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the Deddington news

We have a bumper bundle in the Editor's Postbag (pp11 and 12) this month which is good to see. Not all of the letters relate to planning applications so there is plenty of interest. If you have comments on the large development, you have until 5 April. Introduction of the fibre optic broadband is ongoing but it's getting there – so be patient, those of you who are keen.

APRIL

- Mon 1 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am-noon
- Wed 3 Photographic Society: AGM followed by David Boag, 'Wildlife Photography', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.00pm
- Wed 3 Tennis Club: Windmill, start of Club nights, 6pm
- Fri 5 Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 6.30pm
- Sat 6 Concert: Piano Recital, Geoffrey Hopkins, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Mon 8 Tennis Club: Junior tennis camp start, contact Wayne Ellis on 340386
- Tue 9 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm
- Tue 9 WI: Jennie Boyle, 'The Baltic to the Caspian', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 10 History Society: Steven Brindle, 'The Restoration of Windsor Castle', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 11 Monday Morning Film Club: film tbc, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Mon 15 Tennis Club: Junior tennis coaching starts
- Wed 17 Parish Council Meeting: Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Photographic Society: Skills Workshop: 'Table Top Photography', Martyn Pearse, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Sun 21 Youth Groups: St George's Day parade, Banbury, 2pm
- Tue 23 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm
- Wed 24 Deddington Players: AGM, Holly Tree Club, 7.00pm
- Thu 25 DeddiMedia Quarterly Meeting: Unicorn Snug, 6.45pm
- Thu 25 Book Club: Call Sally Lambert, 338094, for details, 7.30pm
- Sat 27 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9am–12.30pm
- Sat 27 NOCC Concert: Handel, *Israel in Egypt*, Parish Church, 7.30pm

MAY

- Wed 1 Photographic Society: 'A Little Bit of This and a Little Bit of That', Alan Fretton, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Fri 3 Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS): Tadmarton Heath Golf Club, 9.30am–4.30pm
- Fri 3 Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 6.30pm
- Wed 8 Annual Parish Meeting: Public participation welcome, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 20 March at the Windmill Centre

The venue was changed because of anticipated interest in the Pegasus and Tennis Club planning applications: a good turnout of the public and Councillors. It was the last meeting attended by Cllr Ray Jelf, his contribution and support for the Parish were recognised with grateful thanks.

Open Forum

Pegasus planning application: Frank Davis and David French of the Deddington Development Watch Group suggested that this would be too great an environmental impact and burden on the local infrastructure and Richard Broadbent from Earl's Lane similarly agreed. *Tennis Club lights:* Geoff Todd objected to the planning application because of the overall environmental impact. The chairman of the Tennis Club explained the reasons for the application.

Planning

Knotty Ash, Hempton Road, demolish existing bungalow and garage, and replace with a new two-storey house and garage, with new access, no objection.

8 County View, Clifton, single-storey extension, no objection.

Deddington Tennis Club, erection of floodlights for two courts, qualified approval with conditions covering limit to hours and number of days lights can be used. Suggested that the Tennis Club liaise with local residents to avoid nuisance, friction and complaints, and that the Tennis Club make the courts more accessible to the general public. The Windmill CC Committee should be asked to negotiate and discuss some of the concerns with the Tennis Club.

Pegasus: It was agreed that this is an inappropriate and opportunistic planning application. PC agreed the composition of a working group to co-ordinate a reasoned response. Tony Baldry, Deddington Development Watch Group, Cherwell and Oxfordshire Councils would all be mobilised in Deddington's defence. Objections and comments should be addressed to Cherwell DC, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4AA or planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk. Objections or com-

ments should be submitted by 4 April although the CDC planning meeting is not until May.

Environment & Recreation

The PC is interested to hear from anyone with an interest in Hempton Cemetery. A parishioner has asked permission to plant a rose bush on his parents' grave. For ease of maintenance Hempton is a lawn cemetery and, under current regulations, PC does not allow planting on graves. Looking at other local authority administered cemeteries, there are two options: either a dedicated memorial rose garden or the purchase, about £100, of a memorial plaque. The parish clerk would like to receive your views: parishcouncil@deddington.net.

Fibre-optic broadband

There is still some confusion about the mechanics of connecting houses and businesses to the network. BT claim that every house and business will have a fibre optic connection, but only to the outside of the building, or in some cases to the curtilage of the property or nearest telegraph pole. To make the connection requires an order to be placed with an internet service provider (ISP). Customers should contact their ISP as more of the network is becoming accessible. Orders can be placed either with BT or any other ISP offering the service. OCC are to be asked to encourage BT to restore damage to roads, pavements and verges.

Finance & General Purposes

Town Hall: Deddington Charity Estate have estimated that it will cost £56,000 to repair and maintain over the next five years. PC need to see a balance sheet and annual accounts before considering financial support. *Precept:* The Council Tax reduction scheme appears to reduce the PC precept of £35,431 by £2,000. This anomaly is to be investigated.

Salt spreaders: three new salt spreaders are to be ordered, for use in Hempton, Clifton and Deddington. Invoices of £5,530 were agreed for payment.

Investments of £535,366 are with Barclays, Santander and NatWest Banks.

Next Meeting 17 April at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, Hempton

A Drunk Abroad in America

What I miss most is my friends ... and the pub. Replacing friends is difficult, particularly in Middle America where people are open on the outside, but closed on the inside. Life centres on work and family, but Hugh would be delighted with the level of church attendance – 50% claim to go regularly. There is plenty of choice with six churches within half a mile of our house. Any type of belief you would want apart from Jedi.

On Friday nights I tour local bars. There are more than I originally thought. Last week's plan was a trip to Twin Peaks. I don't need to tell you the featured attractions were very tacky. Then we moved to the 'Bait Shop', a bizarre place with an enormous shove h'apenny table.

The previous week we went to one of the 'original'

pubs in Denver, established in 1985. Our guide was nervous, darting looks from side to side. He told us he used to go to this pseudo-English pub several times a week but broke up with the lady who became his stalker. She wasn't there, but we thoroughly enjoyed taking the mickey. I found an American with a sense of humour.

The good news is that the beers are good and cheap. At home I can watch Leicester rugby and football without being abused, and Heather has found a source of NZ Sauvignon to fill the wine fridge. All visitors are welcome. But we can't replace our friends or the spirit that is Deddington.

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GEORGE SPENCELEY 1921–2013

George was born in Harrogate, a proud Yorkshireman. At school he disdained organised games, preferring the lone pursuit of cross-country running in his beloved Dales.

When war broke out in 1939 he volunteered for the Royal Air Force, becoming a pilot in Bomber Command, flying on 40 missions, many in the Middle East. Back in Britain in 1942 he became an instructor. Standing in at the last minute to fly as rear gunner in a Wellington bomber (how did he fold himself into the gun turret?), he flew on the second thousand bomber raid over Cologne and the Ruhr. This mission, voluntarily flown, proved to be his last. The Wellington was shot down, all the crew perishing except George who miraculously parachuted to safety. Unconscious for ten days he woke up in a hospital staffed by white-robed nuns. George used to say he thought he was in heaven. Not for long, alas, as he was soon moved to the infamous 'Great Escape' Stalag Luft III. Later, with the Russians advancing from the east he was forced into the Winter Long March to the west in early 1945, narrowly missing death a few days before the European war ended, when his column of prisoners came under 'friendly fire' from RAF Typhoons. Frail from the march, George at last joined with British troops for urgently needed medical aid and eventual return to England.

Despite his wartime experiences, George's quest for adventure didn't desert him. He combined teaching

geography with climbing in the Lake District where he lived with his first wife Marjorie, with whom he had his three sons, Julian, Adrian and Nicholas. There were summer expeditions to the Alps, which led to his acceptance as a member of the South Georgia Survey 1955–56. It falls to few of us to have a glacier named after us, but the Spenceley Glacier is a lasting testimonial to George's contribution to the Survey's work.

After his return, George had a near escape when, on an expedition to the Jugal Himal in Nepal, he was the sole survivor of a party overwhelmed by an ice avalanche. George continued his climbing and, together with his experience and fine personal photographic collection, came another career as a lecturer. He spoke at schools, colleges and institutions and was always assured of a rapt and attentive audience.

Yet another outlet for George's inexhaustible energy was canoeing. He undertook a six-week journey through northern Canada and, with his devoted second wife, Sylvie, who he married in 1977, full length trips of the Danube and Mississippi rivers.

George and Sylvie came to live in Steeple Aston, subsequently moving to Deddington where he became a familiar figure running and jogging on his morning outings. Finally he was a popular member of that absurdly-named institution 'Gardeners' Question Time' where, as throughout our community, he is sorely missed. Farewell George.

John Cheney



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News from Clifton

Club Clifton is a name to send shivers down many a spine but harks back to days gone – or does it? As you know Clifton boasts many clubs but there is a new one: the Clifton Ladies Sports Club. It has met twice with a broad range of ages and interests and has a kitty that puts the national debt into context. It meets in the Duck on the last Wednesday of each month and I am assured it has as much to do with sport as the Book Club has to do with books. Good to see the memsahibs getting out.

Intellect took a definite turn upwards with Lucca Catania's world challenge quiz evening at the Duck the Sunday before last. It was packed. Rumours that it was won by a team who revised Morocco (the site of the school building Lucca's going to build) on the way to the evening is merely sour grapes by those 'pipped at the post'. Nearly £500 was raised and Lucca wants to thank everyone who came and everyone who helped set up this great evening. A summer barbecue will follow when the sun comes out.

The Una Stubbs team is registered. Training is being planned and two friendlies with the Red Lion are in the diary but it's not too late to join in. Pre-season registration is at 21:00hrs each Thursday and training will follow shortly.

Martin Bryce

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Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

The children have taken part in lots of fun activities during the last month: dressing-up and cooking on Red Nose Day, walking around the village and taking photographs, finding out about life in South Africa (thanks Annabel and Kerry), visiting the bike shop (thanks James), and preparing for Easter.

Our jumble sale raised an amazing £1,301 for which we'd like to thank all our buyers, sellers, jumble-givers, cake bakers and everyone who helped make the day run so smoothly. There will be a parents' evening for PFSU parents on Wednesday 15 May from 7–9pm, when you are invited to join us to chat about your child's progress and to view their profile. Happy Easter everyone!

Lucy Squires
337484

Deddington Players

Our AGM will be held at the Holly Tree Club (next to Deddington traffic lights) at 7pm on Wednesday 24 April. Please come along and have your say on our recent pantomime and our plans for the year ahead. If anyone would like to join the committee or would like to raise items for discussion before the night, then please contact me. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lucy Squires 338442



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Thu	4	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	7	10.30am	First Sunday
		6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	8	6.00pm	Eucharist: Annunciation
Wed	10	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	11	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	14	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	17	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	18	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	21	10.30am	Eucharist
Tue	23	6.00pm	Eucharist: St George
Wed	24	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	25	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
		6.00pm	Eucharist: St Mark
Sun	28	9.30am	Eucharist followed by Interactive Café Church at 10.15am

St John's, Hempton

Sun	7	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	21	9.00am	Mattins
Sun	28	6.00pm	Evensong

Barford St Michael

Sun	7	10.30am	Eucharist
Sun	14	10.30am	Family Service
Sun	21	10.30am	Mattins
Sun	28	4.00pm	Evensong

From the Parish Registers

March 4 Service of Thanksgiving George Spenceley

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), the curate, Revd Dr Dan Inman (337893) curatedan@gmail.com, or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to www.deddingtonchurch.org.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
Sun 28 April Maurice Nichols

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

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

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

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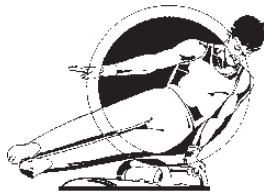
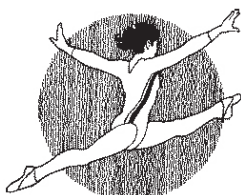
The Eve of Sunday Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport.

Fr John Burns 277396

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

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PHONES OF THE FUTURE?

Does anyone else remember those great kitchen wall-phones with the curly cords that were about two metres long? They could stretch anywhere and were possibly the greatest fun to play with, whether you were aged six or a cat or dog. They aren't readily available any more, but it's not because of the future; more likely a health and safety issue – mums losing it with kids using them as skipping-ropes etc. Unlike the future of broadband here in Deddington, the future of the humble phone is much less clear. For now, all new cables installed by Openreach have both fibre optic and copper in them, for broadband and phones respectively. The new broadband seems to work fine, but what of our phones?

Well, the standard copper-wire phone isn't going anywhere soon. Phones designed to work purely over fibre optic just aren't around yet. BT has named its own efforts in this direction 'Future Voice', but for now it's nothing more than a name. As we've been given a couple of years to switch over, however, it wouldn't be a surprise to see Future Voice arise some time next year.

Until then, the other option is an internet phone to make calls over your broadband connection – potentially a more complex option than you may like. BT provide an internet phone service called Broadband Voice but label it a business service. Not that this makes it unavailable for purchase – the Falcon IP phone is the best internet phone out there – but it does make it

more complicated to obtain than you may like. Easier to get your hands on is a Skype phone which relies on you using the web-based Skype service (www.skype.com). This is a physical phone which logs into your Skype account and can call other Skype users free or standard landlines for a small amount. Both are viable options but is it worth the additional hassle to be copper-free? Probably not yet, but for more information simply search for the phrases 'internet phone' and 'Skype phone' online.

Thanks to several people who have contacted me about making the switch to fibre optic broadband since the last *DN* issue. Here are the most common answers I gave. I hope they help those of you still thinking about things.

1. BT have licensed a company called DMSL to provide their BT Infinity broadband services to Deddington. Just call them on 0844 561 6653 and ask their UK-based operator about Fibre to the Premises Broadband. Their website is www.dmsluk.co.uk.

2. If you don't have broadband or are happy with what you've got, stay with that. As noted above, 'Future Voice' systems are probably a year away and there do also seem to be teething problems. In some cases, the new lines have temporarily killed the phone line to houses and their security systems.

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To Bcc or Not to Bcc ... and why you should not use the 'Reply All' option

Send an email to several people at once and you may be making life easy for the digital crooks – the spammers, hackers and viral villains. You may be endangering the privacy and security of your own computer and those of the people you send multiple emails to.

The problem is that if you include a long list of addresses in the 'To' or 'Cc' fields, you share each person's address with everyone else on the list. That message may then be forwarded. Some people will include the previous message, and then your address (and everyone else's) will be sent out with more and more other names willy-nilly, making the email an ever more likely target.

One of the people you send to might be a spammer or just send the whole list to someone who is. If just one person in your email list gets an email virus, every person listed is at risk. Email viruses check for all addresses that person has in their email.

To preserve the privacy and security of the people you are sending your multiple email to, you need to use the blind carbon copy option – the 'Bcc' feature. Unlike the 'To' and 'Cc' options, 'Bcc' hides the addresses to which you send emails and they cannot be seen by anyone but the original sender.

If people need to know who else has received such a message, the information can be inserted into the body of the email.

Spammers use programs that harvest email addresses sent via the internet. These programs look for messages that are sent to multiple recipients. Using the 'Bcc' option robs these spam address collectors of the chance to view the addresses and add them to their databases.

The 'Bcc' field may not be obvious when you look at your email application. This is because some software writers hide it. You have to find out how to turn it on. For instance, in Outlook Express you can turn it on through View/All Headers. In Outlook 2010, in a New Message window you click on the email's 'Option' in the ribbon and make sure 'Show Bcc' is clicked. The 'Bcc' field will now remain available for all messages.

One quirk of using 'Bcc' is that you can leave the 'To' field blank or you can insert your own email address so that you are sent a copy of your own message. Ei-

ther way, what drops into any inbox is an email that says it is both From and To the person who sent it,

To...	Your own email address if you want a copy, otherwise leave blank
Cc...	Nothing here
Bcc...	Put addresses here to protect privacy and security of recipients
Subject:	Using the Bcc... field

which does seem a bit confusing initially.

Apart from keeping people safe, putting a list of addresses into 'Bcc' means nobody can do a 'Reply All'. For that is another breach of email etiquette. Do not make the mistake of replying to emails with multiple addresses in 'To' or 'Cc' fields by clicking the Reply All button without thinking carefully about it. For not only does the original sender of the email get the reply, so does every other single person who received the original message, again making life easy for the virtual villains. Make sure you use the 'Reply' button so that only the sender of the email gets your answer.

There is plenty more information available on the internet about the virtues of 'Bcc' but www.whybcc.com is excellent, with good and bad examples, links and other advice on how to avoid sinning on the internet. There are also some illustrated guides explaining how to turn on the 'Bcc' feature for users of PCs, Macs and webmail.

John Price

FARMERS' MARKET

**Look out for the Specials Board at the Market on 27 April
Will we have Asparagus at the April market?**

At each market the traders are contacted and asked if they have any special items on offer. The details of these are then written up on our 'Specials Board'. This is a way of finding out if there are any rare items, seasonal offers, end-of-line items, or special price offers that are available on the day.

Well, we've had some weather, haven't we? I was very optimistic that February was the end of winter and that, from then, on things would just get better, and I'm still waiting for spring. I really look forward to the asparagus season each year and often we get our first offerings at the April market. Does eating asparagus

make your urine smell different? It's all down to a sulphurous compound called mercaptan (which is also found in rotten eggs, onions and garlic). When your digestive system breaks down mercaptan, by-products are released that cause the strange smell. The process is so quick that your urine can develop the distinctive smell within 15 to 30 minutes of eating asparagus.

Here's a collection of asparagus recipes: http://www.british-asparagus.co.uk/recipe_index_marcus_bean.php.

Paul Drawmer
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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

After the wettest and coldest summer on record, the weather experts are also predicting that this year's winter is set to become one of the coldest on record, something that I would not disagree with as I bash out my April offering.

The 2013 lambing season shivered to a start a few days before the due date with the awful depressing realisation that the odds that we have been hit by the German virus are shortening by the day. Although we have not as yet seen any deformed lambs, those that have been dropped are very weak, with a number of apparently healthy lambs, despite all efforts, only surviving for a few minutes. Those that do make it need a great deal of attention in the first few hours to make sure that they don't become chilled. As I sit at the keyboard my office weather station is showing a wind chill factor of -10°C. Although it is not that cold in the sheep barns, it is still cold enough for ice to form on the water buckets in the individual pens, so you can imagine just how quickly a new born lamb will suffer from hypothermia. It is very important to make sure that each lamb has a good feed, even before it is strong enough to stand, so we milk the ewe into a bottle and feed the lamb via a stomach tube. But it's early days and, as we get beyond the due date, things should improve. So we can only hope that the old shepherds' saying of 'start off bad, end up good' will ring true this year.

Although it is very cold, the dry weather of the last week or two has enabled us to get some field work done and we are working some of the fields ready to plant up with spring crops. Apart from the 50 acres of land that were too wet to plant last autumn, we will also need to replant 70 acres of winter sown crops which failed due to water-logged soil or the ravages of slugs, wood pigeons and rooks. Although they will be 'cuckoo crops', as it may be well into April before we can get them into the ground, any crop will be better than no crop, as the landlord will still demand his rent whatever we manage to produce.

The jury is still out with regard to over-wintering bee losses. The few warmer days that we did get at the beginning of March brought the bees out to gather pollen from the hazel and alder catkins, a sure indication that the queens were coming into lay. As we have now returned to very cold conditions this may well spell disaster, as the bees will not be able to keep a growing brood chamber warm enough. Some of the hives could become short of food and need feeding again to keep them going. The wood-working shop has hummed with activity making new nucleus hives ready to split down the strong colonies when the weather does warm up. This manipulation will help to reduce swarming and produce new queens for next year.

As the warmer days approach and the ewes and lambs return to the meadows and the wildlife makes a start on their rites of spring, a timely reminder to the many who enjoy taking their dog for a walk across the farm to please keep them on a lead, as a dog running loose can be very disturbing for the sheep and the ground-nesting wildlife, to say nothing of the shepherd. Ho well, it's time to put on my Arctic survival suit again and do another round of the lambing shed.

George Fenemore 338203

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Spring has finally arrived and, if you are a keen gardener with a garden you are proud of, why not give others the opportunity of seeing the fruits of your labour by opening your garden and raising funds in aid of Deddington Festival. Gardens do not have to be grand to open their gates to a wider audience, just let the garden speak for itself. Please do come forward – my details are below. Thank you.

Joan Wright
Organiser of Open Gardens and Allotments
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FOUND

In SS Peter and Paul Church, Deddington during the Farmers' Market of 20 December 2012, a white gold ring. For information please visit Deddington Police Office, High Street, Deddington (next to the Library).

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"THE SPIRIT LIVES ON"

We are delighted to announce that the Deddington Festival 2013 season is now live. This year's arts Festival is running for nearly three weeks between 21 June to 13 July 2013. You can log onto our new website and Facebook page at www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk to see details of this year's programme. If you like what you see, hit 'like' and follow us.

Readers of *Deddington News* will be aware that we recently ran a survey to see what people in the parish wanted from their arts festival and we thank all of those who responded. There was a wide range of ideas which boiled down to some general themes (the full list is on the website):

Children's cultural events, eg young musician of the year, puppetry, story-telling, magicians, drama workshops; dance, eg 'Strictly' style competition, street dance, flashmob, Morris Men; street theatre, eg circus acts, jugglers, outside acoustic sets.

Community, for example an historical/rural walk around Deddington, re-creation of the battle of Deddington, classic motor-car/bike parade, traditional fête with races, picnic at the Castle Grounds, an exhibition on the eccentricities/hobbies of the people in the parish, and treasure hunt.

Food event incorporating local producers.

Visual arts – Photographic event, film event and open air screening of classic films.

Drama – revue style show and workshops.

As we do not have a huge amount of time before the start of this year's Festival, the organising commit-

tee has decided to take three or so of these new ideas and incorporate them into this year's programme. Then, our intention is to refresh the programme more comprehensively for the summer 2014 season.

So this year we aim to include several dance events, a children's story-time, and an historical event alongside established favourites. We would like to organise some street theatre or circus acts, so if anyone knows anyone who we could approach, please get in touch. We are also seeking actors and actresses or children's authors who may like to get involved in our children's story-time. We will update our website regularly as we firm up the final elements of the programme.

A big thank you goes to Jo Watts for designing such a vibrant corporate identity for this year's Festival and for building the website, and to Sharon Greenwood for taking on our social media communication.

The Deddington Festival is a charity and relies on sponsorship and donations to finance the Festival programme. So if you are interested in being a partner of the Festival and supporting it via sponsorship, donations of services or products, or advertising, please contact Kath Morris on 338413.

We are also looking for people to help with organising the events or helping with our sponsorship and marketing. If you are interested, please contact me.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Deddington Festival this summer.

Emma Noon, Chairman, 337848
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Dan's Departure

As many of you know, Dan Inman, our curate, will be leaving us in April. Dan has been an excellent curate and has become a good friend to many of us; he will be sorely missed. I'm sure *DN* readers would like me, on their behalf, to express gratitude to Dan for his many-sided contribution to the life of our villages and to wish him all the best in his new post as a chaplain at Winchester College.

We are formally saying goodbye to Dan on Sunday 14 April. There will be a Eucharist in Deddington at 10.30am, at which Dan will preside, followed by drinks and a Bring and Share lunch (12 for 12.30pm). All are most welcome.

Hugh White

Deddington Youth Club

The Committee of the Deddington Youth Club hereby give notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at the Windmill Centre on Thursday, 9 May at 6pm. All are welcome.

The Windmill Community Centre

The Windmill Management Committee is holding its AGM at the Windmill Centre on Tuesday 4 June at 7.30pm. All users of the Windmill are invited to attend.

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OLD SCHOOL TIES

A History of Deddington Schools – Part II

Private Institutions

José Stevens has told of several small private schools operating in Deddington in the 20th century. In 1920 Holcombe House, on the site of what we know as the Holcombe Hotel, was opened by Miss Bolton, governess to the Kaiser's nephew in pre-war Austria. She took 20–30 pupils, boys and girls, staying until the age of 14 or 15 and including some weekly boarders. There were five staff, teaching all subjects, including sports. In the summer months French and German students attended it as a 'finishing school', learning languages and going on various excursions. The school closed in 1935.

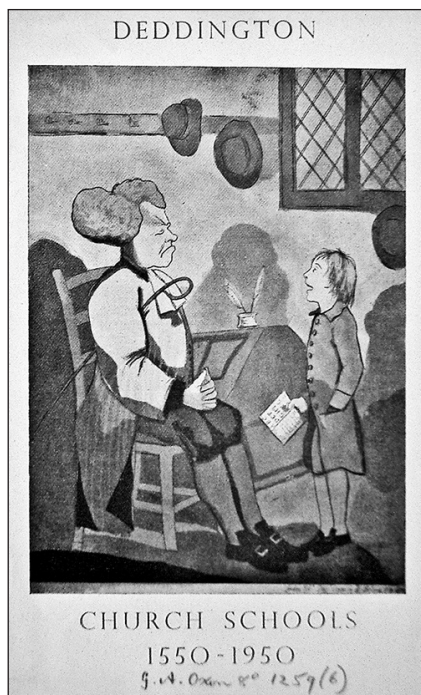
Miss Ivens' School in Stoneleigh, Victoria Terrace, was open from 1934 to 1938, took approximately 20–25 boys and girls, also had five staff and taught all subjects including sports. There were two smaller establishments, Miss Melsom in Rosedene House, New Street, had only five pupils (the children of 'the gentry') during and after the war; and Mrs Thompson had a small school and a dancing school in Ilbury House, also in New Street, in the 1960s.

Second World War and After

The Second World War brought change to the village in many ways, one of which was the evacuation of a school in Fulham to Oxfordshire accompanied by a teacher, George Wing. Although most of the evacuee children presumably returned eventually to London, George Wing stayed on in Deddington, where he became in 1941 a distinguished headmaster of the school. In 1950 a new Secondary Modern School opened on the former Windmill site on the Hempton Road, the older children moved over, as did George Wing, and they were joined by children from Steeple Aston, Milton and Adderbury to give the school approx. 250 pupils; the Banbury Road school became a Church Primary School. The Windmill school closed and the pupils moved to the Warriner site in Bloxham in 1971.

In 1952 an appeal, entitled *Deddington Church Schools, 1550–1950*, was published in the village asking for £9,500 to bring the Primary School buildings up to the modern standards required under the 1944 Education Act. There was to be a new classroom with the existing large room having a permanent stage, new cloakrooms, an entrance hall and a staff room, the

Local Education Authority being responsible for central heating, new kitchens and dining arrangements and any work on the playground. The Bishop of Dorchester wrote a foreword to the appeal which asked for covenants and/or donations, and the alterations were expected to be carried out between 1959 and 1963.



Cover of the 1952 appeal entitled *Deddington Church Schools, 1550–1950*, with a foreword written by the Bishop of Dorchester

The Primary School Today

More alterations and extensions over the years have enabled the school to flourish, and it is now an integral and important part of the village. Still governed by the Oxfordshire LEA, it has close ties with the Parish Church and local Church diocese. There are now 24 staff led by Headteacher, Clive Evans and Deputy Head, Jane Cross; a board of 14 governors under their new chairman, David Field; and an enthusiastic Parent/Teacher Association which raises additional funds for the school's activities.

Between 25 and 30 volumes of old books are still extant, including day books, lesson books and attendance records from the 1850s onwards, giving a fascinating insight into a day in the life of the school 160 years ago. And in 2013, the school's website (www.deddingtonprimaryschool.co.uk) says of its present-day status:

'We are a one-form entry school with 206 children organised into

seven class groups. Our school is set in lovely open grounds and provides a safe and secure learning environment. Our caring and nurturing Christian framework develops, encourages and celebrates each child. Our "family ethos" ensures everyone in our community is valued and respected as an individual and as an equal.

'The world is changing at a very fast pace so our forward thinking approach ensures children develop a range of skills both academic and personal. High quality teaching and learning prepare children for the future challenges they will face. Through the development of curiosity and independence in an inclusive setting, our children are supported in achieving their personal best. As a team we celebrate, maintain and develop upon the many achievements already realised by Deddington Primary School. As a community that achieves together and works together we are a happy and successful school.'

A fuller version of this article was written in 2004 and appears on DoL > History > Schools. To see more pictures associated with the history of Deddington schools go to the DoL Gallery, <http://www.deddington.org.uk/gallery/main.php> p. 2

Buffy Heywood 338212

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

The Postbag, or parts of it, now appear on the website Forum (<http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/forum/>). This enables readers to comment without having to wait until DN appears the following month. If you would prefer your letters not to appear online, please tell us when you write. Thank you.

FROM ROSIE BURLAND, THE DAEDINGS and CAROLINE TINDALE, GAVESTON GARDENS

Over the last 20 years Deddington has grown by a third (an extra 300 houses). It has now reached a size where further large expansion would cause considerable problems for the infrastructure which was designed for a small village. The application by Pegasus for 85 houses is on a greenfield site on the edge of the village, visible from the road and across the valley. It is full of wildlife including four species of bats whose foraging ground would be destroyed. The same developer is also in talks with Cherwell District Council regarding 'another significant site' in the village which could accommodate (according to the developer's figures) another 200 houses.

According to the Cherwell draft Local Plan, Deddington should expand by approximately 80 houses over 20 years by infilling and minor development. This would be the right way for the village to contribute to the national housing needs in a way that will take into account the character of the village.

However, as the Cherwell Local Plan will not be finalised until the end of the year, opportunistic developers are targeting villages where they can maximise their profits. The same is happening in Bloxham, Hook Norton and Adderbury. This is not about providing affordable housing for locals; it is all about profit. Developers already hold approved sites for over 2,000 homes at Bankside, Banbury and Heyford Park – why aren't they building these houses?

If we want to protect Deddington from large-scale developments, we will all need to write to Cherwell District Council and object. Deddington will look very different in five years' time if we are unsuccessful. Please act now.

FROM GEORGE FENEMORE,
HOME FARM, CLIFTON

I have lived and worked in Clifton for the past 40 years, so I consider myself almost a Deddingtonian. As such, I am rather concerned by the negative sentiments expressed in the Deddington Development Watch group's hand-out as it seems to be putting forward a 'not in my back yard' case. It says that the Pegasus site is in a prominent position on a ridge in the countryside – a rather ambiguous statement, as most of the development in the village over the past 30 years has been on a ridge in the countryside. This may have something to do with the fact that the village is on a ridge. The proposed site is not in the Deddington conservation area, but there has been considerable



'infilling' and back-land development within the conservation area in the last few years. It should be remembered that, apart from The Leyes, (a garage site), Murdock Close and Mill Close, (the Windmill school site), all of the recent development has been on agricultural land.

When Wimborn Close, The Daedings, Gaveston Gardens and the Beeches were developed, the same arguments as to drainage, the sewerage system and water were trotted out. The Watch group seems to have lost sight of the fact that a large number of the potential greenfield development sites in Clifton, Deddington and Hempton are owned by Prudential Pensions and that the Pegasus Group is their development arm. The 'Act Now' handout is very long on the negative aspects of the proposed development and very short on the positive side. Another 85 houses have the potential to boost many aspects of our vibrant community: new recruits for the Fire Brigade, the churches, the farmers' market, the sports and youth clubs, all of which are crying out for members and helpers to run them.

It is true that the increase in the size of the village would give more problems to the already over-subscribed village school. It should be remembered that in the mid-eighties we fought a long battle to keep the school open as the roll was very low. Perhaps, rather than put up the barriers and just oppose any new development, we should be looking to the future and work towards a trade-off with the Prudential for a new school on their land behind the Paddocks. After all, most of the school children live in that area.

FROM RON TURNER, GAVESTON GARDENS

Pegasus Development – Why we should say no
I have lived in the beautiful village of Deddington for over 16 years. Over the years I have been here, and in the previous 100 years, it has grown naturally, in a sustainable manner. This has ensured we have kept Deddington a rural village and not an over-developed urban sprawl. It is because of that lack of sustainability that we should all say a firm 'no' to the Pegasus development. The building of 85 houses is an unprecedented large-scale development and simply should not be allowed to happen. Even Pegasus admits it is against CDC's Local Plan.

If it happens, it will change the village beyond all recognition. We all accept we need to grow or die but we should grow in a more sustainable way. Allowing this development now will be the tip of a very large and ugly iceberg and it will open the flood-gates for many other developers who are already lining up to

MORE FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

take advantage of our village.

I feel privileged to live in this village and I am sure others care about how the future village should be shaped. I encourage you all to oppose this planning application no 13/00301/OUT dated 5 March 2013 and email or write to the Planning Officer, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4AA, planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk. All it takes is a little of your time, but do it now before Friday 5 April.

FROM DEREK CHEESEMAM, CHAIRMAN,
DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

I would like to correct an impression given in your Parish Council notes last month that 'previous Cricket Club balls had caused local upset because of noise and time overrun'.

We have run our Summer Balls every year since 2009 and during this time have received complaints from only one person. We have made considerable efforts, not only to publicise the date well in advance of the event but, in particular, to advise local house-holders. Local police have visited and confirmed themselves happy with the way things were being run and last year a decibel monitor was used to ensure that noise was kept to a reasonable level. We have made every effort to ensure that people leave in an orderly manner after an extremely enjoyable evening. We are grateful to the Parish Council for supporting us in this important event where we raise a considerable amount of money for both the Cricket Club and a very worthwhile local charity.

FROM ROB FORSYTH, NEW STREET

This letter is written at the request of George Harris who was born in Clifton (1931) and lived in Deddington from 1951 for a few years, before moving to Northamptonshire and then to Australia from where he has contacted me. His story is on p65 of *A Parish At War – The Supplement*. Reading the book and viewing the thousands of photos of old Deddington in the Gallery of Deddington OnLine has stirred many memories for George and prompted him to gather together as much information about his family for his own family and friends as possible.

In particular he is looking for any photos or memories of his mother, Mary Anne Harris (née Sykes) born in Clifton in 1895, and his brother, Jim Harris, who was knocked down by a motor car and sadly died of his

injuries in 1934 when George was only three.

George can be contacted on georgerharris@hotmail.com, or contact me on 338384 or robert.s.forsyth@gmail.com and I will pass on all information to him.

FROM SYLVIE SPENCELEY, THE DAEDINGS

On behalf of my stepsons, Julian, Adrian and Nicholas, and myself, I would like sincerely to thank the community for the magnificent support we had at George's memorial service on 4 March, as well as messages before and since. Thank you too to the organist, the choir and to the Rev Canon Hugh Marshall for their contributions to such a grand send-off. As usual, J & M Humphris made impeccable arrangements.

FROM SOPHIE TAYLOR, ELEN SQUIRES and KATIE RICHARDS

We are year eight students and we attend the Warriner School, Bloxham. We are walking 50 miles along the Pembrokeshire coast path over three days at May bank holiday. We are doing this to raise money for our school farm. The farm is currently struggling for money and we really want to help keep it running as it is a big part of our school life. We are members of the farm club and help out at the farm during the week. We know that we are very lucky to have a farm on site and hope that with your help we will be able to keep the farm running so that it is available for us and for future generations. We had a stall at the lambing weekend and despite the cold weather we managed to raise over £300. To donate to our fundraising please place money in our collecting box at the Warriner Farm Shop (open Saturday mornings) or contact us at Lamjsquires@aol.com.

Thank you for all your help and support.

FROM MARK ANDREWS, 6 MARLBOROUGH ROAD,
BANBURY

I am starting a football activity session for pre-school children (aged 2 to 4) at the Windmill Centre. Team-Soccer is my own independent coaching company and has been established since 2002 running after school clubs, weekly courses and holiday camps around the local area. These are fun sessions to be run on Mondays during term-time, 11.30–12.30pm, cost £4. Please contact me if you are interested: 07952 579358 or email us on mark@teamsoccer.co.uk.

Picture Gallery on DoL



Nearly 2000 pictures of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton are now available on the Deddington OnLine Gallery. Explore the rich heritage on our doorstep by going to www.deddington.org.uk/gallery/main/php/

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The DOGS are now warming up for the coming golf season. I don't think any of them have been outside and felt the piercing northerly wind. Anyway, the DOGS' first outing is scheduled for Friday 3 May, first tee at 9.30am, at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club. This is an 18-hole day followed by lunch and the prize giving.

If anyone is interested in the DOGS, please contact me.

David Darst 338589

1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

We celebrated Thinking Day by wearing our Rainbow uniform to school, singing songs from different countries and trying fruits from around the world: sharon fruit, pomegranate and mango were favourites. We made cards for Mothering Sunday by drawing round our hands and some of the Rainbows attended the service in Deddington church – very smart and beautifully behaved as ever. Not very spring-like weather towards the end of term, but we will finish with our traditional visit to Home Farm in Clifton to see the lambs.

Hazel Neal

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1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

The Cubs finished their Artist badge, adding to the still lives and portraits, by making and painting clay pinch-pots. We then spent an evening celebrating Baden Powell's birthday, with lots of themed games linked to our founder's life. Next came the Communicator badge. We looked at how people communicated in the past and learnt to spell Cubs in sign language, semaphore and Morse code.

Well done to Joe who has gained his Silver Award.

Jo Churchyard CSL

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Scouts

The Scouts have had a very varied programme during the last month, light painting (torches and a camera on long exposure), a film night, bird boxes, and modelling which included a stop frame animation and clay eggcups.

We are very pleased to announce that Ollie, Harry, William, Callum, Tom and Daniel all gained their Gold Award and will be attending the county presentation.

Please remember that Sunday 21 April is St George's Day Parade, Broad Street, Banbury at 2pm.

Pete Churchyard SL

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Deddington and District History Society

On 13 March we welcomed Dr Steven Parissien, Director of the Compton Verney Museum and Gallery. He gave an instructive and entertaining talk about

Compton Verney, dealing first with the history of the house and park, and then with the art collections, before finishing by giving us a preview of the exhibitions that are planned for the next two or three years.

There has been a house on the site since the mid-15th century, but the present house was begun in 1711 in English Baroque style before being completed in 1760 by Robert Adam in Palladian style. Adam worked closely with Capability Brown, who created the park. The house's hybrid architectural character was further enhanced by the modern gallery completed in 2004. The house has more than once come close to demolition, finally being rescued from a ruinous condition in 1993 by Peter Moores (of the Littlewoods empire) who established the gallery there initially to house his own art collection.

Compton Verney houses collections of national importance in Chinese bronzes, Neapolitan art and British folk art. What brings in most visitors, however, are the fantastic exhibitions. Forthcoming exhibitions will be devoted to Bellini, Botticelli and Titian; Turner, Constable and their contemporaries; and Rodin and Henry Moore. Their website has full details: <http://www.comptonverney.org.uk>.

Steven's talk attracted so much interest that we will try to arrange a special behind-the-scenes tour for our members. More news in due course.

We have another great evening in prospect on 10 April, when Steven Brindle will talk on 'The Restoration of Windsor Castle'. All are welcome at our meetings, which take place at 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204

Moir Byast (Secretary) 338637

Photographic Society

In February, Simon Lutter led a skills workshop on 'Painting with Light' in which he demonstrated the techniques involved in this type of long-exposure photography, using simple torches to provide the required illumination. Members then experimented with the lighting effects that could be achieved, often with surprising results.

At the March club night, Cliff May gave a presentation on photographing wildlife in Oxfordshire and he gave members an entertaining insight into his various experiences over recent years. His favourite subject is the hare, followed by birds and deer, although he treats all wildlife equally and with respect, being careful not to disturb or stress his subjects while photographing them. Cliff shared with members some of his personal anecdotes about the joys, vagaries and personal sacrifices experienced by a wildlife photographer. A major feature is the need for camouflage and Cliff demonstrated a selection of hides, personal clothing and disguises that allowed him and his camera to get into close proximity to his subjects. Finally, Cliff discussed the camera techniques required for wildlife photog-

CALLING MORE CLUBS

raphy, sharing with members some of his favourite photographic locations in the local area. An excellent and interesting presentation that was very much appreciated by his audience. Please visit www.imayges.com to see some of Cliff's wildlife photographs.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Apricot Room at the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho at 7.00pm (note the earlier starting time) on Wednesday 3 April. This will be followed by a presentation from David Boag on 'International Wildlife Photography'. David is a professional photographer specialising in wildlife images taken at home and abroad. Everyone is welcome to attend, just come along and you will find us there.

Richard Broadbent 338173
www.adandd.co.uk

Deddington Town Football Club

First Team results

23.02.13	Heyford Athletic (a)	W 4–1 Cook (2), Thornton L (2)
02.03.13	Star Bicester (a)	W 6–0 Cook, Thornton L (2), Thornton J (2), Daniel
09.03.13	Abba Athletic (h)	W 3–2 Anderson, Cook, Thornton J
14.03.13	Sinclair United (n) (CUP)	W 3–2 England, Hall, Thornton L

Reserve Results

23.02.13	Heyford United (h)	L 2–3 Kaye, Rouse
02.03.13	Hornton (a)	L 2–4 England, Gibbs M

One defiant juggernaut appears to be draining the life out of a former titan, as the First Team slay all at their conquering feet, while the Reserves continue to make a sow's ear out of a silk purse.

Nothing but victory to reflect on this month, as Heyford, Bicester and Abba all fell to the deadly finishing of the Thorntons and Mark Cook. This means that the First Team top the league by a muscular nine points, with Bodicote the only team with serious ambitions of usurping them. They also claimed the impressive scalp of Sinclair in the Coronation Cup, and now meet their league nemesis Bodicote in the final. More details to follow on Facebook no doubt.

The Reserves have still not won in 2013, and their derisory cushion from second-bottom Kings Sutton has all but been eroded. They need your roars more than ever to drive them through the pain barrier and cling to the precipice. Fill your boots, acolytes!

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

Deddington Town Colts

Mini football

The Under 7s had a fantastic start to their football careers with an 8–0 win over Hook Norton in a friendly and the goal of the match was a long distance shot

rifled in by Dylan Conlan. The Under 6s also played Hook Norton and took an early lead but narrowly lost 2–1. All of the players thoroughly enjoyed the matches and demonstrated many of the principles that we have endeavoured to develop in training. The Under 9s had a narrow 2–1 defeat to Banbury United Youth, followed by a 2–1 victory over Bicester Town Colts Stars. This was followed by a 4–1 defeat at home to Ducklington. The Under 10 Sharks recorded their first defeat since November – 1–0 away at Carterton. It was enough to knock them off top place and down into their current third spot. In the cup, the Sharks reached the semi-final against Brackley Town. Despite going behind early on, Harvey Machin equalised to make it 1–1. But a trio of quality goals from Brackley meant they trailed 4–1. The Sharks fought back. Jamie Gardner made it 4–2 and moments later nearly made it 4–3. But 4–2 was how it stayed and the Sharks went out of the cup with their heads held high with praise ringing in their ears from both opposition coach and neutral referee for our never-say-die attitude. The Under 10 Cobras enjoyed a 6–1 victory over Brackley Athletic and 2–0 victory over Chadlington, but suffered a narrow 2–1 defeat to Bloxham and 4–1 defeat to Tower Hill Stars.

Junior football

The Under 12 Sharks had a 3–1 victory at Bampton Town to progress to the semi-final of the Knock-Out Cup. Nick Dawkins fired home with a wonderful shot from the edge of the penalty box after six minutes. Fynn Watt stood in for injured keeper Dan Rodda after 15 minutes and he performed brilliantly, making a fantastic first half save and then doing everything that was needed: great handling and good kicking throughout the match. Sharks came out with all guns blazing from the re-start and after a superb left wing run and cross from Tom Chesser, George Rickard stroked the ball in from inside the box to make it 2–0 after 34 minutes. The Sharks continued to press and, with Oli Broughton having an outstanding game in the holding central midfield position, Bampton found it hard to get through. Harry Gardner decided it was time his name went on the score-sheet, volleying home on 43 minutes to make it 3–0. Bampton then managed to pull one back on 52 minutes to make it 3–1 and a well deserved victory for the Sharks. The Under 12 Cobras finished the season strongly with two draws and a win in their last three games all away from home. Strong performances in tough matches against Stonesfield and Chesterton, the latter in freezing conditions, showed how far the team have developed this season. Ben Haynes continued his fantastic form scoring in every match.

The Under 13s continued their good run. They drew 0–0 with Launton Athletic despite creating over 20 chances, but were prevented from victory by an outstanding performance from the Launton goal-keeper. The U13s enjoyed their best win and performance of the season with a convincing 4–1 victory over Witney

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Vikings Youth. Ethan Stevens scored a fine goal on the break after 13 minutes, and then Alfie Thatcher scored two before the break – a thunderous header from a corner and an unstoppable shot from outside the box to give Deddington a 3–1 half time lead. Ethan Stevens added a fourth in the second half from a brilliant counter attack to complete the victory. The Under 15s had a narrow 2–1 defeat to Bloxham with James Rawlinson scoring the goal. On a more positive note there was a 2–0 victory over Garden City with goals from Caleb Shephard and James Hunt. However, this was followed by a 4–3 defeat to Hook Norton with two goals from Chay Buckingham and one from Ollie Roberts, despite Deddington being the better team in the match.

Football kit recycling scheme

The football club is recycling boots, shin pads and football kit. If you have old kit that is in usable condition but you no longer need it, please pass it on to Steve Coppin, 1 Chapel Square, Deddington. Call 338721 for more information.

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

Roger Sykes

Club Welfare Officer and Under 13 Manager
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<http://www.deddingtontownfc.com>

Deddington Tennis Club

The clocks going forward signals the start of summer time and lighter evenings will allow the start of the weekly club night each Wednesday from 6.00pm from 3 April. Non-members are welcome to come along for three sessions before joining. The membership subscription has been kept down and is one of the lowest in the area.

Beginners wanting to play can talk to one of our coaches to arrange either individual lessons or join a group session.

Junior coaching for children aged three and upwards starts again on the week beginning Monday 15 April. Rackets are provided.

A junior tennis camp starts on Monday 8 April. Please contact Wayne Ellis on 340386 to book a place.

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

Steve Ashby 01295 263855

Book Group

Last month's book, *Black Diamonds — The Rise and Fall of an English Dynasty* by Catherine Bailey, was an excellent choice and enjoyed by us all. This history tells of the fortunes and ultimate downfall of the Fitzwilliam family, one of the wealthiest families in Britain in the 19th and 20th centuries, which made its money through coal mining. Their ancestral home,

Wentworth, was and still is the largest privately owned house in Britain.

The history is very well researched and touches on both the social and political aspects of Britain in the last century and provides a real insight into the lives and working conditions of the miners, contrasting starkly with the lavish lifestyle of the aristocracy. One criticism was that the author tries to pack in too much information and we felt it would have been even better with a bit more editing but this book is a fascinating and compelling read and is highly recommended by our group.

The next book is *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel and the next meeting 25 April.

Sally Lambert 338094

1st Deddington Guides

Show-biz has taken up a lot of our time over the last month, preparing for our entertainment evening in mid-March to raise money for charity. There has been lots of dancing and singing. We were inspired by a professional dancer who led a super session during which we all learnt a dance routine. Great fun!

We tried fruit from many countries recently and also Indian and Chinese dishes for our international eating.

The Guides helped and enjoyed the activities at our District Thinking Day celebrations. They all took part in the closing ceremony where we thought about Guides overseas, living very different lives to ours.

Well done and thank you to those who attended the Mothering Sunday church service and helped through the service and acted as colour bearers. We enjoyed our visit to Featherton House afterwards with posies for the resident ladies.

This Thursday we are planning a surprise presentation for Tilly Neal and Sophie Preston. Both have now gained their Baden Powell Award, the highest as a Guide. To gain the Award they had to complete ten challenges across a wide spectrum. They need to be able to show an ability to work on their own and with others. They started around 18 months ago and have camped, on occasions building their own bivouac and sleeping in it, planted trees, decorated furniture, used wound make-up to teach first aid, written recipe books for the outdoors, put on a party for the Brownies, led Guide meetings in international activities and kept fit activities. The list goes on, demonstrating well-rounded skills and interests. A highlight was an exciting weekend spent at Foxlease, a major Guiding centre in the New Forest. They had an opportunity to stay in this beautiful old house and met Guides from all round the country who had also accepted this challenge and succeeded. Congratulations to them both. We are very proud.

Mrs Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie will make the presentation (in itself a little bit of history as Vivien also presented Tilly's Mum, Hazel Neal, with the same award).

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

... AND FINALLY

Deddington Toddler and Baby Group

We have had a busy time these last few weeks. We were fortunate enough to have a free mini Mess-Around session a few weeks ago which was great fun. The children enjoyed playing with the various 'messy' zones including water, compost and brightly coloured spaghetti. Thank you to Erry for running the session for us.

We have also been busy making Easter crafts and are looking forward to our annual Easter Egg hunt on 22 March. We hope the rain and snow stay away so that we can hold this outside.

Just to let all our mums, dads and carers know that we will be closed on Good Friday. We will be open as usual on Friday 5 April.

We are a voluntary run group for children aged 0-5 years and their mums, dads, carers or grandparents. We meet every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30am at the Windmill Centre and would love it if you joined us. If you would like to know more about the group or are thinking of coming along but are nervous about turning up without knowing anyone, then please give me a call on the number below or find us on Facebook. We look forward to meeting you.

Wendy Samways
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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Please remember the Easter services at St John's: on 29 March, Good Friday Meditation at 12.15pm, a short service of prayer followed by lunch. On Saturday 30 March, the Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter at 8.30pm. This is a special service so let us hope for a good congregation and better weather than it is as I write because part of the service is outside when the new fire is lit.

The Parish Council will be holding their monthly meeting in St John's Church Hall on Wednesday 17 April at 7.30pm. Please go along if you have any concerns and put your questions to them at the start of the proceedings. Speeding through the village is still a problem.

The spring flowers in the grass verges are slow to get going due to the cold winter, but we have had a lovely show of snowdrops. One bunch in The Lane came out in November and came through all the ice and snow. They are certainly hardy flowers.

The Table Tennis Teams record with one match to play reads P13, W7, D2, L4, Pts 83. They will probably finish third or fourth in Division 3 of the Banbury and District League.

Plans are still ongoing for the new windows in the church and will hopefully be fitted around April or May time.

Congratulations to Jo Belcher of St John's Way who is now qualified to offer a sports and remedial service. She will be advertising and will offer a mobile service. She can be contacted on 337966.

Les Chappell 338054

BLISSFUL THINKING

Mother Nature and Father Time are a little disgruntled. Their children are boisterous little miscreants, you see. At first they were proud parents, watching their offspring stand on their own two feet, climb down from the trees and such forth. When they discovered fire and tools and shelter, dinner party conversations must have bloomed with anecdotes of their progenies' accomplishments and escapades, while the rest of the table struggled to stifle yawns at the excessively hubristic candour served with the foie gras.

But soon, like all benevolent guardians, Ma and Pa began to lose sleep over their little mites' habits and choice of friends. Peer pressure had seen them clamber over each other for resources and power. They had fallen in with a bad crowd: Greed, Warfare and Bigotry were the worst kids on the block and had seduced their own with promises of power and riches. Soon, their little prodigies had grown into spiteful adolescents and aggressive adults, willing to do whatever it took to look down on their fellows.

Ma and Pa shook their heads disconsolately and attempted to offer discipline. It was all they hard. Yet, almost inevitably, their little terrors even found a way to subvert this punitive justice. They manipulated and poisoned their mother and stole years from their father. Mum and Dad were at their wits' end. Until Cousin Climate arrived on the scene. The gangster kids denied his existence, but he was a powerful force on his mother's side, and was sent in as a last-ditch attempt to clean up their fallen idols. Could he succeed? Father knows best. Dote on your mother and respect your father this springtime: recycle, reuse and repair!

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All Writers and Poets

After a delayed start the 2013 Deddington Writing Competition has got going and offers an opportunity for those who want to try their hand at writing a short story (max 2000 words) or a poem (max 36 lines) on any subject and have it judged by an experienced writer or poet with the possibility of a cash prize.

There is also the Junior Competition for Young writers in three age groups up to 16 who may write a poem (max 20 lines) or story (max 1000 words) on the theme *I was There*.

Full details, entry forms, closing dates and rules are available at Deddington and other local libraries, and online at www.deddingtonwriters.org, or contact me.

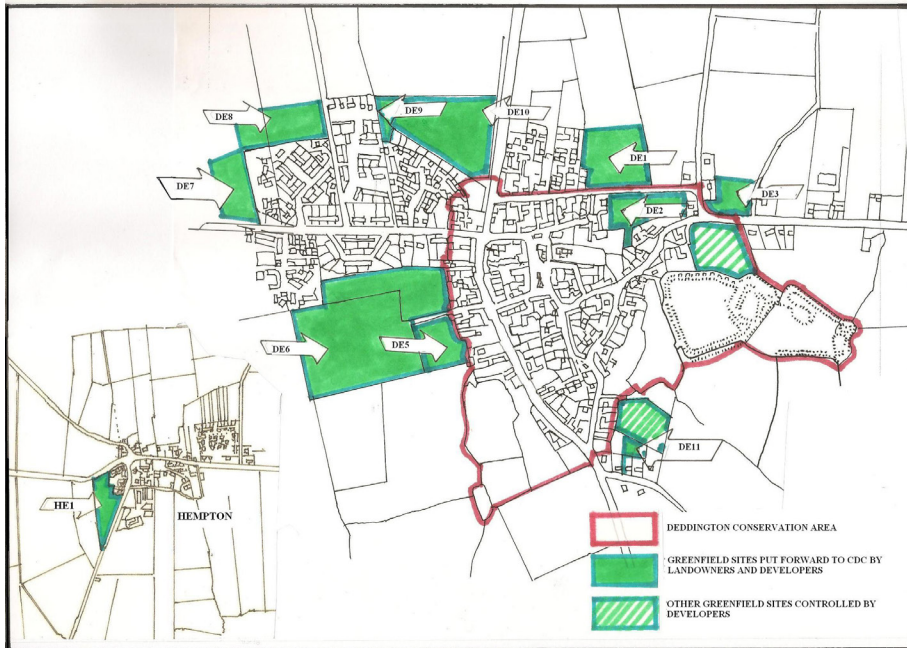
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Deddington – Village Under Threat from Large-Scale Housing Developments

A planning application has been submitted by Pegasus Group, on behalf of Prudential Pensions, to build 85 houses on a 9½ acre site comprising agricultural land between Gaveston Gardens and the A4260 Banbury Road (DE10 on the plan below).

The indicative housing mix is 15% two-bed, 30% three-bed, 45% four-bed and 10% five-bed. Houses fronting the Banbury Road would be up to three storeys high. The developers are non-committal as to the proportion of affordable homes.

The village is threatened on all sides. There are at least 13 'greenfield' sites on the fringes of Deddington, including the Pegasus site, aggregating some 59 acres, with the capacity for building at least 675 houses, and two more sites at Hempton (70 houses), which are owned or controlled by developers. Clifton may be vulnerable too. The potential sites include 20 acres behind The Paddocks (200+ houses) and even the allotments.



If this large-scale high-density development is allowed to happen, it will simply give a green light to other developers to bring forward their plans to build elsewhere in Deddington.

Deddington is vulnerable to opportunistic planning applications as Cherwell District Council (CDC) is one of many councils which lacks a five-year housing land supply and has not completed its new Local Plan. This is becoming a very vexed issue nationally, and stories of 'warfare' with developers are attracting a lot of media coverage.

For the time being we have a situation where developers are dictating to district councils where, and how many, houses are to be built. This is driving a coach

and horses through the concept of 'localism' and the immense effort of district councils to produce coherent plans for sustainable development. Our MP, Sir Tony Baldry, recently described this in the Commons as 'planning anarchy'.

If you feel our village should grow in a more sustainable way, responsive to local needs, with 3-5 new houses a year over the next 18 years as contemplated by the new Local Plan, please make your views known by writing to CDC Planning Department as soon as possible.

You may wish to focus on one or more of the following issues:

- Site in prominent position on ridge in countryside
- Incongruous sight of three-storey houses fronting the Banbury Road
- Contrary to Local Plans, which envisage incremental 'minor' development, infilling and conversions within built-up area, not a 10% jump in population from a single development

- Deddington's Local Plan housing allocation is c85 houses up to 2031 – would pre-empt other housing opportunities in village for next 18 years

- Insufficient two-bedroom homes (15%), too many executive houses, not responsive to local needs

- Increased carbon emissions from additional car journeys as few local job opportunities and limited bus services

- Impact on drainage, sewerage system and water supply

- Impact on village road network, parking and road safety

- Harm to visual amenity across Swere valley – loss of

timeless view of parish church from Coombe Hill

- Harm to the fabric, character and appearance of the conservation area.

Please write to CDC Planning Department (ref. 13/00301/OUT) at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA or email planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk. You may also leave letters in a special collection box at the Post Office.

There is fuller information on the Deddington On-Line website. Time is short as the extended deadline for public comments is Friday 5 April. Please have your say for the sake of the future of the village.

Deddington Development Watch
deddingtondevelopmentwatch@hotmail.com

Musical Notes

The Celtic folk music from Moonrakers brought in a rather better audience, so many thanks to those who turned out on a cold March evening.

For this month, we have, first, on Saturday 6 April, a piano recital from Oxford-based Geoffrey Hopkins, who some of you will have heard and enjoyed last year. He brings this time a blend of classical favourites including Beethoven's *Appassionata* and gems by Chopin (*Scherzo* and *Berceuse*) and Liszt (*Mephisto Waltz*). Come and soak up the beautiful sound of our Steinway piano.

Then at the end of the month, on Saturday 27 April, the North Cotswold Chamber Choir has chosen to celebrate its 21st anniversary year in Deddington with what promises to be an outstanding musical event: Handel's oratorio *Israel in Egypt*, complete with an authentic orchestra including drums and trombones. In this choral work Handel shows both his imaginative powers and his knowledge of the musical traditions which he inherited. Much of the writing is for double chorus, which provides wonderful colour, energy and antiphonal effects. The libretto is from Old Testament texts. Choir conductor Sarah Tenant Flowers says of this work, 'Handel throws the full force of his dramatic writing behind the wonderful choruses running through this work: plagues of flies, frogs, darkness and locusts are vividly portrayed in spectacular music which has made *Israel in Egypt* an enormous favourite with audiences and performers alike'.

Remember to email me at donald199@btinternet.com if you would like monthly reminders of musical events in the church.

Donald Lane

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

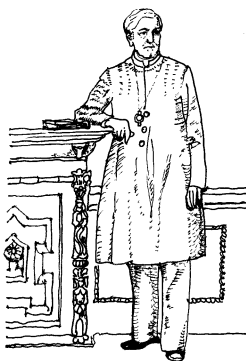
The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of April 1863:

13th April – Old John Harper came to complain of his son having turned him out of doors and kept his goods on Saturday night last. I went to his son's house, saw his wife and told her to deliver the goods over to Eales, the policeman, for her Father in Law's use tomorrow morning – or take the consequences of not doing so.

17th April – Called on Whetton's to pay our Assessed Taxes, and to deliver to him our Annual Tax Paper.

19th April – We heard from Robert about going out to New Zealand as a missionary under Bishop Harpur. Answered him that he had better decline it as we did not consider him qualified for the post.

20th April – Webb the policeman and Matthews the Landlord of the Exhibition Inn [now *Rothbury House, Horsefair*] and I gave him a caution as to his future conduct as a Publican, in consequence of what had occurred at his House on the 16th instant.



Love ... Natural ... Food

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

In April I am eating ... spring onions. Dear friends, did I speak too soon about spring being upon us? Wintery snow flurries in March are not conducive to the changing seasons. Fear not. Bring the 'spring' into your kitchen, if not to the outside, with these peppery, young onions. Delicious eaten cooked or raw, spring onions can add a punch to a summer salad or a bit of pizzazz to a winter stew. We'll just let Mother Nature decide which one it will be.

About: The spring onion (also known as scallion) is a member of the allium family, along with leeks and chives. It is a young onion which is pulled before the bulb has had a chance to mature. The white bulb of the spring onion grows below ground, with the green, leafy shoots protruding above ground. The skin covering the bulb can be white or red.

Season: Although spring onions are available all year round, they tend to be sown in the UK from March to August.

How to choose: Choose spring onions with bright bulbs and perky, green leaves. Avoid bulbs which look and feel slimy. Spring onions can come in varying sizes, but this has little impact on flavour.

How to prepare: Thoroughly wash and trim the bulb and the leaves. The bulb is delicious sliced raw into salads and the leaves add a fantastic, peppery garnish. Alternatively, spring onions can be added to your favourite hot dishes. Try slicing rounds into your stirfry, savoury tarts and frittatas. Snip into creamy mashed potato or add to white sauces.

For something summery, try Nigel Slater's Crystal Noodle Salad with Pickled Ginger and Lime, recipe available on the *Guardian* website.

For a wintery side dish, try Mustard Champ, recipe available on the BBC goodfood website.

Phillipa Carson

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We went in the Close Carriage to Bloxham to be present at the opening of the new School there, the Bishop preaching on the occasion.

21st April – I heard from T. Cartwright asking me to be Honorary Chaplain to the Deddington 6th Oxon Volunteer Corps – sending me a Requisition signed by several members. I consented to act in that capacity.

23rd April – At 11 o'clock I went to the Church and married Miss Bessy Turner to Mr. Leonard, the Rector of Kemeys Inferior. I lunched with them after the ceremony was over. Holford & Willy were busied in the garden with the Mowing Machine.

24th April – I was busied with the Mason and Labourers at old Jenny Knibbs's cottage.

Buffy Heywood