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the Deddington news

I have returned refreshed from the Australian sun, if not from grand-motherly duties, and hope I can maintain Mary Robinson's standards of professionalism that she has brought to *DN* during the last five years. My thanks to her for bringing us into the 21st century and improving the overall appearance of the magazine. With an aging team (see p7) the challenges continue. We are lucky to be able to enjoy a special community but don't leave it all to the oldies! **Jill Cheeseman**

DIARY NOVEMBER

- Thu 1 Royal British Legion Club: Skittles, 8.00pm
- Fri 2 Primary School PTA: Fireworks Display, Playing field, 6.00pm
- Fri 2 Hempton Social Night, Church Hall, 6.30pm
- Sat 3 Flu Clinics, Health Centre, 9.00am-noon. Call 338611 for appointment. Also Mon 4.30-5.30pm, Thu & Fri 2.00-3.00pm
- Sat 3 Jazz & Classical Concert: Three Ways Trio, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Mon 5 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am-noon
- Wed 7 Fairtrade Christmas Preview, Parish Church, 10.30am-7.30pm
- Wed 7 Photographic Society: Chris Palmer, 'Points of View: Landscape Photography', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 8 Monday Morning Club: *Brideshead Revisited* (2008), Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Sat 10 Warriner Choral Society: Mozart 'Requiem', Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 10 Royal British Legion Club: Bingo, 8.00pm
- Sun 11 Remembrance Sunday: 10.30am in the Bull Ring for Parade; Act of Remembrance, War Memorial 11.00am followed by short service in the Parish Church
- Mon 12 Pegasus: Proposed development exhibition, Holly Tree, 2-8pm
- Tue 13 WI: 'Children and War – the Oxfordshire Story' by Liz Woolley, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 14 History Society: John Leighfield 'From Gough to Google', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 15 Election of Police Commissioner, Windmill Centre and Hempton Church Hall, 7.00am-10.00pm
- Thu 15 Friends of Deddington Festival AGM, Holly Tree, 7.00 for 7.45pm, note change of venue
- Thu 15 Desert Island Discs: the Rt Rev John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford, Parish Church 7.30pm
- Sat 17 Deddington Brass: 'Let's Face the Music', Parish Church, 7.00pm for 7.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 17 October 2012 at the Holly Tree Club

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Wood with a good turnout of councillors and four members of the public.

Open Forum

County Cllr Ray Jelf announced that he would be replaced at the next election by a candidate who was being 'parachuted in'. DPC reaction was very sympathetic and supportive. Ray has worked hard on our behalf; most particularly he facilitated the repair and resurfacing of the Hempton footpath. Ray was urged to stand as an Independent candidate.

Steve Ashby, head coach at Deddington Tennis Club, sought the support of DPC for the installation of floodlights at the club. Floodlights would help to recruit new members and retain junior members who leave to join other clubs with better facilities during the winter. A planning application would be considered

Planning

Hazel Hedge Cottage, Tithe Lane, Clifton: conversion of detached garage building to self-contained annexe, conditional approval

1 Chapel Square, Deddington: demolition of existing single storey rear extension to be replaced with a two storey extension. Concern about height and light impact on neighbouring properties, PWG suggest a visit by case officer before a decision is made.

2 Duns Tew Road, Hempton: demolition of kitchen and garden store to be replaced by a two storey rear extension. PWG recommends objection on the grounds of over-development.

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

Finance & General Purposes

Town Hall: a power socket is to be installed on the south side for the Christmas tree lights. Deddington Charity Estates are to be asked to submit a three year plan of works for the Town Hall so that DPC can then manage an agreed staged payment plan.

The *Parish at War* authors have asked for a further £200 towards costs of the supplemental publication. DPC agree in principle but also suggest they approach Oxfordshire's Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme for support.

Cemetery Rules: DPC are examining the rules relating to the administration of burials on Council owned land.

Annual Parish Meeting: to be held at the Windmill Centre on Tuesday 8 May 2013.

Fibre-Optic Cable: installation is on schedule for completion in mid January. Every household will be asked by BT about individual connection facilities.

Bank accounts with Anglo Irish bank and West Bromwich Building Society have been closed and funds transferred.

Investments: £547,643 with Barclays, Santander and NatWest.

Invoices totalling £4,006 were agreed for payment in October.

Next Meeting 21 November 2012 at 7.30pm at the Church Hall, Hempton

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The stork was seen recently flying low over Clifton and it's a huge Clifton welcome to the young dude Gilly, first born to Gilly and Dee Dee. A boy of some 6lb 13oz. Some ten days late merely meant that the nursery (and the bathroom eh Gilly?) was completed in time. Huge congratulations and best wishes to them all.

Secondly, well done to two of our charitable ladies for taking part in a great do for 'charidy'. Fiona Mayo and Angela Catania held a 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' on 28 September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. They'd like to thank all those who helped to raise £200 for this incredibly worthy cause.

A big if very belated Clifton welcome to Zena and Nick who, despite managing to keep their heads down for nearly a year, stumbled across a recent 'Strickly' club evening and got 'Martin'd'. In what must seem to be a requirement of Clifton residency, Nick is yet another doctor but Zena more intriguingly a midwife. Intriguing because statutory professionalism prevents us from reporting if Zena helped with Gilly junior's

arrival, but as they are neighbours this should lead to some interesting birthday party stories.

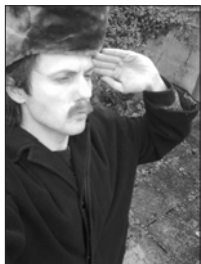
Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Beatles' *Magical Mystery Tour*, the great and the good of Deddington parish recently went on a bus trip of the highlights of the upcoming fibre only broadband project. The promised 'up to 300Mb' will mean this copy can arrive before I've even written it in the new year – which might reduce the opportunity to include so many crass errors! If only.

They stopped to look down a flooded hole on the corner of Chapel Close where a skilled artisan was terminating 32 glass fibres for each house on this spur prior to pulling through to our houses. Oh, I can't wait.

Weight club is nudging the two stone weight loss average per player – but no new members yet? Can you really look at yourself in the mirror?

Martin Bryce

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BLISSFUL THINKING

Time is our yardstick, currency and, eventually, executor. It is a measurement without which our history and chronology would not so easily be documented. They say he who masters time masters his own destiny, which explains Deddington's rich history as purveyors of timepieces. The 18th century Quakers that heralded a golden age of clock-making in the parish surely realised the intrinsic fear of man's own demise and his attempts to rectify this by utilising the short time he had to make an impact on his world.

Space time is a dimension that none of us is likely to be able to explore, though time travel remains a tantalising prospect for the dreamers among us. Were we to travel forward a century or two, what new shape would the parish take? What new denizens and edifices would cast shadows across the fields? What new enterprises would lend the area its character? Maybe, just maybe, the timepieces of the future would be more than a little interactive ...

Aaron Bliss aaronjbliss@hotmail.com

Snow Warning?

With the possibility of bad weather over the next few months, help your less fit neighbours by clearing the snow from their paths, not piling yours onto theirs. **JC**



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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL**AGM**

on Thursday 15 November

at 7.00 for 7.45pm at the

HOLLY TREE

Please note change of venue

Fibre-Optic Broadband Update

Some of you may think that this will not affect you but it is clear that Deddington parish (plus Barford St Michael and Aynho Wharf) will be in the unique position of being the only place in the country with all properties having access to this much faster and more efficient level of broadband. It will make a difference to businesses operating in the area and that can only be good for Deddington.

At the moment it is anticipated that the network will go live in January 2013 and customers will soon be able find out from their broadband service providers what sort of packages and costs they are offering. **JC**

Deddington Map Group

We still have some copies of the book *Discovering Deddington* and of the millennium maps of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton, and will be selling all of them at the bargain price of £3 each in the church at the November Farmers' Market – an idea for Christmas presents?

Buffy Heywood 338212

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Friday 2nd November 2012

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GREEN PIECE

George Fene-more wrote in last month's *DN* about how the weather this 'summer' has affected local farming. This month he may tell us that sowing next year's crops was delayed because the ground was too wet. What is happening?

The National Snow & Ice Data Center website said 'as of October 15, Arctic sea ice extent stood at 2 million square miles. This is 1.35m sq miles below the 1979 to 2000 mean for this time of year and 27,000 square miles below the same date in 2007.' The Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change was not believed when it predicted that the Arctic might be free of ice in the summer in 70 years; now it is expected that will be when my six year-old grandson is at secondary school. The loss of ice matters because it reflects sunlight but open water absorbs it. The irreversible tipping point comes when Arctic Circle permafrost releases its store of methane, a greenhouse gas 22 times more powerful than CO₂, to accelerate global warming.

What has this to do with George's Farm? A paper published earlier this year in Geophysical Research Letters shows that Arctic warming is likely to be responsible for the extremes now hammering the once-temperate nations. The north polar jet stream travels eastwards around the hemisphere. It acts as a barrier, separating the cold, wet weather to the north from the warmer, drier weather to the south. Regions to the south of the stalled meander wait for weeks for rain; regions to the north (or underneath it) wait for weeks for a break from the rain. Instead of a benign succession of sunshine and showers, we get droughts or floods.

Hence climate change is reducing food production in Europe and in Africa. That hits farmers' yields and supermarket prices. Climate change deniers refuse to let facts change their minds. They hide their heads in the sand, if they can find any to do so.

Christopher Hall 338225

News from Hempton

I start with apologies that the social evening on 6 October was cancelled at short notice. I do know some people turned up and found the building in darkness. The event will resume on the first Friday of each month with 7 December being a Christmas special; please bring a bottle and a plate of food to share.

Congratulations to Angela and Mak Conlan of Duns Tew Road on the christening of their daughter Imogen on 16 September in St Joseph's Church with 75 in the congregation to support them. The Harvest Festival Service was held on 23 September with only 20 people attending, somewhat disappointing. Many thanks to everyone who decorated and supplied the produce which was auctioned and £50 donated to the Alzheimer Society. The AGM of the Friends of the Church was held on Monday 24th; again a poor attendance but perhaps that is a sign that people are happy with the way things are run. The previous committee was re-elected en bloc. The Harvest Supper took place on 6 October, with again a small turnout of only 18 people who thoroughly enjoyed a great meal; many thanks to those who catered for it.

Future events in the hall are Thursday 18 November when voting takes place for the new Police Commissioner between 7am–10pm. The Parish Council will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday 21 November from 7.30pm. If you have any questions, there are ten minutes at the start of the meeting for you to speak. The Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday 1 December from 11am, with all the usual attractions offering something for everyone, including hot snacks. Gifts suitable for a festive occasion will be most welcome – please let me know if you have anything.

A special welcome to Annie and Simon who have moved into Top Thatch and Jenny, Torque (not sure about spelling) and Lauren plus the dog who have arrived at Benmor.

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Services for November

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Thu	1	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
		6.00pm	Eucharist All Saints
Sun	4	10.30am	First Sunday All Saints
		3.00pm	Commemoration of the Departed All Souls
		6.30pm	Requiem/Evensong
Wed	7	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	8	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	11	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11.00am	Service of Remembrance
Wed	14	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	15	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	18	10.30am	Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)
Wed	21	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	22	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	25	9.30am	Fourth Sunday, Eucharist followed at 10.15 by Interactive Café Church, Christ the King
Wed	28	10.00am	Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)
Thu	29	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Fri	30	6.00pm	Eucharist St Andrew

St John, Hempton

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

SS Michael and John, Barford

Sun	4	10.30am	Eucharist (BfdStM)
		5.00pm	Commemoration of the Departed (BfdStJ) All Souls
Sun	11	9.00am	Service of Remembrance (BfdStM) Remembrance Sunday
Sun	18	10.30am	Family Service (BfdStM)
Sun	25	4.00pm	Evensong (BfdStM)



It's hard to believe, but it's a year since we formally launched Deddington OnAir at the Windmill Centre. We have produced a leaflet documenting our achievements, *The Story So Far*, available on our website www.deddingtononair.org/.

Work is ongoing and we are happy to announce that Sue Shelley has become our treasurer and Tim White is now a director of Deddington OnAir. Sadly we have lost Heather Ward to a two year spell living in America and we wish her and her family well in this adventure.

As usual we welcome your ideas and if you would like to make a programme we have amassed a splendid equipment library from which you are welcome to borrow. We can also give advice and support on how to use it.

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

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
25 November: John Neale

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury Fr John Burns 277396

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Sun at 10.00am.

St George's Church, Adderbury: Mass Wed 7.00pm and Sun 8.30am.

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

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

Thursday 1 November is the major feast of All Saints and remains a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass at Adderbury on Wednesday 30 at 7.00pm and Masses at Hethe on the Thursday at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

November being the month of the Departed, parishioners are especially invited to remember the dead in their prayers.

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

There are many tasks involved in running the station and if you think you could offer us some help please do contact us. We hope that you are enjoying what we are doing, both in podcasts, archiving and on our website, Facebook and Twitter pages.

The latest addition on the podcast side is a fantastic interview with John Cheney; Ben Ward is soon to start broadcasting a programme from his new home in America; Late Night Large has just celebrated its first anniversary and we have gained real time local weather and traffic reporting which is available on the front page of the site.

The Friends of Deddington OnAir renewals have just been sent out so to either join or renew, please contact Eileen Anderson on eileenandersonuk@yahoo.co.uk or 338325. Thank you for your support and help, and for listening in.

David Rogers, Chair
david@blueskyday.biz

Love ... Natural ... Food

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

In November I am eating ... leek. The sight of fat, grubby leeks in the farm shop reminds me of chilly evenings and a cosy log fire. Although they can be bought all year round, there is something quite special about the sweet and delicate flavour of the British leek. However, like its other family members, the onion and garlic, it tends to play a supportive role in cooking, used as a base on which to build other flavours. But it's a bit

unfair to condemn this winter hero to the stock pot when its flavour is robust enough for it to take centre stage. It is a vegetable which simply oozes winter comfort – think soups, pies and savoury tarts.

About: The leek is a member of the allium family, along with onions and garlic. It looks a bit like a large spring onion, with a long white elongated bulb and a green leafy top. The leek is the national emblem of Wales; legend has it that St David ordered his soldiers to wear leeks in their helmets during battle



in the 1600s in order to identify themselves from the enemy. In traditional medicine, leeks are thought to help keep winter illnesses at bay due to their vitamin and anti-oxidant content.

Season: Leeks are in season in the UK between September and March.

How to choose: Choose leeks which are firm and bright white in colour, with dark green tops. Leeks come in all sizes from very small (baby leeks) to very large. Smaller leeks will tend to have a lighter flavour than the larger ones. If you buy your leeks from the farm shop or farmers' market, they may be a little dirty so make sure you wash them thoroughly before cooking.

How to prepare: The sweet, delicate flavour of leek combines particularly well with butter, cream and potato. Simply sauté washed and chopped leeks with butter for a satisfying side dish. Mix cooked leeks with grated cheese to make a toastie with a twist or combine with potato to make a warming leek and potato soup.

For a vegetarian version of a classic, try Nigel Slater's Leek and Mushroom Pie (see the *Guardian* website).

Jamie Oliver's Roasted White Fish and Leeks is a delicious recipe which lets the humble leek take centre stage (see his *Jamie at Home*).

Phillipa Carson

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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

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INVITATION TO A PUBLIC EXHIBITION PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Pegasus Planning Group and Revera Ltd are holding a Public Exhibition to inform the local community of plans for a new residential development of approximately 85 dwellings at Deddington.

The Public Exhibition has been arranged to provide the opportunity for local residents to "drop in" and discuss the proposals.

Please join us at the following time and venue:

Date: **Monday 12th November 2012**

Time: **2pm – 8pm**

Venue: **The Holly Tree Hall**

**Horse Fair
Deddington**



History's Illustrious Franks To Francis Steiner on his 90th birthday

To Assisi first, to greet a saint
With Ordered Friars in a state of grace,
And St Francis' sylvan setting paint,
Where man and beast in peace embrace.

Now on to England, Gloriana's reign,
To see a mighty Frank emerge.
A knighted Drake, who sailed the main
And turned from bowling to th'Armada's scourge.

Then yet another gifted Frank
(This one a Welsh derived Yank)
Appraised lines Classic, Renaissance,
And on Mock Tudor looked askance.
Consigned the lot to the mists of time
And gave the world the Guggenheim.

Next – unravelling DNA was Francis Crick
Who with 'Doc Watson' as side-kick,
Updated Sherlock's work prescription
And changed the course of detective fiction.

While here, in village room or street
With gracious discourse when we meet,
Or Zeus-like in his car (we pray!)
We have a courtly polymath,
A Catholic knight of learning's path
Who bears the name of Frank today.

Kristin Thompson

Frank reported that he was invited to Thames Valley Police HQ to celebrate his 90th with two other nonogenarian volunteers from Charlbury and the Chief Constable was there. *Ed*

Church Arts Group

I wonder how many of you have Classic FM on in the background when you are going about your daily tasks? Enjoyable as that may be, it is so much more exciting hearing the same music live. And you could have had that experience in Deddington Church at any of the three concerts that have taken place in the last four weeks. Professional musicians are queuing up to take advantage of the Steinway piano and the church's fine acoustic, so let's make it worth their while in coming to Deddington by bumping up the numbers in the audience.

CHAG has two more events in November: on Sat 3rd at 7.30pm John Law is bringing his trio (piano, saxophone and bass) to give an intriguing mix of jazz and classical, and on Sun 18th at 4.00pm the Adderbury ensemble is building a programme around Dvorak's vibrant Piano Quintet. Also the choral aficionados amongst you will have noted that the Warriner Choral Society is back on 10 November.

Donald Lane donald199@btinternet.com

Calling all Businesses and Organisations in Deddington Parish – We Need Your Help!

I am in the process of updating your details for Deddington OnLine Business and Organisation (Doldex) – check your current status on <http://www.deddington.org.uk/doldex/>.

But sometimes this process is slow because you don't get back to me. Perhaps you might think your entry details are fine as they are and so a reply is unnecessary; you might be suspicious that this is an advertising scam; or you might put the request aside as it needs more thought, and then forget about it.

Doldex can be accessed by anyone in the country looking for information within the parish (see 'Any social or business enterprise within the parish is entitled to an entry on DOL' and other information on <http://www.deddington.org.uk/about/>). Even if you have no amendments to make, I would like to hear from you; the advertising of your business/organisation is entirely free with the aim of the parish benefiting from your presence and vice versa.

If you are new to the area, please do contact me, so that your business or organisation will be put on the Doldex. In this way, you will be sure to get the full advantage of what Doldex has to offer.

So please don't hesitate – reply to my emails or phone calls with either your amendments or just to say you are happy with how your entry is – we all want you to benefit from being up-to-date.

Wendy Meagher 336216

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the months of November and December 1862:

3rd November – We started for Brighton by the first train to take lodgings at 14, Kings Road.

29th November – We returned home from Brighton, having left by the 11am. Express train and arrived at home by the two o'clock train from London.

4th, 5th and 6th December – I called in on old Jenny Knibbs each day – she was apparently in a dying state. On the 6th whilst we were at dinner, a message was brought to us stating that poor old Jenny Knibbs had just died, aged 92 years, she was never married.

8th December – I had a long talk with Jenny Knibbs's nephew from Barton, who asked me to bury her on Wednesday, which I did.

20th December – I heard a vagrancy case against a lad from Barton – a convicted thief twice tho' only 17 years old. Sent him to House of Correction with Hard Labour for 21 days.

22nd December – I gave away our annual two sheep at this time, and tea and money to the widows of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton and others.

30th December – Arranged for cleaning out certain necessary places tonight on our own and late Jenny Knibbs's premises.

31st December – Heard a case against two tramps from Wigan, near Leeds, of window smashing at Gibbs, the watchmaker.

Buffy Heywood 338212

THE FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON CHURCH

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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM



Ho, when will this nightmare end? After one of the most difficult growing seasons and a disastrous harvest which has seen a year-on-year reduction of 20% in this year's national harvest, we are once again fighting the weather to get next year's wheat crop in the ground. As any gardener will tell you good

seedbed preparation and careful soil management are keys to a good crop. As I bash this out we have managed to get some 80% of our planned wheat crops in the ground; I hesitate to use the word planted, as the 'seedbeds' are so wet and in such poor condition the seed has been 'mauled' into the soil, but at least, unlike many others, we have the chance of producing a crop for next year, providing we can keep the slugs at bay. With the difficult planting conditions, our wheat yields for the coming harvest will be even lower than this year's, but we are not alone in our troubles, as a farming online survey has revealed that only some 25% of the planned national wheat crop has been planted and on many 'heavy land' farms the crops will not be planted.

The bees are now all tucked up in bed for the winter; they too have had a difficult year, and we have only been able to 'take off' a third of the normal honey crop. We have lost 15 hives during the summer due to the young queens being unable to fly to mate, but the 55 colonies that we have left are strong and going into the winter in very good condition. They have all been treated for the dreaded Varroa mite and are enjoying

a good crop of ivy when the weather conditions let them fly, and when they can't, they are tucking into the sugar syrup with a vengeance.

The rams are now out on the job and we should see the first fruits of their labours at the beginning of March. Jago the new Cotswold ram has also been strutting his stuff and his offspring should be skipping around at the turn of the year, so that's something to look forward to.

Despite the atrocious summer, the wildlife on the farm seems to have done very well, with many of our farmland birds already taking advantage of the bird seed strips and we shall again be setting up the feeding stations once the seed strips have been exhausted in the new year. Although the June hatching period for the grey partridge was very wet and cold with many of the first broods not being able to survive, I was very pleased to see a number of second broods as we cut the harvest and was able to show the assistant combine drivers these tiny chicks as we 'walked' them out of the crops and into the headland cover strips away from the prying eyes of the ever present winged assassins. Although the persistent tide of the Clifton sea gave the curlew and red shank a difficult time, the duck were in their element, prompting the comment from the assistant beekeeper when we went for a look 'this is duck heaven down here'.

The farming year has turned and it's time to draw a line under the troubles of the past season and look forward to Christmas with its log fires (thanks to the summer storms), a few high flying pheasants and a drop of the highland water - so not a bad end to a difficult year after all.

George Fenemore 338203

Primary School PTA

The PTAAGM was held on 25 September when a new committee was formed. We now have a committee made up of some old faithfuls and some new faces.

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Melissa Chadderton and Ingrid Robey for their tremendous work over the last year. They have stepped down as chair and treasurer respectively, but will remain on the committee this year. The committee has two new co-chairs, Lucie Sydenham and Jo Watt, and a new treasurer, Chris Kaye.

We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us for our annual fireworks display on 2 November. As usual, the display will be held on the school field and everyone is most welcome. Gates open at 6pm so do come along in time to enjoy something to eat and drink before the fireworks blast off at 7pm. The barbecue will be in action as always. There will be a licensed bar, hot drinks and homemade cakes and biscuits, toffee apples (with thanks to the Co-op) and the children's bar selling drinks and sweets.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the

farmers' market which kindly provide us with both stalls and considerable manpower; it would be a very different event without their help.

This year tickets will be available in advance from the Flower Shop or from Lucie Sydenham: a family ticket costs £10 and all tickets bought before the event will include a free drinks voucher.

The children at school are busy creating their wonderful pictures for Christmas cards. Many thanks to Mike Homer and Multiflow Print Ltd for helping us with the production of the cards again this year. They will be on sale in the Flower Shop, at the November farmers' market and again from Lucie Sydenham.

With thanks to all committee members (both old and new), all helpers and everyone for their continued support, we are looking forward to a great year full of fun.

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Jo Watt

PTA Chairs

The History of our Town Hall – Part II

World Wars

While there are no references in the Trustees' Minutes to the First World War, the Second World War is recorded obliquely. In 1940 the Town Hall's upper floor and the coal place were let to the Deddington Platoon of the Home Guard and in 1946 the Hall was officially de-requisitioned by the War Department. The Home Guard notice board is mentioned as up for repair in 1949, suggesting that Dad's Army was still going strong, four years after the War had ended.

Renovations

Finance was more readily available after the War. A rent for electricity is mentioned in the Minute Book in 1946. However, we read in the Minutes of Feb. 1947 that 'it had not been possible to arrange with the Wessex Electricity Co. or the Gas Co. to install heating arrangements in the TH and it was decided to carry on with coal fires.' A Minute Book entry in 1953 draws the Trustees' attention to the shabby condition of the Town Hall interior. P. A. Franklin and Sons carried out redecoration work in 1954, at a cost of £74.00.



In 1965

PC Lease

The next milestone in the Town Hall's history was in 1965. The minutes for October record an offer from the Parish Council 'to take a lease of the Town Hall for a period of 20 years, at a rental of £75 a year. The offer was subject to vacant possession of the whole property'. After debate, the offer was accepted. Problems arose almost immediately as to which body should pay for urgent repairs to the Town Hall timber. A deferment of rent was agreed upon.

Renovations to the Almshouses (also administered by the Trustees) and related modernisation occupy the Trustees for the next 20 years. There is no mention of any money being spent on the Town Hall itself. In October 1987 the Clerk reports that 'he had discovered (!) that the 20 year lease of the Town Hall to Deddington Parish Council had expired in March 1986'. The Trustees readily agreed to offer to renew the lease for a further 20 years at a rental of £75p.a. and on similar terms, i.e. the PC 'being responsible for all outgoings – all repairs, rates, insurance etc.'

Millennium Plans

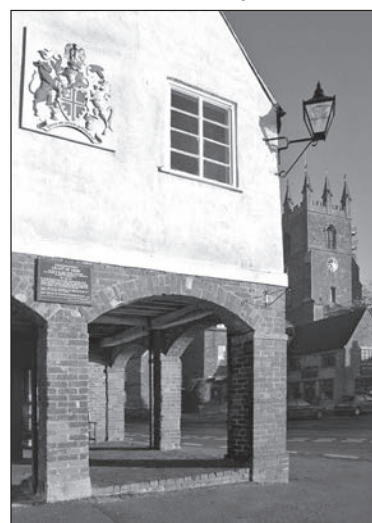
During the 1990s various ideas were put forward by the Trustees to celebrate the year 2000. The Town Hall was to be renovated, substantially modernised and possibly used as a museum. Three architects' quotations were considered, including a substantial Feasibility Report. Next, a Millennium Working Group, under the auspices of the PC, circulated a questionnaire, asking parishioners to choose a village project to celebrate the year 2000. Twenty-six per cent of questionnaire replies were in favour of a Town Hall modernisation scheme. Ultimately however, all plans were put on hold, basically over the question of ownership. The PC's lease of the Town Hall was up for renewal again in 2006 and there was stalemate over whether this lease should be renewed or the building be sold to the PC (see Millennium reports on DOL).

In the end, as far as the Town Hall was concerned, the Millennium was marked by the installation of a board showing the Map Group's work on Deddington's history. This covers a large section of the external south wall of the Hall, in the undercroft. The area is now also used as a bus shelter and for charity stalls and it serves a variety of purposes during the monthly Farmers' Markets. PC and parish notice boards have been installed here.

Update

Until 2010 the Parish Council and a local Art Group met in the upstairs room, which was also let periodically for art, craft and photographic exhibitions. However, in that year the PC's final lease ended and the building was returned to the Trustees of Deddington Charity Estates. At the moment, the Town Hall is let out commercially and when sufficient capital has been acquired, various renovations are planned.

And the next 400 years?



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(For a more detailed account, see the History Section of DoL, <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/buildings/townhall>)

Kristin Thompson. 337052

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 JOHN CHENEY,
FEATHERTON HOUSE

I would like to express my thanks to all those who made the Book of Common Prayer service on 30 September so memorable. Sensitiveled by Dan with a lucid sermon, the wonderful words of the mattins service came through so that we could 'read, mark, learn and inwardly digest' them. The music, too, was right: Stanford's *Te Deum* superbly and joyfully sung by the choir (with a little 'help' from a wobbly bass in the tenth row) was splendid. The beautiful anthem, *Thou knowest Lord*, is surely a marriage of words and music made in heaven. So thank you all, ministers, Elsa and the choir, for presenting us with an opportunity to give thanks for the most beautiful language ever written to the glory of God.

FROM FRANK STEINER, CHAPMANS LANE

The recent publication of *The Supplement* probably completes a remarkable achievement in the life of this community, the second and presumably final volume of what is both a work of scholarship and a manifestation of civic pride. These two volumes are an instance of thorough historical research and use of documentation and are leading to the installation of a memorial tablet listing names that have been missing from the existing War Memorial. They also make possible the financing of this tablet. The book itself was extensively reviewed when the first volume appeared, so the arguments in its praise need not be repeated here, but its completion is a welcome opportunity to thank the authors for their efforts and for a piece of work well done and appreciated for such a number of different reasons.

May I also express my appreciation for Mary Robinson's article, *Beating the Browsers* (Sept DN). This concise and informative explanation tells me much that I had not really understood.

FROM INGRID ROBEY, HEMPTON

My thanks everyone who came to support my Macmillan Coffee Morning in memory of Emma Thompson's Mum - Jennie Wells. We raised £340, which is brilliant and that's down to all my regulars and a few new faces who came. I would also like to thank Cedar Therapy, Eagles Butchers, the Flower Shop, Nicholson Nurseries and Cherwell Dental Care for the raffle prizes, and Elizabeth Wilson for coming with Phoenix Cards. I mustn't forget to thank my coffee angels, Emma Thompson, Melissa Chadderton and Sinead Wilby who help this event run smoothly. Thanks everyone for your continued support.



FROM DEE HAILEY, HUDSON STREET
I was running past the gates of the Holly Tree in August and spotted a silver bracelet lying on the pavement. I put a notice up on the board in the Post Office, but have had no response. If you know anyone who may have lost a bracelet around that time, please ask them to phone me with a description of the missing item on 338942.

FROM HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS

With the steep increase in postal charges this year, many people may be planning to send fewer Christmas cards. An alternative is to search for better value. After all it is 'the thought that counts' and a good card will always convey something of the Christmas message of love and goodwill. This is to be found in the illustration on nearly all Traidcraft cards which also contribute to the work of Christian Aid and other development agencies that benefited by £100,000 last Christmas. Cards and many gift items from the Fair Trade catalogue will be on display and to buy at the Christmas preview in Deddington Church on Wednesday 7 November from 10.30am – 7.30pm. In addition to well-stocked bargain tables there will be many products to buy or order from the Traidcraft catalogue (10% discount if bought or ordered on the day). Every purchase helps a producer in a developing nation to become self-sufficient. Catalogues are available at the Church or from Deddington Fair Traders on market day or ring 337761.

FROM AMANDA HOWARD, NSPCC,
THAMES VALLEY

More than 2000 children and young people from Oxfordshire called the NSPCC's ChildLine service last year to ask for support or advice. I am the local NSPCC fundraising development manager and I am looking to interest local people in forming new support groups to help promote NSPCC messages at a local level and raise much needed for Oxfordshire. For more information or to discuss opportunities with local support groups in your area, please contact me at amanda.howard@nspcc.org.uk or call 01608 678967.

FROM LUCY DAVIDSON, CROSS HILL ROAD,
ADDERBURY

Bath Christmas Market consists of more than 120 stalls offering quality products and brilliant gift ideas. A bus trip will leave the Red Lion, Adderbury at 8.30am on Saturday 8 December at a cost of £20 per person, raising funds in aid of Alzheimers Society. For more information please contact Lucy Davidson on 01295 812050, or call into Adderbury Library.

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

We held our AGM on 2 October and were delighted to be able to elect a large and enthusiastic new committee. Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting and to all those who stood for election. We couldn't do it without you.

The fund-raising group has already swung into action and have plans for a pamper night on 4 December, a jumble sale on 2 March and the big 'do' of the year, our summer party, on 14 July. Put the dates in your diary and watch this space for more details. Meanwhile the children have settled in well and have been enjoying lots of different activities - autumn walks and playing in the leaves, cooking apple crumbles, dancing to happy and sad music, and finger painting, to name but a few.

Lucy Squires 337484

Friends of the Castle Grounds

The Teddy Bear's Picnic on Sunday 16 September was enjoyed by those who came despite it not being picnic weather. There was plenty to keep everyone warm and occupied, with welly-wanging, golf pitching and sack races. Best Dressed Teddy and Name the Teddy was competitive and resulted in some very happy children.

We have been lucky enough to negotiate the return of the Community Workers for a number of weeks who will be at the Castle Grounds every Thursday to help with the clearance of the overgrown banks. Our group are determined to rid the banks of the invasive plants which will allow the sowing of wild flowers and grass seed. We believe this will improve the visual impact of the grounds as well as encouraging wildlife.

Terry Clinch, Chairman 338711

Bus Services in Deddington Parish

Oxfordshire County Council is reviewing subsidised bus services in Deddington area. It seems likely they'll be looking particularly closely at the Thursday-only number 90 service to Upper Heyford and some aspects of the Oxford-Banbury S4 route, for instance the Sunday service and diversion through one the villages. Deddington PC has already carried out a survey for those who need the Dial-a-Ride service. Now the County Council is distributing a new questionnaire to find out about the transport needs of all parishioners.

The PC hopes that as many people as possible will respond to send a clear message to OCC that we care about our bus services and that the routes through the village are a lifeline for many. The more responses the County Council receives, the better it will understand local needs and shape and improve the transport services to meet them.

The questionnaire will arrive shortly and you can return it via one of the collecting boxes at the library, the Post Office, the health centre or the church. Or you can find it online at www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/. So, no excuses, for the sake of the community, please fill in the form. **Deddington Parish Council**

WELL REMEMBERED

Simon Pleydell-Bouverie 1928–2012

Simon Pleydell-Bouverie was born in London on 24 April 1928, the son of the Hon Bartholemew Pleydell-Bouverie and Lady Doreen Clare Hely-Hutchinson. His mother was killed during the war when he was about 15 and later his father remarried an American. Simon and his sister went to live in Westbury, Long Island for the duration of the war. On his return to Britain he went to school at Harrow and did his national service with the Life Guards Regiment which he hated. He was serving in Palestine when the British pulled out in May 1948.

He spent three happy years at Cambridge and joined Cooper Brothers to qualify as a chartered accountant. The rest of his working life was spent in various businesses, mainly co-owning a small manufacturing company specialising in building small furnaces and kilns where he ran the financial side. When that business moved to Bletchley the family moved to Deddington in 1965. His last job was with Norbar in Banbury.

He married Vivien Eleanor Keane in 1961. They had four children, Grania, David (Archie), Juliet and Alice, and there are eight grandchildren. He was a true gentleman, considerate, loving and generous, kind, principled and full of integrity. He was a real family man and was at his happiest when he was surrounded by his extended family. He was also loyal to his many friends. He loved anything American, particularly burgers and ice-cream and delighted in treating his young children to cream teas.

In his earlier life he played tennis and was a member of the All England Lawn Tennis Club. He was a passionate golfer and knew his way around the UK, not by towns and villages or even motorways or pubs, but by golf clubs. He was hopelessly impractical, whether helping with the shopping, changing an electric plug or packing the car.

During his recent illness he never complained and was fortunate to have been able to spend a holiday in North Berwick with the extended family.

Vivien, Grania, Archie, Juliet and Alice

WORLD WAR 1 – The 100th Anniversary

The Great War started on 4 August 1914 and, around the time of the one hundredth anniversary, the Royal British Legion Deddington Branch hopes to display military ephemera of that era. However, much depends on what people will lend us for a short period. Naturally all items lent to the RBL will be carefully safeguarded. We currently have sufficient envelopes, letters, cap badges and trench maps of that period, so will not be asking for these.

Although the anniversary is two years away, we are planning now so please hunt out items of interest. In 1995 more than 600 people visited the military display of items loaned by Deddingtonians. Should you have any items that may be of interest, please contact me.

David Hood 338200

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

Remembrance Sunday 11 November 2012

The parade will assemble in the Bull Ring, Deddington at 10.30am and will depart for the War Memorial at 10.45am. Everyone is welcome to join the parade.

The Act of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial at 11.00am and this will be followed by a short service in the Parish Church.

Annual Poppy Collection

The annual poppy collection that began at the Farmers' Market on Saturday 27 October continues until Remembrance Sunday by door-to-door collections and collection points at local businesses.

Membership of the Royal British Legion is open to anyone over the age of 18. No previous military service is required. The annual fee is £18 (£13 for pensioners). Contact the secretary on the number below. We want to encourage people in the village to join the branch and continue the work of the Royal British Legion by serving on the committee. For further information please contact the secretary.

Jean Morris, Branch Secretary 338143
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Deddington Players

Sinbad's voyage has set sail. Our auditions were a huge success and we have a record number of people in the cast this year. It was great to see some new faces, both adults and children, and we hope you will enjoy being part of the show. Rehearsals begin on 11 November and the show is on 17, 18 and 19 January 2013 – Deddington's 21st pantomime. Watch out for us in our 21st anniversary T-shirts around the village.

Lucy Squires
338442

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us on our race night.

Many thanks also to the British Legion Club for helping us to make it a success.

Pat Clements 338710

1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

We spent several weeks planning, stuffing and dressing the guys that were displayed at the market as well as looking at the work that Shelterbox does around the world and the places where our boxes have been sent in the past.

The Cubs also made wraps and talked about diet, including breakfasts, as part of their Fitness Challenge.

Coming soon – look out for a group of little spooks roaming around the village on the White Sheet Walk!

Jo Churchyard CSL 338071
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Scouts

The Scouts celebrated 'International Speak Like a Pirate Day' with an evening of piratical shenanigans and a lot of 'Aaarghs'.

We decided that they needed to learn some proper boy stuff and to that end we spent some weeks making pea-shooters (much spit), blow pipes (surprisingly powerful) and slingshots, which we are planning to use in a flour ball battle at Horley Campsite.

The trip to Stratford was a great success; the weather was perfect and the street entertainers very funny. The Scouts travelled independently and we met them in the town where they followed a treasure hunt, did a bit of shopping, ate lunch and travelled back. This counts as half of their Expedition Challenge.

Remembrance Day – Sunday 11 November, 10am in the Bull Ring Deddington – uniform, school trousers, ironed neckerchief and poppy.

Pete Churchyard SL 338071
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1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

We've had a great start to the new term – the weather has been lovely, making up for all the rain in July. The campfire was a huge hit; thank you to Deddington Guides for their help with the fires and running the meeting. I'm not sure how much tea the Rainbows managed as they ate so many marshmallows. I think 11 on one stick was the record. (Well done Jemima – she was late starting to toast her marshmallows as she was still colouring her sitter so she thought she ought to make up for it). We all really enjoyed the autumn walk too – it was a lovely afternoon and everybody managed it with some flapjack to keep them going halfway.

Our annual visit to the fire station is always popular and Ava, Elizabeth and Amelia won the unofficial 'wettest Rainbow' competition. (I think they all sat in a puddle). We did look over the fire engine and learn how important smoke alarms are, as well as playing with the hoses. All the girls went home to check they had working smoke alarms in their homes and should be taking on the job of weekly testing. Thanks to fire-fighters Sharon and Adam for giving up their time to talk to us.

We're looking forward to conker collecting (will there be any conkers this year?) and making 'hotels' for overwintering insects.

Hazel Neal 337822

Photographic Society

It has been a busy period recently for the Society. On 19 September, member Simon Lutter led a workshop on studio photography. The Apricot Room of the Cartwright Hotel was transformed into two photographic studios with studio lights, backdrops and various lighting reflectors, including two amateur lady models. Members experimented with different camera angles

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and lighting techniques to capture the models in different poses, finding that studio photography as depicted in magazines was not at all easy.

On 26 September, member Cliff May led a photo-shoot to the unused aerodrome at Upper Heyford where members braved some inclement weather to photograph the bleak landscape that was once an important operational air base. On 13 October Cliff also led a photo-shoot to Sulgrave Manor which was very popular and the weather was beautiful. The results of the workshop and the photo-shoots can be seen on the Society's website (www.adandd.co.uk/).

On 3 October John Credland APAGB DPAGB gave a presentation on 'Photography After Dark'. A professional photographer, John showed and discussed many examples of his work after dark, including city street life, fair grounds, firework displays, sunsets etc. An articulate, frank and very amusing presenter, John concluded his presentation with three short audio-visual presentations that showcased his expertise.

The sixth annual exhibition of members' work was shown at the Adderbury Institute in September, and at Kings Sutton church and Deddington parish church in October. Some eighty photographs were on display which can be reprinted on the Society's website.

The next meeting of the Society is at 7.30pm on 7 November in the Apricot Room, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, when Chris Palmer ARPS APAGB will give a presentation on 'Points of View – Landscape Photography'. Everyone is welcome to attend – just come along and you will find us there.

Wendy Meagher 336216

Deddington Brass

Our inaugural concert *Let's Face the Music* takes place on Saturday 17 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. Doors open at 7.00pm for pre-concert refreshments. There are no tickets but we will be collecting and fund-raising for both Deddington Church and Katharine House Hospice. Come along and support your local brass band – Oxfordshire's newest. We have evolved from the Boys' Brigade Band and now welcome all local brass players. Why not join us? Find us in the church at 7.00pm on Monday nights – we'd love to meet you.

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington and District History Society

A packed October meeting heard a terrific presentation by Col Tim May on Oxfordshire's military history in the shape of the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars. Established as the Oxfordshire Yeomanry in 1794, it recruited part-time soldiers who would serve only within the county and who would be answerable to the civil not the military authorities. For much of the 19th century the yeomanry policed civil disorders. They acquired the title 'Queen's Own' in 1838 courtesy of

Queen Adelaide, 'Hussars' being added in 1872. The Hussars became more a conventional military force during the Boer War. Their most distinguished recruit, Winston Churchill, joined in 1901 and remained a life-long supporter. It was Churchill's influence that secured the Hussars the doubtful privilege of being the first yeomanry regiment to serve in World War I. During the Second World War they were attached to the Royal Artillery as anti-tank gunners. Some, disastrously, arrived in Singapore just in time to be captured by the Japanese. In 1945 yeomanry soldiers were among the first to witness the appalling scenes at the liberation of Bergen-Belsen. The yeomanry was disbanded in 1967 but reformed in 1969 as a territorial unit. All in all, a fascinating social and military history.

Next year a museum devoted to the 'Soldiers of Oxfordshire' will open at the county museum at Woodstock, commemorating the history of conflict and its impact on Oxfordshire people.

Our next talk, on Wednesday 14 November, will feature John Leighfield who will talk about his remarkable collection of local maps, some of which will be on display. This will be a chance to view maps close-up that normally are roped off within museum cabinets.

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

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

1st Deddington Guides

Autumn already! We made the best of light evenings early in the term and cooked marshmallows and played a brilliant game until the gloom descended.

Our pet evening was as enjoyable as ever. Hamsters, guinea pigs, worms, rabbits, tortoises, chickens and giant South African land snails all came. All great to be able to handle and learn about.

We have now formed our new patrols, elected patrol leaders and are underway, working together as teams, planning and organising our own activities.

Well done to Georgia and Jasmine who organised a fashion show that all the guides took part in. This was quite a feat of organisation.

This week four senior guides, Sophie, Lorna, Tilly and Ellie, are planning the meeting on an international theme for their Baden-Powell Award and all six senior guides will join the district senior guide group to help plan next year's district Thinking Day celebration in February.

Maggie Rampley, Guider
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Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

October was a hectic month for the DOGS. On 19 October we ventured east to Aspley Guise Golf Club for a full day of activities. The day proved to be typical for

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golf in general for 2012. It rained. Enough said. There were 18 brave souls who persevered the elements for the afternoon 18 holes with Nigel Oddy coming out on top. Congratulations Nigel and well played.

Our final event for 2012 was at Studley Wood on 26 October. This is the replay following our wash-out in April. We awarded the famous 'Big Ears Trophy' following the golf, crowning the 2012 DOGS Golfer of the Year.

Full details of the above events are on Deddington OnLine.

David Darst 338589

Deddington Town Colts

Mini football

The Under 7s are flourishing with large turnouts at the Windmill every Saturday morning where we focus on fun, communication, teamwork and ball skills. The Under 9s have won one game in the league, and lost the other three games, and were also defeated in the knock-out cup. The Under 10 Cobras have made a promising start to the season with a mid-table position so far. A very close battle with top of the table Middleton when the team was very unlucky not to come away with three points. Joe Palmer is currently top scorer with three goals. The Under 10s Sharks have made a great start to the season winning their first four matches – a 3-0 victory over Carterton Colts, a 3-2 win over Charlbury Youth, a 7-3 win over Banbury United Youth Spencer (including four goals for Joe Sydenham) and a 4-1 win over Highfield Juniors (with a hat-trick for Lucas Lluna). Then came the reality check with a 4-1 defeat to Ducklington and a 2-0 defeat to Garden City. Still, the Sharks remain third in the league, only a point behind the two leaders.

Junior football

The Under 11s have had an excellent start to their first season playing 11-a-side. They have won four matches and drawn the other. They have played an attractive style of football with strong contributions throughout the squad of fifteen players. The Under 12 Sharks have won one, drawn two and lost one game. The most exciting match was a 4-4 draw with Tower Hill with Nick Dawkins scoring all four goals. The Under 12 Cobras have had two convincing wins: 4-1 against Moreton Rangers and 10-2 against Bourton Rovers, and two defeats. The Under 13s suffered a heavy defeat in the County Cup, but have since won three games on the run: a 3-1 win over Bloxham in the cup, a 6-4 win over Brackley Athletic with hat-tricks for Alfie Thatcher and Ethan Stevens and a 3-2 win over Launton Boys Athletic. The Under 15s have had a decent if not spectacular start to the season and have picked up six points from three matches. Probably the best performance of the season was against last year's champions Garden City where Ollie Roberts grabbed a hat-trick and Luca Catania a brace in a 6-2 victory. Chay Buckingham rounding the victory off with a pen-

alty. A special mention for the keeper Harry Tompkins who has made valuable contributions at important stages of the last two victories. Last season the Under 17s were placed in the A League due to teams above pulling out. They have found things very tough and with players leaving in the summer we have a weakened squad just at a time when more strength was needed. However the lads aren't quitters and have kept going in each and every game. We are confident that results will start to improve if the effort continues despite losing the first four matches.

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

**Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Officer
and U13 Manager 337034**

Deddington Under Sixties Team (DUST Veterans)

A fundraising Quiz Night will take place at Deddington Royal British Legion Club, High Street on Friday 23 November at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. Entry is £5 per person with a team of up to six, and there is licensed bar. Please invite family and friends. All proceeds in support of Deddington Town FC Colts. For tickets please contact one of us.

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Deddington Vets

Sunday 30 September 2012 - our first Sunday game of the season, we lost 2-3 at home to Honnington – a definite case of first game of season; really rusty and at times slow and lethargic, whereas Honnington came with four games under their belts. It showed. At times we were chasing shadows as we tried to get out of our half. No outstanding performances if I am honest but two memorable moments – firstly Shep (Andy Shepherd) getting a direct hit where no man should be hit, lavishly portrayed by his over the top performance as he went down clutching said location.

And Tongy (Keith Tong) scored a fluke goal from about 30 yards out from a free kick in the first half to put Deddy one up. Those close by can vouch that the ball was lined up excellently by Tongy who on the whistle strode forward to take the kick. One yard from the ball he stumbled, shot out his right foot to steady himself when lucky for him his foot actually struck the ball. All stood transfixed as the ball found the top of the Honnington net. Tongy meanwhile was trying to put his boot back on and regain his composure - and had to be told he had actually scored.

We await our next fixture in November for more memorable moments.

**Robin Gardner
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... AND YET MORE CLUBS ...

Book Club

This month's book 'The Children's Story' by AS Byatt proved to be a challenging read. At over 600 pages it opens in 1895 and finishes in the aftermath of the First World War. Its cast is huge comprising both English and German families from very different social backgrounds and is at times confusing. The narrative uses political, social and artistic details to bring in elements of fairytale myth mixed with occasional reference to real life characters. The group's reactions were fairly evenly divided between praise and criticism, though all were glad to have read it. The text is dense with great detail on aspects of pottery and porcelain which many found too heavy-handed. Set in an historic era in which bohemianism was widespread, the array of characters was inventive but unbelievable. The disparate lives of the children brought up in this environment were necessarily very different but also adversely affected by the bizarre behaviour of their elders. Several lives ended in tragedy. The dramatic changes in the political backdrop and the way in which the war years impinged on the young were heart-achingly portrayed but the actions in the war itself were not prominently dwelt on. The characters emerging with credit were but few. We were enthusiastic in our criticism!

The next meeting is 29 November. Please call for the title of the next book and the venue.

Sally Lambert
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Deddington Royal British Legion Club

Amendment to the date for the Christmas craft fair in aid of Tanzania: it is 24 November not 22nd as stated in the last month's *Deddington News*.

The date for the return skittles match against the Church is Thursday 1 November at 8pm. Come and join us for a fun night – £5 pounds for skittles and a ploughman's supper.

The date for the AGM will be in next month's *DN*.

Is there anyone out there who would be interested in joining the committee and helping to run the Club? It's very satisfying and rewarding.

Nina Fairns
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Deddington Toddler and Baby Group

On 28 September we took part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We turned the Windmill Centre into a coffee shop and served a selection of teas, coffees and homemade cakes to our customers, with magazines and newspapers which our customers read whilst they relaxed. Our children had made flowers for the tables which looked really pretty. We raised £200 exceeding last year's total of £150! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event – to our bakers, tea- and coffee-makers and everyone who donated so gener-

ously to this important cause. We are very grateful for all your support.

We are pleased to welcome some new mums, dads, babies and children in recent weeks. It is great to see new faces and look forward to more mums, dads, carers, babies and children joining us over the coming months.

Our Hallowe'en party on 26 October had music and Hallowe'en craft and was lots of fun. Deddington Toddler and Baby Group is a voluntary run group for children aged 0-5 years and their mums, dads, carers or grandparents. We meet every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30am at the Windmill Centre and would love it if you joined us. If you would like to 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 on the number below or find us on Facebook. We look forward to meeting you.

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Deddington Tennis Club

Now the nights are drawing in and the weather is turning colder, tennis continues at the club. Unfortunately, club nights, outside coaching and matches, have to stop due to lack of floodlighting. The club hires the courts at Adderbury for floodlit matches. Club mornings continue on Tuesdays and Sundays as well as weekend matches.

Summer leagues:

The 'A' team remains in division 1 after gaining one point from their last match and the 'C' team gained promotion to division four.

Winter leagues:

The club has two teams in the Banbury and District League; the 'A' in division 1 have won their first two matches. The 'B' in division 4 lost their first match and drew the second.

There are four teams in the floodlit league; the 'A' in division 1, won their first match and the 'B' in division 3 also won. The 'C' in division 4, won their first two matches and the 'D', also in division 4, lost their first match.

The ladies team in the Thames Valley winter league won their first two matches and is top of division 4.

Mini-tennis coaching for children aged 3 to 9 continues inside the Windmill Centre on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Coaching also takes place at the club on Saturday morning. It is with great regret that we are unable to continue coaching junior tennis throughout the year and help develop the club as a great facility for the local community. With this in mind, we are in the process of making a planning application to floodlight two of the courts.

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

Steve Ashby
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... AND FINALLY

Deddington Town Football Club*First Team*

15.09.12	Cropredy (a)	W 4–1
	Hall, Thornton L (3)	
22.09.12	Sinclair United (h)	W 3–2
	England, Freeman, Thornton J	
29.09.12	Woodford United (a)	W 3–2
	Carter M, Thornton J, Thornton L	
06.10.12	Fenny Compton (a) (CUP)	W 5–1
	Hall (3), Thornton L, Taylor C	
13.10.12	Star Bicester (h)	W 5–2
	Carter D, Hall (2), Thornton L, Waddelow	

Reserves

15.09.12	Fenny Compton (h)	L 2–4
	Gibbs M, Kaye	
22.09.12	FC Langford (a) (CUP)	L 1–6
	Gibbs M	
29.09.12	Heyford Ath Res (h) (CUP)	D0–0Lost4–3
	on pens after extra time	
06.10.12	Highfield Old Boys Res (a)	L 1–10
	Kaye	
13.10.12	Sinclair United Res (a)	W 5–1
	Tustain J, Kaye (4)	

A month of the magnificent for the First Team was met with a month of melancholy for the Reserves.

Five notable scalps were claimed by the Firsts, scoring an average of four goals per match. Highlights were of course the hat-tricks from Messrs Thornton and Hall, though clean-sheets were absent, suggesting that their glittering frontline's cannon-fire tends to level opposing citadels before any rocks hurled in riposte can cause serious damage. The First Team now sits proudly atop the whole League, so rejoice good citizens.

The best thing we can say about the Reserves' month is that it concluded with a resounding win, led by four goals from the prolific Jordan Kaye, to leave them clear of danger, though this followed some resounding defeats. Conceding double figures against Highfield

was akin to being locked outside the changing rooms naked while being repeatedly whipped with a wet towel. Lend them your support and any resurgence is possible.

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Youth Club

It's been a busy few months for us at Youth Club but very successful. We now have around 30 children attending every session for sports, games and activities.

Before the summer we had an excellent end of year party including a barbecue. Our thanks go to Eagles and to the Co-op for their generous donations of food. Thanks also to all the adults who came and helped. It was a really enjoyable occasion.

We've had some good sessions since we came back in September and we've also been able to buy some new equipment, including a new Xbox which our members are very excited about. We have lots of plans for the next few months, including entering a county-wide art competition where we will be making a life size sculpture using Sellotape and cling film.

We would like to thank the Friends of the Youth Club who continue to support us financially; your help is much appreciated by all the leaders and the children. We would also like to thank the Parish Council for their generous donation to the club earlier in the year and also to the organisers of the Jubilee events for their donation from the profits of the bar. We're so grateful for the support we receive from the wider village to keep the club open and successful for the young people that we serve.

We continue to meet every Monday during term time at the Windmill Centre at 7pm-9pm. So if you are between 9-15, do come along and see what we do.

Sarah Green
For the Youth Club Committee
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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The new term has started really well, all the children have settled in to their new classes and are, as always, working hard. Our new Foundation class have been stars, quickly and enthusiastically integrating into school life. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Fellers, our new Year 3 teacher, to the Deddington team.

Now that the children have settled back in to the daily routine of school we can start thinking ahead to upcoming events. We are very excited about our forthcoming 160th anniversary of the school and we plan to celebrate the day, 13 November, with Victorian style lessons, such as deportment, cooking, and singing. In the afternoon we plan to open our doors to the wider community, sharing photographs and memorabilia. We have been looking at old log books during staff meetings and they really are worth sharing. There will be posters advertising the event around the village

nearer the time. If you are an ex-pupil of Deddington and have any photos or memories to share we would love to see and hear about them.

Another important event this month is our Firework Evening on 2 November, organised by our dedicated and hard-working PTA.

This month also sees some of our older children performing at St Mary's Church for 'Children Singing for Children'. They have given up play times to make sure they are note perfect as they want to give the best performance possible. They will be singing in front of parents and other schools in the Banbury area on the evening of 14 November.

Jane Cross, Deputy Headteacher
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To read a history of the School see
<http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk> – Ed

DIARY (Continued from p1)

- Sun 18 Concert: Adderbury Ensemble, Parish Church, 4.00pm
- Wed 21 Parish Council Meeting: Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Wed 21 Photographic Society: Simon Lutter workshop, 'Camera controls & composing photographs', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Fri 23 Royal British Legion Club: Under Sixties Quiz Night, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start
- Sat 24 Farmers' Market, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 24 Royal British Legion Club: Christmas Craft Fair, 10.00am–2.00pm
- Sat 24 Friends of Deddington Church: Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 24 Royal British Legion Club: Live music with 'Four Eyes', 9.00pm
- Thu 29 Book Club Meeting: call 338094 for details

DECEMBER

- Sat 1 Christmas Bazaar, Hempton Church Hall, from 11.00am
- Tue 4 PFSU & Nursery: Xmas shopping and Pamper evening, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Wed 5 Photographic Society: Keith Long 'A Commentary on Members' Images', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Fri 7 Hempton Christmas Special, Church Hall, 6.30pm

DEDDINGTON FAIRS

The following notes on the history of Deddington Fairs are from an article by Monica Sansome which appeared in the *DN* in November 1976, and was based on Colvin's *History of Deddington* and the reminiscences of Mr Lewis who lived and kept a shop in the High Street at that time.

There were weekly markets and two annual fairs in Deddington in medieval times. From 1591 one fair was held on 10 August (St Laurence's Day) and the second on 11 November (the feast of St Martin), the latter being the most important. On the day of the fair an old man carrying a lantern led a band round the village waking up the inhabitants at four in the morning wishing them 'a merry fair'. At this time winter clothes were sold, but in the 19th century it was mainly a livestock fair. Sheep were brought in from Wales and ponies and horses were sent from Ireland to be sold alongside the local livestock. As late as the 1880s the fair was enlivened by 'the sweet music of the Kerry boys' and 'the expletives of the Welsh drovers'. The animals were kept in different areas: pigs in the Market Place, sheep in the Bull Ring and horses were tethered along Horsefair and across the main road to some distance up the Hempton Road. Mr Lewis remembered livestock fairs still being held around 1900, but since then their function and significance have declined.

A third fair in October was initiated in 1780, when

the bailiff gave notice that there would be 'a statute fair for hiring servants and buying and selling cattle, to be continued annually'. An ox was roasted whole in the Market Place, and this became a regular feature of the October fair. But by 1869 only the November fair survived.

From its early days the Martinmas Fair was known as 'The Pudding Pie Fair' because of the pies made specially for the occasion. They were about the size of a small pork pie, consisting of plum pudding surrounded by pastry. The pastry was made with mutton fat and formed an extremely hard crust 'like thick parchment' according to Mr Lewis, who didn't remember them as being outstandingly palatable! He thinks they were sold for 2d or 4d each depending on size.

Just after 1900 the only bakers in the village to make these pies annually were Thomas and Ruth Fowler. They had their bakery originally on the premises of Mr Lewis' shop in the High Street, then in The Old Bakery, New Street, and finally next to the Crown & Tuns, New Street. Thomas and Ruth Fowler, like their family before them, guarded the pudding-pie recipe carefully and their recipe died with them, but for those of you who might like to experiment here is a recipe supplied in 1976 by Mrs Ella Marshall, who lived at Roseleigh, New Street:

Pastry – 8oz flour, 4oz mixed lard and butter, 4 tablespoons cold water.

To make filling, heat 3/4 pint milk, add 2 rounded tablespoons caster sugar; mix 3 level tablespoons ground rice and teaspoon salt with 3 tablespoons water and stir this into the warm milk. Cook and keep stirring until it thickens and continue cooking 'pudden' mixture for further 5 minutes, then remove from heat. Beat 2 eggs and stir into rice mixture and flavour with 1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence. Roll out pastry and line containers, cover pastry with jam or dessicated coconut, then pour a little of 'pudden' mixture over. Bake 20 mins in medium oven until pastry is cooked underneath, remove from oven and if liked dust very lightly with ground cinnamon. Serve hot or cold. (Recipe from *Traditional English Cooking* published by Angus & Robinson Ltd.)

A legend concerning the pudding pie says that when Charles I was travelling in this area, in Banbury he was given Banbury cakes, in Woodstock he was given leather gloves, and in Deddington he was given something in between!

From *DN* November 1977: The Victorian County History was able to tell us of a charter to hold a fair granted at Westminster on 26 June 1393. The extract in the Calendar of Charter Rolls reads as follows: 'Grant, of special grace, to the wardens and canons of the free chapel in the Castle of Wyndsmore of two yearly fairs at their castle of Dadyngton, Co Oxford, one on the Translation of St Swithin the bishop (15 July) and the three days following, and the other on the feast of St Martin (11 November) after the feast of All Saints (1 November) and the three days following.' **BH**