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the Deddington news

I'm sure, like me, you will be delighted to see the return of the swifts to the Market Place and sad to see Hugh White departing our community. I hope he will continue to visit us, not necessarily once a year. The Deddington Festival is positively heaving with events for all tastes so make the most of them. There are also many other things on, so scour these pages. **JC**

JUNE

- Mon 2 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
- Tue 3 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2.00pm
- Fri 6 Hempton Social Night: Hempton Church Hall, 7.00pm
- Sun 8 Deddington Town Colts: Presentation Day, Windmill Centre, 3.00pm
- Sun 8 Concert: Fournier Piano Trio, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Mon 9 DOGS: 27 holes, Burford Golf Club
- Tue 10 Windmill Management Committee: AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Tue 10 WI: Andrew Hall, 'The History of Hairdressing', Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm
- Wed 11 Parish Council meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 12 Monday Morning Club: Film tba, Holly Tree Club, 6.30pm
- Thu 12 Deddington Festival: Start, see <http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk/> for details
- Thu 12 Fashion Show: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Sat 14 RBL: Cash Prize Bingo, RBL Hall, 8.00pm
- Sat 14 Boys' Brigade: Juniors and Company Section, Swimming Gala
- Wed 18 Photo Society: Adderbury Gardening Club Photoshoot, 7.30pm
- Sat 21 Deddington Explorer Scouts (Spartans): Auction, Windmill Centre, 12.00pm
- Sat 21 Cricket Club: Summer Ball, Windmill Centre, 7.00pm
- Wed 25 DN: Collating, Windmill Centre, 10.00am
- Thu 26 Book Club meeting: please call 338094 for information
- Sat 28 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am-12.30pm

JULY

- Tue 1 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2.00pm
- Wed 2 Photo Society: Randall Miles, 'A Pictorial Philosophy: Become a Better Photographer!', Cartwright Arms, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 3 Deddington Youth Club: AGM, Windmill Centre, 6.30pm
- Fri 4 Hempton Social Night: Hempton Church Hall, 7.00pm
- Sat 5 PTA: School Fête, Primary School Field, time tba
- Sat 5 RBL: 'Elvis is in Town', RBL Hall, Deddington, 9.00pm

Please see p10 for Deddington Festival events

When advising us of events, please include date, time and venue

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

at the Windmill Centre on Wed 14 May 2014

Present were Councillors Collins (Chair), Cox, Day, Finnegan, Flux, Oldfield, O'Neill, Rogers, Squires, Watts, Williams, Wood (Vice Chair), also several members of the public.

The layout of the meeting was revised following complaints from the public that discussions could not be heard. The new U-shape was considered a great improvement and will be adopted at future meetings.

Election Update:

There will not be a ballot for Parish Councillors on 22 May as not enough people have applied. The present council will therefore be returned and there will be a co-option in June for the remaining vacancy. Anyone interested in being considered for this seat should apply as a matter of urgency to the Parish Clerk on 337447.

Finance and General Planning:

A donation of £1,000 has been received from *Deddington News* and has been credited to Neighbourhood Planning as requested. The PC expressed their thanks for this generous donation. It is recommended that the following sums held by the PC be passed to the relevant groups: £542.20 (Friends of Deddington Library); £250.13 (Betty Hill's memorial) to Friends of Castle Grounds for wildflowers; £281.25 (former Gardening Club) to organisers of the Village Show.

Environment and Recreation:

The issue of the Christmas tree was discussed and it was voted that the village should have one as usual. However, the problem of an electricity supply for the lights has still to be resolved.

Parish noticeboards are to be refurbished and will be available to individuals and organisations for notices in the interests of the community. A new policy is in place and will be displayed where appropriate. Notification must be given to the Clerk; notices must be removed within one week after the advertised event; only drawing pins should be used – not staples as these damage the fabric of the boards. (This recently cost the Council £2,000). No-one unauthorised by the PC should remove notices.

100th Anniversary of World War One

On Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 August, Deddington Royal British Legion will display military memorabilia associated with the War in the Church meeting room.

Although the response to our previous request for items for display was disappointing, we have managed to acquire some things of interest.

Please look out any associated items that you may consider of interest. Anything lent to us will be carefully safeguarded. However, we do have sufficient envelopes, letters and cap badges of that period.

Please visit our display between 11am–5pm on 2 August and after the Church service until 5pm

David Hood
338200

Highways and Transport:

The PC has already received a photo of a vehicle parked in the bus stop outside the Manor, New Street. It is hoped that the owner will take note of the polite letter sent requesting that this should not happen. It might also be construed as damage to OCC property.

Blocked drains at the Holly Tree crossing have been cleared.

CDC has approved road closures through the village up to December for the Farmers' Market.

Planning:

The PC objected to an application to build on land to the rear of St James's Park, Main St, Clifton, on the grounds that this would be inappropriate backfill development.

The tennis courts at the Windmill Centre are to have floodlights installed, operating for two days per week, cut-off time 9.30pm.

The application for the Poplars development on Clifton Road has been withdrawn.

There was some discussion as to whether the parish should suggest sites to be listed as 'Local Heritage Assets'. This will be discussed more fully at the June meeting.

The Town Hall:

Rendering is to be delayed, not only for consultation as to the best material to use but also for remedial work to a bulge in the north facing wall.

War Memorial:

Quotes have been requested for the repair of the Memorial and gates and the re-establishment of the cobbled path from the Memorial to the Church. The work should take place sometime in September.

Next PC meeting: Wed 11 June at 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

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>.

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

The children have spent time outdoors, making bird feeders, searching for minibeasts, planting flowers and vegetables and preparing for Sports Day on Friday 27 June at 11.15am on the Primary School field, followed by a picnic (bring your own) in the PFSU garden.

Open days will be at the PFSU on 8 and 9 July from 3.30–4.30pm for children and parents joining us in September and are your chance to see the classroom, meet staff and ask questions. There will be an opportunity towards the end of term for the children to stay without parents and play with their new class-mates. We will be arranging an open day at the Nursery. We have said goodbye to Emma and we welcome Hazel to the staff team.

Lucy Squires 337484

FROM THE FIRE STATION

We have been called out 20 times this month. We have been to a higher than average number of car and lorry fires, both local and on the motorway. We have also been to several car crashes but thankfully they have not been serious. We have had no major incidents which I think is a first for a long time.

We have just finished all our training on our new breathing apparatus and now can spend ten minutes longer looking for casualties which is significantly longer than the twenty minute duration we used to have.

Congratulations to FF Nicky Isted, as she is now back with us after having an operation on her knee. She was off for the best part of six months. She is really pleased to be back operational again. We have finally managed to get FF Colin Smith on a breathing apparatus course in June. That will be the whole station BA qualified.

We are always keeping our eyes open for the right recruit. Now that all the crew are BA trained we need some more people to join. If anyone who is reading this feels that they would like to have a change and become part of something bigger, please contact us. There is real excitement and challenges in being part of a crew made up of some of the nicest people you will ever meet. Pick up the phone and give us a ring on 01869 338281. Or come down on a Tuesday evening at 1900 hours to meet the Team.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Four Farms Challenge. I have to mention my Watch Manager, Chris Fenemore, Juliet Owens, Lucie Sydenham and Neil Skinner for the amazing amount of hard work that they have put into organising this event. Chris organised the crew to do the marshalling and was tirelessly running around putting up signs and dealing with all the problems associated with organising an event like this - and we are only responsible for a small part of it. The day was a great success with two hundred and fifty people taking part. I am sure there will be plenty of other reports in this month's *Deddington News*. I will only reflect on our small part and say yet again how pleased and privileged we feel to be part of our community. We have so many wonderful people who spend so much of their precious time to make events like this happen and make this such a wonderful place to live.

Crew Manager Tim Parker

The Deddington Writers Group

We have vacancies for one or two new members ideally living in the environs of Deddington. At our monthly meetings in a member's home, we discuss two manuscripts which have been previously circulated to the group's members. Our aims are constructive criticism, targeting markets and encouraging publication. Those interested should send a short story, article or poem to sylvie.nickels1@googlemail.com. **Sylvie Nickels**

Join us for a

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Saturday 12th July	7.30pm to 12am
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The Windmill Centre,
Deddington

Live Music	Hog Roast
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Tickets £20 Available from
Nursery or PFSU

Charity function in aid of Deddington
Village Nursery Charity No 1117963
and PFSU Charity No 1100275



The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Deddington

Floodlight sponsorship



Would you like to sponsor the floodlighting at St Peter and St Paul Church, Deddington, to commemorate a special family occasion or a loved one's anniversary? It costs **only £25 for a whole week**. The church will be floodlit from 6pm (or dusk if it is later) to 11pm, Monday to Sunday, throughout the year.

Your name and special commemoration will be publicised on the Church notice boards, on Deddington Online and in parish publications. Alternatively you may wish to remain anonymous.

Application forms are available from inside the Church, or can be downloaded from the Friends of Deddington Church at www.fodc.org.uk.

FODC thanks the Deddington Parish Council for its 50% subsidy of floodlighting costs

Do You Have the Skills?

The *DN* is still looking for someone to handle our annual adverts. The job is in two parts. The first is to sell 18½ pages of ads in three sizes although the majority of advertisers are happy returners from the previous year. Most of the work is between September and November, with some 'tweaking' in July. Potential advertisers are emailed in September, inviting them to take space for the next year. A follow-up email and progress-chasing ensure the ads reach us. Space is allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Good organisational skills and access to email are essential.

The second aspect of the job involves putting the ads into pages, sending a proof to the client and dispatching to the printer. For this, other IT skills are needed but advice is available. Production work on the ads themselves is handled by another team member, John Price. If you are interested, please contact Jill Cheeseman on editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk.

Deddington Memorabilia

I have two storage cartons of memorabilia, collected over the last 40 years. One has large print photos of Deddington from early 20th century and the 1970s; the other a miscellany of printed and recorded material from 'Lists of Trade & Callings' in the early 20th century, to set designs for *Blott on the Landscape* (1984). A list of the contents is available. Is anyone interested in giving it a home? Please contact mary.robinson@deddington.net or 338272.

children's PARTIES

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of June 1864:

7th June – I went to the Oxford Commemoration. Attended the Flower Show in New College gardens, and found my brother John, Fanny and their daughter there.

10th June – Wrote to Calcutt about his refusal to remove certain nuisances, privy and pig sty and fresh encroachment, a new side wall and fruit trees against my wall in New Street.

11th June – I went down to the hayfield, we carried French's ground in capital order – we began mowing on the 7th

13th June – Calcutt came on business – his encroachments.

17th June – Mr. Turner, the Vicar, called to speak about a proposition for raising money for the restoration of the Church. Attended a very full vestry at the Town Hall on the affairs of the Church at present.

18th June – Finished the Brick Kiln ground.

25th June – Bowen [*the policeman*] came about a larceny case against an old man (63 years old) named George Gee from Boston in Lincolnshire – a travelling shoemaker who had been employed for 6 or 7 weeks by Smith, the shoemaker and seller – and who had stolen certain articles, leather, lasts, etc. I committed him for trial at the Sessions.

30th June – We finished haymaking.


Buffy Heywood

LOCAL FOOD

Every Saturday!

From 9am until 12.30pm

The Market Place, Deddington




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organic vegetables*

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

June

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Sun	1	10.30am	First Sunday
		6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Wed	4	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	5	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	8	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist Pentecost
Wed	11	10.00am	Eucharist St Barnabas
Thu	12	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	15	10.30am	Eucharist Trinity Sunday
Wed	18	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	19	tba	School Procession Corpus Christi
		2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
		6.00pm	Eucharist
Sun	22	9.30am	Fourth Sunday Eucharist
		10.20am	followed by Interactive Café
Tue	24	6.00pm	Eucharist St John the Baptist
Wed	25	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	26	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	29	10.30am	Eucharist, Patronal Feast SS Peter and Paul

St John's Hempton

Sun	1	9.30am	Eucharist (NB time)
Sun	15	9.00am	Eucharist (normal time)
Sun	22	6.00pm	Evensong
Sun	29	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)

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

Barford St Michael

Sun	1	10.30am	Eucharist
Sun	8	10.30am	Family Service
Sun	15	10.30am	Morning Service
Sun	22	4.00pm	Evensong
Sun	29	4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact 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

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
22 June Margery Ridgley
29 June Margaret Goulder

RC Parish of Hethe *Fr John Burns 277396*

Parish Deacon Rev Bob Hughes 01295 270869

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Sun at 10.00am. The Vigil Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport. Mass at SS Peter and Paul Anglican Church, King's Sutton, at 9.00am every Sunday. The celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi is transferred to the following Sunday 22 June. The Feast of SS Peter and Paul falls on a Sunday so there is no separate Holy Day of Obligation.

THE TASTE BUDDIES

The Taste Buddies lunch out every two months to assess local pubs and restaurants. We hope you will find our observations useful.

WHERE? The Pickled Ploughman, Aynho Rd, Adderbury, tel 01295 810327

Recently refurbished in a late 50s retro style, complete with dried hops, vintage pictures and a hotchpotch of furnishings. Nevertheless clean and acceptable.

FOOD SERVED: 12.00–9.00pm every day. Opening hours: 11.00am–11.00pm Mon–Sat, 12.00–10.30pm Sundays

AVERAGE COST: Starters £4.95–£5.95, Mains £9.95–£18.95, Dessert £4.95–£5.50

WERE THEY PLEASED TO SEE YOU? Yes. We were greeted by a young waitress and shown to our table. There was a specials board with many interesting things, but apart from the scallops, nothing was available that day. We wondered why they did not rub it out.

WAS THE COOKING GOOD? We were not impressed and thought the food was average. The chef was not in and there was a stand-in.

For starters we had: Scallops with chorizo sauce. Only 3 small scallops but cooked well at £8.50. Goats cheese crostini with red onion chutney. The goats cheese was cold. £5.25. Bubble and squeak with

poached egg, pancetta and hollandaise sauce £4.95

The Mains arrived after almost an hour. There were very few customers in the pub. Lamb rump with sauté potatoes, seasonal vegetables and mint jus. The carrots were clumsily prepared. A thick gravy smothered the plate. No mint jus ever arrived. The lamb was very good £15.95. Pan fried liver with pancetta, mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, again with a thick gravy. Liver was well cooked but no pancetta was served. On asking it was served cold. We finally got some hot pancetta £11.95. Chicken breast stuffed with soft cheese with a Stilton sauce £13.95

Desserts: Having waited so long for our main course, we felt uninspired to continue with desserts which were standard pub fare of fruit crumble, pannacotta, Eton mess, sticky toffee pudding, banoffee pie and chocolate tart.

VALUE FOR MONEY?

The bill was an average of £28.00 per head for only two courses and a glass of wine. We felt the food was average and definitely not value for money.

WOULD YOU GO AGAIN?

We can only comment on our experience and judging by positive comments on Trip Advisor we may have been unlucky but we would not go back.

Musical Notes

By the time you read this I hope you have just enjoyed, rather than just missed, 'Sights and Sounds of Spring'. What did you think of the eclectic mix of Baroque music, children's poetry and photography? Replies to me, please, email at end of this article.

Now for June and an even more broad selection of musical events. On Sunday 8 June at 7.45pm we have another of the superb 'Music in Adderbury' concerts making use of the Church's Steinway piano. This features the Fournier Trio with works for violin, cello and piano by Rachmaninov and Mendelssohn and, with the addition of the inimitable Chris Windass, the Brahms Piano Quartet No 3. This critically acclaimed young ensemble is already of international standing and will go a long way. They are a joy to hear so if you are still shy of chamber music, do try this one.

The remainder of the month brings the Deddington Festival with its plethora of exciting musical events, starting with Deddington Rocks on Saturday 14 June from 2pm onwards, Whistle, Blow and Strum family music-making on Monday 16th at 4pm, the Oxford Waits on Wednesday 18th at 8pm, Beautiful Baroque on Friday 20th at 12.30pm and the WW1 Community Concert on Saturday 21st at 7.30pm. There must be something in all these that attracts your attention. It's our village's festival and it deserves our support.

Donald Lane

donald199@btinternet.com

PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Over 200 runners registered for the Four Farms Challenge at Castle Grounds. Congratulations to everyone who took part especially Graham Edmonds, Ben Haynes (U16) and Cas Rowbotham (U16) who were the first three in the 5k race and to Paddy Haynes, Simon Pritchard and Jonathan Carter for the 10k race.

I am at risk of making this sound like an acceptance speech at an awards ceremony, there are so many people who made the day such a success:

The 'Four Farms'; the Parish Council, English Heritage and the Friends of the Castle Grounds; the Primary School, NFU Mutual, Hook Norton Veterinary group and Cox's Garage for parking spaces; Dr Catherine Rose for being our event doctor, it was reassuring to have her there; Mick and Dee Hailey of Hook Norton Harriers for invaluable advice on organising the race; Brian Butler, Never Second Sports Events for the loan of equipment; Jo Watt for her website design; all our race sponsors, A-Plan Insurance, Hook Norton Veterinary Group, Cox's Garage, County Insurance and our main sponsors, UK Sports Warehouse.

Finally, thanks must go as always to the helpers without whom these events wouldn't happen: Deddington Fire Crew, the PTA, PFSU and Nursery.

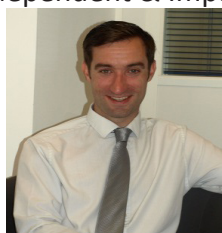
We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. If you have any feedback or photos, please use the website www.fourfarmschallenge.co.uk.

Lucie Sydenham 07720 406019

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The Curious Case of the Deddington Jugs

After WW2 Ron and Daphne Canning returned to live in Deddington. During their absence the thatched roof of the family home, 'Three Horseshoes' (Rothbury House today), had collapsed, leaving the building derelict. They decided to sell so Ron searched the rubble for any items left behind. To his surprise he came across the jugs shown below. Later they were accidentally broken so Daphne glued the pieces together.

Both pots are earthenware and roughly made. The taller one, 21.5cm, is covered in a greenish yellow glaze with a small splash of green near the base. Rough inscriptions say 'Example of Jugs dug up in Oxford 1838' and 'At present in the Ashmolean Museum'. The smaller one, 18cm, inscribed 'Example of Ale Pot 1621' is glazed in a deeper yellow with a brown inside. The etched lines encircling the neck are dark brown and there are roughly drawn plant tendrils on one side.



Photos by John Plumbe

This discovery raised questions. Where had they come from? How old were they? What does 'example' imply? Was there a link between them and the fact that 'Three Horseshoes' had once been an inn? In 1851 that name was changed to 'Exhibition Inn', the year the Great Exhibition opened at Crystal Palace. Could these jugs have been part of a 'copy-cat' exhibition at the Inn?

The discovery of another jug, now in the Ashmolean museum, gives us pointers to help answer these questions. This third jug is in the same rough style as the two from Deddington and bears the same characteristic inscription: 'Example o [sic] Jug found in Oxford/ in the year 1838'. The glaze is the same green as the splash on the taller pot. Such similarity suggests that all three were made by one person and the clue to who this was is 'Jones/Bridgend' scratched on the underside of the third jug. This was a potter, Evan Jones (1843–1912), who worked at Clay Pits Pottery in Bridgend, Wales.

How did a potter in Wales come to make these jugs? The answer is through a book, *The Ceramic Art of Great Britain*, published in 1878. The author, Llewellynn Jewitt, calls it 'A history of the ancient and modern pottery and porcelain works of the Kingdom and their productions of every class'. The text is accompanied by nearly 2,000 illustrations from the engravings he made on a research tour of the United Kingdom.

Jewitt's travels took in the old Ashmolean museum (now the Museum of History and Science) where he made engravings of several medieval pots on display. They included a group of two small bottles and two

larger baluster jugs, probably used as wine pitchers, which were discovered in 1838 buried in Oxford. This burial, close to Trinity College at the boundary with Balliol, was described as 'a purposeful placed deposit'.

Evan Jones came across a copy of *The Ceramic Art of Great Britain* and, using Jewitt's illustrations, made his own imitation jugs. He wrote the word 'example' on his pottery with the date '1838', the year of the discovery in Oxford. The number '291' on the base of his tallest jug corresponds to the illustration in Jewitt's book. The smaller, rounded jug bearing the date 1621, was probably based on another of Jewitt's illustrations of a typical medieval ale pot. We cannot say exactly when the jugs were made since we do not know how long it took for Jewitt's book to reach Wales, but as Jones died in 1912 it is likely they date from the late 19th century.

It is heartening to reflect that, at the time of the Arts and Crafts Movement, a potter in Wales was working with a different focus. Using Jewitt's illustrations Jones made 'rough and ready' pottery in the medieval style popular at that time. We might say that he had 'spotted a gap in the market'. The jugs discovered here and the one in the Ashmolean have, by some quirk of fate, found their way back to the area where the original pots were first discovered.

With the expansion of the railways Victorian leisure travellers, like today's tourists, might have wanted to buy souvenirs. Perhaps someone familiar with Oxford or Deddington had spotted the jugs on a visit to Wales and brought them home. Were they then put on show in the Exhibition Inn? Nothing has come to light in the Inn's deeds or in the Rev Cotton Risley's diaries to indicate that there had ever been any formal exhibition. However the presence of the third jug suggests that there could have been other copies. In this case we might imagine a few jugs and a pot displayed as curiosities to entertain the customers of Exhibition Inn. Had he known about these pots and where they were discovered, Llewellynn Jewitt might have felt heartened



that in a small way he had achieved his aim of raising awareness of the history of British ceramics.

Clay Pits Pottery, now known as Ewenny Pottery, is still in business. Their website is worth a look. To view the doorway of Exhibition Inn see the bottom right corner of the cover of your *DN*. If you would like to see the photographs of the jugs in colour go to www.deddingtonnews.co.uk.

Hilary Smith

My sincere thanks to the following for their invaluable help: Professor Timothy Wilson and Dr Standley's team from the Ashmolean Museum; Stan and Lesley Nelson; Bill and Peter Mace; and Daphne Canning who started it all.

DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM



When will it warm up? After a mild, all be it a very wet, winter the spring got off to a flying start with a 'shirt sleeve' lambing and plenty of grass growth for the ewes to go at. As I bash this out in the middle of May it's back to the winter kit just to keep warm and the grazing situation is beginning to look a bit tight, but

at least the autumn planted crops are forging ahead with some very nice stands of wheat and oil seed rape. The spring-planted crops got off to a good start but are now in need of a lift in the soil temperature to get them moving on. It's much the same with the bees. They came out of the winter in very good condition and 'built up' very fast but our hopes of an early start to the honey season have been dashed by the cold wet weather as they need most of what they can collect just to keep themselves and the expanding brood chamber going, but a few warmer weeks will put things back on course.

It is very good to see all of our summer visitors arriving back for the breeding season. We now have eight pairs of swallows setting up home in the farm buildings, the house martins are busy collecting mud from the puddles in the farmyard and the swifts are back hawking for flies over the river valley meadows, so all's well, especially as the second of three bird surveys under taken by the RSPB on farms in the river valley flood land has recorded 32 different species in a two hour morning walk. But the real highlight of the year so far has been the two nightingales that have been singing in the small wood at the back of Manor Farm, Clifton. It's the male bird that sings both during

the day and night. The nightingale is a migrant that comes here in the spring to breed after spending the winter in Africa. I have not heard his song for many years, but the song of the Clifton birds brought back some boyhood memories of almost 70 years ago when I could hear the nightingales singing as I lay in my bed. But back then the only sounds that disturbed the night all belonged to the night: both tawny and little owls, a vixen calling to her cubs, the sounds of the farm animals and the occasional whistle blast from a steam train in the Banbury shunting yards some three miles away, but if you could hear the trains it was going to rain.

It won't be long before the shearing team arrives, but as yet it is still too cold at night to risk taking their winter coats off, so we will need to keep a close watch out for any fly strike, but the Apletree Cotswold Lion show team are already in the buff and back inside the sheep barns being prepared for this year's outings into the show ring. It is now four years since Cotswold sheep returned to the parish after a break of several hundred years. I started off with eight ewes, and this year we lambed 18 Cotswold ewes. All these ewes were bought in from other flocks. This year we have selected 10 shearlings (a one year old sheep) that have been registered under the Apletree prefix so with any luck next year's lambing season will see the first lambs of the Apletree bloodline being born but first I will need to find an unrelated ram to put them to, but as the Cotswold is an endangered breed it could take some time.

Once the wool is off, it will be time to start the hay-making, but before then the green goddess will need a going over and with any luck I shall be kept busy with the honey harvest. Ho, to be a farmer's boy and don't forget the Deddington Festival Walk on the Wild Side on 19 June at 6pm at Home Farm.

George Fenemore 338203

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Well, good news abounds once again in Lower Lark Rise. This announcement pales in comparison with other media outlets but here goes.

The stork has been yet again to Lower Lark Rise as David and Trina have been blessed with the happy arrival of Harriet. Mother and baby are doing well and both have been seen in the pub already. Oh, what with her and Lolly, the memsahibs are clucking like crazy. Well done David and Trina, more well done Trina. We all know what David did, but now is his chance to step up.

The wedding of the decade passed off well with many residents sharing the day with Annie and Steve at a local barn. A great time was had and I think we made an impression – sorry Annie and Steve.

The Sally team have been chucky sticky like crazy, but I fear they have all been reading *Histoire de ma Vie* by Chevalier de Seingalt as coming second is becoming a bad habit.

Honeymooners have returned, bronzed and happy, and Clifton has swelled its participation in 'Old men's five-a-side' – at least until Neill pulled a muscle. Still on football, some of us were proud that Gordon Greer senior was dropped off for a couple of days in the pub by his famous son on his way to nearly drawing his game with Derby County on a recent Thursday. It all went so wrong the following Sunday though.

More on the subject of faltering athleticism because Iron Man Mayo is feeling blue over not finishing a race. He did 40 miles of it first for heaven's sake. That's more than most people run in a lifetime, so don't beat yourself up too much Kev. We all have our off days, some more often than others, as regular readers of this column can attest.

But finally some worrying news. Woody has returned for the season and entertains many of us by tapping his mating call on our metal chimney crows, but so far is alone. Last year we had two greater spotted woodpeckers 'on our nuts' – but this year he seems forlorn. I remember well the days of romantic isolation but even I found love in the end. As you can see, my critics have failed to give me anything sensible to write.

Martin Bryce

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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 3 July at 6.30 pm

All are welcome



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In support of Deddington Primary School PTR

Saturday 5th July 2014

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Put the date in your diary and come along, it is going to be a really fun day.

If you are a member of, or run a club or group in the village and would like to get involved in this year's fete we would love to hear from you. Call Jo Watt on 07880 745405 or Lucie Sydenham on 07720 406019. You can also email us at www.deddingtonpta@gmail.com



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"THE SPIRIT LIVES ON"

The 12th annual Deddington Festival takes place between Thursday 12 June and Sunday 22 June with lots of family friendly activities and an amazing selection of music experiences to enjoy. With many new additions to the programme this year, the festival offers a range of innovative music, comedy and arts events as well as a circus. Highlights of the programme include:

Family Scary Film

Friday 13 June, 4–5pm, Deddington Church

A 'scary' family film will be aired on a big screen – guests can bring chairs and blankets to enjoy this communal event. Refreshments, popcorn and other items will be available. *Free*

Deddington Rocks

Saturday 14 June from 2pm, Market Place

One of the Festival's major events returns, with a line up of bands playing in the Market Place, with a barbecue, beer and bands from 5pm onwards. This year's evening line-up features *Dance à la Plage*, *The Dirty Flaws*, *The Shady Bunch* and *The Knights of Mentis*. This year Deddington Rocks starts earlier at 2pm for family fun with supporting bands and dance acts, in the lead up to the main concert from 6pm. *Free*

Whistle, Blow & Strum Family Concert

Monday 16 June, 4–5pm, Deddington Church

An acoustic family concert where all ages are welcome. Instruments will include brass, recorder, flute, guitar and piano. It will be a totally interactive session so children will be encouraged to ask lots of questions. All ages welcome, in particular, primary school age. *Voluntary donations*

Tam & Tea Children's Art Workshop

Tuesday 17 June, 4–5.30pm, Unicorn upstairs

Local pottery artist and children's art teacher, Tam Levene, will be running her popular children's art session again. Children can paint a mug which Tam will then glaze and fire. Suitable for young children, think hand and foot prints, and older children can create funky designs with specialist paint and tools, all provided. Tea is served at 5pm with a cuppa for the adults too. *£2 per child (including tea, glazing and firing)*

The Oxford Waits

Wednesday 18 June, 8pm, Deddington Church

The Oxford Waits take their name from a real-life band of city musicians, known as 'Waits', who flourished in Oxford during the 17th century. Performers appear in period costume, and concerts are enlivened by street ballads, dance tunes, airs and rounds, as well as readings from diarists and poets. Superb singing

voices are matched by specialist skills in an array of period instruments. <http://www.oxfordwaits.com/>. *£10*

Cotswold Comedy Club

Thursday 19 June, 8pm, Windmill Centre

Cotswold Comedy Club brings together three professional comedians from the world of stand-up comedy to Oxfordshire. You might not have seen them on telly – yet – but they will make you laugh: Andrew Bird, Laura Lexx and Dave Arnold. *£10*

Beautiful Baroque Concert

Friday 20 June, 12.30pm, Deddington Church

This lunchtime concert will feature local musicians, Helen Rogers (harpsichord) and Heidi Fardell (recorder) who will play glorious music from all over 18th century Europe and talk about the fascinating lives of baroque musicians and composers such as Handel, Telemann and Vivaldi. A glass of wine and nibbles will be available after the concert. *£5*

Jazz and Jam

Friday 20 June, 8pm, Deddington Parish Church

'Jazz and Jam' offers jazz fans a selection of music from Sweet Chorus, a tribute to Stefan Grappelli and the Hot Club of France, plus Stekpanna and Friends - contemporary jazz with English, Swedish and Russian accents. *£10*

WW1 Community Concert

Saturday 21 June, 7.30pm, Deddington Church

Marking the centenary year of the start of the First World War, this concert programme will feature trench-war time songs, poems by some of the war poets, conversations to explore aspects of the war, memories of the war by relatives of those who fought, Olde Tyme music hall songs and other popular songs of the time. Those taking part will be local people forming a men's chorus, a women's chorus, soloists and groups from the school, the Brownies and the Deddington Band. *£5*

Komedy of Errors

Sunday 22 June, 5pm, Windmill Centre

Presented by Circus Berzercus, Komedy of Errors is a mad-cap family circus show. Starring Gerald the gentleman juggler – precise, short-tempered and vain, and Wallace the circus trainee – inexperienced, irreverent and child-like. The show contains music, juggling, unicycling, magic and hilarious comedy ... audience participation required. *£8/adult, £5/child*

To buy event tickets and for further programme information please visit www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @DeddyFest.

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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 MAREE ASPINALL,
AUSTRALIA

I would like to thank all the volunteers who contribute to the publishing of the *DN*. I have been conducting family history research on my husband's great-grandfather, John Clarke, who was born a triplet in Deddington in 1864. I was taken by surprise when I was reading the March edition of the *DN* and came across the article on p3 'Deddington 150 Years Ago'. The Rev Cotton Risley's diaries mention the birth of the triplets and the assistance he obtained for their mother, Julia Clarke, after their birth. The Rev. Risley also obtained three pounds from Queen Victoria to help the family. I was very excited to see the circumstances surrounding their birth which was truly remarkable for that time and that all three boys survived to adulthood is very surprising. Unfortunately, when the triplets were 22 months old, their mother died from a breast infection, most likely caused from breast feeding the triplets.

When John was about nine years old he was caught stealing and was brought before the local court where Mr Risley was on the panel. According to an article in the *Oxford Journal* dated 4 Oct 1873, Mr Risley said that John's father, Thomas, was the cause of his son getting into trouble. The panel decided that the best thing for John was to send him off to the 'Industrial School' in Liverpool where he would receive an education and that the father Thomas would have to contribute 1s 6d per week towards his support at the school. Thomas was none too pleased with this decision. John ended up at the Bluecoat School in Liverpool and this is where he was taught to play the cornet.

My husband's great-grandfather emigrated to Australia when he was 21 years old. He worked in an underground gold mine in a town called Gympie in Queensland. He was a brilliant cornet player and was conductor of a number of brass bands in Queensland. Music was his passion.

John died a rather tragic death by drowning in a shallow creek in Gympie, Queensland. He had been in hospital and went out for a walk and didn't come back. A search party was arranged by the hospital and they found him the next day lying face down in a shallow creek. His post mortem showed that he had drowned. We don't know how this could have happened, but he may have taken a turn or something when he was crossing the creek. The year was 1917 and he was only 53 years old.

We visited Deddington in 2009 which we enjoyed immensely. I was surprised that the village still looked the same as in the 1800s with some of the buildings



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such as the Town Hall and Church still standing. My husband took a photograph of the main village and when I returned home I was looking through some photos of Deddington that were taken around 1860 and there was nearly an exact copy of this same photograph. So little had changed in 150 years. At the time we visited, the Church was undergoing some renovations with parts of the

floor being dug up. The building where the triplets were born is one of the cottages in Tabernacle Square (now Chapel Square). We know it was cottage number one, but we don't know which end of the terrace of cottages started with one back then.

FROM HELEN MARSHALL, DIRECTOR,
CPRE OXFORDSHIRE

Please join us for the CPRE Oxfordshire AGM which will take place at 3pm on Sat 21 June at Kirtlington Village Hall. All welcome. We will be reviewing our activities over the last year and thinking about the challenges ahead in the light of proposals to increase Oxfordshire's housing by 40% within 17 years.

Our keynote speakers will be giving an overview of one particular development which may give some of the answers. Jenny Barker, Strategic Planning Officer at Cherwell District Council, and Gerry Walker, Regional Development Director at A2 Dominion, will be talking about Eco-Bicester and the building of the UK's first Eco-town.

The event will be followed by walking tours of Kirtlington Village. Refreshments will be provided by CPRE Bicester. For further info see: www.cpreoxon.org.uk or call 01865 874780.

FROM JOANNE CHRISTOFOROU, HIGH STREET,
DEDDINGTON

Stella & Dot Jewellery, Neil's Yard Products and Polka Dot Hair Salon will be performing a fashion show in aid of cervical cancer research. Tickets will be £10 each to include drinks, nibbles and raffle ticket in the price and they will be available from Jocy's and Polka Dot. Proceeds of this and 10% of our takings on the night will go to the charity as well. This charity event will be held at the Windmill Centre on Thurs 12 June from 7.30-9.30pm. Contact me on 338095.

FROM AGE UK OXFORDSHIRE, WHITE LION WALK,
BANBURY

We are holding an evening of traditional jazz with George Huxley Jazz Band in the beautiful setting of Broughton Castle by kind permission of Lord and Lady
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EDITOR'S POSTBAG *(Contd from p11)*

Saye and Sele on Friday 11 July from 7–9.30pm. This is a ticket only outdoor event in aid of AgeUK Oxfordshire. Tickets are £12 and are available from our White Lion Walk office. Join us and bring your picnic, drinks, chairs, rugs and umbrellas (just in case). Telephone 01295 278040.

FROM SIR FRANK DAVIES, CLIFTON ROAD

With the establishment of a new Parish Council it is a good time to express our thanks to the Parish Councillors for all they do on our behalf. The work is very time consuming and of course they are not paid for their time. They are sometimes criticised but surely the great majority of villagers are well pleased with Deddington.

That this thankless task is not popular is borne out by the fact that in our county most Parish Councils (including our own) do not attract enough candidates to justify an election and the numbers are made up by co-option. Perhaps a little more appreciation would change this.

They form the lowest tier of democracy representing about 200 people each. Cabinet ministers represent over two million and our MP about 85,000. Being distant those higher up the scale may give the people what they think is good for them, but Parish Councillors, being closer to the people can, and usually do, reflect the people's wishes. It is good therefore that party politics is not involved. I for one say 'thank you'.

FROM DR MICHAEL COLEMAN, PHILCOTE STREET, DEDDINGTON

I was very interested to read the extracts from the Cotton Risley diaries in the May edition of the *DN* concerning the accident at a timber yard in Deddington, and subsequent death (in Adderbury) of my great-grandfather, Joseph Coleman. The story passed down the family line had always implied that he had been involved in an accident on Stilgoe's farm involving a wagon.

I am interested to find out if any reader knows where the Cotton Risley timber yard was located? My researches have so far been unable to locate a coroner's report on this unfortunate accident.

FROM MARY ROBINSON, NEW STREET

Among the presentations made to Hugh White on Sunday 18 May was a cheque. If anyone has not contributed to this collection and would still like to do so, please contact me on 337187 or mary.robinson@deddington.net. You can post a cheque payable to Deddington Church Council Fund to Quinque House, New Street, OX15 0SR by 30 June.

I'm sure many people will share the feelings expressed in the Church that Hugh has done a huge amount to open the church to the community, witness the exhibitions, markets and concerts held there. It would be good if that contribution could be recognised parish-wide.

Parking mad?

Some new volunteers have stepped forward to help prepare the Neighbourhood Plan and we're looking for yet more as we get into the nitty-gritty of preparing a questionnaire (contact us on www.deddingtonneighbourhoodplan.org).

One of the sub-groups that's steaming ahead is Movement and Transport. Among other things, they're tackling the fraught question of parking in the village. Initially they've been focusing on the Market Place but the bumper-to-bumper squeeze extends far beyond that. We all know what the fundamental problem is – trying to pack modern households with one, two or even three cars apiece into a village which, in the central area at least, was built in the era of the horse and cart and Shanks's pony. To add to the snarl-up, the village is a magnet for visitors. Some commentators at the Neighbourhood Plan's drop-in sessions last November suggested we need a car park. But where should such a car park be? As a member of the Movement and Transport group pointed out, unless such a car park is within seconds of the Market Place, evidence shows that few people would actually use it. Others suggested parking controls – time restrictions, parking charges or residents' permits. The snag with these is that they need enforcement and that means parking wardens, paid for either from one of the relevant council's budgets (unlikely in these cash-strapped times) or from fines (ouch).

Meanwhile, the Business group is discovering that one of the attractions of Deddington for shops and businesses is the *lack* of parking restrictions. Their clients – if they're lucky – can simply drive up and park.

Beyond the village centre, and this applies to Clifton and Hempton too, residents tend to complain about their neighbours mashing up the grass verges by parking on them. Unsightly and destructive it may be, but tempting if the alternative is to park a hundred yards or so from your home with heavy shopping to carry.

One of our parish councillors had experience of just this problem in Oxford some years back. More and more people acquired cars and encroached on the grass verge. Householders retaliated by placing rocks or posts on the verge in front of their homes. Ugly scenes erupted. The upshot was that the verges were concreted over, a solution few people would wish for Deddington, even if the funds were available, which they are not.

And so it goes on. Lots of luck to the Movement and Transport group and the parish at large filling in the questionnaire and trying to find solutions.

One small consolation: cars parked in the road, or half on the verge or pavement may be an irritation but they also act as a kind of impromptu pinchpoint slowing down the traffic. And since finding ways to reduce speeding is another problem on Movement and Transport's plate, that can't be all bad.

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

1st Deddington Guides

A new summer term is always exciting with prospects of evening activities outside. The first week we planned, re-grouped in our patrols and also updated our outdoor cooking skills. The junior Guides learnt about fire-lighting and safety and the senior Guides learnt to cook noodles on trangia stoves. Everyone enjoyed toasting marshmallows on the open fire.

We then spent a lovely evening at our first cook-out of the year, bangers and beans, beautifully cooked, although some sausages may have been a little more cooked than others. Ah, the smell of the wood smoke – that's what it's all about.

We put on a fashion show to demonstrate what to wear and or not on a sleepover or camp. Patrol activities and badge work continues.

What a brilliant evening we had this week – on a lovely bright moonlit evening we enjoyed a walk around the beautiful grounds at Wroxton College in the company of bat-licensed experts, Reg Tipping and Alison Urwick. The Guides learnt all about bats and their way of life. They also had a chance to use bat detectors that pick up their echo location sounds. From this it is possible to identify the species. We saw and heard lots of bats from four different species. We really enjoyed the evening and learnt a lot.

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Women's Institute

At our meeting on 13 May we voted on the resolution to encourage people to do more to know their relatives' intentions over organ transplantation.

We were unable to go to Otters for a demonstration as there was trouble with a newly laid floor – we will go another time. Our President stepped in with some family reminiscences that she had set down on paper – back to gentler safer times.

On 8 July we are going to Tatton Park. There are vacancies on the coach at £16 for the trip. Please contact either Beryl Suckling on 337385 or Angela Sones on 338027 for more details.

At our meeting on 10 June we will hear about the history of hairdressing by Andrew Hall – visitors are welcome.

Julia Hobbs

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

As it's finally stopped raining we've been out and about and the Juniors have had fun at Castle Grounds. The Company Section is currently re-marking the labyrinth in the Church graveyard. This is a project we are revisiting from last year. It's good to do a bit of digging and marking out. Do come and see what we have been up to east of the Church.

The Juniors put in a solid performance at the Top

Team competition on Friday 16 May. They came third but only seven points separated the top three teams. So, well done to all who took part and congratulations to 1st Wallingford who retained the trophy. This month we have a combined Juniors and Company section swimming gala on Saturday 14 June.

Finally, we said farewell to Father Hugh who has left for a role in the Ironstone Benefice. Hugh was Chaplain to the Oxfordshire Battalion for a number of years and our lads have got to know him very well through both the Primary School and BB. For some of us, he was also a key person in our overseas trip to South Africa in 2012. So on behalf of all the team here, we wish you the very best in your new role but you will be missed.

Jen Childs, Leader, 337481

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Deddington Cricket Club

Well, the summer is here and once again the members of the Cricket Club are hoping they can squeeze into last year's whites and that the trusty old willow will get through another season.

As the season got underway the familiar old faces were cheek by jowl with a number of fresh-faced debutants. The 1st XI, under new captain Dave Barnhill, travelled to Kidlington on a bright chilly afternoon for an OCA Div 4 match. They returned having been comfortably defeated despite the valiant and obdurate efforts of Hugh White, who made 31 out of a total of 118 for 6. This was never going to be enough and the hosts won by 7 wickets.

In stark contrast the 2nd XI recorded a comfortable victory against Kennington 2nd XI. Batting first, Dave Webb, carried his bat for an unbeaten 53 as we scored 144 for 8, although the highlight was Neil Goward hitting for 6 the first delivery he faced as a Deddington player. Jimmy McPhee and Jim Turberfield took three wickets each as the visitors slid to 95 all out and defeat by 49 runs.

Next the first team entertained Marcham on a cloudy and very windy day – so windy that a sight-screen was blown over. We were asked to bat on a dry good-looking wicket, thanks to James Ransom and his band of volunteers. Sadly only Chris Blackburn (48) and Rammi Chennagiri (41) took advantage as we were bowled out for 139. Our bowling attack dismissed the visitors for 112, with Sam Redford leading the way with four wickets and a breathtaking catch. A 27 run victory was celebrated at the Unicorn.

Watlington 2nd XI visited us the following week and left defeated. Deddington's bowling dismissed them for 109, with Jimmy McPhee taking four wickets and Dan Rawlings taking his first wicket for the Club. The old hands of Webb, Roberts and Ransom ensured a steady start in reply and a comfortable four wicket victory was achieved.

CALLING MORE CLUBS

A great start as far as results are concerned but even more important is that the Club has continued to play cricket the right way with smiles, friendly chat with the opponents and a respect for the spirit of the game. This is the Deddington way and long may it continue.

If you want to watch some cricket you will find one of the teams at home most Saturdays, with games starting at 1.30pm. If you fancy turning your arm over then join us at nets, every Wednesday, weather permitting, from about 6pm at the Windmill Centre. Just introduce yourself and you will receive a warm welcome. Here's hoping that the sun shines and the summer is long and hot.

Dave Barnhill

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Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

The Deddington Branch of the Royal British Legion wish to thank the Rev Dr Hugh White for all the help he has given to us during his time here and wish him well in the future.

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Deddington Brass

We are well on the way to becoming a formal organisation, with a draft constitution, a website in production and a logo being designed. We hope to get the Deddington Brass Music School up and running soon. The future looks exciting. We have appearances coming up at the Katharine House Open Gardens on 1 June and in the Deddington Festival Community Concert on 21 June. The autumn promises to be busy with a possible concert, contest and other events lined up. We are always looking for new members (of any age and standard) to join our friendly community brass band. Come and find us in Deddington Church on a Monday at 7.00pm or call Graham Wallington on 338088.

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington Youth Club

On average thirty members are coming regularly to the Club on a Monday evening at the Windmill Centre. Dan Peters has recently joined Hayley McDowell, Jessica Tucker, David Benskin and Ken Wilkinson as a leader: the five of them form a strong team and we are very grateful for all they do for the Club. This term the members are enjoying all the usual activities and especially the new sports equipment. They are hoping to take part in a film competition at the Primary School Fête. The annual summer party, to which parents and Friends of the Club are warmly invited, will be held on Monday 14 July at 7.00pm. All are welcome to the AGM of the Club Committee at the Windmill Centre on Thursday 3 July at 6.30pm.

Jane Green, Secretary

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Photographic Society

May saw the welcome return of Associate Member Yin Wong ARPS DPAGB. A long-standing member of the Amersham Photographic Club, Yin was instrumental in setting-up our Photographic Society seven years ago, providing help and advice, and has remained an active and enthusiastic supporter of the Society since that time. He is invited to return periodically and give a presentation on his work and, for this occasion, chose to talk about 'The Evolution of my Photography.'

At each stage of the presentation, Yin showed examples of his work starting with his early black and white, and colour, prints, concluding with his more recent digital photographs. He discussed his approach, including panoramic, macro, studio and street photography, the latter being a particular favourite, emphasising the impact of any picture is what the viewer actually sees – not necessarily the same as that seen by the photographer. Yin ended his presentation by showing some of the prints used to gain his UK accreditations and also those for his subsequent international recognition.

The next club night is at 7.30pm on 2 July in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, when member Randall Miles ARPS AFIAP will give a presentation on 'A Pictorial Philosophy – Become a Better Photographer'. Everyone is welcome, just come along. Please note that there will not be a club night in June.

Richard Broadbent

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1st Deddington Scout Group

St George's Parade – thanks to everyone who turned out for the parade, it was a great success. The dragon looked fantastic and this will definitely become an annual event.

Cubs

Two new Cubs who have joined the pack, Ashton and Alfie; we hope they will enjoy their time with us.

Cubs have been honing their survival skills, trying pioneering – building a bridge with bamboo canes, and whittling a model from a bar of soap. At least they went home clean that week. We will be practising tracking, shelter building and fire lighting in the coming weeks.

Jo Churchyard CSL

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Scouts

Scouts have also been trying their hands at bamboo pioneering by building camp gadgets and practising some knife skills. They will also be running amok in nearby woodland anytime soon.

Coming soon – our 24 hour hike and camp.

Pete Churchyard SL

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... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Explorers

The Explorers are hard at it preparing for the upcoming auction and held a practice auction for the Scouts. They raised nearly £50 and polished up the skills needed for the sale. We still need items to sell at the auction – please contact one of us if you have anything to donate.

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Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The DOGS successfully completed their first 'mission' of 2014 at Wychwood Golf Club – to survive and not lose too many balls. It was a fantastic course presented in immaculate condition. The full report of the day is at Deddington OnLine in the Clubs section.

Our next event is the big summer DOGS extravaganza at Burford Golf Club where we will be fundraising for Katharine House Hospice. This is a full day of various competitions, concluded by a three course evening meal and prize giving. Please check DOL for the results.

Following Burford, the DOGS are off for a weekend on 20–21 July at Greetham Valley Hotel, Lincolnshire. This is a fun two days where all those attending just enjoy the golf course amongst new surroundings.

Finally, a quote from Gardner Dickinson: 'They say golf is like life, but don't believe them. Golf is more complicated than that'.

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1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

We finished the Easter term with our annual visit to admire the lambs at Home Farm, Clifton, in the usual chilly weather. Thank you so much again, Naomi.

Since then we've got very sticky threading jelly beans to make bracelets, played lots of games and sung lots of songs.

The girls have also decorated pots with mosaic 'tiles' of sticky-back plastic and then planted nasturtium seeds in them. Hopefully lots of flowers for all the bees this year, and some of the Rainbows might be brave enough to try eating the flowers although they were a bit sceptical at the idea.

We're hoping to be outside in the sunshine this term and started as we mean to go on, playing football and French cricket in West Close. The girls were actually more than happy to just play in the cut grass but we did manage a couple of games.

We say goodbye to Ava, Elizabeth, Jemima, Ivy and Bella as they move up to Brownies and have welcomed Amelie, Millie, Kitty, Heidi and Freya to the unit.

We have a waiting list so if your daughter is interested in joining Rainbows, please look up Girlguiding 'join us' online and complete the enquiry form.

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Deddington Town Colts

Another season has ended and we look forward to our presentation day at the Windmill Centre on Sunday 8 June to celebrate our achievements. This season we had 12 teams starting with our Under 7 and Under 6s (playing friendlies against local teams) all the way up to the Under 16s. Most of our teams competed in the Witney and District Youth League; the Under 13 Colts competed in the Midlands Junior Premier League and the Under 16s in the Oxfordshire Invitation League. This is a great achievement for a village club to have so many players participating in football every week and we retain our status as an FA Charter Standard Development Club.

Notable achievements this season include the Under 16s finishing runners-up in the B League, the Under 13s finishing mid-table in their first season in the Midlands Junior Premier League (alongside the likes of WBA and Birmingham City), the Under 13 Cobras finishing third in the C League and the Under 11 Colts finishing runners-up in their League.

The club would like to thank all the managers and coaches for all the hours they have put in on a voluntary basis to guide the children and young people for the last ten months. We would also like to thank all the parents who have helped during the season, putting up the goals, providing tea and coffee at matches. Finally, and most importantly, we would like to thank all the players who have shown great commitment to turn out in all weather conditions and improve their football as the season progressed.

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

**Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Officer
and U14 Coach, 337034**

Deddington Tennis Club

The club is very pleased to report that our application for the installation of floodlighting to two courts has been approved, allowing us to continue coaching, playing some matches and club social tennis throughout the winter. Many thanks to Peter Gough, a long-time member of the club for his time and effort, without which this would not have happened. The next step is to set up a working party and sub-committee to arrange and oversee installation. Any members with relevant expertise who would be willing to give their time voluntarily to help should contact the committee. Contact details can be found on the club website.

Our coach, Wayne Ellis, has planned the following summer camps: early Summer Camp 4–8 August and late Summer Camp 26–29 August. For both there will be a two-hour session from 9.30–11.30am for mini Red/Orange, and another two hour session from

... AND FINALLY

11.45am–1.45pm for mini Green/Juniors. Places are limited so please contact Wayne as soon as possible. His contact details are on the club website.

New members are always welcome to come to Tuesday club mornings and Wednesday club nights.

Sue Watts

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Deddington Town Football Club

First Team results

19.04.14 Abba Athletic (h) L 2–6 Hall, Thornton L

26.04.14 Woodford Utd (a) L 2–3 Rollason, Taylor

Reserve Team results

19.04.14 Kings Sutton (a) W 3–1 Gamage (2), Kaye (Josh)

26.04.14 FC Langford (h) W 4–1 Charles (2), Kaye (Josh) (2)

03.05.14 Hornton (a) W 3–2 Gray, Gamage, Davies (Joe)

With the sun setting on another knuckle-gnawing season, both teams end pointless but with a righteous sense of triumph at fighting to the end for the title and survival.

The First Team concluded with a brace of irksome defeats, the highlight being star striker Sam Rollason opening the scoring inside six seconds ... from Woodford's kick-off! Not only did the First Team survive with a bit to spare, they also finished above rivals Steeple Aston on goal difference, so we can all consider this a season well spent.

The Reserves finished with three excellent victories but were denied the title on goal difference by Banbury Rangers, as 'Straight Outta' Fenny Compton folded midway through the campaign, removing all previous results and giving Banbury back the points they had lost to them, while depriving the Reserves of their hard-earned six points. Still, Rangers finished with a GD of +45 compared to Deddington's +16, so one might argue they were worthy winners. Not me, however. See you pre-season.

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Book Group

In April we read *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* by Katherine Boo. The author is a Pulitzer Prize winning author who immersed herself over three years among slum-dwellers in India, scrupulously researching their lives. The result is a documentary of the experiences of real people, living in a makeshift settlement in the shadow of luxury hotels near Mumbai airport.

As India starts to prosper, the slum-dwellers are full of hope for a better future, struggling from day to day with tremendous resourcefulness and determination. We were struck by the energy required for them to survive on a daily basis with little support from their

neighbours and in the face of appalling corruption. While the harsh reality of their daily lives is depressing, their resilience is uplifting as they pick themselves up with renewed hope after each setback. The matter-of-fact, reportage style of writing, together with the graphic detail, adds power to the book.

We do not meet in June, but our next meeting will be 31 July. Please call for details.

Sally Lambert 338094

Deddington and District History Society

Our final talk of this season was given by Frank Preece, who spoke about Florence Nightingale and her links to Claydon House. She is one of the best-known (if least understood) figures of her age. She is often seen as quintessentially Victorian though she was born in 1820, before Victoria came to the throne, and died in 1910. The talk focused mainly on Florence's association by marriage with the Verney family of Claydon where she had a suite of rooms and where, with her cats, she spent a large part of her time. Much of her voluminous correspondence was composed there. Sir Harry Verney MP, her brother-in-law, became her greatest advocate in and out of Parliament. Anyone visiting Claydon House should be sure to visit the Memorial Garden, planted with many of her favourites and with medicinal plants used during the Crimea campaign.

We have cancelled our visit to the National Arboretum because many have had to withdraw. Our apologies for any inconvenience. The visit as guests of the Syresham History Society will go ahead on 11 June. Please let me know if you wish to join us. We can offer a lift if anyone wants one.

Our new season will start, after what we hope will be a glorious summer, on Wednesday 10 September when Richard O Smith will talk on 'Oxford Eccentrics over 900 Years'. Richard is best known as a scriptwriter for such BBC programmes as *The Now Show*, *The News Quiz*, and *Dara O'Briain's Science Club*.

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Deddington Baby and Toddler Group

After spring cleaning our toys and play equipment, we are now looking forward to a summer full of fun.

With a very generous donation from *DN*, the Group has bought some toys and improved our facilities, so please come and check us out.

The Group meets every Friday from 10am to noon and newcomers are welcome. There is a craft table for those with artistic ambitions. Admission, which includes drinks and snacks, is £2 for families with one child and £2.50 for those with more. The first Friday of every month is a 'messy play' session, so get out your glitter and glue and come along. For more information, please contact me.

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WELL REMEMBERED

JOHN NEILD 1923–2014

John, who died on 28 February, aged 90, was born in Shanghai, China. His grandparents were medical missionaries; his father a surgeon. The family left China when he was five and settled in Tunbridge Wells.

As a teenager he took up sailing on the Hamble River because, as he maintained, his father and brothers were altogether too accomplished at golf, cricket and tennis, although he played much golf later in life.

John studied Mechanical Sciences at Cambridge. His first job was with a firm of civil engineers in London. He married Molly in Hampshire and they remained happily married for 61 years. For two years they lived in a village near Romsey where their first son was born. Then, to escape working with 'too much red tape', John took a job in what was then Southern Rhodesia where they stayed for 30 years, except for a year in Zambia building a dam.

In 1980 the family returned to England where they had trouble finding jobs but were content, finally, to settle in Deddington. John became a fundraiser for Katharine House and was a volunteer at the local Police Office. He also joined Bicester Rotary and worked for Victim Support.

His family gave him a lively 90th birthday party at home this summer, at which he said he intended to live until he was 100. Alas, his health, already bad, deteriorated from then on and he died, very peacefully, at home.

He was a quiet, patient person with strong principles and an unexpectedly naughty sense of humour.

He will always be much missed.

Molly Nield

DEDDINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

INSTANT PICNIC

British weather is ... British but one can hope. If the sun *is* shining and you don't want to be stuck indoors, the Farmers' Market offers you an instant picnic, from raised pies and organic salads to deeply sinful patisserie and glorious cheeses. Choose your favourites – an artisanal bread, some rather nice salami, an unctuous pâté, a few pink prawns – or even something as basic as a slice of ham and a dab of piccalilli.

Each month the Market and the range of stalls is growing. Don't forget that the School playground in Earls Lane has plenty of parking. Arriving early is also smart, since some stalls are now selling out well before the end of the Market. But not too early – the Market is not officially open until 9.00am.

The wise visitor checks out the specials board. There's always a selection of bargains – and it saves you having to carefully investigate each and every stall.

This month's At the Market will feature the Deddington Fire Crew and their trusty appliance, a must for boys of all ages.

If you're the social media type there's now a Market Twitter feed you can follow – @DeddingtonFMkt – and a Market Facebook page you can like.

For more up to date news about the coming market you can listen to the preview available one week ahead on Deddington OnAir (www.deddingtononair.org) and on the Market website (www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk). BBC Radio Oxford carries a regular preview every Market morning. Or you could just get yourself on the email list for a personal update (and a chance to win a voucher to spend at the Market) by emailing a request to marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk. The Market is on Saturday 28 June from 9.00am to 12.30pm. Good shopping!

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Deddington Ballet School Recital

What a lot of talented young people there are in this village. The same week that the Primary school performed their wonderful version of Beauty and the Beast (which was fabulous), I spent Sunday morning in the Windmill Centre watching the older pupils of the Ballet School perform a recital.

It was a showcase of the variety of dance they perform. There was lyrical, ballet and contemporary dance to a soundtrack ranging from Tchaikovsky to Lily Allen, Evanescence to Take That. The dances were as varied as the music. We saw *Swan Lake* extracts with rows of disciplined ballerinas in black leotards and tutus. We delighted in a 50s-style take on Rihanna's *Umbrella* with the girls in neon bobby-skirts with multicoloured umbrellas. It was a cornucopia of artistic expression performed with joy.

Joanna Cox, the principal, explains that she wanted the audience be on the same level to experience the ballet. Rather than use the stage, a temporary dance floor was laid in the centre of the hall, with the audience seated around it.

Joanna has been teaching ballet in Deddington for 18 years. At the end of the recital she said goodbye to five of her older pupils who are off to higher education in the autumn. She had taught them for 14 years. Worth noting that some of the faces are those you encounter working locally – well-mannered, hard-working, talented girls who know about a positive worth ethic. The whole show was a joy. We are lucky to have access to the standard of dance that is being taught every week on our doorstep.

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

I have rambled on about the big issues before but what is it like living in Greenwood Village as opposed to Deddington village?

Our rented house outside Denver is huge by UK standards, the same number of rooms as Cotswold House, but 75% more floor area. Although suburban Americans don't get big gardens, there is plenty of space – a double garage, similar to those at Walnut Crescent, and yes, there are fathers out there on a Sunday washing their cars.

The weather in Colorado is bizarre. It snowed this week and within 24 hours the temperature was up to 16°C. You learn to check the forecast regularly. Ben had gone to school last week in shorts and a t-shirt and came home in snow. But with little rain, no humidity, and over 300 days of sunshine a year, the climate is actually fantastic.

Europeans first notice the friendly exteriors of all our American neighbours but this is a front. We have never been invited over most of the thresholds. These are truly nuclear families. People live on our estate for only one reason: to get their kids in to the local free High School which is, by American standards, very good. If I look out of the window, I can see people jogging and walking the dogs. We are one of the few houses with no pets. Heather is partially consoled because it means the wildlife comes to our garden.

Our walled estate is very leafy, with a community

centre, outdoor pool and four tennis courts. No 'nimby' problems here, there is no space, but slightly further out the building has restarted with venom. Remember this place is new; there was nothing here in 1960 and expansion is the law of the land.

So lots of greenery, new houses and churches. There are six within 1.5 miles of our door. Americans have a completely different view on religion. But despite this, the biggest difference I see is a strange hollow nature to the community. There is no pub in walking distance and middle Americans look down on such behaviour anyway. We have a good little crowd now, we gather most Fridays, taking it in turn to host an evening of food and drink. We say hello to other neighbours but there is little stopping and chatting.

What do I miss most? Friends and family but most of all the community. I know people fear change and new houses bring new people, but remember what is most important about the village. The community, the people, the market, the school, the events and the church. We have signed on for another two years so we must be enjoying ourselves, but it does make me aware of what we don't have. Cherish your growing community, change is not necessarily bad as long as there is community. We'll be back in July for a top-up of warm beer and friendly natives.

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News from Hempton

We look forward to St John's Church holding I believe only the third wedding ceremony when Nicola, only daughter of Sue and Les Lane of St John's Way marries Thomas Morgan, eldest son of Anthony Morgan and the late Susannah Morgan, on 28 June at 2.00pm. The bride and her father will travel from their home in a cycle rickshaw so I am sure that neighbours will line the street to see this happy event. The Deddington Church choir will also be in attendance.

At a service in May the congregation said farewell to the Rev Dr Hugh White and presented him with a signed card and framed photo of the Church. The next social evening is a barbecue on 6 June from 5.00pm so bring some food and let us hope for a nice evening.

The table tennis team finished a creditable third in Div 3 of the Banbury League but if we are to continue next season a couple of younger players will be needed as the present team are all veterans and one may retire. Please give me a call if you are interested.

The impressive new PC noticeboard is now in place and I am sure it will benefit everyone. I end with a warning about dog fouling, particularly along the verge between St John's Way and the narrow gap. The adjoining neighbours will not mow this any more because of the mess so please clean up after your dog, it is the law.

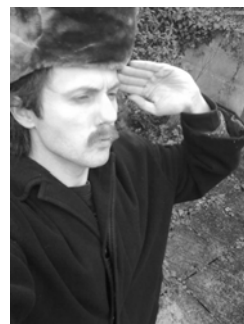
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BLISSFUL THINKING

Bricks and mortar and sweat and toil do not a home make, but they can at least sculpt the edifice. Cheap and gaudy red-brick rabbit hutches might be de rigueur right now, but there was a time that pride was taken in even the most inconsequential of structures.

They didn't need elaborate arches, ribbed vaults or flying buttresses; some simple beams and barn doors could be relied upon to lend ample embellishment to the bountiful character within. To what end could these modest masterpieces lend themselves? Prisons, schoolhouses, workhouses, alehouses, ice cream parlour, haberdashery? Deddington has seen them all rise and fall with the tides of time, to be replaced simply with housing. Have we seen the future? People, people, everywhere and not a place to drink?

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