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A busy month! The Queen's birthday, EU referendum, Deddington Festival, PFSU/Nursery fête, to name a few – and getting out to take photos for the library's calendar competition. Why not try from the top of the church tower on the 25th?

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WHAT'S ON

June

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| Wed | 1 | Photographic Society: Randall Miles, 'Tales of Future Excursions to the Wilds', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Mon | 6 | Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am |
| Wed | 8 | History Society: Katherine Bradley, 'Women's Suffrage Movement', Windmill, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 8 | Village Networks outreach advice vehicle: Market Place, 10.30am–12.00pm; junction Hempton Road and The Daedings, 12.00–1.00pm |
| Thu | 9 | Holly Tree Club: Film, <i>Suffragettes</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm |
| Fri | 10 | DOGS: Wrag Barn Golf Course, Swindon |
| Sat | 11 | Boys' Brigade Anchors: 5-a-side football competition, Windmill, 11.00am |
| Sat | 11 | Queen's 90th Birthday celebration: Tea party, Church Street, 4.00–5.30pm (ticketed event) |
| Sun | 12 | DTFC Youth Section: Presentation Day, Windmill, 2.00pm |
| Thu | 16 | Deddington Festival: History of the Parish Church, 2.00pm |
| Thu | 16 | Deddington Festival: Farm Walk, Home Farm, Clifton, 6.00pm |
| Fri | 17 | Deddington Festival: Jazz, Parish Church, 7.00pm |
| Fri | 17 | Friends of Deddington Church: Holloways' Valuation day, Parish Church, 10.00am–4.00pm |
| Sat | 18 | Deddington Festival: MiniDeddyRocks, Unicorn, 5.00pm |
| Sun | 19 | PFSU/Nursery: Family fun day, Nursery, Hempton Rd, 10.00am |
| Fri | 24 | PFSU/Nursery: Sports day, Primary School, 11.15am |
| Sat | 25 | Farmers' Market, Market Place 9.00am–12.30pm |
| Sat | 25 | Bellringers: Church tower open morning, 10.00am |
| Sun | 26 | Music in Adderbury Concert: Gould Piano Trio, Parish Church, 7.45pm |
| Thu | 30 | Book Club: Contact Sally Lambert, 338094, for details |

July

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| Sat | 2 | PTA: Village Fête, Primary School, 12.30–4.00pm |
| Wed | 6 | Village Networks outreach advice vehicle: Market Place, 10.30am–12.00pm; junction Hempton Road and The Daedings, 12.00–1.00pm |

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THE STONE AGE

Norman and I had only been living in Deddington a year in 1987 when Marianne Elsley persuaded us to take over from her as editors of the *Deddington News* from February 19. Little did we know that it would dominate our lives for the next seven years. It was, however, a wonderful way to get to know the people of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton, and we gradually became involved in every aspect of community life.

Norman did most of the writing and editing the articles supplied by contributors; also the decision-making about what the *DN* should cover and what it should avoid (politics, for example). He defused tricky situations when a little gentle diplomacy was needed – more often than you might think! For most of the time Norman also acted as Parish Council correspondent. This often meant burning the midnight oil in order to attend the meetings and writing up his view of the proceedings in manuscript for ‘you know who’ to type up. Somehow the deadline was achieved, although on a couple of occasions I can remember we worked through the night at a time of family crisis.

The production side was pretty primitive compared with the present day. The copy was typed with a manual typewriter on stencil skins (my job, with the gallant assistance of Joyce Minnear, Freda Ivings and Vivian Bryant) for printing on a Gestetner machine. You will have to be a certain age to remember Gestetners. The main problem was that the letter ‘o’ kept falling out because of the sharp typewriter keys and had to be stuck back using a pin and pink correcting fluid, otherwise a blot of black ink appeared on the printed page. It was my job to try and fit the words into each page. There was a lot of cutting and pasting. No template for each page as there is now. Nor was there an editorial team in the present sense, though we did have our regular contributors.

Ruth Johnson was in charge of printing then, as she is now, dealing with the Gestetner and later the Ricoh printer. It was a real leap of faith when, in January 1990 the editors progressed to an Amstrad and the Gestetner was replaced with the Ricoh. Roy Berridge was our main support with the technicalities. He taught me how to use an Amstrad. In due course, some of our contributors progressed to Amstrads too and we were able to work direct from their floppy discs instead of re-typing their sometimes obscure manuscript.

Printing was done on a Tuesday in the school hall behind a curtain so that the hall could still be used. The next day it was my job to turn up at the school at 7.30am and set up the tables and printed pages, ready for the team of collators to start work about 9.00am. It was good to know I wasn’t completely on my own in the early hours. Marilyn, the school caretaker, was already at work and kept me going with a cup of tea.

We relied mainly on the mums who had accompanied their children to school and then came and helped



put the magazine together. Stapling machines were never ideal, then or now, in spite of Buffy Heywood’s heroic efforts to find something which suited the varying number of pages. A hammer is still a useful part of the collating team’s equipment to try and prevent tell-tale smudges of blood from staples which didn’t close properly.

The school children helped with the local delivery. I took the Hempton copies to Les Chappell for delivery. He’s still doing it with his team. Clifton copies were taken to Mr and Mrs Homans in Chapel Street. Then, as now, the *DN* would not exist without the teams of loyal helpers. Nor could it exist without the regular and occasional advertisers who finance the project, encouraged by the advertising manager and, more recently, the monthly ads manager. In our day Roy Berridge looked after all adverts.

The annual advertisement pages and the covers, as now, were printed commercially, usually on white paper, but in 1990 we decided to try coloured paper for the adverts. The commercial printer must have had some paper left over from another job because we had one year of lime green and another of bright pink. You’ll see the result in the bound copies kept in the library. From 1992 editors have used a kinder shade of cream to distinguish advertising papers from editorial copy. Do have a browse through the back issues next time you are in Deddington Library.

The *DN* is now 40 years old and a much more sophisticated production than in its early days. I still regard it with affection and look forward to a good read each month. Long may it continue to remind us all of the action packed three-in-one villages we are lucky enough to live in.

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WHAT’S IN A NAME?

... by any other name would smell as sweet. Or perhaps ‘The Naming of the Crew’? Please forgive these poor Shakespearean attributions but do read on. I am sure many of you have enjoyed and been enlightened by Jim Milroy’s recent articles in *DN* on names. The majority of modern surnames stem from medieval occupations – Cheeseman, Mason or Taylor. So here’s the challenge; a competition for all ages with only one winner - the person submitting the greatest number of occupational surnames. No entry fee, with the closing date 15 July in order to publish the winner in the September issue. Entries to editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk whose judgement will be final. The sole prize will be a book token. Yes, to buy a paper product to hold in your hand, turn pages and read. Then throw away your Kindle. I’ve given you three to start you off. Bird, building, colour or animal surnames will be disallowed. So let it Bee or not to ... oh, forget it.

John Sampson

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Well, a very intriguing month this time. Many of us have been involved in 'Plant Nicker Gate'. A select few of us got a note through our letter-boxes stating that new plants were not only stolen from someone's garden but this theft was recorded on a phone by a third party. Those who did not get a note wondered why; those of us who did, thought they knew why they hadn't.

The cinematographer and the victim thought we should know there is a thief about and hoped the guilty party would return them and nothing more would be said. No name on the note but an indication that this is an East End problem was the only light shed. Now it is obvious the evidence had been planted but it was fun (or worrying) to get this note the morning after one of our friends turned up for a dinner party with a bowl of tulips for the host ... I should have looked to see if they had dirt under their fingernails.

Now I don't want to criticise what no doubt someone thought a good resolution but we've had no update as to whether the flora liberation activist 'fessed up'. Are we still to fear our petunias being repatriated? Has the criminal now been exposed or does one of our neighbours still have a space in their bed? This approach has its merits but it does have significant downsides, so I would ask that something is done to

remove our curtain-twitching suspicions of very many innocent neighbours. I would be happy to allay those fears.

The only other thing of note I can relay is how a power-line in Deddington gave us and other neighbours further east at least seven power outages in 24 hours in early May. Not only was it out with the camping stoves, head torches and candles, old fashioned alarm clocks were wound to facilitate early morning rising but this technological revision made us aware of how some technologies perhaps aren't such a leap forward. The repeated on-off of the supply made a lot of breakers trip out. In fact it was easy to miss that the power was back. Also we have to remember that landlines only work by battery cells in these fibre optic times. So perhaps whiling the time away chatting to relatives might not have been the best use of what could have been a scarce resource. Also should we be worried that our 'lecky' supplier has gone to the significant lengths of developing an app to tell us why we have no power. Surely this invention is better deployed making sure we have electrons on demand is it not?

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MORE ON NAMES

Peoples, Places and Rivers

Well, so far I've had quite a lot to say about names, particularly surnames and their origins, and we've already noticed that a number of names that we think of as typically English are not originally English.

English has not always been the main, or only, language of this island. The ancestor of modern English, Anglo-Saxon ('Old English', spoken by incomers from what is now northern Germany and the Netherlands), first appeared in much of England and southern Scotland in the sixth and seventh centuries AD, but not everywhere. There were other languages around, and yet other languages arrived here later, to add to the mix.

The most ancient names tend to be lake and river names ('hydronyms'). There's a local river called the Windrush and this seems straightforwardly English (something to do with rushing wind, perhaps), but of course it isn't. It's from an early form of Welsh (broadly known as 'British' or 'Cymric'), meaning probably 'white fen'. The Anglo-Saxons just adopted the existing name and then altered it slightly to try make sense of it. Very common river names include *Avon*, *Esk* (*Usk*), *Ouse*, and *Derwent*. *Afon* is a Welsh word for river: Welsh speakers just called the local river 'the river', and the Anglo-Saxons adopted that as a name, so when we

say 'River Avon', we are really saying 'river river'. *Esk* and *Usk* are forms of a Celtic word for 'water', so when a Scotsman refers to 'the Water of Esk', he is saying 'the water of water'. *Derwent* is derived from the Welsh for 'white water', so Derwentwater in Cumbria is actually 'white water water'. As for the Ouse, well, nobody is certain about it: it's usually said to be pre-British (some very ancient language), and of course it wouldn't be too surprising if it also meant 'water': we don't know.

In what is now England, the speaking of Welsh or a similar language seems to have been widespread. There are several places called Walton or Walsham (*wal* here indicates 'Welsh'): these are English names for places where Welsh-speaking people lived. Many towns and villages in England and southern Scotland have Celtic names (Welsh or similar). 'London' and 'Leeds' are allegedly Celtic, and Thomas Carlyle's birthplace in southern Scotland – Ecclefechan – is from early Welsh *eglwys fychan* (or similar): 'little church'. Of course it seems strange to us that Welsh was spoken in Scotland, but scholars call it 'Strathclyde Welsh', and I've heard it suggested that some early Welsh literature was actually composed in what is now Scotland.

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

Mon–Fri	8.45am	Morning Prayer
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on 4th Wednesday of the month)
Thu	2.00pm	Squeals & Wheels parent and toddler group
Sun 5	9.30am	Little Saints (informal service for babies, toddlers, young children and parents)
	10.30am	Café Church (informal gathering, preceded by breakfast at 10.00am)
	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 (said service)

Hempton

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

Barford St Michael

Sun 5	10.30am	Family Service
Sun 12	10.30	Sing for the Queen ('Songs of Praise' marking Queen's 90th birthday, guest speaker Canon Dr Edmund Newell)
Sun 19	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 26	9.00am	Holy Communion

From the Parish Register*Funerals*

3 May	Arthur Lewis
5 May	Jean Morris

Baptism

15 May	Florence Nascimento
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For baptisms and weddings please speak to the Vicar, the Revd Annie Goldthorp, after a service. For funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or on 01869 336880 except on Fridays, her day off, or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to www.deddingtonchurch.org.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
26 June Margery Richley

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

Fr Paul Lester 01869 277630

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe, is said at 9.30am every weekday except Thursday. There are two Masses on Saturday, at 9.30am in the Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Latin Extraordinary Rite. There are two Masses on Sunday, at 10.00am in the Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Extraordinary Rite. 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. Confessions are heard at Hethe during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday between 5.00–6.00pm.

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

PARISH SHOW – SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

For those of you who are gardeners, knitters and creators of crafts, now is the time you could be thinking of exhibiting at our annual show items which take weeks or months to prepare.

Show programmes are now available and can be collected from the church porch, the Co-op, the library, the Flower Shop and the vets, or by phoning 01869 338082. You will also find the programme and entry form online.

We are hoping for a good number of entries this year and more from the children than last year. Their exhibits are always some of the most popular. To give them more chance, we have divided the age groups into four instead of three: 5 and under, 6–8, 9–11 and 12–15 years.

See you there, either as an exhibitor or just a supporting spectator and tea drinker.

Wendy Burrows, Hon Secretary
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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

A dripping June sets everything in tune', an opening phrase I have used many times since I started this column and I have no idea when that was. June is always the pivotal month, as 'the year for some it is six months gone, or for others six months to come', so is your glass half full or half empty?

Down on the farm June is the month that sets the tune for the rest of the year, the troubles and tribulations of the lambing shed are behind us, with the lambs skipping and playing in the river valley, a heart-warming sight even for a cynical, hardened old shepherd of 58 seasons. As I have said before, we came to Clifton in 1974 fresh out of Ag College and our first step on the farming ladder before moving on to greater things. So what happened? Well, the landlord added more land to the farm and we became involved in the vibrant rural and church community of Deddington, a good place to be.

Sadly the past few years have seen the passing of many good friends but the one constant is the seasons of the farming year and, for me, June is the best of them. By then all of our summer visitors have returned and can be heard, if not seen, in my early morning walks before the daily rat race gets under away to drown them out. It can be surprising just what can be seen and heard in that witching hour just before the sun comes up over the lip of the valley.

Long gone are the days when I would ride my hunter, Fred, around the livestock in the early morning, setting out the day's work plan. Today the morning shepherding rounds are on a quad bike with one of the sheep dogs on the back. In these days of my fast approaching 'biblical' age the early morning quad bike is often ridden by the next generation and his young dog, Jake the Hooligan.

So the tradition continues, but there is some doubt just how long the tradition of the family farm being passed on down the generations will continue. Not long after this hits the doormat we will all be faced with the question of 'in' or 'out', a profound, far-reaching and game-changing decision to make, one that, in the face of the turf war being conducted by our elected masters, must be taken according to our individual points of view.

After a difficult winter with a loss of 50% of over-wintering bee hives due to badger predation, the bee-keeping season is up and running. With any luck, by the time this lands on the doormat the extractors will be spinning, but normal honey production will be hit, as we will need to breed more bees to make up for the losses and the new hives won't be in full production until next year. After the devastating sight of smashed hives, I came very close to throwing in the towel, but once a bee-keeper, always a bee-keeper. So it's back



in to the workshop to replace the broken woodwork and to make the hive stands badger proof.

Our new environmental scheme, higher tier, is up and running. By the time of the festival farm walk, a Walk on the Wild Side, the new headland strips of pollen and nectar flowers and winter birdseed should be growing away well. Four pairs of curlew have set up home in the valley again this year. They arrived at the beginning of March and were joined for the first three weeks of April by a small group of six whimbrel – not a rare bird but, as they are coastal birds that breed in the far north and the Arctic Circle, it is unusual to see them this far inland. They are a wading bird, best described as a small curlew with a much shorter bill and light head flashes.

Another bird to add to the farm list (heard but not seen) was quail, heard by our local RSPB project officer on his early morning walks recording the birds on the farm. It is most likely to be an escapee, as they are a popular ornamental bird, kept for their plumage and eggs. Let's hope he can find a mate and set up home.

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PHOTO COMPETITION

FoDL invite entries of photos of Deddington, Clifton, Hempton and surrounding countryside.

The winning entries will be included in a new and exciting 2017 Parish Calendar.



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Good Luck!

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The library is very pleased to host an evening with both award-winning author and patron of the Friends of Deddington Library, Linda Newbery, and with debut novelist Joanna Rossiter on Friday 1 July starting with complimentary wine and canapés at 7.00pm. Tickets are £6 adult, £5 concessions.

Linda, a regular and hugely appreciated supporter of the library, will be talking about her new adult novel, *Missing Rose*, out in paperback, and Joanne Rossiter about her novel, *The Sea Change*. They are happy to answer audience questions and to sign copies which you can buy on the night which they would be happy to sign for you.

Deddington Bookworms! met on 9 May enjoying a lively discussion on their first book, *The Greatcoat* by Helen Dunmore and would recommend it as a good read, but with reservations. It was generally felt that it wasn't a book you could truly immerse yourself in because it was a novella; it was also a ghost story, so it wasn't plausible in parts. It did, however, give a great deal of insight into war and post-war life, both in a civilian and a military context. We all felt that Helen Dunmore's other novels would be worth exploring.

The Rhyme-time group met for their monthly session on Monday 16 May with the next session on Monday 13 June.

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Friends of Deddington Library

Our latest meeting was on 3 May to review progress, but our collective thoughts were of Jean Morris who died on 20 April. Jean was integral to the Friends as well as a valued and active member of the community. We shall miss her enthusiasm, loyalty and zest for life. Our sincere condolences and prayers go to her family at this very sad time.

Subscriber numbers continue to hover stubbornly around 100. Please spread the word as we're still aiming for 200 subscribers to ensure the library remains funded.

The calendar photo competition has already attracted 15 entries with some truly exceptional images, so get your cameras out to capture the stunning scenery around the parish. We have added another age category, that of 60+, now having 5–10, 11–17, 18–59, 60+ categories. We will also now accept uncompressed files of 5Mb and upwards as we appreciate that 20Mb is large for some amateur cameras. However, if the quality is unsuitable for printing, we will give entrants the opportunity to enhance files where possible. We want as many people of all ages and abilities to get involved hence making it easier for everyone to participate.

The Friends of our sister library in Adderbury are holding a Meet the Author with Sharon Bolton on 10 June, and two royal birthday events – a Storytime and craft session on 3 June and a treasure hunt on 4 June.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

To celebrate the Queen's Official Birthday there will be a Bring and Share party at the church and the School Room on Sunday 12 June from 1.00pm, including a cake-baking competition, so it is time to start baking. Please put this date in your diary now and let's hope for a nice day.

Also in the church will be a return concert by the Saltarello Baroque Ensemble on Saturday 23 July at 7.30pm. For tickets please call 07870 221898 or go to www.saltarello.co.uk. Please remember the EU referendum on Thursday 23 June. The Old School Room will be open from 7.00am–10.00pm for polling.

Congratulations to Katie and Jamie of Barn Cottage on the birth of their second daughter, Wren Ophelia, born 29 April, a little sister for Annabelle. Congratulations also to Nicola and Tom Morgan-Lane on the birth of baby Poppy Zana, on Thursday 28 April, weighing in at nine pounds. Mum, Dad and baby are all doing well – 'Tom back plumbing now'. Nicola is the daughter of Sue and Les Lane from St John's Way.

Two allotments are still available on the Dun's Tew Road. If you are interested, please contact the parish clerk on 01869 337447.

Les Chappell 01869 338054

PARK FARM: 22 HECTARES

As the new hooves reach out of their mothers towards our grasping hands and are pulled into the world, there is a moment of awe-filled excitement. Sometimes when animals appear weak and helpless, noses are rubbed with straw to inspire the breath of life, and ears may be doused with cold water to create a head shake reflex which 'wakes' the youngster, tired from its journey into the world. Others are born fighting to stand up, literally before they even reach the ground, and are occasionally on their feet ahead of their exhausted origin. Checking whether a foal is a colt (boy) or filly (girl) is also a heart-in-mouth moment. The wage gap in humans is nothing compared to horses; indeed, horrifically, in some parts of the not-very-distant world, filly foals have been destroyed at birth as not financially viable.

Suck reflexes should be demonstrated almost instantly, either on a probing finger, or almost any nearby surface including the animal's own limbs. It is quite incredible to see how, when a maiden dam (a mare that has never had young before) gives birth, the foal, once on its feet, instinctively works its way along its mother's body, unthinkingly inquisitive, until it finds the relevant teats. Such a maiden is often wide-eyed with surprise, and on occasion can kick out at this invasion of a highly sensitive area. The staggering persistence of a foal, only half-balanced, when confronted with this sort of aggression, is remarkable. On some occasions, it is necessary to physically prevent an inexperienced mare hurting the foal at this stage, although as soon as some of the tension is reduced from the udder by suckling, and the consequential oxytocin released, by far the majority of mares relax with it. A tense mother, be it equine or bovine, will prevent the milk from being 'let down' freely, so it is crucial that they do relax. One sight that makes me wince though is the instinct of young calves or foals that sense the milk due to them is not flowing freely, to give the udder a strong headbutt!

Once a foal has been on its feet for a few days and learned a reliable balance, one begins to pay attention to the proportions of the animal. Straightness of limb is crucial if any athlete is to stay sound. With very careful tending of the hoof, astonishing changes can be made to a foal's entire limb. Imagine taking a tall bottle, and placing a pound coin (only a few millimetres thick) under one edge of the base: the top is now at a great distance from its position when upright, even with such a small change at the fulcrum. The growth plates of a foal's joints will start to close at 6 months; after this, deliberate alterations to the horse's hoof cannot be undertaken to such great extent without creating a torsion such as to result in joint damage. A good remedial farrier, experienced in the art and science of slight but frequent alterations to a little hoof can make an otherwise crooked limb straight. Conversely, bad or inattentive farriery at this crucial age can make a

straight horse crooked, and thus potentially lame for life. We are fortunate to be close friends with a nationally acclaimed remedial farrier, who has worked with some of the best progeny in the country, and many horses at the Cheltenham Festival wear shoes he has applied.

The personality of the foals also becomes evident at a remarkably young age. We have seen foals but three days old kicking and bullying their dams. Typically a foal will stick close to its mother wherever she goes, allowing us to lead her to and from the stable without having to lead the foal; occasionally we have one of such independent spirit that it can nonchalantly watch its dam walk away. Foals demonstrate clear understanding of the body language of older horses: they clap their little jaws to demonstrate their youth and subservience towards a strange horse but will flee at the sight of an adult's ears being pinned or a swished head or tail. However it would be unusual for this posturing to result in an actual attack on a 'properly-reacting' foal.

Similarly it is important to remember that, regardless of their 'cuteness', these youngsters will grow into large animals, and that proper respect for both human and horse personal space must be well maintained. Hand reared foals, in particular from an unprofessional yard, have a reputation for growing into unmanageable horses. When a foal is always treated as a small horse rather than a baby human, the hierarchy can be maintained. Having a range of horses to 'talk to' over a fence puts both manners and confidence into a foal. Such are our thoughts as we watch, leaning on that fence, daydreaming of the time a few years from now, when we can start the animal's working life.

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BELL TOWER OPEN MORNING

The church bell tower will be open to visitors on Saturday 25 June, farmers' market day, from 10.00am–12.00noon to let visitors see the bells, watch them being rung and experience the amazing view of the village and the surrounding countryside from the tower roof. Please bear in mind there are over 100 steps up a narrow spiral staircase to the top so sensible footwear must be worn and, due to insurance constraints, children under the age of eight are not permitted.

The tower contains a set of eight bells, six of which are known to be some 225 years old. The original six bells were requisitioned for making weapons by Charles I and were not replaced until 1791. The other two date from 1946 and were donated to commemorate the Deddington Home Guard. They are rung on Sundays and at practice times, as well as for weddings and funerals and other notable occasions.

Maintenance of the bells is an ongoing commitment and we would like to take the opportunity to appeal for help with funding for new ropes. In recent years,



the bells needed repairing and thanks to the generosity of local residents sufficient money was collected to have the bells taken down, their bearings renewed and re-hung. However, the current bell ropes have been in use for over 10 years, and although they have served the community well, it is now time to replace them. There are eight ropes, each 50 feet long, and the replacement cost will be about £1,200.

Funding for new ropes is independent of church finances so the bell-ringers are raising funds for them. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. There will be a table-top sale at the church on the open morning and the proceeds from this, as well as any voluntary donations from visitors, will be gratefully received. If you are able to support this worthy cause please send an email to cdcox@btopenworld.com or contact Colin Cox on 01869 337486.

Colin Cox
Deddington Church Bell Ringers

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The shifting plans for School Field provide an object lesson in how important it is to have a neighbourhood plan in place – always supposing, when push comes to shove, that the plan actually holds sway in the teeth of quixotic planning inspectors and ever-changing planning and building regulations.

Things slip. A few years back the School Field, behind Gaveston Gardens, fronting on to the Banbury Road, was deemed by the planning authority to be suitable for 50 houses. In December 2013, planning permission was granted on appeal for 85 houses. This year the new owners, David Wilson Homes, put in a new application, this time for 95 homes. Now that's been topped by their latest application for 99 dwellings.

The justification for this is that they need to redesign the estate – with more houses – to meet the objections to their previous plan made by Cherwell's planning chief. In the new layout it's all beginning to look a bit poky, with mostly pocket-handkerchief gardens, but it's still within government recommended density levels.

Another piece of fancy footwork concerns the roads on the proposed new estate. The planning officer thought the planned roads were not of such a standard that the highway authority could adopt them: the carriageway has varying widths, the parking spaces are too small, footpaths from some of the house lead straight on to the carriageway. The developer's answer was simple: they won't be adopted – a residents'

management company will maintain the roads. You can imagine the neighbourly disputes this will provoke when the time comes for repairs. What about the people who can't pay or won't pay?

Another twist concerns my favourite – the garages. The planning officer suggested these should be three meters by six meters. The developers' bland response is that 'the garages have been excluded from the parking provision'. So what on earth is the point of them? Or is this some kind of post-modern recognition that it's a quaint old custom to put your car in your garage?

To be fair to David Wilson Homes, one area where they are not welshing on their commitments is in providing the required 35% of affordable homes. That at least is welcome, though they are dickering about whether any of these should be built to Lifetime Standards (suitable for people to continue living in as they get old and frail and less mobile).

The question is will this kind of slippage be repeated on future developments in Deddington? The steering group will have to look at its policies yet again to make sure they are as watertight as we can make them. But the truth is there are no guarantees.

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

Drugs, Soccer and Trump (again)

There is big news from the land of the free this month; they have found a cure for Dry Mouth.

So if you have this problem, please let me know, and I'll send you some of this new miracle drug called Smart Mouth. I thought it was Hooky, but it turns out I have been wrong all along.

On a less serious note, you will have seen that the Trump bandwagon keeps on rolling. He will soon be the official Republican candidate for US President. The really funny thing now is that the Republican party has suddenly realised that he isn't really a Republican; his policies are wildly divergent from the party line. In fact, if you were not aware, Trump was actually a Democrat until fairly recently and has holidayed with the Clintons in the Caribbean. I am not sure where he parks his hair piece while he swims, but let's try and concentrate on policy for a moment.

The key issue with party politics and the Presidential elections is that the party chooses a candidate through this strange primary process. So anybody can put themselves forward and work the system from state to state while the local party members vote for the one they want. In some states you don't even have to be registered as a member of that party. (Wild conspiracy theories abound that the Clintons got him involved so that Hillary became a shoo-in for the job.) At this point they suddenly realise that the party hierarchy doesn't like his policies. He is actually very left leaning in some areas of social policy, even believing in universal healthcare, something a lot of Democrats struggle with.

So now we have a very unusual dance going on, while the establishment tries to calm him down and convince him to be more right wing and drop the racist rhetoric. But he is riding a populist storm. The majority of the people who voted for him are fed up with these rich folk who reduce their own taxes while the rest struggle.

I know it is hard, but let's forget the stupid things he says about banning Muslims and deporting people; these are policies that will never be implemented. The fight by the small number of rich influential families who have controlled America for the last 50 years to hang on to their candidate is going to be funny to watch. Trump just doesn't care less.

Finally I must mention that I flew into the UK for two football games. If you have been living on the moon, you might have missed the fact that Leicester City became the most unlikely sports winners ever, at least according to everyone outside of the USA. The local residents do recognise the event; it was front page on the *New York Times* and hit all the news bulletins. It's just that they don't recognise the enormity of the 5,000-1 odds. People come up to me in my City shirt (yes, I haven't taken it off for four weeks) and congratulate

me. Then they try to tell me it is like Tampa Bay winning the SuperBowl at 300-1 or the Cubs, remember them, who have not won anything in 50 years. Of course, it is nothing like those things. US sports have this bizarre democratic process called the draft which gives all the clubs a chance every season. It reflects the US psyche where everyone has to be the biggest, the best, and no-one else could possibly be better or more unlikely to win.

I am happy introducing soccer to the US and I guess I will stop ranting about City – in a few years. Meanwhile, I would remind you again that cheerleading is definitely not a sport. There is too much cheese and vastly too much ice.

Mike Ward

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PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR

What to do when someone is in difficulty

Questions have been raised as to whether the parish has a defibrillator for use when someone suffers a cardiac arrest.

The Farmers' Market Committee presented one to the parish at the market in March 2010. However, this type of machine is for use only by trained personnel so the advice is to ring 999 and the Ambulance Service will decide whether to send a Community First Responder (CFR) who can get there before an ambulance or paramedic.

Deddington has three CFRs to respond to anyone suffering sudden cardiac arrest. They cover a seven-mile radius of the parish on a shift system and are managed by the South Central Ambulance Service. The responders are trained to use defibrillators and carry them as part of their kit. They are also trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and airways management.

They prefer to remain anonymous and, if not on duty, should not be disturbed. SCAS manages them and will determine which calls they respond to.

There is also a defibrillator at the Health Centre, available during the Centre's opening times, Monday–Friday 8.00am–6.30pm.

The Farmers' Market Committee is considering providing an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), the type for public access, to be kept somewhere centrally in Deddington, or at the Windmill. Possible locations and other practicalities are still being looked at. We hope to keep you updated.

Mary Robinson

LETTERS

FROM BRYN WILLIAMS,
GAVESTON GARDENS

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the people of the parish for their support in the recent district council elections. As you know the Deddington Ward has been extended to include Hook Norton in the west and Somerton in the east. As a result there are now three district councillors representing the Deddington Ward but I shall still be your first point of contact in this parish and look forward to continuing to represent you to the best of my ability.

Thank you.

DOROTHY FULTON, HARRISBURG,
PENNSYLVANIA, USA

While visiting in early May, I picked up the *DN*. In 'A Postcard from America' the writer says Las Vegas is a reflection of the US as a whole. That requires a response. Las Vegas is not a reflection of the US as a whole. It is a major aberration, an over-the-top cheesy adult playground (despite the family friendly promotions), a kind of sleazy opposite to Disney's cheesy bluebirds and butterflies parks, cheerful, colourful and clean but equally over-the-top and unreal. Both are temporary fantasies for overworked Americans to visit.

Most Americans just go to work (too many hours and too many weeks), pay taxes, and try to keep their families together. Most of us are decent human beings, regular folks who know the difference between Las Vegas or Disney World and real life. An amazing number (though shrinking) go to church regularly, which seems to me another escape to fantasy that Brits as a whole have sensibly given up.

Also, it seems to me a crazed soccer fan like the 'postcard' writer is indulging in a fantasy world himself since soccer, like American football and other major sports, are in reality industries, corporations that play into ordinary folks' fantasies and part them from their money. How is that different from Las Vegas? Or Disney for that matter?

As for the upcoming Presidential election, Trump is our Las Vegas candidate while Bernie Sanders is our Disney candidate. Likely the voters will ultimately reject both in favour of someone with an actual resumé, including foreign policy. This is my sixth visit to Britain. My first was in 1963, the season of the Profumo scandal. Another was during the Margaret Thatcher years. I'm not sure you Brits should be all that smug about our politics. On the other hand, if Donald Trump becomes President, all bets are off. I'm going to Las Vegas.



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PIP DEALTRY, VOLUNTEER
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Volunteer Connect runs a volunteer driving scheme throughout Cherwell, providing transport to those people with problems accessing public transport to get to important appointments. The cost is 45p per mile, which goes to the volunteer driver to cover the cost of petrol.

We also need more drivers. It can be a very rewarding experience, helping those within the community to travel to destinations such as hospitals, GPs, dentists, and podiatrists. This is not an onerous commitment, as drivers are called only on an 'as and when' basis.

To find out more please call 0300 3030 125, or email pip.dealtry@volunteerconnect.org.uk

FARMERS' MARKET

Prawns

The long wait for Selsey prawns may be over by this market. If it is, then I suggest you try this:

Prawns with Maryam Zaira Sauce – serves 4–6
500g cooked prawns with the shell on

For the sauce:

200g good quality mayonnaise (shop bought is fine)

50g harissa (I like rose harissa)

1 teaspoon lime juice

1 teaspoon honey

Mix together the sauce ingredients (you might like to start slow with the harissa – they vary a lot in strength) and pile into a bowl suitable for dipping. Arrange the prawns on a plate and provide another plate of at least the same dimensions for the discarded shells. Invite your guests to peel a prawn, dip it in the sauce and eat. Paper napkins are a good idea as are finger bowls. A perfect summer starter. And, yes, it's not a million miles from a Marie Rose sauce which is not a bad thing.

From Nigella Lawson's *Nigella Express*.

The market is on Saturday 25 June from 9.00am–12.30pm. For more up to date information about the market you can visit the webpage www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk, listen to Deddington OnAir, www.deddingtononair.org or BBC Radio Oxford.

If you're a fan of the market you might like to know we are looking for someone to distribute posters and leaflets in the area twice a year – not a huge commitment but you will need a car. Email marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk if you're interested.

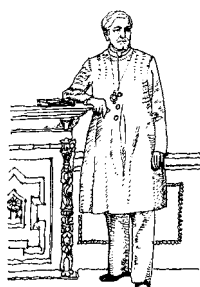
And don't forget, there's also the Adderbury market on the second Thursday of the month at The Institute, The Green, Adderbury, 6.00–8.00pm, details on www.market.adderbury.com. Good shopping!

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Revd Cotton Risley for the month of June 1866:

11th June – A man named John Burrell came and offered himself as footman at £40 per annum wage, he finding his clothes – all but a great coat (not new yearly) – a married man without family. A month's wages or a month's warning to be given on either side.



13th June – I visited the Church again – saw Mr. Scroggs there who had spoken to Mr. Faulkner just before about his having interfered with the wall of the south aisle by removing a portion of the stonework. I started by train for Winchester, where I had not been since 1826, my nephew Herbert Risley obtained leave from the College and dined with me.

14th June – Attended the Cathedral service twice – I called on my friend, the Bursar of the College and on the Warden.

23rd June – We carried three loads of hay this afternoon, was busied some time with the haymakers.

25th June – Willy came and walked from Somerton station. Mr. Stilgoe came into the hayfield in a Bath Chair, drawn by old Tom Westcar.

29th June – I called at Mr. Churchill's office to express my regret at the day for the children's annual treat being changed – today being the proper day.

Buffy Heywood

FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

Five areas of the bowl have been treated with weed killer to pave the way for pre-sown wildflower mats which will be a welcome addition to the flora at Castle Grounds. However, the battle against the nettles and brambles continues.

Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers have visited and have now finished capping the wall at the north path. They are due to return in the autumn to carry out remedial work.

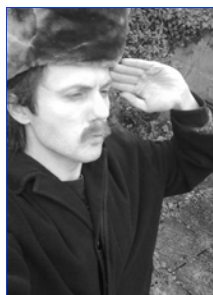
There is a very good show of primroses and cowslips this year. We hope they will self-seed and spread to other parts of Castle Grounds.

New members are always welcome. Please contact our membership secretary, Jean Welford, at Abercroft, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington OX15 0TD, 01869 338539, or you can download a membership form to join like-minded people who want to preserve and enjoy the heritage of this historic site.

Find us on Friends of the Castle Grounds which is listed under 'clubs' on the Deddington Online website with links to some lovely old photos of Castle Grounds.

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BLISSFUL THINKING



I'm writing this column on Friday the thirteenth, sitting on a pavement crack, underneath a rickety ladder as I'm being mauled by a black cat. I recite incantations to smite my enemies, while giving thanks to deities of various shades and colour for blessing my harvest, delivering my promotion, smiting my enemies. (Speaking

of deities, why are so many in man's own image? Why can't we have more gods made of liquid metal, bracken, or abstract emotion?) It's curious how often we seek divine intervention, court Lady Luck and mistake correlation for causation. Can we not trust in the arbitrary tumult of circumstance to ruin us, without deeper meaning needing to be invoked? Was it the Illuminati that lost my car keys? Did political-correctness culture expose my infidelity? Does it always rain on me because I fabricated a photo ID to buy alcohol when I was seventeen, setting in motion a devastating chain of events which culminated in a night in the cells for stealing an umbrella? Perhaps world events are all, indeed, gleefully orchestrated by a malignant coterie of celestial atrocities taking great pleasure in humanity's failures and suffering (© 'A Time to Filibuster' A. Bliss 2010), or, perhaps events are just randomly sparked by consistent collisions of individuals' and groups' incongruous agendas and moralities, sometimes spawning the most unlikely scenarios which it may seem could only possibly occur when 'written in the stars'...which reminds me of the bombastic collision of astral chaos that created a certain familiar planet and conditions for life for Daeda's good people and their marvellous progenies. Remember, constellation does not imply causation.

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DEDDINGTON COMMUNITY CARES

As there has only been one volunteer offering to help with giving lifts to hospitals, doctor or dentist, regretfully this organised community service will be closing down on 1 June this year.

My thanks to all who have volunteered and carried out requests since the start in 2012 when we used to have 32 on the volunteers list.

I know many people will help family and friends as usual, but not within a community organisation.

Wendy Burrows

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Apart from the first game of the season that had to be abandoned because of a hailstorm, bowls is a wonderful way to have gentle exercise in the fresh air. Deddington has been fortunate to have had a bowls club for over one hundred years. However, if it is to continue beyond this year it desperately needs more players. Shoes, bowls and free instruction from a qualified coach are all available with one-to-one coaching sessions arranged at mutually convenient times. If you would like to give bowls a try and help to keep this worthwhile facility going, please contact us on the number below. We look forward to hearing from you.

Chris and Yvonne Twomey
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Deddington Town Football Club

First Team Results

16.04.16	Ashton Villa (a) (CUP)	W 6–2
20.04.16	Heyford Athletic (n) (CUP)	L 1–7
23.04.16	Middleton Cheney (h)	D 1–1
29.04.16	Woodford Utd (CUP)	L 1–2 (aet)

A valiant fall at the last for our humbug-stripped heroes, as an extra time goal saw fit to end the season in bittersweet fashion, much like the boiled sweet of that name. Banbury United's ground saw a well-contested Coronation Cup final, but Deddington were slain by a Woodford stake through their heart before penalties could be called. The First Team has set the cup competitions alight this season, but fell just short of glory, finishing in fourth place. The Reserves had already finished their season, but our arch nemesis, Bodicote Sports, having made a dog's dinner of their last two matches, ended bottom on goal difference, one worse than Deddington Reserves, who will resume hostilities with Bodicote in a lower division next season. Enjoy Euro 2016, and see you next season! Don't forget to check out www.deddingtontownfc.com for more match reports and stats.

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Deddington Town FC Youth section

The Under 15s playing in the Midland Junior Premier League lost heavily at Hednesford Town, followed by a 5–3 defeat at Stratford Town Juniors. In the Witney and District Youth Football League, the Under 15s, playing in the supplementary cup, had a 10–1 win at Stonesfield, a 3–0 defeat to Tower Hill and a 3–2 win over Brackley Athletic. The Under 14s had a 3–1 win over Bampton Town and lost their last game 3–1 to Banbury Irish but finished the season second in the league. The Under 12s lost 1–2 at home to Banbury Irish and lost 7–1 to Bicester Town Colts in the supplementary cup.

Our annual Presentation Day takes place at the Windmill Centre, Deddington, on Sunday 12 June at 2.00pm, when the trophies for best sportsperson,

most improved player, managers' players and players' player of the year will be awarded. Come along to support the club and celebrate the season with a barbecue, bar and stalls. If you would like to sponsor the event or an award category, we'd love to hear from you, deddingtontownfootballclub@gmail.com.

If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer or fundraiser, please get in touch. Information about the club is on our website – www.deddingtontownfc.com/ or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc. We are looking for individuals or local businesses to sponsor the kit for three of our teams next season. If you would like to help your local team and raise your business profile for the next two or three seasons get in touch.

Deddington Town FC web shop

This is a great time to buy training wear, branded club wear and plenty more before the 2016–17 season starts. Go to www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/deddingtontownfc/. Happy shopping!

Finally, congratulations to Oxford United for getting promoted to League 1 next season. Deddington Town FC will look to build links with Oxford United in the future with opportunities for training youth players, as well as encouraging players and parents to support their local club.

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Deddington Original Golf Society

Twenty-one DOGS and four strays (guests) met at Broadway Golf Club for the first meeting of the 2016 season. Proving that the sun doesn't just shine on the righteous, the weather was superb.

The team prize was won by Mark Ryland, Andrew Goodrick Clark (guest) and Jim Pickering with a total of 77 points.

Longest drive Christine Pickering (what happened to Barry Pawley or Ron Colley?)

Nearest the pin Steve McDowell

Guest winner Bill Cook

1st Place David White

2nd Place Ralph Stewart

3rd Place Steve McDowell (on countback)

The 'simplified' handicap system came into force and those who had worked so hard to win prizes were rewarded with reductions to their handicaps. Serves them right for trying so hard.

The next meeting is a new venue for DOGS when Wrag Barn near Swindon is our host on Friday 10 June. Details to follow shortly. The remaining programme comprises:

24–25 Jul DOGS Weekend at MacDonald Portal Hotel, details from Ron Colley at ron.colley@btinternet.com

12 Aug Feldon Valley followed by evening barbecue

30 Sep Blackwell Golf Club

CALLING MORE CLUBS

Thanks to all who participated at Broadway. we hope to see a good turnout for Wrag Barn.

Tony Lowe, Chairman
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1st Deddington Guides

A busy start to the term. We now have 33 Guides in the company. Congratulations to Connie and Hannah who carried our Queen's and Company colours at the Guide Parade in Banbury on St George's Day, with some very welcome members of Scouting.

The Guides enjoyed a quiz around the village, followed by a belated Easter egg hunt. We enjoyed our first cookout of the season. Thanks to Vivien Bouverie who has made us welcome in her garden on more than one occasion. They demonstrated excellent fire-lighting and cooking skills ... aah, the smell of the wood smoke. We ended that lovely but cold evening with a large promise ceremony around the campfire, with marshmallows and sparklers to celebrate.

Our 'Incident' hike around the village and Castle Grounds was good fun; we learnt a bit about the emergence of spring and the neighbouring countryside and really appreciated the Castle Grounds site. For once on a Tuesday the rain defeated us last week and prevented us from putting tents up, but we managed to put up small tents indoors, so we weren't defeated altogether.

The Senior Guides are proving to be good teachers and organisers, passing on their skills to our younger Guides.

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Marion Trinder 01869340806
Catherine Blackburn

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

First meeting after the Easter holidays – litter picking as part of the parish clean up. Unfortunately, it rained all evening so we played litter games, talked about litter and designed posters to warn of its dangers. This leader did her bit by clearing the road between the Windmill and Hempton – there was a lot.

We have learned to put up tents and started map reading and understanding compass points as well as looking at another decade for our Century of Cubs – 1920, Rupert Bear, speed records and Tutankhamun. Planning for the district and centenary camps is going well.

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Scouts

The Scouts are concentrating on things outdoor and have so far designed their own trail mix (energy food for hikes), learned how to make stretchers from sticks and coats and made firelighters from newspaper and melted wax (trench candles) and cardboard tubes filled

with tumble dryer fluff. We will try them out at Horley. A small group walked to Adderbury while the rest were on a school trip. They did very well considering how wet it was. Some representatives from Dogs for Good, including a dog, visited us to collect the money raised by the Troop: £500 was presented on a giant cheque.

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Spartans Explorer Scout Unit.

Over the past month we have focused on the Re-Cycle project for our Platinum Award, including designing posters, to be seen soon, and working out how we will collect bikes for the charity. We have started to plan a weekend in either Oxford or London later this year.

Some of the group have planned their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition which they will be completing in a couple of months' time.

The great thing about being an Explorer Scout is that we are able to do our own thing; two weeks ago we arranged a trip to the Milton Keynes Snow Dome for ski lessons. All the Explorers enjoyed the evening and there were no broken bones or fatalities, so we will be planning to return soon.

Oli Betteridge Spartans ESU
Contact Janet Duxbury 01608 737959

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the St George's Day Parade, another outing for our dragon with Sam as St George who bravely rescued the damsel from the church. How big was that hat!

Deddington Tennis Club

We're a hugely welcoming club, ready to offer a packed programme of coaching and competitions for all standards and ages.

Thank you to those who supported our Tennis Open Day and we hope to see new members at Club evenings on Wednesdays and taking advantage of the coaching sessions. A new five week adult session starts in June, costing £30. We are also holding match practice sessions every Saturday morning from 8.30–10.00am for those wanting to improve their match play skills. There is already a regular programme of very successful junior coaching. This season members are enjoying playing in a box league. There have been some close run sets and healthy rivalry to move up and down the boxes. New ones can always be started so new members are encouraged to join.

Our application for a grant to fit floodlighting has been accepted so we will be able to extend our coaching and playing time into the autumn and winter. You can find up-to-date information on these activities and more, as well as full committee member contact details, on our website www.deddingtontennis.com. Alternatively email deddingtontennisclub@gmail.com and we'll keep you posted.

Alison Stevens

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Deddington Players

We held our AGM on 12 May and all agreed that this year's performance of *Jack and the Beanstalk* was a great success. We hope the audience felt the same way; there were certainly lots of positive comments after the show.

There is a small surplus in the coffers which we will invest in equipment such as lighting and sound to improve the audience experience.

Dates for next season's pantomime have been booked provisionally for 19–21 January 2017, so pencil them in your diaries now. We'll publish the October auditions date in due course. The hunt for our next hilarious script starts now.

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1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

Lighter evenings have meant that the Anchors and Juniors have been out, either on the field or in the village. The Juniors had a great session in the Market Place and surrounding streets searching for signs, pictures and door furniture to do with animals, birds or mythical creatures. The Company Section's recent attempt to inflate a handmade balloon in church was good fun but it didn't get far off the ground.

1st Bloxham and Deddington's combined Juniors hike took place on Saturday 21 May. Sponsorship funds raised are going to Sports Relief with the final amount to be reported soon. The Company 10-pin bowling match was won by 1st Wallingford B team and we came third out of four teams but the scoring was very close. The Anchors 5-a-side football competition will be rearranged if possible, to allow us to take part in the village celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday.

We are back at June's farmers' market with our bookstall, so come – see you there.

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Women's Institute

In April we hosted a group meeting at the Windmill Centre with Adderbury, Banbury, Bodicote and the Barfords. Rachel Windsor-Knott, an animal behaviour therapist, gave an informative and interesting presentation on her work in zoopharmacognosy (animal self-healing). Animals in the wild are able to graze on vegetation and herbs to alleviate pain and discomfort. As a therapist, Rachel gradually presents herbs, usually oils, until an animal selects what it requires to improve its wellbeing. After her talk and videos Rachel joined us for a light supper.

Beryl Suckling
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We had a very good attendance at our May meeting to discuss two resolutions put forward by the National

Federation. The first, concerning appropriate hospital care for people with dementia and encouraging NHS Trusts to let family and carers spend more time with their loved ones whilst in hospital, led to a lively discussion and two Deddington residents spoke poignantly about their own experiences.

The second resolution, 'Avoid food waste, address food poverty', called on all supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste and pass surpluses on to charities. After the votes, we had a collection for Associated Country Women of the World, a charitable association of women-led societies working for an improved quality of life for women and communities in 75 countries.

Sue Lane

Deddington Ladies Netball Club

We've had lots of new members join us as the weather improves. This is great news for the club and means we have a fantastic range of abilities, ages, and experience, who all get a good game. If you fancy joining us, we meet on Wednesdays at 6.30pm on the Windmill Centre's all-weather pitch at a cost of £3 per session. Everyone is welcome.

Unfortunately, someone has damaged our netball posts while they've been stored during the week. So firstly, could we please ask those involved to stop damaging our equipment. Secondly, if anyone knows of or can donate any second-hand netball equipment, please get in touch.

Lastly, as our numbers grow, we would really benefit from a regular or even an occasional coach and umpire. If you can help, even on an ad hoc basis, please contact me on 01869 337095 or suzieupson@mac.com. Do visit our Facebook page, Deddington Ladies Netball Club.

Suzie Upson

Photographic Society

In May, Jannine Timms gave a presentation on 'Portrait, Studio and Wedding Photography'. A keen amateur photographer, Jannine turned professional three and a half years ago, developing a local business specialising primarily in portrait and studio work. She also acts as a 'second shooter' at weddings, whenever possible using natural light rather than flash. However, Jannine's main business derives from portrait work, particularly of children, taken informally at home although for more formal portraiture she prefers to hire a studio. The audience appreciated this most interesting and refreshingly honest account of the transition from being an amateur to a professional photographer, accompanied by a wealth of photographs and details of lessons learnt along the way.

The next meetings of the Society are on 1 June when member Randall Miles, ARPS, AFIAP, will present 'Tales of Future Excursions to the Wilds',

... AND STILL MORE CLUBS

followed on 6 July by professional photographer Dan Evans, who will present 'Lens Lore: Using the Lens for Best Creative Effect'. Both meetings will be held at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. In addition, two outdoor workshops are planned for 15 June and 20 July, details of which will appear on the Society's website. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wendy Meagher
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Deddington and District History Society

In May we enjoyed one of our occasional ventures into topics wider than our usual remit with a talk by art historian, Alice Foster, on the impact of the First World War on the Cookham artist, Stanley Spencer, who enlisted in the army in 1915 and served until the end of the war in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Spencer was one of life's true innocents: one wonders how on earth he coped with army life and it with him although the RAMC seems to have been remarkably tolerant of his chaotic lifestyle.

Between 1927 and 1932 he was employed by John and Mary Behrend to paint the Sandham Memorial Chapel at Burghclere, built to commemorate Mary's brother John who, like Spencer, had served in Macedonia and who died in 1919 of malaria contracted there. The commission gave Spencer the opportunity to express in paint his experience of war. Surprisingly, to us, at least, he chose to emphasise not the horrors (which he was unable to deal with) but the healing process. The result was a series of almost Italianate lunettes and predellas on the north and south walls, and on the east wall, a great depiction of the *Resurrection of the Soldiers*.

On Wednesday 8 June at 7.30pm Katherine Bradley will speak on 'Women's Suffrage' and on Wednesday 13 July Ursula Buchan, award-winning journalist, author, and grand-daughter of John Buchan, will speak on 'The Many Lives of John Buchan', casting further light on her grandfather's famous novel the *Thirty-Nine Steps*, with a charge of £6, to include a drink and finger buffet. Both talks are at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm.

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Book Club

At our April meeting we discussed *No Great Mischief* by Alistair MacLeod. This is a beautifully written story, spanning almost three centuries, taking us through the history of the MacDonald family, who came to the Canadian island of Cape Breton from Scotland in 1779. It is essentially a story about family loyalty. The struggle for survival in such a harsh environment and the cohesion of the family in times of need is often very moving. Many commented on the book being disjointed as it meanders back and forth, often with poems and sentences in Gaelic, which we found

irritating, but the hauntingly beautiful descriptions of the Canadian landscape make it well worth reading.

The next book is *High Society* by Ben Elton and the next meeting 30 June.

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WELL REMEMBERED

Arthur Lewis 1927–2016

Arthur Thomas Lewis was born on 26 February 1927, into a family of two sisters and a brother. He went to Deddington School before going to work at Lamprey's at Wykham Mill near Bloxham. He cycled there from Monday to Friday and also on Saturdays before playing football in the afternoon on Castle Grounds.

In August 1945 Arthur joined the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire regiment where he served as an infantry weapons instructor and achieving the rank of sergeant. He met his future wife, Joan Green, whilst travelling home on a bus. They fell in love, married and had two sons, Stephen and Peter. At this point Arthur was working at Pressed Steel Fisher in Cowley, now BMW, where he became a production line foreman, and stayed for 32 years. Arthur took early retirement from Rover and then worked at the Upper Heyford RAF base, assisting a British wing commander and a station warden. He went on to do charity work as a minibus driver for Banbury taking people on day trips.

In 1949 he joined the Royal British Legion, serving as a committee member until 1960 when he also became club secretary and then service secretary from 1980 to 1996. In 1982 he became vice-president of the branch and then president in 1991. In 1982 he received the RBL badge – one of the organisation's highest accolades. Arthur also helped with the Poppy Appeal collection for 30 years between 1960 and 1990. He was a keen gardener and grew vegetables and flower borders which looked a picture at the bungalow. In his spare time he also enjoyed playing snooker on a Saturday afternoon at the RBL.

In the early 1990s Arthur became a grandfather to Nicole and then Ben and a great-grandfather in 2014 with the arrival of Freddie. He was a very caring person who looked after Joan with great dedication when she developed Alzheimer's in later life. When she eventually went into a care home, Arthur visited her every day but still found time to visit friends in the village too. He loved to play cribbage with Joan when she was well and also with Peter on his Saturday visit before going off to play snooker.

Over the past couple of years Arthur's health suffered, eventually leading him to be admitted to the Horton Hospital where he passed away peacefully two weeks later. He will be greatly missed by his family and the local community who knew and loved him so well.

Revd Annie Goldthorp

FROM THE FIRE STATION

With 100 shouts for the first four months of the year Deddington is on target to be the busiest one-pump station in Oxfordshire. One reason for this is our ongoing commitment to keeping our fire engine turning out of the door 365 days of the year.

The largest incident in the past month was at a warehouse on an airfield in Buckinghamshire. On arrival it was clear that this was a fully developed fire. Deddington was charged with supplying water to all the fire engines already at the incident which were being fed by two water carriers shuttling water from a hydrant several miles away. Luckily there was a large reservoir on the airfield so I split the crew and detailed one crew to take the fire engine to the reservoir and start connecting all the pipework, and the other to start running the half kilometre of hose needed. I was really proud of the crew. Not only was it set up and running within twenty minutes but they had paid attention to the small detail as well. The hose was protected with hose ramps where it crossed roads with traffic cones, tapered either side to funnel cars safely over the ramps. The best part was our fire engine was pumping over 1,000 litres of water per minute. The crew that made this happen were Adam Franklin, George Williamson, Nicky Istead, Colin Smith and Barney Alton.

I have not mentioned chimney fires for the past few months. simply because there have been so many other incidents. I can say that since I last reported on the subject we have attended on average three a month. Our advice is to get your chimney swept once a year for light domestic use. If you use it on a daily basis or burn non-smokeless coal, then you should consider getting it swept more frequently. Your chimney sweep will be able to give you advice when to get it swept.

The crew has attended several car crashes since last month but thankfully none of them have been serious.

Training is always ongoing at Deddington and this month is no exception. Congratulations to Fire Fighter Nicky Istead who, along with Fire Fighter Tom Hall, have both done their theory part of the HGV test which is the first stage to driving the fire engine. It's a long road to achieve this, the next step being the driving test. Then you have to do lots of driving before you can do the emergency response course, where you spend a week driving everywhere on blue lights. I would like to thank Smiths of Bloxham for letting us come down and hone our skills in getting into damaged cars. They crush the cars specially to make it really difficult for us.

Deddington has another new recruit: Adrian Spilsbury will be joining us to bring our numbers to 15, one more than our maximum. He is transferring from Watlington where he has just done his driving practical and will be doing his emergency response driving in September with us. This will mean that Deddington will have three extra much-needed drivers by the end of the year.

Tim Parker, Crew Manager

PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

June brings with it the promise of plenty of outdoor fun. We will be holding a family fun day at Nursery on Sunday 19 June, with a mini-beast trail, craft activities and a barbecue. Everyone is very welcome.

We will be holding our annual Sports Day for children from both settings on the Deddington Primary School field at 11.15am on Friday 24 June. Bring your lunch for a family picnic in the PFSU garden after the activities on the field.

On Saturday 25 June we will be raffling a fantastic hamper at the farmers' market – we look forward to your support. Between now and the summer holidays we will be preparing the older Nursery children for their move up to the PFSU and our PFSU children for the move to school.

This will involve the PFSU staff visiting the Nursery children, the Nursery children visiting the PFSU (including two open afternoons on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 July between 3.30–4.30pm for families starting in September), and a 'move up' day in July for all the children to visit their new setting or school. Holiday Club will run in the summer holidays from 25–29 July and from 1–5 August between 9.00am–3.00pm each day.

Lucy Squires
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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Windmill Centre on Wednesday 18 May

Present: Councillors Collins, Cox, Finnegan, Flux, Higham, Oldfield, O'Neill, Rogers (Chair), Watts, Williams (CDC). County councillor Fatemian was present for the first part of the meeting.

Cllr Rogers was elected as new chairman with Cllrs Anderson and Wood as Vice Chairmen.

Planning

Revised Application

Residential development of 99 dwellings, together with parking, public open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure on land north of Gaveston Gardens and rear of Manor Farm, Banbury Road – amendments to scheme. A letter is to be sent to Cherwell District Council concerning several aspects of this application. (Previous DPC objections to this development re landscaping and drainage strategy were upheld by CDC.) A letter is to be sent also to the developer requesting assurance from an ornithological expert that no birds were nesting in the section of hedge that has been removed.

Philip Allan Publishers, Deddington Sales Rooms, Market Place, Deddington – revised scheme. No objection.

New Application

Castle Lodge, Castle Street, Deddington – 1st floor side extension to form new master suite and stairwell access. No objection.

Ilbury Farm Barn, Nether Worton Rd, Hempton – change of use from agricultural building to a dwelling. No objection.

Castle End House, Castle Street, Deddington – fell one birch, one plum, one willow, two ash, one field maple and one yew tree. Objection as this is a large number of mature trees to be felled in a conservation area and no reason has been given for the request.

CDC Approvals

Saxton House, The Lane, Hempton – DPC objected to this application.

Environment and Recreation

The remaining 15 meters of wall at Castle Grounds will be repaired by Oxford Conservation Volunteers. Top soil is to be laid in the beds in front of the cemetery.

Highways and Transport

It has been observed that parking in New St and High St where there are double white lines has resulted in highway obstruction. The police have been informed.

Windmill Community Centre

The floors of the toilets are to be power-washed and quotes are being considered for the flooring of the corridor, entrance and committee room.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 15 June at 7.30pm at the Holly Tree Club, Deddington

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

MUSICAL NOTES

As always there will be musical events during the Deddington Festival so please refer to their website and adverts for the details.

There will be a concert in the church on Sunday 26 June at 7.45pm in the ever-popular Music in Adderbury series featuring the Gould Piano Trio performing music by Mozart, Saint Saens and Rachmaninov. The Mozart Trio in G has a lively opening, a sombre theme and variations, and a rustic ending. There are no animals in this Saint Saens trio but plenty of outdoor activity. The Rachmaninov trio was written in memory of Tchaikovsky and the piano proudly leads the memorial.

This will be an outstanding concert and if you have never been to a classical chamber music concert here is a great opportunity, both because of the skills of the musicians and for the inspiration of the composers. To be sure of keeping up the high standard of these concerts, it is important to have good audiences, so please keep coming and bringing your friends.

I send out a reminder in the week before a concert, so if you would like to be on my mailing list, please get in touch.

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The Parish Archive is up and running in the library, thanks to a generous grant from the DN. Do you have old documents relating to Deddington that are looking for a home? If so please [download a form](#) to list them

and take them to the library on any open day. A new section, Shops, Businesses and Trades, the collective reminiscences of four boys and a girl who grew up here in the 1930s and 40s, provides a comprehensive account of the days when Deddington was verging on being a town. Included are Jim Yerbury's memories of school, farms, fairs and people.

Rob Forsyth robert.s.forsyth@gmail.com



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At the Windmill Community Centre

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