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# the Deddington news

We have an interesting mix of news this month, from the Deddington Festival to the Neighbourhood Plan and the embarrassing amount of rubbish collected in a relatively short space of time from our verges. What has come over us as a nation that we're content to dump tons of rubbish in our beautiful countryside?  
**JC**

## What's On May

- Wed 4 Photographic Society: 'Portrait, Studio and Wedding Photography', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Wed 4 Parish Council: Annual Parish Meeting, ??
- Sat 7 Chipping Norton Choral Society: Deddington Church, 7.30pm
- Mon 9 Holly Tree Club: Coffee morning and AGM, 10.30am
- Tue 10 WI: Resolutions, Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm
- Wed 11 History Society: Cookham artist, Stanley Spencer, speaker Alice Foster, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 12 Deddington Players: AGM, Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm
- Thu 12 Holly Tree Club: Film night, *Bridge of Spies*, 6.30pm
- Sat 14 Christian Aid: Big Brekkie, Deddington Church, 9.00–11.00am
- Sat 14 Warriner Choral Society: Deddington Church, 7.30pm
- Sun 15 Deddington Tennis Club: open day, Windmill Centre, 12.30–4.00pm
- Sun 15 Adderbury Ensemble: Deddington Church, 7.45pm
- Wed 18 Photographic Society, 'Table Top Photography' workshop with Martyn Pearse, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Sat 21 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Juniors: hike with 1st Bloxham BB Juniors
- Sun 22 Four Farms Challenge
- Thu 26 Book Club: contact Sally Lambert for details

## June

- Mon 6 Coffee Morning: Holly Tree Club, 10.30am
- Wed 8 History Society: 'Women's Suffrage Movement' (tbc), Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 9 Holly Tree Club: Film night, *Suffragette*, 6.30pm
- Sat 11 The Queen's 90th Birthday celebration: tea party, Church Street, 4.00–5.30pm, tickets from the Flower Shop
- Sun 12 DTFC Youth Section: Presentation Day, Windmill Centre, 2.00pm, barbecue, bar, stalls
- Thu 16 Deddington Festival: history of the parish church, 2.00pm
- Thu 16 Deddington Festival: farm walk, Home Farm, Clifton, 6.00pm
- Fri 17 Deddington Festival: Jazz, Deddington Church, 7.00pm
- Sat 18 Deddington Festival: MiniDeddyRocks, the Unicorn, 5.00pm

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### at Deddington Holly Tree Club on Wednesday 20 April

OCC's Household Waste Recycling Centres will open until 8.00pm on Thursdays from 7 April–29 September in addition to the usual hours. Due to the end of the previous street lighting contract there will only be an emergency service for the next six months.

Cllr Williams reported that the Satin Lane allotments have been nominated to become an Asset of Community Value. CDC is considering the options for the Windmill Street car park.

#### Planning

##### Applications

The PC will object to various applications for the discharge of conditions put on the permission DWH has to build 85 houses on the land north of Gaveston Gardens. The conditions relate to the demolition of hedges, arrangements for construction traffic, sewerage plans and provision of bus stops. This is separate from the latest 95 house application but the PC was concerned that these discharges would set a precedent and will be seeking assurance from CDC that the conditions will apply if plans for 95 houses are approved.

##### Objections

2 Chapmans Lane: demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 detached dwellings.

7 Castle Street: demolition of existing rear lean-to and erection of replacement single storey extension and 2 dormer windows.

Tara, Duns Tew Road, Hempton: extension to the side and loft conversion including 2 new dormers.

Ithaca, Hopcraft Lane: conversion of detached double

garage to a home office and gym.

Saxton House, The Lane, Hempton: alterations to existing garage to form living accommodation, erection of first floor rear extension, alterations to outbuilding with detached car port.

Geggs Lodge, Hempton Road: plan variations.

Hempton Lodge, Snakehill Lane, Hempton: single storey development.

##### Approvals

6 Walnut Close, Clifton: first floor rear extension over garage and single storey extension to rear.

15 The Beeches: first floor side extension and single storey rear extension to replace existing utility space and conservatory.

4 Victoria Terrace: formation of new basement.

Centrepont, Chapel Square: single storey extension to rear and stairwell for existing flat above.

The Beeches, Earls Lane: internal and external works.

29 St Johns Way, Hempton: alterations to first floor rear extension.

Hilary's Hat Hire, Market Place: change of use of first floor from residential to office use.

**The Annual Parish Meeting will be on 4 May in the Windmill Centre and the next PC meeting will be on Wednesday 18 May at 7.30pm in the Windmill Centre, Deddington.**

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

## DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Our reading group, the newly formed 'Deddington Bookworms!' met for the first time on 4 April for an informative session led by Mary, one of our librarians, who offered to come and support the group for the first meeting. It was interesting to hear what everyone expected from the group and to discuss their preferred reading - and what they didn't like to read too. The first book to be read is *The Greatcoat* by Helen Dunmore. Hopefully, one of the group will volunteer to review the book for next month's copy of *DN* (was that tactful enough Bookworms?). There are still a couple of places available in this group; if you'd like to join us, please contact me at the library.

The Rhyme-time group met for their monthly session on 18 April, another lively, happy session for the children and parents. We still need volunteer support for these sessions, so if you have half an hour to spare on Monday afternoons once a month and you're happy to sing nursery rhymes and rattle a tambourine with the under 5s (and parents and carers) please do get in touch.

Our free public wi-fi is proving popular with people bringing their own devices into the library to do work and homework. Perhaps we could organise some

peer-to-peer iPad and tablet sessions too. If you are interested in taking part, either as a volunteer trainer, sharing your knowledge or in updating and improving your skills, learning how to use your iPad or tablet more effectively, do contact the library. Let's see if we can get the know-how and the 'need to know' in the same place at the same time.

Likewise, if you would like to get online and learn to use a PC, set up an email account or just learn to search the internet, do get in touch. If there is a demand we can try to set up some PC taster sessions. If there is anyone computer literate who would become a computer buddy to support these occasional sessions, we'd love to hear from you.

Finally, I'm very pleased to announce we will be holding an author event on Friday 1 July. Joanne Rossiter, author of *The Sea Change*, a former Richard and Judy Summer Book Club pick, along with award winning author and patron of FoDL, Linda Newbury, will be with us on the evening. Put the date in your diary, tickets will be limited, more details to follow.

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## FARMERS' MARKET

### ASPARAGUS

The English asparagus season is short and prolific. If you grow your own you'll know that once the spears start popping through the soil you are moments away from a glut and having to eat it three times a day, a small hardship admittedly. But it means there comes a time when you want to do more than plain steamed, boiled, grilled or roasted spears with a bit of hollandaise on the side if you want to be posh.

This month's recipe is a rather clever (if I say so myself) variation on asparagus. It's only worth doing if the asparagus is very local and very fresh. For the rest of the year you can substitute spring onions (which is the original Korean dish). Don't be put off by the exotic origins. If you can make a pancake you can make this.

#### **Asparagus Pajeon (Korean Pancakes)**

Makes one pancake which can be shared by 2 ungreedy people (so scale up accordingly)

For the batter:

About ½ cup of plain flour (if you want to be gluten free you can use rice flour but I haven't tried it)

A good pinch of salt      About ½ cup of water

The above amounts are approximate so use your judgement. Beat the ingredients lightly together to get a thin cream. Don't over beat or you will get rubbery pancakes. Set aside while you make the dipping sauce.

For the dipping sauce:

1 tablesp soy sauce      ½ tablesp rice vinegar

1 tablesp thinly sliced spring onions

Pinch chilli flakes      Big pinch sesame seeds

Pinch of sugar or drop of mirin to balance the vinegar (optional).

Combine ingredients and set aside. For the pancake filling:

Handful of fresh asparagus, trimmed of woody bits and sliced in half lengthwise

A few Selsey prawns, peeled (optional)

Heat some oil in a frying pan on a medium heat. Lay the asparagus flat side down in the pan and fry until it takes colour and softens. Pour over the batter and scatter over prawns if using. As soon as the pancake starts to get brown and crispy, flip it to the other side (you may end up flipping backwards and forwards – the aim is to get a soft interior and a crispy brown exterior). Slide onto a plate and cut up into squares or wedges, dip in the sauce and consume. I suggest you get another pancake on the go immediately. Like most pancakes the more you make the better you will get.

Recipe courtesy of my daughter Georgia who scours South East Asia for dishes to bring home.

For more information about the market visit [www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk), listen to Deddington On Air [www.deddingtononair.org](http://www.deddingtononair.org) or BBC Radio Oxford. The Market is on Saturday 28 May from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

**Ian Willox 01869 337940**

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### **GRAND DAY OUT**

**Saturday, 2nd July, 2–5pm**

to include a treasure hunt, art & craft events,  
guided walks — bring your own picnic

### **CHILDREN'S FUN RUN**

**Sunday, 3rd July, 2–5pm**

Starts from layby — finishes in the wood

**All events FREE**

Woodland Trust in attendance

More information from Annette  
at [annette-orchard@live.co.uk](mailto:annette-orchard@live.co.uk)



## PHOTO COMPETITION

FoDL invite entries of photos of Deddington, Clifton, Hempton and surrounding countryside. The winning entries will be included in a new and exciting 2017 Parish Calendar.



### **AGE GROUPS**

5–10 Years

11–17 Years

18+ Years



Image files min of 20Mb,  
300DPI saved as High Quality JPG's  
Deadline for entries July 15th 2016.

### **SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES**

by email to [abw@brynwilliams.com](mailto:abw@brynwilliams.com)  
or on a CD/DVD to Stella at the library  
For more details, visit FoDL website

*Good Luck!*

[WWW.FRIENDSOFDEDDINGTONLIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.FRIENDSOFDEDDINGTONLIBRARY.ORG)

## RUTH'S INKY PAST

**40**  
1976-2016

This is the story of how a trail of ink led from messy, old-fashioned duplicating machines at the village school in 1988 to digital cleanliness at the Windmill Centre today.

My diary refreshes my memory of when I accepted the challenge to join the production line of the *DN*. Back in 1988 I was approached by Angela Stone, wife of Norman and co-editor with him. They wanted me, along with friends, Jo Mace and Roy Berridge, to form a new printing team even though I knew absolutely nothing about the craft. Jo, Roy and I were thrown in at the deep end, luckily near the well-earned retirement of the old Gestetner, used to print the *DN* since its first edition in 1976.

By January 1990 the ink-splashing Gestetner had been replaced by a Ricoh duplicating printer, financed for our use by Deddington Parish Council. Angela was now able to print the master copy on paper instead of on delicate inky 'skins', which made the secretarial side of her editorial commitments much more pleasant.

With the Ricoh came a voluminous instruction book which Jo and I generously allowed Roy to peruse, hoping that we would get by with a bit of common sense. It was not always Ricoh printer common sense though. The most excellent remedy, suggested by Jo, to get the complex printer going after an inexplicable breakdown, was to switch off all power, give it a jolly good rest, an encouraging talk, then switch on again! After all, our printer had to cope with one massive workload once a month, up to 16,000 pages, in just three hours.

Jo's method worked well enough, though when all was lost an SOS was sent to an engineer who always lived miles away. Waiting for him often gave us and our editors near heart failure because we had a deadline — the collators who put the pages together for stapling and distributors who deliver each copy to your homes were waiting, every one of them a volunteer on the *DN* with a timetable to follow. Changing would cause untold difficulties.

Roy retired from printing duties in 1991 but remained as stand-in and first call when in printing trouble. Jo and I soldiered on until Jo retired at the beginning of the new millennium but not before she had introduced her young friend, Pat Swash, to the team.

Over the years, editors too bowed in and out, each

helpful and patient, particularly in times of stress. Deddington Primary School remained our printing home. We had to fit in after classes and with after-school activities. The latter found us often printing in a tiny space behind a curtain in the school hall, sometimes while a step class was in progress — the music unfortunately not in step with our printer's rhythm.

We were thankful however when we could leave the locking-up of the school to whoever was still there when we left because the school had to be secured and the alarm set by a member of staff. We seldom finished printing until well after 7.00pm or later. No staff member could be expected to wait on us. Once my car was inadvertently locked into the school yard but to my rescue came a guardian angel in the guise of Marilyn Simons, the school caretaker. She was normally the last of the school's staff to leave the premises at about 5.00pm but when she heard of our problems she offered her help.



For many years I fetched her from her home, often disturbing the family supper, drove her back to school to lock and alarm the premises securely before I took her back to her evening meal. Without her help, we would have had to end printing when the last teacher left and resume printing at cock crow when Marilyn opened the school the following morning. Thank you Marilyn.

Six years into the millennium, editor Canon Christopher Hall, thought it high time to move our printing process into the 21st century. All well and good, Pat and I approved, but we needed to be taught, almost by rote, how to work the new system of a laptop linked to a printing machine. After much

trial and error, plus advice from computer literate villagers, it was realised that our old printer was simply not compatible with the new laptop. A newer printer model solved that problem immediately. Pat and I now had two complex machines under our command, their precise tuning vaguely grasped, but we were quite confident in searching on-screen for further instructions and navigating our way to the editor's pages for the right month.

During the coming and going of editor, printer and occasional technicians, we realised a busy school building might no longer be quite ideal and we were becoming a burden to teachers needing extra space for ever-expanding classes. Though the thought of a move was born then, it was not fulfilled until February 2009 in the reign of editors Jill Cheeseman and Mary Robinson.

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**CHURCH AND CHAPEL****May****Parish Church SS Peter and Paul***Weekly*

Mon–Fri	8.45am	Morning Prayer
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on the 4th Wed of the month)
Thu	2.00pm	Squeals & Wheels parent and toddler group
Sun 1	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Thu 5	7.00am	Ascension Day Service from the top of the Church Tower, followed by breakfast
Sun 8	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 15	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 22	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 29	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Healing Service

**The Barfords**

Sun 1	10.30am	Family Service (BStM)
Sun 8	9.00am	Holy Communion (BStM)
Sun 15	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BStM)
Sun 22	9.00am	Holy Communion (BStM)
Sun 29	9.00am	Holy Communion (BStJ)

**Hempton**

Sun 1	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thu 5	7.30pm	Holy Communion (Ascension Day)
Sun 15	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 22	6.00pm	Evening Prayer

**From the Parish Register***Confirmation*

17 April                      Dominic Barber, Cicely Best and Bethany Parish at St Mary's, Banbury, by Bishop Colin

For baptisms and for weddings, please speak to the Vicar, Rev'd Annie Goldthorp, after a service. For funerals and for home visits in the case of illness, please contact the Vicar (01869 336880; [vicar@deddingtonchurch.org](mailto:vicar@deddingtonchurch.org)) except on Fridays, her day off, or one of the church wardens: Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203).

**Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square**

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton  
Sun 29 Julie Hutchins

**Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157**

**RC Parish of Hethe**

**Fr Paul Lester 01869 277630**

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 normal Ordinary Rite and 12 noon in the Latin Extraordinary Rite. There are two Masses on Sunday, the first at 10.00am in the Ordinary Rite and the second at 12.00 noon in the Extraordinary Rite. The Vigil Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport. Mass is said at 9.00am on Sundays at SS Peter and Paul Anglican Church, Kings Sutton.

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

**Friends of Deddington Library**

The Friends met on 18 April to discuss a fundraising project which we've been planning for some time. It will, we hope, inspire all budding photographers in the parish and beyond.

We are inviting entries from every age range and ability to submit a high resolution image taken within the parish – Clifton, Deddington, and Hempton and surrounding countryside. Entries will be judged by the FoDL committee in late July and the top four entries in each age category will be published in a Friends

of Deddington Library 2017 Calendar which will help raise money for our library. Winning entries will get a free copy of the calendar and their name printed next to their entry. More detailed information is available at the library or in our advertisement elsewhere in this edition. Good luck, we look forward to seeing your efforts over the coming months.

**Bryn Williams**  
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## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

It's been a quite month with some non-news I can't share yet, but I am very grateful to farmer (and fireman) Chris for allowing me and my family access to the lambing sheds. I felt privileged to see lambs a few minutes old standing next to their mothers and to witness the complex dynamic of new mothers and lamb-less sheep interacting. I was surprised to see lambs recently put out to pasture who were only born the day before. It seems wrong that farm-gate prices are so low. I for one will continue to buy direct from the local producer where I can.

Remember the day it snowed this April? That's when Cllr Jonathan Watts arranged the annual village spring clean. Well, the Lower Larkrise contingent turned out in force with on average 10% of households represented. I don't know how well Candleford supported it, but they'd need to muster 140 houses to match this dedication to a great community. Because this was sub-organised by that idle Cllr Collins, they didn't start until noon and got the best weather of the day. Interestingly, there were no Waitrose labels or *Financial Times* found and far fewer plastic bags than last year. But there were dirty nappies (I jest you not), a wallet stolen from parishioner two years ago and 36 empty Bells whisky bottles on both sides of the carriageway at various points.

Now, as it's a quiet month, it gives me a chance to

share a widespread but under-reported phenomenon. These bottles are classic signs of an alcoholic in our midst. These people are ill and need our help and compassion. They could be buying a bottle each day, almost certainly from different shops, and consuming it as their only way of making it through the day. In order to hide it (or at least deny the people in their lives proof) the bottle must be got rid of before they arrive home. They may well have a toothbrush and paste in the car or a supply of mints or breath freshener to hide what they have consumed. Incredible as this may seem to you it does happen. I met a British Army major once who could not go on patrol in Northern Ireland without consuming a bottle of brandy but, once fortified, he could perform well enough and was never sanctioned as he retired on full pension years later. So just think about this, because these people are among us and need help.

A big thank you to Rebecca, Lily and Kitty, Fi, Kev, Alan, Ron, Gilly and Tim who collected 18 bags of rubbish weighing in at 93.5kg which, considering how much was plastic packing, was either impressive or deeply concerning. It surprises me that an empty drink bottle can't reside in a car for disposal at home but is instead launched out of a window.

**Martin Bryce**

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## Sunday 22nd May 2016

The Deddington Four Farms Challenge is a 5km and 10km run around the picturesque parish of Deddington. The event is open to all, and has something to offer experienced runners, fun runners and families alike.

**Registration is now open**

visit [www.fourfarmschallenge.co.uk](http://www.fourfarmschallenge.co.uk)

email: [info@fourfarmschallenge.co.uk](mailto:info@fourfarmschallenge.co.uk)



Raising funds for Registered Charities: Deddington Primary School PTA (1052715), Deddington Village Nursery and PFSU (1100275) and The Firefighters Charity (1093387)

## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The railings at the front of the church are now finished and give a much more tidy look about the building. They are a very skilled handmade piece of engineering, so our thanks go to Roger Seidel of Over Norton for that.

A reminder about the police and local elections on Thursday 5 May between 7.00am and 10.00pm in the Old School Room at the rear of the church.

The AGM of the Friends of Hempton Church will be on Monday 16 May at 7.00pm. Please come along when the Friends' business will be discussed and committee elected. This is an open meeting and, if you are not already a member, you will be very welcome to come and perhaps join.

Our parish councillor, Jonathan Watts, wants to have a spring clean of the village and surrounds. Main tasks include cleaning the village road signs and picking up litter between Hempton and Barford. If you can help, please give him a call on 01869 337135 or email [wattsfamily1997@gmail.com](mailto:wattsfamily1997@gmail.com) personally to arrange a date.

It is nice to walk down the Duns Tew road past Calcutt's farm and see the new-born lambs enjoying the spring sunshine but as I write this it is snowing so not very nice for them.

**Les Chappell**  
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## PFSU and Village Nursery

Our Easter holiday club was a great success and we are looking forward to a busy term ahead.

Ian Taylor will be visiting both settings on 17–18 May to take informal photographs of the children at play. These will be available to order and are always very popular. The PFSU will be holding a parents' evening on 25 May from 7.00–9.00pm.

We have a couple of fundraising events coming up this month. On 3 May (9.00–11.00am and 8.00–10.00pm) there will be a Boden party at 15 The Beeches. This is your chance to buy Boden's new season's range at 20% off. Tickets are only £3 and include refreshments and a raffle ticket. Also coming up is the Four Farms Challenge on Sunday 22 May – get your running shoes on!

Our recent wine-tasting event raised £600 and we'd like to thank Sophie McCarthy, one of our pre-school mums, without whom this event would not have been possible. And finally a few further thanks. Nursery sends thanks for the kind donations over recent weeks. Some of these were anonymous and thank you for thinking of us. The PFSU would like to thank Mark Conlan for bringing in his gas van to show us, and to Vicar Annie for introducing us to her lovely dog. Sam Brown has joined us this term to do our administrative work and we welcome her to the team.

**Lucy Squires 01869 337484**



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## Anyone for a Man Cave?

The Neighbourhood Plan steering group has reached the point of fine-tuning policies and even drawing up a tentative draft plan. There'll be another chance for you to give us your feedback and new ideas at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 4 May at the Windmill Centre when the Neighbourhood Plan will be the main item on the agenda.

It's always good to have fresh perspectives. Besides the big issues – how many houses? Where? When? It's strange how matters that appear to be no more than details turn out to be controversial, or at least food for debate.

Take garages. I've never been much attached to them, although I recognise this is very much a minority view: garage owners value them highly and it's now unthinkable to build a house of any size without a garage. Yet amazingly few people actually park their cars in their garages. Cherwell District Council puts the figure at about 50%, and a Deddington man who lives in one of the turnings off Hempton Road reckons the percentage in his street is way smaller than that, maybe 2%.

If garages have not been formally converted into an office or workshop, they've become *de facto* store-rooms or man-caves. Once we had cupboards-under-the-stairs, lofts or box rooms. (Remember them? Probably not, but I recall going to my mother's friend's

house as a child and finding upstairs a small room with a tiny window completely filled with suitcases, trunks and boxes.) Now we have garages (or some of us do) to stash our stuff that probably should have been thrown away years ago.

And the steering group is keen that residents in new estates in Deddington should be adequately provided with garages and parking spaces - what's more, garages that you can actually drive into and comfortably open the door to alight, unlike the rather skimpy ones currently pencilled in for the School Field estate.

One reason this is given such priority is no doubt because of the perceived parking problems elsewhere in Deddington parish, particularly in the old parts of the villages where houses were built shoulder to shoulder before the coming of the motor-car and there are few drives and even fewer garages. The exceptions are the several one-time coaching inns along High Street and New Street that have gated archways presumably leading to a yard and perhaps even stabling beyond.

Sadly it's unlikely any new estates will be so hand-somely equipped, but it won't be for want of the steering group trying.

Hope to see you on 4 May to talk garages and other broader issues.

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## RUTH'S INKY PAST

*Continued from p4*

Mary was the first editor, at the birth of the *DN* in 1976, followed by Jill from 1979 to 1982. Throughout the years they remained staunch supporters and now, in part retirement, they took up the challenge.

Quite by the way, and without Pat and I getting wind of it, Jill had arranged the great *DN* move from the school to the Windmill Centre, which gave us a set time, a wonderful open work place in the upper hall and plenty of space to store our equipment.

As I recall, this great move took place on 21 February 2009, early morning, and was carried out by a few community-spirited, strong-armed friends of the *DN*, particularly John Parkinson (Parkie). All I had to do was meet the helpers outside the school, check that none of our stuff was left behind and follow the van transporting our precious printing-machine and clutching its colourful dust cover. A brief note in my diary on 2 March 2009 reads: 'First printing session in upstairs hall of Windmill Centre. Pat and I delighted, sun pouring through windows. Printer behaved beautifully!'

Yes, we were indeed happy and thankful to all who made the move possible. We even had the time to work out that a problem-free print run of 1,050 pages took 12 minutes. That, multiplied by 16 or 18, plus time for setting up and clearing away, would just about give us a rough idea of the time needed to print our monthly edition. However, the stress here is on 'problem free'. Human errors cropped up occasionally, but those were considerably easier to put right than computer or printer malfunction.

Miraculously, help was to come very soon. I say miraculously, because Pat and I met our 'soon to be third printing partner' at the 2010 *DN* Christmas party in the Windmill Centre. Neither of us had met him before and by doing what is usual at parties, got chatting and heard that he had recently retired from work on a national newspaper. I, for one, never quite hear clearly what people say at noisy parties, but the word 'newspaper' struck home. Surely anybody working on a newspaper must know a lot about production?

Our new friend, John Price, was kind enough not to dampen our spirits by explaining that there are untold different jobs in newspaper production and that printing had not been his metier and I left in good Christmas spirits thinking he might, just might, be interested to see us in action. Maybe our editors, Mary and Jill, gave us a helping hand. John joined Pat and me at our next printing session, the end of January 2011.

From the start, printing with Jo Mace and Roy Berridge in 1988, we came to treasure the fact that work shared among three avoided the worry or hassle when one was unable to be present. Now, in 2011, we were back to the same magical number and are most grateful to our latest volunteer who, always most helpful and cheerful (quite surprisingly), has shared our task to this day.

Reading through my ramblings to date I realise that some trouble, be it with location, printer, duplicator or laptop, overshadows all the many times we actually printed without anxiety or delay. That of course, wasn't exciting enough news to store for posterity in my diary. But the very fact that only one serious printer problem delayed the monthly distribution of the *DN* to the village since 1988 is indeed splendid news. For that I want to thank all my editors, Apple Office Equipment and its individual engineers, and foremost all my past and present colleagues with whom I enjoyed some never-to-be-forgotten *DN* printing hours.

I am unwilling to give praise to our presently very willing Risograph printer before our next job is successfully ended. We printers are greatly superstitious and never relax or compliment our printer until the last page has passed over the drum. As for the laptop, Pat, John and our editors are more expert than I am as I belong to the generation who, at primary school, scribbled and scratched their first words on a slate board with chalk.

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# Deddington Festival

Arts and Culture in our Community

The 2016 Deddington Festival will run from 16–19 June this year and is proof that the best things come in small packages.

The Festival gets off to a gentle start on **Thursday 16 June** with a guided walk along the Clifton river valley led by Home Farm's George Fenimore. Learn about the varied habitats of the area and the innovative farming techniques used to protect them, while enjoying nature at its finest. This event runs from 6.00–8.00pm and is not ticketed.

Also on Thursday, Deddington vicar, the Revd Annie Goldthorp, will be your guide for a fascinating historical tour of the Church of St Peter and St Paul. The event runs from 2.00–3.00pm. No tickets required.

On **Friday 17 June** our beautiful parish church will be transformed into a speakeasy style venue to host Deddington Jazz. This world-class concert of modern and Latin American jazz will feature musicians who are old friends but also introduce some new faces. Doors open at 7.00pm and tickets, priced at £10 each, are available from the Flower Shop and Maven Jewellery in the Market Place, or at the door on the night. A licensed bar providing wine and soft drinks will be available.

A condensed version of Festival favourite, Deddy Rocks, will take place from 5.00pm on **Saturday 18 June**. The Unicorn will host MiniDeddyRocks and will be packed with everything you could wish for: excellent music from four bands, a brilliant venue and a delicious barbecue. Sit outside in the garden and hear our headline act, the sensational Lilyhammers.

The Lilyhammers are a four-piece local indie and rock band playing a mix of original tunes and covers, who are versatile in both an electric set and a chilled out acoustic. When the bands finish at 11.00pm the music will continue in the bar, where a DJ will play a set until late. This event will be non-ticketed.

Atmospheric lighting at Deddington Jazz and MiniDeddyRocks will be provided by Neil Skinner of SKR Lighting Design.

On **Sunday 19 June**, an awards ceremony will take place in the church for the winners of our Children's Writing Competition, which celebrates the creativity and imagination of more than 250 young writers in our local community. This event runs from 2.30–4.30pm and is non-ticketed.

The Festival culminates on Sunday with Poetry Please which showcases the poetic prowess lurking in our community. So come along and perform a poem, recite one you have written or enjoy listening to others. This informal evening of poetry and prose will be held in the upstairs room of the Unicorn and runs from 7.30–9.30pm. The event is non-ticketed.

Festival spokesperson Elli Ince said, 'We hope you enjoy this year's events and, while you are doing so, please consider joining the committee so that the Deddington Festival can come back bigger and better than ever in 2017. We desperately need more people to get involved to ensure the Festival goes from strength to strength next year and into the future.'

To find out more about this year's Festival events or how you can get involved, visit [www.deddington-festival.org.uk](http://www.deddington-festival.org.uk) or follow us on Twitter @DeddyFest. Keep up to date with MiniDeddyRocks on Twitter @MiniDeddyRocks.

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## LETTERS

FROM LEAH CALCUTT, HEMPTON  
What a heart-warming sight to see a group of young people in their Easter Holidays busily scrubbing bus shelters in Deddington on a very wet April morning.

Thanks and appreciation must go to Jo Churchyard who I assume had organised a group of Cubs and Scouts to do the deed and who was also there in the pouring rain with a smile on her face.

FROM GARETH RICHARD, CHAIRMAN,  
DEDDINGTON PARISH ARCHIVE PROJECT  
I should like to publicly thank *Deddington News* for the hugely generous grant of £500 to the Archive Project.



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37 THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON  
letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk  
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This has allowed us to buy a steel cabinet for the library in which to store deposited material. It also goes a long way to fund a photocopier that can copy large or fragile documents without crushing them.

At the same time, I can report on how deposits are coming in. We already have three deposits of four large boxes of very interesting material. Over the next few weeks (or possibly months), we hope to be able to

catalogue these and exhibit them on our newly created website, [www.deddingtonhistory.uk/parisharchive](http://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/parisharchive).

These are exciting developments and I hope to keep everyone in Deddington informed of future progress. Don't forget to dig out stuff in your attics and bring them along to the library.

## FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON CHURCH

As many *DN* readers are aware, Friends of Deddington Church is fundamentally an organisation designed to pool the efforts of churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike in maintaining the fabric of our beautiful village church. Our general fundraising strategy builds on the bedrock of support provided by Friends. We try to organise events which are likely to be attractive to a wide range of Deddingtonians (and indeed to folk from further afield). In the four years or so of our existence we believe we have achieved this goal to some extent, with events such as Burns suppers, traditional jazz concerts, our calypso evening, and valuation days.

Our 2016 events aim for wider community appeal by collaborating with other fundraising organisations in the village. The first of these, a wine-tasting evening, took place in the Windmill Centre on 18 March and was organised jointly with PFSU and Deddington Nursery. Sophie and Brian McCarthy generously sponsored this event, and Sophie's impressive oenological expertise was appreciated by the enthusiastic tasters, young and old, who showed up for a great evening's education and entertainment. To our delight, quite a few of them commented on the pleasures of meeting and socialising with people who did not usually appear at events organised by any single community group. It was lots of fun and the imaginative Six Nations focus was underlined by some interesting breads and cheeses to accompany the wines (not to mention the rugby-themed room decorations).

On 17 June our third Valuation Day takes place, featuring as before experts from Holloway's Auctioneers. Please bring your treasures along. And last, but certainly not least, a Harvest Ceilidh continues our enjoyable experiment with collaboratively planned

events. This one is organised jointly with PTA, and will take place on 1 October. A joint FODC and PTA committee has already got stuck into the planning, and we envisage a community-wide event to attract all age groups, which celebrates the joys of living in a very attractive rural community. There will be lots of music and dancing, and a supper featuring locally produced food.

More information about FODC's goals and activities can be found on our website, [www.fodc.org.uk](http://www.fodc.org.uk), or by contacting me directly.

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## DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM



Finally the end is in sight, with the last of the organic flock and the ewe tegs (they were lambs themselves last year) on with the 'big push' by the time this has got past the red pencil they will be back out to pasture, so what we need now is a rise in the mercury and six inches of grass. It really was a case of Sod's law that after one of the warmest

winters on record the onset of lambing would herald a prolonged period of wet and cold weather which has seen the tide in the Clifton Sea ebb and flow on a daily basis. The river valley has always flooded to a greater or lesser extent but, with the increase in the development upstream, the length and depth of the flooding has increased and, with the proposed new developments below the Banbury flood defence scheme, the situation can only get worse. Over the years since Banbury changed from being a quintessential English market town, to just another town with a motorway junction, the ecology of the river valley flood plain of my boyhood has changed out of all recognition.

It is now well over 40 years since I first set foot on Home Farm. My father had rented the river valley grazing to fatten our store lambs on the autumn 'flush' of grass. It was a wet season and by mid-November the sheep were flooded off and I was sent with my two dogs to swim the sheep out and bring them up to the farmyard for loading. I had been looking for a farm to rent for a number of years and been short-listed for just about every farm I applied for but never got the final offer. On my two mile walk to gather the sheep I realised that this was just the sort of farm I would like to work. It would need a lot of work but the real clincher was the water meadows and the teeming numbers of wading- and water-birds that took off as I worked my dogs, Pan and Fly. Four months later I was the new tenant and, on my first day at Home Farm, I met the curlew of the Cherwell valley and their evocative, ethereal call has been a harbinger of spring for me ever since, but sadly today their call is often drowned out by the incessant roar of the M40.

When I took the farm it was 210 acres. Over the next ten years the landlord offered me first the Apple Tree Farm and then Manor Farm and we now farm 500 acres. When we came to Clifton every farm in the parish milked cows but, having spent a number of years from the time I left school working as a 'bovine udder attendant' and not having the capital to buy a heard of cows, I set the farm up as an arable and sheep enterprise. Today there are no cattle in the parish and ours is the only resident sheep flock. Without the cushion of owning the land you farm, life as a tenant farmer has always been a precarious way of life, dependent

on the weather and the market price which always seems to fall away as rent day looms. Home Farm is best described as a family farm as we do not employ any outside labour. Five hundred acres may seem to some people like a lot of land but in the face of very low farm-gate prices and ever-increasing imports, our hourly pay rate even with the EU farm payments, is well below the new living wage but life down on the farm is not just about money.

Over the years as tenant farmers we have faced many difficult challenges but the in-out referendum may well turn out to be the biggest as it is very naive to think that our existence separate from the EU will see business as usual. At the present time we have a continental trade gap (the difference between the value of what we export and import). Last year we imported 21 billion pounds worth more food and drink from EU countries than we exported to them. At the moment, as EU members, we enjoy free trade. In the event of an 'out' vote, our exports would face trade tariffs and we would still have to abide by the EU production rules and have no say in their formulation.

Another fact that has not come out of either camp is that for many years a great deal of effort and money has been put into protecting our green and pleasant land. A lot of this work has been paid for with money that the government has 'modulated' away from the farm payments. At the present time it amounts to almost 20%. There is very little government or public will that these payments would continue for long after an out vote. We have been involved in environmental schemes for some years. Our old ten-year scheme ran out at the start of the year. It has been replaced by a five-year contract, which is about the length of time it would take to disengage from the EU. It should be remembered that it's not just farmers who receive EU farm payments. Anybody who owns or manages land can receive the payments and this includes most of the 'green lobby' groups and organisations who own or manage the many different wildlife reserves and projects we have in this country, so what will happen to them? Ho hum.

**George Fenimore**  
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### DEDDINGTON'S CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

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end of May**

## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### 1st Deddington Guides

Campfire songs and stunts were the order of the day when we entertained families and friends at our Charity Show. We raised £140 to be shared between Helen Douglas House and BARKS. Both charities were chosen by the Guides. A very good effort, well done Guides.

Before Easter we were pleased to welcome Victoria, Bethany and Lily to the company at their Promise Ceremony. We rounded off that evening with team racing games and challenge competition with Easter eggs to be earned.

We are now looking forward to getting back together for the start of the summer term when we like to get out and about as much as possible.

**Maggie Rampley 01295 810069**

**Marion Trinder 01869340806**

**Catherine Blackburn**

### 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

The improved weather has seen the Anchors and Juniors have their first outside time for some months and the Juniors had a great outing to Daeda's Wood last month. The Company section is waiting for the lighter evenings but meanwhile we've resurrected a few favourite indoor games including spoons, human knot and flour Jenga.

1st Bloxham and Deddington are planning a combined Juniors hike on Saturday 21 May. We will walk between our two parish churches. The event will start with a hearty breakfast at Deddington Parish Church. Bacon anyone? We also have the Battalion swimming gala on that day for Juniors and Company section. The Company ten-pin bowling took place last month but we will have to post the results in the next edition. The Anchors five-a-side football competition is booked for Saturday 11 June at the Windmill Centre.

We are also back at May's farmers' market with our bookstall so come and say hello and buy a good read.

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### 1st Deddington Scout Group

#### Cubs

Our decorated bird boxes should be on their way to Daeda's Wood and we will soon spend some evenings down there trying to find them.

The Cubs have finished their electronics projects with mixed success – our milk bottle lights didn't work very well. We could have spent more evenings perfecting them but, quite frankly, we've got better things to do. Summer's here and we are looking forward to spending as much time as possible outside.

We said goodbye to George who will be moving on to Scouts, making way for some new Cubs.

**Jo Churchyard**

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#### Scouts

We challenged the Scouts to another 'egg out of the window' test and this time, using all manner of scrap items, all the 'pilots' survived, well, until they were taken home and put into an omelette.

We are also looking forward to a summer of roaming wild, climbing trees, camping and burning food.

The boys joined with a few of the Cubs to raise money for Sport Relief. They passed a glowing baton hand-to-hand from the Windmill to Hempton bus stop raising £34.67.

Richard and Toby have now moved on to Explorers and Patrick and Ben to pastures new. Good luck to all of them.

**Pete Churchyard**

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#### Spartans Explorer Scout Unit

We are working towards a Platinum Award for the Deddington Explorer Scout Unit (ESU) and this month we haven't done too much for a change because the Easter holidays have prevented the unit from meeting.

We have had two meetings over the past month: the first we sat, ate chips, and discussed our plans for the future and what we are going to do. At this meeting we planned to do many exciting things that hopefully should be in some of the future reports. These include: going to London and staying overnight; going skiing in the Milton Keynes snowdome; going trampolining in Banbury; and many more.

Some of us were able to meet for a couple of hours during the Easter holidays, in which we went around Deddington cleaning the road signs so that motorists can see them better.

**Oli Betteridge Spartans ESU**

**Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959**

Thirteen Scouts, Cubs and Explorers joined together for a (wet) morning cleaning 'street furniture' in Deddington. We started at the Windmill Centre and cleaned signs, bus stop, and telephone box until our equipment failed. We shared a well-earned bun under the town hall as a reward.

### Photographic Society

The April club night opened with the Society's AGM when chairman Richard Broadbent reviewed the Society's activities over the past year, noting that these continued to cater for a broad range of members' interests, photographic skills and experience. They included monthly presentations from outside speakers and members on a variety of topics, photoshoots to places of interest, support of a number of village activities in Adderbury and Deddington, including two annual exhibitions and a permanent display at the West Bar Surgery in Banbury. We continue to hold monthly workshops, which are designed to improve the knowledge of less experienced photographers. It

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

has been a most successful year for the Society, during which it continued to attract a total of 50 members. Reports from the treasurer and programme secretary showed a satisfactory financial position, whilst noting that members' desire for more outside speakers would introduce additional speaker costs. The AGM drew to a close with reviews of future workshop activities and the Society's website, and concluded with the re-election of the Society's officers.

The evening continued with a presentation of members' photographs on the topic of 'What is it?' This comprised 65 projected images with members being invited to guess what each image represented. The result was some extraordinary photographs, viewed with puzzlement and a great deal of humour. The club night concluded with members' inputs to the monthly photographic topic which, on this occasion, was 'Feet'.

On 4 May, Janine Timms, a local Banbury professional photographer, will present 'Portrait, Studio and Wedding Photography' and on 18 May, member Martyn Pearse will lead a workshop on 'Table Top Photography'. All meetings are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Everyone is welcome.

**Richard Broadbent**  
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### Deddington Ladies Netball Club

A fun, informal weekly club where everyone is welcome. Whether you've not played in years, play regularly or have never played, come and have a go.

We meet on Wednesdays from 6.30–7.30pm at the Windmill Centre all weather court, £3 per session.

Visit our Facebook page, Deddington Ladies Netball Club, or email me.

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### Deddington Tennis Club

We are holding an open day as part of the LTA's Great British Tennis Weekend on Sunday 15 May from 12.30–4.00pm.

You can come along with the family to see what the club offers for everyone. It will be a fun-filled day with plenty of tennis, of course, competitions, tennis-related games and a barbecue to keep everyone's energy levels up. You are welcome to join us any time or stay for the day and get to know members and maybe decide that this is the year you are going to join.

You can find up-to-date information on these activities and more, plus full committee member contact details on our website [www.deddingtontennis.com](http://www.deddingtontennis.com).

We shall be at the farmers' market too ... so if you would prefer come and have a chat about the club face to face it would be great to see you.

**Alison Stevens**  
[www.deddingtontennis.com](http://www.deddingtontennis.com)

### Deddington Players

We're holding our AGM on Thursday 12 May at 7.30pm at the Holly Tree in Deddington. We will be discussing last season's panto: what went well and what we can improve on. The AGM is also when we vote for committee members.

Come along and lend your ideas and support. Contact me for information.

**Suzie Upson**  
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### Deddington Town Football Club

#### First Team Results

19.03.16	KEA (h)	D 1–1 Hall
02.04.16	Hornton (h)	W 6–2 Hall (4), Lewis, Hayward
09.04.16	Woodford United (h)	L 1–3

#### Reserve Results

26.03.16	Chesterton (h)	D 2–2
06.04.16	KEA Reserves (h)	L 2–4 Davies (Jack), Davies (Joe)
12.04.16	Diverse (h)	L 0–2

A flurry of home matches had to be crammed in as the season drew to a conclusion, meaning the Reserves were stuck with midweek specials. The First Team can now finish third or fourth in the Premier Division with one league match to come, and will, at the time of reading this, hopefully have brought home the Coronation Cup. An excellent season, all in all, particularly for talisman Simon Hall. The Reserves, despite the Davies brothers sharing goals against KEA Reserves, have unfortunately had a wretched season which has seen them relegated. With all Deddington's games played, Bodicote have only to get a point from their final two matches to send the Reserves bottom of the table. Weep if you must, but know that warriors die only to live again. A division lower just means another promotion to chase next season.

Don't forget to check out [www.deddingtontownfc.com](http://www.deddingtontownfc.com) for more match reports and stats.

**Aaron Bliss**  
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#### Youth Section

As the season draws to a close, and with the Easter break, there are fewer matches to report on this month. The Under 15s, playing in the Midland Junior Premier League, had a 2–2 home draw with Kinver Colts, followed by a 0–2 home defeat to Tividale. In the Witney and District Youth Football League the Under 15s had a 6–0 victory over Bourton Rovers Youth in the Under 15 supplementary cup.

Our annual Presentation Day takes place at the Windmill Centre on Sunday 12 June at 2.00pm. Please come along to support the club and celebrate the season – barbecue, bar, and stalls. The trophies for best sportsperson, most improved player, managers'

## ... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

players and players' player of the year are up for grabs and to be awarded on the day. If you would like to sponsor the event or an award category, we'd love to hear from you. Please email [deddingtontownfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtontownfootballclub@gmail.com) if you can help out in any way.

We are seeking an assistant club secretary to help the club secretary with the week-to-week running of the Youth Section for next season. Duties involve supporting the club secretary by liaising with the league, club managers and coaches, and performing administrative tasks to enable the successful running of the club. Full training will be provided. If you are interested in the role or require more information please email [martin.hovard@btinternet.com](mailto:martin.hovard@btinternet.com) or [deddingtontownfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtontownfootballclub@gmail.com) by 31 May.

We now have a dedicated online club web shop. If you want to purchase any branded kit then go to [www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/deddingtontownfc/](http://www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/deddingtontownfc/). This is a great time to buy training wear, club wear and plenty more before the 2016–17 season starts. Happy shopping!

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/](http://www.deddingtontownfc.com/) or visit us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc](http://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc).

**Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Officer**  
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### Book Club

At our March meeting we read *Sweet Caress* by William Boyd. This could be described as a fictional autobiography and most of us were fooled into thinking that the central character, a renowned photographer, was a real historical figure. The book follows a sweep of history from the 1930s to the Vietnam War, featuring real events.

Some of us found the central character to be too self-obsessed but this did not detract from the overall enjoyment of the book, which is well written and well researched.

The next book is *Where my Heart Used to Beat* by Sebastian Faulks. The next meeting is 26 May.

**Sally Lambert**  
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### Deddington and District History Society

Our April speaker was Don Ratcliffe, chairman of the Hook Norton Local History Group, on the subject of Hook Norton's lunatic asylums, the first of which opened in 1725. At first sight, the fact that by the 1830s Hook Norton had two asylums (at a time when there were only twenty in the whole country), would seem to confirm our suspicions about Hooky but Don assured us that the inmates were not local but drawn from far afield. Asylums were private entrepreneurial enterprises. At their peak the two asylums housed 70

people. National legislation, which in 1845 ordered each county to build a public asylum (Oxfordshire's being at Littlemore) led to the demise of private asylums and those at Hook Norton closed in 1854.

The Hook Norton asylums, which were in single ownership, seem to have been humane institutions by the standards of the time. Elsewhere inmates were locked away and forgotten, experimented upon, or exploited for profit by charging visitors to come in and view them for entertainment. Hook Norton advocated the gentler, more humane treatment espoused by Quaker pioneers in the field of mental health. The results were remarkable: fifty per cent of 634 patients housed there between 1828 and 1854 were discharged as totally or partially recovered. This was a fascinating and often moving talk on a little-known topic.

Our speaker on Wednesday 11 May is Alice Foster on the Cookham artist, Stanley Spencer, in particular on his response to the First World War. We meet at the Windmill Centre and start at 7.30pm, and all are welcome.

**Chris Day (Chairman) 01869 337204**  
**Moiria Byast (Secretary) 01869 338637**

### Women's Institute

We had a good attendance with some visitors at our April meeting. Pam Newall gave us another of her excellent talks, this time 'A Whistle-stop Walk Around Budapest', accompanied by excellent photographs. One or two members had visited there, one in communist days, and the other fairly soon after the iron curtain came down. There were huge differences between those days and now.

Our May meeting is the Resolutions with a collection for ACWW. This helps various schemes, usually small, in underdeveloped countries. The money goes where it should.

Please ring Beryl Suckling for information on 01869 337385

**Julia Hobbs**

### Windmill Community Centre

Work on upgrading the Windmill Centre is progressing. To date we have renewed some of the guttering, repainted the external woodwork and installed double-glazing on the north, south and west sides, together with new entrance doors. The door to the Scouts' storage has been replaced and a new boiler installed with several old radiators replaced.

Quotes for interior decorating have been obtained and work is expected to start soon.

**Jim Flux**  
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## Postcard from America

This month I visited Las Vegas for a conference and just managed to retain my sanity. Four days without going outdoors – I feel I lost something in Vegas, and I don't gamble.

Betting is very tightly controlled in the US but, as always, I am sceptical as to why. This state of affairs is undoubtedly down to money, but there are no betting shops, and online gambling is illegal, unless you count the numerous fantasy sports sites. So for the citizens of the US who feel the need to gamble, trips to places like Vegas are their ideal holiday.

Many of the casinos around the US were built on Native American land. The tribes needed the money and they could make it legal. But the biggest resort was built by the Mob in Vegas, and it has gone through several incarnations, from stag weekends to family holidays. Unbelievably, many people bring their kids to this place in the middle of the desert, dominated by casinos and huge expensive shows.

In reality, Vegas is a reflection of the US as a whole: huge contrasts, beautiful girls, inappropriate clothing, and lots of over-sized people. My favourite image this trip was a family with a pushchair with their dog in it. And they just opened a tattoo parlour in the casino.

Back in Colorado, it is the other two key religions that draw me in: sport and ... er ... God. I was reminded of this issue as I was greeted at the tennis club by the retired Bishop of Denver. When we arrived here three years ago he conducted a sermon based on a comment I made to him about the relative importance of religion in these two nations. Needless to say I was

not a hero in his presentation of the fight between good and evil.

But sticking to the less contentious local obsession, it is perhaps time to talk about Leicester City. There are a lot of soccer supporters in the US but, of course, very few people understand the enormity of what stands in front of my Leicester. US sports all have strange democratic processes, very un-American really, the lack of relegation and the draft bring a different dynamic. In summary, the worst team gets the first pick of kids coming out of college and, in American football, they also get an easier set of fixtures. Of course to drive more cash, all US sports have play-offs.

Trying to understand the enormity of my home town's potential feat is beyond this nation. Who would put money on finding Bigfoot, or Christmas Day being the hottest day of the year, but the bookies say that these events are more likely than Leicester winning the Premier League.

Meanwhile it is turning nasty in the presidential primaries with insults flowing daily. This behaviour comes easily to Trump, but it is Cruz who worries me more. Trump is an opportunist and is not tied down by any party machine. The things he says are occasionally crazy and offensive, but I think he will be practical when the time comes. Cruz believes what he says, he won't compromise, and his evangelical right-wing stances are scary to a European of any political persuasion.

And the Bishop makes the most outrageous line calls I have ever seen.

**Mike Ward**

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## Musical notes

### Concerts in Deddington Church

**On Saturday 7 May at 7.30pm**, the Chipping Norton Choral Society, conducted by Peter Hunt, will perform a joyful programme of psalms, cries and folk songs. They start with Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* first performed in Philharmonic Hall in New York in 1965. It has delighted audiences worldwide ever since. Two British composers follow. Bob Chilcott, based in Oxford, wrote his lively *Songs and Cries of London* in 2001, and Cecilia McDowall, who has had several of her attractive choral works performed in Deddington, completes the programme with her *Fancy of Folksongs*. Please note that if you plan to come to this concert, tickets are £12 if bought in advance from Deddington Co-op but £15 on the door.

**On Saturday 14 May at 7.30pm** the Warriner Choral Society will give us an all Elgar evening featuring two of his most-loved vocal works with orchestra. The orchestra accompanies soloist Jeanette Ager in Elgar's memorable song cycle, *Sea Pictures*, five settings

of poems on watery themes by various poets. Then comes *The Music Makers*, a very personal piece in which the composer quotes from a wide range of his own compositions and a couple of others. He chose poems by the Irish poet, O'Shaunessy, little-known now, but whose poetry obviously struck the right note with Elgar.

**On Sunday 15 May at 7.45pm** (please note the day and time) we have a welcome return of the Ad-derbury Ensemble with pianist Viv Mclean, in an exciting programme of chamber music. A piano quintet is always popular and the one by Vaughan Williams is no exception, even though it has not been performed as much as it deserves. In three movements, it has the majestic power of Brahms. Then the fabulous *Mendelssohn Octet* set for two string quartets carries all the verve expected of this popular composer, and will have you on the edge of your seats.

**Donald Lane**

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## From The Fire Station

**A**nother really busy month at the station and still going wherever we are needed. With eighty shouts since the beginning of the year, it really is feeling more like a full time job. A very memorable day was when the crew were called to a thatch fire relief just outside Swindon! On arrival at the station I first read the turnout sheet and when I saw the address I had to ring our control room to make sure that it was not a mistake. It was correct and we had a day out in Swindon.

Another interesting call was to Banbury where smoke was coming out of a letterbox in a block of flats. A neighbour spotted it and, looking through the letterbox, found the flat full of smoke. The neighbour kicked down the front door. We strongly advise against doing this because of the risk of flashover or backdraft. The difference between the two, without getting into the science of fire, is that backdraft happens when a compartment is full of flammable smoke without any air. Opening the door would let the air rush in causing it to ignite into a fireball. Flashover is when a compartment that is well ventilated and is already on fire, is so hot that the smoke catches fire as well. Opening the door would make the fire rush towards you. Trust me, if the gentleman in question knew this and has ever seen evidence of either of these, kicking in the front door would have been the last thing he would have done. When we arrived at the scene we quickly realised that there was a strange odour and it all became very clear when the owner came home. The owner had sealed up the flat and let off three very large flea bombs which caused the smoke. As they are toxic, he locked up his flat and went to the pub for a couple of hours. I am pleased to say that no-one was injured at this incident.

The crew has attended another car crash at Hopcrofts Holt. Two cars collided just outside the petrol station and a lady was trapped in her car. It was fortunate that this location is equal distance from us and Kidlington where the rescue tender is based. We and

the rescue tender arrived at the same time. Incidents like this move at a very fast pace. We took the roof off the car and the woman was in the ambulance in about twenty minutes. All the crew wish her a speedy recovery. The car that was unfortunately quickly turned into a convertible was a Ford Mondeo, and I must say it felt as tough as a German car.

A storage warehouse that shreds paper in Upper Heyford caught fire for the second time in as many months. It always amazes me that the second time you do something how more quickly the task is achieved. The crew was back in the station within an hour and fifteen minutes.

Training is always ongoing at Deddington and this month is no exception. Huge congratulations to Firefighter Nikki Istead who has just come back with a really good pass on her breathing apparatus team leader's assessment. This now means that she can lead her own team into burning buildings. This assessment is extremely difficult to pass and rightly so. I feel this is the first step to becoming an officer and being in charge of a fire engine. The second big congratulations go to Firefighter Lewis Mahony who has just passed his incident command assessment, meaning he now can be in charge of the fire engine and has already been out twice. One call was to a car fire on the M40 and the second was to an industrial unit fire in Banbury. These two firefighters have worked really hard to pass these assessments and it is a great asset to the station to have more of the crew trained to this level which helps us keep our fire engine turning out twenty-four hours a day, 365 days of the year.

On Sunday 24 May the crew will be attending the Four Farms Challenge which is the Deddington annual running event. Supporting our community is important to us and we have Nikki Istead and Sharon Wilson running and Tom Hall cycling the route. The rest of the crew will be marshalling to help keep everybody safe. We hope to see you there.

**Crew Manager Tim Parker**

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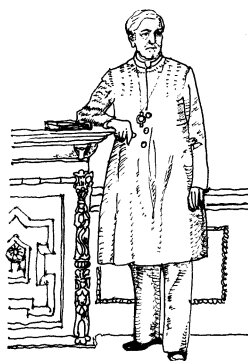
## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of May 1866:

**17th May** – Holford went to Oxford to attend a special Infirmary meeting on the subject of a new Fever Ward there.

**19th May** – the 18th anniversary of our darling Bessie's death.

**23rd May** – Our Club Feast took place – I ordered the bands not to come and play as in former years.



**28th May** – We started for London and remained there till Saturday 2nd June. Willy and John dined with us two or three times at our hotel, we also dined at their clubs. Whilst in London I visited the Law Courts and the Houses of Parliament. We left by the afternoon train for Folkestone, where we spent an enjoyable week at The Pavilion Hotel. I spent much time on the beach and found two or three good Choanites.

**Buffy Heywood**

## GROWING UP IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IN THE NINETEEN THIRTIES

James (Jim) Yerbury, who died in February, a month short of his ninetieth birthday, left a description of his young life in Deddington. In it he recounted his experiences and observations of country life at a time when village communities were self-sufficient.

Children – young boys in this case – were free to roam, but were expected to play their part in carrying out daily and seasonal tasks. As children do, they found opportunities to turn any work into recreation. On their way home after an hour or so of picking cowslips and dandelions for wine-making (most households made their own wine), they might go fishing or have a swim. They learned to respect the countryside though and were trusted by the farmers not to damage ripening crops or leave open farm gates.

Jim described how, over time, modern amenities came to Deddington. The introduction of mains water and sewerage systems led to significant changes, each home now being supplied with a cold water tap in the kitchen and an outside toilet. As Jim put it: 'So that was the end of Mr Canning's slurry cart.'

As he grew up, his attention was drawn to village characters, likening them to the characters in the popular television programme, *Last of the Summer Wine*.

His recollections take us through to the advent of WW2. Too young to join the forces, Jim became an Air Cadet. As such he was able to visit and camp at Chipping Warden RAF station where he experienced the thrill of flying in a Wellington bomber and viewing, at close quarters, other wartime aircraft.

He concluded his recollections at this point with the statement: 'Unfortunately some of the lads went off to war and never returned.'

Below are some fascinating excerpts; the full document will shortly be available to view on Deddington OnLine at <http://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/people/jimyerbury>.

'Wintertime was always great fun. If we met Fred Deely on the way back to school and snow was on the ground we would throw a snowball at him. He would respond with a good snowball fight which would last for at least twenty minutes. He loved it, so did we.'

'Sledging was always a must. We would start in the Castle Grounds. The best bank was the first one on the left side. If conditions were good you could go down the bank, along and down through the gate into the lane.'

'Sometimes Mr French put the bull in the paddock but one day we were looking over the wall when the bull saw us, came up to the wall, put his head down and pushed the wall over. We never stopped to see what happened afterwards.'

'In the winter Rev Frost held woodwork classes in a big room over his garage. Bernard Sykes' dad, a carpenter for Mr Hopcroft, the builders, also came along to instruct. A project was taken on to make folding chairs to be used in the town hall and Foresters Hall. Usually there were about ten children there at

a time. I think we made about forty chairs and they were used a lot.'

'Deddington was like *the Last of the Summer Wine* with the characters that lived there: Dooker Harper, Duffy Tayler, Dibby Gubbs and one or two more.' 'Dooker would swear at you if you called his name and jump over a stick when one was held out.' 'Duffy would chase you round the street if you called out Duffy to him.' 'Dibby was a little man who stuttered a lot.' 'Cracking Sykes would be at the football match in the Castle Grounds on Saturday afternoons. He had usually been to the pub beforehand, a little worse for drink. We would shout his name and run around the back of the goalposts. He chased us and always tripped over the wire that held the nets out.'

'1935 was the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary. All the children at school were given mugs and a party. I have still got my mug.'

**Hilary Smith**

## BLISSFUL THINKING

It's been said that your true self is the difference between a close friend's perception of you, an enemy's perception of you, and your perception of yourself. Social desirability bias is the interesting phenomenon of embellishing or tailoring responses to questions in order to reflect what you would like the receiver (or the wider community) to think of you, rather than the straightforward truth. So you might underplay your consumption of alcohol, or overplay how much you give to charity.

A microcosm of this bias manifests on social media, of course, where you can present the person you want other people to think you are, which begs the question as to why you are not that person already. Are society's expectations too high, or too shallow? Perhaps this tells us that it is just as difficult to read other people as it is to read ourselves. Perception and context can be extraordinarily complex filters in which to spin false narratives. We often do this even to ourselves, about the food we eat, the job we have, or the messages we choose to believe, dispensing with information that makes us uncomfortable, whilst never acknowledging our own confirmation bias, only searching for information that directly supports our world view. We may in our social lives overplay the troubles we've faced, while downplaying the struggles of others, to justify our own accomplishments even as we play the role of our own worst critics.

Amid this struggle, remember well that the person responsible for that imbecilic parking, or allowing their dog to foul the playing field with abandon, walks among us. They are someone's brother, sister, mother or father. And they will construct any delusional narrative to justify and condone their actions, much like the rest of us.

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