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This is my last issue as editor of *DN*, a tenure that goes back a fair way from its launch in 1976 to 1979, and a second spell from 2008 until now. The technology has moved on dramatically from typewritten stencils and a duplicator to sophisticated computer packages and electronic data transfer, our own website and a Facebook and Twitter presence. Deddington, too, has changed but not so dramatically. But *DN* has not, it is still produced by, with and from a community comfortable with itself. It's in good hands, and I will continue my association by developing the website, planning for the future.

Mary Robinson

DIARY OCTOBER

- Mon 1 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
- Wed 3 Photographic Society: John Credland, 'Photography After Dark', Apricot Room, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 4 Sustainability Forum: Sir Tony Baldry MP, Chair, Oxford & Cherwell Valley College, Broughton Rd, Banbury, 7.30pm
- Fri 5 Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 6.30pm
- Sat 6 Hempton Harvest Supper, Hempton Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 6 'East and West' Orchestral Concert: Corona Strings, conducted by Janet Lincé, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Tue 9 WI: Harvest Supper (Bring & Share) & Auction, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 10 History Society: Col. Tim May & Mike Cross, 'The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Project', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 11 Morning Morning Club: 'Tea With Mussolini', Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Thu 11 DeddiMedia: Quarterly Meeting, Function Room, Unicorn, 6.45pm
- Sat 13 Photographic Society: Photoshoot (members only) Sulgrave Manor
- Sat 13 Deddington Beeches Bowls Club: Race Night, Royal British Legion, first race 8.30pm
- Sun 14 Deddington Players: Auditions for Deddington Panto 2013, *Sinbad the Sailor*, Windmill Centre, 2.30–4.30pm
- Wed 17 Photographic Society: Workshop led by George Sainsbury on 'Being Judgemental about your Photographs', Apricot Room, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Parish Council: Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Fri 19 DOGS: Autumn classic Aspley Guise Golf Club (27 holes)
- Thu 25 Book Club meeting: please call 338094 for details
- Fri 26 DOGS: Studley Wood Golf Club (18 holes)
- Sat 27 Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm
- Sat 27 Photographic Society: Annual Photographic Exhibition, Parish Church Living Room, 9am–12noon

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

19 October 2012, Windmill Centre

Alan Collins chaired the meeting with a complete turnout of councillors and three members of the public.

Co-option of Councillors

David Rogers wished to stand for the vacant seat and was voted and signed in. Heather Ward is leaving for the USA and will stand down, leaving another vacancy.

Open Forum

Jane Green and Wendy Burrows asked DPC to encourage OCC to consult with the Parish over the type of replacement tree in the Market Place. It was suggested that DPC should take the responsibility for supervising not only the choice of tree but the planting, maintenance and management of the sapling until it is established, supported by a team of willing volunteers already recruited.

Christopher Harris from Woodstock raised the cemetery policy and asked if it would be discussed by DPC. There was a brief discussion and it was agreed that research and advice were being sought on the appropriate interpretation of the relevant law. The legal interpretation would be discussed at the next meeting.

Recreation & Environment

- Tree policy: A policy for the audit, management, maintenance and preservation of trees on DPC-owned land was to be undertaken.
- Management of events on DPC owned land: A policy was required to improve the management of events, to cover environmental impact, risk assessment, public liability insurance, public nuisance, repair and restoration.
- The Green, Gaveston Gardens: Trees and bushes on DPC land that overhang neighbouring gardens need to be trimmed.
- Castle Grounds: Wild flowers to be planted on

surrounding walls near Betty Hill's bench.

- Friends of Castle Grounds are to be asked to prepare a management plan for the site not covered by English Heritage.



- The security fence around the all-weather court at the Windmill Centre has been cut through again. Alternative security measures were discussed and costs are to be investigated.

- Christmas tree lights can be run from the street light on the northwest corner of the Town Hall.

- The War Memorial will be tidied up and quotations sought for planting a memorial garden and cleaning the stonework.

- The Clifton footpath has been restored and the grass cut by OCC, who have agreed to take future responsibility for the maintenance.

Finance & General Purposes

- DPC Investments: accounts with West Bromwich Building Society and Anglo-Irish Bank to be closed and investments transferred to Santander and NatWest whilst alternative banking arrangements are reviewed.
- Windmill Centre: Hedge between the play area and the Bowls Club to be trimmed.
- Church Clock: DPC (who have no responsibility to maintain or repair the clock) are nevertheless prepared to contribute 50% of the estimated £768 cost. DPC, whilst willing to help, are concerned that this contribution should not set an automatic precedent.

Investments: £556,144 invested with Barclays, West Bromwich BS, Santander, NatWest and Anglo-Irish.

£9,752 of invoices were agreed for payment in September.

Next Meeting 7.30pm 17 October 2012 at the Holly Tree Club

The notes are the view of our reporter, Charles Barker (Deddingtoncastle@gmail.com) and not the official minutes (see <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/pcminutes>).



New Bench Vandalised

The new bench by the bus stop opposite the Manor in New Street (see September DN) was daubed in purple paint on 19 September. Great, the work of some mindless, mean person! The word 'Franklin' appears in the graffiti. The sponsor, Jean Rudge, said, 'It's so disappointing, I feel gutted'. The paint looks as if it could have been applied with a magic marker-type pen, possibly between 8am and 3pm. Jean has had a go at cleaning off, with some success. If anyone has any idea of the culprit, please let us and/or Jean know (338110, jeanlrudge@hotmail.com).

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Services for October

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul, Deddington

Wed	3	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	4	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	7	10.30am	First Sunday
		6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Wed	10	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun	14	10.30am	Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Wed	17	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	18	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	21	10.30am	Eucharist with Baptisms
Wed	24	10.00am	Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Sun	28	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Service of the Word
Wed	31	10.00am	Eucharist

St John the Evangelist, Hempton

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

St Michael, Barford St Michael

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

Introducing the Friends of Deddington Church

Over the past few months, a small group has been working to set up the Friends of Deddington Church (FODC) and have benefited from the advice and experience of those who have done a similar job in Hempton, Bloxham and Adderbury. We are impressed by the lively and varied social programmes organised by our neighbours and believe it is time something similar happened here. These organisations vary locally in their specific aims, activities and organisational structure, but their broad purpose is always the same: to spread the burden of supporting a much loved local church among the many people who value it. Although twenty-first century congregations are generally fairly small, local churches are appreciated by plenty of people who would not consider themselves regular church attenders. Many respond generously to appeals for funds for specific purposes. However, so far Deddington has lacked an organisation dedicated to consistent and ongoing support.

St Peter and St Paul functions in a spectacular way as a social and cultural centre in Deddington, benefiting many people of all ages. Its commanding position in the village provides a stunning visual impact, harmonising wonderfully with surrounding buildings. Many of us turn to our church at the great transitional moments of life: baptism, marriage, a memorial service for friends and family. Particularly for local families with

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the curate, Revd Dr Dan Inman (337893) curatedan@gmail.com, or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). Revd Dr Hugh White is away in Sweden on diocesan business until 22 December. For further information please go to www.deddingtonchurch.org.

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

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 Sat to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sundays at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton

28 October: Maurice Nicholls

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

relatives overseas – including my own – the church is often the focal point of the significant gatherings which take place at baptisms and weddings.

Conversations with a varied bunch of people in Deddington have been very helpful, and we already have a small number of members who have been instrumental in various ways in getting the ball rolling, but we need many, many, more. Further details of FODC will appear in November's *DN*, along with news of our first social event on 24 November. In the meantime, take a look at our website: www.fodc.org.uk. Would anyone like to take on the role of membership secretary? Please contact me by phone or email if you would like to offer ideas or support.

Lesley Milroy 337614, info@fodc.org.uk

CORONA STRINGS CONCERT

A concert by Oxfordshire's new professional string orchestra, Corona Strings (conductor Janet Lincé), takes place in the Parish Church on Saturday 6 October at 7.30pm. Entitled 'East and West', it features music from America and New Zealand. The programme includes: Samuel Barber's 'Adagio', Peggy Stuart Coolidge's, 'Pioneer Dances', Douglas Lilburn's 'Divisions' and works by Aaron Copland, David Diamond and John Ritchie. Tickets are £18 (£14 concessions), available from Tickets Oxford at the Oxford Playhouse, 01865 305305, www.ticketsoxford.com, or on the door. **Kate Allen 07930 554746**

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

The Postbag, or parts of it, now appear on the website Forum (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 BARBARA RITCHIE,
THE STILE

I would like to take this opportunity publicly to thank George Fenemore for his many years of taking time to write 'On George's Farm' for the *DN*. It is one of the two (the other is 'Deddington 150 Years Ago') columns to which I immediately turn and read the moment I find the *DN* on my doorstep. His informative column (for those of us born 'suburban city-slickers' who have grown up knowing next to zero-zilch about life on the farm and the real concerns of farmers) is intelligent, an increasingly rare quality in the media these days, and displays a gentleness and subtle sense of humour from a man who has obviously devoted his entire life to caring for the land and its animals. I would also like to thank the *DN* staff for regularly producing this publication, which is, these days, one of the few written news sources which I do look forward to reading and which I save and do not immediately bin!

FROM REVD DR DAN INMAN, 2 CASTLE STREET

Although it's some time away, we're already planning some of Deddington's Christmas jollity. Your curate's had a cunning idea, imported from Switzerland: the Deddington Advent Calendar. The idea is that 23 houses in the village will host an Advent window – decorating one of their windows with a Christmas scene, preferably, but not necessarily, with some part of the Christmas story, with the windows steadily lighting up through the days of December until Christmas Eve, with the Church hosting the 24th window at the Crib Service. People will then be able to wander around the village, seeing the windows as we get ready for Christmas. If we get enough takers, I'll produce a map showing where each window will be for each night. Already a few enthusiastic people have signed up, but I'll need quite a few more (about 20, in fact) to make this happen. If you'd like more information or – even better – can promise to host an Advent window yourself, please let me know (curatedan@gmail.com/337893).

Also, if you're not already aware, Hugh White is away until late December, so if you would like a visit or have any other pastoral need, please do get in touch. Also, my house is open for tea and cake on 3 and 17 October between 2pm and 4pm for anyone who would like to join an informal discussion group on matters of faith and life. Please do come; all are welcome.

FROM HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS

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which can be ordered, post free, through us.

The Christmas Preview and Fairtrade Bargain day is likely to be on Wednesday 7 November, 11.15 to 7.30 pm in the Church. More details next month. Every purchase helps someone in a developing country to develop their trade and make a better life for their family.

FROM MAGGIE RAMPLEY, GUIDER
1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES

Please may I ask other users of the Windmill Centre to avoid parking in front of the equipment store doors, both double and single. We and the Scout Group need to access this store frequently for activity and camp equipment. Many thanks.

FROM SARAH BRENNAN, KATHARINE HOUSE
HOSPICE COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Hamid Choudhury, of Bengal Spice, New Street, will once again host a fundraising curry evening on 15 October, in aid of Katharine House. Bengal Spice has been a long time supporter of the hospice and has raised over £5,000 since 2006.

Due to popular demand, there will be two meal sittings at 6.30pm and 8.30pm. On offer will be several authentic Bengali curry dishes, with a variety of accompaniments. Places are £15 each and must be booked and paid for in advance (card or cheque) by contacting the Fundraising Office at Katharine House Hospice on 01295 812161. Book early to avoid disappointment as the event sold out in 2011.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for the provision of nursing care at Katharine House, which this year will cost £2.5 million. Of this, we must raise at least £1.5 million (£4,100 each day) ourselves. All our services at Katharine House are provided free of charge and we are therefore so grateful for the wonderful support we receive from the local community, all of which ensures that we can continue to provide vital nursing and medical care here at the hospice. We would like to express our grateful thanks to Hamid and his team of chefs and waiters for their continued dedication and support of the hospice.

Support for Farmers' Market

Each market is planned and arranged in advance. Stalls are booked, the local press are told, the signs go up and the Market Place gets cleared of cars. Early on Saturday morning the erection crew meets and brings the trolleys laden with market stalls. The stalls are set up in the Market Place and the church, the stallholders arrive and set up their wares. Any hiccups, like a car left in the wrong place, or a stallholder not arriving, or any of a hundred other instant problems, are overcome.

Afterwards, the stalls and signs are taken down and everything is packed away, ready for the next month. Between the markets, the committee meets to discuss how the last market went and what needs planning for future markets. It considers applications from new stall holders, checks on finances, and consider requests from local organisations for financial aid.

On 27 October the market will be run just as it has been for 11 years. For this work to continue, we need more help in running and managing the market. Hopefully a flyer has been delivered with your *DN* this month from the Farmers' Market team. The market has given over £30,000 back to the local community over the past few years. It isn't complicated: just consider if the community has benefited from the market. If you think it has, then come along to our special stall at the October market where we will be able to tell you how easy it is to get involved in keeping the market going.

Paul Drawmer, paul@drawmer.net

A Parish at War – The Supplement

The Supplement is now available, price £5. Hopefully many of you will have collected your pre-paid copies at the September market. Those who did not can collect them from me or the Library. If you have not collected your copy by next market day (27 October), then please do so in the church on that day.

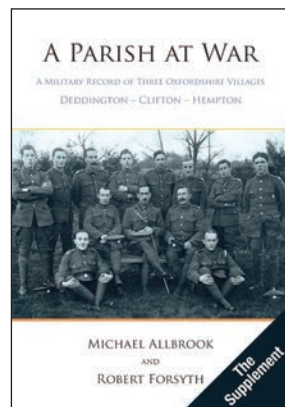
Both Deddington Library and the Tourist Office shop in the Banbury Castle Centre hold stock for sale. When initial stock has been distributed and/or sold then I will be printing and supplying only to money with order.

Memorial Plaque

Design of the plaque (p.68 of *The Supplement*) has been submitted for approval to the Diocesan Authorities. We have asked for it to be placed on the north wall of the church, in the vicinity of the WWI crosses. It may possibly be there by Remembrance Day but this is not assured. Dedication will be at a later date and will be well advertised in advance.

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Another Successful Parish Show – Despite the Weather!

The Parish Show went off well and attracted good support on the day for the stalls, the raffle and the teas. The number of entries was down from last year, as expected, because of the poor summer, but there were some wonderful exhibits in all sections. The new Arts and Crafts class for wooden items attracted some beautiful objects, including Len Plumbe's stunning yew clock. The Show Committee thanks everyone who exhibited, helped as stewards, provided teas, manned the stalls and made cakes.

Main Results

Cookery Section – 1st Kath Morris, 2nd K. Griffin, 3rd Sean Parsons & Lesley Milroy

Flowers Section – 1st Stan Nelson, 2nd Christine Blenntoft, 3rd Sue Ayles

Vegetables Section – 1st Stan Nelson, 2nd Lesley Milroy & Roger Bird, 3rd M. Boyd

Fruit Section – 1st Stan Nelson, 2nd Christine Blenntoft, 3rd Gary Fairclough & Wendy Burrows

Arts & Craft Section – 1st John Hodges & Viv O'Donnell

Photography Section – 1st Steve Coppin, 2nd Lucy Squires, 3rd Laura Burland, Evie Wilkinson & Catherine Overell-Stone

Children

10–15 Years – 1st Elen Squires, 2nd Megan Squires, 3rd Ben Fenemore

6–9 Years – 1st Jack Coppin, 2nd Florence Tuthill, 3rd Laura Burland & Toby Kitchen

5 Years & Under – 1st Jemima Banks, 2nd Charlotte Kenny, 3rd Seb Kitchen & Freddie Tuthill

Child Champion

1st Elen Squires, 2nd Megan Squires, 3rd Jack Coppin & Jemima Banks

Weekly Meetings

Mondays: Brownies, Windmill Centre, 6.00–7.30pm

Mondays: Youth Club, Windmill Centre, 7.00–9.00pm

Mondays: Bellringing Practice, Parish Church, 7.30–9.00pm

Mondays in term time: Boys Brigade Band Practice, Parish Church, 6.15pm

Mondays in term time: Homework Club, Parish Church, 3.30–5.00pm

Mondays in term time: Music for the Under 5s, Windmill Centre, 2.00–3.00pm

Tuesdays: Tennis Club, Windmill Centre, 10.00am

Tuesdays: Internet café, Living Room, Parish Church 2.00–5.00pm

Tuesdays: Craft Group, Holly Tree, 2.00–4.30pm

Tuesdays in term time: Music for the Under 5s, Windmill Centre, 2.00–3.00pm

Tuesdays: Guides, Windmill Centre, 7.00–9.00pm

Tuesdays: Badminton Club, Windmill Centre, Juniors, 6.30pm, Seniors, 7.30pm

Alternate Tuesdays: Hempton Ladies, St John's Hall, 2.00–4.00pm

Wednesdays in term time: Caterpillar Music for Babies and Toddlers, Windmill Centre, 10.00–10.30am



Stan Nelson receiving the Oliver Hawes Best Vegetable Trophy from Margery Hawes (pic Judy Ward)

Best Exhibition in Show

Jane Crowther-Wilton

Show Champion

1st Stan Nelson, 2nd Kath Morris, 3rd Christine Blenntoft

Full details of all category winners are on DoL: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/church/parishchurch/parish-show>.

Date of next year's show: 7 September 2013

Pippa Kitchen, pippakitchen@hotmail.co.uk

Alternate Wed: Friendship Club, Windmill Centre, 2.30–3pm

Wednesdays: Boys' Brigade, Windmill Centre, Anchor Boys 5.15–6.15pm, Juniors 5.15–6.45pm

Wednesdays: Boys' Brigade Company, Parish Church, 7–8.30pm

Thursdays: Life and Portrait Art Group, Holly Tree, 10.00–12.30pm, 1.30–4.00pm

Thursdays: 1st Deddington Cubs, Windmill Centre, 6.00–7.30pm

Thursdays: 1st Deddington Scouts, Windmill Centre, 7.30–9.00pm

Fridays: Coffee Morning in aid of Katharine House Hospice, Parish Church, 10am–noon

Fridays: Solemates Footcare, Parish Church, 10.00–noon

Fridays: Babies and Toddlers Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30–11.00am

Fridays: Deddington Friendly Bridge Club, Holly Tree, 2.00–5.00pm

Fridays: Internet café, Living Room, Parish Church 2.00–5.00pm

Fridays: Deddington Church Choir Practice, 6.45pm

Events in this occasional listing also appear in the DN online calendar: <http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/whatson>

The Taste Buddies Eat at Whistlers, Chipping Norton

The Taste Buddies lunch out every two months to assess local pubs and restaurants within a 20-mile radius of Deddington. We are an independent group with no connection to *DN* or any of the establishments visited.

Where? Whistlers Café Bar and Restaurant, 9 Middle Row, Chipping Norton, Oxon OX7 5NH (01608 643363, www.whistlersrestaurant.co.uk).

Food served: Monday to Saturday 9am–3pm and 6pm–late, closed on Sundays. Breakfast is served until midday and they cater for pre- and post-theatre dinner.

Cost: Starters between £5 and £9. Main courses between £11 and £23 (for fillet steak) and the desserts between £4 and £7. There is also an extensive snack menu at reasonable prices.

Are they pleased to see you? We were very warmly welcomed with cheery smiles and were given a choice of inviting tables. The service was very quick, attentive and friendly.

Is the restaurant attractive? The restaurant has a buzzy, French bistro style. The space is light and airy with big windows at the front which afford views of day-to-day life in the town. There is another newly renovated dining area in the basement which would be especially cosy by candlelight on a winter's evening.



The restaurant would be a good choice for families and there were a number of (well-behaved) children enjoying the varied menu.

Was the cooking good? Our starters included a spiced duck breast with citrus soy and chilli dressing, a seafood platter with Marie Rose sauce and crispy seaweed, and prawns with a smoked paprika and garlic sauce. Our mains featured a very tasty and attractively presented marinated salmon fillet, an excellent ground steak burger, served with a rocket salad and a delicious blue cheese dressing.

One of our party ordered a whole sea bass but, while beautifully cooked, the fish did not taste entirely fresh. Our criticism was accepted graciously and with profound apologies and we felt sure this was just a 'one off' given the high quality of the rest of the meal. While all the desserts were tempting, we decided to share a summer pudding, which was absolutely delicious. The menu has something to appeal to everyone, including vegetarians. There is an extensive wine list with many choices also available by the glass.

Good value for money? Yes. We had an excellent meal and a fun, relaxing experience for about £30 a head.

Would we go again? Definitely – a nice spot to drop in for a cup of coffee while shopping in town.



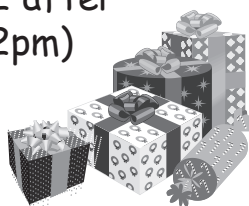
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The History of our Town Hall – Part I

Introduction

Visitors comment with pleasure on first seeing Deddington's Market Place. It is a classic fusion of the elements that have created the traditional English village – architecture, agriculture, commerce, religion and local governance. Inevitably, people ask about that small building, standing on its own. The 'small building' is the Town Hall, an integral part of Deddington's inheritance.

17th Century Beginnings

In 1611, Deddington acquired a 'Town House', subsequently known as the Town Hall. It was built under the auspices of the local Trinity Guild, a group of well-to-do local residents who traditionally paid the 'fifteenths', a tax levied on property owners for the maintenance of the parish poor. Such guilds had existed since at least the twelfth century, and could be either religious or secular in origin and were often both.

All we know of this first Town Hall is that it was a brick building and certain shops or stalls were built 'under or adjoining the same' (Commission of Charitable Uses Reports). Rents from these stalls were used for charitable purposes, in keeping with the Guild's remit.

1612 Feoffees

In 1612 the structure of Deddington's Feoffees (today's Trustees) was reviewed and a tighter system of governance set up. The upper storey of the Town Hall served as the Feoffees' office and the building was administered by them.

19th Century

The Town Hall then disappears from local records until the 19th century. In 1806 it was rebuilt, presumably from necessity. The exterior (VCH, Vol. XI) was 'brick with marlstone dressings and rendered timber framing, Welsh slate roof with brick gable stack ... two storeys. Ground floor has an arcade of segmental arches ...

the bay at the northern end is built upon but the rest is open. Rendered upper floor ... steep pitched roof'. Six windows are mentioned. The interior is described as having 'intersecting chamfered beams and lateral beams [that] relate to an earlier wholly timber-framed structure'. This basically is the building that still stands in the Market Place today. The cost was shared by the parish, the Feoffees and the three Lords of Deddington Manor. In 1832 the building was repaired, costs again being equally shared.



The Town Hall in 1915

In 1818 the Charity Commissioners' Report notes that Deddington's 'Town-hall, or Town-House' is used 'for public town meetings, and for a court-house, with three stalls under the same, used by butchers on market days, one of which was, at the time of our enquiry, let to Edward Colegrave, at the yearly rent of 4 shillings, but the others were not let'.

Reverend Cotton Risley

In 1837 there is the first mention in the *Diaries* of the Revd Cotton Risley, of a plan to house the parish fire engine under the Town Hall. This involved bricking up the open archways that supported half the upper storey.

We also know from entries in Risley's *Diaries* that in 1838 the Hall was used for the Annual Court Leet, a local court of justice dealing with agricultural standards. Risley also mentions that in September 1839 the second Horticultural and Floral Society Exhibition was held in the Town Hall and he himself won prizes in the 1841 exhibition.

Feoffees Become Trustees

In 1856 the Scheme for the Management of Deddington Charity Estates reviewed 'careless management practices' and the Feoffees changed their status to Trustees. The report describes the Town Hall as 'unoccupied and useless'. However, Colvin reports that it was used 'for vestry meetings and as a court house. It also served as a polling station for county elections and, from 1858, as a Reading Room and Library'.

20th Century Trustees Minutes

After 1856 the Town Hall, apart from a brief mention of repairs, again disappears from view and the next source of information is the Trustees' Minute Book, recording meetings held from January 1906 to March 1988.

The Minutes provide a fascinating account of the social and cultural changes taking place in the twentieth century. From 1909 various sporting and social clubs, provided they are 'non-political and non-sectarian' are now offered the use of the Hall for a small rent. In 1912 it was agreed that the rent would be 1/- with an extra shilling charged for gas. There were exceptions: Vestry and School Meetings were to be free and later, the Hospital Finance and Nursing Association was extended the same exemption. In 1913 permission was given to hold non-sectarian Bible Reading meetings for young men on Sunday afternoons. (What were the young women doing?) The County Council Lending Library hired the upstairs room for two nights a week in 1926. In the same year the Parish Council rented 'the undercroft' to house the steam fire engine, modern successor to the mighty engine of 1856. In 1928 the Town Hall is mentioned as being used for 'a Labour Exchange' and a rent of 3/- per week was charged. The installation of electric lighting was debated in 1932.

Kristin Thompson 337052

(Part II, completing the history, will appear in the November DN)

Windmill Thursday Club – A Reprieve

After a period of uncertainty following the demise of the local transport service, we now have reliable transport again. So we can confidently offer places for new members at our Thursday Club with an excellent lunch at a very fair price supplied by local firm, Eagles.

If you are 'of a certain age' or have mobility problems and would enjoy a social day out, then you qualify. If you're not sure, then consider the lyrics of the TV series 'New Tricks' sung by Dennis Waterman.

It's all right, it's OK

Doesn't really matter if you're old and grey

It's all right, it's OK

Getting to the end of the day

In our club, being 'old and grey' is a distinct advantage and 'getting to the end of the day' should not be anyone's main aim in life, despite the stoic 'It's OK'.

It's all right feeling fine

Doesn't really matter if the sun don't shine

It's all right, it's OK

Listen to what I say

Well, nobody has been able to make the sun shine in this washout summer of 2012, but laughter can dispel the gloom and there is a lot of laughter in the Windmill on a Thursday. So 'listen to what I say' and get in touch. If you know someone who is too shy or diffident to put themselves forward, then put us in touch with them. Everyone is welcome to come for a coffee and meet our other clients. These are a few of their comments about the two weeks we were closed due to lack of transport:

'I didn't see anyone all day – it was horrible.' 'It's a great joy to see all my friends again for a chat and a laugh.' 'I really missed it the two weeks I didn't come.'

'It's a long week when you don't go out – Thursday is something to look forward to.' 'I had withdrawal symptoms – we've got like a family up here.' 'We have a good lunch – I missed the food and the company.' 'I look forward to coming – the food is excellent and very good value.'

I get a lot out of Thursdays too and am relieved and glad that we no longer face the prospect of imminent closure. So come and join us and maybe learn some 'new tricks' – at the current rate of £7.50 it's a bargain!

Jean Rudge, Deputy Co-ordinator 338110

Sustainability Forum

The challenge facing all of us, especially our grandchildren, is how a limited planet is to cope with the growing consumer demands of an increasing population. This challenge will be explored at the 'Sustainability Forum' on Thursday 4 October at 7.30pm, at Oxford & Cherwell Community College, Broughton Road, Banbury, chaired by Sir Tony Baldry MP.

The background paper is a UN Report entitled 'Resilient People, Resilient Planet – A Future Worth Choosing' – http://www.un.org/gsp/sites/default/files/attachments/GSP_Report_web_final.pdf.

The speakers will be Kate Raworth, an Oxfam

The Other Side of Silence

The latest novel from local author, Sylvie Nickels

Pippa Eastman has an uneasy relationship with her autocratic father, eminent historian Joseph. She escapes to Australia where she meets Jude whose alcoholic father abandoned him and his mother. The book tells the story of how Pippa and Jude return to the UK and find out more about their respective fathers and their roots as well as dealing with some of the outcomes the researches reveal. These searches contribute to their finding of each other.

I found Pippa's story the more engaging. After the death of her father she is prompted to find out more about him after receiving an email from a stranger in Finland claiming to be a relative. Her researches take us back to the Finnish–Russian Winter War of 1939–40 and her grandparents, a Russian soldier and a Finnish farmer's daughter. I found Pippa and Jude's visit to Finland the heart of the novel. Pippa's story unfolds and questions are answered against the stunningly described backdrop of the Finnish landscape. This is a country Sylvie Nickels knows well and, I suspect, loves very much: it comes through in the writing. In parallel to this Jude traces his now sober and blind father to Dorset and he finds an unexpected friend in his father's second wife. I found this story line more superficial and less convincing than Pippa's and it didn't hold my interest in the same way.

The Other Side of Silence is the fourth novel that Sylvie Nickels has self-published together with an anthology of short stories. I admire her greatly for doing this, but I have to say there were times when I think it would have benefited from an editor's eye. There were some typos, one rather odd sentence and some repetition. Please don't let the above put you off what is a good story and a compelling read.

Alison Day 337204

Cherwell's Compost Giveaway

Cherwell residents can again collect a free bag of compost from 9am until 1pm at Exeter Hall, Kidlington, on Saturday 13 October, or Bodicote House on Sunday 14 October. Over 2,500 bags are available and they are issued on a first-come-first served basis, one bag per household.

Senior
Researcher,
who spent
four years



working as an economist on the UNDP's Human Development Report and was one of its co-authors; Paul Parrish, Policy & Advocacy Officer, Quaker Council for European Affairs; Nigel Winsor, Executive Director of Earthwatch Europe; Peter Hughes, Regional Manager, Charity Bank.

There is a buffet reception from 6.30. For this RSVP to Judith Mason 01295 720900, banbury@banburyveshamquakers.org.uk

News from Hempton

Once again it was a great day for the Annual Church Ride and Stride on 8 September. St John's had 88 visitors during the day; we are on a very good cycle route and we also offer some great refreshments. Many thanks to the people who rode for us, and to everyone who helped to staff the church during the day, also to our co-ordinator Pam Dodd. Sponsorship money raised will be known later. The next Social Evening will be on Friday 5 October from 6.30pm. This is a relaxed and enjoyable evening when everyone is welcome, including children, so come along and meet other Hemptonians. The Harvest Supper will be the next evening, Saturday 6 October at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10.00 per head to include all food and soft drinks; if you would like something stronger please bring a bottle and glasses. Entertainment will follow; please give me a call if you would like to come.

It is only two months before the Christmas Bazaar which this year will be on Saturday 1 December from 11.00am. There will be plenty of stalls plus hot refreshments. Gifts suitable for a festive occasion will be most appreciated nearer the date. This is the Friends' biggest money raiser of the year, but also a happy time. During the month we said goodbye to Tony and Sarah Roche and their children of Top Thatch, as they left for their new home in the north. We shall miss them, but we look forward to whoever moves in and welcome them.

Les Chappell 338054

Not the Allotment!

Anyone who has walked past my allotment this summer will wonder why on earth I'm writing this article! To be honest, work and other commitments have led me to ignore my allotment completely.

But, as I had a tour of Rousham gardens the other day, instead of the allotment I thought I'd share a few of their gardening techniques. Their laurel hedges are pruned by hand in October. For anyone who has a laurel you will know that taking a hedge trimmer to these large glossy leaves will end up with them looking burnt. With the last two dry winters they have also placed hoses to water the yew hedges. Many people don't consider watering in the winter but your evergreen plants are still working just as hard in the winter as they do in the summer.

As winter is approaching we're thinking of getting our mowers serviced and putting them away. When you next drive over the Lower Heyford bridge take a moment to look at the lawn sweeping up to Rousham House. That lawn is mowed throughout the year.

Now is the moment to visit Rousham if you like dahlias as they have a superb collection. Some in the cutting garden are from the Sarah Raven collection and those in the parterre garden are heritage ones. There is always a debate over whether you should dig them up or plant them deep. At Rousham they dig them up and plant them in May.

Samantha Willis, samantha.willis@gmail.com

DEDDINGTON health centre

Time to book your flu jab!

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On George's Farm

At last, I can say all is safely gathered in. The 2012 harvest has been one of the most protracted that I can remember in 50 years of driving a combine. Our harvest campaign started during the last week of July and came to an end on the night of the 10th of September, with the green goddess having spent more time parked up, awaiting the weather, than at work. The old girl ran well until late afternoon on the 9th when, with just 15 acres of beans left to go, there was a loud bang followed by all of the alarm sirens sounding as one of the drive shafts to the threshing mechanism snapped. After a frantic search around the local John Deere agents, and being told 'that shaft never breaks, mate', thanks to Google we found the only one left in the country, north of Nottingham. After a five-hour round trip, I was back in the driving seat by mid afternoon of the 10th, with the last load being tipped that evening.

The haymaking followed a similar pattern with the lambing paddocks being cut at the start of July and the last loads of hay from the river valley meadows being stacked in the barn as the last load of the harvest was being tipped. So now it's all hands on to get the crops planted for next year. With any luck, and the weather gods' permission, we shall start planting the oil seed rape on the weekend of the 15th, some fourteen days later than last year.

It has been a difficult farming year all round, with above average rainfall and below average temperatures. The sheep have spent more time flooded off their summer grazing than on it and, apart from a few weeks, have not had 'a dry back' since lambing.

The wet weather and low temperatures have given the bees a hard time and the honey harvest has been very poor, although there is still a chance of a late



autumn 'flow' if we are treated to a St Luke's little summer. Whatever happens, once the oil seed rape is in the ground, we shall have to put the bees to bed for the winter before we start drilling the winter wheat. Due to the difficult weather, we have not been able to do many of our normal brood box inspections, so heaven only

knows what we shall find when they are opened up for treatment against the varoa mite and it is possible that a number of the older queens will not make the winter. However, we were able to make up a number of new hives in the late spring and these have done well and will give us a good start for next year.

Most of our summer visitors have headed off south, with just two broods of late swallows still in the barn, but they too will be off any day now. After the almost continuous flooding and the constant attentions of the now ever-present red kites and buzzards, the curlew and red shank have failed to fledge any chicks this year and have returned to the coast for the winter. I hope they will return to try again in the spring.

We have, with some considerable success, spent a lot of time working with the RSPB and other conservation bodies to provide suitable habitats for many of our farmland birds, but sadly, with their heads in the sand attitude towards the control of avian raptors, the whole project is doomed to failure because all we are doing is providing a good living for the ever increasing numbers of these winged killers and, as you would expect, we farmers will be to blame, ho hum – or should that be ho buzzard. **George Fenemore 338203**

Children's Holiday Activities

We had 25% more children at this summer's Holiday Activities in the church this year than last year, which was very encouraging. Amazingly we had fine weather on each Thursday, which meant that the children could enjoy games in the churchyard and at Castle House by kind permission of the Pleydell-Bouveries, and also a swim and picnic on the last day at the Old Post House by kind permission of Christine Blennot.

As always we are immensely grateful to all those who ran the various activities including, this year, six teenagers, all of whom remembered the fun they had had at these events during their own primary school days.

Jane Green, green-jane@btconnect.com

Welcome Packs for Newcomers to Deddington Parish

When a newcomer arrives in the parish, Welcome Packs are now available from joanwright985@btinternet.com or telephone 338535.

British Legion Club

Fund raising and events have kept us busy in the summer. Monthly bingo is proving very popular with cash prizes. We have also had a skittles challenge match against the church, which was great fun, the church winning by one point. We look forward to a return match. There will be a Craft Fair on 22 November in aid of a small village in Tanzania. A group of friends fundraise throughout the year, taking the proceeds to the village to purchase building materials for toilets, chickens, school books, etc., so helping them directly. There will also be a bric-à-brac stall in aid of the British Legion, so please donate any unwanted gifts. A warm welcome is extended to everyone – you don't have to be service, ex-service or elderly to visit us on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Nina Fairns 338878

Royal British Legion

A reminder to all members that subscriptions are due on 1 October: £18 (£13 for pensioners).

Jean Morris, Branch Secretary, 338143

PIERS GAVESTON AND THE NUN OF DEDDINGTON

Postscript – for those who prefer a happy ending – to the 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 (see [www.deddington.news.co.uk/back issues](http://www.deddington.news.co.uk/back%20issues) for earlier instalments).

In after years, tradition said that the good Nun was rescued from her prison by human aid, but how is not told. She was taken to Ireland and placed under the protection of an Irish lady, distantly related to the de Lincourt family. It is added that she was prevailed upon to abjure her vow of celibacy and, laying aside her Nun's dress, in a few years she married the son of her Protectress.

But of this we are not assured. We only know that there is, in the possession of the family alluded to, a portrait of a lady in a Nun's dress that exactly resembled the description given of the good Sister Margaret; and also another, of the same face, but the dress is that of a lady of that time, and the hair, instead of being braided, hangs down in ringlets while the features are radiant with happiness. There is an arch smile on her lips, and the very spirit of innocent mischief lurking in her grey eyes. It is likewise said that the lineal de-

scendant of Margaret de Lincourt is now dwelling in the same County where the good Sister suffered so much, and that the features of this 'Scion of a once famed line' bear a strong resemblance to the portrait of that noble lady.

Note: of the Castle of Deddington there remains nothing but the foundation – but there is an apartment belonging to a building now called 'The Priory', the door of which has been walled up probably for centuries, and the staircase and roof been destroyed by time. It can only be entered through the top, by means of ladders. This room may have been the scene of the Nun's punishment.

Of the Monastery at Adderbury, the kitchens remain, and have been converted into stables; there are also the stone pillars of the entrances, the well, and various traces of the surrounding walls.

Blissful Thinking



Villages are living, breathing interpretations of their collective histories. We wouldn't recognise Deddington without its castle, Clifton without its perennially flooded fields, or Hempton without the long-defunct off-licence sign hanging just before

the pinch-point. Habitation spaces are forged through generations of industry, housing and community interests, and residents will fight tooth and nail to preserve history and idyll.

While an Englishman's home remains his metaphorical castle (outside Deddington), there is the green and pleasant land which is communally owned, and this presents the dilemma of the best utilisation of public spaces. Should they remain untouched and wild? Regularly trimmed and maintained at public cost? Or should leisure or creative facilities take precedence? It seems an unfeasible task to maintain democratic progress when we should also consider future denizens who may have their existence blighted by that solar-powered suicide machine that seemed like such a good idea at the time. But this could also prove a spur for demonstrating the vision and courage of their predecessors, so perhaps we should be more willing to take risks and push for inspired progress in our public spaces. The kind of sustainable and imaginative ideas which the ones who follow us will look at and wonder what kinds of masters of worlds trod this dominion before they did.

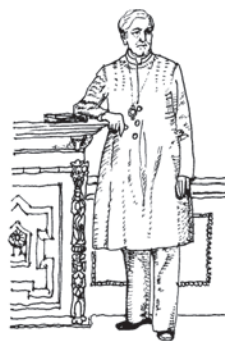
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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of October 1862:

8th October – The 34th anniversary of our Wedding Day – God has been merciful in having spared my dearest Susan to me as a comfort and support for so long.

9th October – Called and sat a while with old Jenny Knibbs [*she lived in a cottage in his stable yard*] who was confined to her bed – she talked to me about her funeral and wished me to bury her whenever it should please God to take her. [*Risley visited her almost daily thereafter.*]



10th October – Miss Bessy Turner called and announced her intended marriage with the widowed Rector of Kerney, Mr. Leonard, he having 14 children living – 10 daughters and 4 sons – he being 58 years old and she 32 – a most serious matter for both of them and unjustifiable on the part of Mr. Leonard.

20th October – A fine day on the whole after the hurricane last night.

21st October – A man from the Telegraph Company came to arrange with me about removing the wires from the front of our windows – it was proposed to carry the wires over the tops of the houses by fixing iron standards on the roofs, but the man said the majority of the roofs here were so bad they would not bear the burden. He would remove the wires above the roof of our house so as not to be visible from the bedroom windows by means of higher wood support in lieu of the present ones. **Buffy Heywood 338212**

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington and District History Society

Our 2012–13 season got off to a resounding start with Martin Way's talk on 'Barley, Beer and Barrels'. He began by pointing out that the 'Real Ale' that we are fond of praising is a misnomer. Ale is an un-hopped brew, whereas what we have drunk since the 15th century (I don't think he was referring to any individual member of the audience at this point) is a hopped brew called beer. He made the cheering point that beer has historically been a much safer drink than water. With that he was off, relating to us the story of brewing in all its aspects. He had a number of fascinating slides of scenes dating from the 1890s. Of particular interest were those relating to the exodus of whole families each year from the East End of London to the hop fields of Kent and Sussex. Martin also reminded us of the many Oxfordshire breweries that were deliberately driven out of business by large breweries in the 1960s. The good news is the revival of local brewing in the form of micro-breweries which are now thriving. In a small way local brewing is stronger than it has been for many a year. Martin always brings with him a collection of memorabilia and tools relating to the subject of his talks; on this occasion pride of place went to his remarkable collection of coopering tools of strange shapes and even stranger names.

Our next talk, on Wednesday 10 October, will feature Col. Tim May and Mike Cross on 'The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Project', a new research centre and museum being constructed at Woodstock.

We welcome anyone to our meetings, which take place on the second Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre.

Chris Day, Chairman, 337204
Moiria Byast, Secretary, 338637

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

The club is holding a grand Race Night on Saturday 13 October 2012 with the first race at 8.30pm in the Royal British Legion, Deddington. All welcome.

Chris and Yvonne Twomey 337213

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

As usual, September in the DOGS 'family' is quiet as most DOGS depart for fairer climes. A rest will be a good thing as October will be quite hectic.

The next DOGS event is on Friday 19 October at Aspley Guise Golf Club (part of the Woburn Golf complex). This is our annual Autumn Classic, which is a full day of 27 holes of fantastic golf. Aspley Guise is a new venue for us, so much expectation is inevitable.

A week later, on 26 October, we go to Studley Wood Golf Club where the format is more relaxed as 18 holes will be played. This event replaces our rained off day back in April. The Studley Wood day is the final event in determining our 'Golfer of the Year' top prize. Full details will be on Deddington OnLine.

David Darst 338589

Photographic Society

At last month's meeting, Rose and Jim Gracey gave a digital presentation entitled 'A China Experience'. It derived from their visit to China in 2009, and covered a stay in Shanghai, a train journey to Suzhou (known as the Venice of China), Nanking, a cruise along the Yangtze River, the Three Gorges Dam, Chongqing, the Qin Shi Huang terracotta warriors at Xi'an, the Great Wall of China and Beijing. A vast vista of resulting images condensed by Rose and Jim into a PowerPoint presentation, was complemented by five audio-visual presentations that combined to illustrate the unique and diverse nature of this huge country. Overall, an impressive and interesting evening, supported by Jim's sometimes revealing commentary about the life of ordinary Chinese people.

This was followed by a review of members' photographs in response to the August photographic topic of 'What is it?'. As usual, member Simon Lutter attempted a light-hearted and humorous appreciation of the many and varied images on display, marvelling only at members' creativity and their ingenuity to confuse.

Activities planned for October are: 3 October, John Credland gives a presentation on 'Photography after Dark,' which will be followed on 13 October with a private photoshoot (for members only) at Sulgrave Manor. Member George Sainsbury will lead a workshop on 'Being judgemental about your photographs' on 17 October, and the Society will be mounting an exhibition of members' photographs at the Kings Sutton Craft Fair over the weekend of 6–7 October. This exhibition will be repeated at Deddington Parish church on the morning of the Farmers' Market on 27 October. Everyone is welcome to attend the Society's meetings, which are held at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Just come along and you will find us there.

Richard Broadbent 338173

1st Deddington Guides

And we're off – a super start to the term catching up on all the news through the summer holiday and welcoming new girls. Lots of ideas for the future and lots of exciting activities to plan. Follow us through the autumn term. We hope still to get outside as much as we can before winter really sets in.

Guiders Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Marian Trinder 340806

Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008

Deddington Town Colts FC

On 3 September 2012 at a Special General Meeting, Mike Nelson was elected as the new Chairman of the Club; Mike is also the manager of the Under-11s. Barry Grant stood down as Chairman but will continue as Vice-Chairman. Keith Tong remains as Treasurer/Membership Secretary, and Roger Sykes continues as Club Welfare Officer. Hazel Hunt and Kate Gibbins

... AND MORE CLUBS ...

(involved with the U-15 team) are the new joint Social Secretaries for the Club. They are planning a number of social events and fundraising activity over the season, including a Ball planned for March 2013. Unfortunately we were unable to appoint a Club Secretary to replace Heather Ward. If anyone is interested in this role, then please give Roger Sykes a call to discuss what this involves.

The season began on a sweltering weekend on 8-9 September. Seven of our nine teams were in action. In Mini Football the U-9s lost 0-3 at home to Witney Vikings Youth, and the U-10 Sharks won 3-0 away at Carterton Colts. In Junior Football the U-11s had an emphatic 9-1 win over Brackley Town and the U-12 Sharks beat Eynsham Youth 4-1. Perhaps the game of the weekend was the U-12 Cobras who were involved in a dramatic 6-6 draw with Witney Vikings Youth. The U-13s struggled in the heat and lost 7-1 to Kingston Colts, but there was a great result for the U-15s who beat local rivals Hook Norton 5-2.

If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please don't hesitate to get in touch. For further information about the club visit our website, <http://www.deddingtontownfc.com>.

**Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Officer
and U-13 Manager 337034**

1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

We're starting the term with lots of new Rainbows (welcome to Ellie D, Jemima B, Ivy and Bella) and will be holding some of the outdoor meetings that got rained off in July. The first meeting is a campfire, complete with toasted marshmallows, helped by some of Deddington Guides when we can test out the sitters we made last term. This definitely qualifies for one of our Favourite Meetings of the year. Thank you to Vivien for allowing us to use her garden. We're looking forward to a walk between Adderbury and Bloxham, a visit to the fire station and some outdoor games before the colder weather drives us back inside. Let's hope the sunshine we've had so far holds...

Hazel Neal 337822

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Our speaker on 14 August was Jill Cheeseman to tell us about the charity 'Dogs for the Disabled'. Founded in 1986 the charity selects suitable puppies for socialising and later training to help with certain tasks for their disabled partner, such as fetching items, removing washing from machine, or accompanying them on shopping expeditions. Socialising the puppy is a long-term commitment on the part of those prepared to do this essential part of the dog's progress, but very rewarding when eventually person and dog are happily and successfully together.

On September 11 Brian Little gave an interesting and humorous talk on 'Banbury and Deddington, Metropolis and Frontier Post'. He spoke about the

differences between the two places, one a large lively town, the other a large village, and evolution over the years. The fact that several major roads converge in Banbury has contributed to its residential and industrial growth and Brian spoke of many characters and buildings. Deddington had importance, being considered a frontier post with many facilities for those on their journeys to and from Banbury. Many old photographs were on view, which jogged some memories. A very pleasant talk much enjoyed by members.

Our Harvest Supper (bring and share) and auction (RBL Poppy Appeal) is on 9 October.

Rene Mahoney 338438

1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

We started the new term with four new members, Tom, Tom, Ben and Theo. Let's hope they have a great time as Cubs. We also welcomed an old friend: one of our former Scouts Olly has chosen to do his Duke of Edinburgh service with us. First topic was medals and the Cubs bought examples that belonged to them or their family, and we copied them for a display at the Windmill. The time has come for our annual display of guys at the market, this year's theme being '2012 Sporting Heroes'.

Jo Churchyard CSL 338071

jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

New to Scouts this term, Dan, Richard, Ollie, Patrick, Ben, Toby, Max and Theo. They are very welcome and we hope they enjoy their time with us, but we are sad to say goodbye to some of our older boys who did not return after the holidays.

We started the term with the Great Egg Race when the Scouts had to build carts to carry an egg around an obstacle course, and followed this with a topic on Rubbish. Coming soon: pirates, peashooters, blowpipes, catapults, a county camp and an expedition to Stratford.

The Scouts have been set a challenge, to take £1 and make as much as they can for Shelterbox by Christmas. Please support our budding entrepreneurs if you run into them!

Pete Churchyard SL 338071

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Deddington Tennis Club

Summer Leagues

Due to the wet summer many of the team's matches have had to be rearranged, making it difficult to complete the matches before it gets dark. The club has four teams in the Banbury and District mid-week league.

Our 'A' team in division 1 is 6th and needs one more point from the last match to stay up. The 'B' team, in



... AND YET MORE CLUBS ...

division 2, are also 6th, but will be relegated to division 3. Our 'C' team is competing for 2nd place in division 5 and hopes to go up. The 'D' team, also in division 5, has managed the middle of the table.

Our men's team in division 10 of the Oxfordshire Summer League is currently 5th and needs a win in their last match against Witney to move into 4th place. Our ladies' team has come 2nd in division 5 to gain promotion.

Coaching

Coaching has resumed after the school holidays where the club ran two successful summer camps. Children from the age of three can participate in the coaching programme that takes place after school and on Saturday mornings. Coaching will continue after half term throughout the winter inside the Windmill Centre for children aged 3 to 9.

For more details about the club and coaching, please go to: www.deddingtontennis.com

Steve Ashby 01295 263855

Book Club

At our last meeting we discussed *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. Set in an unnamed South American country, the story begins at a birthday party for a wealthy Japanese businessman, which is attended by the Vice-President of the country, several high ranking officials as well as a famous opera singer who has been hired to entertain the guests. As her performance ends, the building is taken over by terrorists. Closeted together for several months in the same building, the novel is about the relationships that develop between the hostages and their captors, and between the hostages themselves, despite their many differences in culture and language. Some of us thought that the characters were a little unbelievable and that the ending was improbable, but it is well written and easy to read with a thread of humour running through it. The majority of us would happily read another book by this author.

The next book is *Suite Française* by Irène Némirovsky and the next meeting 25 October.

Sally Lambert 338094

Deddington Town Football Club

First Team results:

01.09.12 Abba Athletic (a) W 6-0
Carter, D., Carter, M., Hall, Thornton, L. (3)
08.09.12 Steeple Aston (h) L 0-2

Reserve results:

08.09.12 Bloxham (a) W 3-2
Taylor, Kaye, Gibbs, M.

September's siren song has serenaded us once more, meaning the infantry have roared back into battle.

Despite a mad week in which the First Team management position was vacant before being refilled, the team has started positively, with six of the best showing Abba their Waterloo. Unfortunately, the team then

conspired to lose at home to arch-rivals Steeple, but reports suggest that this could be a mere aberration. Luc Thornton managed a hat trick despite starting on the bench, and the bar has been set high for this campaign.

The Reserves welcomed back one of their former heroes, Sam Rollason, who took on an unfamiliar defensive role towards the end of a hard-fought opening away victory against Bloxham, lit up by another goal from old-stager Matty Gibbs. Early signs are promising, but the Gladiators yearn for the crowd's approval to spur them on in the face of the bloodthirsty and brutal lions that no doubt lie ahead.

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

Deddington Players

Auditions for *Sinbad the Sailor* will be held at the Windmill Centre on Sunday 14 October from 2.30 to 4.30pm. These will take the form of a drama workshop so you will need to stay for the whole afternoon. This year we have opportunities for both adults and children on stage, and for people willing to help behind the stage as well (back-stage, costume, technical, painting scenery, music, chaperones, front of house). Please turn up on the day if you would like to get involved or give me a ring if you would like to find out more before committing yourself. We'd love to hear from you.

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington Toddler and Baby Group

We have had a quiet few weeks with some of our mums, dads and children away on their summer holidays. We have still been busy with crafts, including making clay animals, decorating biscuits and painting. Some of our children entered their decorated biscuits for the Deddington Parish Show.

Our mums' night out in August was great fun and the food, as always, was delicious. Thank you to the staff at Bengal Spice who looked after us so well and who were in great humour!

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 9.30am to 11.30am at the Windmill Centre, Deddington, and would love it if you joined us. If you would like to know more about the group or are thinking of coming along, please give us a call on the number below or find us on Facebook. We look forward to meeting you!

Wendy Samways 07920 198073

Badminton Club

The new season has started at the Windmill with juniors playing at 6.30pm and adults at 7.30pm. We welcome new and existing members. If you want to try adults' night, the fee is £3; if you join this is deducted from your subscription. For more information please contact

Andrew Munson 337416

Health Centre News

A new out-of-hours phone number has been introduced. The previous out-of-hours number 0845 345 8995 still works; however a new, shorter, and easier to remember number has been introduced: **111**. This number, which also works in the daytime, is staffed by the Ambulance Service. When you ring you are asked what the problem is and you are then directed to the most appropriate service. This can be one of several options:

- you are referred on to the out-of-hours service
- the call will be redirected to the 999 service
- you are advised to go to A & E
- you may be advised that your problem does not require immediate attention and that you can see your GP, suggesting a time span within which you should be seen, e.g. within 24 hours.

During surgery opening hours there is always a GP on call all day to see those people who need to be seen the same day, so an appointment will always be available if you are told by the 111 service that you need to be seen 'within 24 hours' or 'the next morning' at your surgery.

Our GPs' Special Interests

From 1 October there will be six GPs at the surgery. All GPs have a rounded knowledge about patient health and illness. In addition, their special interest areas are:

Dr Ruddock is particularly interested in musculo-skeletal problems, diabetes and family planning. She fits coils and does joint injections.

Dr McLaughlin is in charge of training at the surgery, overseeing medical students and GP trainee doctors. Apart from that he is a general, all round GP.

Dr D'Souza's main interest is respiratory illnesses (asthma, COPD). He also does joint injections and some minor surgery.

Dr Chambers' main interests are dermatology (skin problems – rashes, moles, acne, etc.) and minor surgery.

Dr Ward is interested in women's health, particularly hormonal problems and rheumatology. She fits contraceptive implants.

Dr Winpenny, our new GP, is interested in women's health, family planning (she fits coils) and dermatology. She also does minor surgery – excision of small skin lesions and cysts.

Parking at the Health Centre

Please do not park right at the entrance where the pavement curves round. This restricts the view of those driving out from the surgery and could be dangerous.

And Finally...

Why not add your name to the campaign to support Dispensing Surgeries? You can lose the right/opportunity to get your medication from your surgery as has happened in Bloxham. Sign the e-petition here: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/37910>.

Sue Johnson, HC Practice Administrator

Love ... Natural ... Food

What's good to eat right now and inspiring you to eat with the seasons.

In October I am eating ... pumpkin. When plump, orange pumpkins appear in our farm shops and supermarkets, we know that autumn has truly arrived. Unlike other fruits and vegetables which are generally available all year round (albeit shipped in from all over the world), the pumpkin tends to make a brief appearance around October just in time for Hallowe'en and then disappear again until next year. But this humble vegetable deserves a bit more love and attention. So, instead of relegating your jack o'lanterns to the compost heap once Hallowe'en has passed, why not make the most of this seasonal vegetable in your kitchen?

About: The pumpkin is a member of the squash family. Round in shape, with a very distinctive, orange skin, the pumpkin contains edible flesh and seeds. It is a nutritious vegetable and contains lots of beneficial vitamins and minerals. The seeds are particularly nutrient dense; you will probably have seen packets of pumpkin seeds sold in your local supermarket and health shops.



Season: Pumpkins are in season in the UK between October and December.

How to choose: Choose pumpkins which are bright in colour, with unblemished skins and a firm stalk. Look out for smaller pumpkins which tend to have more flavour than the larger ones.

How to prepare: The sweet, delicate flavour of pumpkin combines well with herbs such as sage, rosemary and thyme, and with warming spices such as cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger. Try in casseroles and risottos, use as a base for a stuffing or simply roast in the oven to bring out its sweet, caramel-like flavour.

For a warming soup on a chilly autumnal evening, try Valentine Warner's pumpkin soup (see his *What to Eat Now* and also the BBC website). If something sweet is what you are after, try Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's pumpkin and raisin tea loaf (recipe available in his *River Cottage Veg Everyday*).

Phillipa Carson, phillipacarson@gmail.com

Hugh White Blogs from Sweden

The vicar is away on sabbatical leave in Sweden until December. To follow his activities, see Deddington's Facebook Community page: <http://www.facebook.com/deddingtononline>. Here's a flavour of what he is writing about: 'Doing daft things for the cause is, of course, a regular avocation for the English clergy (nice not to have a dousing at Barford this year), but evidently not a wholly English preserve. At the Cathedral Open Day last Saturday, the Dean was throwing himself about in goal as manically as any Church of England Curate at a fete ...'.

News from Clifton

Some real old duffers have been wheeled out to fill the ranks in various Parish sports teams recently, squares are being 'put to bed' and averages tabulated as summer sports come to a natural end. Nowhere was this more in evidence than in Clifton's own Una Stubbs Team who finished the season with two more consecutive wins and a season's high score as they beat the George and Dragon in Chacombe. To mark the last game of the season the team turned up in black tie and fabulous they looked too. This completely freaked out the opposition who surrendered the first leg 6–16! The season's awards evening is soon where various fines will be spent on a suitable hurrah.

Another club returns to Lower Larkrise as the 'It's strictly come dancing get me out of here' club meets each night in the pub that Brucie chins onto our screens. Starting in the pub at 18.30 on Saturdays it may then adjourn to season high scorer Mayo's garden for more Sally practice! Do come along.

Another new club is the Clifton Slimmer's. An offshoot from the Book Club, its members have all dropped a stone or two in 8–12 weeks using a variety of methods. Feeling a bit porky? Partner giving you some stick? Fancy a pint? Pop along and find out how you can lose weight and drink booze, or eat a fry up and chocolate. It's true, I promise – no drugs! There is even a published book as the guide. Book Club is as ever (now Sally is over) 21.00hrs each Thursday. Last meeting had three new members.

Finally, as many of you will have noticed, especially the Candleford ladies who jog, the superhighway linking all three as one is complete. The much campaigned-for path is now finished thanks to Councillor Ray Jelf (top bloke I say) so not only can our athletes and youngsters safely jog, stroll, cycle up the hill but others can travel down for the many and beneficial clubs and activities we boast.

Martin Bryce, Martindnbryce@aol.com

Windmill Community Centre

It's 26 years since the Windmill Centre opened in 1986, and since then Joyce Minnear has been the Booking Secretary, keeping tabs on all the users, finding new ones and collecting payments. Joyce also works with the Treasurer to ensure payments are made on time, and oversees the work of the cleaners. Joyce's expenses are covered by the Windmill.

Joyce is now in her 80s and needs to find somebody to work with her and eventually take over. This job is vital to the running of the Community Centre, home to so many of our parish groups' activities – No Bookings, No Centre – it's as simple as that!

Do you find the thought of your group having to find another home appealing? If you are interested in helping, please talk to Joyce (338529) or Jim Flux, the Treasurer.

Jim Flux, 338153

COMMUNITY CARES

For Deddington, Clifton and Hempton

It has been agreed to amalgamate the Good Neighbour Scheme with the Pastoral Care Group, forming a more efficient organisation, 'Community Cares', to help residents of Deddington, Hempton and Clifton in need.

If help is needed with collecting a prescription, shopping, visiting a lonely person, helping someone recently home from hospital who is living on their own or, for instance, giving relief to a carer, help is available.

In response to any of these issues, please contact Wendy Burrows or one of the following team leaders who will arrange help.

Brian Bushell	338715	Jean Welford	338539
Joan Wright	338535	Wendy Meagher	336216

More details will appear on the Forum, the DN website and Deddington OnAir.

For more information please contact

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DIARY (Contd from p. 1)

- Sat 27 Visiting Bellringers, Parish Church, 10–10.45am
 Sat 27 Akeman Voices: Rossini, 'Petite Messe Solennelle': Parish Church, 8pm

NOVEMBER

- Sat 3 Jazz & Classical Concert: Three Ways Trio, Parish Church, 7.30pm
 Mon 5 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
 Wed 7 Photographic Society: Chris Palmer, 'Points of View – Landscape Photography', Apricot Room, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
 Thu 8 Monday Morning Club: 'Brideshead Revisited' (new version), Holly Tree, 6.30pm
 Thu 8 Friends of Deddington Festival: Parish Church, 7pm
 Sat 10 Warriner Choral Society: Mozart, 'Requiem': Parish Church, 7.30pm
 Sun 11 Remembrance Sunday, Parish Church

New Primary School Website

The new Primary School website went online over the summer: www.deddingtonprimaryschool.co.uk. It can also be searched via Google.

Clive Evans, Headteacher 338430

PFSU and Village Nursery

Welcome to the new school year, to the new children and families joining us this term, and to those who have 'moved up' from Nursery to the PFSU.

We also have some staff changes this term. We say a sad goodbye to two long-serving members of staff, Sarah Inkpen and Sophie Nichols. We wish them every success with their future plans. Suzanne Stanley has also left us to go on maternity leave and we welcome Jacqui Moulder in her place to manage the Nursery.

There will be a meeting for parents at the PFSU on Wednesday 17 October at 7.30pm. During the evening we will be explaining the profiles that we keep for your child, and introducing you to our approaches to the teaching of phonics and maths.

Thank you to everyone who attended the 'Red, White & Blue' evening in July; we managed to raise a whopping £8,613 which we were absolutely blown away by, especially during tough times. We would like to say a *big* thank you to all of the sponsors, parents, committee members and local businesses who generously provided their time, energy, generous gifts, prizes and donations. Thank you also to everyone who responded to our survey on the future of the Nursery – watch this space for further news.

Lucy Squires 337484

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