieved up to now and let us have your views.

Eileen Anderson

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*David Rogers, Heather Ashworth, Deborah Labuschagne, Hilary and Barrie Smith, Ian Willox, Aaron Bliss, Eileen and Don Anderson

August Diary

Wed 3	Photographic Society: Clive James, 'Broad Interpretation of Street Photography', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
Mon 8	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
Tue 9	WI: Garden Games and Social Evening, Hempton, 7.30pm
Sun 21	Friends of Castle Grounds: Teddybears' Picnic, 1.00–3.30pm
Sat 27	Farmers' Market, 9.00am–12.30pm
Sat 27	Concert: Beegees Tribute, Parish Church, 8.00pm
Sat 27	British Legion: Live music with Four Eyes, 9.00pm
Wed 31	Tennis Club: Four day Junior Tennis Camp, £12 per day, £40 for 4days, www.deddington.com

TICOS

Teas in church on Sundays start on Sunday 10 July and run each Sunday during the rest of July and August.

Tea (or coffee) is served with home-made cake from 2.30 to 5.30pm.

Wendy Burrows,

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

There were two recent events by the Society. The first was an evening photo-shoot in Banbury when Simon Lutter led a group through the older parts of the town to photograph items of interest. Fortunately the somewhat rainy afternoon turned into a sunny evening, with good light that made for a very successful photo-shoot. The second event should have been an interactive presentation by Peter Wakelock on 'Colour Management'. Regrettably, and without offering any explanation, the presenter failed to appear on the night as scheduled. As Chairman Philip Rigby observed, 'the first time this has happened since the Society was formed over four years ago'. The evening drew to a close with a critique of members' photographs, the subject being 'light and shade'.

Looking ahead to future activities, on 3 July there is photo-shoot at Broughton Grange Farm and on 6 July there is a presentation from Karl Harrison entitled 'Panoramic stitching of photographs'. Everyone is welcome to the meeting; just come along at 7.30pm to the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho.

John Branton
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www.adandd.co.uk

Book Club

At our last meeting we discussed *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth, a dense but superbly written novel, set in America between the 1940s and 1990s. This is the story of a man who is seemingly the perfect embodiment of the 'American dream' until things turn tragically wrong and his life disintegrates. It was a difficult subject for the author to tackle but we felt that he did it fairly successfully. The book is a little slow but it is a rewarding read and definitely worth persevering through some of the more challenging sections.

The next book is *A Fine Balance* by Rohinton Mistry and the next meeting is 28 July.

Sally Lambert
338094



1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

We have two new members, Toby and Ben, which takes us up to our maximum of 24.

Last month the Cubs joined over 800 others for a county camp at Blenheim Palace. What a fantastic venue: we woke up with a great view of the house and had full use of all the facilities.

Apart from the numerous activities provided by the

individual groups, we were able to visit the pleasure gardens where we lost most of them in the maze.

We've also tried our hand at fire lighting.

Jo Churchyard CSL 338071
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Scouts

Tom and Philip have 'crawled up' from Cubs to join Scouts and we hope they will enjoy their time with us. Scouts are now spending most of their time outdoors; they have lit fires and cooked on camp stoves. This prepared them for 24 hours of survival camp at Horley where they had to survive with only a sleeping bag, mat and a 'spork'. They cooked everything on an open fire – fish on home-made grills, eggs in the ashes and sausages on sticks – and lived to tell the tale. Most of the shelters they built stayed put and they all went home happy if a little smelly.

Next is Aqua Camp and then Phasels Wood.

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PS I hope by now some of you will have received a postcard about Beavers; please let me know if you can help.

1st Deddington Guides

What a variety of activity so far this term. We've had our first cookout for the year. The smell of the woodsmoke – aah!

We've learnt about and seen fossils and practised sign language as part of our understanding of deaf awareness.

Summer has been on our minds and we've started practising camp skills and planning ahead.

We spent a wonderful evening at Wroxton College enjoying the surroundings and the wildlife, particularly the bats over the lake and in the woods. Guided by experts we could track the bats' movements – a super experience.

Thanks are due to Brian and Janet Bond for allowing us to use their garden for our 'Ready, Steady, Cook' evening – the guides produced some super meals – two courses in their patrols. And as usual on a Tuesday evening the rain kept off.

Next event – shelter building at Horley, an incident hike and district campfire and picnic. Watch this space for more news.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069
Marian Trinder 340809
Guide Leaders

Rainbows

With so many new Rainbows starting, we spent some time at the beginning of term learning about the Rainbow promise. We thought about why we make a promise; ways in which we could keep our promise 'to do our best' and played a relay game to spell the promise out.

CALLING MORE CLUBS

The Rainbows had a brainwave about a scarecrow for the Barford Scarecrow Competition and Jemima suggested we put a figure on a tyre swing. (I like scarecrows that don't have to be made to stand up.) We made a scarecrow wearing a Rainbow uniform and got third place in the junior competition. Well done girls!

We've also made ourselves bracelets, done lots of singing and dancing and played lots of games. We had a lovely walk in the fields around Barford with a nature scavenger hunt, where the Rainbows collected leaves, stems and sticks that represented the shapes on their card. Some were easy and some took a bit of ingenuity.

We're looking forward to finishing the month with some Morris dancing. Verna Wass (from Adderbury Morris and Bloxham Ladies Morris sides) has successfully taught us a Morris dance in an hour in previous years, which is quite a feat.

As ever, please don't wait until your daughter is five to put her on the waiting list; it's never too early.

Hazel Neal
337822

Deddington Tennis Club

There will be two four-day Junior Tennis Camps at the club, starting on Monday 25 July and Tuesday 30 August. Cost per day is £12.00 or £40.00 for the four days of two hours coaching per morning. To book your place, contact Wayne Ellis on 340386.

Club night is every Wednesday from 6.00pm and new players are always welcome. Beginners' coaching sessions for children aged three upwards and adults run each week during school term time.

For details about any of the club's activities, look at www.deddingtontennis.com.

Steve Ashby
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Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

We held our annual golf day at the ever popular Burford Golf Club on Monday 13 June. We headed to Burford with much trepidation as the previous day was non-stop rain. As it turned out the weather was perfect as 30 golfers played in the morning and 44 played in the afternoon. Everyone had a great day and Burford is already booked for 2012 (12 June). A full report of the day can be found on Deddington Online, www.deddington.org.uk.

Our next event is our annual decampment for a Sunday/Monday at a hotel that has its own golf course. This year we will attack the Tracy Park Hotel and Golf Club near Bath. The dates are Sunday 17 and Monday 18 July. We will be fund-raising for the Katharine House Hospice as part of the event.

David Darst
338589

WI

On 14 June our speaker, Carole Richardson, explained how, after a visit to Kholui Art School in Russia in 1998, the Friends of Kholui Art School was formed. The friends assist the school and village by donating art equipment and financial aid to the small Russian village. Carole had brought along many examples of their skillful work in making the miniature lacquer boxes with hand-painted scenes and icons. Slides were shown to illustrate further the art and to explain the fairy tales depicted. The talk was well received by members, who remained interested throughout and, after Barbara Upton thanked Carole, members took the opportunity to look at the work produced by this art school.

There is no meeting on 12 July as it is our outing to Portsmouth and Southsea.

Rene Mahony

Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

This year is the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Royal British Legion and we marked this on Sunday 22 May by a brief commemoration at the Deddington War Memorial followed by joining morning prayers in the parish church. Our thanks to the Vicar for his kind words in his address.

Our family day on 12 June was very successful. We raised almost £90 in the raffle for Branch funds.

A final reminder for anyone wishing to join our visit to the National Army Museum in London on Wednesday 14 September: if you would like to be included please contact our President, David Hood (338200) or me as soon as possible.

We are pleased to report that our membership now stands at 140.

Jean Morris Hon Secretary 338143
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Monday Morning Club

The coffee morning will be on 8 August at 10.30am, because the Holly Tree has been booked for Monday 1st for another event.

Jean Flux
338153

Deddington Town Football Club

With another breathless season consigned to the archives, Deddington Town celebrated a season of rueful disappointment for the Firsts, and slightly shame-faced relief for the Reserves with an awards night to honour those who went above and beyond in service of their team.

1st team Players' Player: Luc Thornton
1st team Manager's Player: Paul Franklin
1st team Top Goal Scorer: Luc Thornton
Reserves Players' Player: Jordan Kaye

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Reserves Manager's Player: Andy Morris
Reserves Top Goal Scorer: Jordan Kaye
Club Young player of the Year: Joe Thornton
'Clubman' of the Year: Steve Flemming

After the gongs had been awarded and the dead buried, the time came to review the management staff. Mikey Large gracefully decided to step down from the First Team helm after his year in charge fell short of ultimate glory at the last. Replacing him for the forthcoming season will be Reserves Manager's Player Andy Morris and Club Chairman, the always belligerently benevolent Andy Shepherd. Meanwhile, erstwhile boss Andy Spencer steps aside for the strapping Jason Tustain in the Reserves' hot seat. Jason has promised to build a towering Reserve side that other sides and referees will fear facing. God help us all.

Aaron Bliss
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Deddington Royal British Legion Club

Unfortunately a gremlin in the works led to a couple of errors in the last edition. Our membership currently stands at a healthy 140 and not 40 as previously quoted. Also the bar shuts at 1.00am on Saturdays and not 1.30am as stated in the last *DN*. Doors are closed at midnight so to take advantage of our late licence you need to be in the club by then.

We are now running a team in the Banbury pool league. For fixture information go to www.banbury-poolleague.co.uk. The bar is open from 7.30pm for home games so why not come along and enjoy a pint while watching. Better still why not get involved? New players are always welcome. Either come along to a home fixture or contact Georgie on 07850 847313 if you're interested.

Every Sunday at around 2.00pm, we hold our long established meat draw. Ten delicious prizes each week from Sunday joints to barbecue packs for those balmy summer evenings.

Finally, on Saturday 27 August we bring you live music as we welcome back the popular duo 'Four Eyes'.

Gareth Smith
337307

Deddington Cricket Club

One hundred and fifty club members and guests enjoyed themselves on Saturday 18 June at the Summer Ball. The evening was held in a stunning marquee with Indigo Child entertaining us. It was considered a great success and raised in excess of £5,000, to be shared between 'Rosy' and the Cricket Club.

Our thanks go to Clair Stevens, Andy Morris and James Ransom who all worked so hard to make the evening such a resounding success, again.

The junior teams are performing well, continuing to improve their cricketing skills and winning matches.

What a pity that the 1st eleven can't emulate them – still the season's not over yet and let's hope we may have better news to report in September.

Jill Cheeseman
338609

Deddington and District History Society

We visited the remarkable Court Barn Museum of Craft and Design in Chipping Campden on Saturday 11 June. The museum is housed in a marvellous conversion of a barn that formed part of Old Campden House, now owned by the Landmark Trust. After a talk by Alan Crawford, one of the founders of the museum, some members were taken on an 'Arts and Crafts' tour of the town while the rest of us remained at the museum to enjoy the exhibition. A visit to this museum really is a must for those who find themselves (as who does not occasionally?) in Chipping Campden.



Our new season of talks will commence on Wednesday 14 September with a talk by Jim McDermott on the archive of the Cartwright family of Aynho. The archive, held in the County Record Office at Northampton, contains a large amount of material relating to the Deddington area. The meeting will take place at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm. Jim's talk will be the start of what we expect to be another exciting programme of talks, visits and events.

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

Deddington Vets Football (Dust)

Our 2011 season closed with a game against Honnington on 22 May. The more seasonal weather included gale force winds which turned the match into a giant game of blow football. In the first half Honnington adapted to the conditions better than Deddington. Half-time saw Deddington 3–1 down, a scoreline that could have been much worse. Our goal came from Andy Shepherd but it wasn't going hard enough to get anywhere near its intended destination until the Honnington goalkeeper let it through his fingers. In the second half, Deddington scored twice more through goals by Joe Thornton and Richard Morgan, finishing in a deserved 3–3 draw.

Barry O'Connell 338988

SOLAR PANELS IN DEDDINGTON

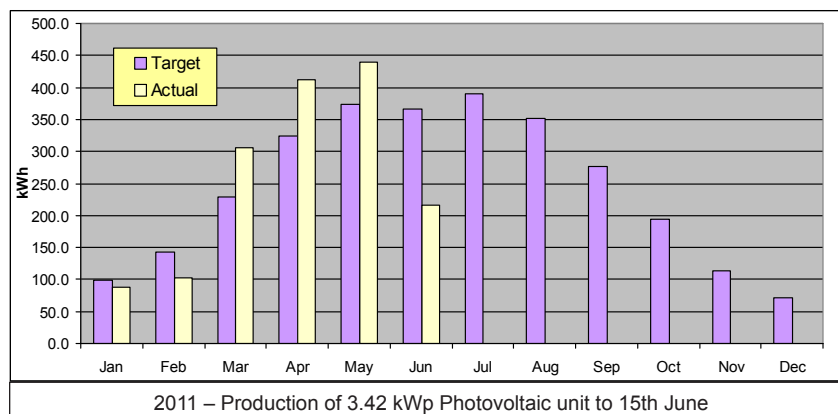
An article in the May *DN* gave some background information on photovoltaic solar panels, together with various useful references for further information. It also detailed the proposed Parish Council installation on the Windmill Centre (which is now up and running) and problems with planning permission for those living in the conservation area of the village. There are several systems in Deddington outside this area and my own system, though not the first to be installed, has been running for six months. As might be expected from the unusually good spring weather, it has produced far more than expected.

My delve into green energy started four years ago when I installed a solar hot water system which produces more than enough for two people during the 13 sunniest weeks of the year and contributes well during the remaining weeks. The return on the investment is abysmal but the system is good for cutting the house CO₂ emission. I had also looked at installing a photovoltaic system but the estimated return was also poor, as at the time systems were expensive.

The return changed with the Government's introduction of a Feed-In Tariff scheme in April 2010. For photovoltaic generated electricity there is a guarantee to pay a beneficial RPI-linked rate for all electricity generated over 25 years (see May *DN*). About a year ago installers of such systems were quoting 8% per annum returns on investment over the 25-year period. I had four quotations for systems of approximately 3.3kW and taking the most favourable, looked at the financial return from the system. This obviously depends on the vagaries of the British climate but the quotations were supplying similar figures of 850kWh per year per kW of installed panels. This tied up with figures I found quoted by independent sites on the internet. The return on investment worked

out at 7%, tax free, not taking into account RPI or electricity price changes. Not only was the system 'green' but the investment return was nearly twice that of long term deposits and much safer than equities. I placed the order.

Overall, the six-month period has produced 1400kWh compared to the expected 1240 and so far the government has stuck to its agreement and raised the payment per kWh by 4.8% on 1 April, in line with the RPI for December 2010.



That was the easy part! The supplier I chose was the offshoot of a larger company that installs combined heat and power systems. Although the order was placed at the end of June the installation was not until the end of November. I discovered the company did not have the necessary MCS (micro-generation certification scheme) registration until September and I suspect that by then they had quite a few orders to fulfil. So much so, that the final connection was made on a Sunday! The actual panels and inverter (converts DC electricity from the panels to mains AC) were top quality, as quoted. The installers were competent and tidy and to date the system has worked well. I have worked using high power semiconductor equipment in hostile environments and had well over 25 years' life with failure of only electromechanical switches, ie the moving parts. There are no moving parts with the photovoltaic installation so I expect a long maintenance free operation too.

Plenty of sunlight ensures a good output. The daily output has been as low as 0.2 kWh on a cloudy day in December (not counting the nine days at 0 when the panels were covered in snow!) up to 21.7 on a clear day in May.

Nothing but good news so far so all I can add is contact me if you want to know more or see the installation.

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Ed: kW (kilowatts) is a measure of power, ie the speed at which energy is being used/generated. Multiplied by 'h' (hours) this gives kWh, the quantity of energy used or generated. On the attached chart the title contains kWp. p is for photovoltaic and kWp is an indication of the power output of installed panels as measured under standard conditions.

Nordic Walking

Get Oxfordshire Active is running a four week Nordic walking course at Castle Grounds. It will run from 7 to 28 July every Thursday from 6.00–7.00pm.

The cost is £10 and poles are provided.

Further details are available from:

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GO Active Co-ordinator
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POLICE NEWS

Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Monthly Update

TEAM NEWS

PC Richard Miller has been voted Community Police Officer of the Year for Oxfordshire and PC Rebecca McLeod has been voted as the runner-up. Both Officers will be attending an awards ceremony hosted by the Chief Constable Sara Thornton in July. Although the Officers have been recognised individually it is reflective of the team as a whole. Without the support of the very committed PCSOs and Neighbourhood Sergeant



Bruce Riddell, this achievement would not have been possible. The awards are as a result of nominations by the public and colleagues. PCSO Angela Alford has not been with the team this month as she has been recovering from an operation. We wish her a speedy recovery and are hoping to see her back in the near future. PCSO Nikki Dale has made an excellent effort in holding the fort without Angela and Lana but has been extremely busy.

SPEEDING

You Said... We Did

Speed Operations have been conducted in Milton and Hempton, both of which are currently our priority speeding sites. We have been working with colleagues from Roads Policing and 13 tickets were issued in Milton and 10 in Hempton on the same day. The highest recorded speed in Milton was 64mph per hour in a 40mph speed limit. We have also established a good bank of volunteers in some of villages who assist us with Community SpeedWatch. If anyone is interested in volunteering for Community SpeedWatch, please contact the team on 0845 8 505 505.

CRIME NEWS

The area is currently seeing an increase in thefts from motor vehicles. These can range from items from within the vehicle, but also number plates. The offences have occurred in Shenington, Wroxton, Bloxham, Milcombe, Cropredy and Bodicote. The items stolen include satnavs, mobile telephones and tools. Where number plates are stolen, these are then used to commit further crime. If you see or hear anything suspicious or you have any information, please contact the police on 0845 8 505 505 or if necessary 999. The team is working with other departments in investigating these crimes.

There have been thefts from locations in Great Bourton, Bloxham, North Newington and Wroxton. If you have a shed or garage, please ensure that they are secure. A number of thefts are from insecure sheds and garages.

Now that summer is here we are beginning to see an increase in the use of mini motos and scrambling bikes. Just to remind you that if you do not have permission from the landowner to ride your bike, then you are not permitted to do so. If you are riding it in what is considered to be an antisocial manner you may be issued with a Police Reform Act 2002 section 59 warning which may ultimately result in your bike being seized.

HAVE YOUR SAY ONLINE

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. For you to do that please follow the link <https://reportonline.thamesvalley.police.uk>. Please allow some time for us to get back to you as we do check our mail box only at certain times of the day.


Members of the team will be available on the following dates and at the following locations, to meet and discuss any issues or problems within the community:

Should you have any problems or concerns please phone the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number on 08458 505 505 or email BanburyRural-NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. In an emergency please dial 999.

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Snapshot from the DN archive: 1976

1st DEDDINGTON BROWNIES: This year the Brownies' activities have included a visit to the B.B.C. television theatre to see "Crackerjack" being made, a talk from a lady from the Guide dogs to whom they presented two large sacks of silver foil, taking part in the Scouts' annual St. George's Day parade in Banbury, and going to Brownie Revels at Barford St. Michael Manor which is a kind of Brownie party. V.P.B. Catch up with the past by exploring the Deddington News archive from its very first issue right up to today: visit: <http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/backissues>.



SAVE DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/librarycampaign



PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday 12 July
Windmill Centre 7.30pm

To consider OCC's proposals for the future of Deddington Library

Please come along ...
Tell us what you think ...

Transportation to the Americas

Did you know that the first female to be transported (Elizabeth Norton in 1695) came from Deddington?

This is the last in the series of accounts about transportation from Deddington and this particular one is by courtesy of Buffy Heywood who alerted me to a book called *Stories of Oxford Castle – From Dungeon to Dunghill* by Mark Davies* of Oxford which contains a chapter on Transportation. In his book Mark points out that the earliest Oxford Quarter Sessions reference to transportation of prisoners sentenced at the county assizes appears in the Calendar of Prisoners for 5 April 1687 and was to the Americas. He then gives examples of a few in the 1680s and says that there were no more until 1694 when three men were sentenced, followed by the first known female transport, Elizabeth Norton of Deddington in 1695. Elizabeth was tried at the 1694 Easter Quarter Sessions for an offence that is not stated in the record. She was condemned to death but the sentence was commuted to transportation.

The only other record of Deddington people is for the year 1722 when ten people were found guilty of grand larceny and therefore faced a specific sentence of seven years transportation. Included among them was one John Trentham – a butcher from Deddington. In the same document which authorises Trentham's transportation there is listed another Deddington man – also a butcher – Benjamin Burrell.

Transportation to the Americas continued until 1775 when the War of Independence meant that it

was no longer a suitable destination. A total of some 300 people sentenced from Oxford courts had made the journey by then, the majority of whom were sent to the plantations in Maryland, Virginia and Georgia but some went to Bermuda and Canada. Mark points out that Transportation was not necessarily a bad thing. For those who survived imprisonment and the voyage – by far the worst part of the sentence – the New World offered opportunities impossible to imagine in class-ridden Georgian England.

Further research could be usefully carried out in the Oxford Records Office into the actual sentencing and prison records, details of offences and exactly where they were transported to. If anyone is interested in doing this please contact Rob Forsyth on 338384.

The full account from which these extracts have been taken can be found on the Deddington OnLine website at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/articles/transportees>.

**Rob Forsyth
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* Mark Davies has lived in Oxford since 1989. He has written and published several local interest books, and is also a guide and speaker specialising in non-University Oxford. See www.oxfordwaterwalks.co.uk for more details about Mark, his tours and books, and how to order them.

ORCC working to support Digital TV Switchover Programme and its Help Scheme

This September, the analogue television signal will be switched off forever and replaced with a digital signal. TV equipment will need to be digital-compatible, otherwise it will display a totally blank screen.

ORCC is working with Digital UK, an independent not-for-profit organisation formed by broadcasters, to assist Oxfordshire consumers in the conversion. There are two Switchover dates for Oxfordshire: 14 September (BBC2) and 28 September (all remaining analogue channels – ITV, BBC1, Channel 4, Channel 5).

ORCC has been appointed by Digital UK to mobilise local organisations and volunteers in Oxfordshire to help their service users and residents in their community to make the switch to digital TV successfully.

ORCC will be publicising the Switchover Help Scheme, run by the BBC, which has been set up to make it easier for older and disabled people to switch to digital TV. People are eligible for the scheme if they are aged 75 years or more, have lived in a care home for six months or more, get (or could get) certain disability benefits, or are registered blind or partially sighted.

The Help Scheme is run by the BBC and can provide: easy to use digital TV equipment, a security-checked installer, a 12-month aftercare service. This

will cost only £40 or is free to people who are in receipt of benefits.

Everyone who is eligible for the Help Scheme has received a letter telling them all about it but not everyone may have read it or understood what is on offer and how to get help.

These are the people that ORCC will be urging local organisations and volunteers to reach.

Organisations will be encouraged to hold events and presentations, giving advice on how to switch to digital TV. Funding is available through a Small Grants Scheme to encourage extra events locally. Materials developed to help run events and explain switchover can also be provided.

Key figures – ‘supporters’ – in the community will be asked to check that vulnerable people they know who are eligible for the Help Scheme have understood what is available and are accessing the Scheme if they need to.

For more information about the switchover and how to help, please contact:

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Ed: See accompanying insert on presentation by Blinkhorns on 2.30 to 5.00pm on 4 July at the Holly Tree.