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# the Deddington news

While summer's arrival may be hesitant, the arrival of the summer event season clearly is not, as Aaron Bliss notes (p6). The wide-ranging Deddington Festival continues until the middle of the month (p16), Hempton hosts a Summer Garden Party (p16), while Barford boasts scarecrows in its open gardens (p7). Sun would be nice but not crucial.

## JULY

- |     |       |   |
|-----|-------|---|
| Mon | 1     | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–12noon                                   |
| Tue | 2     | Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm  |
| Wed | 3     | Festival 2013: Poetry Please, Unicorn, 7.30pm   |
| Wed | 3     | Photo Society: Members' portfolios, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm                               |
| Fri | 5     | Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 6.30pm   |
| Sat | 6     | Festival 2013: Mr Myles' Musical Adventure, Unicorn, 10am–12noon                                  |
| Sat | 6     | Exhibition Football Match: Deddington Town v Oxford United, Windmill, 2pm                         |
| Sat | 6     | Festival 2013: Warriner Choral Society, 'Broadway Baby', Parish Church, 7.30pm                    |
| Sat | 6     | RBL: Bingo, RBL Hall, 8pm   |
| Tue | 9     | WI: Coach trip to Tyntesfield House   |
| Wed | 10    | Festival 2013: Farm Walk, Home Farm, Clifton, 6pm   |
| Thu | 11    | Monday Morning Film Club: film tba, Holly Tree Club, 6.30pm                                       |
| Sat | 13    | Festival 2013: Fiona Eadie, Unicorn, 10am–12noon  |
| Sat | 13    | Festival 2013: Vivaldi's <i>Gloria</i> , Parish Church, Rehearsal 10.30am–5pm, performance 7.30pm |
| Sat | 13    | PFSU & Nursery: Summer Ball, Windmill Centre, 6.30pm  |
| Sat | 13    | RBL: Live Music with 'Miss Vicky', RBL Hall, 9pm  |
| Tue | 16    | Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm  |
| Mon | 22–23 | Tennis Club: Junior summer camp, Windmill Centre  |
| Thu | 25    | Tennis Club: Junior summer camp, Windmill Centre  |
| Thu | 25    | DeddiMedia: Quarterly Meeting, Unicorn Snug, 6.45pm   |
| Thu | 25    | Book Club: Sally Lambert, 338094 for details, 7.30pm  |
| Sat | 27    | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9am–12.30pm  |
| Sat | 27    | Hempton Summer Event: Hempton Church Grounds, 2pm   |
| Sun | 28    | DOGS: Weekend Away, Greetham Valley, Lincs.   |
| Tue | 30    | Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm  |

## AUGUST

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|-----|---|---|
| Fri | 2 | Hempton Social Night, Church Hall, 6.30pm                       |
| Sat | 3 | Harvard Krokodiloes: The Old Post House, 6.30pm                 |
| Mon | 5 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–12noon |

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Wednesday 19 June 2012 at the Holly Tree Club

The meeting was chaired by Alan Collins with a strong turnout of councillors and three members of the public. Cllrs Paul O'Sullivan and Arash Fatemian were also present.

#### OCC report

Winter damage to the roads: potholes are being marked up for repair by OCC. The key is the colour coding: blue is dangerous and for immediate repair and green is less urgent.

#### CDC report

A complaint about the volume of discarded clothes being dumped on the ground by the containers at the CDC recycling point north of the village is being attended to by CDC.

**F&GP:** £2,510 is available from CDC for a self contained extra project. Three suggestions are to be discussed:

- an electric socket on the Town Hall for the Christmas lights;
- taps for the water troughs on the allotments;
- temporary football nets for the summer at the Windmill Centre.

A decision will be made at the July meeting.

#### Planning – new applications:

Dolphin House, Market Place, replace two windows, no objection

2 Windmill Street, amendment to previously approved application, increase of glass panels in conservatory, no objection

**Neighbourhood Plan:** the first meeting was held and it was agreed that:

CDC needs to approve the selected boundary of Deddington

ORCC has launched a housing needs survey

The group will need to establish a constitutional structure, rules and a budget

It was agreed to use the 1994 plan as a template – employment, infrastructure, community life, buildings.

It was agreed to use the 1994 and 2006 Parish

plans as a benchmark for budget planning.

The Working Group will need to have the support of volunteers.

#### Library

Deddington has elected to become a Community Library. The Library will be supervised by Gillian Southwell, who is the new Library Service Manager and James Hazlewood who is the Community Libraries Coordinator. Deddington Library is due to make the change to the new organisation next year. The Library will require the support of a reliable group of volunteers. Training will start across the county in September. Deddington's volunteers may be included in this initial training round.

Additional support could be obtained from the Library Service but at a cost. DPC is to take over responsibility from the former Friends of Deddington Library working group.

#### Snow Warden Scheme

The idea is to recruit equip and organise volunteers to help clear paths and local roads. It is also hoped to recruit local businesses to clear snow from around their workplace. The service is in addition to the existing OCC winter service. The outline plan is to provide shovels, barrows, buckets, salt and personal protection equipment to groups of volunteers who would agree to be responsible for designated areas of the parish. OCC are to be approached for supplementary funding from the Community fund to support the initiative. The proposal is to develop a plan for discussion at the next DPC meeting.

Invoices: £9,507 was agreed for payment in June.

Investments: £550,714 was invested with Barclays, Santander and NatWest Banks.

**Next DPC Meeting**  
**at 7.30pm on 17 July at**  
**the Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton**

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter, Charles Barker, and not the official minutes.

These can be found at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/minutes>.

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### Northern Light

Europhile and looking for consolation in these hard times? Europhobe and wanting to know the enemy better, the better to put the boot in? Just a fan of *Scandi-noir* on the TV?

Whatever, our Swedish connections mean that we have something for you in Deddington Parish Church in July. *Sweden, Swedish and the Swedish Church* offers insights into a society and culture that's becoming ever

more visible in the UK and into the alarmingly progressive Swedish Church (take note, Archbishop Justin).

Do join us on Sunday 14 July, 1pm–5pm, and again a week later on 21 July, if you're hooked, same times, different programme. Swedish lunch and other refreshments provided. All free.

Look North! Catch the trend.

**Hugh White 349869**

## Love ... Natural ... Food

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

### In July I am eating ... courgette.

Courgette (or zucchini, as it's called in the US and Italy) has an undeserved reputation as a bland and boring vegetable. Granted, over-boiled coins of watery courgette can be extremely tasteless and can bring back memories of those school dinners which we've all tried so hard to forget. However, lightly steamed or eaten raw, courgette can be a real party for the taste buds. Its light, delicate flavour lends itself nicely to a whole variety of dishes; think simplicity and you will be on your way to a winner. Lemon juice, mint and olive oil are a courgette's best friend.

**About:** The courgette is a summer squash which is grown on a bush above ground. It is usually dark green in colour, but it can also come in a golden yellow variety called 'Gold Rush'. The taste is essentially the same, but the colour combination between the green and the yellow can add an extra element to any dish. Courgettes come in lots of different sizes, but the ones we tend to see in our shops are about eight inches in length and about one inch in diameter.

**Season:** The British courgette season is between June and October.

**How to choose:** The rule of thumb is that the smaller it is, the more flavour it will have. More mature

courgettes (or marrows) can be considerable in size and are therefore good for stuffing, but can be watery and devoid of flavour. I remember my friend at university once brought back one the size of a baseball bat. Needless to say, we were eating it for days. Look for courgettes which are bright in colour, firm to the touch and unblemished.

**How to prepare:** Wash your courgettes thoroughly and then slice to your liking. Avoid cooking courgettes for too long as this can make them watery and tasteless. Gently steam them so that they maintain that *al dente* crunch. In my opinion, freshly steamed courgette needs only a grinding of black pepper and a drizzle of olive oil. Equally, courgettes are delicious raw – try grating a couple of courgettes and mixing together with some fresh herbs for a satisfying lunch or side dish.

Jamie Oliver always comes up trumps, and this time it's no different. Give his **Crunchy Raw Courgette Ribbons with Grilled Mackerel** a try (recipe available in his *Jamie at Home*).

For a truly summer salad, try **Chargrilled Courgette with Basil, Mint, Chilli and Lemon**, recipe available on the BBC website.

**Phillipa Carson**

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## FARMERS' MARKET

### *Hidden Delights*

If you've visited the Farmers' Market you'll know the huge range of food and crafts on offer: fresh, local, seasonal vegetables and fruit, a wide variety of baked goods from bread to patisserie, and a glorious array of meat and fish. But if you explore the stalls a little further there are some surprises, all of which are subject to the whim of season and weather, so you have to keep your eye open and talk to the stall holders.

For example, did you spot the branchlings at the spring markets? These are young rooks which have just migrated from the nest to sitting on branches, hence the name and ideal for that old fashioned favourite – rook pie. There's a recipe at <http://www.theoldfoodie.com/2011/09/rook-pie.html>. Its reputation as a delicacy was rather damaged by being used as a wartime substitute for pigeon pie. Crow is not to everybody's taste but it's worth knowing about if you're a curious gastronome.

As is squirrel. Eating it is a handy way of getting back at the furry vermin that is the grey squirrel. The animal is smaller and sweeter than rabbit and already very popular in London gastrodomes like St John in Smithfield which charges £20 for a main dish of squirrel with shallots. A quick Google will find you an acceptable recipe for a lot less than London prices.

Freshly made sushi is always a delight at the market. But if you take the time to find out what is special in this month's array of mouthwatering delights you might encounter a lovely mash-up of Japanese and Welsh ingredients. Sometimes, just sometimes, the vinegared rice is wrapped around laverbread, specially sent up from the Welsh coast. There is apparently a Japanese equivalent, usually sold tinned, but genuine Welsh purple seaweed, *Porphyra umbilicalis*, gives the sushi a fresh iodine hit unmatched by imported nori.

And don't forget to keep a weather eye on the vegetable stalls where you can sometimes spot rarities like garlic scapes, the edible growing tips of garlic which makes a lovely pesto, salsify and scorzonera, both skinny roots loved by the Victorians but hard to come by these days unless you grow your own.

All this and a great deal more is available to the discerning shopper. You have to look carefully and, most importantly when it comes to something unfamiliar, talk to the stall holder and have a taste. You never know what you might discover.

More up to date news about the coming market is available from one week before on the village radio station, Deddington OnAir ([www.deddingtononair.org/](http://www.deddingtononair.org/)) or, if you want to be sent a personal update and stand a chance of winning a voucher to spend at the market, email [marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk](mailto:marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk).

Good shopping.

**Ian Willox**  
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## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

#### July

Wed 3	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 4	2.00	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 7	10.30am	First Sunday
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Wed 10	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu 11	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 14	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 17	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 18	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 21	10.30am	Eucharist with Baptism
Mon 22	6.00pm	Eucharist
Wed 24	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu 25	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
	6.00pm	Eucharist
Sun 28	9.30am	Eucharist followed by
	10.15am	Interactive Cafe church
Wed 31	10.00am	Eucharist

#### August

Thu 1	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 4	10.30am	First Sunday (pets)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Tue 6	6.00 pm	Eucharist
Wed 7	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 8	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 11	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 14	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 15	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
	6.00pm	Eucharist
Sun 18	10.30am	Eucharist with Healing
Wed 21	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 22	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sat 24	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 25	9.30am	Eucharist followed by
	10.15am	Interactive Cafe Church
Wed 28	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 29	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels

### St John's, Hempton

#### July

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

#### August

Sun 4	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 18	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 25	6.00pm	Evensong

### Barford St Michael

#### July

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

#### August

Sun 4	10.30am	Eucharist
Sun 11	10.30am	Family Service
Sun 18	10.30am	Morning Service
Sun 25	4.00pm	Evensong

### From the Parish Registers

#### *Interment of Ashes*

24 May Dorothy Taylor

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For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to [www.deddingtonchurch.org](http://www.deddingtonchurch.org).

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

### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

**Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

### 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.

Thursday 15 August Feast of the Assumption of the BVM, Holy Day of Obligation

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

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

## Windmill Centre

The Windmill Community Centre is pleased to announce that John Brockett is the new Bookings Secretary. Contact him on [dedwmcc@gmail.com](mailto:dedwmcc@gmail.com) or 07720 834 006.

## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the months of July and August 1863:

**4th July** – I walked down to the haymakers, we finished the two ricks today, a better and finer lot of hay I have never had than this season.

**6th July** – Just before dinner we were agreeably surprised by Robert's making his appearance here from Farnham where he was ordained Priest by the Bishop of Winchester yesterday, he telegraphed us from Guildford.

**7th July** – Our first Archery Meeting took place in the Castle Ground.

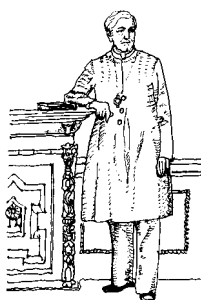
**20th July** – Went to the Cricket Ground in the Castle, the Mellars had been run away with in their phaeton, the reins having broken and the coachman thrown from the box, he was somewhat shaken and bruised but not seriously hurt – it was a most marvellous escape. The horses took fright at an express train passing.

**25th July** – Heard a vagrancy case for the third time against Waite of this Parish – having money and bread in his possession – a regular incorrigible rogue and vagabond.

**4th August** – I sent for old J. Cowley to tell him his wife would come out of the Infirmary tomorrow – her eyes had been couched for cataract.

**14th August** – The old white sow pigged 14 live pigs and one dead one this evening – by Mr. Stilgoe's boar.

**15th August** – I heard of the death of Mr. Greaves, Vicar here before myself, at Cheltenham, where he had lived many years.



**Buffy Heywood**

### Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

Our amazing summer event, 'Sizzle In 60s Style', takes place on Saturday 13 July from 7.30pm to 1.00am. Tickets at £25 include bar, live music, hog roast and auction. Come and groove the night away at the Windmill Centre. It promises to be a fantastic night. Tickets are available from the Nursery, PFSU or Hamptons International.

We will be running our popular holiday club for three weeks during the summer holidays. This is open to Nursery, PFSU and F1 children and will have lots of fun activities on pirates, under the sea and magical themes. Move-up day takes place on 16 July, when our older Nursery children spend the afternoon at the PFSU, and the PFSU children moving to the primary school get to visit their new class. We wish all our children and families a very happy summer holiday, and good luck in their new schools and pre-school settings in September.

**Lucy Squires 337484**

## News from Hempton

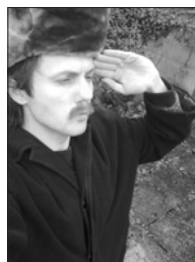
The Friends of the Church will be holding a summer Garden Party on Saturday 27 July from 2.00pm in the church and grounds, all inside if wet. There will be something for all the family with stalls, children's games and much more. A barbecue will be supplied but please bring whatever you would like to cook on it. The proceeds will go to the Friends who now need to raise money for repairs to the roof of the building which are estimated at between £300 and £400. This is an outlay that was not expected, but the hard winter has proved uncooperative and rain is getting in.

As there is no *DN* issue in August it's once again time to think about the annual Oxfordshire sponsored Ride and Stride which this year is on Saturday 14 September between 10.00am and 6.00pm. If anyone would like to take part for us, I should have the necessary forms during July. People are also needed to staff the church throughout the day to welcome striders from elsewhere, and also to supply and help with refreshments. Remember we have a very high standard of catering – some of the best in all Oxfordshire.

The table tennis team finished fourth in Division 3 of the Banbury and District League, an improvement on the previous season. As I walk round the village, I would like to commend the high standard of the allotments. They look a real credit to the plot holders and the planter at the east end of the village looks well looked after. I am sorry but I have not seen the one at the west end which could be the same. Any news for September, please give me a call or drop me a line.

**Les Chappell 338054**

### Blissful Thinking



Festival season is upon us once again, and we all know what that means: bad food, bad weather and bad toilets, though we live in hope that solace can be found in good music, good alcohol and good friends. Nothing generates community spirit like a festival, whether it's the arts, food or philately. From the biggest sound-

tracked corporate showcase to the desolate hamlet where folks gather to wash their whites in the local brook, there are common threads that bind these gatherings. They inspire the community spirit in all, from the volunteers running stalls and picking up litter, to the performers and attendees getting lovingly sloshed and better acquainted with strangers. Our social muscles are given a good workout, and our cultural soul is nourished, while the social interaction and (perhaps) camping conditions conspire to make raconteurs of all of us. So whether you return from this season's excursions with horrific sunburn or trench foot, the glorious memories will be your prize. Enjoy!

**Aaron Bliss**

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## War Memorial Dedication Service

The Dedication Service on Sunday 16 June is something that those of us who were there will remember for a long time. It was both an emotional occasion as we remembered those who had died but also a very happy one surrounded by so many people making contact with friends and relations not seen for many years.

Many people have asked me how they can see or



*Pic courtesy of Simon Williams*

hear the service online and whether they can obtain copies of the various articles in the press or on radio. I have created a webpage with all of this information on it. Please click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/worldwars/warmemorialplaque>. Photographs will be available via this link in due course.

In promulgating this information, I should say a very big thank you to David Rogers who set up the online streaming in the church, recorded the service and the radio interviews, and has made them available to me online.

**Rob Forsyth**

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## Musical notes

The encouragingly large audience that came to the Adderbury Ensemble concert in Deddington on 9 June was treated to an outstanding concert. Guest pianist Viv Mclean, fresh from playing concertos at the Albert Hall and the Barbican, gave ravishingly beautiful performances of works by Chopin and Beethoven, and then joined the quartet of Adderbury strings in Schubert's ever fresh and delightful *Trout* Piano Quintet. Viv and the Adderbury ensemble like coming to Deddington; we like them coming too, so all we need to do is keep up and even expand audience numbers.

July events are centered around the Deddington Festival. After the jazz concert at the end of June, there is the Warriner Choral Society on 6 July wowing us with 'Broadway Baby' and a 'come and sing' rendition of Vivaldi's *Gloria* on 13 July. Then comes the summer break. In the autumn we can look forward to the return of the Corona Strings on 14 September and an entertaining evening by Classical Graffiti on 12 October. Full details will be in the next *DN*.

For now, may I once again say that if you let me have your email address, I can add you to the mailing list that will give reminder details about musical events in Deddington Church.

**Donald Lane**

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**Barford St. Michael**

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## WHAT'S IT WORTH?

Plenty of people turned up on 31 May at the Parish Church to ask this question, as they presented their treasures to be valued by one of Holloway's experts. The Valuation Day, organized by Friends of Deddington Church, was successful by any standard. A few minutes before the 10.00am start people were already arriving, and all three valuers were kept busy for the full six hour period of the event. The last visitor appeared at 3.57pm, and at 4.00pm promptly we shut up shop. The valuers were still working until around 4.20pm. Even the occasional grumble at the length of time it took some visitors to reach the front of the queue was evidence of the popularity of the event.

Holloway's Auctioneers did us proud. Their expertise and interest was evident, and people came away delighted with their encounters, regardless I think of the value assigned to their treasures. And of course we thank Holloway's for their generosity in donating not only their expert services, but also bearing the cost of designing and printing leaflets.

The idea of a Valuation Day was Christopher Hall's, and he did a magnificent job of negotiating with Holloway's and planning the details. People are already asking if we plan to repeat the event, and Christopher has raised this possibility with Holloways. They seem receptive to the idea, and we'd be interested in knowing what DN readers think.

Don't forget to mark the date of FODC's next event in your diaries. On 24 August (a Bank Holiday weekend again) Steve Miller's *Back to the 60s* concert will take place. He will donate £2 for each ticket sold to FODC. We are still building up our membership, so if you'd like to join us and help, us develop our programme, please contact me directly – or pick up a membership form from the Church or from our web page ([www.fodc.org.uk](http://www.fodc.org.uk)).

**Lesley Milroy 337614 [amilroy@umich.edu](mailto:amilroy@umich.edu)**  
*Chair, Friends of Deddington Church*

## Update on the Town Hall

For the next phase of our maintenance programme the Trustees of Deddington Charities Estate will now undertake the necessary improvements to the roof prior to phase three, the obvious need to re-render the external walls. This should ensure that the roof is in the soundest possible condition for many years to come. So shortly there will be further scaffolding and a team of builders, possibly for three or more weeks. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience, which we hope will be minimal, to the residents, the Market Group and to the parking arrangements.

Concern has been raised that, in allowing the Town Hall to be let to a 'commercial' tenant, the building is no longer available for village use. Some three plus years ago a very ambitious scheme for modernisation gained planning approval and a questionnaire was publicly circulated to ascertain village needs and possible uses of a twenty-first century facility. The estimated costings dictated the probable rental fees. Sadly, minimal enquiry was shown and any income produced from those parties interested would barely have met the yearly outgoings on the building, let alone the sums required to repay the capital costs.

As advised by a Charity Commissioner, the Trustees were left with two options. One, to sell the site with consequent loss to the village in perpetuity, or two, to obtain a tenant and thus a modest but constant income stream to undertake essential repairs, the windows (replaced August 2012) and re-rendering being the most visibly obvious. The Trustees without exception did not wish to sell a historic and much-loved feature of Deddington village and thus opted for the second course. It is the Trustees' obligation that the building be safe-guarded for future generations and this course of action and will do exactly that.

I would be happy to talk personally to any who may wish to raise further questions.

**John Sampson 338739**

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## Light on the Mystery of the 'Tchure'

We would like to make a short addition to Hilary Smith's interesting feature on the dialect origins of 'Tchure' in June's *DN*. Most of her evidence is fairly local, and the variants she gives suggest a spelling with *u*. However, the *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* (the one consisting of two monster volumes) has an entry for 'chare' which it defines as 'a narrow lane, an alley' and is annotated as Northern, with a Middle English provenance. This seems suspiciously like our 'Tchure', and indeed the Chare in the centre of Newcastle upon Tyne fits this description.

'So what?' you might ask. Well, the appearance of this variant at some distance from Deddington suggests that related words describing a narrow alley might once have had a more general geographical distribution. The *Oxford English Dictionary* has no corresponding entry for 'chure/tchure' or any other of the variants Hilary cites. Our guess is that this is one of those accidental gaps with which the historical record is replete. In fact, this particular gap is not entirely surprising as traditional dialect scholars were particularly active in the north of England and in general we have much more information about dialects up there.

So have we come to a total dead end? Not quite, if we do a bit of lateral thinking and ask whether there might be other words which show a similar alternation between *-ar* and *-ur*. But please note that for the moment we are dealing with spelling, as this is the source of the historical record. Pronunciation is altogether another matter.

Consider the English place names Hartley and Hartlip (both in Kent) and Hurtwood in Surrey. The *Cambridge Dictionary of English Placenames* gives the first element of these names, and others throughout the country, as descendants of Old English *heorot* 'hart'. So this is beginning to look like the *ar-ur* alternation we find in 'chare/Tchure'. And there is more. The place names Chart and Churt are both listed as variants of a word meaning 'a rough piece of land'. And what about 'carl' and 'churl', both given by the *OED* as descendants of old English *ceorl*? We could dig further, but we have enough to draw a small but modestly satisfying conclusion, namely that *ur/-ar* dialect variants occur regularly in English.

So not only is our 'Tchure' the same kind of physical entity as Newcastle's 'chare' but, given the hundreds of miles separating these two places, both names are variants of a probably fairly widely distributed Middle English word meaning 'a narrow alley'. We don't need to resort to speculation about Jewry, pipes or sewers to seek an etymology. And as the *OED* traces 'chare' back only as far as Middle English, we don't really know whether the word is of Norman French or Old English origin, although place names are always more likely to be English. The *-ar/-ur* alternations we have quoted may also suggest that the traditional pronunciation of 'Tchure' rhymed with 'purr' rather than 'pure' – but that, along with other pronunciation matters, is a story for another time.

**Jim and Lesley Milroy 337614**

## Blott Reminiscences

Following the recent death of Tom Sharpe, author of (among many others) *Blott on the Landscape*, the *Daily Telegraph* recently suggested that 'a special glass' would probably be raised in Deddington Windmill Centre. For those among you who weren't in the area in August 1984, *Blott on the Landscape* was produced by the BBC as a six-parter and some of it was filmed in Deddington. £4,500 acquired by our then chairman of the Parish Council, Mary Robinson, and donated to the village for the filming was put into the pot for the Windmill Centre.

The basic plot revolves around the proposed building of a motorway through a rural idyll requiring the demolition of the local squire's ancestral pile (he wants it demolished, his wife doesn't – you need to read the book or see the series). There are quite a number of sub-plots relating to affairs and blackmail.

Blott himself, played by David Suchet, was a German prisoner of war now living in the same village and wants to thwart the construction process. One of the construction workers, Edwards, played by Jimmy Nail, one evening gets seriously drunk and runs amok with his demolition crane, knocking down a large section of the centre of the village and setting fire to the petrol station.

As I recollect, the filming took place over a couple of weeks. A false petrol station was built outside what is now the Co-op, the Market Place greens had posts and chains (very suburban-looking), the bus stop acquired a thatched roof, and the Town Hall had a facade extension.

Some of the filming was done in the Unicorn, renamed the Royal George, but the most exciting element was the build up to the demolition scenes. *Blott* took over village life and we were all there watching and trying to keep out of shot. The explosions associated with the petrol station going up and the knocking down of buildings adjoining the Town Hall were not to be missed.

The series was broadcast the following year and, for those who missed the hilarious events, it's still available from the usual suppliers.

Sylvie Nickels wrote a piece for Deddington OnLine, <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/photos,filmsandillustrations/blottonthelandscape>. The DOL Gallery shows some photos taken at the time, and, if you can read the poor quality printing, there is an editorial and poem in the September 1984 issue of *DN*.

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## DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

'Ne'er cast a clout (coat) before May is out' is one of the old folklore sayings in Robin Page's book *Weather Forecasting the Country Way* but it seems that with the jet stream still away to the south of us, it is advice that should be heeded well into June. We have had some very welcome sunshine but, although the weather experts have been predicting some 'blazing June' temperatures, the cold nights (with some frost) and the daytime wind chill factor have made it feel more like April than the start of summer.

The spring planted crops of oil seed rape, barley and oats are in better condition than we ever dared hope. It has been many years since we planted spring crops on this farm, but due to the 'big wet' of last year about one-third of the autumn planted crops either failed to germinate or drowned with 'wet feet' and had to be replanted. With the very cold spring and wet soil conditions, the spring crops went in very late and would have been called cuckoo crops by the 'old boys', denoting that they were not planted before the messenger of spring had arrived.

It is a term that would be out of place this year though as, for the first time in my 40 years at Home Farm, the cuckoo has not arrived and I can predict that it won't be long before our green guardians are banging the drum condemning modern farming practice, but sadly things with old mother nature are not that straight forward. The cuckoo visits this country to breed but it is what is known as a 'parasitic bird' as it lays its eggs one at a time in other birds' nests. Its most chosen surrogate parents are the reed warbler, meadow pipits and the dunnoek. Once the cuckoo chick has hatched it sets to work to push any other eggs and chicks out of the nest, leaving the surrogate parents to rear it as one of their own. The problem for the cuckoo is that, due to the green zealots and their all protecting mantra, the hard-working surrogates are top of the menu for the ever-expanding raptor populations in this country. But all is not lost for *cuculus canorus* as it is doing very well on the other side of the Channel, where there is a more enlightened attitude taken to predator control.

Although we have experienced one of the coldest springs for 50 years, the wild bird life on the farm is getting on with the job of rearing the next generation, but many of this year's fledglings are destined to become the next sparrowhawk's meal and there is nothing I can do about it.

By the time this has passed the editor's red pen, my daily run to Oxford will have come to an end and I can once again start to concentrate on the farm and the bees. Those of you who know the Churchill will know just how difficult it can be to find a parking space. One of the advantages of driving a 4x4 is that the high wide grass verges are easily accessible and I have often had to use them. These verges overlook



a deep wide gully which is filled with trees, shrubs and other vegetation. After an exhausting time on the 'cooker', I often buy a sandwich pack (the mustard and ham are very good) and sit in the car watching the wild life in this small green urban oasis. To date I have seen 16 different species of bird, and a short time just sitting there sets me up for the mad scramble that getting out of Oxford has become. I wonder if any of the 'fuming' car parkers have even noticed they are there? Perhaps we would all be a lot better if we took time to just stand and stare.

**George Fenemore 338203**

## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we enter the final term we are busy fitting in last minute trips, getting ready for the summer fête and sports day, as well as preparing to say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 and two very well-respected members of staff.

This term Year 5 are going on a couple of trips. They've had a lovely time at an activity day at Tudor Hall and are at the moment very excited about their trip to the British Museum as part of their Greeks topic. Year 3 enjoyed a delicious day out at Cadbury World (yum), whilst the rain held off for F1's trip to the Cotswold Farm.

Children are busy practising for our sports afternoon when we are hoping the sun will shine. The plans for the summer fête are coming together. This year the PTA has really tried to make it a village event and new stalls and activities are being introduced. We hope it is a big success after all the hard work which has gone into it.

Our tag rugby team, made up of Year 6 boys and girls plus two Year 5 girls, have experienced yet another successful year. They went through to the Schools Mixed Games, having won the Warriner Partnership Tournament and then the North Oxfordshire Tournament. This qualified them for the Schools Mixed Games which they won together with the Chairman's Cup.

At the end of term we say goodbye to our Year 6. Our Leavers' Assembly is in the Church at 9.30am on 19 July. This is always a happy and sad occasion: we are sad to see them leave but it is lovely to celebrate their success and share fond memories with them. We wish them all the best at their secondary schools and hope they keep in touch.

We shall also be saying goodbye to two members of staff, Mrs Karen Sargent and Mrs Faith Phethean. They have been at our school for many years and are extremely well-respected and loved by staff, children and parents. We are going to miss them so much and I know a few tears will be shed on the last day of term. In fact we have shed a few already.

**Jane Cross, Deputy Head, 338430**

## 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 PAUL M EURELL,  
WEST MIDLANDS

I would be grateful if any of your readers are able to help with information regarding my great grandfather, Herbert Gardner. I believe that Herbert was born in 1868 to Henry and Sarah Ann (née Horwood) in Steeple Aston, and on the 1871 Census was living with the family in Church Lane, Deddington.

At the time of the 1881 Census the family were shown living in Market Place, Deddington.

Herbert may have married in 1890 and on the 1891 Census was living with his wife Ellen in St Thomas Street, Deddington, and his occupation is shown as 'Farm Labourer (Carter)', although on the Marriage Certificate of his son in 1911, Herbert's occupation is shown as 'Shipping Agent'.

Any information would be appreciated and my contact details are 01384 78675 or [eurellp@lineone.net](mailto:eurellp@lineone.net). Thank You.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL,  
THE KNOWLE, PHILCOTE STREET

Twenty years ago a retired banker resident in Deddington observed that the Greenbelt Policy inflates the cost of houses by restricting the supply of land for development. Demand outstripping supply artificially inflates land values so that building densities increase, not only to maximise returns, but also to help make the unit cost of some houses 'affordable'. That affects not only first-time buyers, but also means that two incomes are very often needed to fund mortgages.

Another knock-on effect of the shortage of housing is to increase the rents which can be expected by landlords, which adds to the need for housing benefits, and so too the national welfare bill to be funded by taxpayers. So while we in Deddington continue to enjoy the benefits of Greenbelt Policy, including the inflated value of our homes by 'keeping Deddington rural', spare a thought for those adversely affected by that policy.



FROM ALBERT HUMPHRIES,  
HIGH STREET

### *War Memorial Dedication*

On behalf of The Royal British Legion we would like to say what a marvellous service it was. We were amazed at the number of people who attended, some of whom had travelled a great distance to be there.

Special thanks must go to Michael Allbrook for his initial research, and a tremendous thanks to Rob Forsyth who I know spent many hours on the research and interviews with relatives of the people who gave their lives for this country. We must not forget Rob's wife Maureen for not only assisting him, but for suffering all the long and sometimes stressful hours Rob spent in his study.

Thanks to the Bishop of Dorchester, the Rt Revd Colin Fletcher and the Revd Dr Hugh White for a dignified service, and to Ian Gillespie for all of his assistance.

We all agreed that the two lads from the Boys' Brigade did a wonderful job playing the *Last Post* and *Reveille*, this being the first time they have done it.

We trust everyone enjoyed the buffet afterwards, which was prepared by Cpl Mark Hollingsworth. What a marvellous job he did, thank you very much Mark. Thanks to Hugh O'Donnell and company for doing a sterling job serving the drinks.

A final thanks to anyone who assisted in any way, and to all who attended.

FROM GEOFF AND JOAN TODD,  
HOPCRAFT LANE

Vincianne, an 18-year old English speaking French student from Crest (Drome), seeks an au pair or similar position with a local family. She wishes to improve her English by staying in England during her gap year before going on to university. She wishes to be a teacher of English. CV available.

Interested? Then contact us for further details on 338532.

## Healthwatch Oxfordshire

Everyone who is resident in Oxfordshire or who uses Oxfordshire health, public health and social care services is eligible to join Healthwatch Oxfordshire. Healthwatch is looking for board members to ensure that the views of the public, patients, carers and members of the public are gathered and used to inform decisions about the design and provision of services. This may include people who live in Oxfordshire but

who use services commissioned or provided in the county, as well as people from other parts of the country, using services (such as specialist acute care) that are commissioned or provided here.

To find out about how to join Healthwatch Oxfordshire or about the election process, and to learn more about our work, please see the website on [www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk) or telephone 01865 520520.

## The Taste Buddies Eat at The Chequers, Churchill

We are the Taste Buddies. We lunch out every two months to assess local pubs and restaurants. We hope you will find our observations useful.

### Where?

The Chequers, Church Road, Churchill, OX7 6NJ, tel 01608 659393.

This beautifully refurbished pub just opposite the church retains a relaxed 'pubby' feel with a large bar for locals. There is a restaurant area, an area with a large inglenook fireplace with easy chairs and newspapers, a bar area where there are tables where one can eat, and an area to the rear which has oysters on ice and a charcuterie. Tables in the restaurant can be booked which is advised for weekends, but those in the bar cannot be booked in advance. There is a children's menu and dogs are allowed in the bar area.

### Food served:

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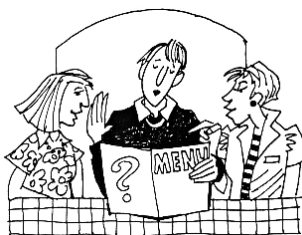
Dinner: 6.00 pm–9.30pm Monday to Thursday, 6.00pm–10.30pm Friday and Saturday.

Sundays: no meals after 4.00pm.

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### Average cost:

Starters are between £3.00 and £9.00, mains between



£12.00 and £20.00, desserts between £3.00 and £9.00.

### Were they pleased to see you?

We were made to feel very welcome immediately we entered the restaurant. The service was excellent and very thoughtful throughout the meal. The staff were all very attentive.

### Was the cooking good?

Yes, excellent. For starters we had grilled squid with romanesco sauce and rocket salad for £9.00 and wood-fired razor clams with peas, mint and baby gem for £8.00. Mains were whole sea bream with tomatoes, basil, anchovies and potatoes at £16.00 and chicken fricassée with mushrooms, bacon and new potatoes. at £9.00. The latter was from the 'one pot specials' which change every day or two. For dessert we had chocolate pot at £3.00 and salted peanut caramel sundae, £6.00. The wine list was good with several choices for wine by the glass.

### Value for money?

Exceedingly good value for money with good choice and large portions which were well presented.

### Would you go again?

Most definitely.



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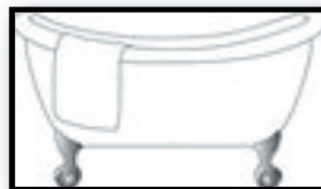
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## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Photographic Society

In June Steve Brabner, from the Amersham Photographic Society, gave a presentation on 'Colour Management and Advanced Layers'. Using Adobe Elements 10 as his working software, Steve demonstrated how to use 'Adjustment Layers' so that changes can be undone even after saving the file. He showed how different uses of the layers technique could be employed to visually enhance images, and even transform photographs through the use of multiple layers superimposed on one another. He then went on to consider the merits of Epson, Hewlett Packard and Canon printers, the respective advantages of dye sublimation and inkjet printing, together with the effects of different printing papers and materials and their coatings. He concluded with a review of the colour management process needed to ensure that the eventual print is an accurate representation of the image as seen by the camera. Steve is an extremely knowledgeable photographer and, although the technical content was a little high in parts, his presentation was much appreciated by his audience.

The Society's future club nights include a presentation of their photographic portfolios by six members on 3 July, a presentation by Colin Harrison, FRPS, MPAGB, entitled 'Digital Adventure – Gold Medal Images' on 7 August, and a presentation by Pete Mitchell on 'World Images' on 4 September. The next Workshop is on 18 September and will be dedicated to studio photography, involving two models and using the Society's own indoor studio lighting equipment. Everyone is welcome to attend these evenings which are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho.

**Richard Broadbent 338173**  
[www.adandd.co.uk](http://www.adandd.co.uk)

### Deddington Town Football Club

It's time to bask in the post-season restoration of bodies and spirits, as we reflect on the accomplishments of those to whom we entrust the great responsibility of representing us on the metaphorical battlefields, from the crime-ridden slums of Bicester, to the primitive cannibal killing-fields of Steeple Aston, to our own theatre of bone-grinding dramaturgy. Deddington Town First Team: Banbury District and Lord Jersey Premier Division Champions 2012–13. Recite it with a tearful gleam of pride and have a fabulous summer. Hope to see you at the 125th anniversary celebration match.

**Aaron Bliss**  
**07909 642882**

### 1st Deddington Guides

We are enjoying a busy outdoor term – it's good to be outside as often as possible. We were unfortunately defeated by the weather on one occasion. It was too cold and wet for the bats and us, but we hope to try again next year.

Thanks to Brian and Janet Bond, we had a super 'ready, steady, cook' evening. We are lucky to be able to use their grounds and the weather this time was perfect. The Guides cooked a range of options from food items provided on an open fire, so well done to them.

We also had a nice evening when we went to Horley Scout campsite and made shelters in the woods. Some were very ingenious and could have done the job in an emergency.

Coming up, backwoodsman cooking, no pots, pans or utensils; patrol (division) competition which concludes with sleeping under the stars; and a day camp to show new Guides the ropes.

Let's hope Tuesdays continue to be fine.

**Maggie Rampley 01295 810069**  
**Marion Trinder 340806**  
**Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008**

### 1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

There were only a few Rainbows for the tour of the Warriner School farm because of the school holiday and the most atrocious weather, but those of us able to go had a really lovely time. Bev showed us around, mostly inside barns, and we fed goats and pigs, picked up chicks and saw lots of other farm animals. The farm now offers birthday parties and quite a few of the girls were very enthusiastic about the idea.

We've made our scarecrows ready for the Barford



Open Gardens on 14 July: you'll have to come and look for them.

We also made chocolate truffles for Father's Day. This has to be one of the most popular meetings ever and it was amazing how far a small amount of chocolate can be spread. I hope the dads have as much fun eating them as the girls had making them.

**Hazel Neal 01869 337822**  
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### Deddington Toddler and Baby Group

The weeks have been flying by and summer is almost upon us. Over the past couple of months we have had

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

many new mums, babies and children join us. It has been great to see so many new faces.

Our Easter Egg hunt (so long ago now) had to be indoors due to the surprise snowfall, but this did not spoil our fun and the children hunted out the chocolate eggs wearing the bunny ears they had made that morning. Since then we have been busy making crafts such as sheep pictures, flowers, clay models and Father's Day cards.

We also made time for a mums' night out which was great fun, and the food, as always, was delicious. Thank you to the staff at Bengal Spice who looked after us so well.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the general running of the group, eg craft, singing, preparing refreshments etc. We also really need volunteers to be part of a rota to help with opening up and setting out the toys and then closing up at the end of the session. If you are able to help with this please let Anna or me know.

Deddington Toddler and Baby Group is a volunteer-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, and would love it if you joined us. If you would like to know more about the group or are thinking of coming along but are nervous about turning up without knowing anyone, then please give me a call or find us on Facebook. We look forward to meeting you.

**Wendy Samways**  
07920 198073

### Book Club

This month's book was *The Lieutenant* by Australian writer, Kate Grenville. The story follows the relationship between a group of British settlers, who have arrived in New South Wales to establish a penal colony, and the local Aborigines. There are some beautiful descriptions, ultimately demonstrating that the humanity shown by the indigenous population was far greater than that shown by members of the British army, with the exception of the main character, Rooke, who behaves with considerable compassion. The group thought that the ending was disappointing but it is an enjoyable enough tale and was voted 6.5 out of 10.

The next book is *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and the next meeting 25 July.

**Sally Lambert**  
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### Deddington Cricket Club

Well, the great and the good – and a few others besides – got scrubbed up and decked out in their finest on Saturday 15 June for the Summer Charity Ball in a marquee at the Windmill Centre to help raise around £8,000. This will be split equally between the

Cricket Club and ROSY (Respite for Oxfordshire Sick Youngsters). Our grateful thanks, not only to those who successfully bid in the auction, but also to all the local individuals and businesses who each year generously donate raffle and auction prizes. Our thanks also to the young people who gave up their Saturday evening to wait on us free of charge. Without them the evening would not be the financial success it is.

Everyone had a great evening, the warmest so far in our four year history of running the event, or was that just the alcohol effect? Everything went according to plan and there were a few entertaining incidents. Helen had a short lesson in umpiring (shades of *Men in White Coats*, DN June 2013?), even though I suspect she's never watched a cricket match in her life. Linda decided to incinerate some of her money, twice, although she was trying to donate it to the cause, and we were only saved from a serious frying by Catherine's quick thinking. Simon and Amanda paid quite a lot of money for something that seemed a good idea at the time. And by midday on Sunday the story was rife around the village that the chairman and his wife didn't sleep in their own beds that night. So, all in all, a pretty mundane evening. You definitely had to be there.

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### Women's Institute

At our meeting on 11 June we had a report from the President, Beryl Suckling, on her day at the Annual General Meeting of the WI in Cardiff. The resolution on 'Help for the Survival of the High Streets' was passed and several speakers addressed them.

Stephen Melhuish from Nicholson's Nursery at North Aston then entertained us. The company has enlarged considerably over the past 15 years, employing sixty-five staff and growing fifty thousand trees from small cuttings and seedlings up to large trees. They received a Business Award in 2012. The nursery is trying to grow peat free, and also mixes up all their liquid feeds which are then dispensed through drip feeds into each pot. Autumn is their big sales time. We were then told why most of us had gone wrong on the planting and care of our shrubs.

Next month our usual meeting is substituted by an outing. On 9 July we are going to Tyntesfield House near Bristol, brought back from severe neglect by the National Trust. The coach will leave at 8.30am. The cost is £19 plus £11.20 entrance fee to the house for non National Trust members.

At our 13 August meeting we will be having a talk on 'Cycling the World' by Rosemary Phillimore. Visitors are always welcome. Please call the secretary, Angela Sones on 338027.

**Julia Hobbs**  
338488

## ... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

### Deddington Town Colts

Our presentation day on Sunday 9 June took place on a warm sunny afternoon at the Windmill Centre. The winners for each of the teams are as follows:



#### *Under 15s*

Players' player: Josh Gibbins  
 Manager's player: Chay Buckingham  
 Most improved player: Luke Barton  
 Sportsperson: Lewis Bullard

#### *Under 13s*

Players' player: Charlie Ellis  
 Manager's player: Alfie Thatcher  
 Most improved player: Daniel Plumbe  
 Sports person: William Duxbury

#### *Under 12 Cobras*

Players' player: Henry Durand  
 Manager's player: Ben Haynes  
 Most improved player: Simon Potter  
 Sportsperson: Matthew Dawson

#### *Under 12 Sharks*

Players' player: Dan Rodda  
 Manager's player: Oli Broughton  
 Most improved player: Tom Lewis  
 Sportsperson: Fynn Watt

#### *Under 11s*

Players' player: Sam Nelson  
 Manager's player: - Sam Worboyes  
 Most improved player: Dan May  
 Sportsperson: Callum Scott

#### *Under 10 Cobras*

Players' player: Rudi Rowbotham  
 Manager's player: Abi Durrand  
 Most improved player Charlie Cox  
 Sportsperson Joe Skinner

#### *Under 10 Sharks*

Players' player: Jamie Gardner  
 Manager's player: Tom Haynes  
 Most improved player: Jack Roberts  
 Sportsperson: Joe Sydenham

#### *Under 9s*

Players' player: Noah Hinkson  
 Managers' player: Tom Rickard  
 Most improved player: Euan McRobie

Sportsperson: Josh Silvester

#### *Under 8s*

Players' player: Conor McAvoy  
 Manager's player: Felix Norman  
 Most improved player: Molly McCusker  
 Sportsperson: Zack Ibrahim

Presentation day also included the football club handing over a cheque to Helen and Douglas House for £2,700, which was raised from the recent Deddington Town FC 125-year celebration ball. Every Colts player was presented with a commemorative medal to celebrate this anniversary.

It was announced that Deddington Town FC and Deddington Town Colts, founded in 1995, would merge formally on 1 September 2013. Negotiations to bring the clubs together have been on going for the past three years. The merger will mean that the communities of Hempton, Clifton and Deddington have a strong and vibrant football club that provides for all age groups from Under 7s through to adult football, and on to the veterans, DUST, Deddington Under Seventies.

Deddington Town Colts was successful in obtaining a grant from the Football Foundation for £2,500 to go towards the cost of purchasing six sets of new goalposts for the club. The grant is provided on a 50: 50 basis with the club providing the balance of the costs. We have also been able to secure £500 from Lloyds Banking Group, and potentially another £2,700 from Santander Group via matched funding.

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

**Roger Sykes, Manager, Deddington Town  
 Colts U13s and Club Welfare Officer  
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### Ten Years of Top Notch Recycling

It was in August 2003 that Cherwell District Council started to roll out its top notch recycling scheme. Before it started you could only recycle your paper at home and the district's recycling rate was a mere ten per cent.

Since then the scheme has come on in leaps and bounds and residents have recycled more and more.

So, after ten years, CDC thinks you might be ready for a further challenge – try putting nothing in your green waste bin. They are encouraging residents to sign up to an online 'rubbish diet' that lets you set your own goals to reduce your waste: [www.therubbishdiet.org.uk](http://www.therubbishdiet.org.uk).

To help you recycle more at the same time in addition there will be a reduced price bin sale throughout July and August. You can buy blue and brown bins for just £10 online at [www.cherwell.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/recycling) or by calling 01295 22703.



## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Wedding bells again, I hear you exclaim? Well, not that you heard as Colley son number one got wed in the land of the SI Unit of power and the Big Yin. All a bit of a surprise to Essex boy Ron as he sees offspring number two married in as many months. A 'school night' stag do was but one of the departures from tradition, but we all wish Sam Colley and Jen well.

The Clifton defence force has again been out on manoeuvres, but this time heeding the teachings of the parish's most famous soldier, Major General Percy Hobart. There was also a naval engagement that saw our only casualty of the campaign and Tim was swiftly the only medevac of the day. The entire episode was recorded and can be viewed on the face-twit social media site <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIB7DbfSJvK>.

Una Stubbs has embraced the mid-season doldrums by gaining their third win of the season, and then engaging in some vigorous training as the Duck A team beat the B team in a 'friendly', with some true Oxfordshire stock reclaiming their cultural roots, along with more ex-cricketers being a key part of the winning team. Vice-captain Iron Man Mayo tasted defeat in a keenly fought battle but quality always counts in the end. With this heritage joining the ranks, division 5 can only be a small throw away.

Cllr Collins has begged me to add that he wishes

to thank everyone (and there were very many) who helped him in his address to Cherwell District Council Planning Committee that may have played a small part in seeing off that woeful planning application on School Ground by Pegasus. Although he is sure the appeal is already in the post, this he says was still a victory. And if, he says in an uncharacteristic piece of modesty, he was seen to do well it is only because 'I was standing on the shoulders of giants', meaning the efforts of those who assisted. Cllr Collins' prose might be both good and original, but clearly that which is good is not original, and that which is original is not good.

**Martin Bryce**

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## 2013 festival deddington

### Hit the High Notes in July at the 11th Annual Deddington Festival

This year's Deddington Festival, running until 13 July 2013, is offering a feast of musical events for the July programme. From choral to classical, to a children's musical adventure, local musicians and bands will be performing at venues in the village.

**The Warriner Choral Society Presents 'Broadway Baby'** – Saturday 6 July, in the Parish Church at 7.30pm. This is a light-hearted musical evening by Stephen Sondheim, the American composer of renowned works from *Sweeney Todd* to *West Side Story*. Tickets are £10, and accompanied under 16s are free.

**Mr Myles Music at CreativeKIDZ** – Saturday 6 July, 10am-12pm – one of a series of Saturday morning children's activities held at the Unicorn in the Market Place, will take children aged 3–5 years and 6–9 years on a musical adventure, using rap, chants, song and movement. Tickets are £2 per child, £5 for 3 children, £6 for 4 children and £7 for 6 children.

**Vivaldi's Gloria** – Saturday 13 July, in the Parish Church, rehearsal 10.30am–5pm, evening performance 7.30pm. For the fifth year running the popular 'come and sing' event will be directed by local choral trainer and conductor, Martin Quinn. Members of local choral societies are invited to spend the day learning and rehearsing the music to perform that evening. Tickets are £10 with accompanied under 16s free.

To buy music event tickets and for further programme information, please visit [www.deddington-festival.org.uk](http://www.deddington-festival.org.uk). Follow on us Facebook and Twitter @DeddyFest.

**Amalie Craig**

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# An open invitation to Hempton Summer Garden Party.....

**Saturday 27th July 2013**  
**2.00pm**



**Hempton Church  
Hall/Garden**



Bring your own food to BBQ. Cakes/Teas for sale.  
Raffle/Garden games and more!  
Help us to fill a huge jar with your loose change!

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## THE KROKS ARE BACK ...

This is the news that those who came to the Kroks' first Deddington concert in 2011 have been waiting for – the Harvard Krokodiloes will again be singing in Christine Blenntoft's garden on 3 August.

For those who were not able to attend last time this is your chance to hear what all of those who enthused about this concert were talking about – 'best concert ever in Deddington', 'made my summer', 'what a fantastic evening', 'when are they coming back?' – were some of the reactions.

The Kroks start their 2013 world tour on 31 May and will give concerts in China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, India, Germany, and Hungary, before they stop over in Deddington on their way to Columbia and Costa Rica. Since we saw them last they have sung at the South Korean Expo exhibition and the 2013 PGA golf tournament in Florida, as well as for President Pranab Mukherjee of India and his Cabinet, ex Mexican President Felipe Calderon, for Quentin Bruce, Governor General of Australia and movie stars Kiefer Sutherland, Marion Cotillard and Claire Danes.

The Krokodiloes are Harvard University's oldest a

capella singing group, founded in 1946. They are all undergraduates at Harvard so combine their singing with studying for their degrees. Their repertoire ranges from jazz and swing classics of the Golden Age of American music, to traditional airs and ballads and rock numbers from the 50s and 60s. A number of the songs are punctuated with the Kroks' signature choreography, as well as their collegiate wit and humour.



They will be singing in Christine Blenntoft's garden, the Old Post House, on Saturday 3 August at 6.30pm. Admission will be £5 with children under 16 free. Please feel free to bring a picnic which you can eat during the interval in the swimming pool garden. We are expecting more people this year so will need to have more 'formal' seating for the concert. If you have a favourite garden chair do bring it. If the weather is unsuitable we will move the concert to the church.

If you would like a preview of the Kroks, please go to their website at [www.kroks.com/looklisten](http://www.kroks.com/looklisten) or search for them on YouTube.

**Barrie Smith**

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## DEDDINGTON TOWN FC The Story Behind the Story

After many years of hard work, it has finally happened. Deddington Town are the champions of the Banbury District and Lord Jersey FA Premier League! It has been a long time coming. A reformation of the teams in the 2009–10 season brought about immediate promotion of the 1st team into the premier league, following the climb of the reserves to the 3rd tier the previous season. The 2011–12 season saw the reserves promoted to division 1, the maximum possible spot considering the 1st team were sitting comfortably mid-table in the division above.

This season started in spectacular fashion: after eight games and seven wins, Deddington Town were at the top of the table. A comfortable victory over previous champions Sinclair United and the first away win in living memory at Woodford United sparked confidence in the players.

November saw the boys crash out of the John Fathers Junior Shield with a 3–1 loss to Abba, a disappointing end to the most prestigious cup in the area. The bitterness of the defeat, unlike the December chill, was swept away with yet more wins and come January, Deddington Town looked likely to lift the shield once and for all.

A memorable Simon Hall volley from the halfway line saw a tense match with arch rivals and fellow title contenders Bodicote Sports swing in Deddington's favour, ending 1–0. The next game could not have been more different. Nine-nil against Highfield Old Boys screamed a final warning for the league: we meant business.

Following a shock loss to Hanwell in April, it was crucial that Deddington won the last three matches of the season to ensure the title was well and truly theirs.

At Steeple Aston it took 17 minutes of stoppage time and the last kick of the game for Deddy to ensure a 2–1 victory. By this time, it was far too close for comfort.

The final two games of the season were comfortable victories – the final game away to KEA ended in a big, black and white celebration.

Many of you won't care or understand how important this season was to the club and those involved. They have done this fine village proud. The highest honour in local football now belongs to you. Perhaps next year more of you will venture up to the Windmill to cheer us on ... We would certainly appreciate it.

**Andy Morris**

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## From the Fire Station

Last month was a very busy time for us at the Fire Station. We have been out nearly every day with 27 shouts. We have had 15 standbys to other stations, four road traffic collisions, two alarms, two house fires, one set of garages in Banbury that were well alight, a lorry fire on the M40, a set of trees that caught fire and finally a rubbish fire. We have had 106 call-outs from the start of the year up to the end of May.

Our numbers have now swelled to a very respectable 13, with Lewis Mahony and Colin Smith being our latest recruits to have successfully finished all their basic training and are now on the run. Congratulations to Graham Harding and Sharon Wilson who have succeeded in their large goods vehicle training so can now drive the fire engine. Also, Adam Franklin has passed his breathing apparatus team leader's exam, probably one of the toughest exams in the Fire Service.

A massive thank you to everyone who came down to support us on our impromptu car wash day which was to help raise funds for one of our fire-fighters who can no longer be operational for health reasons. He was only training with us for a short while but was well liked and he really contributed to the training and development of our new fire-fighters. The day was a huge success raising over £750.

Finally, as I am writing this column, I have just received the news that I have completed and passed all my exams to become a Crew Manager at Deddington. This will mean being in charge of the fire engine and helping the training and development of the crew. So don't forget to check those smoke alarms and always to wear your seat belts. As we say in the Fire Service, 'Drive to arrive'.

**Tim Parker, Crew Manager**

## Deddington Parish Show 2013

Please don't forget that this year's Show will be on Saturday 7 September in the Parish Church.

The Show Committee has introduced several new classes this year, especially in the Children's Sections, as well as a Family Section, so please get going and make a scarecrow, draw self-portraits and take amusing whole family snapshots.

The gardens seem to be catching up now, so let's hope there will be lots of flowers, vegetables and fruit displayed, as well as all the cookery, art, crafts and photography exhibits.

The children's classes last year showed what talented youngsters we have. Their entries are always a delight, so hopefully they will enjoy using their ideas and skills to create lots of exhibits to help make this, the fifth Show of the modern era, even better.

The Show programmes with the entry forms will be available at the July Farmers' Market, in the church porch and in the Flower Shop, the Co-op, Foodies or from me.

**Wendy Burrows**  
**Hon Show secretary, 338082**

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Wed	7	Photo Society: 'Digital Adventure' by Colin Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
Fri	9	DOGS: Kirtlington Golf Club, 9am
Tue	13	Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm
Tue	13	WI: Rosemary Phillimore, 'Cycling the World', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
Sat	24	Farmers' Market, Market Place, 9am-12.30pm
Sat	24	'Back to the 60s Band', Parish Church, 7.30pm
Tue	27-30	Tennis Club: Junior summer camp, Windmill Centre
Tue	27	Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm

## WEEKLY DIARY

Mon:	Brownies, Windmill Centre, 6-7.30pm
Mon:	Youth Club, Windmill Centre, 7-9pm
Mon:	Bellringing Practice, Parish Church, 7.30-9pm
Mon:	term time, Music for the Under 5s, Windmill Centre, 2-3pm
Mon:	term time, Homework Club, Parish Church, 3.30-5pm
Mon:	term time, Boys Brigade Band Practice, Parish Church, 6.15pm
Tue:	Tennis Club, Windmill Centre, 10am
Tue:	Craft Group, Holly Tree, 2-4.30pm
Tue:	Internet Café, Living Room, Parish Church, 2-5pm
Tue:	Badminton Club, Windmill Centre, Juniors 6.30pm, Seniors 7.30pm
Tue:	Guides, Windmill Centre, 7-9pm
AltTue:	Hempton Ladies, Church Hall, 2-4pm
AltWed:	Friendship Club, Windmill Centre, 2.30-3pm
Wed:	term time, Caterpillar Music for Babies & Toddlers, Windmill, 10-10.30am
Wed:	term time, 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Company, Windmill, Anchor Boys 5.30-6.30pm, Juniors 5.30-7pm
Wed:	term time, 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade, Company/Seniors, Parish Church, 7.15-9pm
Wed:	Tennis Club, Windmill Centre, 6.00pm
Thu:	Life & Portrait Art Group, Holly Tree, 10am-12.30pm and 1.30-4pm
Thu:	1st Deddington Cubs, Windmill Centre, 6-7.30pm
Thu:	Youth Group, Parish Church, 7-8.30pm
Thu:	1st Deddington Scouts, Windmill Centre, 7.30-9pm
Thu:	Band Practice, Parish Church, 9pm
Fri:	Toddler & Baby Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30-11am
Fri:	Drawing and Watercolour Classes, Holly Tree, 9.30-11.30am