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WHAT'S ON September

- Wed 2 Parish show: Cut-off date for entries
- Sat 5 Parish Show: Parish Church, 9.00am–5.00pm
- Mon 7 Holly Tree Club: Coffee morning, 10.45am
- Tue 8 1st Deddington Guides: Restart, Windmill, 7.00–9.00pm
- Tue 8 WI: Jennie Boyle, 'Sea, Sand and Secret Places', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 History Society: 'Henry VIII and the Mary Rose', Charles Barker, Windmill, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 Boys' Brigade restart: Anchors and Juniors, Windmill, 5.30pm; Seniors, Church, 7.15pm
- Thu 10 Holly Tree Club: Film, *Paddington*, 6.30pm
- Thu 10 1st Deddington Scouts: Restart after summer break, Windmill, 7.30–9.30pm
- Sat 12 Ride and Stride: In aid of Oxfordshire's historic churches, 10.00am–6.00pm
- Sat 12 Daeda's Wood: Working party, 10.00am
- Sat 12 Deddington Town Football Club and Colts: Start of new season, Windmill
- Sat 12 Freddie Knoller, resistance fighter and holocaust survivor, Windmill, 11.am–2pm
- Tue 15 'Living Faith' Group: Meeting, Unicorn Snug, 7.00pm
- Wed 16 Photographic Society: Workshop on studio photography, Simon Lutter, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 17 Tennis Club: Cut-off date for tournament entries
- Sat 19 Daeda's Wood: Twilight walk, wildflower meadow, 7.00pm
- Sun 20 Tennis Club: Charity tournament, Kings' Sutton and Deddington courts, 10.30am
- Sun 20 Music in Adderbury: Fournier Piano Trio, Parish Church, 4.00pm
- Sun 20 DOGS: Summer Golf Weekend, Bramshaw GC, Brook, New Forest
- Mon 21 Holly Tree Club: Outing to Fosseway Garden Centre, Moreton-in-Marsh
- Thu 24 Book Club: Call Sally Lambert, 338094, for details
- Sat 26 Photographic Society: Annual Exhibition, Adderbury Institute, 10.00am–4.00pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

15 July, Old School Room, Hempton

The Duke of Cumberland's Head is now listed as an Asset of Community Value.

Anyone who would like to help list the tree species on the northern parish boundary for inclusion in a Group Tree Preservation Order should contact the Parish Clerk.

Environment and Recreation

Police would welcome any information about the theft of flowers from graves in the Hempton Road Cemetery. OCC has completed the remedial drainage work. Future flooding problems should be reported to the Clerk.

Highways and Transport

OCC is planning to repaint road markings at the Chapel Square pinch point in Deddington. Any unauthorised HGVs using the Clifton road should be reported to OCC. Volunteers are requested for a working party to clean up the road signs in the Parish.

Planning Recommendations

Orchard House, Chapel Close, Clifton. Erection of 2 detached dwellings and associated garages and hard standing. Rejected.

13 Gaveston Gardens, Deddington. Single storey rear and side extension. No objection.

Former garden of 4 Victoria Terrace, Deddington. New dwelling. Re-submission. No objection provided building materials are sympathetic to the conservation area and access via Tay's Gateway is not compromised.

CDC Approvals

5 New St, Deddington

Philip Allan Publishers, Deddington Salerooms, Market Place Deddington. Approved subject to conditions. DPC objected to this application.

23 The Daedings, Deddington

4 The Maunds, Deddington

Deddington Mill, Gated Road, Deddington

Corner House, Duns Tew Road, Hempton

CDC Refusals

Land to rear of Orchard View and Valley View, St Thomas St, Deddington

Land on north side of the Tchure, Deddington

College House Hempton

19 August Windmill Centre, Deddington

A new councillor will be co-opted at the September meeting. Applications should be made to the Parish Clerk by Friday 4 September.

Daeda's Wood and the gated road are being used as a 'cruising' site for heterosexual and homosexual activity on a 24-hour basis. Information should be reported to the police on the 101 phone number or directly to Sergeant Fishwick.

The consultation on the proposed closure of the Ardley and Alkerton waste disposal sites closes on 14 September. Consultation documents are available in the library. Individual responses carry more weight

than a block response from the PC.

The Chairman thanked the PC for supporting the VJ Day commemoration and Hook Norton vets for the attractive planter on New St.

The Town Hall officially re-opens on 26 September.

An £11,739 quotation has been accepted for new windows and doors at the Windmill Centre as the first stage of its refurbishment.

Environment and Recreation

PC will replace the aging pod swing at the Windmill Centre at a cost of £896. When the new street lamp is installed at the Town Hall an additional £108 will be spent for a fused splitter box for the Christmas tree lights.

Highways and Transport

An electronic speed signal will be bought for Clifton and a similar installation investigated for the Hempton Road. The cost is £3875.82 and six years of electricity will cost £857.04.

A parking bay for disabled people will be provided outside Manse House in the Market Place. (Dedicated parking cannot be guaranteed for the occupant of the property.)

OCC is seeking input on its consultation about subsidised bus services, including ending the Dial-a-Ride service.

Planning Recommendations

3 Castle End, Castle St Deddington. Fell one sycamore. No objection but request replanting as per DPC tree policy.

Hamisaren, 2 Castle End, Castle St Deddington. Fell one weeping willow. No objection with proviso as above.

College House, Hempton. New dwelling – re-submission. Objection in light of six objections to the earlier application and one objection to this application. It was felt that the building line of the street would be adversely affected.

Land to rear of 19 The Paddocks, Deddington. Proposed single dwelling. Objection on the grounds of undue disruption caused by re-siting of the existing sewage pumping station to provide access, creation of an additional access route, and undesirable precedent affecting the nature of The Paddocks.

Deddington Mill, Gated Road, Deddington. Alterations and extension to existing outbuilding for guest accommodation and home office. No objection.

CDC Approvals

Renwick Cottage, Holcombe Gardens, Deddington. Single storey oak-framed orangery. Fell eight trees and prune three. Replanting requested.

Quinque House, New St, Deddington. Fell and replant two apple trees.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 16 September 7.30pm at the Holly Tree Club, Deddington.

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/pcminutes>.

FARMERS' MARKET

Spoilt for Choice

This is the 15th Anniversary of the founding of Deddington Farmers' Market, set up by an intrepid band of volunteers to help farmers suffering from the effects of foot and mouth. It has gone from strength to strength and the volunteers will be raising a glass to the founders at their annual dinner on Saturday night after the Market.

As part of the anniversary celebrations Mariella Bliss will be demonstrating the art of making pasta to the tunes of Deddington Brass Band at the September Market which is always bursting with the culmination of summer produce – far too many delights to mention in this short piece. So I'm going to concentrate on just one. Based purely on the state of my own crop I'm expecting this to be a bumper year for sweetcorn. A bit like asparagus, this is best savoured with the minimum of adornment. But this recipe will appeal to children of all ages (and a bib might be useful when it comes to the eating). It is from Valentine Warner's *What to Eat Now*.

Elote Tiernos (Sweetcorn with Mayonnaise, Cheese and Chilli)

serves 4

4 corn cobs (as fresh as possible)

4 tablespoons of shop-bought mayonnaise

75g Wensleydale cheese, finely grated

1 lime

chipotle chilli powder or pimentón de la Vera (hot smoked paprika)

large flaked sea salt

Peel the corn cobs of their husks and threads. If you



cut across the stem end of the cob you will find that both husk and threads pull away as one but that is the counsel of perfection. Put the cobs in boiling unsalted water for 8 minutes. While the corn is cooking, take two plates. Dollop the mayonnaise on one, grate the cheese on the other. Cut the lime in half and have the chilli or paprika handy. When the cobs are cooked take them out of the

water. Holding each one in a tea towel, drive a wooden skewer into the stem end. Now, holding by the skewer, first roll them thoroughly in the mayonnaise and then in the grated cheese (finely grated cheese sticks better). Sprinkle with chilli powder or paprika. Finish with a squeeze of lime and some salt. Eat somewhere where the mess won't matter. A cold beer will help.

For more up to date information about the Market you can visit the market webpage www.deddington-farmersmarket.co.uk, listen to Deddington On Air www.deddingtononair.org or BBC Radio Oxford.

The Market is on Saturday 26 September from 9.00am–12.30pm.

If you can't wait till then, there's always the Adderbury market on the second Thursday of each month at The Institute, The Green, Adderbury, 6.00–8.00pm. Next market on 10 September. More details at www.market.adderbury.org

Good shopping!

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

We're having a busy summer in Deddington Library. The Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) is well under way; many children have now completed their six book challenge and we've had several entries for the Adult Reading Challenge too. If you've not completed your SRC, please make an effort to do so. The number of starters and finishers is very important to the library to help us prove our worth and value in the community. To date, we've had a much higher than average finish rate in Deddington than the rest of the county. So let's see if we can beat the record with Record Breakers Summer Reading Challenge again this year. A medal and certificate ceremony will be held at Deddington Primary school in September for all children who finish their challenge ... so, get reading. The Adult SRC closes on 12 September so get your entries in to the fabulous prize draw today.

The "Record Breakers" theme ran throughout our event in August when we were visited by Oxford University Museums. This was very well attended and the children – and adults – had a most enjoyable afternoon, it was an interactive session with the children

handling and discussing the artefacts from the museum, and completing the session with a craft activity.

Deddington Library and Friends were very proud to support the VJ Day celebration and commemoration on Saturday 15 August. A lovely afternoon, much enjoyed by all; a fitting parish tribute.

The Friends of Deddington Library have worked hard organising fundraising events, the final one of which in this brief season of WW2 and VJ Day events is *Meet Freddie Knoller* in the Windmill Centre on Saturday 12 September. It promises to be an amazing event – Mr Knoller has an incredible history. Come and join us.

This is also an opportune moment to remind you that Deddington Library has DVD hire, audio books, free computer use, free access to Ancestry online, Find My Past and wealth of other research websites to name but a few.

Our fabulous volunteers and I look forward to seeing you in the library very soon.

Stella O'Neill, Library Manager
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TUCKER'S STORES

This relief carving of Tucker's Stores before its renovation, was given to Deddington in June 2015 by Joanna Wynne, whose family formerly lived in Tucker's House, now Foodies, and ran the adjacent store, now Otters Restaurant. I accepted it on behalf of the parish and, with Joanna's agreement, suggested loaning it to Sam and Simon Yeomans, owners of Foodies, to hang in the coffee shop where it can now be seen.

In Joanna's own words: 'My father, Mr Mervyn Wynne, and his wife Marjorie (Nicky) moved to Tucker's Stores, Deddington, in the late 1950s. They had three children, Joan, Judith and Sharon.

When we moved there I remember the shop being very small and dark, with orange boxes along the walls that were used as shelves. My father renovated the shop and it became one of the first delicatessen shops of its time in the area.

This plaque was carved out of an old piece of wood that comes from the original shop building when it was renovated (from one of the original beams I believe). It was carved by an old friend of my parents who used to visit us from London. The original long crack on the front wall of Tucker's Stores can be seen in the carving.



Photo courtesy Mary Robinson

I have many happy memories of my childhood in Deddington. My mother was very active as President of Deddington WI and will no doubt still be remembered by some. I enjoyed bell ringing in the church although I could never remember the correct time to pull my bell.

It gives me great pleasure to offer this plaque to Deddington community in memory of my parents who offered so much to the local community at the time it was carved.'

There has been a store on this site since at least 1865 when the Revd Cotton Risley noted in his diary that he had granted a summons against two boys who had tried to 'rob Mr Tucker's till'. After Joanna Wynne's family gave up Tucker's Store it was run by John Cannell and then his son Peter who closed it down in the early 1980s in face of competition from the expanding supermarkets and an improving Co-op. Barrie Gregory then ran it as Tucker's Country Store and then simply The Country Store before it changed yet again to house its current commercial occupants.

Rob Forsyth

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FESTIVAL SEEKS NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Festival was established 13 years ago to enhance the community spirit of the parish, support local and regional arts and culture and celebrate local talent. Over the years residents of Deddington, Clifton, Hemp-ton and further afield have enjoyed a wide range of art and culture events for all ages and interests. The 13th Festival closed at the end of June having held 15 events over eight days with over 2,600 people enjoying art, comedy, magic, and music from rock to baroque.

For the past three years, the Festival has been run by a committed team of volunteers, led by me as chair. This year some of the team have chosen to step down due to work and family commitments, with three members remaining to provide continuity. The Festival is therefore seeking a new chair, treasurer, marketing and PR person and at least two new committee members if it is to be able to continue the huge contribution it makes to our community each summer.

To try and best manage everyone's time commitments each committee member is assigned a particular area that often plays to his or her professional or personal strengths. The committee is responsible for setting the Festival programme, marketing, public relations, ticketing, pricing, budget and seeking spon-

sorship. In many instances the events themselves are run by third party partners independently of the committee which only gets involved in running some of the events. The team has put in place many processes and templates and has integrated the marketing channels, so a new team will be able to take over relatively seamlessly.

Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Festival and have benefited enormously from the experience. New to the village, I volunteered to be Festival chair to enable me to meet people and get involved in village life. Big ticks on both counts. I was also on a sabbatical to spend time with my daughter before she started school and the Festival gave me a challenge without becoming a full-time job. Because it is an arts and culture festival it is a fun project with such a broad remit that you have a real opportunity to put your own perspective on it.

In short, if you enjoy the arts, are interested in volunteering for an innovative community project, want to meet people in your community, and be part of creating the 14th annual Festival, then please get in touch by emailing me emmanoon1@gmail.com or telephoning **01869 338039**.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL September

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Weekly

Mon–Fri 8.45am Morning Prayer
Wed 10.00am Holy Communion
Thu 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels

Sun 6 6.00pm Choral Evensong
Sun 13 8.00am BCP Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 20 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
Wed 23 Laying on of Hands for Healing
Sun 27 10.30am Family Service

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

Deddington

19 July Rosie South
26 July Ben and Dan Rees-Gay
2 August Florence Carson
16 August Isaac Hancock

Barford St Michael

5 July William Brown, Leo Elliott
2 August George Hanmer

Memorial Services

14 July Kenneth Holt

St John's, Hempton

Sun 6 9.00am Holy Communion
Sun 20 9.00am Holy Communion
Sun 27 6.00pm Evening Prayer

St Michael's, Barford

Sun 6 10.30am Family Service
Sun 13 9.00am Holy Communion
Sun 20 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Sun 27 9.00am Holy Communion

For baptisms and weddings please speak to the Vicar, the Revd Annie Goldthorp, after a service. For funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar (01869 336880, vicar@deddingtonchurch.org) except on Fridays, her day off, or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fene-more (338203).

There will be a Pet Service in the Parish church on Sunday 4 October at 10.30am. All well-behaved pets and their owners are welcome. The star attractions, apart from your pet dog, rabbit, guinea pig, hen etc, will be two miniature donkeys. No pet? Teddy bears and other cuddly toys are very welcome too.

FODC Floodlight Sponsors: 31.8–6.9 The Fuller Family – In memory of Charlie and Ada Fuller

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
26 September George Pearce

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Fr Paul Lester

01869 277396

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe, is said at 9.30am every weekday except Thursday. There are two Masses on Saturday, at 9.30am in the Ordinary Rite and noon in the Latin Extraordinary Rite. There are two Masses on Sunday, at 10.00am in the Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Extraordinary Rite. Mass is said at 9.00am on Sundays at SS Peter and Paul's Anglican Church, King's Sutton. 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. Confessions at Hethe during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays 5.00-6.00pm.

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

LIVING FAITH GROUP

'Unveiling the truths of our heart's connection to God and how we live this out in our lives'. If this speaks to you, do come along and see what it is all about – you will know if it's for you. Our aim is to explore 'living spirituality'. This is not a Bible study group or prayer group, although these aspects may be relevant for us to include at times. It is about the meaning of spirituality in our day-to-day lives. The group is open to

all, whether or not you attend church. Everyone who feels drawn to be a part of this spiritual exploration is welcome. It will be a monthly group, meeting firstly on Tuesday 15 September in the Snug at the Unicorn.

Any queries do contact me on kjmholmes@gmail.com or 07917 044888

Kirsten Holmes

DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

So where do we go from here? The Green Goddess (and for those who don't understand these things, the aforementioned Goddess is a combine harvester) has already strutted her stuff with the oil seed rape, which came into the barn at a yield above the five year average without the need to fire up the drier or the seed cleaner. The wheat harvest will begin in the next day or two, and, as those who braved the possibility of a few showers during the Festival farm walk will confirm, the wheat crops on the farm look rather well. So that's the upside of the 2015 harvest.



development site had already become an adventure playground. As to the two metres or so of nettles and other undergrowth, they are a requirement of the EU regulations on 'cross compliance' (environmental regulations), but I won't bore you with the details. Perhaps it should be remembered that the trees and a post and rail fence were an integral part of the original planning permission.

George Fenemore
338203

The downside is what with the devastating effects of the strength of the pound making imports cheaper than home-grown grain, the effects of the ongoing supermarket price war, and the machinations of the green Taliban who seem perfectly happy to stock up their grocery baskets with imported food products that have been grown and manufactured using husbandry methods and chemicals which they have campaigned against in this country, the bottom line is looking decidedly dodgy. However, there are always alternatives, the first of these being the cultivation of industrial and energy crops rather than human food crops.

The livestock trade is no better. We are still affected by the massive increase in the imports of New Zealand lamb, with 70% of our English lamb being exported to the continent at a very low exchange rate. The beef trade has shown some improvement over the last months but that is largely due to the fact that we have already shot more cattle than ever this year because of bovine TB, and with the dairy industry collapsing around our ears, we are facing a winter of discontent.

It seems as if my last offering rattled a couple of cages and I make no apologies for this but do apologise for my lack of journalistic finesse. Then again, I have never set out my stall as a journalist, investigative or otherwise. My account of the tyre saga was accurate and it is always offensive having to spend time clearing up someone else's rubbish, particularly when you end up having to pay a repair bill for equipment which vastly exceeds the value of the job. It is hard to imagine that even the most dim-witted fly tipper would carry 50 car tyres several hundred yards over a padlocked field gate to deposit them one or two at a time along the fence line. Incidentally, the 'pile of tyres' referred to is the pile that we created. Had they already been in a pile we would have simply driven around them.

The residents of numbers 26 and 28 are right when they say that there is more than one side to every story and that a fence has two sides and, for that matter, two purposes, one being to keep in and the other to keep out. It is very laudable to wish to prevent their families from trespassing on someone else's property. However, judging by the number of footballs and space hoppers that were mulched by the machinery, the de-

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

There are some things in life so important that a degree of planning is required. Una Stubbs falls into that category where this year we have played an uncommonly great bunch of fellow 'chucky sticky' people. Therefore we must do our very best to stay in the league we are in. There is of course the risk that the frightfully uncouth A Team might get promoted into our league and spoil the idle but, in winning on average one leg a week, our plan will come to fruition. We met too many miserable old codgers last year to take any chances on getting promoted so the plan wins.

Death came to Lower Larkrise recently when one of Woody's chicks was found weak and helpless on a lawn. Some of the village's 'yoof' tried to nurse it all day with syringes of water and bird nuts crushed in a mortar and pestle. It was able to crawl using both wings, so they weren't broken and seemed to enjoy the sustenance but the chick wasn't able to fly. Neither was it clear where he had come from as there was no nest above the lawn but it responded well to the nursing and was put to bed in some style, but sadly come the morning life was extinct. It did give the young people a chance to experience the fragility and cruelty of wildlife and they will remember the experience a long while.

The Clifton Ladies 'Sporting Club' enjoyed a games evening recently and an evening walk to the Fox at Souldern with ever-swelling membership numbers that is putting Book Club to some shame – so lads come along any Thursday and claim your place in the community. Next for the ladies is open air Shakespeare in Oxford at the end of August.

And the stork again flew by but on and up the hill over Candleford, on to Upper Larkrise, finally arresting at that other corner of our ecumenical parish in Barford St Michael where it delivered a 7lb 12oz Harry to Annie and Steve, late of the village, on 31 July. Such lovely people are so deserving of the happiness of parenthood and we all wish them very well.

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VJ DAY COMMEMORATION

At 1.50pm on Saturday 15 August the church bells fell silent and the drums and bugles of the Royal British Legion Youth Band struck up in the Bull Ring as they marched round (with the expert marshalling of our very community-minded Fire Service) to parade on the Green in the Market Place.

Seated opposite were the guests of honour, Fred Butlin, Daphne Canning, Margery Hawes, Stephanie Higham, and Ted Johnson who all served our country during our hour of dire need, and Frank Steiner, who was a Kindertransport child (more of that later). Missing was Len Plumble, our only surviving Burma Star veteran who, sadly, was still in hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery. In front of them pulled up a vehicle that they might not have seen in the metal for 70 years as a Willy's Jeep, brought back from France in 1945, was parked briefly before leading the band into Chapel Square where they counter-marched (that's turned around for you non-marchers of which there are many – but more of that later) and came back with a lengthy column, led by Major David Hood MC and other RBL representatives, the PC as instigators, and then representatives from Deddington's Fire Service, Women's Institute, Shooting Club, Bridge Club, Tennis Club, Boys Brigade, Photographic Society, Allotment Society, Original Golf Society and our OCC Councilor Arash Fatemain whose actual marching was hindered by my poor organisational skills – sorry.

As the parade marched into the Market Place we were presented with the perfect and previously unseen storm of four buses (two southbound S4's, one going north and the Clifton bus) but skillful marshalling saved the day. I also discovered a previously unfelt lump. This was the lump growing in my throat as I saw how many villagers had turned out for the event – a truly humbling scene. Many thanks to all. The parade wheeled round the town hall and we all 'eyes left' to the saluting base where our veterans sat watching. The band went right and we marched left. Well, I say marched but, while I did my best to keep in step to a light infantry 140 paces per minute on admittedly a very short step, I was reliably informed that little other marching was going on and was the subject of discussion next day – but you know what, it really didn't matter a hoot.

The parade included an impressive range of garden forks, and TaylorMade drivers, cameras and playing cards (so I was told) and a host of medals and commemorative badges that showed a very wide range of people wanting to show their gratitude to those who served. The veterans sensibly, perhaps, declined a ride in the Jeep, an offer Deddington's First Lady of Cricket couldn't refuse, nor indeed Vicar Annie who was dropped at the doors of the church.

What followed was a wonderful service that struck the right balance between the evils of war and the glory of those who gave up so much so we could choose to attend this event or not as our will dictates and all the

other choices of a free people. There were humbling and amusing tales of our veterans past and present and readings and prayers. Then tea and cakes before a simple sing-along of tunes of the era by a group who could either sing well or sing like they were at a football match, beautifully accompanied by Elsa, our organist and pianist. It was fun certainly for some of us and a fair few smiles could be seen.

In summary I felt it a fine event to honour those who served and a reminder to us of the cost of freedom, something we are continually challenged to remember. The individual contributions our veterans made are recounted in the *Parish at War*, available from local libraries. Our thanks should go to the RBL, the library and the PC which organised and bankrolled the event. To the singers and bakers who added to the enjoyment, but mostly to those who served. We salute you.

The remaining VJ celebration event, a literary one with Freddie Knoller, an Auschwitz survivor, is on 12 September. His autobiography, written in collaboration with a local author, will be on sale in aid of the library which is selling tickets, £8 for adults and £1 for escorted children who must learn about the cost of discrimination and persecution that led Frank Steiner to be driven from his family to escape state-controlled murder. Please come along to hear and learn.

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BLISSFUL THINKING

Red Roses by any other name would smell as sweet but how would they sound? The wonder of language abounds in the nomenclature of towns and streets. Apparently, most denomination duties fall to local authorities, despite poetic phonoaesthetics that would have Nunberg in raptures. If Friskney Eaudyke, Gamlingay Cinques or Piddlehinton don't tickle your fancy, perhaps you'd prefer some Catbrain in Dog Village or Donkey Town?



Hold your Eye to the Clock Face if you must, but the Wasps Nest just sounds Nasty. Better a Cuckoo's Nest, where you'd surely have to be a Crackpot from Crazy Lane to fit in. If Dull lives up to its name, there should definitely be some Great Snoring, though all it takes is some Chemistry and Booze, and you'd no doubt find yourself Seething with a Brawl at Scapegoat Hill. Some wonderful yet disparaging places can be found

across this island, so don't Bulls Balk at the opportunity to get Lost in Rotten Bottom, Boghead, or the Blubberhouses because you may just find your Happy Land to Retire, Rest And Be Thankful in. I do appreciate the jagged syllables and alliterative charm of Ryme Intrinseca and Seaton Sluice myself, but am also captivated by the warm fuzziness evoked by locales such as Bunny, Friendly, Pease Pottage and even the whimsical Porridge Pot Alley. It seems that, when left to their own Devices, these Raw labellers can indeed lurch from a Little Shambles to a Great Cockup. As self-appointed denominator supreme, I hereby demand that we be twinned with Livingston!

Aaron Bliss
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FRIENDS OF CASTLE GROUNDS

If you have visited the Grounds recently you will have noticed that three industrious members have put in some new wooden benches. Their hard work is much appreciated since it makes a tremendous difference to the overall look of the outer bailey. The grounds are now looking really cared for.

You will also have seen that Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers are repairing the dry stone wall that runs along the northern boundary path. Their last visit is planned for Sunday 13 September to ensure that the wall is stable and to complete the capping. They will be travelling from Oxford and hope to arrive around 10.00am. If you would like to learn how to build a dry stone wall, please come along and help. Make sure that you wear strong shoes. All volunteers are welcome. It is a fun day – please put the date in your diary.

As you know, we rely on donations and annual membership to continue to care for this beautiful space which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument. Our Membership Secretary, Jean Welford, is now accepting the £5 annual membership fee for 2015–16. Her details are: Jean Welford, Aberford, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington, OX15 0TD, 01869 338539. Cheques should be made payable to Friends of the Castle Grounds. New members are always welcome. Please contact Jean or download a membership form and join like-minded people who want to preserve and enjoy the heritage of this historic site. Find us listed under Clubs on the DeddingtonOnline website where there are links to some lovely old photos under Gallery.

Carol Horlock
Secretary
01869 338935

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO



The following are extracts from the diaries of the Revd Cotton Risley for part of August and the month of September 1865.

23rd August – Our Annual Cricket Club Ball took place in the Castle Grounds. (*There was a large pavilion there then.*)

24th August – Our young people came home from the Ball at ¼ past 6 o'clock am.

25th August – I wrote to Mr. Symonds the surgeon in Oxford re article which had appeared in The Times headed 'Relief of or in Cancer'.

1st September – Ryan from the Gas House was convicted of stealing 2 or 3 bottles of champagne and a couple of fowl from a tent or bar in the Castle Grounds, sentenced him to 3 weeks hard labour in H. of C. Oxford.

6th September – Susan and I, poor dear thing, went to Oxford by train to see Mr. Symonds again, she felt very poorly and suffered much pain.

8th September – Our Annual Flower Show took place and was characterised by a better exhibition of fruit and flowers and roots than last year.

15th September – I went (with Holford) to see Mr. Symonds on my dearest Susan's account, he spoke very despondingly about her, I grieved to hear him say what he did.

20th September – I signed a summons against Edmund Dean for beating his wife – we bound him over to keep the peace towards his wife and all her Majesty's subjects for 12 months in the sum of £40.

Buffy Heywood

ADVERTISING CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note that the address for monthly advertisements in the *Deddington News* is now Grimsley-home@live.co.uk.

We would like to apologise to anyone who has tried to place adverts with the *DN* in the past few months at the old address, only to be met with complete silence. The old address was not delivering mail to us, nor was it notifying the sender that the message had failed to be delivered. When the problem was finally discovered our computer guru spent a great deal of time trying to fix it but without success. When the final resort was an appeal to Microsoft we decided to drop the original address and substitute the new one, given above.

We sincerely hope that any frustrated advertisers will give us another chance using the new address – and that if they are ever faced with a lack of response will pick up the phone and call the number listed on the front page under ‘The Team’. We would pick up the problem much faster than we did this time.

CD

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Numbers Game

The Deddington Neighbourhood Plan is back on the road after a lull over summer and a bit of heart-searching about how best to proceed. The steering group is agreed that we need to move fast and produce a preliminary document setting out our key findings to ensure we exert maximum influence on CDC before they formulate the second part of their Local Plan.

The first part was approved by an independent examiner in June and then formally adopted by the council in July. A striking new element of the plan is to bump up from 670 to 1,140 the scheduled number of homes to be built in the Cherwell district every year until 2031. Most of these homes are to be built in Banbury, Bicester, Kidlington and Upper Heyford, but 750 new homes are to be built in 23 of the largest villages with the best facilities – or are more “sustainable”, in the jargon. Deddington is one of these.

In the second part of its Local Plan, CDC is now deciding how those 750 homes should be distributed between the villages – and what Deddington’s share should be.

The results of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire carried out throughout the parish last year are clear. A large majority of those parishioners who responded thought that growth in housing in Deddington between now and 2031 should be no more than 50 houses, and the maximum number of dwellings on any one site should be 20.

That is the message that will be conveyed to CDC lickety-split.

Helen Oldfield helenmoldfield@yahoo.co.uk
www.deddingtonneighbourhoodplan.org

DEADLINE: 14 SEPTEMBER

The *DN* has just become aware of a public consultation being held by OCC on the subject of subsidising bus services. At this point in the process the time remaining for comment is very short but the issue is of considerable importance to some rural residents.

OCC currently subsidises approximately nine percent of Oxfordshire’s bus network but needs to make savings of more than £6 million in supporting transport services, £2.6 million of which is to come from non-statutory services, including Dial-a-Ride.

It is seeking public input with a comment deadline of 14 September, on two proposals: withdrawing all bus subsidies, or reducing them by £2.3 million. The Banbury–Oxford service is not affected but others, including the Deddington–Middle Barton and Banbury–Deddington–Upper Heyford routes, are. Detailed information and an online feedback form are at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/stconsultation. For the computer-phobic the material is available on paper at the Deddington library.

Since 31 May the S4 bus has been running half-hourly between Deddington and Banbury, adding about a dozen more buses each way daily, with the last bus from Banbury leaving at 7.20pm rather than 6.45pm. These additional buses are not subsidised by the OCC but need to be used regularly to avoid their withdrawal.

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Deddington Library Proudly Presents...

Meet Freddie Knoller
Resistance fighter and survivor of the holocaust

Saturday 12th September 2015
Windmill Centre, Hempton Road Deddington,
11.00am for 11.30 until approximately 2.30pm

To include BBC film documentary, talk and Q & A
Session with Freddie Knoller.
Bring a picnic lunch, licenced bar

Adults £8.00
OAPs £6.00
Over 88 years of age - free
Under 18s £1.00 if accompanied by adult (1 to 1)

Tickets available from Deddington library
Or Hamptons, Market Place, Deddington.
Ticket reservations phone 01869 338 153

All proceeds are in aid of Deddington Library

FROM THE FIRE STATION



Photo courtesy Tim Parker

Fire calls are up and back to what they were last year with twenty-two call-outs in the past month. They have been the usual mix of road traffic collisions and fires, mainly field fires and bin fires. This is all part and parcel of what we do.

What I really want to report on this month is that we are losing one of the cornerstones of Deddington Fire Station. Rachel Freeman is leaving us after eighteen years of dedicated service. Rachel worked at the station whilst her children grew up and has sacrificed so much quality time with them to help keep our community safe. Rachel now has grandchildren and has decided that she wants to spend more time with them, particularly as she has to travel to see them. This has been a really hard decision for her because the crew at the station is like a family too. I have found a photo of Rachel and Martin together at the station and think it demonstrates more than words how important it has been to her. This shows Rachel and Crew Manager,, Chris Fenemore. She will be truly missed.

Tim Parker, Crew Manager

LONELY AT THE POST OFFICE

Not satisfied with a physical update of its premises in the corner of the Co-op, the Deddington Post Office has also updated its opening hours to a massive 8.00am–8.00pm from Monday to Saturday. The new hours seem not to have penetrated local consciousness and staff would welcome customers during their extended hours.

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PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

After the long summer break we look forward to the new school year with anticipation and lots of plans. We welcome all the new children and families who are joining us this term, and hope everyone settles in quickly.

Details of our AGM will be made available shortly and we hope you will all be able to attend. We will also be holding a parents' meeting for PFSU parents within the next few weeks, at which we will explain our approaches to teaching numeracy and phonics, and provide the opportunity to discuss how your child is settling in.

Please ask us before then if there is anything you would like to know.

Lucy Squires
01869 337484

FAREWELL AND HAIL

Very regretfully we say farewell to Sandie Goundrey who has been an exemplary manager of annual advertisements for the *DN*. For personal reasons she has felt compelled to step down. Her sense of responsibility, meticulous organisation and enthusiasm for the job will be greatly missed as will her valuable insights.

However, we are delighted to welcome Jan Burnett, a volunteer from Barford with a background in advertising, as our new annual advertisement manager and hope she enjoys the collaboration.

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RIDE AND STRIDE 2015

in aid of

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

10am–6pm

Support our own Parish Church
and other historic churches
in Oxfordshire

Call Jane Green on

01869 337837

for more details
and sponsorship forms

LETTERS

FROM CHARLES AND ALEXANDRA ELVIN, PHIL HINKSON AND NICOLA SIMPSON, GAVESTON GARDENS

Dear George

There are several sides to each story and to every fence. Although we accept that you are not a journalist, a minimal level of investigation (such as talking to the people who put up the fence) might have helped present a more accurate picture. The following might provide some balance.

The fence was not erected to keep properties tidy. We put the fence up with great sadness when it became clear that we will have 85 houses built on the field behind our houses, with a road running along the fence-line referred to. We have accepted that the houses will be built but we did not want to wait for the builders to get started before we addressed one of our greatest concerns. We have young children and the prospect of a building site behind the garden was a risk we were not comfortable with. There is going to have to be a fence on that end of our gardens and we wanted it to be one of our choosing. It was a reluctant response to the planning permission to build 85 houses and the need to ensure the safety of our families both during the build and afterwards.

On the field side of the fence there is a metre or two where the trees, nettles and other undergrowth have always been untouched. There is a pile of tyres visible from our property and, as you say, quite a large one. However, we feel it was unreasonable for anyone to assume that because it is in the field near our fence that it came over the fence. We have certainly not been fly-tipping tyres or household waste, and we feel any suggestion to the contrary to be insulting and wrong. Sadly, land which lies untended attracts fly-tipping. To assume it has been dumped by people with an 'urban mentality' is an ill-founded conclusion.

The saddest part of your diatribe is the apparent assumption that people living in Gaveston Gardens are somehow different and 'urban' and are bringing bad habits to our village. Such a seemingly accusatory and insular 'them and us' approach to 'newcomers' publicly in the local newsletter, is one of the saddest aspects of this otherwise wonderful place. It seems we are going to have to wait a bit longer for minds to open in some sections of Deddington's community. We try to be open-minded and forgiving, and in that spirit we say you should feel free to come over and say hello if you would like to get to see the other side of the fence. We live in the same village and we are as much opposed to people dumping tyres in fields as you are. Had we known, we would have happily helped clear them up. Had you said hello and asked, you might have found that we are not two-headed



Please address all letters to:
JILL CHEESEMAN
37 THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON
letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk
and include your name and address
even if they are not for publication

foreign monsters who chuck tyres over fences. We are responsible, concerned parents and members of your community.

FROM JUDITH BULGER, FORRES, MORAY, IV36 2QR

In exploring family history I have come across a 1934 ship's manifest listing Banford Manor, Deddington as the address of Mrs Una Banks

who was returning from Madeira to the UK with her elder son, Patrick. They lived at various addresses in Oxfordshire, all rented I think, including Swinbrook, but this is the first we have heard of Deddington. Can anyone identify 'Banford Manor' or does anyone have any other relevant information? With thanks for any help that may be forthcoming. Please contact me on judith.bulger@gmail.com.

FROM DICK FERGUSON, GAVESTON GARDENS, DEDDINGTON

The Defence of Château Hougoumont

Rupert Clark and I would like to thank everyone who came to the Windmill Centre on Wednesday evening 24 June to mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. Your support was very much appreciated and I'm delighted to say your contributions during the evening enabled us to send a cheque for £500 to SSAFA.

We're particularly grateful to the members of the Adderbury, Aynho and Deddington Historical Societies who encouraged people to come from near and far. Special mention must go to those who brought along their Brown Bess muskets which helped to ensure a perfect ending to the evening.

We are grateful.

FROM DAVID GEBBELS, CLIFTON

Congratulations to the chairman of the parish council for his energy and enthusiasm in marking the 70th anniversary of VJ Day.

My eldest brother was eighteen years older than me and had joined the Royal Artillery as a teenager. His first experience of war was as a member of the British Expeditionary Force in northern France which supported both Belgian and French armed forces facing overwhelming German Panzer power which enjoyed superior air cover. Winston Churchill, appointed British Prime Minister on 10 May 1940, quickly realised the evacuation (Dunkirk) of British forces was urgent.

My brother was one of those rescued from the French shores between 26 May and 4 June. He was subsequently posted with the Royal Artillery to Singapore where High Command assumptions about the impenetrability of the Malaysian jungle proved wrong, resulting in the fall of Singapore and led to tens of thou-

LETTERS *continued*

sands of British Army, Navy and Air Force, as well as thousands of allied Commonwealth personnel, being taken prisoner by the Japanese. Years of exhausting labour, vicious punishment, starvation, disease and death followed for those POWs.

Until two carefully pre-drafted Japanese Imperial Army postcards bearing his signature were received at home in 1944 my brother's fate was uncertain. He would never speak of what had been endured but it undermined his future health and that of many compatriots. Their return home in 1946 was muted. A headline in the recent British Legion leaflet baldly states, 'There was no fanfare and no celebration'. VJ Day remains to this day slightly in the shadow. One of the surviving POWs writes, 'I'd love to see VJ Day given the same importance as VE Day'.

It is true the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire has been established and now has a section commemorating 'The Death Railway'. My brother's name appears on the Commemoration Stone.

A second brother lost his life on his 25th birthday in 1946; his grave is in the War Graves Commission sector of Cologne South cemetery. Having served throughout the war, as the Allies pushed eastward through Belgium and Germany after the unconditional surrender of the German forces he, a sapper, was clearing mines.

My family therefore has great cause to remember both VE and VJ Days with sadness and pride but we would be mortified if VJ Day were to become a pale reflection of VE Day.

Suggested reading: *The Railway Man* by Eric Lomax, *The War Diaries* by EE Dunlop. The illustrations alone tell virtually the whole story of the Japanese POW camps.

FROM JANE PENTON, ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

Put your musical talents to good use and make a real difference to the lives and wellbeing of people affected by dementia and their carers. We run four Singing for the Brain groups across Oxfordshire, each one of which offers people affected by dementia the chance for social interaction in a safe and supportive environment.

We are now looking for a new volunteer to join our existing team to provide holiday and sickness cover for the leaders of these four groups.

In this role you will put together and then run a short programme of songs which suits the musical tastes of attendees. We will provide you with all necessary training, reimburse your agreed out-of-pocket expenses and give you any support you require.

To find out more or to apply, call Jane Penton on 01296 718956 or email jane.penton@alzheimers.org.

FROM JUSTIN CAMIS, THAMES WATER PUMP HUNT

Thames Water is appealing to customers to help identify privately owned sewage pumping stations. The utility will take responsibility for around 4,000 pumping stations in October 2016, but needs to track down 1,800 currently off its radar. New legislation means sewage pumping stations, which power wastewater away from properties and out into the public sewer pipe network, currently owned and maintained by customers, will become legally owned and operated by the local water company. The pumping stations are found in all shapes and sizes, and can be in places where there are a number of properties needing to connect to the public sewer network. Customers will know they have one as they'll be paying to maintain and power them.

We would urge anyone who thinks they may have one to contact us so we can check they are eligible for the transfer of ownership. In some cases, as well as electricity savings, maintaining and replacing pumps can cost thousands of pounds so it's an excellent deal for them.

Anyone with a private pumping station can make Thames Water aware at thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt.

A sewer pumping station is likely to be 'adopted' by Thames Water if it was in use before July 2011 and serves a single property and is outside the property boundary, or it serves two or more properties.

More information is available at www.thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, PHILCOTE STREET, DEDDINGTON

The Traidcraft autumn catalogue is out in preparation for Christmas. Deddington Fairtraders are planning an Open Day in the Parish Church on Wednesday 7 October, 10.30am–6.30pm, when a wide range of samples will be on show, as well as the catalogue, so that orders can be placed in time for Christmas. Look out for the reminder leaflet which will be inserted in the October issue of the *Deddington News*.

Since 1979 Traidcraft has been 'Fighting Poverty through Trade'. Traidcraft pioneered Fairtrade with such success that supermarkets now stock a wide range of Fairtrade marked products. The result has been a downturn in sales of Traidcraft's own lines. Traidcraft reinvests its profits to enable poor producers in Africa and Asia to grow their businesses, find markets, and engage effectively in trade. Supermarkets do not do that. By buying Traidcraft you keep that essential support going.

See you on Wednesday 7 October in the parish church, helping to spread happiness at Christmas and on through the New Year.

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

In July, member John Cavana gave a presentation entitled 'My Travels in Africa Through the Camera: Kili, Kruger and the Cape'. John's other home is in Cape Town and he showed photographs of his life there, including many stunning images of wild animals in the Kruger National Park. He also showed some exceptional images taken during a seven-day expedition when he and two friends, with a team of 15 porters, climbed 20,000 feet to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro — no mean feat for a man of 65, although his friends were 70 and 71. It was a fascinating presentation.

Last month Paul Brewerton presented 'A photographic Journey: How the Love of the Countryside Influenced My Photography'. Like many others, Paul's introduction to photography was via the ubiquitous Kodak Box Brownie camera and he showed a selection of prints taken from his early film cameras to later images on digital cameras. His interest is primarily in landscape photography and, as an enthusiastic fell walker, he showed many intriguing and unusual images of the more inaccessible parts of the Yorkshire Dales and Cumberland coast. He concluded with photographs and stories of his various excursions to Switzerland and elsewhere: an interesting and wide-ranging presentation, much appreciated by his audience.

On 16 September, Simon Lutter will lead a workshop on studio photography, followed on 7 October by a presentation by Richard Broadbent and Philip Le Mare entitled: 'New Zealand: A tale of Two Islands'. Both events are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho.

This year's major event is the Society's 9th annual exhibition of members' work on 26 September at the Institute, Adderbury, from 10.00am—4.00pm, and on 24 October in the Living Room, Deddington parish church, 9.30am—12.30pm.

Finally, the Society has a display of photographs on view in the meeting room of Adderbury Library. Everyone is welcome to any of the above activities, just come along — you are assured of a warm welcome.

Richard Broadbent 338173
www.addphoto.co.uk

1st Deddington Guides

We rounded off the summer term with two of our favourite activities: backwoodsman cooking and stream walking. The first is done on open fires with no pots or pans. We had some lovely food prepared, also some disasters, but it's all about having a go. The mini-sponges baked inside a hollowed out orange were a great success. Stream walking is our favourite. Soaked from top to toe and very muddy — a great adventure. We warmed up afterwards with dry clothes and chocolate brownies with cocoa — a rounders game

also helped. We also fitted in a flower arranging session which was fun.

Twelve of our Guides had a session tie-dyeing T-shirts for a special county international camp called 'Quest', near Abingdon, where nearly 100 guides from Cherwell Banbury Division and over 500 from Oxfordshire took part in some amazing experiences and met Girl Scouts from Mexico and the USA.

We will be back to earth on 8 September for our first meeting. All girls ten and over are welcome between 7.00pm and 9.00pm at the Windmill Centre.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069
Marian Trinder 01869 340806
Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

The Cubs finished the summer term with earth, air, fire and water. They built shelters in Daeda's Wood, made tiny kites and spent an evening getting very wet playing water games and throwing sponges at each other. They also joined the Scouts at Horley for an end of term evening playing wide games and eating 'camp doughnuts', fried jam sandwiches. Seven of them have left and we hope to see them at Scouts next term.

Jo Churchyard CSL
jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

The Scouts also spent time in Daeda's Wood using the tin can stoves they constructed the week before. Many thanks to Sainsbury's café for the bags of empty tins. They cooked a variety of snacks including pancakes, the stoves working remarkably well.

For our summer camp we revisited the Pikes Pool Centre near Bromsgrove. The weather was great and the boys, plus a couple of Explorers, threw themselves into kayaking (not literally), crate stacking, archery and climbing the Jacob's ladder. They cooked all their meals outside and slid down muddy banks — heaven!

Pete Churchyard SL
pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

The Explorers spent the last two months of the summer term helping at the District Scout campsite at Horley as part of their service. Having taken out of the stream a tree that had fallen over in the high winds and was blocking the water course, they continued to clear the stream so that it is totally clear for its course. They also learnt how to manage the site, including taking bookings, the importance of rotating camping sites and keeping everyone healthy, which meant a detailed explanation of the sewers.

All sections restart on 10 September.

Janet Duxbury 01608 737959

CALLING MORE CLUBS

Deddington Town Football Club

Summer is a time for recuperation and restoratives for the playing pool at DTFC. In the meantime, you can check out www.deddingtontownfc.com for updates and match reports. We wish the best of fortune to Robin Gardner and Joe Davies, the First and Reserve team managers. Those proud zebra stripes have been laundered and hung in readiness for the coming crusade. Will you join them?

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

Deddington Town Colts

The new season starts on 12 and 13 September. We will have ten teams competing from Under 8s up to Under 15s. The Under 7s and Under 6s also train at the Windmill on Saturday mornings. It is a great achievement for a village club to have so many players participating in football every week from under 6s up to the adult teams.

Do you remember what you were doing in 1995? In that year Blackburn Rovers were 1994–5 Premier League champions, Everton beat Manchester United 1–0 in the FA Cup Final, and Dennis Bergkamp joined Arsenal for a then British-record transfer fee of £7.5 million. Far more importantly, Deddington Town Colts was established that year and has been flourishing for the last 20 years. We plan a celebration ball in early 2016, and would love to hear from former players. We intend to get a committee together in September and, if you would like to be involved or have stories and pictures to tell from the past 20 years about Deddington Town Colts, please get in touch with me by email, carsykes@btinternet.com.

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, www.deddingtontownfc.com/. Or visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc

**Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Officer
01869 337034**

Deddington Original Golf Society

By the time you read this missive the DOGS will have visited Leamington and County Golf Club and, if the weather forecast is correct, we will have been very damp DOGS.

Still the Dunkirk spirit will, no doubt, have prevailed and the evening barbecue in the grounds of, and courtesy of, Rob and Maureen Forsyth will have more than made up for a wet day's golf.

This year's weekend golf break will be staged at the Bramshaw Golf Club with accommodation at The Bell at Brook, adjacent to each other and near Lyndhurst in the New Forest. The dates are Sunday 20 and Monday 21 September.

Following the Bramshaw break we sojourn at the Warwickshire Golf Club on Friday 16 October, our

Autumn Classic. This will be a 27-hole competition and the finale of this year's programme. We hope all DOGS members will support this event, which is also open to guests.

Tony Lowe, Chairman, 01869 337108

Deddington Tennis Club

Lots going on during the summer – full details on the Deddington Tennis website. Look out for women's coaching with Steve Smith on Fridays and rusty racquets sessions on Tuesdays with Wayne Ellis which are yet to be confirmed. Otherwise, Wednesday nights are club tennis with everyone welcome to play varied tennis. Sunday morning is club morning too and we would welcome a few more players to join the regulars.

Floodlights – we expect a decision on our application for a grant from Sport England in late September. Fingers crossed.

If you've been thinking for a while of joining come and see what you think of our friendly welcoming club. There will be no pressure to join immediately and we offer a range of levels of play, matches in several leagues and a number of social events.

There is a charity tennis tournament on Sunday 20 September at 10.30am on the Kings' Sutton and Deddington courts, with entries for mixed doubles, father and son, and ladies doubles, by 17 September to Fiona Cronin, Fiona@fionasteen.com

**Alison Stevens
www.deddingtontennis.com**

Book Club

In June the Book Group read *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler. This is a novel about a young girl's experience, told in flashbacks, growing up in a psychologist's family, where the father introduces a female chimpanzee to live with her from infancy as a 'sister'. There was a divergence of opinion which provoked discussion but it was generally felt, although an interesting subject with powerful comments on animal rights, it was patronising, slightly pretentious, and not very well written as a mix of novel and lecture. There is a probable element of autobiography as the author's father was a psychologist.

The next book is *The Garden of Evening Mists* by Tan Twan Eng. The next meeting is 24 September.

**John Sampson
01869 338739**

Deddington and District History Society

On 2 June we hosted an enjoyable visit by members of the Hook Norton History Society. Next summer we will pay a return visit and be shown around their village. These interchanges have become a popular part of our activities. Our summer break included one other event, when we co-hosted with our Aynho friends a lecture and accompanying exhibition devoted to the

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. It was gratifying to see a packed main hall at the Windmill Centre for this event. A handsome sum was raised for the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Families Association.

Our lecture season begins anew on Wednesday 9 September when Charles Barker, well-known Deddington resident, will speak on 'Henry VIII and the Mary Rose'. Charles has worked for the Mary Rose Trust for over a decade and is currently Director of Mary Rose Archaeological Services. His lecture will be at 7.30pm. All are most welcome to come along to hear him and, we hope, join or re-join the Society. Membership is a mere £11pa.

Chris Day, Chairman, 01869 337204
Moira Byast, Secretary, 01869 338637

Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

On Saturday 15 August, the nation celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) and the conclusion of the Second World War.

We marked this in the village with a procession through the Market Place during which a number of our World War II veterans headed by Captain EW Johnson MC Retd took the salute. The PC chairman, Alan Collins, obtained the services of the Banbury Royal British Legion Youth Band who led the parade and treated us to some spirited playing and marching.

Following the parade, at 2.45pm, there was an extremely well-supported service in the parish church. We thank our Vicar, the Revd Annie Goldthorp, for compiling and leading the service. We also wish to thank the organist, and young Mr Wallington for playing the *Last Post* and *Reveille* marking the silence. Our President, Major D G Hood MC Retd, read *Ode to the Fallen*, Mr Albert Humphries MBE the *Kohima Epitaph*, and Commander RS Forsyth RN Retd *Memories of World War II* while the lesson was read by Captain EW Johnson MC Retd with Mr DA Keats as our standard bearer, supported by Mr D Freeman. After the service, tea and cakes were provided by volunteers from the church and the library committee and there was community singing of World War II songs.

Altogether it was a fitting tribute to all those who had served so valiantly throughout the world from 1939 to 1945.

Jean Morris, Secretary
01869 338143

Windmill Thursday Club

We now have fifteen members but always welcome the possibility of more, so if you or someone you know or care for would like to join, please contact us. We have a delicious lunch from Eagles and a wide variety of fun activities and entertainment. None of this could happen if it weren't for our loyal band of volunteers who help each week on a three-week rota. We would

be delighted to expand our team, so if you think you would like to join us, please give me a ring or call in for a coffee between 10.00am–3.00pm on a Thursday. Gentlemen are not excluded. You will be made very welcome.

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MUSICAL NOTES

The autumn selection of music in Deddington's parish church starts on 20 September with the Fournier Trio playing Schubert. Internationally known award-winners, they have rapidly established themselves as one of the UK's leading young chamber ensembles.

At the very beginning of October, Saturday 3rd, the excellent North Cotswold Chamber Choir will make a welcome return to Deddington at 7.30pm in the church. Under their conductor, Sarah Tenant-Flowers, the choir will give a performance of the renowned Rachmaninov *Vespers*, surely one of the greatest choral works of all time.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Please remember Saturday 12 September is the Oxfordshire Historical Churches Ride and Stride Day. St John's will be open between 10.00am–6.00pm to welcome striders from other churches and offer some nice refreshments. Despite putting up four posters in the village, as I write, only one person has offered to take part and he does not even live here, so let us hope some others come along to take part. It is a good day out. People are also needed to sit in the church throughout the day, and please offer to supply a cake or some other refreshment to give to visitors.

This year's Harvest Festival will be held during the Evening Prayer Service on 27 September at 6.00pm. Any produce will be most welcome and may be left in the church over that weekend. Following the service the produce will be dealt with in an appropriate manner. St John's remains open every day throughout BST and has had several visitors with them writing nice comments.

I end with the sad news of the death of June Lane. She moved to St John's Way from Worcester in 2000 and stayed until 2011 when she went into Godswell Care Home. She was a member of the Church, the Friends and the Ladies Tuesday Club where she taught the other members some special skills including broomstick knitting. June died on 20 June aged 85 years. Our condolences go to her family and friends.

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WELL REMEMBERED

Kenneth Holt

Kenneth was born in Barrowford, Lancashire into a cotton manufacturing and farming family, the youngest of three siblings. His aspiration to be a doctor began at the age of six when he knocked himself out falling from the hayloft on his grandfather's farm. Nelson Grammar School started him on that path and he was fast-tracked at 17 into the second year of Medical School in Manchester. Here as stage manager for a student production of *The House Master* he met his future wife, Winifred, playing the part of Chris, and whom he ever after called by that name. Their budding romance was put on hold when Kenneth won a Rockefeller Scholarship to study in the USA, travelling across the Atlantic in a wartime convoy. He graduated MD with highest honours from Rochester University, New York and began his career with a six months internship at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston.

He returned home in 1946 on the *Queen Elizabeth's* maiden voyage after her life as a troop-ship and then qualified, for a second time, as a doctor in Manchester in 1947, marrying his university sweetheart in 1948. Following membership of the Royal College of Physicians, he did his National Service at the age of 25, and was appointed as junior medical specialist at Military Hospital 9 in Hamburg where, amongst his patients, were some of the last defendants in the Nuremberg Trials. During this period he began his lifelong work as a paediatrician, possibly influenced by the loss of his triplet sons.

On returning to England Kenneth took up paediatric posts in Sheffield, London and Manchester before settling in Sheffield with a lecturing post in paediatrics. Family life flourished with the birth of three daughters, Caroline, Alison and Georgina. In 1958, Kenneth was offered a Research Fellowship at The Medical School and Children's Centre in Iowa, USA, and the family left the UK for a memorable year abroad. Back in Sheffield Kenneth took up the post of senior lecturer and consultant at the Children's Hospital and with 11 others he started the Paediatric Research Society of the United Kingdom. He also set up the Ryegate Centre in Sheffield, a highly innovative and ground-breaking, inter-disciplinary service for children with multiple disabilities whose approach has become the norm for medicine in general, and globally for the assessment of child disability. In 1965 this innovation led to him being asked to establish the Wolfson Centre at Great Ormond Street, the first such national centre.

Kenneth's working life involved much travelling, with Winifred accompanying him whenever possible. He lectured, advised and inspired on many continents, twice as a visiting professor in Australia. He was influential in many charities, meeting and appreciating the interest of several members of the Royal Family, particularly Princess Margaret. In 1976, Kenneth was awarded a personal Chair of Developmental Paediat-

rics. He wrote and edited several books, one of which was translated into Japanese, many journal articles and was influential in setting up *Child, Care, Health and Development*. In 1989, Kenneth retired from the Wolfson Centre, but continued working until 75 as an expert witness, being involved in well over 300 cases, including the Beverley Allitt case.

While Kenneth's work was vastly important to him, he and Winifred cruised the British waterways on the *Entre Nous* which provided a base for many family get-togethers, while cruising the world in more luxurious vessels, until 2013 when Kenneth was 88. He also found time to become a formidable bridge player, create lovely gardens, involve himself in the local church, and in his younger days, thoroughly enjoy a good walk. In 1994 Kenneth and Winifred moved to Oxfordshire, first to Clifton and then Deddington. Despite his steadily deteriorating mobility, which started in his early sixties, he was able, alongside Winifred, to take a full part in village and family life. Kenneth delighted in the company of his nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and was always interested in what they were doing, talking with them about their activities and achievements.

He and Winifred started a bridge club, helped with the *DN* and were active members of Deddington Church. Kenneth helped establish the day care centre and gain charitable status. He enjoyed membership of Probus, an opportunity to make many new friends. In his last few years Kenneth coped stoically with pain and deteriorating mobility. He fought hard to maximise his opportunities, showing quiet enjoyment. During his final eighteen months he was able to participate in several happy family occasions and showed great dignity to the last.

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THE TASTE BUDDIES

We are the Taste Buddies. We lunch out every two months to assess local pubs and restaurants. We are an independent group with no connection to the Deddington News or any of the establishments visited.



WHERE?

The Black Boy, Milton Road, Milton, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4HH, 01295 722111.

The information on-line is six months out of date due to a change in ownership and management. The building is traditional and attractive with a garden and play area. Dogs are allowed in the bar.

FOOD SERVED:

Monday—Saturday 12.00am–3pm, 6.00–9.00pm
Sunday 12.00am–4.00pm

AVERAGE COST:

Starters: £6–8 (choice of 7)

Mains: £9–14, comprising burgers, steaks and fajitas with additional options on a board

Desserts: £6–7

WAS THE COOKING GOOD?

Generally, yes. For starters we had breaded Brie and cranberry sauce (not particularly good) with salad, £5.95, and pan seared scallops, black pudding and cauliflower puree, £8.25. There were only three very

small scallops which were somewhat lacking in flavour and slightly over-cooked. For mains we had an excellent hake with a creamy herb sauce, chips and peas, £13.65. This was from the evening menu as the only fish on the lunch menu was battered cod and we

appreciated being able to deviate from the standard menu. We also had a second starter as a main – slow-cooked belly pork, apple purée and smoked bacon lardons, £8.00. It came without the lardons but the pork was undeniably delicious. There was a choice of four desserts: cheesecake, frangipane, apple tarte Tatin, and lemon tart plus a cheeseboard.

WERE THEY PLEASED TO SEE YOU?

There was a very warm and relaxed welcome but we found the waitress a little sharp. Service was rather slow despite there being only five tables occupied. We were surprised when paying the bill to be asked if the tip was included.

VALUE FOR MONEY?

We left feeling that there was room for improvement to justify the prices charged.

WOULD YOU GO BACK?

Not for a while.

FUN DAY OUT

For a fun day out with family or friends why not take part in the Ride and Stride on Saturday 12 September? Joining in this sponsored event in aid of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust involves riding a bike (or a horse) or walking round some of our village churches.

Here is the route we suggest and it can be shortened or lengthened: a nice flat ride or stride from Deddington to Hempton, then downhill to the Barfords, up a bit to Bloxham and then back along the flat road to Adderbury, stopping at Milton on the way, before returning to Deddington by the gated road. This takes you to 12 churches and chapels. At each church friendly faces will supply you with drinks and other goodies. Hempton is known throughout the county for its scrumptious spread so you can aim to lunch there or you can take a picnic or call in at a pub. Alternatively you could spend an interesting hour or so striding round Oxford or Banbury churches.

This is an excellent way of contributing to the maintenance of our beautiful historic churches and, in particular, of our own parish church where we all enjoy so many different events. Half of the money raised will go to your local church and half to the Trust, which has a fund to respond to special maintenance needs of any Oxfordshire church or chapel. So do seriously consider joining in this year's Ride and Stride and contact Jane Green on 01869 337837 or green-jane@btconnect.com for more details and sponsorship forms.

DAEDA'S WOOD

The Wood has put on a growth spurt and looks magnificently overgrown ... but only until leaves turn yellow, fade, then drop. That's the beauty of this Wood – it constantly presents a new vista. Recently I walked along the path to the south of the main path and was struck by how light it was with mauve cranesbill flowers flourishing in the dappled sunlight. In early September the wildflower meadow will be strimmed and a group of us will rake up the thatch on Saturday 12 September to help improve the soil as this area regularly floods in the winter. Volunteers welcome. At present the grasses are at shoulder height and dogs and children love bounding through it. Everyone is invited to the twilight walk around the Wood at 7.00pm on 19 September when we hope to have someone with us to identify the wildlife. If you would like to become a supporter by joining the Friends of Daeda's Wood, please contact me.

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PANTOMIME AUDITIONS

The Deddington Players are holding auditions for adults and children on Sunday 18 October at 2.00pm in the Windmill Centre for *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Contact me if you would like any further details.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF KROKODILOES



Photo courtesy Hilary Smith

A selection of comments from the 'Kroks', who have performed in some of the world's major cities: 'Performing for the neighbourhood on Saturday night was one of the warmest and loveliest performances so far in my Krok experience.' 'Thank you so much for yet another fantastic stop in Deddington; great gig, great sights, and great friends.' 'In short, Deddington was incredible.'

For the third time Christine Blenntoft generously opened her garden to welcome around 180 people, mainly Deddingtonians, to enjoy the concert given by Harvard University's premier 'a cappella' singing group. The party atmosphere was enlivened at the interval by the opening of picnic tables and unrolling of tablecloths: two champagne corks discovered later were testament to a convivial evening. Typical of audience comments were: 'It's the highlight of my summer.' 'I so look forward to this concert each time.' 'Can they come back next year?'

This concert could not have happened without the generous support from numerous people: the host families who fed, watered, laundered travel-weary clothes, put up with late nights and unexpected events to leave the Kroks with wonderful memories of Deddington people; those who lent chairs, set them out, loaded them up, took them back to the Windmill Centre early on Sunday morning; the audience which took such care in respecting the garden and clearing up, even though they missed the two corks.

We could not end these reflections and paean to our wonderful village without drawing attention to the fact that Deddington is now on the world map. Each year the Kroks produce a T-shirt listing the places where they performed during their world tour. Among the 2015 list of Tokyo, Shanghai, Sydney, Bangkok, Paris is clearly seen – Deddington, England. Since the Kroks sell this T-shirt on tour, at any given moment, there could be people in these major cities convinced that Deddington is on the world stage. Can you imagine the conversations in Shanghai on where this 'city' could be? Look out for the flood of Chinese visitors in the next 12 months ... Finally, in these reflections, can we once again thank all the wonderful people of Deddington who came together and made this Krok visit so memorable.

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

I don't know whether you heard, but the United States is having an election. It is the main subject on the news most days, despite the fact that the title 'most powerful man in the world' won't be changing hands for another 15 months. Having watched Obama closely for the last three years, he actually has very little power now, and only gets things done by a series of side deals and trade-offs.

We arrived here three years ago, just before Obama was re-elected. The day after the election, Heather went to a local book club; that is the variety where the ladies sit around and gossip with a glass of wine as opposed to the Clifton men's book club, where they sit around with a glass of beer and gossip.

In the Greenwood Village book club Heather discovered a cluster of ladies with their arms around each other crying hysterically. The vast majority of our neighbours say Obama is a communist, despite not knowing what communism is. His policies certainly are a long way away from Marx' utopian dream.

Last week I watched an election debate between ten of the Republican candidates. The thing that struck me most was how similar they all were and how grey and stereotypical. Their replies to questions about abortion or gay marriage were all exactly as negative.

And then there was Trump. I was thinking he was a pantomime clown but he actually was different, and really very entertaining. He was by far the front runner in this very long race, but then insulted a female reporter in an extremely grisly manner. How can you take a man seriously with a haircut like that? The Republican favourite is now another Bush; yet more nepotism in the land of the free.

Of more importance I broke my record last week. I drove to the office without stopping. Our office is 2.2 miles from our house by road, with eight sets of traffic lights. For the first time ever, they were all green. Must have been a great omen – have a nice day? Didn't seem to work. I got stopped for speeding on the way home.

This morning it took me half an hour to take Ben the 1.2 miles to school for his first day back (on 13 August). He starts at 7.10am so if any of your children complain about getting up for school, tell them there are those much worse off in the world, some of them in the Land of the Free. That is as long as you have time for bad haircuts, nepotism and traffic lights.

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WELCOME PACKS

If you happen to know of a newcomer who has arrived in the parish, could you please contact me as the person who deals with Welcome Packs. Thank you.

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