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Although summer has hung on gamely, the village is gearing up for winter. Already the PTA is advertising its fireworks display, Hempton its Christmas bazaar, Traidcraft its pre-Christmas bargain preview, the Deddington Players their pantomime auditions and the RBL its Poppy Appeal. Personally, I'm hanging onto the gardening season for as long as possible.

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OCTOBER

- Wed 1 DN: Collating, Windmill Centre, 10.00am
Wed 1 Photo Society: Mark Buckley Sharp, 'The Work of the Royal Photographic Society', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
Fri 3 Hempton Social Night: Hempton Church Hall, 7.00pm
Sat 4 RBL: Skittles, RBL Hall, 7.45pm
Mon 6 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
Tue 7 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2.00pm
Wed 8 Traidcraft Preview Day: Parish Church, 10.30am–6.00pm
Wed 8 History Society: Roger Rosewell, 'Painting on Light: The History of Stained Glass', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Thu 9 Monday Morning Film Club: *The Railway Man*, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
Sat 11 RBL: Cash Prize Bingo, RBL Hall, 8.00pm
Tue 14 WI: Harvest Supper (Bring and Share), Auction (RBL Poppy Appeal), Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm
Wed 15 Parish Council Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Wed 15 Photo Society: Workshop, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
Fri 17 DOGS: Autumn Classic, Stratford-upon-Avon Golf Club
Sat 18 Friends of Daeda's Wood: Working Party, 10.00am
Sat 18 RBL: Live Music with Graham Gould, RBL Hall, 8.00pm
Sun 19 Deddington Players: Pantomime auditions, Windmill Centre, 2.00–4.00pm
Sun 19 Concert: Tom Poster, Piano Recital, Parish Church, 4.00pm
Tue 21 FODC: AGM, Parish Church, 7.30pm
Thu 23 Book Club: Please call 338094 for information, 7.30pm
Sat 25 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
Sat 25 Photo Society: Members' Annual Exhibition, Parish Church, 9.00am–12.30pm
Sat 25 RBL: Poppy collection launch, Farmers' Market
Sat 25 Scout Group: Display of Guys, Deddington Farmers' Market
Sat 25 Deddington Beeches Bowls Club: Race Night, RBL, 8.00pm
Wed 29 DN Collating: Windmill Centre (upstairs), 10.00am

NOVEMBER

- Sat 1 Concert: Friends of Deddington Church
Mon 3 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
Tue 4 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2.00pm

When advising us of events, please include date, time and venue.

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Windmill Centre Wednesday 17 September

Present: Councillors Collins (Chair), Cox, East, Flux, Oldham, O'Neill, Squires, Williams (CDC), Watts and Wood, also several members of the public.

The chairman announced that members of the public are now allowed to record Parish Council meetings, provided that they do not disrupt the meeting. The Council discussed whether it should videotape meetings itself and recorded the night's meeting as a trial.

District Councillor Bryn Williams reported that any work undertaken on the Windmill Street car park will require an equal contribution from the residents who use the garages and car park.

Planning: The report on the plans for developing land to the north of Deddington by Miller Homes (formerly the Pegasus site) will be released on Monday 22 September.

A questionnaire regarding neighbourhood planning will be delivered throughout the parish in the next few weeks. A great deal of work has been put into producing this document so it is hoped that the response will be positive.

Finance and General Purposes: A grant of £5,000 is to be made available for refurbishing the Old School Room in Hempton.

Following investigation, it was decided not to apply to take part in Vodafone's Rural Open Sure Signal Programme. Certain documents were not available from Vodafone and it was feared that house owners hosting the devices might incur permanent costs to the benefit only of Vodafone and its customers.

Environment and Recreation: Pea shingle has been spread around the War Memorial.

The gatepost to the cemetery is to be repaired and the gate re-hung. A working party to tidy the vegetation will take place at 9.00am on Saturday 27 September.

A request has been made to fell two birch trees in the under-six play area at the Windmill Centre. Residents claim that they are blocking light from entering their conservatories and gardens. The committee would welcome comments on this.

It was agreed to trim back the hedges around the bowling green.

Following a successful trial, the lights on the Christmas tree this year will be powered by car batteries.

The annual fair will arrive at midday on Wednesday 13 November and leave by midday on Sunday 17 November.

Next meeting: Wednesday 15 October 7.30pm, Holly Tree Club.

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

PRIMARY SCHOOL

The start of the new school year has gone very smoothly. The summer holidays seem a long way off.

At the start of term children and parents had great fun when the circus came to school, organised by the PTA. The previous week the children enjoyed circus workshops where they learned to juggle diablos and spin plates.

This term several after-school and lunchtime clubs are starting, including Musical Theatre, Choir, Art, Computing, Football, Gardening, French, Multi Skills, Golf and Tag Rugby clubs and Mrs Lynch organised a whole-school cross country run with winners from each year group going forward to represent Deddington at our Warriner partnership competition.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to welcoming parents into the school for an open morning when they will have a chance to see children at work and to join us for our morning worship. On 1 October I am running two parent information meetings (afternoon and evening) to outline what the new 2014 curriculum entails, how it is being delivered at Deddington and what changes have been brought in. E-safety and reading meetings are also to be organised by other members of staff for the coming term. Parents are also welcome in the school every Thursday morning before registration. So it's another busy and exciting start to the new academic year.

Jane Cross, Deputy Headteacher 338430

Fireworks Night

Friday 7th November 2014

At Deddington Primary School

Gates open: 6pm. Blast off: 7pm

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FARMERS' MARKET

AUTUMN BOUNTY

It's been a long, hot and bountiful summer and the autumn markets should be bursting with produce but there will also be things to surprise you. Crissil's Kitchen, a new stall, will be offering Brazilian street food. I've no idea what that might be but I'm determined to sample extensively and in depth. The market has a very good track record of introducing innovative ethnic food producers. We've already enjoyed Japanese sushi, Indian curries, traditional English raised pies and Greek home cooking.

Perhaps not as gastronomically exciting as Crissil's Kitchen but nonetheless worthy of your attention, Friends of Deddington Library will once again have a stall at the market and be looking for your support.

But back to food. Mariella Bliss will be giving a free pasta making demonstration at the market – worth attending for a chance to taste alone. As the winter draws in and the body craves carbs what better than a comforting and virtuous bowl of home made pasta? And despite the urge to shout 'Bah! Humbug!' Christmas is on the horizon. Keep an eye out for the ideal



stocking filler, Market Gift Vouchers, which will be launching soon.

This preview is written a long way ahead of Market day due to copy deadlines. You can get more accurate news nearer the time. If you're internet averse you can get latest Market news on BBC Radio Oxford every Market morning or look out for the specials board at the Market itself. For the more electronically

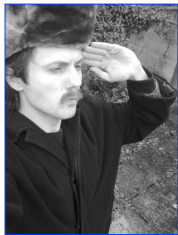
accomplished there is a Market preview on the parish radio station, Deddington on Air (www.deddingtononair.org), for the week before each Market; there is the Market website itself (www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk), there is the Market Facebook page (please like); and there is the Twitter feed @DeddingtonFMkt.

Or you could let the Market do the work for you by signing up for a personal email update by emailing your request to marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk.

The Market is on Saturday 25 October from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

Good shopping!

Ian Willox 337940



BLISSFUL THINKING

Summer's dwindling away again. Sunburn, ice-creams and lazy days outside metamorphosing into chilblains, hot chocolate and dark days in front of the radiator. It's the time of the year when the Factor 30 is replaced with a flu vaccination.

Speaking of flues, the chimney could do with a thorough sweep before the fireplaces are in use again. Do ordinary homes still light open fires? It almost seems like a quaint relic of a distant time past to need a chimney for anything practical, rather than simply a quirkily appealing architectural anachronism. I often think similar thoughts when I walk by houses that have milk bottle shelves carved into the side of the front wall. In a generation or two, kids might be asking their parents what on earth these little niches were for, and Mummy and Daddy will explain that, like the outhouse and coal bunker, they were once integral aspects of a modest home's design, much like the television aerial and ... letterbox? Will we be receiving parcels and letters by drone at a designated collection locker in the future? What new obsolescences will come, and what strange new design quirks find their way into new houses? Chilled lockbox for home delivered groceries? Electricity charging point for the car? Rainwater recycling unit? Secure cabinet for teleportation pod? We look for leadership and inspiration from the more sizeable domiciles in the parish. Be the future!

Aaron Bliss aaronjbliss@hotmail.com

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of September 1864:

2nd September – The mother (*Mrs. Clarke*) and her 3 babies appeared in the Castle Grounds for a short time.

3rd September – I and Mr. Mellior heard cases of savage and unprovoked assaults committed by Edwin Lewis of this place on 4 policemen whilst on duty in the Castle Grounds, all of whom he abused, struck, kicked violently and savagely bit two of them. He was drunk and refused to leave the Castle Grounds when ordered to do so. We committed him to House of Correction with Hard Labour for 4 months. We fined Cordaway, also of this place, for assaulting one of the Police in a less aggravated manner and attempting to rescue Lewis from their custody, in the sum of £2.5.0d. fine, costs 10/0d. or a month's imprisonment – the money was paid.

6th September – I and Holford drove to Woodstock to attend the Board of Guardians.

8th September – Susan and I went to Oxford to see Mr. Symonds again.

12th September – Was measured for a new pair of boots at Bp. Malin's.

25th September – Susan was at Clifton (*Church*) both times, the Rifle Corps were there in the morning – I preached a Harvest Thanksgiving in the afternoon.

30th September – Holford and I attended a Petty Sessions for receiving Jury Lists.

Buffy Heywood

AMERICAN POSTCARD

It's all change in Denver; I have given in and we have a dog. The name choosing has been a bit extended since he is a replacement for Jake who has headed off to college in New Orleans. I thought Jake Junior would be good and American – the kind of name a baby-substitute should be lumbered with.

Then we nearly agreed on naming him after my football team (sorry, soccer). Since we made it into the Premier League, the pronunciation of Leicester has become an important issue. I have a t-shirt with 'Les-tah' on it. It seemed a no-brainer to me. (How I hate that Americanism.) Yesterday, however, Leo Ulloa, the striker we pinched from somewhere in Clifton, scored and the puppy was named. That's Leo, not an unpronounceable name from Argentina.

The problem was that getting a dog meant we had to move house. Our landlord changed his mind and told me he wouldn't allow us to have a dog, but I had already promised Heather and Ben we would get a replacement Jake. So we moved. We arrived in the US two years ago, four of us, with all our possessions in 16 suitcases. I hired a Suburban, a large American car, and I got all our possessions in it. When we moved last week we needed four guys and a 20-ton truck, and it took five hours to move four doors down the road: exactly 75 yards. American consumerism is catching.

The only problem with the new house is that it is dark. The sun shines here over 300 days a year, the

highest number anywhere in the US. But our house sees little of it because there are six trees surrounding it, all of them taller than the house, and three of them within ten feet of the front door. I have suggested to the locals that they have too many trees. It is received as if I had insulted their mothers.

Most of these houses are wooden, but ours is well built with very good insulation. Buildings are going up at unbelievable speed a couple of miles away. Further south, houses are marching across the plains, and there are no trees whatsoever. We are on a desert plain a mile above sea level, but 50 years ago when Denver started expanding, our area was the orchard for the city, hence the very mature trees.

The truly unbelievable thing on a mile-high plain is the grass. The locals are obsessed with growing the one thing that shouldn't be here; no, not dope, green grass. All the houses have underground sprinkler systems, and most have lovely lawns tended with great care. They would look good at Wimbledon. Our new lawn looks great, but you can probably guess how the lawn looked on the house we just left.

The things you do for love – and to fit in with American life. With an itchy face and streaming eyes, I sit here petting a very lively and very lovely puppy. Perhaps I'll take up watering the lawn and cleaning my car – no, perhaps not.

Mike Ward mikew@qsoftware.com



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September

SS Peter and Paul

Wed 1 10.00am Eucharist and School
 Thu 2 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Sun 5 10.30am Harvest Festival
 Wed 8 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 9 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Sun 12 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am Eucharist
 Wed 15 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 16 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Sat 18 10.00am Eucharist: Luke
 Sun 19 10.30am Eucharist
 Wed 22 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 23 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Sun 26 9.30am *Fourth Sunday* Eucharist
 10.15am followed by Interactive Café Church
 Tue 28 6.00pm Eucharist: Simon and Jude
 Wed 29 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 30 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels

St John's, Hempton

Sun 5 9.00am Eucharist
 Sun 19 9.00am Eucharist
 Sun 26 6.00pm Evensong

Barford St Michael

Sun 5 10.30am Eucharist
 Sun 12 10.30am Family Service
 Sun 19 10.30am Morning Service
 Sun 26 4.00pm Evensong

From the Parish Registers

Baptism: 23 August Darcey Smith
Wedding: 19 September Emma Holmes and
 Richard Bolton

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact 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
 November 23 Margery Richie
 November 30 George Pearce

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

Fr Paul Lester 277396

Parish Deacon Rev R Hughes 01295 270869

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe, every weekday at 9.30am, Sun at 10.00am. Confessions on Saturday 5.30–6.00pm. The Vigil Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport. Mass at: SS Peter and Paul Anglican Church, King's Sutton, at 9.00am every Sunday.

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

PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

At the time of writing we are all really looking forward to the circus arriving in town. The children at school have enjoyed a circus workshop day and various circus-themed topics at school. It promises to be a brilliant afternoon with a full report next month.

It seems a long time ago, but the last PTA event we enjoyed was the village fête. The weather wasn't particularly kind to us, but the sun came out eventually and everyone enjoyed a great afternoon when we raised a fantastic £2,500 which will be boosted by a further £1,000 through fund-matching, very kindly provided by Bibby Financial Services.

This year, monies raised have been used by the school in a variety of ways – sports, art, theatre and music equipment, books, newspapers and other classroom resources, school trips and adventures. A significant amount of the money raised has been used to buy equipment to enable the children to enjoy the

outdoor areas of the school even more. They include a fabulous big wooden story-telling chair to be used in the woodland area and some shaded picnic tables and outdoor whiteboards to be used for lessons and school events.

On behalf of the PTA, I would like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely everyone in our school and the local community who has supported our events over the last year, enabling us to run our events and to raise such a great amount of money.

Looking forward, we have our AGM on 2 October, when a new committee will be formed. Then, in November, we will be celebrating Bonfire Night with a fireworks display on 7 November. Tickets available from deddingtonPTA@gmail.com

Lucie Sydenham, Chair

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FROM THE FIRE STATION

We have had a busy summer being called out to many different incidents — everything from chemical spills and house fires to traffic accidents. You may remember a power cut at the start of this month. This was caused by a pylon catching fire down by the Council depot in Deddington. The cause was never found but we believe it was from a power overload. We have also had quite a few false alarms where the occupier of the property was not on the phone list for the monitoring centre. If your alarm is connected to one of these agencies would you make sure that they ring you because if they ring a neighbour or friend first they cannot verify that there isn't a fire at your property and we have to attend? We have been to several field fires too. These can be very time consuming and really hard work. Due to their remote location, the only way we can put them out is with beaters, which comprise a two feet long piece of fire hose strapped to a four foot wooden pole; old fashioned but it does work.

We still have thirteen crew and they are all now qualified to wear breathing apparatus. This is great for the station but raises its own problems with training since we only have three sets at the station and so have to travel to other stations if we want to do a large drill.

There has been a lot of cost-cutting within the Brigade over the past couple of years but a lot of good has started to emerge. Some nights we used to have ten or more on call and only six could go on the shout. We have a new electronic crewing system where we can book on and off on our PCs at home. If there are more than six on call you can release yourself and it saves the Brigade money. The money that is saved is put aside for extra training. A couple of the crew have just come back from doing some very realistic training at the fire college at Moreton-in-Marsh.

We have a really great crew at Deddington and they have given up so much of their own time to attend the local festivals and fêtes on our patch. They also give presentations at the Station to the children from schools, Cubs, Brownies and Boy's Brigade on safety advice and how to use some of our equipment.

We have another recruit in the pipeline but it will be a while before he gets through all the process to join us at the Station but I will keep you posted on his development. With our numbers at full strength we have started sending some of the crew to Banbury to do full-time shifts to help with their crewing levels and to gain valuable experience working with a full-time crew.

As the nights draw in and you start to think about having a fire roaring in your grate, give a thought to having your chimney swept first. It's amazing how many chimney fires we go to. If your chimney is clean, don't forget you still could have a bird's nest or dislodged piece of masonry blocking it. And please don't forget to check your smoke alarms every week.

Tim Parker
Crew Manager

PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

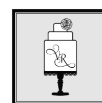
It's the start of a new year and the children have settled in quickly to their new Nursery and Pre-school. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the children and families joining us for the first time this term. The PFSU will be holding a parents evening for PFSU parents on Tuesday 14 October from 7.30–9.00pm. After a short presentation and a chance to ask questions, there will be the opportunity to speak to staff about how your child has settled in and to meet other parents.

The Nursery and PFSU AGM will be held in late October, date to be announced. It is essential that as many families as possible attend this meeting as, without a minimum number of families represented, we cannot elect a new committee to manage the settings in the coming year. Please join us for this short but vital meeting if you possibly can.

Lucy Squires
337484

DEDDINGTON NEWS NEEDS YOU

Do you have an hour or two, once a month, to socialise with your fellow villagers and help them collate the *DN*? If so, join them upstairs at the Windmill Centre at 10.00am on 1 October. Tea and coffee are provided and you will be welcomed with open arms.



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DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW 2014



Photo: Judy Ward

Oh, how amazing are all the Deddington Parish and further afield residents who entered the Parish Show on Saturday 6 September – the cooks, gardeners, artists, craft creators, photographers, plus all the talented children. The Show committee salutes you all!

And remember, it's only eleven months to the next one – Saturday 5 September 2015.

There was a wonderful display of exhibits on all the tables and there was a good crowd to admire and marvel. The judges were very complimentary about the standard.

The crafts exhibited were beautiful – the embroidery, the needlepoint and the crochet are particularly worth a mention and the flowers, vegetables and fruit were of high standard, as was the 'men's only' cakes – lots of them this year and some made by boys.

Well done to the children – the old favourites of Junk Models and Vegetable Creatures were particularly good, as were the witches' hats.

Thank you to all who helped to make this Show possible – the table movers, stewards, cake-makers, tea servers, stall and raffle operators, our judges and our scorer.

The trophy results follow. For the full results go to DeddingtonOnline.

Welford Cookery Cup: 1 K Morris, 2 L Milroy and Windmill Thursday Club, 3 S Houston

Marianne Elsley Cup for Flowers: 1 P Smithson, 2 S Nelson, 3 V Bird

Oliver Hawes Cup for Vegetables: 1 S Nelson, 2 D Freeman, 3 M Boyd

St. Peter & St. Paul Cup for Fruit: 1 B and R Ryland, 2 K Morris, 3 W Burrows

John Cheney Cup for Art: 1 K Wilkinson, 2 W Burrows, 3 E Coppin

Stella Marmion Cup for Crafts: 1 J Chard and R Clark, 2 J Higham, 3 S Barron

Farmers' Market Cup for Photography: 1 M Higgins, 2 S Coppin and D Maharry, 3 P Smithson and L Squires

Deddington Gardeners' Cup for Show Champion: 1 S Nelson, 2 P Smithson, 3 W Burrows

5 years & under: 1 C Kenny, 2 A Houston, 3 P Banks

6 - 9 years: 1 I Kenny J Edmonds and S Kitchen, 3 D Garbutt, T Fenemore and F Tuthill

10 - 15 years: 1 E Squires, 2 L Burland, 3 C Kenny

Maureen Forsyth Cup for Child Champion: 1 E Squires, 2 I Kenny, 3 C Kenny

Wendy Burrows, Hon Secretary

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DEDDINGTON CHURCH

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Thank you to all those people who have volunteered to join the church cleaning team. We still have room for more helpers – it need not be on a regular basis; so if you would like to join our friendly crew, come along to one of the Friday coffee mornings, 10.00am–12.00 noon and have a chat or simply contact one of us.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL FLOWERS

We intend to decorate the Church on Saturday 4 October from 9.30am–12.00, so if you would like to join in please contact me. All offers of flowers, vegetables and foliage would be greatly appreciated. No previous experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and there is no age or gender restriction, so young and old, boys and girls, come along!

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ON GEORGE'S FARM

Well, the mad rush is on to get next year's crops into the ground. The oilseed rape went in during the last few days of August and as I bash this out is well up in 'row' and looking good. It is an indication of just how things on the modern agricultural front have changed since I was a teenager. Oilseed rape as a farm crop was unheard of and harvest did not begin until late August or early September. At home we were considered very mechanised as we had a combine and diesel-powered tractors, with Prince, the last of our Shire horses, being used to cart feed to the out-wintered livestock. The use of a horse and float did not cut up the ground in the same way a tractor and trailer would. It also meant that the 'farm boy' (me) could be sent off to do the outside feeding on his own as the old horse, unlike a tractor, would plod across the field at the command 'walk on', while I forked out the hay and mangles to the cattle and sheep, and stop at the word 'stand'. Prince was a gentle giant standing at over 18 hands to the shoulder (four inches in a hand) and weighing over a ton but he could be worked by a 13 year-old who needed to stand on a mounting-block to put his tack on before backing him up to shut him into the float.

Back to the harvests of long ago: although my farther had his first combine in 1940, the one I remember was bought new in 1951 and in fact was the first combine I drove after I had left school in 1960. It was a Massey-Harris 726 bagger and took two men to operate, one on the driver's platform and the other filling the sacks which were dropped off at intervals across the field to await the carting team. This consisted of two men to lift the sacks onto the trailer and another to drive the tractor. Once the trailer had been loaded with 50 sacks (two-and-a-half tons) it was back to the farmyard to unload. If the grain was dry enough to store, it went into a second-floor granary via an elevator which was set at shoulder height so that the bags could be caught and taken on the right shoulder to be carried to the stack. There was a knack in catching a 50kg sack of grain as it came off the end of a moving



elevator. If you got it wrong you were flat on your face with a 50kg bag of wheat pinning you to the floorboards, (no 'elf and safety in those days). If the grain was damp, the sacks were set out singly with the tops rolled back and a dry stick pushed in to wick the moisture away.

Ours was a mixed farm with about 50% of the grain produced being fed back to the livestock, with the other 50% being sold. The barley went to the Hunt Edmonds Brewery in Banbury for beer, with the wheat going either to Lamprey's of Banbury for animal feed or, if it met the standard, to Clarks Mill, again in Banbury, for bread flour – not many food miles there. The straw was all baled and used for animal bedding which, in time, was turned into farmyard manure and used to grow the next crop. We spent weeks hand-pitching the bales onto trailers for the trip back to the stack yard before they were pitched again up on to the rick for the rick builder to put in place. I much preferred to be the pitcher rather than the rick-builder as the sisal string used to tie the bales would cut your hands to shreds in a very short time and if the rick you were building fell out, you never heard the end of it.

My real memories, though, of those harvests of 60 years ago are of the seemingly endless days of summer, the evocative sound and smell of a powerful 6 cylinder petrol/paraffin combine engine and the ride home on the last trailer-load of the day with the large orange harvest moon clearing the rim of the valley and watching out for the 'doodle bugs', the large Rose Cockchafer, a clumsy flying beetle with little sense of direction that would fly straight into you, ending up inside your shirt or in your hair. Perhaps it's time to own up as to just how two of them got into my sister's bed. I got the slipper for that one. Happy days, but would I go back to farming in that way? No, I much prefer the quiet hum inside the air-conditioned, dust-proof cab of the Green Goddess and the exhilarating power surge of a 200-horsepower tractor (when I am allowed to drive it) but I do miss Prince and the tales of times past from the old boys I worked with, some of whom had served in both wars.

George Fenemore 338203

CALLING CREATIVE KIDS

The Friends of Deddington Library are raising funds to ensure that the Library can stay open on its current timetable. We would like you, the children of Deddington and surrounding villages, to help us by designing a poster to publicise the campaign. Your poster could include reasons why the Library is important, or may have ideas for raising money, or may show how your ideal Library would look; you can choose anything, just be creative.

The competition winners will have their poster shown on the Friends of Deddington Library website and displayed on their stand at the October Farmers'

Market. The winning entries will be used during the fund-raising campaign, and will also receive a book token.

There are four entry categories:

Years F1 and F2

Years 1 and 2

Years 3 and 4

Years 5 and 6

Please draw your poster on a blank A4 page and write your name and school year on it before dropping it into the Library by Wednesday 15 October.

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Saturday 13 September turned out to be fine for the annual Oxfordshire churches Ride & Stride Day. St John's had 97 visitors from other areas which was almost 40 up on last year. Well done to everyone involved from our Church – striders, welcomers and all who supplied our great refreshments once again, for which we are well known for miles around. A special thanks to Pam Dodd who coordinated everything for the day. The amount of sponsorship money will be known towards the end of October.

Some photos of the recent wedding at the Church are now in the Church album which is kept on the front pew and can be seen any day. Please remember the Church is open daily in the summer. The refurbish-

ed schoolroom is nearing completion, which will give it a nice fresh look.

Although it is only October it is time to think about the Christmas Bazaar which this year is on Saturday 6 December from 11.00am. This is the Friends biggest money raising event as well as being a lovely family occasion. After all the refurbishment of the Old School Room, funds will be low and there will still be the railings to pay for when they are installed at the front of the building. Gifts suitable for a Christmas occasion will be most welcome.

It is a shame that there will be no table-tennis team this season due to a shortage of players. Perhaps we can come back the following season.

Les Chappell 338054

NEW DEDDINGTON WEBSITE

Our two parish websites, Deddington OnLine and *Deddington News*, are to be merged and the home page will have a new design. We are looking for more photographs of Deddington – current ones or from the recent past. They can be of activities or events, sports teams in action or presentations, buildings or street

scenes, or landscapes. The only requirement is that they are shot in the parish of Deddington.

We're not looking for works of art, but the pictures must be sharp. If anyone has anything suitable and would like to submit it, please send me a jpeg file.

Mary Robinson robimary@gmail.com 338272

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SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

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WHERE? Hempton Church and School Room

WHEN? 11.00am through lunchtime

WHY? To raise funds for the Old School Room and Church

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THE GREEN MAN

Eden Abides for the Moment



Forty years have passed since I got my first and only glimpse of Eden. Yes, *that* Eden – you know, the one before Eve took the fall? It was while visiting my father at his home in Santa Barbara, California, when at breakfast he asked if I would like some fresh orange juice. I had no sooner said ‘yes’ than he reached his hand out

of an open window and picked a few oranges from a tree next to the house. He promptly sliced them, put them in a mechanical juicer on the counter, pulled the lever and voilà – the best tasting juice one could imagine.

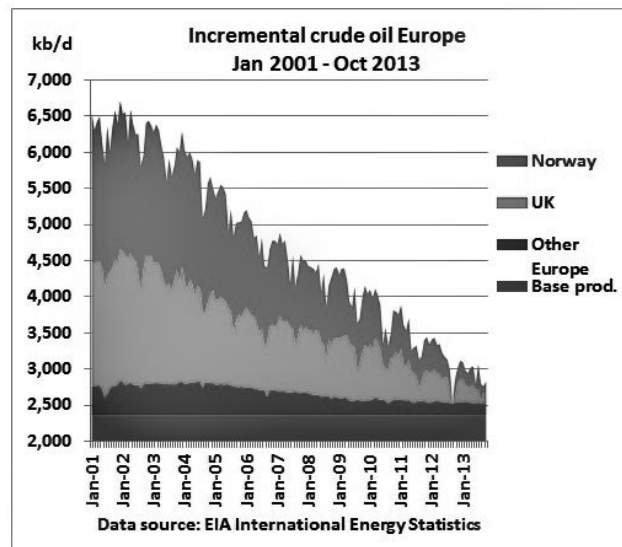
I’ve often thought of that experience over the ensuing forty-plus years I spent in government and industry working on renewable energy technology because in the US, the average food item travels 1,500 miles from farm to plate and when we add in the energy cost of fuel and fuel-derived fertiliser plus transportation, storage, and packaging, food uses up more than 10% of our total energy budget. In fact, for every calorie of food we eat it takes ten calories to put it on our table. But that morning in Eden-west the sun had powered our orange tree, my dad had powered the juicer and in memory the experience is still savoured as was the drink.

Now if Dad had been obliged to grow all his food at home and worked all day in his garden at a steady pace, he may have put out the physical energy equivalent to around 80 watts. Today, if I drive even our energy-efficient hybrid car to the supermarket to buy a bottle of orange juice, it will at times consume over 80,000 watts-equivalent in fuel. Most of us have at our disposal every day the energy equivalent of several thousand manual labourers. The expectation that we can do this at will and forever is so prevalent, so culturally ingrained, that to question it makes some rather unhappy, others incredulous and, perhaps, all momentarily uneasy.

We are more likely to welcome confident, enthusiastic views like those expressed in the recent debate over Scottish independence that there could be a new energy Eden off the Scottish coast, if only the right people were in charge. I found it astonishing that apparently no one in the debate bothered to look up the historical record of UK gas and oil production to notice that it had peaked in 1999, and has declined steadily since. Advanced technology might be able to wring the oil-rock sponge a little drier, but at a high cost that would, at best, slow but not reverse the rate of decline.

One might then ask where there is better news and hopefully not out of Russia. As it happens your Ameri-

can cousins have provided some of late. Otherwise, we would by now have noticed that oil production in the rest of the world, from the beginning of 2012 until May of this year, has declined by two million barrels per day. This may not seem like much in a global economy that requires over 76 million barrels per day to keep itself afloat but is crucial. Capital markets do not panic over running out of energy; merely running short will suffice. With rest of the world producing a little less than 60 million barrels per day, the US is now making up the entire difference to meet global demand, mostly through activity in places like North Dakota where shale oil production has been propping up our modern-day, holographic Eden. Having written



recently about shale gas fracking and my scepticism about its long term viability, this does not imply praise for shale oil but it would be foolish to ignore its impact or economic importance.

These subtle details of our societal energy foundation remain comfortably obscure: information ill-suited to the time horizons of a news deadline, a fiscal quarter or a term of office. However, for those of us who pay attention to energy supply realities, it is a reminder that we should appreciate the distinction between an energy lifeline and energy salvation. Conservation and efficiency still matter; now more than ever in the past. When we all do our part to conserve energy from depleting reserves, it does not mean that we are ensuring a secure or even a sustainable future. What it does mean is that we are moving a bit more slowly and carefully into that future and that could make all the difference to how well we adapt and adopt alternatives. Genesis reminds us there were two trees in that other Eden. One was the Tree of Knowledge and we have used that tree in many ways to build our modern world. The other was the Tree of Life. I believe that we need both.

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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 FIONA SMITH on behalf of DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL ART EXHIBITION

This year's winner of the Deddington Festival Art Exhibition prize is Ron Turner who won your vote with some very striking pictures. Congratulations to Ron and apologies that this announcement is so late. Everyone was very impressed with the high standard of all the entries this year and it was particularly exciting to see some new entrants, some of whom are quite young but very talented.

Please think about entering next year: the range of styles and mediums varies greatly but all your work is valued. So whatever stage you are at with your own art, take a deep breath and enter anyway, we'd love to see what you can do.

FROM JOHN SAMPSON, HEMPTON

In last month's issue of *DN*, A Short History of the Old School Room, the final paragraph should read 'the Rev. William Wilson of Over Worton' not 'the Rev. William Worton of Over Wilson'. The author needs more copy reading practice.



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FROM THE REV DR HUGH WHITE, DUNS TEW

Apologies for a blast from the past but I must register through the *DN* my gratitude to all those who contributed so generously to some wonderful leaving presents on my ceasing to be Vicar at the end of May. I was able at my final service to thank many of you but then, a month or so back, extraordinarily, a further cheque

appeared. You shouldn't have done it – or were you thinking another pay-off would make absolutely sure I wasn't going to come back?! In any case, it was a very pleasant surprise for me.

And, in fact, it's very pleasant for me still to be able to be in Deddington a bit and to keep up with old friends. The new parishes have been very welcoming but they are going to have to go some to beat Deddington – it's not easy to generate a comparable richness in Church life in such small communities where the financial burdens of caring for ancient buildings understandably weigh so heavily. But we shall give it a go!

Thanks, again.

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Just as we applauded Colley Junior on his distance-paddling in the colonies, Iron Man Mayo stands up to ask 'Who's the Daddy?' The man, well past his half century, decides the Thames is a suitable venue for a bit of a run. Who hasn't jogged or walked down the towpath at some time or other – the question is which bit is best. Well, Kev couldn't decide which bit was best so he ran it all, from the Thames Barrier in Woolwich to the source, north of Kemble in Gloucestershire! This race is modestly called T185 because it's 185 miles long. A field of 75 started and all wore a GPS tracker so we could follow each competitor. When I logged on with my ISDN dial-up I thought he had passed on as he didn't move for three hours and was 20th. It turns out he was sleeping – the only sleeping he did in the 54-plus hours he took to cover the distance. So impressed were Larkrise people that some of them turned out on Saturday night to cheer him through check point 5 (of 7) in Oxford.

We were warned by the long-suffering Fi that we must not help him in any way, so we decided that if helping was bad, hindering must be good and we bar-racked him and questioned his sanity throughout. But I do feel truly privileged to have witnessed what can only be described as a pit-stop as pack 5 was found

and unpacked, water was boiled and food and coffee were made. Socks were changed, feet powdered, gilets adorned and, with a quick kiss for Fi, he was off into the night, having to carry all he needs except water. At this point Kev was fourth with only 50 miles to go. Yes, that's right – we were off to bed and Kev had only got two more marathons to run. By 11.00am he was home, done and dusted and finished third. We remain, as always, staggered by your abilities, mate. You nutter! If you want to be a part of the story, give this a spin. I have. <https://www.justgiving.com/Kevin-Mayo/>

Continuing on the sporting theme, Oscar has successfully learned to ride a bike in the Walnut Close nursery, coached by his Dad, Chris, who kindly donated a pair of goal-keeping gloves previously worn by Southampton's Fraser Foster to the brave Monday night five-a-siders who still boast four Larkriser's.

Una Stubbs is over for another year with our brave boys winning nine of their last 13 legs and finished a giddy third (from bottom) in the table. Chances of relegation are thin and Iron Man had recovered sufficiently to nick 'Top Doll' from Ron. A season not as successful as previous years but a third promotion on the trot is a distant chance.

Martin Bryce Martindnbryce@aol.com

MUSICAL NOTES

The Ironstone Chamber Music Festival will be over by the time you read this. Were you in the audience? It would be helpful in planning future concerts to have some feedback. My email always appears at the end of these Musical Notes so do please let me have your thoughts.

October brings to Deddington another outstanding musician, the brilliant pianist Tom Poster. Tom is internationally recognised as a pianist of outstanding artistry and versatility, equally in demand as soloist and chamber musician across an unusually extensive repertoire. He has been described as 'a marvel, [who] can play anything in any style' (*Herald*), 'an unparalleled sound-magician' (*General-Anzeiger*), a 'young lion' (*Guardian*), and as possessing 'great authority and astounding virtuosity' (*Est Républicain*). He won first prize at the Scottish International Piano Competition 2007, the Ensemble Prize at the Honens International Piano Competition 2009, and the keyboard sections of the Royal Overseas League and BBC Young Musician of the Year Competitions in 2000. So with that paeon of praise, how can you not come to hear him in Deddington Church on Sunday 19 October at 4.00pm? (Please note the day and time). His programme is part of the *Music In Adderbury's* autumn series and features Beethoven's Piano Sonata in D Major, (the Pastoral), Schumann's *Waldszenen*, Chopin's Piano Sonata in B flat minor (*Funeral March*) and Ravel's *La Valse*.

Looking ahead there is a packed programme in November, which will be covered in the next *DN*, but please keep the flyers in this month's *DN* to remind you to come to the concert for Katharine House Hospice by the *Birmingham Ensemble* in remembrance of Elspeth Cox and the Dixieland and New Orleans Jazz concert for FODC.

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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The Friends of Deddington Library (FoDL) met on Tuesday 9 September to review our progress to date and welcome our first group of volunteers, eight of whom have agreed to attend the training at OCC in the coming weeks.

Our subscribers now number 55 but we're still some way off our ultimate target of 200 to ensure our village Library services remain unaffected. Therefore we are still appealing to parishioners in Deddington and surrounding villages to sign up; it's the cost of a cup of coffee per month, that's how we like to look at it.

We'll have another presence at the October Farmers' Market where people can pick up subscription forms and the latest information about our campaign. We'll also be selling tickets to two exciting events at the Windmill Centre on Saturday 22 November, one for children at 3.30pm called Circus Berzerkus' Festive Frolics (you might have seen their brilliant show during Deddington Festival). Prepare for lots of hilarious festive comedy. Our other offering is for adults at 8pm. The Cotswold Comedy Club returns by popular demand with three more stand-up comedians, some famous, some not so famous, but all hilariously funny and guaranteed to make you roar with laughter. Tickets can be bought or reserved from the Deddington Library or by calling 338413.

If you can't get along to any of our meetings, then please visit our website www.friendsofdeddingtonlibrary.org where the minutes of previous meetings can be read and where you can find subscription forms, express a wish to be kept informed of our progress and find news of upcoming events. Thanks once again for your support, both as subscribers and volunteers, it's very much appreciated.

Alan Collins, Chair
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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

The first part of the September club night was devoted to an update on the status of the photo-shoot of Adderbury Gardening Club members' gardens, which took place in June. George Sainsbury, co-ordinator of the project, explained that the results are to be presented as a photographic DVD and he outlined the progress made to date. Photographs were selected from the large number taken and Phil LeMare has spent long hours arranging those images into an audio-visual presentation and the first draft was shown at the club night.

While there were some minor comments, the overall opinion of members was very positive. As a consequence, Phil was invited to finalise the DVD with the intention of showing it at the Adderbury Gardening Club's Christmas party on 2 December. A vote of thanks was given to Phil for all the hard work he had put into the project so far. The meeting drew to a close with the usual review of members' images for the monthly photographic subject, which, for August, was 'Tools'.

On 1 October Mark Buckley Sharp, will give a presentation on 'The Work of the Royal Photographic Society'. This will be followed on 15 October with a workshop on 'Being Judgeental about Your Own Photographs'. Then, on 5 November, Rod Bird will give a presentation entitled 'What's New - Looking at Trends in the Photographic Industry', after which there is a further workshop on 19 November on 'Camera Controls and Composing Photographs'. All the meetings are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Richard Broadbent
338173

Women's Institute

'Volunteering in Malawi' involved repairing and maintaining boreholes and clean water provision, building latrine cubicles, encouraging hygiene and empowering life skills. All of which – and more – was achieved by our recent speaker, Jacob Stone. Jacob was one of a mixed team of British and Malawian young people under the auspices of International Citizens Service and People Serving Girls at Risk. His illustrated presentation and his dedication to making a difference to the lives of others impressed us all.

Our next meeting is our annual bring and share supper and auction for the poppy wreath and RBL. Visitors are always welcome. Please contact Angela Sones on 338027.

Beryl Suckling

Deddington and District History Society

We began our season with comic history, in the form of a highly entertaining talk by BBC comedy scriptwriter, Richard O Smith, on Oxford Eccentrics Over 900 Years. Interwoven with the rich fund of funny stories

was Richard's account of his great hero, the Oxford pastry cook, James Sadler, who was the first Englishman to fly – in a balloon, in 1785. Sadler's achievements dovetailed neatly with the story of Richard's long battle to overcome his pathological fear of heights (acrophobia) and of stairs (bathmophobia). A cleverly worked, very funny lecture.

No-one can claim a lack of variety in our speakers. On Wednesday 8 October Roger Rosewell, a noted authority on medieval stained glass, will give a gloriously illustrated talk on 'Painting on Light: the History of Stained Glass'. I have heard Roger give a version of this talk, and I can assure anyone attending that they are in for a treat.

On 12 November our own Gareth Richard will speak on 'Poverty in Deddington and Banburyshire', based on his study of 19th century census data.

All are welcome at our meetings, which are held at the Windmill Centre on the second Wednesday of each month. Annual membership is just £11 for individuals and £20 for couples. To see what talks are scheduled for the coming months pick up a copy of the printed programme at Deddington Library.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204
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Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

On Saturday 19 July we held a well-supported charity race night to raise money for Branch funds. Our thanks to Hugh Morris for being the MC and Martin Freeman for organising the films and the tote.

On 2 and 3 August our President organised an exhibition of WWI artifacts in the Church. The Branch committee worked hard in helping to assemble and supervise the exhibition. We thank those who kindly lent exhibits and Pat Brittain who served refreshments. We also express thanks to those who generously donated to Branch funds at the exhibition and to the PCC who arranged to include commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI in the morning service.

On Wednesday 3 September 25 RBL members and villagers had a most enjoyable visit to the Royal Naval Submarine Museum at Gosport. It was led by Commander Rob Forsyth RN (Retd) – a member of our committee, who had commanded the submarine that is the centre of this fascinating museum.

We are looking forward to our skittles night against Bodicote Royal British Legion on Saturday 4 October at the club. Visitors are very welcome.

We are now working towards the annual poppy collection. This will be launched at the village Farmers' Market on Saturday 25 October. Details for Remembrance Sunday, which this year falls on Sunday 9 November, will be in the November issue of DN.

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CALLING MORE CLUBS

Windmill Thursday Club

The highlight of our recent events was undoubtedly 'Ladies Day at Royal Ascot' photos of which you may have seen around Deddington – notably in the Post Office. Of course, we didn't really go to Ascot, but we had our own posh do with elegant headgear kindly lent by Hilary's Hats, strawberries and cream, Pimms, lots of flowers and a wonderful hat-shaped cake, baked by Jenny, one of our volunteers. We were also thrilled to win some prizes in our first foray into the Parish Show including a first for unusual container of flowers, first for tea loaf, joint second for the Welford Cookery Cup, and third for our Ascot photo.



Photo: Lorraine Watling

Our next special day is on 9 October, when we are holding our own Harvest Festival. Everyone is very welcome to join us for a cup of tea, a produce sale and raffle between 2 and 3pm. Donations of produce in advance would be gratefully received – see contact number below.

On 6 November, we are hoping to host a shortened version of the WWI Community Concert which was such an enjoyable part of the Deddington Festival. This will start at 1.30pm and, again, everyone is welcome to join us for the concert and a cup of tea afterwards. There will be an entry donation in aid of the British Legion.

We have recently welcomed two new gentlemen to the Club, but we still have room for more (or ladies!) If you are over 60 and interested in joining us, or know of someone else who might like to come, please contact Jean Rudge on 338110. We always have a good time.

Deddington Cricket Club

It seems hard to believe but the 2014 cricket season is done and dusted. I have no idea where the time has gone. It has flashed by, but you know what happens when you are having fun. It really has been a very enjoyable and successful season for the club.

The fact that it has been enjoyable could be witnessed most Saturday evenings in the garden of the Unicorn. You would invariably find in excess of 15 Deddington cricketers, young and old, 1st and 2nd XIs, in the garden enjoying each other's company and talking about the day.

Although no trophies or promotions were won, it was a successful season. For a small village club like Deddington, success isn't measured in trophies. Players, and potential players, are faced with a multitude of options when it comes to what to do on a Saturday afternoon in summer.

The fact that out of 29 league games played by the Club we fielded a full team in 28 of them, and met all our umpiring commitments as well, counts as success. The fact that we have attracted ten new players who made their debuts this season and that they all came back for more, counts as success. The fact that the majority of these new players are young counts as success. The fact that our 2nd XI regularly fielded five players aged 17 and under counts as success. Add all these things together, along with the camaraderie and sheer enjoyment gained from playing for Deddington, really do mean it was a successful season.

If we look at actual performances we can be more than happy with the season. As a Club we won 15 and lost 14 matches. All of this means that the 2nd XI finished 3rd in Division 10, just missing out on automatic promotion. Well done to skipper Ashley Clark in his first season in charge. The 1st XI finished sixth in Division 4 and registered their highest tally of victories in the 10 seasons they have been in that division. Congratulations to skipper Ramesh Chennagiri, also in his first season in charge.

All that is left is the club's annual presentation evening. This promises to be a very enjoyable event, where trophies are handed out and a whole plethora of funny moments and memorable quotes will be relived.

David Barnhill david.barnhill@tesco.net

Deddington Players

This year's pantomime will be *Scrooge*, with performances on 22–24 January 2015. We're looking forward to this one. If you'd like to audition or get involved in any way, come along to our auditions at the Windmill Centre on Sunday 19 October, 2–4pm.

For further information email suzieupson@mac.com or telephone Suzie on 337095.

Suzie Upson

Deddington Town Colts

The new season started in September. We have nine teams playing from the Under 8s up to the Under 14s. We also have Under 7s/Under 6s who train on Saturday mornings at the Windmill Centre. The Under 14s, playing in the Midland Junior League had a 1–0 win over Bilbrook Junior, followed by a 5–5 draw with Leicester Road. In the Witney and District Youth Football League the Under 14 Colts had a 6–3 win over Garden City, the Under 13s had a 7–2 win over Chadlington, the Under 12s had a narrow 1–2 defeat to Middleton Cheney, and the Under 11s had a 6–0 victory over Tower Hill.

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

If you want to get involved with the Club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further information about the Club is on our website with contact numbers for team managers.

Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Officer
337034 <http://www.deddingtontownfc.com/>

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

After a very good summer the DOGS are now preparing for the autumn classic to be held at Stratford-upon-Avon Golf Club on Friday 17 October. This is the final DOGS day of the year and promises to be a great one, the reason being that it all comes down to the Golfer of the Year trophy. Format for the day is bacon rolls and coffee, nine holes team competition, lush lunch, 18 holes individual competition, three course evening meal, then prize giving.

To end this missive is a quote from the great Arnold Palmer: 'I don't say my golf game is bad, but if I grew tomatoes they'd come up sliced!'

David Darst
338589

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results:

06.09.14 Banbury Rangers (h) W 11–1 Bird, Charles (2), Thornton (J), Smith (C) (2), Kaye (Jordan) (4), Lewis

13.09.14 Hornton (a) W 3–2

Reserves Results:

06.09.14 Ashton Villa (a) L 1–11 Gamage

13.09.14 KEA (h) L 0–13

Another opening of majesty and absurdity from our two football phalanxes, with astronomical odds beaten on an opening weekend laden with goals. As the First Team tore Banbury Rangers asunder with an eleven goal plunder, the Reserves incredibly lost by exactly the same ludicrous scoreline to the ludicrously named Ashton Villa. Jordan Kaye earned early season bragging rights with a four-goal salvo against Banbury, and the team made sure it was no fly-by-night fluke; following up that mad slaughter with the more merciful execution of Hornton.

What to say about the Reserves, other than things can only get better? New coach, Robin Gardner, has his hands full, shaping a line-up unfamiliar with each other in an unforgiving division, so your support is paramount. Some excellent players remain, and the two destructions so far have come against two stand-out teams, so there is definitely cause for optimism, though positive goal difference is perhaps too much to hope for, even at this early stage.

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1st Deddington Guides

New term, new members, new patrols, new ideas, challenges and projects. But also great to see old

friends, share holiday news and plan some activities that are old favourites.

Marshmallow toasting is always a good way to start the term, along with outdoor games. Already we are planning next badges and events. Exciting times ahead!

Well done to all who have gained camper's and advanced camper's badges in the holidays.

By the time you read this we will have joined the Brownies at their celebration bonfire at Horley. The end of an exciting year now that they are 100 years old.

We will also have shown the Rainbows how to toast marshmallows the best way. More news next month. Look out for our great new uniform – designed by young people for young people. Any girls over 10 are welcome to join us.

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1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

We welcomed several new boys to Cubs this term: Riven, Mees, Johnny, Harry and Noah. We hope they will enjoy their time with us.

Our first meeting was quite lively, an evening of wild games before starting our first topic, Italy.

The Cubs designed and built their own cars (Ferrari can relax), learnt to say 'good evening' and took part in gladiatorial games. Still to come – more Italy, guy dressing, evacuees, puppets and lots more.

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Scouts

We also started with a games night organised by the Explorers, which helped to introduce the new Scouts who have come up from Cubs: Nate, William, Tom and Matthew. We also welcome Dominic who has transferred from a neighbouring group and Fynn who rejoins us.

Scouts are also tackling things Italian, starting with a bizarre fashion show with 'clothes' made from wrapping paper and masking tape.

Coming next – fitness, IT, Deddington's Scouting history, a trip to Silverstone and a bit of 'am dram'.

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Explorers

The unit now has eight members. Philip has moved up from Scouts and we are hoping to join up with older Scouts from Adderbury and Bloxham. They have helped organise some games for the Scouts and are planning an evening as local take-away food critics.

We will be at the October Farmers' Market with our

usual display of guys, raising money for Shelterbox. Come along and see our creations and drop a coin or two into our buckets.

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1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

The new session has started with fantastic weather that has allowed the Anchors and Juniors to get outside in the warm and dry evenings. The first Juniors competition is this month with ten-pin bowling on 18 October at Banbury. Details to follow.

Everyone who has moved up a section has settled in very well. We've also welcomed Charlie, James and Zach to the Anchors and Katie and Heidi who are seeing if they like BB.

The Company section was busy in September practising for the Master Team competition. The report on their result will appear in November's *DN*. Much honour is at stake as they have won this for the last seven years. Company Section has also been focusing on the concept of democracy and politics. We've had some good input about the Scottish Referendum.

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FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

The Wood remains a delight now that it has taken on autumn hues and has been full of life and colour during the summer. The sloes especially are full and ripe after the hot summer and now, generous rain.

I am afraid the bat and moth event did not take place as I was unable to find a suitable leader. However, we hope that it will happen next year.

We are very fortunate in that Rebecca Tay, a Deddington resident, now works for the Woodland Trust and is being very supportive. I am going to a networking meeting and Woodland Walk in Sussex next month, and, hopefully, will get some new ideas.

The dates of the five working parties are as reported in last month's *Deddington News*: Saturday 18 October and Sunday 24 November; Saturday 17 January, Sunday 22 February and Saturday 14 March.

It is important that I know if you are coming, so please ring or email me, as the event will be cancelled if the weather is bad. During these sessions we undertake light pruning and general tidying up. Such work is done with the knowledge of the Woodland Trust, is supervised by trained volunteers and a First Aider is present. Members of the public are not allowed to carry out pruning and lopping unsupervised. We are at present arranging for some of the Friends to update their First Aid training. Please contact me if you would like to be considered or would like to become a Friend.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRES

If you haven't already received your Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires they should be with you any day now. We had a slight delay because the detail took longer than expected to finalise — not least making sure the print and online versions of the questionnaire marry up as exactly as possible.

We have a troop of street captains about 30 strong ready to knock on doors, deliver as many questionnaires as you need and offer help in filling them in to anyone who would like it. The questionnaires are already accessible online on Survey Monkey — the URL for the adult questionnaire is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MSYWT3X>, and the URL for the youth questionnaire for people between 11- and 17-years old is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MJ538XP>.

It would help the steering group streamline the task of analysing the results if, after reading the print version and pondering your response, you fill in your answers on Survey Monkey. (You have to complete the form online at one sitting, or at least without closing the file — if you close it you'd have to start from the beginning again.)

If you prefer to write in your answers on the print version, that's fine too. There's a list of places in Clifton, Deddington and Hempton where you can drop off the completed form on the form itself.

We've also put back the deadline for returning the form to 9 November to allow people longer for filling it in but not so long that you forget all about it, we hope. This in turn means the steering group will have to postpone the drop-in sessions at the Church when we take stock of the results of the questionnaire and start drafting the final plan. They will now be held after Christmas. The feeling was that it's better to get it right and allow everyone in the parish time to have their say, than to rush on to the next stage. Now, having spent so long fine-tuning the questions, the steering group is really looking forward to receiving your answers and suggestions.

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LOCAL MP RESIGNS

Sir Tony Baldry MP has taken the decision to not contest the 2015 General Election and to step down from Parliament after serving as North Oxfordshire's MP since 1983. In his resignation letter to the chair of the North Oxfordshire Conservative Association he said 'It is an enormous privilege to represent the people of North Oxfordshire in Parliament. I will always be extremely grateful for the friendship and support that I have had from so many constituents over so many years.'