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the Deddington news

Congratulations Team Deddington! Those ready, willing and able to organise and see through the Queen's Diamond Jubilee local celebrations, Deddington Rocks, School Fête, Open Gardens, Cricket Club Summer Ball and Stekpanna Jazz concert should be well pleased with themselves – all done with no fuss or histrionics. It has been good to see so many people enjoying themselves – and it's not over yet!

July

- Mon 2 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
- Wed 4 Photographic Society: Presentation of members' photos, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Fri 6 Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Sat 7 Village Nursery Summer Dinner Dance: 'Red, White and Blue', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Sat 7 Piano Recital: Geoffrey Hopkins, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sun 8 Adderbury Ensemble concert: Viv McLean, Parish Church, 7.45pm
- Tue 10 WI: Outing to Chartwell, leaving 8.30am
- Thu 12 Monday Morning Club: Film evening, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Sat 14 Corona Strings, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sun 15– DOGS Golf weekend, Donnington Valley Hotel and Golf Club, Newbury
- Mon 16 Club, Newbury
- Wed 18 Parish Council meeting: Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton, 7.30pm
- Thu 19 DeddiMedia: Quarterly meeting, Unicorn, 6.45pm
- Wed 25 History Society: Chris Skidmore MP, 'Death and the Virgin: Queen Elizabeth and the Mysterious Fate of Amy Robsart', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 26 Book Club meeting: Call 338094 for details
- Sat 28 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm

August

- Wed 1 Photographic Society: Anne Sutcliffe, 'Keep on Running', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 2 Children's Activities, Parish Church, 10am–12.30pm
- Fri 3 Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Mon 6 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
- Thu 9 Children's activities, Parish Church, 10am–12.30pm
- Thu 9 Monday Morning Club: Film evening, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Tue 14 WI: Jill Cheeseman, 'Dogs for the Disabled', Hempton Church Room, 7.30pm
- Thu 16 Children's Activities, Parish Church, 10am–12.30pm
- Thu 23 Children's Activities, Parish Church, 10am–12.30 pm
- Sat 25 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 20 June 2012 at the Holly Tree Club, Deddington

Alan Collins chaired the meeting on a bright sunny evening with a good turnout of councillors and five members of the public

Open Forum

David Macey of Affric House addressed the meeting to object to a planning application to extend Mallards, New Street. The objection was broad and technical and concerned the changes to a listed building. The Maceys are concerned about the impact of the development on neighbouring properties, particularly access, light and oversight. The application was, it was suggested, flawed, inappropriate, overbearing and an over-development. The Maceys were advised to contact CDC as quickly as possible and forward details of their objection to the Parish Clerk.

DPC has been given authority to co-opt a new member of the Council. Volunteers from the Parish who wish to be considered are asked to contact the Parish Clerk on parish.clerk@deddington.net or 337447 by 13 July.

Planning

- Crown and Tuns PH, New Street, timber decking to the rear and covered weather protection, no objection with suggested conditions on protection of original features.
- St John's Way, Hempton, conservatory, no objections.
- Rowan Cottage, High St, rear extension, no objections.
- Mallards, New Street, the development had already been discussed and the PWG would object.
- Manor Farm House, Main Street, Clifton, demolition of conservatory to be replaced by a single storey family room, no objections but with the

suggested condition about use of appropriate materials.

The new name for the road beside the old Holcombe Hotel is to be Holcombe Gardens.

Finance and General Purposes

- The Annual DPC accounts to March 2012 were approved.
- Solar panels on the Windmill Centre are contributing revenues as predicted.
- The wall on Gaveston Gardens–Hempton Road has been repaired.
- The safety of investments with the Spanish bank Santander were discussed and it was agreed to keep the deposit of £205,447.00 at the bank.
- A number of suggestions have been made for benches on the Green and at the Castle Grounds; the need for more benches and the maintenance costs are being reviewed.
- Castle Grounds are to receive an annual grant of £100.
- DPC are working with Deddington Charity Estates to repair the Town Hall and have contributed £1,342 towards window replacement.

Invoices agreed for payment £5,586.00.

Parish funds on deposit £535,206 at Anglo Irish, Barclays, NatWest, West Bromwich BS & Santander.

BT fibre optic installation: an engineering survey is being undertaken by BT and households will be contacted by BT about individual connection. Work will start in November and is expected to go live early in 2013. Hempton and Clifton will also be fibre optic connected.

Next Meeting: 18 July 2012 at the Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton, 7.30pm

Open Gardens and Allotments 16–17 June

This year the inclement weather on the Saturday did not encourage people to turn out but, thankfully, on the Sunday the weather had changed, bringing many folk out to enjoy the gardens and allotments. Visitors from the Parish and further afield were united in their praise, both for the stunning gardens and for the warm and friendly welcome they received everywhere.

Visitors who had wandered around Satin Lane Allotments once again commented on how the site had grown. This is of course due to the enthusiasm of plot holders and the Allotment Committee.

Ticket sales were down especially on the Saturday but nevertheless the Open Gardens still raised £600. The money will go towards next year's Festival programme.

My grateful thanks go to all garden owners, allotment holders, stewards and the Deddington Flower Shop, all of whom made the Open Gardens and Allotments a success.

Joan Wright

Organiser of Open Gardens & Allotments
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APOLOGY

Debbie Churchill was the Jubilee Queen, not Debbie Coleman, in the 1977 Silver Jubilee photos in June's *DN*.

CORRECTION

The email address for Lee Mullins on p1 of the advertisement pages is incorrect.

Our apologies – it should be
lee@mullinsdecor.co.uk

FARMERS' MARKET

The July Deddington Farmers' Market will be on Saturday 28 July and the August Market will be held on 25 August.

Deddington Farmers' Market continues to evolve. I say evolve, since there's little chance of the market expanding as we are limited in space, and there's very little chance of increasing the frequency. This is because the market square is fully used, and we only have a market once a month. So evolution it is then; as stallholders leave us, so we select new providers to come and offer their wares for sale in Deddington. What do you think of the range of goods on offer, is there something you'd like to see for sale but is missing? If there are things that you see every month but never try, then try something new next time, it could be something wonderful.

How does the market survive without your help? Deddington Market exists to enhance the community, both by the actual presence of the market and by using the excess income from the venture to help the local community. It is run as a community venture; helping with the market directly helps the local community. It's a fun way of 'giving something back'. Interestingly the majority of the help comes from Clifton, followed by Deddington. Some support from the western end of the parish would even up the balance and representation.

Paul Drawmer
paul@drawmer.net

News from Hempton

Well done to everyone who came to the Jubilee picnic on Bank Holiday Monday which, weatherwise, turned out the best day of the weekend. Families were able to stay outside until quite late in the evening and enjoy themselves. Thanks to everyone who helped organise the day, you can all be proud of yourselves. It was nice to see all the flags and balloons stretched across the church and adjoining houses.

The Friday evening social night is proving popular with several families coming along. This will continue on the first Friday of each month, the next two being 6 July and 3 August from 7.30pm. If you have not been, why not give it a try and meet some other Hemptonians for a chat and any other entertainment on offer?

As there is no *DN* in August, it is time for me to advertise the Oxfordshire Historic Churches cycle ride, which takes place on Saturday 8 September from 10.00am to 6.00pm. St John's Church is looking for sponsorship so if you feel that you could ride around churches, please give me a call. I should have the necessary forms during July. The Church has a good reputation for catering for the day, so if you can donate cakes etc nearer the time, Pam Dodd, our organiser, will be grateful. Also needed are people to staff the Church to welcome riders from elsewhere.

Please, if you have any news for this column in the future, give me a call or drop a note in to 4 The Lane.

Les Chappell 338054

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COMMUNITY CARES

**First meeting Thursday 19 July
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It has been agreed to amalgamate the Good Neighbours scheme with the Pastoral Care Group set up about four years ago, forming a more efficient organisation, Community Cares, to help people in need in Deddington, Hempton and Clifton.

Usually, if people seriously need short-term help – a lift or help with shopping, maybe – they ask a neighbour, a friend or a family member, but sometimes help is required on a long-term basis, in which case an organised rota of people can take over, for instance, giving relief to a carer, visiting a lonely person, or helping someone recently home from hospital living on their own.

We are hoping that those who were a Good Neighbour and the members of the previous Pastoral Care Group will volunteer to be on the rota, also others who showed interest following the recent Dementia Course and, of course, anyone else interested.

Please come along to this inaugural meeting where we shall discuss and decide on the best way to organise this important and valuable scheme for Deddington.

Brian Bushell

Wendy Burrows

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BLISSFUL THINKING

There's something spectacular about under-lighting on temples, cathedrals and churches. It's arguable that there is no category of building it suits more. Whether the building is gothic, grandiose or modest, the niche architecture of houses of worship lends itself splendidly to this vanity feature. Already an appealing facet of any cityscape or village vista, the imposing awe of the church is lost somewhat at sundown, but with one deft manoeuvre it is lent an additional, inspiring dimension at a stroke. The imperious edifice is illuminated in the soft splendour of blue, red or green glow, evoking an atmosphere of enigmatic intrigue.

It is easy to forget the power of lighting; how strong lighting can prove harsh to a subject, soft lighting can conceal crucial details, blue light can soothe the mind, whilst red light can have the opposite effect. Lighting allows us to see anything from a different perspective. If we were to enter a store where everything appeared fine, but red lights were flashing, we would assume there was some reason for alarm, and exit. If we were touring a building dealing with volatile chemicals, we perhaps would not proceed through a door emitting a throbbing green glow. Even in a crowded aquarium, we would not feel anxious when bathed in the reflections of the lapping blue water. With this in mind we should perhaps all express our admiration for the recent under-lighting at St Peter and St Paul's Church, if nothing else, for further embellishing a man-made structure more pleasing to the eye than some natural panoramas.

Aaron Bliss

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Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

This is always a busy time of year and 2012 is no exception. We have already had Jubilee parties and joined in with the Jubilee parade. You may have seen us with our flags, banner, and red, white and blue tie-died T-shirts. We hoped to have our Sports Day in the middle of June but as I write have postponed it due to the discouraging weather forecast. Hopefully we will eventually find a sunny morning for our races and picnic on the school field.

The PFSU children are hard at work preparing for the First Sunday service on 1 July. We will be performing the story of Noah's Ark. On the fund-raising front our 'Red, White and Blue' event on 7 July promises to be a fantastic night out – please join us if you can.

All this and of course we will be preparing most of our children for their move up from the PFSU to school or from Nursery to the PFSU. We say a sad goodbye to our manager Sarah Inkpen in August. Thank you Sarah for everything you have done for both settings. You will be missed.

Lucy Squires

337484

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

July		August	
Sun 1	10.30am First Sunday 6.30pm Eucharist Patronal Feast	Wed 1	10.00am Eucharist
Tue 3	6.30pm Eucharist St Thomas	Thu 2	2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
Wed 4	10.00am Eucharist	Sun 5	10.30am First Sunday 6.30pm Evensong
Thu 5	2.00pm Squeals and Wheels	Mon 6	6.30pm Eucharist Transfiguration
Sun 8	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Sung Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)	Wed 8	10.00am Eucharist
Wed 11	10.00am Eucharist	Thu 9	2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
Thu 12	2.00pm Squeals and Wheels	Sun 12	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Eucharist with Baptism
Sun 15	10.30am Eucharist with Baptisms	Wed 15	10.00am Eucharist Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 18	10.00am Eucharist	Thu 16	2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
Thu 19	2.00pm Squeals and Wheels	Sun 19	10.30am Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Sun 22	9.30am Fourth Sunday (Olympics) Mary Magdalene	Wed 22	10.00am Eucharist
Wed 25	10.00am Eucharist St James	Thu 23	2.00pm Squeals and Wheel
Thu 26	2.00pm Squeals and Wheels	Fri 24	6.30pm Eucharist Bartholomew
Sun 29	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Mattins First Sunday	Sun 26	9.30am Fourth Sunday Eucharist
		Wed 29	10.00am Eucharist with Healing Prayer
		Thu 30	2.00pm Squeals and Wheels

St John's Hempton

Sun 1	9.00am Eucharist	Sun 5	9.00am Eucharist
Sun 15	9.00am Eucharist	Sun 19	9.00am Eucharist
Sun 22	6.00pm Evensong	Sun 26	6.00pm Evensong

The Barfords

Sun 1	10.30am Family Service (BSM)	Sun 5	10.30am Eucharist (BSM)
Sun 8	10.30am Family Service (BSM)	Sun 12	10.30am Family Service with Baptism (BSM)
Sun 15	10.30am Eucharist and Baptism (BSM)	Sun 19	10.30am Family Service (BSM)
Sun 22	4.00pm Evensong (BSM)	Sun 26	4.00pm Evensong (BSJ)
Sun 29	4.00pm Eucharist (BSJ)		

From the Parish Registers

Wedding

2 Aug James John Stacey and Natalie Nicole Duggan

Baptism

17 Aug Jamie Horatio Swash-Hardie

Service of Thanksgiving

18 Aug Jean Ballard

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 (337893) 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

29 July Margaret Goulder

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

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.

Wed 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption of the BVM. It remains a Holy Day of Obligation.

Fr John Burns 277396

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

DEDDINGTON'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 2 June started cool and damp, so there was a chance that the Street Party would have to move into the church. By 3.00pm though, the weather fortunately improved, so lots of kind volunteers set up the tables and chairs in Church Street as planned. Around 300 people came for the meal, and more for the evening singing and dancing afterwards.

My huge thanks to everyone involved, especially those on the organising committee, each of whom had a job to do – Althea and Diana planned the meal, got together the volunteer food preparers and bought the food; Jim applied for grants, dealt with all the finances, ordered the children's prizes, checked the insurance and many other essentials; Mark organised the PTA bar with Jonathan and dealt with the sound system for the music and that was only two of the many things he did for the event; Sarah chose and organised all the music, helped by her family and Holly and Grace, Mark's daughters, who also helped choose the children's prizes; Stan arranged the parade, put up the bunting and flags and made many valuable decisions towards the organisation.



Diamond Jubilee street party (pic Bryn Williams)

We all delivered the flyers in case anyone had not read about the Jubilee celebrations in the *DN*.

Thank you to all who prepared food, moved tables and chairs, decorated the tables, prepared the church for the evening dancing, judged the children's fancy dress – wasn't that one of the highlights? Wonderful costumes and corgis – well done to everyone who made the effort.

Thank you to Alicia and the school group who sang and danced beautifully – a lovely start to the evening – and to the MC and the men's chorus who made a great sound with the four folk songs.

And lastly, thanks to all who supported the event: the bellringers who got us off to a good start, the band, and everyone in the parade – the Deddington Jubilee Queen and her three charming attendants, and representatives of many of the village groups – lots of you of all ages – just what we wanted – and to the Flower Shop staff who distributed the tickets, and to the vicar and church wardens for letting the event take place in the church.

Wendy Burrows

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

As the end of the summer term and therefore our school year draws to an end school seems as busy as ever. This term has seen us celebrate the Jubilee; we were fortunate that, although the sun did not shine for our whole school party, it certainly didn't rain. We had a lovely afternoon, dressed in red, white and blue, enjoying an afternoon tea whilst watching our Jubilee dancers perform. The PTA gave every child a commemorative coin as a keepsake of this special event. Our Jubilee dancers also performed at the Deddington Jubilee celebrations and then went on to open our summer fête this year.

The fête went ahead despite the threat of rain and wind – fortunately the rain held off and once again we enjoyed stalls ran by parents and classes, tug of war, egg throwing and races. The fête was well attended and a big thank you must go to our very hard working team of parents on the PTA – I know they wouldn't mind me mentioning that they are always looking for new members. They are a very friendly group and appreciate any help offered.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to seeing how well our tag rugby team will fair in the regional finals in Newbury this week – they have done incredibly well to get as far as they have. They are a very committed group of Y5 and 6 boys and girls.

They have been training hard under the guidance of a group of dedicated dads. Mr George Turner and, I know, Mrs Phethean would like a special thank you from the team. Meanwhile some of our girls have managed to get through to the county stage of the Kwik Cricket this year in Bicester. They played so well in the previous rounds and we are keeping our fingers crossed. We are very proud of both teams – not only have they played well they have also shown exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship at all times.

Our Year 4 class at present are on their residential trip at Grendon Hall, Northamptonshire. They are staying away for two nights. For many this will be the first time away from home for an extended period but I know they are going to have an amazing time, sharing lots of new experiences with their friends.

For me the end of this term is a time of mixed emotion – I look forward to the summer break but I also have to say goodbye to my lovely Year 6 class. Many of them will be going to the Warriner, and the few who aren't are planning to keep in touch. They have been such a great class to teach, full of character and life – Deddington School is really going to miss them and all of the staff wish them the very best of luck at their new schools.

Jane Cross, Deputy Head
338430



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Fashion – Not Just for the Runway

Many years ago the fashion industry only used to interest the rich, but over the years it has become more accessible to everyone. Fashion is a billion pound industry and the majority of this is made up from retail. High street shops have made a name for themselves selling cheaper versions of what is seen throughout the year on the catwalks. Slowly fashion has made its way from the cities to the smaller towns and villages. Jocys on the High Street in Deddington is a perfect example of this, offering a range of labels at affordable prices. This just shows the wide distribution of fashion and how much it has developed over the years.

Since 2009 Oxford has held a yearly Fashion Week in November, similar to those in Paris, London and Milan, just on a smaller scale. At Oxford Fashion Week upcoming trends are portrayed and new designers are supported in their dream to get their collections out to the general public. Throughout Oxfordshire the towns have been progressing over time and building up their collection of high street shops. In most villages and small towns you will find at least one small boutique, selling beautiful and unique pieces of clothing you won't find everywhere. These are perfect for people who want something a little different but still on trend. Viva Sacs in Deddington sells elegant clothing and along with the Woodstock store helps to prove that stylish clothing can be available for everyone. The Powder Room in Oxfordshire sells individual French and Italian fashion clothing for all women. This is the type of shop that puts a new spin on classic trends.

Throughout Oxfordshire fashion is very accessible; it's just all about opening people's eyes to what's around them. Clothing shouldn't just be something we have to wear, it should become something we want to wear and want to use as a way of expressing ourselves. Taking current trends and making them your own is an easy thing to do, and by trying it you might just find an interest you never knew you had.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Una Stubbs continues to keep much of the Book Club off the streets as they develop their skills and scoring with two consecutive legs scoring double figures and always winning something – although one match it was only the toss – but Gary Preston's magnificent five will live long in the memories of those who were there.

'Democracy is the worst form of Government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time' said Winnie in 1947. A perceptive premonition from the great man as it seems Cllr Collins has hoodwinked everyone and has been appointed Chairman of our august Parish Council. He was seen recently 'banging his drum all over the Market Place' and basking in his own self-importance. He was also seen in Johnsons being measured up for a length of brass chain. Our source thought it was for hanging baskets – but we will keep a close watch.

A big Clifton welcome to Bev and Mark Ryland. They are ex-Candleford and moved into our midst this month, thus increasing the discerning group who have fled the hurley-burley of urban life. Mark is a giant of Deddington Cricket Club sitting no4 in the all-time batting statistics and is keen to bring this hand-eye co-ordination to the Clifton sporting arena.

Many of us would like to thank Will and Camilla for the recent Jubilicious celebrations in what has widely been called 'Marvellous Monday'. The Duck hosted very many families for a day of celebration, music, beer and barbecue in the sun (sorry Gavy Gardens!). I must clarify however. Will and Camilla are the Drakes and not the Windsors.

The armed response incident is currently *sub judice* so names cannot be reported at present to protect the guilty, but at least one of those involved has been committed to a life sentence (something us bachelors have successfully avoided).

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PIERS GAVESTON AND THE NUN OF DEDDINGTON

This is the ninth instalment of a serial written in 1849 by Georgiana Bennet and published in the North Oxfordshire Monthly Times and Agricultural Advertiser. Loaned to us by Clive Sanders, it was given to him by the late Fred Deely. If you have missed previous instalments, they are available online at www.deddingtonnews.co.uk.

Sir Piers' native resolution returned and he boldly confronted the stern Nobles.

'Speak not!' exclaimed the Earl, 'we are not here to bandy words with you. You

will be taken to my Castle. Speak not, I tell you!' he continued with greater vehemence, 'Base minion of a weak Monarch! Or I will strike you to the ground. And you, Maiden, ought to have known the uselessness of your present attempt. You could not bribe any one high enough to tempt them to free Gavestone from our power. His name is echoed with a curse, and when your attendant knew who was our prisoner, he revealed your plot. Even your brother, had he lived, would have abandoned his friend. Go – you will be punished for your temerity. The Abbess is acquainted with your crime.'

'Nay,' said Gavestone, 'let no punishment fall on her' – he was not allowed to continue – he was seized, bound and gagged, and then borne out of the apartment. His last look was turned upon the Nun whose countenance expressed despair and horror.

We will follow the fortunes of Gavestone but briefly. It is well known that the Earl of Warwick when he heard that Pembroke would have only a few men to guard his prisoner, immediately set out for Deddington with a retinue sufficient to overpower what opposition might be offered; and as Gavestone was everywhere disliked, the Castle was soon surrendered. This happened

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just after night set in, and the Countess was summoned from the deathbed of her child to welcome her cousin Warwick.

She knew that her husband did not want to retain the custody

of Gavestone, and was leading the Earl to the turret when the Abbot of Adderbury, who was with the party, entreated the Earl to wait awhile. He said that ere he left his Monastery, a peasant had sought him and told him of the plan for the escape of the prisoner, whom the man had consented to guide to Edward's camp before he knew who he was; but when he learned that it was the Gascon favourite of the King that he had seen, he repented his promise, and came with all speed to the Abbot. The latter had previously informed Warwick thus far, but now he added, that as the Nun would doubtless accompany Gavestone on his flight, he wished to take her in the act, that he might punish her. He had brought the peasant with him to point out the secret path. His wish was acceded to and we have seen the result.

Gavestone was borne to Warwick Castle, and the Earls of Arundel, Bueford, and Lancaster, met there to determine his fate.

He was conveyed to Blacklow Hill, and in the hollow of the rock, beheaded.

(The final gory episode will be produced in September's DN.)

DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

This year's Show programmes with entry forms will be available from the church porch in early July and from the July Farmers' Market.

We had a good entry and much support last year. Can we beat it this year?

We have made several changes to the classes and have separated the Fruit from the Vegetables and the Photography from the Arts and Crafts. As

well as the usual trophies, there will be an award for 'Best in Show'.

Come on, children, use a little of your holidays to create lots of exhibits – we are sure more than 47, last year's number of children who entered one or more exhibits, can be outnumbered this year.

Parish Show committee

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**JUBILEE
CELEBRATIONS
June 2012**



A selection of pictures of Deddington and Clifton's Jubilee celebrations is available on the Deddington Online Gallery – go to www.deddington.org.uk/gallery Have a browse round the other 19 fascinating albums while you're there!

ON GEORGE'S FARM



It is said that a dripping June puts everything in tune, but I am not very keen on the tune the weather gods have chosen. After a short break the summer monsoon has returned and we are faced with (if the experts are to be believed) another epic flood that will send the sheep back into the hay paddocks just as it looked as if we might

for once get a decent crop. The cold wet windy weather has also sent the bees scurrying back into their hives, so with little pollen and nectar being brought into the hives we have stopped taking 'off' and extracting any surplus honey as they will need it to feed the growing and emerging brood. With the recent weather conditions it has been very difficult to do the normal hive inspections and many of the hives have become over-stocked with bees. A number have swarmed, but I am pleased to say that all of the swarms were 'taken' and given a new hive, and those that did not produce a natural swarm have been artificially swarmed, with half the colony being put in a half-size hive and left to draw up their own queen. The swarms and the nucleus hives are all being fed sugar syrup to build up the new colonies to a size that will be able to get through next winter.

The difficult early summer weather is giving some of the farmland birds a hard time, although most seem to be coping with the conditions. We are seeing a number of pairs of grey partridge without any brood; the partridge chicks normally hatch during the week of 10 June. All of the eggs will hatch within a day and they will leave the nest within 24 hours and are able to fly within a week of being hatched. They feed on insects in the crops and grass margins. If the weather is wet and cold (as it was this year) they will quickly become

chilled and many will die of hypothermia, but it will not be until the crops are 'off' that we shall be able to see just how successful they have been.

After the dry winter and shirt-sleeve lambing, the arable crops are looking well: the wheat is well in ear and the pods on the oil seed rape are well filled. The winter planted beans, however, are a bit of a disaster area; although they grew away well and produced a good 'stand' which flowered well the pod set is very poor. The experts will tell you that this is a pointer to the lack of bees to pollinate the crop but in reality it is a direct result of the very poor weather conditions during the flowering period, as the bees were unable to fly and 'work' the crop. The experts recommend that to get a good crop of beans you need one hive of bees to five acres – our bean crops had two hives to every five acres, ho hum. Or should that be no hum?

The annual open Farm Sunday took place in the middle of June. This year a new wheeze has been concocted. It seems that to get more evidence on the declining farm insect life the visitors to these open farm jamborees have been asked to count how many insects they can find in a crop of oil seed rape and a wild flower meadow or headland strip, with the information being collated as an indication as to the decline in insect pollinators. The methodology of the exercise is flawed from the outset, as the winter oil seed rape crops have by the middle of June dropped their flowers and set their pods, so the insect pollinators will have moved on to the wild flower margins which are just coming into flower. So the end of this exercise can be predicted, but I expect some erudite explanation will be given and the farming community will once again be the whipping boys. Sadly the orchestrator of this debacle is the farming organisation Leaf (Linking Environment And Farming), so something of an own goal.

George Fenimore
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PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

As I write I am hoping for warmth and sunshine this coming Saturday for our Summer Fête, though judging by the view outside my window we will need our raincoats. So much time and preparation goes into the event and I hope everyone has a fabulous time. I'd like to thank all those who have supported it. Many thanks in particular to the Deddington Market Group for the loan of the market stalls and raffle prize, and to the Deddington Arms Hotel for donating the major prize in our raffle. A number of local businesses also contributed to our raffle or sponsored the fête magazine (thank you to Multiflow for the printing) for which we are very grateful. Special thanks also to Jenny Lewis for donating the Paper Jamz musical items. It is fantastic the way the whole community comes together to support the school. Lastly, we must not forget everyone who gave up their time to help and

for all the generous donations we received.

That is nearly it for the 2011–12 fundraising year; just the school disco on 5 July and icecream sales at school on 6 and 13 July. We have had a great time, worked extremely hard and hope to have raised in excess of £8,000 (including monies raised at the fête). This will be used to provide some outdoor seating, books and IT equipment. Confirmation of the final sum raised this year will appear in the next *DN*. Many thanks for your tireless support.

Several committee members will leave at the end of this school year and we need replacements. If you are interested in being a part of the team please let me know. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer break.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

The Postbag, or parts of it, now appear on the website Forum (<http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/forum/>). This enables readers to comment without having to wait until DN appears the following month. If you would prefer your letters not to appear online, please tell us when you write. Thank you.

FROM THELMA DOVER, GROVE COURT,
DEDDINGTON

I have only just been able to read the *DN* and I feel a reply to 'Blissful Thinking' (*DN* May 2012) is warranted, regarding the use of MPs' blood to power hovercraft. There are, I believe, 550 Members each with eight pints of blood. Obviously this amount could not be available unless each member was deprived of life. Surely, even in the best interests of keeping the population mobile, this would be a criminal offence. Five hundred and fifty Members could provide 550 gallons of blood or 3,873 litres. However, if each Member was coerced into providing one pint of blood per annum (as an ex blood donor I believe it takes the body this time to recover, despite the tea and biscuit offered after the procedure) this would equate to 68.78 gallons or 484 litres. I doubt if a hovercraft could be modified to use blood it would get very far (with a full load of passengers even lift-off would be doubtful) and, even if successful, probably only one craft could be in service per annum.

Action of this kind could deprive the NHS of valuable supplies, especially for those injured in motor accidents, or possibly for several life-saving operations. Perhaps the use of two feet, with which most of us have been endowed, should be advocated where possible.

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following is an extract from Jackson's Oxford Journal for the month of August 1862:

Cricket Club Ball

The President and members of Deddington Cricket Club gave a Ball in the Pavilion on the Castle Grounds on the 31st July. Dancing began about 10pm and was kept up with spirit until 4.30am. Supper was served soon after midnight.

Coal Charity

A general meeting of subscribers was held at the Town Hall, the Rev. W.C. Risley in the Chair. The accounts for the past season were produced, showing a total income of £166.18.6d. and expenditure of £156.0.6d., leaving a balance of £10.18.0d. It was agreed to erect a Coal House at Clifton, towards which £5 was voted from the above balance and other sums were subscribed and promised. Mr. Risley kindly promised to fund the roof. This has been a most desirable object for some time past, and we are glad to see that it will now be carried out. The site has been given by W.C. Cartwright, Esq.

(Does anyone from Clifton know where this was?)

Buffy Heywood 338212

John's Jubilee poem

Pausing for a moment at the aircraft's door,
For the first time she was seen,
Not as a princess, but as our Queen,
So familiar, so often seen before.
She walked firmly down the stair
To the assembled statesmen waiting there,
To be, for evermore, in public scrutiny
Through silver, gold and diamond Jubilee.

Two paces behind,
He doesn't seem to mind,
That's his station
As seen by the nation.
But he's no second rate bore,
Drops clangers by the score.
Through every press onslaught
He remains her loyal consort,
So it's hip-hip-hip-hooray
For Philip today!

Sixty glorious years, six notable decades,
Let's have a quick look at them before our memory
fades.

The Fifties saw Bannister run the first four-minute
mile;
High Society in Monaco, Rainier and Grace are wed
in style.

The M1 opens, the Queen's first Christmas on TV
And the world's first four-seater roller skate, behold,
the first Mini.

The sixties were a sad decade, internationally,
With the Cuban missile crisis and the death of
Kennedy.

But advances in technology were going on apace
And nineteen sixty-one saw Gagarin first in space.
Christine Keeler and Profumo shook the social world
of snobbery

And the press had a field day reporting the Great
Train Robbery.

Our landscape altered rapidly by absence of our
trees,

Our loveliest vista ruined by cruel Dutch Elm dis-
ease.

Neil Armstrong walked upon the moon and to rightly
cheer us up,

England triumphed o'er Germany and won the
World Cup.

John Cheney May 2012

*I decided to stop at this point to save DN space needed
for other news!*

John has chosen 20 of his poems and they have been made into a book called *Deddington Ditties*. They are now on sale at £7 per copy from Featherton House and the library. Proceeds will be donated to Deddington Festival Funds.

Thames Valley Police Banbury Rural Neighbourhood

Team News

PC Jolene Hurst started work on the team on 6 June and is looking forward to meeting members of the community in the coming months.

The ballot box that was placed in the Co-op in Deddington on 19 May proved a success and provided the team with some new community engagement opportunities and identified a few issues in the surrounding area that we were not aware of. Thank you on behalf of PCSO Lana Smith to those who used the facility.



PC 6861 Jo Hurst

Auto Crime

On 1 May, a vehicle using an altered number plate drove off from the petrol station in Bodicote after failing to pay for his fuel. PC Vale and PCSO Dale carried out enquiries and identified the vehicle. The suspect was arrested by Roads Policing following Automatic Number Plate Recognition system activation on Hennef Way and the driver was arrested. In interview, the man admitted numerous similar offences from garages in Thames Valley Policing area, as well as Warwickshire and Northamptonshire. PC Vale is making further enquiries.

Following two incidents of theft from the recent road works in Bloxham, PCSOs Alford and Dale identified a vehicle with incorrect documents. The driver did not have insurance or a valid tax disc for the vehicle, and was unable to prove his identity at the roadside and was arrested by PC Vale.

During patrols of our area on 23 May, PC Vale and PCSO Alford were asked to assist with an area search for a van thought to have been linked to auto crime and theft offences. It was found on The Fairway, Bretch Hill. Officers were unable to prove the vehicle was involved in vehicle crime or theft offences, but it was carrying scrap metal items. It was established that the occupant had no waste carriers licence or scrap metal dealers' permit.

Rural Thefts and Crime News

As metal theft is currently a national police priority, officers from the rural team carried out two operations this month investigating scrap metal dealers. The majority of offenders are travelling into our area from the West Midlands and Northamptonshire.

On Friday 4 May, officers from the rural team and roads policing department conducted an operation in Adderbury, Bloxham, Deddington and Cropredy. Over 25 vehicles were stopped, one vehicle seized for having no insurance, two men were given street cautions for possession of cannabis and three people were reported under the scrap metal dealers legislation for not having the appropriate documentation to collect scrap metal.

On Wednesday 9 May, officers from the rural

and town centre neighbourhood teams worked alongside the proactive cycle team to target scrap metal dealers. In total 15 vehicles were stopped, suspected of being linked to metal theft offences. Two individuals were reported for not having the appropriate scrap metal dealers' certificates, one vehicle was seized for having no insurance to collect scrap metal items and another driver was reported for driving without a driving licence and with no insurance.

During Wednesday 23 May, PCSO Alford and PC Vale located a van loaded with scrap and the occupant was seen collecting a washing machine from someone's front garden. The home owner confirmed he had permission to do so; however, the driver had no insurance to cover him for scrap metal collection and no waste carriers' or scrap metal dealers' permit. His vehicle was seized by PC Carter from Roads Policing and reported by PC Vale for no insurance, no waste carriers' certificate and no scrap metal dealers' licence.

On 8 and 29 May, offenders broke into the Alkerton Waste Disposal Site and stole scrap metal items from the compound. On both occasions good CCTV evidence was obtained and PC Vale is investigating to identify the offenders.

On 20 May, unknown offenders took small strips of lead from around the window ledges of Drayton Church, off the A422.

On 28 May, the caretaker of the Bishop Loveday School, Bodicote found that lead had been stolen from the roof of the school building. At this stage, no forensic items or other ways of identifying the offenders are available.

Should anyone have information that may help the police in identifying the offenders of any of the above, please contact Thames Valley Police via the 101 non-emergency number or, alternatively, contact the neighbourhood team via email. If you would like to find out more information on crime where you live, visit the following website: <http://www.police.uk/> and enter your postcode.

Have Your Say Online

Non-emergency messages can be sent using the online form on the Thames Valley Police website: www.thamesvalley.co.uk. In an emergency please dial 999.

AMENDMENT

Decor by Makeover

Please note: on pD of the yellow advertisement pages

Mike's new telephone number is now
07972 057889

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

There were two events in the last month. The first was a workshop dealing with tabletop photography. It was led by Martyn Pearse, and members brought small objects that they photographed with different backgrounds, using different forms of lighting.

The second event was a photoshoot in Adderbury. Members split into five groups, each covering a different area of the village. About 25 members turned up, despite the unfavourable weather forecast. However, the rain held off and the evening light was clear and offered good opportunities for striking photographs. The light deteriorated at about 9.00pm and the party retired to the Red Lion.

Participants will submit their three best photos to be displayed and discussed at the next meeting on 4 July. Everyone is welcome at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho.

Richard Broadbent
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1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

This half-term the Cubs started working towards their Map Reader's badge; we've looked at compasses, co-ordinates, walked on bearings and set a map. Still to come, contours, map symbols and ordnance survey games.

We made some crown-shaped biscuits for the Jubilee and these were eaten after the parade. As one of the Scouts commented, 'they're so sweet they make your teeth itch', but they ate them anyway!

We will be making some 'bug towers' at the Castle Grounds using the recently felled trees and a variety of bug-friendly fillings.

Several of the older Cubs visited the Scouts at camp for the day; they made bivvies, played in the woods, lit a fire and drank nettle tea.

Coming soon – a trip to Scouting HQ at Gilwell for the annual Cub Funday.

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Scouts

The Scouts recently spent an evening erecting the many new tents we have been given, without resorting to the instructions – impressive! Inspired by a series on the BBC we have been studying 'natural navigation', finding your way by observing the world around you using moss, lichens, churches and even satellite dishes.

George was invested in the Market Place, but not before he searched for his necker which turned up

round the neck of a certain ex-Scout in the Co-op.

Our annual 24-hour camp took place at Horley. Having hiked from Broughton, the Scouts camped under the stars in the wood, Monty being the most comfortable in his hammock. We cooked our 'mystery tins' and thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Mike – the Axe Man – who trained them to use axe and knife.

Thanks to all the boys who turned out for the Jubilee parade, did anyone spot our 1950s Cub with cap and Wolf Cub flag?

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1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

Morris dancing was a great hit; our visiting instructor managed to teach the Rainbows two local Morris dances in an hour, including one with sticks. No major injuries incurred, the girls had a wonderful time and we're very grateful to Verna Wass and her husband Stephen for taking the time to visit us. We made our scarecrow and were very pleased with Usain Bolt, complete with gold shoes and Olympic Rings, though no rosette this year in the Barford Scarecrow competition. Thinking caps on for a good idea for next year ...

We took advantage of the brief spell of warm weather in May and spent one meeting making bubbles in the village hall garden. We experimented with homemade wands and kitchen utensils - some draining spoons with round holes were very effective as was Florence's wire multi-headed wand. And of course, bursting the bubbles is almost more fun than blowing them. We finished the term making crowns for a competition during the Jubilee. Well done to Amelia Best and Francis Roche who were awarded first and second place respectively. Amelia has just joined us as a Rainbow as we said goodbye to Jemima after almost three years with us.

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1st Deddington Brownies

The Brownies celebrated the Jubilee with a party and looked very smart in the Deddington Jubilee parade. Well done girls. This term it is time for Olympic related activities. This is the last column I will write for the Brownies as my youngest daughter will be joining her sister in the Guides in September. I asked them both what they had enjoyed most about Brownies and the memories came flooding back – 'Sausage Sizzles' with the Guides, going to 'camp', games they had enjoyed, singing songs, Brownie Fun days. Thank you Brown Owl, Tawny Owl and Snowy Owl and all their helpers for giving up your free time to give our girls lots of fun, friendship and new experiences. They have loved every minute. Over and out.

Lucy Squires
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CALLING MORE CLUBS

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

As indicated in last month's issue, the DOGS were scheduled to play at Burford Golf Club. We did not play. Surprised? Well don't be. The rain came as 20 DOGS were waiting for a let up, then we saw the weather forecast from RAF Brize Norton, which is next door. Rain was forecast for all day and the next two days. No golf on this day or any other day soon. We have re-scheduled to play Burford GC for June 2013. I give up.

Our annual weekend decampment is scheduled for 15–16 July. This year we are playing (weather permitting) at Donnington Valley Hotel and Golf Club, near Newbury. The usual format applies of two rounds of golf, three-course meal on Sunday evening, to include our raffle on behalf of Katharine House Hospice, and the odd glass of whatever. Finishing on Monday afternoon for that wonderful drive back up the A34. Details will be on DoL.

David Darst 338589

Deddington Town Colts

The season has come to an end and we celebrated our success with a presentation day at the Windmill Centre on 24 June. Thank you to all the local businesses that supported us with prizes in our Grand Draw. We are already preparing for the 2012–13 season and have entered teams in the Witney and District Football League in the following age groups – U15s, U13s, U12s (two teams), U11s, U10s (two teams), U9s and U8s. We also have U7s who train on Saturday mornings. The new season starts on 8 and 9 September, and the teams will start training for the new season over the summer. The U13s are still looking for new players to strengthen the squad, so if you are interested in joining, contact Roger Sykes. We are always looking for volunteers to help run the club and join the management committee – if you are interested in getting involved to help us with fundraising and development, please get in touch.

Roger Sykes

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Deddington Town Football Club

Those sultans of success are taking a well-earned break from duty, whilst possibly enjoying Euro 2012. If you think you have what it takes to risk life and leg in the name of glory, get in touch with Club Secretary Gareth Smith, as pre-season training usually begins between June and July. Happy summer!

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

1st Deddington Guides

In order to join in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, some Guides enjoyed a day out at Jubilee House, the Oxfordshire Guides' own centre. They had

a great time, taking part in a wide variety of activities.

Some Guides took part in the division patrol competition at Horley; again there was a wide variety of games and activities and experiences to choose from. We didn't win a trophy but loved the campfire and hot chocolate. We then slept under the stars on a beautiful night. After breakfast with the other 140 Guides and Guiders who also slept out, we came home – a great experience.

The weather on Tuesday nights continues to keep fine for us. The bat walk at Wroxton Abbey was lovely; with the bat detectors we picked up their 'radar' sounds and saw many bats of three different species. It was interesting to see bats close up, being cared for by a licensed bat handler.

Our Deddington to Clifton road hike, again on a beautiful evening, was an opportunity to practise some emergency skills.

Lastly this month, our thanks to Janet and Brian Bond for allowing us to use their grounds for our outdoor cookout – ready, steady, cook. Well done to Lorna and Ellie C who helped with the planning and the organisation on the night. A variety of ingredients was available and patrols opted on the whole for variations on a pasta dish and pancakes. One patrol tried pasta on egg bread and declared it very tasty.

Many more outdoor activities to come this term and of course preparations for camp are under way.

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Deddington Toddler and Baby Group

What a busy few weeks we have had. Our preparations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee saw us making crowns and a group banner in readiness for the Deddington Jubilee parade. We also had our own Jubilee party with a feast fit for royalty. I think everyone would agree that the atmosphere at the parade was fantastic and it was an honour to be able to be a part of this momentous occasion. Thank you to all our toddlers, babies, mums, dads and grandparents who joined us in the parade. Another big thank you must go to the organisers of the parade, the tea party and all of the Deddington Jubilee celebrations. It was a brilliant day.

The last couple of weeks have been much calmer, making Fathers' Day gifts and other crafts. We are now starting to plan for the Olympics as we will be hosting our own 'mini Olympics' for all our budding athletes. The date will be announced via our Facebook page in the next couple of weeks.

Deddington Toddler and Baby Group is a voluntary run group for children aged 0–5 years and their mums, dads, carers or grandparents. We meet every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30am at the Windmill Centre and would love it if you joined us. If you would like to

...AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

know more about the group or are thinking of coming along but are nervous about turning up without knowing anyone then please give us a call on the number below or find us on Facebook. We look forward to meeting you.

Wendy Samways
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Deddington and District History Society

On 6 June Society members enjoyed a private visit to the Tudor chapel and gardens at Rycote. Mrs Sarah Taylor gave a brief history of the ownership of Rycote to 2000, when she and her husband bought the estate. So much restoration was required that they were able to move into the house only in 2005. In the barn was a display of photographs showing the poor state of the buildings and some of the renovations they have carried out. She then led us to the Chapel pausing on the way to look at the yew tree which was supposedly planted c1100. Its girth is enormous. Sarah showed our group around the chapel, pointing out much about its contents and about the discovery of a crypt there. She capped a fascinating tour with a recital on the organ.

Members were then taken around the garden. Part of it is formal with a Tudor 'echo' (Sarah's word) and other parts were wide areas of grass with wonderfully impressive trees. The walled garden was simply fantastic.

Our final event of the season will be a special lecture by MP Chris Skidmore on the controversial (and convenient?) death in September 1560 of Amy Robsart, wife of Queen Elizabeth's favourite, Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester. The lecture will be based on his book *Death and the Virgin: Elizabeth, Dudley and the Mysterious Fate of Amy Robsart*. All are welcome to the lecture at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm on 25 July. Tickets, to include refreshments, are £3 for members, £5 for non-members, profits going to Katharine House Hospice. Do come along for a fascinating lecture and to support an important local cause. Please contact Moira Byast.

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

Book Club

At our last meeting we discussed *Daniel* by Henning Mankell. This tells the story of a Swedish naturalist in the 1870s who travels through Africa in search of rare specimens, but instead brings home a young boy from the Kalahari Desert with the idea of 'civilising' him. His family have been slaughtered by European raiders. Written at first from the point of view of the 'father' and later, and more interestingly, from the perspective of the boy, we learn of his culture and daily life with his family in the desert. He dreams of his parents and they are with him emotionally as he struggles to cope with his isolation and alienation in his new surroundings.

There are some excellent and moving descriptions at the end of the book as he is overcome by a longing for his homeland and hovers between life and death. A very sad and discomfiting tale that keeps you thinking long after you have finished it.

The next book is *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett and the next meeting 26 July.

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Deddington Cricket Club

What an amazing night we had on Saturday 16 June for our Summer Ball. Yes, it was cold and it rained but did we care? More than 200 people came and enjoyed an evening of champagne, canapés, two-course meal, silly games (everyone standing up signalling fours or sixes – don't ask!), a raffle and an amazing auction, not to mention dancing. James Ransom and Craig Milner worked the assembled guests to squeeze every last penny out of them for the fantastic donated prizes.

Our thanks to all the wonderful local individuals and businesses who gave so generously, to Stella O'Neill who kindly donated a portion of all wine sold, to the 15 brilliant young people who waited on us without pay all evening, and to the Back Four, the great local band who played and sang when we weren't playing silly games. Lastly, but by no means least, our considerable thanks to Clair Stevens who organised the whole event, as she has for the past two years. The upshot of the evening is that we have made in the region of £12,000. This will be split between us and ROSY, the local charity that does such a great job of providing support for families with very sick children.

Cricket is an expensive sport and we are working to invest in the long-term development of the club, in particular for juniors and ladies.

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A Parish at War

We are delighted to say that we have sold over 550 copies of the book and the profit will go a long way to paying for a suitable memorial plaque to be placed in the church commemorating all those who died for their country including those not on the War Memorial. Discussions involving the Church, Deddington Branch of the RBL, Michael Allbrook and myself are underway about the detail for this.

Sale of the book has also inevitably prompted more memories and so a supplement will be available in the autumn, price £5. It is anticipated that the profit from this will close the gap for the memorial plaque funding. Watch this space for details in the next DN.

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THE QUEEN AND I

Here is the final instalment of Deddington's royal memories

MEETING THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH –

Wendy Burrows

My first teaching post was at Yeovil High School, an all-girls' grammar, where I started the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Other schools in Somerset also took part and in the summer term of 1961, the Duke flew in by helicopter to see us, landing on the playing field of the Secondary Modern School in Yeovil.

We had lined up in two rows and he walked down the middle, stopping to talk to me for quite a few minutes, asking me how the scheme was going and what we were doing for the 'special interest'. When I told him it was judo, he said, 'It must be rather dangerous, being on your staff!' It was a memorable occasion for us all.

WORKING LUNCH WITH PRINCESS MARGARET

– *Prof Kenneth Holt*

During his professional life in London, Professor Holt met and was presented to several members of the Royal Family who supported disabled children and the people who worked with them. He had most contact with Princess Margaret in her role as President of the Invalid Children Aid Association (now ICA). When the Princess's friend, Lord Rupert Nevill, became Chairman of the Association, he requested support and Kenneth was asked to be vice chairman. A few years later, when Lord Rupert died, Kenneth became acting chairman and was invited to a private lunch with Princess Margaret in Kensington Palace, to discuss policy. In addition, Kenneth, Winifred and two of their children attended the premiere of *The Railway Children* at the Odeon Leicester Square and shared the front row of the dress circle with Princess Margaret, her two children and the young princes, Andrew and Edward.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY –

Ruth Johnson

'The Lord Chamberlain is commanded by Her Majesty to invite [name] to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace' ... Thousands of people, serving their country, are sent this much appreciated invitation annually (in my husband's case to represent the RSPCA).

We arrived at Grosvenor Place Garden Gate, our entry into Buckingham Palace garden. After a thorough police check we stepped into the tranquillity of Her Majesty's garden. Tea was already being served from the main tea tent, most welcome after our journey. With other guests we enjoyed the excellent fare (might a Swiss pastry chef have been at work?) sitting on the grass bordering a beautiful lake, entertained alternately by the Band of the Irish Guards and the Band of the Prince of Wales Division. Thus lulled, we later mingled with the crowd (probably several thousands), not so much to be seen, but to see! Ted's eagle eyes soon spotted many veterans sporting regimental ties, a never failing introduction to interesting encounters. I studied fashions, being particularly enchanted by

the dress code of foreign visitors tripping the green grass of England, a whiff of 'old' Empire caressing their delicately colourful exotic wear. Opposite the main tea tent stood the diplomatic tea tent. This was their port of call for a welcome rest.

The arrival of our Queen was now imminent. Yeomen of the Guard had taken their stand, wielding their ancient halberds quite peacefully. The crowd surged forward but was kept 'at attention' during the playing of the National Anthem. At 4pm sharp the Queen in a shimmering bright yellow dress stepped onto the balcony, leading other members of the Royal Family down to her guests on the grass. Her Yeomen 'opened' lanes through the crowd along which she and the Royals almost at once disappeared. Only the occasional knot of guests indicated where she had stopped to chat. No haste, no big fuss or pompous ceremony, just a chance for the twain to meet.

At this moment, I found myself standing next to a charming man in a red robe, similar to our Deddington choir cassocks. We must have exchanged some sort of a greeting and I launched into information about my choir and how special we felt being allowed to wear the Windsor red. I asked boldly for the name of his choir. Very gently and politely, I detected a glint of amusement in his eyes: he let me into his secret. He was the Queen's Chaplain! Nobly he helped me out of my confusion and seemed to enjoy hearing more about my choir and helped to identify some high-ranking personalities in the crowd. What a charming man, and what an asset to his Queen.

We watched the Queen step into the main tea tent, chat to each caterer (a most friendly and helpful team, as we had already experienced), thank each of them for their beautifully laid tea before leading her party over to the Royal tea tent. An expectant crowd gathered here, maybe hopefully anticipating their chance of a chat with the Queen, or a member of her family before, on the stroke of 6pm, they would return to the Palace. During the Royal tea break, Ted and I returned to our tent and quite unashamedly enjoyed a second tea. A last walk through the beautiful park, away from the crowds, ended our never-to-be-forgotten afternoon at the Queen's Garden Party.

THE BRAEMAR GATHERING – *Tiffany Kyte*

A friend from Tudor Hall School who lived in Fraserburgh in Scotland invited me to stay with her in the summer holidays during my first year at the School. I received a phone call the day before telling me to bring something smart to wear as we were going to see 'some games'. Little did I know what games and who would be attending.

As we drove up to my friend's castle (her father was a lord) I knew this weekend was going to be rather different and over supper the next day I was told we

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going to the Braemar Gathering and would be seated in the Royal Box. We were just behind the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother, Prince Charles, Prince Harry, and Tony and Cherie Blair. We watched as men heaved during the tug-of-war and Harry joked with his father about how he was balding and would be useless at all of the day's events. As the day came to a close, my friend and I hopped into her father's car and we followed behind the Royal car into the event arena. We were told to smile and wave at the competitors and the public as we drove slowly around. I smiled to myself as everyone excitedly waved back to us, possibly even thinking we were princesses ...

MBE – Pat Brittain

When I watched the Coronation procession with my parents in Piccadilly in 1953, little did I realise that many years later I would have the honour to go to Buckingham Palace on 2 December 2008 to receive the MBE from Her Majesty the Queen. It was awarded to me for voluntary service to the community in Deddington. Jose Stevens, representing Deddington, Dot Tagg, representing Katharine House Hospice and my god daughter, Rebecca Brown, supported me on the day. It was an awe-inspiring occasion and a memory that I will treasure for ever. Her Majesty was very gracious and asked about Deddington. I felt proud to tell her that I lived in a very caring community in a marvellous village. As a life-long royalist, it was a

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wonderful experience and for which I am very humbled to have been nominated.

OUR TRIP TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE – Jean Flux

As a mere relative accompanying an awardee, I didn't get to speak to the Queen. In fact, I barely saw her until she walked the length of the ballroom as she left, for a lady in front of me wore a very wide hat and, being short, I couldn't see over it. My memories are of the radiant joy of one lady who was awarded an MBE for services to swimming, and of the thoughtful efficiency of the organisation. All the children who were there to see a parent honoured were seated on the raised benches along the sides of the ballroom. No obscuring hats for them. Jim has commented on the skill with which the Queen indicated that their brief conversation was at an end by a gentle push with her handshake. By the time we got home, there was already a photograph on our computer of Jim with the Queen.

I felt conspicuous and silly on the early commuter train all doled up in my hat and suit, but it was highly enjoyable to jump into a taxi at Waterloo and order the driver to take us to the Palace. One other observation: many of the women, especially the younger ones, were dressed as if for a cocktail party, on a bitterly cold day. They really suffered while we all waited around in the courtyard for our turn with the official photographer. My daughter even lent her heavy overcoat to one young woman whose shoulders were bare.

We are the Taste Buddies. We lunch out every two months to assess local pubs and restaurants within a 20m radius of Deddington. We are independent, with no connection to the *DN* or any of the establishments visited. We hope you will find our observations useful.

WHERE?

The Deddington Arms, Horsefair, Deddington OX15 0SH, tel 01869 338364

FOOD SERVED

Every day: Lunch 12.00–2.30pm, Dinner 6.30–9.30pm. Minimum menu served Saturday and Sunday 2.30–6.30pm.

AVERAGE COST

Starters £5.50–11.00, Main £9.00–18.00, Dessert £5.00

WERE THEY PLEASED TO SEE YOU?

We had no welcoming smiles. At our table we ordered a jug of water and a drink from the bar. We waited 10 minutes for the water to arrive and then were obliged to go to the bar to chase the drink order. We then waited another 15 minutes before enquiring as to why the starters were taking so long to be served, to be told that they had to be cooked.

WAS THE COOKING GOOD?

Yes. For starters we had:

Baked camembert with cider apple chutney. This was a

The Taste Buddies



complete cheese, 25gm and four inches in diameter, rather too much for a starter, we thought. It was not heated through at all, despite the time they had to prepare it. We sent it back to be heated and then it was delicious. Another starter was a Cheddar soufflé with the same chutney. The soufflé had not sufficient cheese flavour for our taste, though

it was cooked well.

Mains (These arrived after another long wait): pan fried sea bream with Bombay potatoes, spinach and cauliflower fritters. The potatoes were a little greasy but the meal was very tasty. Smoked haddock kedgeree with poached egg – excellent.

Desserts: there was a good choice of desserts. We tried the raspberry brulée and found it good.

The wine list was good with several choices for wine by the glass

VALUE FOR MONEY?

Reasonably good value for money with a wide range of choices including some lower-priced dishes. All in all, the food was enjoyable despite a few cheesy hiccups, but the service, or lack of it, rather spoiled the lunch for us. There were no smiles, no thanks and no farewells and no one asked us if we had enjoyed the meal.

WOULD YOU GO AGAIN?

Only if the service were to improve.

WELL REMEMBERED

Daisy Callow 1926–2012

Daisy was born in August 1926 in the Fox at Souldern to Alfred and Daisy Lake who ran the pub. She was a twin and one of eight children. She attended Fritwell School, leaving at the age of 14 to go into service. She first looked after evacuees at Wardington Manor and then worked in a doctor's house in Deddington, where she met Bill Cowley, whom she married in 1950. They had three children, Janet, John and Paul while living at the Stile and two more, Susan and David after moving to the Paddocks. (Eventually Daisy was to have 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.) Daisy spent many years looking after her family and doing some small cleaning jobs which included helping Bill as school caretaker and cleaning the Library. Daisy enjoyed knitting, gardening, her Saturday afternoon bingo sessions in Banbury and was famous for her cakes. She was very strong in her Roman Catholic faith. Daisy's health became problematic and she spent her last months in St Anne's Home where she was looked after with consideration and love. To the end she always had a big smile for everyone; she will be greatly missed in Deddington.

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(Our apologies to Daisy's family for not including this in April – Ed)

Joan Hayward 1922–2012

Joan was originally from Aynho and was the youngest daughter of Albert and Edith Taylor. After completing her education in Aynho and then Kings Sutton, she worked in Banbury until the war and was then at Duffield munitions at Adderbury. She later met Walter George Hayward whose parents ran the local fruiterers, fishmongers and provision shop in Deddington Market Place (now Viva/Sacs) and they were married in 1945. Their first home was in the flat above the shop, their first son Martin was born in 1946 and four years later Rodney was born. Following a brief stay in Aynho, the family moved to Winmour Cottage in Philcote Street where the family grew up. In the early 60s they moved to the High Street where they opened their own family store, and later acquired the Market Place premises from Walter's parents. After leaving school the two sons joined the family business.

Joan worked in the shop combining shop and family life and, with both sons married, made Sunnyside in Castle Street their home and this was where Joan spent the rest of her life, enjoying her ever-growing family. She was a great entertainer of friends and family, and Sunnyside was never a dull house, always full of life, laughter, fun and visitors, with the sherry always opened for noon drinks!

Joan was a member of the WI in the 1970s, baker of cakes for the Health Centre, friends and businesses, and was always knitting for local charities, especially Katharine House Hospice, and was a regular at Church coffee mornings each Friday.

Joan lived in Deddington for some 60 years and the Hayward name has been part of Deddington business life in the Market Place until as recently as 2007.

Joan was a great family person and enjoyed seeing each and every one of her sons, their wives, four grandchildren and their families and 10 great-grandchildren. She is and will be greatly missed by her family and great number of friends and neighbours.

Rodney Hayward

Community First Responders

Do you want to make a difference and give something back to the people in your local community when they need you the most? You could make a difference by providing emergency life-saving skills to someone until an ambulance arrives.

Community First Responders are volunteers that are trained and equipped by the ambulance service to answer certain types of medical emergencies in their local communities while the ambulance is on its way. There is good evidence to suggest that in this way more lives are saved, and because the volunteers operate in their neighbourhoods there is every possibility they will arrive before the ambulance and these seconds and minutes can make all the difference.

Responders are not sent to all the 999 calls in their area, only life-threatening calls where time can make a difference. Also, your safety is our priority, so you won't be sent to fights or vehicle collisions.

Initial training is done over two days and gives the responder the skills to use in real life situations. Monthly updates and refresher training are provided and there is always the liaison officer if you want to talk about something, so you are never alone.

We are currently looking for volunteers especially in Deddington and the surrounding villages. If you would like to help in this literally life saving and very rewarding project please email cfr@scas.nhs.uk for an information pack or call our 24-hour hotline on 0800 5870207.

David England

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