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COVER – Daeda's Wood

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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

Volunteers Week came and went at the beginning of June. Now it's my turn to thank all our volunteers who make the *DN* come together and arrive in your letterbox. There are frequently hiccups behind the scenes but, with everyone's goodwill, it all works out. So, to those who have been helping with the *DN* for more years than I can remember, and to those who have just arrived, enjoy the summer before we all return for the September issue. **JC**

What's On

July

- Mon 2 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
- Mon 2 Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm
- Mon 2 Royal British Legion: Deddington Arms, 6.30pm
- Wed 4 Photographic Society: 'Team Dorset', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
- Sat 7 Warriner Choral Society: Come and Sing Workshop, Parish Church, 10am–5.30pm, £20 per singer
- Tue 10 WI: Walking Treasure Trail with cream tea, Parish Church, 2.00pm
- Wed 11 History Society: Stefan White 'Come into the Garden Maud', Parish Church, 7.30pm, £7.50
- Thu 12 Holly Tree Club: Film Night, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Wed 18 PC Meeting: Old School Room, Hempton, 7.30pm
- Sun 22 Tennis Club: Great British Tennis Weekend, Windmill Centre
- Thu 26 Book Group: Contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for details
- Sat 28 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm

August

- Wed 1 Photographic Society: Robert Harvey, 'Wildlife for all Seasons', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
- Mon 6 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
- Mon 6 Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm
- Fri 7 Friends of Daeda's Wood: Family Picnic, 3.00–6.00pm
- Thu 9 Holly Tree Club: Film Night, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Tue 14 Bring Joy Foundation: Afternoon Tea, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm till 4.40pm
- Wed 15 PC Meeting: Windmill Centre Lounge, 7.30pm
- Fri 17 DOGS: Wychwood Golf Club followed by evening event
- Thu 23 Book Group: Contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for details
- Sat 25 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm

September

- Sat 1 Parish Show: Parish Church, 9.00am exhibits, 2.00pm public
- Sat 1 RBL: Family Barbecue, Windmill Centre, 1.00pm, adults £10, under 12s £5
- Mon 3 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
- Mon 3 Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 20 June at the Holly Tree Club

Present: Councillors Collins, Cox, Higham, Oldfield, Reeve, Robinson, Rogers (Chair), Squires, Swadling, Timms, Watts and Wood. Also Councillor Williams (CDC)

County Councillor's Report:

Cllr Fatemian mentioned the recent re-surfacing of the A4260 south of Deddington and is following up complaints about the uneven surface and the delay in re-painting the white lines.

District Councillor's Report:

CDC's Environment and Community Enforcement Officer has visited all the businesses in the Market Place to remind them that they should not dispose of their commercial waste in the Town Hall bins. The bins are now locked and any extraneous rubbish will be considered as fly-tipping which is liable to prosecution. CDC and the PC will continue to monitor the situation.

Following the demise of Northants County Council, the joint working of CDC with South Northants Council has ceased. A joint working arrangement with Oxfordshire County Council has been proposed. This will be discussed in July.

Planning:

Town Hall, Market Place, Deddington: Alterations to ground floor of existing listed building including full enclosure of brick arches with glazed units, new access door and re-opening of blocked door to existing stair lobby. More than 40 objections have been received from residents. The building belongs to Deddington Charity Estates who wish to lease the space as a commercial outlet. The PC objects as no change of use of a listed building has been applied for. Although not a designated public space, the undercroft has been used as bus shelter and community events centre for more than twenty years and it is felt that public access is now established. The PC has requested that the application be called in by CDC for determination at full committee.

No objections

The Old Butchery, St Thomas St: cupboard space to be converted to a toilet and sink.

Bettyon Haven, The Lane, Hempton: two storey extension to form two ground floor bedrooms, a first floor master bedroom and a cellar. Convert existing bedroom to a kitchen/diner. Replace all windows with UPVC double glazed units. Convert and extend existing outbuilding to form an annexe, store and canopy. Recommend a condition is imposed to prevent annexe being sold as a separate dwelling.

Highways Maintenance Depot: new two storey office building on site of present construction, 43 parking spaces, access road, conveyance swale and infiltration pond. Erection of nine lighting columns. An email was sent to residents with a copy of this application on 15 June. No comments have been received. Recommend that colours and materials used are sympathetic with the surrounding environment.

Environment and Recreation:

£215 plus VAT was voted to trim vegetation obstructing the Hempton Road footpath. This is really the responsibility of OCC and Cllr Fatemian is to be asked to investigate if PC could be reimbursed.

Up to £200 was voted to paint the red phone box by the Town Hall in Deddington.

A second steward has been appointed.

There is to be a fundraising event in aid of stroke victims at the Windmill Centre on Saturday 15 September.

Please could organisations who advertise events around the parish remove their posters after the event.

Finance and General Purposes:

Spare allotments are available at Satin Lane and Hempton.

Highways and Transport:

Two bus stops and a shelter on the Banbury road have been funded by money from David Wilson Homes. A wooden design has been chosen to be more rural in appearance than stainless steel.

The PC expressed their thanks to Denis Freeman for his long-standing and generous service to the parish.

Next PC meeting: Wed 18 July at 7.30pm in the Old School Room, Hempton.

Jean Rudge

FROM THE PARISH CLERK

Dear Residents

I just wanted to say goodbye because, after nearly 13 years, it's time to move on. I would like to thank David Rogers and Alan Collins for being excellent chairmen, along with my dear friend Jim Flux. They all worked closely with me and provided pro-active and valuable support. I would also like to thank the vice chairmen, Brian Wood, Don Anderson and recently Helen Oldfield, and the many councillors with whom I have worked over the years. They do a difficult and sometimes thankless task and people don't always appreciate the selfless work that they put in to making this parish such a special place.

I must also thank Richard Banister and more recently Gareth Smith for their help and, last but not least, my dear friend Susan Fuller who has helped me immensely whilst I've been clerk. This small team is one of the council's greatest assets and they should be valued.

Deddington is a lovely place and I am sure that you will quickly find a new clerk who will enjoy working for the council and with the people who live within the community as much as I have done. I will miss the job and also the many friends that I have made during my time here.

Best wishes, Lorraine Watling



ANNUAL DONATIONS
The market is run by volunteers. The funds generated by the market are donated to local community groups and organisations annually in October. If you haven't received an application form or you think you may

want to apply for a donation contact marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk or use the contact page of the market webpage.

This month's recipe is in expectation of a barbecue summer. Sigh.

Strawberry Water Ice

serves 4–6

125g caster sugar

120ml water

250g ripe strawberries

juice of half a lemon

Put the sugar in a saucepan with the water and bring to the boil. Remove it from the heat as soon as all the sugar has dissolved. Set aside to cool.

Rinse and hull the strawberries, then whizz them in a blender or food processor until smooth. Add the lemon juice and stir the strawberry purée into the cold sugar syrup. Now either pour the mixture into an ice-cream machine and churn until frozen or pour into a freezer box and place in the freezer. Leave for a good couple of hours, then remove and beat the freezing edges into the middle with a whisk. Refreeze for a further two hours, then beat once more, again bringing the ice crystals from the outside into the middle. Return to the freezer until firm.

From Nigel Slater's *The Kitchen Diaries*

For more up to date information about the market and contact details for all the stallholders you can visit the market webpage www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk.

The market is on Saturday 28 July from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

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

Good shopping!

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DEDDY CAR FEST

A brief note to say a thank you to all who helped to make Diddy Car Fest the success it was. The weather was perfect, we had a bumper number of cars and bikes in both the static and paddock areas and a constant flow of visitors. The committee, drivers, marshals, photographers, barbecuers, raffle sellers and ticket masters worked their socks off all day allowing the event to flow so smoothly. There are a lot of pictures on the Facebook site @Diddy-Car-Fest, and we will be putting up a full thank you page on the website, www.deddycatfest.co.uk.



We hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We were able to turn a surplus for Young Minds and the Deddington Festival charities. A special thanks to our sponsors who helped us along the way: Karcher, Eagles Fine Foods, Cox's Garage, Swann Financial, Deddington Parish Council, Deddington Charity Estates, Brabham Automotive, The Grumpy Entrepreneur, Renault F1 and The Cyclogical

Shop. Thank you all so much.

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POLICE OFFICE

Please note that with immediate effect the new opening hours of the Deddington office on a Monday will be 1.00pm–4.00pm. Previously they were 12noon–4.00pm.

DOWN ON GEORGE'S (OR CHRIS'S?) FARM

It is a little daunting to think that by the time this hits the doormat, the longest day will have passed and it's downhill all the way to Christmas. Between now and then we have the haymaking and a harvest to get through.

This year is somewhat of a watershed year as it is now almost 45 years since we arrived as a family at Home Farm. The captain of your local fire brigade was two years old but is now the main man on the farm. His son, the assistant shepherd, Ben, has left school and is heading off to agricultural college in the autumn but it's nice to think that his choice of college was because it is the one I attended some 50 years ago. Things have come full circle, with me becoming the farmer's boy to fit in when needed as the gofer to drive the Green Goddess and kick a few beehives, a situation that is fine with me as I can now go fishing as in my boyhood days.

I have fished all my life, in many of the rivers, streams and canals in the area. My first proper rod cost 7s 6d (35.05p) from Mr Bartlett's fishing shop in Banbury, a king's ransom to a small school boy and I still have it. In my teens I graduated to a split cane fly rod, again from Mr Bartlett, and caught my first wild brown trout just below the bridge at Barford Mill on a home-tied fly. Since then I have fished many of the iconic trout streams in the country, including the Test and the Dever, taking both trout, sea trout and grayling. For the last few years I have confined myself to more local waters. Sadly this season the rod has stayed in the cupboard as my ram-bashed knee has made it impossible to walk far to stalk a rising trout and I will have to make do with sitting on the river bank and watching the insects go past waiting for the float to dip.

Insects have always been a great passion of mine and have got me into trouble on many occasions. My bedroom at home was always full of any number of specimen boxes and caterpillar cages with Mother's cleaning lady refusing to go into 'that boy's room', a situation that suited me just fine. After many escape attempts, after having been put to bed by Nanny Freda, and then being pursued by the cry 'that boy has gone again' in pursuit of the next rare species of moth in my pyjamas, Mother gave in and allowed me to set up a moth trap in her beloved orchard. This consisted of a double bedsheet and a back light (Tilley lantern). I would sit there waiting to see just what was attracted. I always fell asleep and woke up the next morning in my bed, having been carried in by Nanny. I was five at the time.

After I left school, another period in my life that got me into more hot water because of my countryside pursuits, I went to the Banbury Tech College to study agriculture and did entomology as an extra subject. I then went to agricultural college and did the same. I have worked with both Oxford University and the na-



tional Insect Survey at Rothamsted over the years and we have identified more than 350 different moth species on the farm, so not too bad for a modern farming enterprise using agricultural chemicals.

After an inquiry from an old friend who just happened to be a reporter from the local press looking for comment on the Deddington 'beetle drive', I took a look (not in my pyjamas) around the infected area and discovered three different beetles, all of the Coleopteran genus, none of which is

an agricultural pest but are in fact beneficial insects, as the imago of the beetle feeds on aphids. Just how or why the local environmental health officers got involved I don't know but, as usual when they haven't got a clue, the stock answer is to blame the local farmers and their modern day sprays. In truth the crops that surround the village are being sprayed at this time of the year with fungicide and the only insecticide that would have any effect on the beetles was banned from agricultural use some four years ago but is still available for use in the domestic garden. Ho hum.

The larvae of these beetles live underground for anything up to two years before emerging as the beetle when the weather conditions are right and we have just experienced the warmest May on record. The real villain of the piece is the mealworm beetle, a pest of human food in the days of Nelson's ships and local bakers, but not a pest of modern day food storage arrangements, so how did it arrive in such numbers along the Hempton Road? The mealworm larvae is bred in large numbers as the desiccated worms are a main ingredient of wild bird food mixes. Put out on our garden bird-tables, they can also be obtained live to feed the birds and as a fisherman's bait, so has someone emptied his bait box in the garden, or put them on the bird-table? Who knows? The sad fact is that, depending on the weather, they could be around until late October and will swarm again when the conditions are right, in much in the same way as locusts do in Africa, but in Africa and other parts of the world they have the sense and the chemicals to control such invasions.

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Ladies Watch

Found in Deddington Church during the May farmers' market.

Please would the owner contact
Dave Hughes, Churchwarden,
on 01869 347294

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

July and August

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Mon–Fri 8.45am Morning Prayer (also on the first Saturday of the month)
 Wed 10.00am Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on the fourth Wednesday of the month)

July

Sun 1 10.30am Family Service
 6.00pm Choral Evensong
 Sun 8 8.00am BCP Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion

with Baptisms
 Sun 15 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 22 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 29 10.30am Holy Communion

August

Sun 5 10.30am Family Service
 6.00pm Choral Evensong
 Sun 12 8.00am BCP Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 19 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 26 10.30am Holy Communion

Hempton

July

Sun 1 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 15 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 22 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Hempton (continued)

August

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

Barford St Michael

July

Sun 1 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 15 10.30am Family Service
 Sun 22 9.00am Holy Communion

August

Sun 5 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 19 10.30am Family Service
 Sun 26 9.00am Holy Communion

Barford St John

July

Sun 8 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 29 9.00am Holy Communion

August

Sun 12 9.00am Holy Communion

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar, Reverend Annie Goldthorp at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or on 01869 336880. If Annie is not available, then please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or Dave Hughes (347294). We also have a Curate, Reverend Paula Smith who can be contacted on curate@deddingtonchurch.org.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

22 July David
 29 July Wendy Manley
 19 August Maurice Nichols
 26 August David

Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

Revd Robert Hughes 01869 720860

There is no longer a resident full-time incumbent at Hethe. A non-resident priest will say one Mass on Sundays (no Latin Mass).

Mass is said at 9.00am on Sunday at SS Peter and Paul's Anglican church in King's Sutton.

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



History Corner

www.deddingtonhistory.uk

Yet another diverse and successful Deddington Festival last month reminds us that Deddington has

regularly celebrated special occasions – or just found an excuse to enjoy itself, flower festivals being a regular way. You can browse through old photographs and accounts of many of them from Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee onwards, including a short film of the 1938 Country Fair, at www.deddingtonhistory.uk/villagecelebrations or go to the Home Page and click on Fairs, Festivals and Carnivals.

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

I am an old man and out of touch with today's society but I have to declare that I have always enjoyed watching girls dancing. And two weeks ago, Heather and I enjoyed watching some lovely boys dancing too.

America has a very strange relationship with S-E-X. In our middle-class world here in the posh suburbs of Denver, you could be forgiven for thinking that procreation never happens. The main broadcast TV channels cut out anything that appears to be slightly saucy. I love the scene in Monty Python's *Meaning of Life* where Death gives a man the choice of his exit from this mortal world. They pixelate out the good bits as he is chased over a cliff by a bunch of busty beauties.

One of my usual American rants concerns cheer-leading, which the leaders of America seem to think is a sport so long as it is performed by high school girls. In fact, 'the Poms' certainly figured above football at Ben's school, something that I still find unbelievable. When it gets to more mature cheer-leading, the ladies are treated very badly by the NFL teams. They are paid the minimum wage, have to donate free practice time, and are often forced to entertain the team's sponsors.

The World Cup started this week and America took a small amount of notice of the largest sporting event in the world. As someone said to me yesterday, 'Is it as big as the Super Bowl?' Of course I don't get a representative view of the issue, since my buddies

here know of my obsessions. After nearly six years, some of them can even pronounce Leicester. The TV commentary on Fox will drive me crazy, one of them will yell 'offsides' at some point. The capital of Nigeria was today called Largs, and they obsess about 'transitions'. No, after 55 years of watching football, I don't know what that is either.

All this is a lovely diversion from the real world where, in a very odd turn of events, facts and made up stories have seemingly got confused. I saw a report today that 40% of US citizens think that the Mueller investigation into Trump's connections with Russia has achieved nothing. This is despite the fact that five people have pleaded guilty to charges he has brought so far, and the real action is about to start. I can't help feeling that George Orwell is out there somewhere laughing hollowly while we allow ourselves to be hoodwinked. Don't we want to be teaching our children how to behave and not labelling everything that we don't like as fake news?

Despite the prurient nature of middle American society, Denver has its highlights. We particularly like the burlesque nights at the Clocktower Cabaret. This venue is a wonderful mixture of comedy club, cocktail bar and Berlin cabaret. The girls are often funny and occasionally great, but the highlight this time was the boys. The funniest strip act I have ever seen. Not sure I can tell the neighbours though.

Mike Ward

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Space2Learn

I last wrote in January about Space2Learn, a new local fundraising endeavour. Our big project is a music, drama and dance studio sited on the Primary School grounds. We have planning permission for this and need to raise the money to get it built.

Since January we have raised £22,000 through two successful events; a quiz night held at the school in February and a Masquerade Ball at the Great Barn in Aynho at the end of April. I would like to thank everyone for their help with reaching this amazing amount. We really surpassed all our expectations and we could not have done it without the level of support we received from all our donors and sponsors. Thank you so much if you played a part in it.

I'm sure our next fundraising event will grab your attention. A group of 14 local cyclists are taking on perhaps the most famous mountain climb in cycling history, the Club des Cinglés Challenge at Mont Ventoux in Southern France. To join the Club des Cinglés, you have to climb the mountain not once, not twice, but three times, by ascending each of the three different routes to the top in 24 hours. These crazy people will

climb 4,400m (that's half the height of Everest) in the 137km ride and they are going to complete it in just one day. Even the pros only do it once in a day – three times is truly only for the mad.

The fourteen cyclists are John Upson, Andrew Munson, Jason Komodikis, Chris Rowe, Andrew Morris, Andrew Swann, Zoe Swann, Brian McCarthy, Sophie McCarthy, Seaton Price, Simon Harmer, John Anderson, Dom Clarke and Richard Brain. This is an incredible undertaking and we are grateful to them all for taking on this challenge to raise money for Space2Learn. Please show them your support by sponsoring them.

To read more about their challenge and to sponsor them, please visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/johnupson1>.

If you would like to get involved with Space2Learn in any way, or for more information, please email us on info@S2Ldeddington.uk or keep an eye on our website <https://s2ldeddington.uk/> and social media for future events.

Becky Jones

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Can I start with a keen if currently anonymous vote of support for one of our neighbours planning a major fundraising event for a stroke charity. I'm sure more details will become available soon but, at this stage, can I offer any support I can to this fine initiative?

Last month I penned an appeal for volunteers for Deddy Car Fest and many came forward to make this regular event a stunning success. Lower Larkrise's very own David was in the organising van as well as loaning two of his fine automobiles to the drive. Our Italian neighbour helped out with his wild pony that proved not to be bettered by any other mount for popularity, selling each one of his slots. The day was not only about going for a drive in the country but ogling the 30-plus cars (both mobile and static) including a collection of eight two-wheeled vehicles. The smiles on so many faces showed how worthwhile it was, and raising so much money for Young Minds mental health charity was both the foundation and very significant cherry on a very enjoyable cake. Well done to everyone concerned.

Another annual event in which Clifton does very well is the library photo competition. More than a couple of months in this year's calendar have photos taken by Lower Larkrise folk. So the time is nigh to pick up your cameras and get capturing for those 'outlanders',

the finest views of our corner of paradise. Page 15 in this august organ will tell you where to send them for your chance of glory and educating the masses.

Speaking of appeals last month, can I say a personal and heartfelt thank you to the reader who solved our wheelie bin problem. Our village waste facilities are now back online because of this kind action by a person or persons unknown. Well done.

And finally a reminder. Its been many a year since I took my kids to Welford's Piece but I know it's popular with quite a few down here so we need volunteers to keep it useable. The parish council will do their bit sticking down the lifting tiles but I have asked before if anyone has a bigish trailer to borrow the Cricket Club's roller and give it a good old rolling. While the PC will give it the regular cuts, we may want to cut it more often. If you're interested please let me know.

Oh, and, almost in passing, not to indicate any note of surprise, the Una Stubbs boys (sadly no ladies have yet volunteered but would be welcome) won 2-1 at home last time out but the beer leg escaped them – not the same beer leg success as last year sadly.

Any news I'm missing please let me know because I can't find this stuff by myself to keep us on the map.

Martin Bryce

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Honey Bee Round Britain – the Final Leg

On 14 May, after a brief R&R and with all its crew intact, *Honey Bee* set off down the Firth of Clyde in light winds, past the Isle of Arran and Ailsa Craig (home only to thousands of gannets), and on to the marina at Stranraer. After a month navigating round Scotland they left for Bangor, Northern Ireland, with sunshine and big sails giving them the best sail of the trip, past the beautiful mountains of Mourne towards Dun Laoghaire in the Republic of Ireland, then a day off watching the Munster–Leinster rugby match (Royal wedding in the background ...) and a bit of housekeeping, cleaning the boat and filling up with water and diesel.

The next leg was Dun Laoghaire to Arklow where the word was 'ignore the tides on this coast at your peril!'. 'A right old dusting' in big waves followed when wind battled tide, but they made it through to calmer waters in Kilmore Quay, near Rosslare in Co. Wexford.

The home run proved less challenging and dramatic. First, on 23 May a 24-hour plus trip across to St Mary's in the Scilly Isles in full mainsail: 'a good wind and flat sea, fantastic sailing and warm!' – conditions which allowed the two crew members off watch the rare treat of a good two hours' sleep.

After negotiating tricky tides around Lizard Point, they sailed to the Lands End traffic separation zone where they spent the next few hours dodging tankers, container ships and other coasters in this busy commercial shipping 'dual carriageway'. They reached Falmouth on 27 May, the first time on the English

mainland since 3 April. This heartfelt comment in the *Honey Bee* sailing blog: 'By 11 the next morning we had cleaned the boat inside and out, completed our laundry and had showers. It was a lovely day and warm! Boy had we earned this!'



Al Kitchen joined the boat for the trip from Falmouth to Fowey (Al's Microsoft had made a substantial donation to the Teenage Cancer Trust, www.teenagecancertrust.org), and he and Vaughan Jones joined the crew for a fascinating tour of the Rustler Yacht factory, the Bentleys of the yachting world.

A leg from Fowey to Dartmouth was followed by a good coastal path walk from Kingswear to Brixham including 'Cardiac Hill' and watching a cricket match, followed by Dartmouth to Weymouth, then an early night before the last day's sail.

On 6 June they successfully navigated the gunnery range at Lulworth and the tide at the entrance of the Solent, and crossed their outbound track to complete their circumnavigation of the British Isles. Mission accomplished: 35 ports visited over nearly 80 days, over 2,000 miles sailed and over £10,000 raised for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Among the peaks of Pete Best's summary of the experience were: crossing the infamous Pentland Firth to the Orkneys and, most of all, the generosity and friendliness of the people they met on the trip.

The pits were the long and very uncomfortable sail from Blyth to Arbroath (see May *DN*), and missing family and friends. Much to be proud of lads ...

Mary Robinson

FOR ALL HIKERS AND BIKERS

Do join in the sponsored Ride and Stride event on Saturday 8 September with your family and friends. You can do this by hiking or biking from Deddington or Hempton to churches in, for instance, the Barfords, Bloxham, Milton and Adderbury or fewer or more churches.

Refreshments and friendly faces will greet you at each church or you can take a picnic. This is a really fun day out and, at the same time, contributes to the

maintenance of our beautiful historic churches. Half the money raised will go to your own village church and half to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust which responds to the maintenance needs of any church or chapel in the county. Contact me for more details and sponsorship forms.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The AGM of the Friends of Hempton Church was held recently with quite a good attendance. The seven committee members were re-elected, with one place still to be filled by co-option. Three members now live outside this village. Come next year's meeting more people from Hempton will need to replace some, if not all, of those who no longer live, and maybe others as well, so something to think about.

Once again it is time for me to mention the Oxfordshire Ride and Stride Day which this year will be on Saturday 8 September between 10.00am and 6.00pm. St John's will once again be taking part, so we will need Striders and also people to volunteer to be in church to sign visitors in and offer our top of the range refreshments. Should you wish to take part I will have the necessary forms in early July, but also look out for posters around the village. This is a sponsored event and any money raised is split between our church and the Trust which gives grants to churches for projects. We have had several of these in the past. Please think about taking part if you can.

I still have an old table tennis table to give away. It would be suitable to put up in the garden for children to have a game on. If anyone is interested please give me a call and you can have a look at it.

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We recently we had our annual sport's day during National School Sport Week. The children took part with enthusiasm and enjoyment.

The School Council organised a final fundraising event for this academic year on behalf of Great Ormond Street Hospital. The school voted for an obstacle race and classes paired together to take part, except for Year 6 who raced on their own. We raised money by children bringing in £1 or more to take part in the race.

Patronal Festival celebrations took place on 29 June. The whole school had lunch on the playground and children took part in activities and celebrated through a special assembly during the afternoon.

Our thanks to the PTA for their hard work in raising money for the school again this year; the organisation and running of our school fête recently was fantastic.

Thanks also to Alicia Rumsby and Seb Heffer for their production of *Guys and Dolls*. Every year our children demonstrate their talent in singing, dancing and acting. They are amazing, the result of hard work, inspiration and motivation by Alicia and Seb.

Finally, we wish our Year 6 pupils good luck and happiness in the future as they transfer to their chosen secondary schools. We will miss them.

We wish you all a warm and happy summer ahead.

Denise Welch
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Management Committee

I am delighted to announce that we are holding our first Windmill Open Day on Sunday 16 September and everybody is invited.

I know I keep going on about all the many and varied activities that take place at our community centre, so the Windmill Open Day will be an opportunity for you to find out for yourselves. All the main clubs and societies will be represented and will be giving out information and running taster sessions throughout the day. Time to take up tennis? Appear in panto? Discover your downward dog? Well, this is your chance. It doesn't matter whether you're a current member of a club or society or just want to come and find out more, everyone is welcome. There will be music, food, a bar and a crèche run by Deddington Baby and Toddler Group. It should be a lot of fun and a great day out for all the family. Oh, and the weather is going to be perfect; we've organised that too.

For more information about the Open Day and for all things Windmill, remember we now have our own website: www.thewindmillededdington.org. So please put Sunday 16 September in your diary and we'll look forward to seeing you there.

Vaughan Jones

vaughan@englishlanguagematters.com



Windmill Development: More Progress

All-Weather Court: The new robust fencing on the all-weather court looks great. There's a small bit of finishing off to do which Steelway are seeing to, and their £22,780.59 bill has been

signed off (from Parish Council revenue funds.) With the addition of the new tennis markings this is a much better facility for our sports teams to enjoy. No excuses now for wobbly performance ...! The new lighting should be going in at the beginning of July and we'd like to thank our local lighting expert, Neil Skinner of SKR Lighting Design, who drew up the spec for the lights.

New MUGA: We've been through the somewhat cumbersome tender process for the new MUGA. The 15 original applications to bid for the contract were reduced to three after contractors saw the project manager's brief and contract. Some said they were too busy, some found the conditions too strict, some wanted a full ground survey before they would price. Of the three, one was rejected as they would give no guarantees or warranties, turning all liabilities back on to us as client. The remaining two were assessed against the project manager's 45-point scoring sheet. Both scored pretty well, but the deal breaker was how the two companies approached the question of ground stabilisation on the old BMX track. Neither would give the 25-year warranty that the PM had asked for, but Company B was satisfied their industry reputation would speak for itself. Both offered acceptable solutions – pinned gabions or a heavy stonework 'mattress' base – with the gabions judged the more robust. In addition, Company B's fencing was stronger.

The PC accepted our recommendation at their 20 June meeting that Company B (Steelway Fensecure) be appointed to install the new MUGA at a cost of £74,544, using CDC S106 funds already earmarked. The company says they can start work in mid-August.

Master Plan: We're disappointed that our PM, Jeremy Sacha, hasn't yet started his comprehensive master plan for the whole sport and leisure area – it's now promised for early July. The Development Group will look at it first and, when we are happy it's what we want, we'll bring it to the PC and then put it on display for the village to see and comment on.

So, in just over a year the Group and the PC have made substantial improvements to the outdoor facilities at the Windmill. If we can achieve the new children's play area by the end of the year, that will be a real bonus. We're grateful to the PC for supporting our plans so far.

Mary Robinson

Chair, Windmill Development Group
development@windmillcentre.org

Friends of the Castle Grounds

Thank you to Paul Cox of Cox's Garage, Deddington, for servicing our two trimmers free of charge. It is much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Also thank you to Deddington Parish Council for their donation of £100 towards sapling clearance.

The Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers are visiting Castle Grounds at the end of June and will be helping to clear some of the deadwood and scatter the wood clippings.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of the Castle Grounds please visit Deddington OnLine <http://www.deddington.org.uk/clubs/friendsofcastle-grounds> to download a membership form or contact our membership secretary, Jean Welford at Abercroft, Hopcraft Lane, 01869 338539, for more information. Join us to take care of this glorious heritage site.

We are still looking for a secretary to join our committee so if you are interested please let us know.

We're looking forward to lots of good weather. Come and have a stroll around Castle Grounds and enjoy this wonderful area.

Carol Garrett

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LETTERS

FROM NIGEL ODDY, DEDDINGTON
Dear Mike Ward

Following criticism of your contributions to the *Deddington News* last month, please don't change a jot. The bits of US insight, always with tongue in cheek, plus US views on us Brits, are a hoot. Many thanks and I'll buy you a pint next time you are over.



FROM ALISON GRIEVE, HEMPTON

I'm looking to start a community choir within the villages of Clifton, Deddington and Hempton with the sole aim of bringing people together who, like me, want to experience the sheer joy of singing in a group.

I would be very happy to hear from anyone who would like to get involved in the initial stages of setting this up on 07707 026375 or alisongrmail@gmail.com.

FROM RICHARD AND DENISE CLIPSON,
DEDDINGTON

We are newbies to Deddington and would like to thank everyone we have met so far who has been so friendly and helpful. It is the most sociable of places.

The Deddington Festival was brilliantly organised and we had a very entertaining time.

We made the Jazz on Friday and, whilst the music was not quite to our taste, the whole experience, and especially the lighting, was excellent.

The pie pub excelled with Deddy Rocks and it was great to see so many people having a good time.

Sunday night with All the King's Men was a truly moving experience. To see every age joining in and the happiness in the church made for a fitting finale.

We would like to thank all the committee for their hard and inspired work. The village has a very community focused feel and we are really enjoying living here.

FROM JANE BROADBENT, DISPENSING SERVICES
MANAGER, HEALTH CENTRE

We have had a lot of enquiries regarding the opening of a new pharmacy in Hudson Street. Here are the key points from questions already raised by patients who have contacted us about this:

We are fully aware of the pharmacy opening and were opposed to it. Despite taking legal advice and hiring legal counsel we were unable to prevent this.

Due to NHS regulations, we cannot dispense to you if you live within one mile of a pharmacy. There will be a grace period of at least three months from the opening of the pharmacy when you will still be able to have your medicine dispensed by us. After that time, any patient who lives in Deddington will not be able to collect their medication from our dispensary or Pharmaself.

You do not need to do anything until we contact you. We will advise you of the date after which we

cannot dispense your medications and from that point onwards we can send your prescriptions electronically to a pharmacy of your choice.

This change only affects the residents of Deddington village. All other patients can continue to have their medicines dispensed by us and are unaffected by this change.

For further information on how this decision was made please contact:

NHS England South Central, Jubilee House, 5510 John Smith Drive, Oxford Business Park, Cowley, Oxford OX42 2LH, tel 01865 963894, email fhsau@resolution.nhs.uk.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, DEDDINGTON

Very many thanks to all who generously responded to Christian Aid Week and to the loyal team of house-to-house collectors. The result was £2,002.93 from the house-to-house collection, with a further £224 added because 102 people were able to sign the GiftAid form, making first delivering and then collecting them well worthwhile. (Christian Aid will also receive 14 old £1 coins.) This year's focus was on Haiti recovering from the 2010 earthquake followed by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Find 'Vilia's Story' on YouTube to see your response through Christian Aid. This year's hurricane season is now beginning: 'Together we are stronger than storms'.

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Revd Cotton Risley for the month of July 1868:
6th July – Bowen and his brother policeman came for a summons against David Clarke and John Vincent of this place for night poaching – took away their guns. They said they were out sparrow shooting.

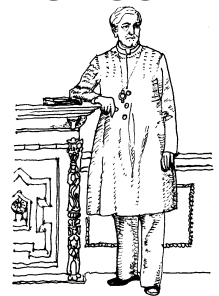
8th July – I went to London where Willy met me.

10th July – Went with Willy and chose a handsome timepiece as a present to him on his marriage.

22nd July – I heard a case of desertion from the Militia in this county against one Isaac Rymell, late of Clifton, convicted him and ordered him to pay a fine of £2 or 14 days to House of Correction with hard labour.

23rd July – The Annual Cricket Ball took place this evening.

29th July – Our annual Reading Room Tea Drinking took place in the Castle Grounds as a change – all sorts of Rural Sports and Games took place, a new feature.



Buffy Heywood

Tales from the Pump



We Brits have never felt that comfortable with the 'Have a nice day' brand of hospitality imported from the US. We know where we stand with the grumpy landlord. We know we should be grateful to be allowed in the pub in the first place, let alone be served with a decent pint of beer. We share an uncomfortable glance with each other if a smile emanates from behind the bar. We nervously glance at the slightly cloudy ale accompanied by the challenging look

from the GL before taking a deep drink and muttering 'great pint'.

I remember Graham at the Duke as the man who refused to serve lager and told anybody ordering it to disappear. So keen on Jennings Bitter was he that would drive halfway up the M6 to meet the brewery rep to pick up a couple of firkins of the Cumberland Bitter. After he left the Duke and entered into a strange nightclub venture in Southampton, he would drive back to Deddington on Sunday night and order himself five pints of Adnams five minutes before closing time – now he wasn't too keen on the grumpy response!

And then there was Fred Ellis in the Unicorn who took grumpiness to a new level. A chap came in one evening and asked for a pint of Brew 11. 'We don't stock Brew 11', said Fred. 'You have a beer mat on the bar with Brew 11 on it', opined the Smart Alec. 'I've got a doormat with 'Welcome' on it, – now p... off to the Holcombe', growled Fred. How I loved that man and Lady Val.

The Grumpy Landlord

Deddington Library

Summer is here and we're gearing up for our 2018 Summer Reading Challenge – Mischief Makers!

Get ready for an awesome reading challenge starting on 14 July at Deddington library. Eagle-eyed children will need to find the mysterious buried treasure in Beantown and become ultimate mischief makers. Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help them solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun and adventures along the way. Complete the challenge to get your own wristband, medal and certificate too. Join up at Deddington library. It's fun! It's free! It's local!

The adults Summer Reading Challenge is running again this year, with all sorts of prizes to be won. Look out for the Oxfordshire Reads postcards in the library to enter.

Our last Rhymetime for under 5s and families before the summer break is on Monday 16 July. Come along and join us at 2.30pm for some summer fun. We will commence again on Monday 10 September.

BLISSFUL THINKING



I sometimes frequent the *Banburyshire Info* Facebook page for an insight into the passive aggressive whims of our comrades in arms. I noted that in between rants about parking, politics and potholes, there seems to be a perpetual narrative of Banbury being in decline. Although everything was of course faultless in a past embellished by anecdotes

of conquest and triumph and streets paved with chocolate, the idea that Banbury could do with some fresh thinking is not entirely baseless. It confuses me when I see the amount of suggestions for more shops, as if the only pastime anyone in the Banbury area has outside of their homes is consumerism.

Some outside-the-box thinking emerges now and again, with suggestions for outdoor theatre or waterfront attractions. I wondered whether I might have an original idea. I contemplated what problems seem to be the worst around the town: traffic congestion, pollution, parking and road surfacing. Surely there could be some marvellous panacea to all of these problems?

I thought of Brockway, Ogdenville and North Haverbrook, and then it hit me. Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you: the Banbury Monorail. Towering above the town's traditional skyline, it will bring in tourists for the novelty value alone. Running completely on clean energy sources, the park-and-ride monorail would be able to whisk you from the retail parks to a suddenly rejuvenated High Street in five minutes, with no queues or wardens to fear. Kids would love it, the environment would love it; surrounding counties would fear it leaving them in the shade of progress. I'll of course put myself forward for transit conductor if I can design the uniform, cyberpunk décor, and play acid jazz versions of *Girl from Ipanema* and *Spanish Flea* on the tannoy. Behold our glorious new tomorrow, gliding softly overhead!

Aaron Bliss, aaronjbloss@hotmail.com

Library (Continued from previous column)

Just a reminder that our digital helpers are on hand to support your computer training needs. If you're struggling to get online, want to start online shopping, or learn how to use a search engine, whatever your learning needs, we're here to help. Just contact me at the library.

Don't forget to give the library a call when you see a new neighbour move into the village. We have welcome packs ready and waiting to deliver, giving your new neighbours all the essential information to help them integrate into our community.

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the library over the coming weeks.

Stella O'Neill, 01869 338391

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Deddington's National Garden Scheme Open Day

Community spirit is a valuable village asset and we saw it in spades on Saturday 9 June for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) opening in Deddington. Satin Lane Allotments, Rushall House and Castle End House all opened their garden gates to welcome a staggering 205 visitors from all over the country, abroad and even a visitor from Australia. The latter didn't exactly fly over especially, but we're taking the credit for her length of journey to Deddington.

The team at Rushall House, led by the superb duo, Lynda and David Lake-Stewart, not only opened their beautiful garden but worked feverishly to provide visitors with hot tea, home-made cordials and a huge selection of delicious cakes. Similarly, the team on Satin Lane allotments, managed beautifully by Angie Lane, ensured allotment holders were present to chat all things GYO with the visitors, as well manage a booming plant stall. The youngest member of the Satin Lane team, Teddy Churchill, aged 2, managed to raise an impressive £20.39 from the sale of biscuits he made. Finally, the team at Castle



End House guided the many visitors through the garden, answered plant and gardening queries and managed a vibrant perennials plant sale.

Plants, cakes and, above all, time and effort were generously donated by all involved, and gratefully received, to achieve the excellent proceeds of £1,437.51 for the charities supported by the NGS. The NGS is the most significant charitable funder of nursing charities in the country, donating over £50 million since it was founded in 1927. The beneficiary charities are: The Queen's Nursing Institute, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Carers Trust, Hospice UK, Perennial, Parkinson's UK and other guest charities.

Thank you again to everyone involved and to all those who came to visit the gardens and sampled the tea and cake on offer. The support was greatly appreciated; especially knowing that all the hard earned proceeds will be supporting much needed nursing care across the country.

Petra Hoyer Millar

Friends of Daeda's Wood

There will be a family picnic in Daeda's Wood, if weather conditions are favourable, on Friday 7 September from 3.00–6.00pm. Fun activities will be on offer. Bring your own food and drink. Please contact me with any queries.

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Holly Tree Club

Our renovation plans are progressing: we have instructed a full building survey and will use the resulting information to plan the work that needs to be carried out on the hall. In the meantime, we're looking at installing a loop system to aid those with hearing loss.

We are delighted that our new website TheHollyTreeClub.org is now up and running, but in its infant stages of being populated with useful information. It all takes time of course so keep checking the page for updates.

Paddington 2, shown on film night in June, was a great success. We are now looking forward to seeing *The Darkest Hour* at 6.30pm on Thursday 12 July. This is a thrilling and inspiring true story beginning at the precipice of World War II as, within days of becoming Prime Minister of Great Britain, Winston Churchill, played by Academy Award nominee Gary Oldman, must face one of his most turbulent and defining trials: exploring a negotiated peace treaty with Nazi Germany or standing firm to fight for the ideals, liberty and freedom of a nation.

On 18 June we had a most enjoyable lunch at The Barn at Upper Stowe near Weedon, followed by a visit to the Bell Plantation Garden Centre where we spent a very pleasant hour wandering among the plants and had an ice-cream too.

Our next trip is to Wyatts Garden Centre at Great Rollright on Monday 13 August where our members will visit the farm shop and garden centre, and have lunch in the tea rooms, all set in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with stunning views over the countryside towards Stratford-upon-Avon.

The Monday Morning Coffee Club is now open to the over 55s and is held on the first Monday of the month at 10.30am in the Holly Tree Club. New members are welcome so don't forget to invite your new neighbours along too.

For all Club enquiries, please contact Liz Dickinson on 01869 337050 or Diana Marshall on 01869 337761. For all Holly Tree booking enquiries, please contact Hugh Blythe on 01869 338126 or hughblythe@btinternet.com.

John Finnigan, Chair

PFSU and Village Nursery

The end of the summer term is always busy and we are enjoying sports days, trips out and end of term parties before the long summer holiday. Most of our children will be moving on to pastures new in September and we are working hard to make the transition as easy as possible for them, with familiarisation visits and opportunities to meet the new adults who will be working with them.

There will be two open days for our new PFSU families on 3–4 July between 3.30–4.30pm, when you can come for a look round and ask any questions you may have.

Holiday club will be running for the first two weeks of the summer holidays. Booking forms are available from both settings now. We wish all our children and families an enjoyable summer and every success and happiness at their new schools and settings.

Lucy Squires, lamjsquires@aol.com

DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW 2018 SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER IN THE CHURCH

During the week beginning 2 July, Parish Show programmes with entry forms will be available in the church porch, the library, the Flower Shop, the Deddington Arms and the vets. All the information is also on Deddington OnLine <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/parishshow>.

Please take one and support this community event by entering one of the 100 classes or by coming on the day to have tea and admire all the talent of cooks, gardeners, artists, photographers and the children's work.

Wendy Burrows
Hon Secretary
01869 338082

Changed Hours at Deddington Library

Following the recent consultation and the overwhelming support in favour of amending the opening hours at Deddington library, the hours will be amended as follows with effect from Monday 16 July 2018. Please note this is only a reorganisation of the existing hours, there is no reduction in service, staffing or overall opening hours.

Monday	2.00–7.00pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9.30am–1.00pm
Thursday	1.00–5.00pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	9.30am–1.00pm
Total	16 hours

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington and District Photographic Society

In June we were treated to a presentation by member Andreas Klatt entitled 'The Costa Rica Book'. Andreas's visit to Costa Rica to photograph wildlife was hampered by a 12kg restriction on all luggage, which meant deciding what camera equipment to take. The final choice of one camera body and one lens imposed strict discipline on technique. The bright intensity of tropical light also required unfamiliar exposures. Costa Rica is a wildlife photographer's haven with a wide variety of amazingly colourful tropical birds including kingfishers, herons and tree canopy birds. There were also images of minute brightly coloured poisonous tree frogs and brightly coloured snakes, along with many exotic flowers and leaf formations. A seven-foot iguana also drew comment.

The meeting continued with our monthly challenge on the theme of 'Anonymous', the idea being for members to anonymously display three pictures not in their usual style. Everyone then had to guess the photographer. This generated a lot of witty comment and discussion.

Our next meeting is on 4 July at 7.30pm at the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, with a presentation by 'Team Dorset' on December's club workshop on the Dorset coast. All are welcome to attend.

Paul Brewerton

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Deddington Bookworms

The Monogram Murders by Sophie Hannah divided the group: whilst we all felt it was a good and interesting read that left you wanting to finish it, the fact that it was billed as an Agatha Christie was a little confusing. It is billed as a new Hercule Poirot mystery and written more in the style of David Suchet's Hercule, rather than Agatha's original character. For me, it was fabulous and Hercule spoke pure Flemish off every page and Art Deco London shone through at every opportunity. Yes, there were some fussy details and slightly irrelevant facts – but that is Hercule, mon ami.

Our next book is *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery – and looks a little more challenging.

We will be meeting at Deddington library on Monday 2 July at 6.30pm if anyone would like to join us.

Deddington Library
01869 338391

Deddington Baby and Toddler Group

The group runs every Friday at the Windmill Centre from 10.00am–12 midday with a selection of toys and activities for babies and children up to pre-school age. We provide a drink and snacks for the little ones, and parents and carers are offered tea or coffee and biscuits, so come along with friends or make new ones. All for £3 per family and no need to book.



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Good Luck!

CALLING ALL CLUBS

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The group has been very busy lately with lots of new members who have been lovely to meet. We're always looking for volunteers to help, so feel free to offer. Many thanks to those who have already done so.

Louise Tustian
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Women's Institute

At our June meeting we had a full attendance of members and three potential members.

There was quite a discussion on data protection. It seems there is conflicting advice from different quarters. There was also a quick settling of next month's treasure hunt and teas in the Deddington Arms. We were given a long talk by Colin Oakes entitled 'Plumbing the Depths'. This was a description of how he earned pocket money as a teenager working as a gofer boy. Most of this work seemed to take place in decommissioned World War Two sites and included discovery of hidden microphones. We then had excellent refreshments.

Our next meeting is the treasure hunt in the village on 10 July. Anybody interested in coming along and meeting us will be given a warm welcome at the 14 August meeting.

Please contact either the president, Jenny Cox, on 01869 337015, or the secretary, Jenny Cross, on 01869 337613.

Julia Hobbs

Deddington and District History Society

On Saturday 30 June we shall enjoy a private visit to the gardens at Rousham, starting at 6.00pm. A guided tour of the gardens is offered and we suggest that people take a picnic, to make a lovely evening of it. There will be a charge of £6 to include admission. This will be a rare opportunity to have these wonderful gardens to ourselves. Park in the usual car park near the stables.

On Wednesday 11 July at 7.30pm we are offering a special lecture which will take place in the parish church: Stefan White, the celebrated garden historian, will speak on the role of women in horticulture. As well as notabilities like Gertrude Jekyll and Vita Sackville-West he will focus on lesser known but important figures such as Beatrix Havergal (Waterperry) and Beth Chatto. Admission will be £7.50 to include refreshments. All are welcome.

Barrie Smith, Chairman 01869 337813
Moira Byast, Secretary 01869 338637

Book Group

At our meeting in May we discussed *Mothering Sunday* by Graham Swift. This was set during a single day, Mothering Sunday 1924, which was traditionally a day off for servants so that they could visit their families. Jane Fairchild, who is in service with the Niven family,

has no family to visit and instead finds herself summoned to visit her long-time lover, Paul Sheringham, the young heir of a neighbouring household and the only survivor of five sons between the two families, the others having been killed in the war. He is on the verge of entering into a marriage of convenience with the only remaining child of a third family. As the book progresses, we discover details about her past and the story flashes forward to reveal her future as a successful writer while she continually thinks back to the events of that Mothering Sunday and how it shaped her life.

Graham Swift's skill as a writer produces a novella of great depth, poignant and affecting, all the more potent for being contained in such a short work.

Our next book is *As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning* by Laurie Lee and we will be meeting on 26 July.

Sally Lambert
01869 338094

Royal British Legion Branch

Denis Freeman, a long-standing ex-serviceman (Ox and Bucks 1947–49), branch member and former standard bearer, died last month. Our condolences go to his family.

1 September

A family barbecue for members, non-members, families and friends will be held at the Windmill Centre from 1.00pm. Deddington Brass will play and the Football Club will join us at about 4.00pm. Tickets (adults £10, under 12s £5) can be purchased from Ralph Stewart, 01869 337367, or Stella O'Neill at the Library.

4 October

In conjunction with the parish church, we will visit the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. We will advise the cost to cover bus hire when we know how many are coming. Please let me know if you wish to reserve a place on the bus.

17 November – The Deddington Ball

We are working with the charity, Action for A–T, to hold this major fundraising event – dinner, dancing to a live band and charity auction. Look for full details on the branch website on DOL and a flier in the September DN. Put the date in your diary.

Rob Forsyth, Chairman
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SPORT

Deddington Original Golf Society

The DOGS season is well under way and a most enjoyable day was had at Ladbroke Park on the 14 May with Phil Goodman the overall winner. The sun shone on the righteous and your chairman took advantage of whoever the righteous one was. The course was beautifully presented and Ladbroke certainly knows how to look after its visitors.

SPORT*Continued from p16*

Our sojourn to Badgemore Park will have taken place by the time you read this copy but fast on its heels will be Wychwood Golf Club on 17 August. This is followed by our now legendary evening event – a barbecue? Fish and chips?

Watch this space and enjoy your golf before the monsoon season commences.

Tony Lowe, Chairman
tonylowe077@gmail.com

Deddington Ladies Netball

Deddington ladies netball is still looking for players. We welcome any ability and play at 7.15pm on Wednesdays on the all-weather court at the Windmill Centre. Please email me if you'd like to come along.

Sophie Cameron
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Deddington Town FC Youth*Presentation day 2018*

As the FIFA World Cup is underway, the 'beautiful game' was being celebrated as Deddington Town FC youth section had its annual presentation day. More than 200 people attended on a warm sunny day with stalls, activities and a celebration of the achievements of children and young people over the season. Alongside that we had Deddington Ladies Cricket team winning both their games. The day ended with an auctioned ride in a Deddy Car Fest sports car. So, a great community day, all hosted at the Windmill.

The winners of the prizes this year are:

Most Improved Player – U8 Oliver Tuttle; U9 Martin Johnson; U10 Sam White and Charlie Duffy; U11 Harrison Worth; U12 Lewis Pickford; U13 Sharks Brodie Hammond; U13 Cobras Finlay Sealby; U14s Euan McRobie.

Sportsperson – U8 Tommy O'Donnell; U9 Jonathan Linsey; U10 James Edmonds; U11 Theo Hinson; U12 Alex Din; U13 Sharks Ben Linsey; U13 Cobras Lewis Harding; U14s Charlie Blackmore.

Players' Player – U8 Harry Townsend; U9 Matthew Bagot; U10 Tommy McArdle; U11 Charlie Sydenham; U12 Callum Beattie; U13 Sharks Zack Ibrahim; U13 Cobras Oliver Cater; U14s Josh Catharine.

Managers' Player – U8 Sam Brand; U9 James De-merges; U10 Alex Dalman; U11 Noah Charman and Jack Kimber; U12 Will Holman; U13 Sharks Charlie Vaughan; U13 Cobras Anh Hoang; U14s Adam Court.

Fair Play award in memory of Frank McCuskey

This year the club made a new award at the U7 age group for fair play in memory of Frank McCuskey. Frank, who died suddenly last year, coached for several years. He was a great coach and had the ability to hold the attention of young players whilst hardly ever raising his voice. Frank firmly believed that sport is of immense benefit to young people. The values of sportsmanship, respect and fair play were

central to the coaching sessions and matches he was involved in. With the support of Frank's family, the club awarded a trophy to a player from the U7s squad who, throughout this season, has best demonstrated those values that were so important to Frank. This year it was awarded to Benjamin White.

Put a date in your diary for next year's presentation day – Sunday 9 June 2019 at 2.00pm at the Windmill. *Get involved*

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/ or visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc.

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Deddington Town Football Club

Some very sad news reached DTFC this last month with the passing of club icon, 'Sir' Den Freeman. Anybody involved in Deddington Town Football Club will have a cracking anecdote about Den, possibly the only man important enough to warrant a bench dedicated to him while still among us. Every home game, rain or shine, Den would be there with his motley crew, Cliff and Fuzz, and whether he was indefatigably raising the team's spirits with some choice motivational phrases or cheerfully cajoling the officials with some ripe invective, Den made even a dire game enjoyable. It has to be said he usually thought nothing of squaring up to furious men a third of his age if he thought they'd crossed the line; such was his tribal passion for the club. Of course, there were many other areas of the community that Den touched, but this is just to communicate the affection in which he was held by an organisation he dedicated himself to for longer than I've been alive. A few months back, Den collared me in the Co-op queue and gave me a flea in my ear about never mentioning him in any of my columns. I left thinking I should do it as a challenge but gave up when I knew I wouldn't be able to do him justice. I hope this will do instead.

We'll miss you Sir Den.

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

Deddington Tennis Club

Whether you are an experienced player looking to play league matches, a rusty player who hasn't picked up a racket for years, or someone who prefers to play social tennis, we have something for all of you. We enter several teams in the Banbury and Oxfordshire leagues, run friendly internal club competitions, offer three social tennis sessions per week and run occasional fun tournaments throughout the year.

For adults looking to improve their game, our LTA qualified coaches offer regular group coaching sessions at beginners/improvers and advanced levels,

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as well as one-to-one coaching. Our coaches are also very keen to bring youngsters into the game. There is an active junior coaching programme, fun competitions for all ages and one-to-one junior coaching is also available. We have teams competing at U8, U9, U10 and U14 level and run tournaments throughout the year.

Situated at the Windmill Centre, we have three excellent all-weather courts, two of which have recently been fitted with LED lights allowing year-round play. We also have occasional use of the Windmill all-weather court.

If you are interested in having a look at the club, hitting a few balls and meeting the committee and the coaches, we are taking part in the Great British Tennis Weekend, a campaign to get more people playing tennis. On Sunday 22 July in the afternoon, everyone is welcome to come along and try tennis free of charge.

For more details and to book a coaching session, visit the LTA website at lta.org.uk/gbtw.

For further details on what we do, when we play and how to join us, please visit our website www.deddingtontennis.com.

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Deddington Cricket Club

Runs 1st and 2nd XI teams participating in the OCA League and a women's team. For more information visit www.deddingtoncricket.co.uk.

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Deddington Badminton Club

Meets every Tuesday from 7.00pm September–April at the Windmill Centre.

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1st Deddington Scout Group

The Scouts have been out, as they should, for two hikes that they planned themselves, one to Adderbury and the other to Great Tew. Nobody was eaten by a bear! They also put up the tents for the District Camp at Horley. This was a combined camp for all sections and a few Scouts came along. They joined in with all the activities at the site and also had the chance to canoe and sail at the reservoir. Next, there is a trip to Daeda's Wood and car maintenance.

Peter Churchyard

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Cubs

Running up to the end of term the Cubs have been finishing their skills challenge by learning some useful skills for camp. They have erected tents, learned to knock wooden pegs into the ground and stuffed sleeping bags. This all came in very handy at the District Camp held at Horley where they had a go at archery, shooting, axe-throwing and rope-making, plus the chance to talk to some re-enactment groups, and they all enjoyed the dodgems and many and various inflatables.

Our two Duke of Edinburgh helpers ran an evening of food games and the Cubs made pizza straws and fruit salad. Coming up – Daeda's Wood.

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1st Deddington Guides

Our usual good luck with the weather seems to have returned. We worked on our fire-lighting techniques (and kept it going), one windy but dry evening and (fairly) successfully cooked pancakes – delicious if not

always pretty to look at. Thank you again to George and Bryony Fenemore for accommodating us.

We also walked from Milton to Barford one lovely May evening, enjoying our beautiful countryside and dealing with challenges along the way. These included observation, knotting, first aid and showing our artistic flair.

After the bank holiday we practised our tent pitching, and we're looking forward to archery, ready steady cook, stream walking and a sausage sizzle with the Brownies.

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Marian Trinder 01869 340806

Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008

Tilly Neal

1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

Rainbows is the youngest section of the Girl Guide Association aged between 5 and 7. We meet at Barford St Michael village hall on Friday, 4.15–5.15 pm.

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1st Deddington Brownies

Brownies is for girls aged 7 to 10. We meet on Wednesdays during term-time from 6.00–7.30pm at the Windmill Centre.

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Beavers

Beavers are for children between six and eight. We meet at the Windmill Centre from 5.30–6.30pm on Mondays.

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