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How sad that I should be reporting the horrific incident in the parish churchyard in the early hours of Sunday morning on 21 June rather than applauding the efforts of the Festival team in completing what, I hope, was another successful series of events. The illumination of the church was truly amazing.

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What's On

July

- Wed 1 Photographic Society: John Cavana, 'My Travels in Africa Through the Camera: Kili, Kruger and the Cape', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Sat 4 PTA: School Fête, 12.30–4.30pm
- Sun 5 Hempton: Old School Room grounds, barbecue, 4.00pm
- Sun 5 Piano recital: Viv McLean, Bach to Gershwin via Chopin, Parish Church, 7.45pm
- Mon 6 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, 10.45am
- Thu 9 Holly Tree Club: Film, *Nebraska*, 6.30pm
- Sat 11 PFSU and Nursery: Masquerade Party, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Tue 14 WI: 90th Birthday and Centenary Tea Party, Old School Room, Hempton, 7.30–8.30pm
- Wed 15 Parish Council meeting: Old School Room, Hempton, 7.30pm
- Sat 25 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Thu 30 Book Club: call Sally Lambert 338094 for details

August

- Mon 3 Holly Tree Club: Coffee morning, 10.30am
- Wed 5 Photographic Society: Club night, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Sat 8 Krokodiloes: Old Post House, New Street, 6.30pm
- Thu 13 Holly Tree Club: Film tba
- Fri 14 DOGS: Leamington and County Golf Club
- Sat 15 VJ Day celebrations: 1.45pm peal of church bells, 2.00pm parade, 2.45pm church service, 3.30pm refreshments, 4.30pm WW2 sing-song
- Sat 22 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting at the Holly Tree Club on Wednesday 17 June 2015

Open Forum: a resident of St Thomas St reiterated his concern about traffic using this route, particularly at its junction with Hopcraft Lane. Residents are encouraged to report any incidents to DPC or OCC – the latter only consider planning applications from the traffic point of view when accidents or near-misses have been logged.

CC Fatemian reported that OCC has declined to replace the street light at the SE corner of the Town Hall. They are not prepared to meet the bill of £2,500 and do not wish to set a precedent. A letter will be sent to request a full breakdown of this cost (it was originally £800) and to challenge the concept of a precedent as the light is a replacement.

DC Williams reported that there is still no news of the repairs to the Windmill St car park. The CDC officer dealing with the matter will be contacted again.

Environment and Recreation:

A replacement litter bin will be installed at Castle Grounds at a cost of £179+VAT.

The bench outside the Co-op has been repaired and further repairs to the back will be done shortly.

Three of the parish noticeboards have been refurbished with a cork backing. It was agreed to upgrade the rest of the boards in the same way at a cost of £455+VAT.

It was agreed that a tree survey should be carried out throughout the parish. This will identify species and report on their condition so that they can be properly managed. The tree which was taken down by the Hempton Road bus stop was split and considered dangerous. It will be replaced by at least one other tree.

Highways and Transport:

An overgrown hedge on Hopcraft Lane has been reported to OCC, as has the footpath in The Daedings running to Hempton Road.

Residents are urged to contact OCC with individual complaints about the Clifton Road footpath which is reportedly becoming impassable.

The OCC transport budget is to be drastically cut in April next year and this may well affect local bus services. A public consultation is about to begin and OCC urge as many people as possible to participate in this. It is available online and hard copies will be available at libraries. The message, as always with local services, is use it or lose it.

Planning applications:

23 The Daedings, demolition of workshop and erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. No objection.

Deddington Mill, Milton Gated Road, alterations to windows and first floor extension to SW elevation. No objection.

5 New St, alterations and erection of single and two

storey rear extension. No objection.

Land on north side of The Tchure, erection of two storey detached dwelling, applicant to submit a plan to CDC as to management of building work and traffic before permission will be granted.

Caldicote House, Clifton, erection of single dwelling and garage and extension of existing dwelling. No objection.

3 Market Place, change of use of ground floor to storage and conversion of 1st and 2nd floors to single flat. No objection.

Foresters' Hall, The Tchure, alteration to north elevation window and alteration on south elevation to replace door with window. Objection on the grounds the application looks directly on to neighbouring properties and placing obstructing shrubbery within a communal area which appears to create a permanent boundary and would limit access and light to neighbouring properties.

Cherwell District Council Local Plan: HM inspector has approved the local plan. CDC will approve their plan at a meeting in July.

An offer from Historic England to help assess valued views in the parish has been accepted.

There will be a third and final drop-in event in Deddington for a general progress report on the local plan.

There will be a Commemoration and Celebration of VJ Day (15 August). Please see p9 for an outline of the programme of events

Saturday 25 July: Stall at Farmers' Market promoting the library and selling books by local authors on the theme of WW2. Authors represented will be John Landaw, Freddie Knoller, Linda Newbery, Jo Eames and Rob Forsyth. There will also be information and tickets available for future events and the opportunity to buy a subscription to the library.

Saturday 15 August: 1.45pm – peal of church bells; 2.00 – parade with a theme of the end of WW2 to include WW2 vehicles, Royal British Legion standards, the band, a Burma veteran salute, and a march past of village groups and organisations. 2.45pm – church service (retiring collection for RBL and Library); 3.30 – refreshments (cake donations sought); 4.30 – WW2 sing-song.

Saturday 22 August – Farmers' Market: Linda Newbery, patron of the Friends of Deddington Library, will be available for book signing and in the library afterwards.

An event with John Landaw and Freddie Knoller about the book, *Living with the Enemy*, date tba. Tickets will be available at Hampton's, the library and the Farmers' Market.

Next meeting: Wed 15 July at 7.30pm in the Old School Room, Hempton

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

FARMERS' MARKET

SUMMER FRUITS (AND VEGETABLES)

Soft fruits should be coming into their own at the July Market – strawberries, cherries and early plums. Worth the long winter wait.

But you should not neglect the new vegetables. For example, the winter carrot is a very different thing from the summer one. The summer carrot, newly picked, sweet and crisp is almost as much pleasure to eat out of hand (after a quick rinse under the tap) as a plum and everyone knows how hard it is to pod peas without tasting them.

This recipe enhances those vegetables. It comes from Sally Clarke. The amounts are not set in stone (indeed this is a very useful recipe if your garden is only producing small quantities of each vegetable).

CARROTS AND PEAS

serves 4–6

50g unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
600g young carrots, scrubbed and cut into thin slices
salt and black pepper
350g small podded peas
fresh French tarragon (optional)

Put the carrots, butter and a little salt and pepper in a pan just big enough to hold them snugly. Add a little water (say 150ml). Then add the peas. Cover with a circle of greaseproof paper and a lid and cook on a medium heat until all but a drop of the water has evaporated and the vegetables are tender (this will be more quickly than you think). Stir the vegetables to coat them with the buttery juices, sprinkle with a little tarragon and serve.

Like many summer dishes, this recipe benefits from not being served piping hot. The Italians call it 'tiepido'. Somehow the lower temperature allows the flavours to blossom.

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

The Market is on Saturday 25 July from 9.00am to 12.30pm. Good shopping!

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Postcard from America – US Chat Shows The British are coming to conquer US television

My American neighbours get upset when I explain that a much-loved US TV programme is actually a re-write of a British hit. It's as if they want TV to be yet another area that they rule the world in. It is their medium and we Brits couldn't possibly have given them anything useful. Most of them love the period dramas like *Downton Abbey*; this is their image of England. But popular series – surely not. So I quote them the evidence, from Archie Bunker (Alf Garnet) to *House of Cards* via *The Office*.

The area of TV that the US holds total sway over is the chat show or, to be more exact, the celebrity interview show. If you weren't aware, the late night chat show format is long established on US TV, and Ross and Norton have simply taken this formula and added their own twist to it. There is no place on either side of the pond for the serious Parkinson style show. These shows are driven by two things now, comedy monologues and celebrities.

The biggest difference on US TV is, not surprisingly, the volume of chat shows. I just checked and every weekday night, across the main channels, there are seven. The big four go head to head at around 10.00pm, which is bizarre, because here in the west, almost everyone is in bed by then.

They all start with a long 'comedy' monologue by the host, the style used defining who you follow, but some of it now slightly more edgy, with Jimmy Fallon having taken over the famous *Tonight Show*. He came up through the long-running *Saturday Night Live* that also spawned Bill Murray, Dan Ackroyd and John Belushi, and they now have the same producer on NBC.

Fallon is a very talented guy: last week he played guitar with U2, often sings with stars and can be very funny. But four or five times a week for 45 weeks, even with a bank of writers, the 10–20 minute monologue they all go through is of variable content.

To give you an idea of how big these shows are though, David Letterman's retirement last month was the first item on the news channels.

I will tell you the thing that annoys me more about all these shows, more than even the supposed comedy monologue on current affairs, more than the close cloying relationship the hosts have with the stars who they treat as equals or less. The astounding thing is they look down on the stars, literally. The host's chair is always on a platform, perhaps 4–6 inches above the guest. Very bizarre.

But the Brits have broken the mould. James Corden has arrived on the *Late Late* show. This obviously means that the only way anyone around here sees his 11.00pm show is to record it, but he is trying to be slightly different. Some chat at the beginning, but no long monologue, and much more reliant on silly games and outside recordings of strange going-ons. And he sits right next to the guests. Yes, we can teach the Yanks something about equality.

I presented to 40 Southerners yesterday at a conference and mentioned the war. I think I got away with it, they love the Brits nearly as much as I love them. Honestly.

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Down on George's Farm



So what's happened to the weather? The merry month of May went down as one of the most sunless on record and so far the only thing that is flaming about this June is the central heating boiler. In years past June was the month when the shearing gang arrived and the ewes were pleased to lose their woollen jackets but

this year I will not be too concerned if the boys and girls with the clippers are delayed, as there is nothing more demoralising than to see the newly clipped ewes huddled up under the hedge trying to keep warm. Our Cotswold show team have already been clipped out, but they are being kept inside.

It's not just the livestock having a difficult time. For many years now I have been involved with the national insect survey. This involves the use of light traps which are run all the year round with moths coming into the traps even in the depths of winter. We are now in the sixth month and the moth numbers and species are very low compared with other years but, as the old boys who worked on the farm where I was born always said, 'The weather god always paid his debts', so with any luck we may get a summer yet.

The crops look good, with the wheat well out in ear, but what they need is some prolonged sunshine to lift the protein content of the grain, or we could end up with some poor bread-making samples. But before the harvest we have the hay to make and for that we need a spell of settled weather.

It's not just the sheep and crops that are feeling the chill. June is the month for the annual visit from the bank manager, so a considerable amount of time has been spent number crunching the cash flow predictions for the coming year and, what with the strength of the pound making our exports expensive and imports cheap and the ongoing price war between the supermarket chains, there is a considerably frosty

blast blowing through the bottom line. Volatility in the farm gate prices over the last few years has become an ever-present threat and, as we approach the coming harvest, the grain trade is well below the five-year average, something that makes next year's cropping programme difficult to plan. Another old saying goes 'corn down, horn up': in other words when the grain trade is down livestock values are up, and beef prices are increasing due to shortage of cattle because so many have been shot in the ongoing TB fiasco. Lamb prices are well down on the back of a 60% increase in the imports of New Zealand lamb since the start of the year, so the next dilemma is do we sell our lambs when they are ready at a low price or take the risk and hold them back in the hope the trade will lift in the autumn? Either way, the cash flow will be kicked into the middle of next week.

We have always kept a well up-to-date set of farm equipment and, from time to time, get asked to undertake some agricultural contracting work. One of the most recent off-farm jobs was to cut and cultivate the much maligned development site next to Gaveston Gardens to help prevent weed seeds being blown into the neighbouring gardens, a straight forward job that, given the use of the right machinery, should have taken a few hours. Unfortunately due to the efforts of some of the Gaveston Gardens' residents in keeping their own properties tidy, the job took all day to complete as the field side of the new NIMBY close board fence has become a convenient 'out of sight, out of mind' place to dump all manner of household, garden and garage rubbish. Although the machinery dealt with the garden rubbish, the 50 car tyres were a different matter and they are now stacked up in the gateway leading to the estate. Whilst this sort of thing is a common occurrence on the fringes of urban sink estates, fly-tipping is not sort of thing that should be happening in a rural village, but perhaps it's all part of the urban mentality that is now infecting so many of the villages in the M40 commuter belt. Ho hum.

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Musical Notes

There is just one concert scheduled for this month. This will be a piano recital by the ever-popular Viv Mclean at 7.45pm on Sunday 5 July (note the day and time) and is part of the Music in Adderbury summer series.

His programme is wide and exciting and will include music from the 18th to the 20th century. Bach is represented by a chorale prelude and his French Suite no 5, and Liszt by his six Consolations. Chopin fills out the centre of the concert with a Prelude, a Ballade, a Scherzo and a Polonaise. To finish Viv will delight us with three Gershwin song transcriptions: *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *The Man I Love* and *Rhapsody in Blue*. What more could you wish for!

Concerts will resume in the autumn and details will appear in the September *DN*. To make best use of the excellent acoustics of our church and its beautiful Steinway grand piano, we need some help with publicity. I am hoping there is someone out there who has those skills. Do please get in touch. I would welcome having your email anyway so that I can send out pre-concert reminders. If you have not yet done so, this also applies to those who were on my old list, which disappeared following the breakdown of my computer in April. Have a good summer.

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL**July****Parish Church SS Peter and Paul**

Wed 1	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thu 2	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 5	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Wed 8	2.00pm	Holy Communion
Thu 9	10.00am	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 12	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wed 15	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thu 16	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 19	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wed 22	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thu 23	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 26	10.30am	Family Service

Sun 2	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Wed 5	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thu 6	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 9	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wed 12	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thu 10	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 16	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wed 19	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thu 20	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 23	10.30am	Fourth Sunday*
Wed 26	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thu 27	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 30	10.30am	This is our Story**
	6.00pm	Healing Service

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Annie Goldthorp, The Vicarage, 1 Earls Close, Deddington (336880), reverendannie@hotmail.com, except on Fridays, her day off, or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to www.deddingtonchurch.org.

St John's, Hempton

Sun 5	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 19	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 26	6.00pm	Evening Prayer

Barford St Michael

Sun 5	10.30am	Family Service
	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 19	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 26	9.00am	Holy Communion

August**St John's, Hempton**

Sun 2	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 16	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 23	6.00pm	Evening Prayer

Barfords

Sun 2	10.30am	Family Service BStM
Sun 9	9.00am	Holy Communion BStM
Sun 16	6.00pm	Evening prayer BStM
Sun 23	9.00am	Holy Communion BStM
Sun 30	9.00am	Holy Communion BStJ

* Fourth Sunday – informal, all age service;

** This is our story – informal Communion service

There will still be 'laying on of hands for healing' on the fourth Wednesday of the month (22 July), and in future there will be a dedicated healing service at 6.00pm on the fifth Sunday of each month at Deddington (next one 30 August 2015).

As we get towards autumn, Messy Church will be running once a month in the Village Hall at Barford St Michael, and there will be something for the very youngest members of our community on the first Sunday of the month at Deddington – watch here for further details of both of these events.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
26 July Maurice and Carol
30 August Margery Richley

*Pastor Isabel Walton***01869 337157****RC Parish of Hethe**

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, King's Sutton.

*Fr Paul Lester***01869 227630**

From The Fire Station

Road traffic crashes are up this month with a particularly bad one on the M40 involving a lorry and a van where sadly someone lost their life. It is a real reminder that keeping a good distance from the vehicle in front helps to stay safe.

Today there was a call to a motorcyclist who had come off his bike just outside Hempton. He was okay but we quickly realised that the road was very slippery and had to call out the Environment Agency to deal with it.

Since we have gone regional with our control room, false alarms to properties with smoke alarms are definitely down.

I would like to mention a chimney fire that was caused by a bird's nest. With the weather still getting quite cold at night, just remember that jackdaws especially love to nest in chimneys so make sure your pot is covered with a cowl.

Half the crew had a training day honing its skills on water rescue. All the crew are trained to level two water rescue which means that they are able to enter a watercourse to rescue people. The fire engine is equipped with dry suits, throw-lines and wading poles to enable us to do this whatever the time of the year. The training day was different from any other that had been run before. Fire crews are already trained in

water so they wanted to see how we would deal with real incidents and gave us many different scenarios. The day was a real success and such an improvement on other courses that tend to favour using PowerPoint slides.

The crew has also been busy using our new BA (breathing apparatus) compartment searching procedures and has spent the last few weeks doing scenario drills at a vacant building at the Horton Hospital. All the crew is now totally up to speed with the procedure.

Firefighter Lewis Mahony and Firefighter Nikki Isted are doing their BA team leaders' assessment this month. This is one of the toughest assessments you can do as a firefighter. It is a level up from being able to look after yourself in a burning building to leading a team and looking after their welfare. They were supposed to be doing it with Firefighter Tom Hall but sadly Tom has ruptured his Achilles tendon and will be off for several months. All the crew miss him on station and we wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Crew Manager Tim Parker
Deddington Fire Station

Hypnotherapy

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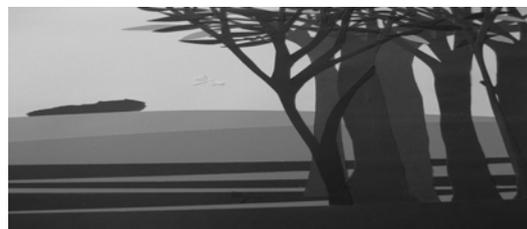
Not as lengthy as conventional psychotherapy, hypnotherapy allows access to the subconscious, creating an opportunity to change habits, to overcome fears and phobias. Hypnosis will promote healing for post-operative patients and can also be an ideal relaxation therapy.

Just as in conventional treatment, a session begins with talking. Discussing fears, worries, conflicts, and anxieties, as well as talking about what you want to achieve – really want to achieve – to realize your potential. Therapy will help you to dispel unwanted habits and move forward, creating a zest for life as you develop new-found confidence and a feeling of total well-being.

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BLISSFUL THINKING

Yeah, no, have you ever umm, noticed people's, like, verbal tics and, umm, nuances as they stumble through, you know, routine sentences and exchanges. I have a defence mechanism which provokes me to speak at a slightly inaudible volume, provoking a request to repeat what I said, meaning I can be certain any other party is actually paying attention. I know others who speak at a volume and speed that means one can only pick out major syllables and nod along with the gist of their speech. Often we ask people questions we don't wish to hear accurate answers for: 'How are you?' is very rarely met by a detailed critique of one's current physical or emotional state, nor would it generally be welcomed. People close to me don't understand the concept of an 'indoor voice' and talk in phrases so trite it's as if they played from a speaker in their belly when I squeezed their hand.



Conversational etiquette is a beguiling thing; made ever more intriguing by the coded subtext of body language. Are you facing your conversational partner face on, or pivoting your hips? Are your hands at rest, or do your fingers gesture, or aimlessly explore your pocket or bag strap? Are you reacting to what your partner is saying, or simply waiting impatiently for your turn to talk? The Coop makes this social dance ruthless, as one needs to check angles at all times to avoid becoming the hated obstacle of progress to the cereal aisle, whilst always maintaining an impeccable candour with both staff and sporadic familiar faces filtering by. A derailing of the train of thought is only an alluring BOGOF away. Perhaps one should seek to traverse this whole minefield of communal decorum and simply disarm your chatty interlopers with a smile and a wink before evanescing in style.

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Deddington OnLine

The merger of the two parish websites for DOL and DN into one is now complete, with a new address: www.deddington.uk. You will find links to *Deddington News* on the home page.

All existing DOL and DN addresses will take you to the new website for the foreseeable future and all the email addresses remain the same. So please send your copy to editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk just as before. Similarly the DN team addresses for club news, advertising and so on are unchanged.

If you would like to make any suggestions or comments on DOL please use the 'contact us' link on the home page or email the web editorial team.

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Appeal for information

Following a report of a serious sexual assault in Deddington on Sunday 21 June just after Deddy Rocks ended, Thames Valley Police is appealing for information.

Police were called at 00.20am about a serious sexual assault. The victim, a 25-year-old woman, was found in the churchyard of St Peter and St Paul's Church.

Investigating officer, Det Sgt Mike West of Force CID based at Banbury, said:

'I would appeal to anyone who has any information about this incident to contact the police immediately via 101. I would like to reassure the community that police are investigating this incident urgently and if anyone has any concerns they should contact their local neighbourhood police team on 101.'

If you have some information, but don't feel comfortable speaking to the police, then you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded, and you will not go to court.



RIDE AND STRIDE 2015

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Deddington C of E Primary School

Inspire. Believe. Achieve

Over the last two and a half years, there has been a lot of change at the village school. Most of it is probably not visible to the rest of the village, but the governors felt that our progress and achievements could be of interest to those members of the community who do not regularly pass through the red gates on Earl's Lane.

In November 2012 we gained an Ofsted grade of Requiring Improvement. For those of you lucky enough not to be familiar with the machinations of Ofsted, that meant we had a two-year window to improve the school to a level deemed Good, otherwise we risked being put into 'special measures'. As a parent and brand new governor at that time, I was flabbergasted. How could a school in a village such as this not be 'good' at the very least? It was a low point for the school, and happily, thanks to enormous commitment from the staff and an overhaul of governance, our inspection of November 2014 reinstated the 'good' status we had previously held.

This two-year period was very inward looking, as we had to make improvements to teaching, leadership and management and behaviour in school, with the end result of improved pupil achievement. In all of these areas, we are now judged Good. I can't tell you the sense of relief that gives. But also, in our case, now we have got Ofsted off our backs, we can really start to make the improvements we deem necessary.

If you have been at all engaged with local housing growth, you are likely to have heard the assumption from Oxfordshire County Council that Deddington School was to be expanded to a form-and-a-half (that means 45 children per year – we currently have space for 30) to cater for the pupils generated by local housing developments. This was a four-year-old strategy, drawn up when it looked as though the bulk of those developments would be in Deddington, which

has never been revisited. In fact, as you will no doubt have seen, there are lots of housing developments underway in Adderbury, our neighbouring village, and Bloxham, yet the only approved development in Deddington has yet to be started and is only for 85 homes. Back in September, the governing body started to get a grip on the situation. We challenged the OCC and the local diocese to present their case for expanding our school. We felt strongly, and this was supported by a survey of our stakeholders, that we are a parish school for parish children. It turns out the other village schools feel the same way. Had the housing developments been in our catchment, we would have wanted our school to expand. We don't want to be an overflow school so we voted against expansion to form-and-a-half at the current time.

Again, a sense of relief. The expansion question has been paralysing us with regard to improving the school buildings and making the best of what we have for our children.

So we are now embarking on what we hope will be a facilities improvement project, the aim of which is to enhance the learning environment and create additional space, which could also offer benefits to the community. We are just at the start of this, but I wanted to appeal to the community for help. If you have professional experience that could be helpful to us in setting up this project, if you can give us some advice, if you would like to join a working party to run the project, if (optimistically) you would like to donate some money to our cause, please get in touch. When we have more concrete plans, I will write again.

We are aiming for an excellent school which is no less than Deddington deserves.

Becky Jones, Chair of Governors
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Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

The summer holidays are fast approaching and our popular holiday club will be running at the PFSU from 9.00am to 3.00pm for the weeks beginning 20 and 27 July. For only £28 per day your child will get the chance to take part in lots of exciting activities and you will get a well-earned break. Please return booking forms as soon as possible as spaces are limited. These are available from the PFSU or Nursery.

Our amazing summer Masquerade Party takes place on Saturday 11 July from 7.30pm to 1.00am. Come along for a fantastic party and a chance to get your glad rags on. Tickets are £20. There will be food, a late bar, auction and live music from Bring the Noise. It promises to be a fantastic night.

We are busy preparing the children who are moving up for starting at their new settings in September. There will be a chance for those children who are moving on to Deddington School or the PFSU to spend time in their new classes on the afternoon of Tuesday 14 July. There will also be the opportunity for new parents to informally visit the PFSU on either Tuesday 7 or Wednesday 8 July any time between 3.30pm and 4.30pm (with or without children). This will be a chance to see the children's new classroom and raise any questions and concerns with the staff.

The PFSU children hope to visit both the Deddington allotments and Castle Grounds before the end of term. Happy holidays!

Lucy Squires 01869 337484

VJ Day Commemoration and Celebration

Seventy years ago, on the day of writing this (21 June) the battle for Okinawa finished at a cost of a quarter of a million souls, both civilian, civilian at arms and professional soldiers. This was one of many battles on Japanese soil and it came a terrible cost. The British and Commonwealth forces were still fighting and dying in Burma and the testing of the atomic bomb was still a month away.

To commemorate the end of the Second World War and Victory over Japan Day, VJ Day, the Parish Council, together with the Royal British Legion and our library, are planning a series of events.

At the July Farmers' Market the library will be staging another of its book stalls selling books with a topical flavour and local links, and selling tickets for a literary event featuring a real life survivor of Auschwitz, the Death March and the liberation of Bergen Belsen, and this isn't the most remarkable element of his story featured in one of the books being sold.

The stall will also publicise the VJ Day parade on 15 August with historic vehicles and our very own

veterans, one with a Burma Star, being saluted by as many village organisations as we can get, leading on to a church service. This will be followed by an updated re-run of the First World War sing-song where you can judge who our best Vera Lynn impressionist is as you help raise the roof to *We'll Meet Again*.

There will be another book stall and children's event featuring Linda Newbery, the patron of the library, at the August Farmers' Market with some of her books of this theme. The highlight for me however will be an event where Freddie Knoller will come and talk to us about his life as featured in the Auschwitz survivor's story sold at the July Market. Surely this is an event not to be missed and youngsters will be very welcome because the thrust of all these events will be educational. It is sad to say our veterans will not be with us forever, so let us all join together to show the gratitude we all have.

Alan Collins
Parish Council Chair



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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

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

5th July – Inspector Bowen came for a summons against two boys, Wheeler and Gibbs, for attempting to rob Mr. Tucker's till, which I granted.

8th July – We were obliged to order poor old Jerry, the cat, to be shot – nearly or quite 20 years old.

11th July – Our first archery meeting of the year took place – about 60 persons present.

12th July – I went to Oxford to attend the Assizes. Before leaving home I heard a case of window breaking against the drunken hawker of last night – one Cheatham of Coventry. I convicted him and ordered him to pay £1.7.6d, he had been drinking at Boyles's and broke his windows.

17th July – Holford and I started by first train to be present at Oxford at the Nomination – the last Parliament having died a natural death. Col. North was proposed and was seconded by our own very dear son Holford, whose speech was considered to be the best of the day.

29th July – Richard Humphreys left our service to go to Mr. Melliar's of North Aston as an under servant – he had been outdoor lad here for 7 years. A son of W. Powers came in his place – 12 years old or ½.

31st July – Inspector Bowen came and I signed a summons against Merry for having unjust weights.

7th August – Poor Wm. Hopcraft, the mason, died, of congestion of the lungs, only 39 years of age. As a tradesman and a respectable young man he will be much missed.

8th August – Young Churchill came from Mr. Egerton's school at Bloxham to see Holford about a cricket match this year.

Buffy Heywood

News from Clifton

When the Sheriff of Oxford needs an Aunt Sally team for the annual and historic match against the Freemen of Oxford, where else would he look than to our brave boys?

Cllr Sajjad Malik looked resplendent in his robes and magnificent chain of office that had Cllr Collins green with envy as he led his team to an Oxford Rules win over the Freemen by the odd doll in 53. Local rules would have called it an honourable draw and perhaps this was the better result as everyone met new people and brought the game to a bemused weekend crowd at the Plough at Wolvercote, with the shadow of Morse hanging over our pints, as this pub doesn't usually host this fine game.

During the extensive awards ceremony everyone was surprised to see the kissing of the bone as the Freemen's highest scorer is required to kiss an ancient femur found during the development of the Westgate shopping centre.

Fortunately our highest scorer only had to take receipt of a shield. The hand of history was felt on all our shoulders and thanks to Milson, the Colonel and the Major for helping make the traditional team of 10.

Apart from this, life has been pretty quiet this month. Well done George for his annual farm walk and wildlife experience held as part of Deddington Festival. Unfortunately I missed it as I had some vital business at the Parish Council meeting where Collins grumbled about missing out again but he will be free next year as, David Cameron like, he says he will relinquish his high office next year.

Martin Bryce

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Congratulations to xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx on the arrival of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx born on xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Many thanks to everyone who came to the recent AGM of the Friends of Hempton Church and Old School Room. The present committee was re-elected, with the exception of Janet Bond, who stood down after many years. Our thanks go to her. Janet worked hard in the background on many projects.

St John's hosted a beautiful Baroque concert as part of the Deddington Festival with 35 in attendance. It was a great success.

Some events coming up are a barbecue on Sunday 5 July from 4.00pm in the grounds. On Tuesday 14 July the Deddington WI will be celebrating their 90th birthday with a tea party from 2.00–5.00pm. The following evening the Parish Council will be holding their monthly meeting from 7.30pm. Please go along if you have any concerns.

As there is not a *DN* in August I should mention the Oxfordshire Historical Churches Ride and Stride day, which this year is on Saturday 12 September, between 10.00am and 6.00pm. St John's needs people to stride for them. This is a sponsorship event and any money raised is split between our church and the Trust. I should have the necessary forms during July. Please look out for the posters around the village and give me a call if you would like to take part. People are also required to sit in the church to welcome striders from elsewhere and offer our top of the range refreshments.

One nice honour came my way recently after being a playing member of the Banbury and District Table Tennis Association for 60 years. I was elected as the new president at the recent AGM. I was thrilled and delighted.

Les Chappell
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM MARY ROBINSON,
CHAPEL SQUARE

The recent Neighbourhood Plan has shown the Windmill Centre to be an essential sports facility in the parish. But it came in for a lot of criticism too, some of it well justified: it's been open for 30 years and it's showing its age.

The recent appeal in *DN* for new, younger residents to join the management committee met with resounding silence. Where are all the members of the Cricket, Football, and Tennis Clubs who use it on a regular basis? Every organisation using the Windmill may send a representative to committee meetings; not one does unless they have a problem. If other villages can find active younger residents to help run the show, why can't Deddington?

I retired recently as a Trustee because I believe strongly that it's time for the next generation to step up to the plate. This is *your* Centre – do you want to see it thrive and expand to meet growing demand in the coming years, or fall into gentle decline because it is no longer fit for purpose?

FROM ANNE WILLIAMS, ADDERBURY
My Memories of Irene Clarke

I first met Rene when I was about fifteen years old at my cousin, Grace's, house in Hempton. She cleaned for Grace who at that time lived in a one bedroom bungalow with her husband Dennis [Washington]. Rene was fetched from her home in The Paddocks, in an old banger of a car. Over the years the bungalow became a two bedroom house. Grace and Rene became the best of friends and would go to whist drives in surrounding villages, usually winning a prize.

My cousin made money with their business so again the house became bigger. Rene and a friend from Deddington both cleaned for Grace. The old banger had gone and a new car fetched the cleaners in style.

As the years passed, film stars were invited to Hempton for parties. On one occasion Jimmy Edwards came (he acted in *Whack-O* on television as a headmaster). Jimmy stayed the night in the gold bedroom. Rene was fetched early that morning to cook breakfast for him but there were no eggs, so Dennis went to the farm and came back with newly laid eggs straight from the henhouse.

Another party in 1965 Ken Dodd said 'How tickled I am Mrs to be here'. He gave Grace three Diddymen for my son who was two months old.

In 1994 Dennis passed away and Grace became ill. Every day Rene came and played Scrabble apart from doing the house work and was a great help. At the time Grace was very difficult with her illness and



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in 1995 she also passed away. After her funeral Rene did the food. All she asked for was a tin which over the years she had polished with love and care. I now know it was a tin which every soldier had the first Christmas in 1914.

FROM SUZAN HYLAND,
CONTACT THE ELDERLY

Contact the Elderly is planning its seventh Oxfordshire group for Banbury and also celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

We need volunteer drivers for one Sunday afternoon a month and local hosts for a tea party once or twice a year. New elderly applications are most welcome.

Once a month we take out to tea local isolated elderly people, 75 and over. This monthly outing makes a huge difference to the life of an isolated person and gives them something to look forward to.

If you would like to make a difference in your community and enjoy a tea party once a month, please contact me on 0207 881 2361 or suzan.hyland@contact-the-elderly.org.uk.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, DEDDINGTON

Very many thanks to all who responded to Christian Aid Week. The very encouraging result was £1,983.49. Though that is just £24.51 less than last year, we know that some had recently contributed generously to the Nepal Earthquake Appeals. However, to this may be added a further £243 reclaimable in tax because 122 people were able to sign the GiftAid form attached to their envelope, 22 more than last year. That makes first delivering and then collecting the red envelopes well worthwhile. That extra boosts the total raised above last year's gross total. The total has now been sent to Christian Aid so that they can immediately allocate funds to help create better conditions for those who are in so much need.

FROM TED AND RUTH JOHNSON, MILL CLOSE
Moving house at 90 and over is never a good idea but, if it is necessary, then move in to friendly Deddington.

A big thank you to all our friends here in Deddington who sent their good wishes for our future happiness in our chosen new home.

FROM BARBARA SHAW, CITIZENS' ADVICE
BUREAU FOR PENSION WISE

I am writing on behalf of CAB West Oxfordshire, which is the delivery centre for the national Pension Wise service for individuals in Oxfordshire, Reading and Milton Keynes. We are offering face to face appointments in a variety of locations across the region.

LETTERS ...*(Continued)*

The pension reforms that came in this April give people the freedom to access their defined contribution pension how and when they want.

The Government has introduced Pension Wise, a new free service offering guidance online, over the phone with The Pensions Advisory Service, or face to face with Citizens Advice.

The appointments are pre-booked 45 minute sessions tailored to your individual circumstances. Guidance is impartial, meaning that it will not recommend products or services, but they will describe your options and help you consider their impact.

To get the most out of Pension Wise guidance, preparation is key. First, work out the value of your pension pots. Look at your most recent statement, or contact your provider. Check if there are any restrictions attached. Next, get a state pension forecast, and gather the details of any benefits you receive.

The next step is to work out your likely expenditure. Include the cost of essentials like housing or utilities, and leisure activities. This should give you a rough budget.

Bring the information to your Pension Wise appointment. Your guider will help you think through your circumstances, and present the options available to you.

Deddington Development Watch**Planning Update****1. Cherwell Local Plan Approved**

After last year's public examination, the Cherwell Local Plan has been found to be 'sound' and is due to be formally adopted by Cherwell District Council on 20 July.

The Plan provides for the delivery of 22,840 new homes up to 2031, largely in Bicester and Banbury. Seven hundred and fifty new homes are to be built in larger villages on sites of 10 or more, with a special allocation of 2,361 homes at Upper Heyford. There is also an allowance of 950 for 'windfall' developments (of less than 10 homes) across the rural areas.

No changes have been made by the Inspector to the policies for the rural areas.

Policy Villages 1 (Village Categorisation) provides that 'minor' development will be permitted within the built-up limits of Category A (Service Centre) villages and Category B (Satellite Villages) villages. Deddington is one of 23 Category A villages and Clifton and Hempton are Category B villages.

Policy Villages 2 (Distributing Growth across the Rural Areas) allocates a further 750 dwellings (on sites of 10 or more) at the 23 Category A villages (including Kidlington) from 2014 to 2031. This allocation excludes 'windfall' developments of less than 10 dwellings within built-up limits. At the last count, permissions for 341 houses had already been granted.

CDC has now commenced work on Local Plan Part 2. This is expected to deal with the allocation of housing targets for villages and the identification of sites unless addressed by Neighbourhood Plans.

2. St Thomas Street

The appeal against CDC's refusal to grant planning permission for building seven houses behind St Thomas Street has been dismissed.

The main reason for the Inspector's decision is that the proposal would fail to preserve either the setting of Deddington Castle or the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Deddington Development Watch

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Deddington Original Golf Society

Hellidon Lakes 5 June 2015: far more 'undulating' than I remember and renamed 'Hillidon Lakes'. Nevertheless it was a glorious day with the sun shining on the righteous, and the non-righteous amongst us benefitting from being in their midst. Twenty-one brave souls took to the ups and downs of Hellidon with nine entering the morning competition and the remainder making up the numbers for the afternoon foray. The course was in good condition and the greens? Well, the greens were interesting and the same for everyone competing. The results were as follows:

Morning team with a net 24.8 – Keith Spengler, Debbie Spengler and Barry Pawley

Afternoon team with 77 points – Keith Spengler, Anne Hayter and Phil Goodman

All team contestants won a bottle of wine each.

Longest Drive – Anne Hayter

Nearest the pin – David Chatterton

Winner of the guest prize – Debbie Spengler

Division One

1st place – Keith Spengler 31 points (does this name seem familiar?)

2nd place – Tony Lowe 30 points (on count back)

Division Two

1st place – Maureen Colley on 32 points

2nd place – Peter Curtis 30 points

This left the overall winner with 32 points, winning on count back, Ron Colley. Congratulations Ron.

The next date in the DOGS calendar is Leamington and County Golf Club on Friday 14 August. The day's golf will be followed by our annual evening event to be held in Deddington courtesy of Maureen and Rob Forsyth. Full details to follow shortly.

Tony Lowe, Chairman
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Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

On Saturday 15 August there will be a parade and church service in the afternoon to commemorate the Victory in Japan, VJ Day. It is hoped that as many British Legion members as possible will support this event. This is being held in conjunction with the Parish Council – see their notice on p9 in this *DN*.

Our autumn programme will be published in the September *DN*

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Women's Institute

We met to hear Mary Gregory talk about the Associated Country Women of the World. The WI supports this to help disadvantaged women worldwide to stand up for a better life. In the past funds have been provided for widows in Bangladesh to buy cows to become self-supporting. Mary then continued with a lively account of her visit to Venezuela. It was certainly

a taxing trip including catching piranha to eat. Apparently they prefer dead flesh to live. We were shown weird animals with direct links to dinosaurs.

Unfortunately we could not have a description of the WI Buckingham Palace garden party as our delegate had had a fall and couldn't go.

We also looked at some photographs taken of the parties to welcome the WI centenary baton as it passed through Oxfordshire.

Our next meeting is a centenary celebration where we hope to be joined by a few members who have retired from the WI. For more information contact Beryl Suckling on berylms@tiscali.co.uk.

Julia Hobbs

Deddington Town Football Club

On Saturday 30 May twelve members of Deddington Town Football Club undertook a charity bike ride from Chepstow (Wales) to Deddington (over 100 miles in a day). We managed to raise nearly £4,000 which is to be split between the Football Club and Downs Syndrome Oxford. We held a raffle to raise the money and drew the prizes on the day. The prizewinners are:

Sony laptop – Robert Bradford

32" HD TV – Angela Catania

One night stay at the Deddington Arms – Lorraine Thornton

Meal at the Unicorn – Laura Towell

Meal at the Bengal Spice – David Pogson

Bottle of whisky – Andrea Wistow

Bottle of whisky – Michael Large

Foodies' preserves – John Anderson

A member of the Football Club will contact you shortly if you are a lucky winner. Thanks again for all the support received.

Jack Davies
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1st Deddington Guides

Bats, in common with us, do not like cold weather. We discovered this on our annual bat walk in the beautiful grounds of Wroxton College. We learnt a lot about the lives of bats, but did not get to see or hear as many as usual. Cold weather means fewer insects around for them to eat. Our thanks to Reg Tipping and Alison Urwick, licensed bat handlers, for such an interesting time and a chance to use the bat sound detectors, also to see an orphaned bat up close.

The incident hike through Daeda's Wood and surrounds gave us a chance to enjoy the beautiful setting and take up some set challenges. Outdoor fun has been our theme all term. We loved the beautiful walk from Steeple Aston to Lower Heyford and, of course, the crisps and lemonade in the pub garden. The outdoor experience continued with the Cherwell Guide Division patrol competition at Horley Scout campsite. There was a carnival theme to the activities, which

CALLING MORE CLUBS

were lively and noisy. About 20 patrols took part and after a campfire and singing the results were announced. Both Deddington Guide patrols came joint third. Well done girls, we were very proud. To round off the event we all slept out under the stars. Wonderful to be tucked up in your sleeping bag to watch a shooting star amongst the constellations.

To conclude these busy few weeks we had a *Ready, Steady, Cook* evening, a variation on a theme by each patrol. A two-course meal cooked on an open fire with surprise ingredients. Well done again. Our thanks to Janet and Brian Bond for allowing us to use their land and the chance to explore the woods.

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1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

Summer is now in full swing; the cubs have been to camp, hiked to Bodicote from Adderbury and gained their athletics badge.

The District Cub Camp was a great success. This year the theme was the Wild West and Cubs and leaders dressed the part and organised appropriate activities. They tried out shooting, archery, tin can alley, fire lighting and cooking on an open fire, as well as tracking, Morse code and headdress making. It all rounded off with a display from a Western re-enactment society, which was entertaining on many levels. Many thanks to Giles for helping.

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Scouts

The camps are coming thick and fast now: our first was the 24-hour hike and camp at Horley. The Scouts walked from the Windmill to the campsite, pitched camp and cooked their tea. Next morning they walked to Banbury bus station and bussed back to Deddington.

Next came the county aqua camp at Stanton Harcourt, a weekend of all things water based: sailing, kayaking, canoeing, dragon boating and rowing. The weather was a little dreary but they were wet anyway. Everyone went home tired with a big bag of soggy clothes.

They also put all the tents up for Cub camp and have been out geocaching in Bodicote.

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Spartans Explorer Scout Unit

As part of their Community Impact Awareness award the Explorers have been investigating the problems that might happen if you are either in a wheelchair or partially sighted. The results will be given out when this

has been completed. Just to say they found things a lot harder than they imagined.

They have now turned to helping at the District Scout campsite at Horley as part of their service. To date they have taken out of the stream a tree that had fallen over in the high winds and was blocking the watercourse. The whole of this term will see various projects being undertaken.

Janet Duxbury GSL

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Book Club

At our last meeting we discussed *The Little World of Don Camillo* by Giovanni Guareschi. Published in 1948, this is a series of short, at times quite humorous, tales about the rivalry between a parish priest and a communist mayor in a small post-war Italian town.

Originally published in a weekly satirical magazine founded by the author, these stories are more enjoyable when read, as originally intended, a couple of chapters at a time rather than cover to cover and should also be read in the context of the social and political upheaval in Italy at the time they were written. Some of us were revisiting the book after many years and the majority of the group would recommend it.

The next book is *The Ghost of the Marie Celeste* by Valerie Martin and the next meeting 30 July.

Sally Lambert

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Photographic Society

In May member Randall Miles ARPS AFIAP gave a presentation on 'The Maasai Mara, Part One: Watch This Space for a Better Part Two'. Randall explained that the Maasai Mara National Reserve comprises approximately 550 square miles in Kenya, adjoining Tanzania's larger Serengeti National Reserve. The Maasai Mara contains the biggest concentration of lions, leopards and cheetahs in Africa, and is famous for the bi-annual great migration of zebra, Thomson's gazelle and wildebeest to and from the Serengeti. Randall slept in a tent within the Reserve, being looked after by the Maasai people.

Randall showed a selection of his animal prints taken on safari in the ubiquitous Land Rover, starting early in the morning and finishing late evening. These included the 'big cats,' elephants, buffalos and rhinoceros. He was also fortunate to witness the start of one of the great migrations, and showed photographs of the crossing of the Mara River with hidden predators lying in wait. This was a most absorbing presentation by an accomplished photographer, accompanied by a great deal of humour, much appreciated by his audience. The intriguing title suggests that another will be forthcoming soon.

The June club night was a photo-shoot in the grounds of Blenheim Palace. It was a fine evening,

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

and 18 members took a circular route around the park, along the lake and through the wooded areas, giving them the opportunity to photograph the wild-life on the waters, fleeting appearances of muntjac deer, and distant views of the palace. The setting sun highlighted the tree foliage, casting the long shadows that emphasize the appeal of outdoor photography. A somewhat weary group eventually made its way to a local hostelry to exchange experiences, partake of some libations and enjoy a well-earned rest.

At the next club night on 1 July member John Cavana will present 'My Travels in Africa Through the Camera: Kili, Kruger and the Cape'. The Society will also meet on 5 August and 2 September, although the speakers for these two meetings have yet to be confirmed. Please check our website for details. All three events will begin at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, and everyone is most welcome. Please note that no workshops are planned for July or August.

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Deddington Town Colts

On a glorious hot summer day in early June we celebrated the achievements of the club over the season. We have a fantastic group of over 150 children and young people who train and play matches from August through to the end of April each year. The teams travel across Oxfordshire and beyond in all weathers. The Club is run by a dedicated group of managers and coaches, supported by a management committee which makes sure that football is played in a safe and enjoyable environment. Thanks should also go to parents who take the players to training and matches, help with putting up goals each week, providing teas and coffees and helping run the line on match days. But most praise should go to all the players who make the Football Club what it is – a friendly and welcoming club that develops children and young people through football.

This year Under 8 Manager Andrew Charman was compère for our presentation day for the first time and he did a fantastic job entertaining the parents, players and coaches and made sure the event ran smoothly and to time. Our resident external coach, Adam Bradley, who works with all the teams, presented the trophies and certificates to the players. The winners this year are:

Player's Player: U8 – Joseph Fisher; U9 – Lewis Peckford; U10 Sharks – Zack Ibrahim; U10 Cobras – Harley Finch; U11 – Morgan Winward-Hughes; U12 – Casian Rowbotham; U13 – Matt Taylor; U14 Colts – Joe Morris; U14 Sharks – Nick Dawkins.

Manager's Player: U8 – Charlie Sydenham; U9 Mees Acamoenie/William Holman – shared; U10 Sharks – Felix Norman; U10 Cobras – Ben Lindsey; U11 – Josh Silvester; U12 – Sam Wilson; U13 – Joe El-

lis; U14 Colts – Dan Lydon; U14 Sharks – Lewie Evans.

Most Improved: U8 – Cameron Roberts; U9 Lewis Peckford; U10 Sharks – Sam Sydenham; U10 Cobras – Oscar Tailor; U11 – Lucas Barber; U12 – Kieran Smith; U13 – Jack Roberts; U14 Colts – Allen Binu; U14 Sharks – Will Roach.

Sportsperson: U8 – Noah Charman; U9 Alex Din; U10 Sharks – Molly McCusker; Under 10 Cobras – Leo Pawell-Watts; U11 – James Fox; U12 – Henry Taylor; U13 – Ryan Miller; U14 Colts – Henry Nichols; U14 Sharks – Adam Megarity.

Club Secretary Martin Hovard presented outgoing Chairman (and Under 13 Manager) Mike Nelson with a fine bottle of whisky to thank him for all he has done for the club as chair in recent years. Martin also presented Roger Sykes with the Chairman's Award for services to Deddington Town Colts since 2008 – as manager of a team from 2009-2014 and as Club Welfare Officer from 2010 to date.

The Colts now have a rest for a few weeks over the summer before training starts again in August.

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

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1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

All three sections have been taking advantage of the weather and been outside getting some lovely fresh air.

The battalion swimming gala took place on 13 June. Well done to Toby who swam in nearly every event. We didn't win but congratulations to 1st King's Sutton in the Junior competition and 1st Wallingford who won the Company section.

Our awards evening for all sections was held on Wednesday 24 June and it was good to be able to hold this in the church for a change. I hope everyone enjoyed taking part and that it gave parents and carers a great opportunity to see what we do during our weekly meetings.

As we wind down for the summer, on behalf of the team, we hope all our young people enjoy the school holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday 9 September.

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Deddington Cricket Club

After the first seven weeks of the season I can report that the 1st XI has yet to secure a win, but the 2nd XI has fared somewhat better, having won three of their first six matches. However there have been some entertaining and close games and we are hoping that the remainder of the season will show an improvement.

... AND FINALLY

There are eleven fixtures still to play for the 1st XI and eight for the 2nds. There was a win over the weekend in the Frank Crimp Centenary Cup against Chesterton in pleasant surroundings where we witnessed the spirit of cricket alive and well.

The Club is in good heart and we would welcome new members (men or women).

We are exploring the feasibility of a new pavilion which would enable us to offer improved facilities to entertain our visitors.

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Deddington Library

Deddington Library has been busy over recent weeks preparing for the Summer Reading Challenge, both for adults and children this year. The children's theme is *Record Breakers!* As in previous years, children are encouraged to read six books over the course of the summer to receive stickers, glow in the dark wristbands and other incentives culminating in a medal and certificate when they have completed the challenge. This has been hugely successful in previous years and I would love to you to support us again this year in joining the *Record Breakers!*

The adult reading challenge is aimed more at encouraging people to read a genre you wouldn't normally and to review the books you have read; each review card completed is entered into a countywide prize draw. One of the 2014 winners was a Deddington lady.

The Friends of Deddington Library have been working tirelessly supporting the library and continuing the drive to recruit more Friends. Subscribers to enable us to maintain the current core opening hours at the library. So if you haven't signed up already, come along and pick up a subscription form, available on our website or from the library.

Deddington Library is proud to be in association with the Royal British Legion and the Parish Council helping to promote and organise the forthcoming VJ day celebrations. Please see p9 for further details.

We are also thrilled to have Oxford Museums coming to Deddington Library on Thursday 13 August to hold an interactive event for children using real museum artefacts. More details on Deddington Social Media in July.

So lots going on over the summer, why not come along and join us, our fabulous library volunteers and I very much look forward to welcoming you.

Stella O'Neill
Library Manager

Park Farm – 22 Hectares

Shortly after the foaling season, the stud season begins. As described in last month's *DN*, a mare's gestation period is usually around 11 months. The earlier in the year a foal is born, the stronger it will be to face the following winter. There is another advantage too. No matter when in the season a horse is born, in the northern hemisphere, its 'official' birthday falls on 1 January, (a practice used to simplify procedures in competitions where horses are grouped by age). Consequently a 'late' foal could be much smaller and weaker than a peer born earlier but sharing the same official age.

Artificial insemination, whilst used with some breeds, is not permitted in the case of Thoroughbreds. They must instead be covered naturally at stud. Before a mare goes to stud, a veterinary examination is performed to ascertain that the mare is free of disease and at the appropriate stage in her three-week reproductive cycle. An internal ultrasound is used, perhaps with an injection of a hormone such as prostaglandin to advance the 'window' for 'covering', the latter to fit the schedule of a busy stallion that may be covering three mares a day.

Mares are then scanned again at 12–16 days post-covering to check that she is pregnant or whether she needs to return to stud. A further complication which can arise is when a mare is found to be carrying twins. Unfortunately, the likelihood of this happening is, according to some studies, 40 times greater in Thoroughbreds than in native ponies. The horse is not anatomically suited to carrying twins: more than 90% of such pregnancies will abort naturally. Only 1.5% of twin pregnancies will result in two live foals, which are also likely to be much smaller than single foals. As a consequence, modern veterinary techniques can be used to 'pinch' one of the zygotes rendering it unviable so that the other may develop normally. Sometimes though, both are aborted and the mare has to return to stud.

Peggy, who as a child won numerous national shows riding a huge number of ponies, always maintained that the best pony of all was Mickie, a Thoroughbred twin that *did* survive. Standing up to a full-grown height of only 12.2 hands (124cm), Mickie was much smaller than the average Thoroughbred height of over 16 hands. However it seemed that nobody had informed Mickie of this. He won classes across the board and not just for horses under 12.2, 13.2 and 14.2 but also – when Peggy was only 11 – against horses in championships for riders under 18 years of age.

It wasn't all plain sailing however. Mickie was once instrumental in putting Peggy in a coma for six weeks which, when she told us, filled us with horror. Seeing our reactions Peggy, in her practical way, added 'but it was alright, they kept him fit for me and I woke up a few weeks before the Nationals, and we won that. So all's well that ends well.'

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THE KROKS ARE BACK AGAIN IN DEDDINGTON

6.30pm Saturday 8 August

For Krok fans this is the news for which you've been waiting. The Harvard Krokodiloes will again be singing in Christine Blennot's garden on 8 August.

For those who have not had the pleasure of hearing them on their two previous visits, this is the 2015 concert not to be missed. Just ask previous attendees.

The Kroks 2015 world tour takes them to China, Taiwan, Japan, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, Kenya, Turkey, Germany, and Italy and Deddington.

Since we saw them last they have sung for the US ambassadors to Germany and the European Union, the National Japanese Defense Academy, the Governor General of Australia, the Boston Red Socks baseball team and on CBS radio.

The Krokodiloes are Harvard University's oldest a capella singing group, founded in 1946. Their repertoire ranges from jazz and swing classics of the Golden Age of American music, to traditional airs, ballads and rock numbers from the 50s and 60s. A number of the



songs are punctuated with the Kroks' signature choreography, as well as their collegiate wit and humour.

They will be singing at the Old Post House, New Street (just down from the Crown and Tuns) on Saturday 9 August at 6.30pm.

Admission will be £8.00 (young people 16 and under, no charge)

Please feel free to bring a picnic to eat at the interval. Seating will be provided but if you have a favourite garden chair feel free to bring it for the concert.

If the weather is unsuitable we will move

the concert to the church.

If anyone is able to help with the concert organisation please contact me.

Previews of the Kroks can be found on their website at www.kroks.com/looklisten or search for them on YouTube.

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DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

Jazz in the Church – Friday 19 June

An audience of around 100 witnessed one of the most memorable jazz evenings to date at the festival. In the International Year of Light, the interior of the church was illuminated as never before. This was due to the sterling efforts of our resident lighting expert, Neil Skinner. The ambience created set the scene for a great evening.

This year saw the return of Leonid Vintskevitch (piano) and Nick Vintskevitch (saxophones) from Kursk, Russia. The first set opened with this father and son duo playing one of Nick's more avant-garde compositions. Deddington's Mr Jazz, Steve Kershaw (double bass) and Petter Svard (percussion) from Stockholm completed the quartet for the rest of the first set. They played more of Nick's compositions as well as music written by Steve and Petter.

After the break Steve and Petter formed a trio with our guest for the evening, Lewis Wright, on vibraphone. I first saw Lewis playing with Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Centre Jazz Orchestra from New York. Even in his early twenties, it was obvious that this young man was a prestigious talent equally adept on vibraphone, drums and piano.

Lewis opened with Thelonious Monk's *Reflections* and followed with *Autumn in New York*. He then played a composition of his own as a solo. Leonid Vintskevitch, who had played with the great Lionel Hampton, joined Lewis in a duet for piano and vibes. It is always amazing to hear and see the rapport between two accomplished jazzmen, especially as they had met for the first time only that evening.

The rest of the set comprised a series of standards performed by the quintet. The response of the enthusiastic crowd was gratifying and lifted the band to better and better solos. There were several standing ovations before the band was allowed to finish a fantastic evening's entertainment. For many of the audience it was their first visit to the Festival jazz evening but, given their response to the music, it will not be their last. The church is a superb venue for music and I would like to thank the vicar for her total support on the evening. It will be a challenge to better this for next year.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Issues have recently arisen surrounding the Neighbourhood Plan that need to be resolved before we can proceed as planned. This may or may not affect the third round of drop-in sessions scheduled for the end of July. Expect more information about the drop-ins from leaflets and posters – or the next *DN* at the beginning of September.

One of the least contentious areas of the Neighbourhood Plan is the need to promote public transport, which becomes more feasible since, as reported last month, the S4 bus service between Deddington and Banbury has doubled, with no subsidy from the County Council.

We are the lucky ones. Less than three weeks after our new improved service began an Oxfordshire County Council officer was breaking bleak news to a meeting of parish transport representatives. OCC was in ‘a really, really difficult financial situation’, she said, and £6.25million is to be cut from the supported transport budget by April next year.

A public consultation into how best the savings can be made began on 20 June and will continue for 12 weeks. These are OCC’s proposals:

Reduce the cost of the Home-School service by £3.6million through efficiency measures. Currently OCC spends £9m on taxis ferrying children to school individually – in future OCC fleet vehicles will pick up more than one, or several children who live close to each other and deliver them to their various schools. It is recognised this will mean longer journey times for some children.

Another wheeze is to serve several needs with the same transport – so the same bus might take children to school and the elderly and infirm to day centres. Good fun for all or a recipe for mayhem?

Next, the council will either cut subsidies to bus services completely or reduce the subsidy by £2.6million. At present 9% of the county’s bus services are subsidised – most of them to the villages. If there is still money to spend, OCC wants to prioritise services for the elderly and vulnerable who most commonly use off-peak buses – and the off-peak buses are cheaper

to subsidise because the bus companies have more vehicles at their disposal. However, OCC is expecting the Chancellor to announce new cuts to local government in his July statement – which could mean a further £60m cutback for OCC and most likely ending all subsidies to bus services.

Dial-a-Ride is to be cut completely, to be replaced where possible by voluntary services, and ‘community transport’. One-off pump-priming grants will be available to parish councils, for instance, to start up their own community services, probably with mini-buses.

OCC is very anxious that as many people as possible participate in the consultation. It is available online now at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/stconsultation. Hard copies should be available at libraries, but if you have a problem getting hold of one, get in touch with me.

The most immediate effect of this for Deddington is that the present shuttle service from Deddington to Duns Tew and Middle Barton and back, entirely supported by OCC, may be discontinued from 5 December, the end of the contract period which started in June.

Concessionary bus passes cost OCC £8million and will continue – they are ringfenced because they are a statutory service. As one of the parish transport representatives commented, some of us will have free bus passes but no buses to use them on. The transport representatives are admirably articulate and a doughty bunch of campaigners and hearty walkers – our meetings, I should say, are one of the few occasions these days where I feel among the youngest in the room.

There is railway news too. Chiltern Railways have published the timetable for their new service from Oxford Parkway (on the far side of Kidlington from us and on the S4 bus route) to Marylebone. It’ll run every half hour during the day, with extra trains during the morning rush hour, and will take a little under or over an hour. It will call at the old Bicester Town station, now upgraded and renamed Bicester Village. The service will be launched on 26 October. Bon voyage.

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Wheels are in Motion for Disabled Cyclists

A free family open day to promote cycling opportunities to people with special needs and disabilities is being held in Banbury. Cherwell District Council has teamed up with the Cycling Projects charity on the Wheels for All initiative which gives people with disabilities or special needs the chance to enjoy cycling using specially adapted bikes. The open day will give adults and children the opportunity to try different bicycles, find out more about future opportunities or sign up to be a volunteer or sponsor.

Representatives from Cycling Projects will be on hand throughout the open day to speak to visitors

and promote the different adapted bicycles which are available to riders. Anyone who would like to volunteer or sponsor the project will be able to obtain details of how to do so.

The open day will take place at the North Oxfordshire Academy in Banbury on Friday 3 July from 10.00am–3.00pm. It is free to attend and does not need to be booked in advance. Families are encouraged to attend as specialist bikes will be available for adults and children.

For more information call 01295 221806 or for details about Cycling Projects visit www.cycling.org.uk.