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I hope you think this month's *DN* offers an interesting range of topics, from discussions on proposed housing developments and a public meeting (see pp2 & 4), to how fibre optic broadband might affect us with a power cut like the one we had last week. My thanks to the brilliant team who help get the *DN* to your door. Happy Christmas all!

## DIARY DECEMBER

- Sat 1 Christmas Bazaar: Hempton Church, from 11am
- Sat 1 Royal British Legion Club: Skittles, 9pm
- Mon 3 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
- Tue 4 PFSU & Nursery: Christmas Fayre & Pamper Evening, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Wed 5 Photographic Society: Keith Long, 'A Gentle Critique of Members' Images', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Wed 5 Films for Advent: *Life is Beautiful*, St John's, Hempton, 7.30pm
- Fri 7 Hempton Christmas Social: Church Hall, 6.30pm
- Sat 8 Primary School PTA: Santa's Float, from 6.30pm
- Sat 8 Royal British Legion Club: Bingo, 8pm
- Sun 9 Primary School PTA: Santa's Float, from 4.30pm
- Sun 9 Choros: Carols by Candlelight: Parish Church, 6.30pm
- Tue 11 Parish Meeting: Development of Deddington
- Tue 11 WI: Christmas Dinner, Otters Restaurant, 7.30pm
- Wed 12 Films for Advent: *Babette's Feast*, St John's, Hempton, 7.30pm
- Wed 12 History Society: 'The History of Carols in Concert', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 12 RBL Branch & Club: joint AGM, RBL Club, 7.30pm
- Thu 13 Monday Morning Club: *Goodnight Mr Tom*, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Fri 14 Toddler & Baby Group: Christmas Party, Windmill Centre, 9.30am
- Sat 15 Children's Activities: Parish Church, 10am–12.30pm
- Sat 15 Royal British Legion Club: Live Music with Ronnie, 9pm
- Sun 16 Candlelit Christingle Service: Parish Church, 4pm
- Sun 16 Fireside Concert: Richard Walters & Adam Barnes, free to first 50 applicants. Call 338978, 7.30pm
- Wed 19 Films for Advent: *Being Elmo*, St John's, Hempton, 7.30pm
- Wed 19 Parish Council: Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Sat 22 Farmers' Market: 9am–12.30pm
- Sat 22 Primary School PTA: Father Christmas, Market Place, 9am–12.30pm
- Sun 23 Royal British Legion Club: Christmas Meat Draw, 2pm
- Sun 23 RBL Club: Children's Christmas Party, 3.30pm
- Mon 24 Carols in the Market Place: Deddington Brass Band, 6pm

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting in Hempton Church Hall 21 November 2012

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Collins with a good turnout of councillors and 14 members of the public. Two subjects dominated proceedings and the meeting lasted longer than any previous meetings in my four years of reporting.

There are now two housing developments that are being prepared for Cherwell planning approval. The first is the Pegasus development on the Banbury Road opposite the Fire Station. A new proposal on the right-hand side of the Clifton Road by the junction with Earls Lane is also being discussed. This development of 35 homes is being promoted by Banner Homes. It is important that everyone who has an interest in the future of Deddington should consider the merits and impact of these proposals on the character and prosperity of the Parish. These developments on the Clifton and Banbury Roads will be discussed at a public meeting to be held Tuesday 11 December at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.

The Tennis Club wants to apply for flood lighting at the courts as without lighting during the winter no play is possible after dark. Local residents are concerned about light pollution and are resisting the plan. The consequence for the Tennis Club is that from October to March players leave to join better-equipped local clubs to maintain their training. A meeting is to be arranged with the Club and the Windmill committee to review the lighting plans and discuss the concerns of local residents. DPC will then consult the wider community. No planning application has yet been submitted by the Tennis Club.

#### Co-option of Councillor

Don Anderson was co-opted onto DPC. Formal papers were signed and Don immediately took his place in the meeting.

#### Open Forum

- Heather Nason was concerned about the bus service and asked why the S4 bus service couldn't occasionally be routed through Hempton?
- Sue Montague spoke out against speeding through the village.
- Christopher Harris (Woodstock) spoke about the existing cemetery rules which were being reviewed by DPC.
- Jane Wilson asked for a public meeting to discuss

the Pegasus housing development.

- Sian Westbury spoke in support of floodlights for the Tennis courts at the Windmill CC.

#### Planning

- 2 Duns Tew Road, Hempton, conversion of a two-bedroomed cottage into a four-bedroomed property. DPC originally objected and still believe the development to be overbearing and inappropriate.
- Unicorn Public House, Market Place, the building is to be repainted in an approved colour and various internal improvements are planned in the domestic quarters, no objection
- 7 Hudson St, felling three trees and replacement with shrubs, no objection
- 1 Hopcroft Lane, replacement of ground floor door and window, and removal of wooden shed to be replaced by brick woodstore/workshop. No objection but would expect application to be reviewed by Cherwell Conservation Officer.
- Gegg's Nook, Hempton Road, erection of timber shed and rear conservatory, replace boundary fencing and front gates, no objection.
- Berwick House, New Street, stabilisation and improvement to rear barn, no objection

#### Transport and local bus services

Oxfordshire County Council are about to review all the subsidised bus services in the Banbury and Bicester areas. Although the budget has been held for the 2012-13 financial year, next year there is a budget reduction of £250,000. A further complication is that when the RH bus company stopped trading, the replacement school service operated by Stagecoach cost an additional £230,000. The consequence is that parish bus services will be need to be reviewed. A survey has been undertaken by DPC and the results are being analysed. The DPC transport team are preparing to negotiate and suggest revised routing and scheduling with OCC.

#### Finance & General Purposes

Investments of £543,947 with Barclays, Santander and NatWest Banks.

£7,559 invoices were agreed for payment in November.

**Next Meeting 19 December 2012 at 7.30pm at the Holly Tree Club, Deddington**

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

Keep up to date with events via the *DN* website, the community Facebook page and Twitter.

#### Story of Deddington

Colin Cohen, who is leaving the area, has handed to Jill Adams of the History Society the original typescript of Mary Vane Turner's *Story of Deddington*. Does anyone claim ownership of this or remember handing it to Colin? If so, would you please call Jill on 340607.

#### A Fireside Concert

Richard Walters, the acclaimed Oxford-based singer/songwriter presents an acoustic set of his latest songs with special guest, Adam Barnes, on Sunday 16 December at 7.30pm at the Old Post House. Free entry to first 50 people. Call Christine on 338978.

## FROM THE FIRE STATION

The last couple of months at the fire station have been exciting seeing a handful of new recruits going through the selection process. Two new firefighters, Nicky Isted and Emma Glover, have finished their basic training and are now on the run with us. Firefighters Tom Hall and George Williamson have completed their Breathing Apparatus Training course in record time and overall the crewing is looking healthy. As of today, we have a crew of eleven on the run, one recruit accepted and at least three more in the selection system. If they all get through selection and complete their basic training, we will have 15 firefighters at the station. This is absolutely fantastic for the station, as it is the first time for probably 20 years or more that we have had a full crew. Whilst this is very welcome, the challenge for the existing crew and officers is to get these recruits through their development training to achieve full competence.

Sharon Wilson, Tim Parker and I are going for our Large Goods Vehicle training to enable us to drive the appliance as we need to get more drivers on station.

Locally, September saw 21 fire calls, and 17 in October. We have attended twelve fires, including a combine, van, tractor, lorry (M40), bin and two house fires plus eight road traffic collisions, four of which were on the M40.

There has been a slight change in mobilisation. Banbury's first appliance is mobilised as a rescue tender to road traffic collisions on the motorway rather than as a fire appliance, with Banbury's second appliance and Deddington mobilised as the two supporting fire appliances. This reduces the pressure on Oxfordshire's main rescue tender at Kidlington. The knock-on effect is that Deddington is picking up a few more fire calls to the motorway.

I would like to mention a recent incident in Deddington Church, when candles left unattended caused a fire. Luckily, two people put out the fire with extinguishers before the arrival of fire crews. They were, however, treated for smoke inhalation. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind people of the dangers of candles, the need to use them on a suitable base and remove combustibles from the immediate area, and not to leave them unattended. Finally, take a moment to push the test button on your smoke alarms and make sure that they are working correctly. If you haven't got smoke detectors in your house, then give us a call at the station on 338281. We'll arrange a time to visit and fit some free of charge.

**Graham Harding**  
Acting Crew Manager  
Deddington Fire Station

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### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Details of church services at SS Peter and Paul, Deddington, Hempton and the Barfords, the Wesleyan Chapel, and RC services in Hethe and Adderbury for December are on the card enclosed with this issue.

### The following are for services in January:

Wed	2	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	3	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	6	10.30am	First Sunday Epiphany
		6.30pm	Sung Eucharist
Wed	9	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	10	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	13	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	16	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	17	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	20	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	23	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	24	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Fri	25	6.00pm	Eucharist Conversion of Paul
Sun	27	9.30am	Fourth Sunday Eucharist followed
		at 10.15	by Interactive Café Church
Wed	30	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	31	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels

### St John's Hempton

Sun	6	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	13	9.00am	Eucharist
Fri	27	6.00pm	Evensong

### Barford St Michael

Sun	6	10.30am	Eucharist Epiphany
Sun	13	10.30am	Family Service
Sun	20	10.30am	Family Service
Sun	27	4.00pm	Evensong

### From the Parish Registers

#### Baptism:

18 November Charles Spencer Hamilton  
Cruikshanks

#### Funeral:

9 November Rita Elizabeth Butler

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the curate, Revd Dr Dan Inman (337893) [curatedan@gmail.com](mailto:curatedan@gmail.com), or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). Revd Dr Hugh White is away in Sweden on diocesan business until 22 December. For further information please go to [www.deddingtonchurch.org](http://www.deddingtonchurch.org).

### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

#### Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday mornings at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton except 24 Oct David Good.

### RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

#### Fr John Burns 277396

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

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

Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00pm and at Adderbury before Mass.

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

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

## A 2020 Vision of Deddington

How do you see the future of Deddington? Does the village need to expand? Or are we better off as we are with just infilling? This is what Cherwell District Council envisages while earmarking major developments for Banbury and Bicester. But there are other possibilities.

Two developers have bigger plans for Deddington and decisions will have to be made shortly about whether or not to give them the go-ahead. That is why Deddington PC has called a parish meeting on 11 December to gauge opinion. We will not have the final say but our recommendations should carry weight.

One plan is widely known already. Pegasus intend to apply this month for planning permission to build 85 houses on the field alongside Gaveston Gardens.

The second plan which is likely to be formulated in February, is for around 35 houses in The Poplars, the field on the south side of Clifton Road opposite the end of Earls Lane, running across to the north-east

edge of Castle Grounds. The owners of this land, long-time residents of Deddington, want to ensure that the development includes affordable housing. Parking and changing-rooms could be provided if the village wished to make more use of the playing-fields.

The Pegasus development might also include affordable housing, and they might pay for, or contribute to, the expansion of the school and the health centre needed for the size of development they have in mind.

What do you think? Should we favour one or other development, or neither, or both. Please come to the meeting in the Parish Church on Tuesday 11 December at 7.30pm and take part in the discussion about the future of the parish. If you can't make the meeting, email the parish clerk on [parishcouncil@deddington.net](mailto:parishcouncil@deddington.net), or write to her at the Windmill Centre, Hempton Road, Deddington OX15 0QH by 11 December.

**Deddington Parish Council**

## Love ... Natural ... Food

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

**In December/January I am eating....Brussels sprouts.** I know that this little nutty vegetable is not everyone's cup of tea, but I beg even the most avid Brussels sprout hater to read on with an open mind. Love them or hate them, Brussels sprouts are a must during the festive season, but they can be a reluctant addition to the table. Overcooked, soggy and bitter-tasting, a bad Brussels sprout experience can be enough to put you off for life. However, with a bit of clever cooking and imagination, they can be an absolute joy to eat. Think beyond the bland and boring; jazz up those sprouts with butter, herbs and spices; throw in a handful of nuts or seeds; sauté with smoked bacon or finish with a grating of cheese.

**About:** With tight, overlapping leaves and a distinctive golf ball shape, Brussels sprouts look like little green cabbages. They are a member of the brassica family, along with other green leafy vegetables such as broccoli, kale and kohlrabi. Thought to originate in the Netherlands, they made their way to England during the 18th century. They have since been a traditional accompaniment to the Christmas dinner, perhaps because they are one of the few vegetables grown in this country which are cultivated in the winter months and enjoy a bit of frost to enhance their flavour. Your mother wasn't wrong when she told you to eat your sprouts – they contain healthy amounts of vitamins A and C, as well as iron, potassium and fibre.

**Season:** Brussels sprouts are in season in the UK between October and March.

**How to choose:** Choose sprouts which are uniform in size with tight leaves. They should be nicely green in colour; avoid buds which are yellowing. If at all possible, buy Brussels which are still attached to their stalk – not only does this keep them fresher for longer, but they are fun to snap off which is an easy job for children who want to help in the kitchen. Once

home, keep sprouts cool (even store outside to free up space in the fridge) until you are ready to use them.

**How to prepare:** It is thought that cutting an 'X' with your knife at the base of the sprout helps them to cook evenly. Steam or boil Brussels until just tender to ensure that they retain their naturally sweet and nutty flavour; overcooked sprouts can be extremely bitter and unpleasant. Experiment and have fun with flavours to give this vegetable a boost.

For inspiration, check out Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's recipes available on the *Guardian* website. Amongst his suggestions is a recipe for **Brussels Sprouts with Bacon** which he claims can convert any Brussels sprout hater into a Brussels sprout lover.

If something traditional is what you are after, have a look at the recipe for **Brussels Sprouts** in Darina Allen's *Ballymaloe Cookery Course*.

**Phillipa Carson**

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## A Parish at War

### Memorial Plaque Approved

I am delighted to report that Oxford Diocese has approved the PCC's application to place the memorial plaque in the church on the north wall adjacent to the WWI grave markers. (The design is contained in *The Supplement to A Parish at War*.) Details of when and how it will be dedicated are still to be discussed and any announcement is unlikely to be made before the new year.

Copies of the book (£10) and its supplement (£5) are still available and on sale in Deddington Library, Banbury Tourist Centre bookshop and from me. They will also be on sale at the December Farmers' Market.

**Rob Forsyth**

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

*The Postbag, or parts of it, now appear on the website Forum ([www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/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 BRIAN CARTER, WITNEY  
(Addressed to Mary Robinson on her retirement, reproduced with Brian's permission at the DN's request.)

I read in the latest *Deddington News* that you have decided to stand down as editor after a lengthy second term of office. I have always been struck by the ethos that you and the other co-founders must have created, ensuring that a remarkable and special group of Deddingtonians have used their great expertise and maintained their practical support for so many years and for the benefit of all. Congratulations and thanks.



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and include your name and address  
even if they are not for publication

his loving wife, Betty. All our family loved our time in the village and the Parish Church was our cornerstone. I am writing to let you know that Walter is alive and well and will be celebrating his 90th birthday on 5 December. Recently he moved house again to a care home in a lovely part of Bristol up on the Downs. Should anyone wish to write to him his address is: Katherine House, Cote House Lane, Westbury on Trym, Bristol BS9 3UW. He's good at answering the phone too and is on 0117 9898817. He would be very pleased to hear from you.

FROM BARBARA LARCOM  
KELVEDON, ESSEX

Greetings to you all. I am moving into The Orangery Annex, Felix Hall, Kelvedon, Essex CO5 9DG on 17 December, so no Christmas cards this year. I am instead making a donation of £100 to Katharine House Hospice. God bless you all.

FROM IAIN GILLESPIE, CHAIR, DEDDINGTON  
HOUSING ASSOCIATION

The DHA is a small charity responsible for the management of the four Holly Tree Cottages in Earls Lane. The charity's remit is to carry on the business of providing housing and other associated amenities for aged and/or disabled persons in necessitous circumstances within the parish on terms appropriate to their needs.

The committee is made up of volunteers who meet four or five times a year to discuss and formulate plans for maintenance and improvement of the properties. In between, each committee member looks after a specific aspect of the property, so that, in addition to a chairman, we have a treasurer, secretary and members responsible for property, gardens, health and safety, and tenant liaison. Our chairman has resigned after eleven years at the helm and, although we are managing to continue with a committee of six, we would like to increase our number by two or three people in order to spread the workload. Such volunteers would not be expected immediately to assume responsibility for any of the aspects of management mentioned above. Anyone interested in joining us should contact the new chairman, Iain Gillespie, on 338367 or [iaingillespie.org](mailto:iaingillespie.org).

FROM DR SIMON CAPORN, ALDERLEY EDGE

Nearly two years ago, Walter Caporn, helped by his children Sue and Simon, rather quietly and quickly grabbed an opportunity to move to Bristol to live near his daughter. Walter had been in Deddington and Hempton since 1968, enjoying most of that time with

FROM HUGH MARSHALL, DEDDINGTON PRIMARY  
SCHOOL CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Few will have been surprised at the number of local residents who visited the Holly Tree last month when Pegasus developers held an exhibition of proposed new housing along the Banbury Road. The proposals allow for some 85 new dwellings of 'a mix of size, type, and tenure'. This would be more than the combined total of The Daedings and Gaveston Gardens which abut the proposed site.

Representatives of Pegasus, knowing that Deddington Primary School is currently fully subscribed, as it has been for a number of years, have kept the school informed of their plans, although the 'lengthy and meaningful engagement with the headteacher and governors' mentioned in the document that Pegasus circulated throughout the villages in November, suggests a greater degree of involvement by the school than has been the case. For instance, there has been no report to the governing body and the fact that the County Council and Diocese of Oxford have discussed possible ways of increasing the capacity of the school is an early response to the expected and gradual increase in the number of school-age children in this part of Oxfordshire.

No doubt many residents will have responded to Pegasus' invitation to comment on their proposals and only time will tell if such comments make any substantial difference to the outcome. Meanwhile the school will continue to work in close partnership with Diocese and County to provide the best possible education for all the children of our community.

FROM ALEX ELVIN, ROSIE BURLAND, RICHARD  
BETTERIDGE & PETER TINDALE

We are writing regarding the proposal by Pegasus to build up to 100 new houses on a greenfield site on the outskirts of Deddington. Like a lot of people in the village, we have significant concerns regarding this

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development and others that may follow in the parish. It will impact the village in many ways including: increased traffic/parking problems which are already strained; the look and feel of the village will change because the site will be visible through the deciduous hedging on the approach to the village, especially as some of the houses will be three-storey; existing wildlife, including protected species, will be disturbed.

In addition, the school is at capacity and discussions are already underway to extend this in a manageable way on the current site. However, we were told by the Pegasus planning consultant that 'the school needed to expand but not necessarily on the same site' and, at the same time, we've been led to believe that there are potential plans to build something behind the Windmill Centre. If this is the case, this could enable a far bigger primary school to be built and therefore it would be no surprise if further large-scale developments in the village followed.

We are concerned about the impact and implications of such a development within Deddington. You only have to look at the recent housing developments in Bloxham, with more planned, to see where this could lead. We doubt anyone would expect the village to stand still and it's likely there would be little objection to a small, sustainable development, preferably to include shared ownership housing for local people.

There seems to be a belief that there is little one

can do about these plans now. This is definitely not the case, but we need a cohesive and determined effort to make sure our views are heard.

So let's voice our opinions, work together and fight for our village to remain a village that we know and love. Please contact us if you would like to help in any way to campaign against large-scale developments in Deddington.

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FROM ABIGAIL MCKERN, FARNHAM, SURREY

I found the *Deddington News* while searching online and was delighted to see my mother, Jane McKern, wife of the actor Leo, mentioned in one of your back copies. My parents lived in Deddington in the 1970s and my mother, who loved trees, made a special effort during a drought-ridden summer to walk from her house with buckets of water to make sure the tree on the green in the village survived. I was very sad to see the tree had to be cut down some years ago. My mother is now 90 and very fit. Last Christmas we visited Deddington and were able to see round the house where they used to live. My sister came over from Australia to visit and we met up with one of her school friends from Oxford High who still lives in Deddington. We found it incredibly nostalgic to visit our old house and see Deddington again – such a beautiful and unspoilt village.



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

**Bring your children  
to this candlelit service  
at Deddington Parish Church  
on Sunday, 16 December,  
at 4pm**



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Society**

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**Application forms and inquiries to:**

**Sarah Boss 338536**

**Liz Coppin 338721**

**Carly Prasher 337252**

*Additional forms at the Church*

**To guarantee a place, applications to be  
returned by Wednesday, 12 December**

## DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The library has had a busy summer; more than 100 children took part in 'StoryLab', the Summer Reading challenge; we held a story-time just before the children started back to school in September where the children enjoyed stories, as well as a gluing and pasting activity. This was followed in October by a Family Learning week session in which many mums with little ones attended for stories, songs and rhymes.

Last week our new self-service scanning system was installed. Joelle and I are busy assisting our borrowers to use the system for returning and borrowing, managing their accounts and even paying fines. An incredibly clever system and nowhere near as scary as supermarket versions. Self-service is designed to speed up service during busy times. Joelle and I are still here to help with library requests and queries - rest assured our service to our borrowers remains our priority.

Looking forward to Christmas, we have a lovely collection of Christmas books and new stock items,

so why not pop along and see if there is something to keep you company on these long winter nights?

We would welcome 'value added' volunteers (completely separate from the volunteer helpers required in due course to support the running of the library) to help us run regular events such as story- or rhyme-times for younger children. So if you have any free time, we would love to hear from you. Also, if there are any 'computer buddies' out there who would be able to give up an hour occasionally to provide tuition and support to encourage people to use our free computers, we would be very pleased to hear from you too. If you would like to learn how to use the internet and set up an email account or just generally increase your computer literacy, please get in touch.

Wishing all our library borrowers a very happy Christmas and a healthy, peaceful 2013.

**Stella O'Neill and Joelle Robinson**  
**'Library Ladies'**  
**338391**

## RIDE AND STRIDE 2012

All ages of Deddingtonians and Cliftonians turned out on a lovely sunny day for this year's Ride and Stride. Ten children ranging from one to 16 years old took part, as well as two sets of grandparents and several mums, dads and singles. Between them they raised a magnificent £919 to be shared between our own parish

church and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. So many thanks indeed, not only to all those riders and striders, but also to their generous sponsors and the church members who did refreshing and registering duty in our church.

**Jane Green**

[green-jane@btconnect.com](mailto:green-jane@btconnect.com)

## Deddington School PTA

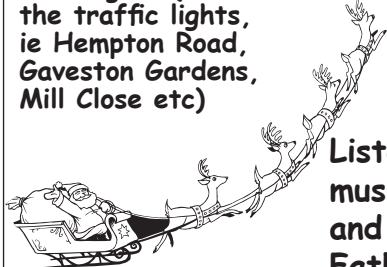
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**ie Hempton Road,**  
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**Sunday**  
**9 December**  
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## Taste Buddies Eat at the Muddy Duck, Hethe

The Taste Buddies lunch out every two months to assess local pubs and restaurants within a 20 mile radius of Deddington. We are an independent group with no connection to *DN* or any establishment visited.

**Where?** The Muddy Duck, Main Street, Hethe, Bicester OX27 8ES, tel 01869 278 099, [www.themuddyduckpub.co.uk](http://www.themuddyduckpub.co.uk).

**Food Served:** 12am–3pm, 6pm–9pm. Saturdays: pub snacks all day plus restaurant. Sundays: 12am–4pm pub snacks all day plus restaurant.

**Cost:** Starters between £5.50 and £8.50; main courses £10–£19; desserts £5–£6.50; bar snacks £7.50–£9.50

**Are they pleased to see you?** Yes. Efficient and relaxed, the staff were totally at ease with each other and their customers.

**Is the venue and restaurant attractive?** A gem of a pub in the middle of nowhere, they've thought of everything. On our arrival the bar staff smiled and gave us their full attention. An open fire and comfortable seating welcomed one to relax with a newspaper or watch something on TV. When not in use it is hidden away. The dining-room has an open barn-like feel but was nevertheless comfortable and quiet. There is a well laid-out garden and patio area with heaters and blankets in a basket. Staff were 'on the ball' and there were six chefs working.

**Was the cooking good?** We ran out of plaudits.

### Musical Notes

Our venture into stepping beyond the purely classical confines of earlier concerts in this autumn's series once more brought to Deddington outstanding professional musicians in John Law's Three Ways Trio of piano, saxophone and double bass. On 3 November John's jazz improvisations on classical melodies achieved, as he promised, an evening of delicate, hypnotic and atmospheric music, much appreciated by the enthusiastic, but still rather small audience.

By the time you read this, a hectic November of musical events in the church will be over. There will then be the annual delight of the Advent Carol Concert from Choros on Sunday 9 December and the traditional Christmas events, but after that a quiet January.

The Church Arts Group hopes to avoid an overcrowded schedule in the new year, but do try to support music in the church when you can. On 9 February there will be the Titanic House Band with a wonderful mix of popular classics by a 15-strong line-up of wind instrumentalists, vocalist and pianist.

On 9 March we host the Moonrakers, a group that brings to life traditional Celtic folk music with a contemporary twist.

In April and May we have concerts from two local choirs: more details in future editions of *DN*. See you there!

**Donald Lane**  
[Donald199@btinternet.com](mailto:Donald199@btinternet.com)

Each dish was perfectly presented.

**Starters** included duck and crispy bacon salad with plum and ginger sauce and sesame seeds; sticky short rib of beef with barbeque sauce, prosciutto, bocconcini and Clementine salad; squid (crispy) with chargrilled merguez sausage, tomato salsa and aioli. All portions were generous for each course.

**Mains** Our choices were slow-cooked lamb with aubergine caponata and salsa verde; stuffed rolled pork belly with crackling and roasted apples; twelve hour shin of beef with root veggie bubble and squeak; honey and thyme roasted English duck breast with parsnip purée, fig and anise chutney. There were three choices of fish dishes and two vegetarian options. All main courses were served with lovely vegetables on the side. Children were catered for.

**Desserts** There were six choices including banoffee pie; chocolate and espresso tart with orange mascarpone and sticky figs; winter Bakewell bockerglory with warm jam sauce and hazelnuts. An extensive cheeseboard was available.

Most of the food is locally sourced. All in all this was a great culinary experience from start to finish.

**Good value for money?** Yes, we couldn't fault it, an absolute treat at around £40 per head including wine of which there was a good choice. Some were available by the glass – good quality.

**Would we go again?** As often as possible.

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## Battery-Powered Countdown

First the good news: superfast broadband speeding along fibre optic cables is coming to Deddington. Now the bad news: you could lose your phone service during a power cut such as the one and a half hour one that we had last week. The great virtue of the old corded phone was that it worked when there was no power. The necessary electricity could be drawn from the local exchange through the copper wiring. But the super new system does not conduct electricity, so your phone won't work without power.

A power cut renders useless fibre optic phones and VoIP services (such as Skype) for dialling 999, friends, relatives and others during emergencies. That's a particular problem if you do not have a mobile phone or if you can't recharge your mobile.

Enthusiasts of the fibre optic system are naturally reluctant to highlight this problem. But watchdog Ofcom produced a document: *Battery back-up for superfast broadband services which use fibre optic technology: Proposed guidelines on General Condition 3 for next generation fibre access.* At one point it says: 'In the event of a power failure at the household, and absence of any other measures, the telephone would cease to function. Hence calls, including calls to the emergency services, would not be possible.' Not good news for someone who needs an emergency doctor or ambulance nor for people with phone-based alarms.

Ofcom's answer was to insist that phone companies should provide every customer taking the fibre optic service with battery back-up because, chillingly, 'if no battery back-up facility were provided, this would represent a risk to life as consumers may have no viable alternative to the fixed line telephony service in order to contact the emergency services'.

But what type of back-up? The choice came down to a rechargeable battery pack that lasts four hours or one that lasts an hour. The 60-minute units are smaller, cheaper and take batteries that are readily replaceable. Ofcom decided on the one-hour option because: 'The majority of power cuts that take place in the UK last for less than an hour with longer outages increasingly unlikely. In addition, the widespread adoption of mobile phones increases the protection available to consumers.' Some might think that is a complacent view if faced with a snow storm, floods or a gale of the magnitude experienced in October 1987. And then reflect on how poor mobile coverage is around Deddington.

However, BT welcomed the recommendation as 'timely' and agreed on the one-hour back-up option. So if you decide to take a fibre phone service with BT, a battery back-up unit should be provided by an Openreach engineer when a fibre optic modem is in-

stalled in your home. Other companies should do the same. The back-up units are roughly hand-sized and powered by four rechargeable AA batteries. After the initial fitting, maintenance and replacing the batteries are totally up to you, the customer.



Find out more about battery back-up units at [http://bt.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/36953](http://bt.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/36953)

Why not keep the phone connected to the copper cable system and just connect the broadband to the fibre optic system? That sounds as if you would be asked to pay twice, though you may be denied that opportunity. If the experience of the United States is anything to go by, the phone companies let the copper cable system degrade or slowly withdraw it. Certainly the eventual intention of the BT pilot programme in Deddington is to withdraw the old system.

This is what the BT team responsible for the pilot scheme in the village had to say: 'We welcome debate on the battery back-up service. It is important for customers to be informed about the way fibre services will work. As we progress through the pilot this debate will inform discussions with communications providers, enabling investigation of solutions for those customers who may want greater security than the standard service. Copper services will be available and maintained in Deddington for the immediate future, and customers are therefore able to make an informed choice. We encourage anyone with questions or concerns to discuss these with their communications provider.'

BT Retail, one of those providers, added: 'It is extremely important for us to understand any concerns or issues that might arise from moving to a fibre product. This is an important part of the trial and we are keen to engage with customers and understand any concerns. We will be in touch shortly to give people a way of sharing their feedback with us.'

Faster broadband? Great. But let's make sure we are fully informed about the hidden perils of progress.

For more information on Ofcom's position: [http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/consultations/superfast-broadband/?a=0\\_](http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/consultations/superfast-broadband/?a=0_)

**John Price**

## Deddington Parish Show Donations

Thanks to so many people for supporting the Show. We have now enough funds to run the next show and be able to give some money to local groups. The committee is keen for the young to benefit, as without their support, the show will not continue for very long.

Last year we gave £200 to the Boys' Brigade and this year we are giving £150 each to the Brownies and the Scouts. Not huge amounts but every little helps.

Date for 2013 diaries – Saturday 7 September.

**Wendy Burrows, Hon Secretary**  
[wendy.burrows536@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.burrows536@btinternet.com)

## DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

Last month I asked when would this nightmare end. Sadly as I attempt to meet the copy date, the weather gods are still on the rampage and the tide in the Clifton sea is once again on the flow. Although we did manage to grab the hay from our riverside flower meadows, some farmers were not so fortunate. They have been left with wrapped bales of silage floating across the meadows looking rather like the 'Mulberry harbours' that were floated across the English Channel during the last war.

The experts tell us that this year's harvest is some 20 to 25% down on last year and we are now a net importer of wheat to meet our needs. Where this extra wheat will come from and what it will cost is unknown since all other wheat producing countries in this neck of the woods have had difficult harvests. It seems too that the harvest just starting in the southern hemisphere is looking just as difficult as our own.

The problems are not restricted to this year's harvest because the autumn's continuing wet weather has already reduced next year's crop yields. It is now very late in the year to plant the higher yielding winter sown cereal crops and those that have been dragged into the water-logged ground are in very poor condition. Some of the seed has simply rotted in the ground or been hit hard by the ever-present slugs. If we do get some drier weather and the soil dries out so that we can "work" it, we may be able to get some spring crops planted, but they will yield some 30–40% less than the winter sown crops. As a result we could be faced with the situation next year of not just how much the prices have risen, but how much there will be available to buy at any price. This small fact seems so far to have escaped the attention of our masters and their advisors (the environmental lobbyists) who believe that even more land should be taken out of production to provide for the birds and the bees. It seems we could be back to the age-old question: human life or wild life.

As I hit the keyboard we have abandoned any attempts to get the remaining winter wheat acreage planted, and will try to plant spring oats with seed left from last harvest. There are still winter beans to get in but it's not late for them as yet and they don't need a perfect seed bed. All we require is a "window" in the weather to get the grass weeds sprayed off, before the drill goes in.

The bees are now safely tucked up in bed, and it will soon be time for the assistant beekeeper to start his lessons in making the hives and other equipment for his own apiary next season. Our winter visitors have started to arrive with fieldfare and red wings stopping off to stock up on the hedgerow berries before moving on south, and large numbers of ducks, geese, lapwing and golden plovers returning to the river valley for the winter.

This has been without doubt the most difficult farming year I have ever experienced. But Christmas is coming, so the spring and the next crop of lambs can't be far behind, and just maybe the Arctic ice will return, the jet stream will follow its normal track and I will start to grumble that it's too dry! Happy Christmas.

**George Fenemore 338203**

### Farmers' Market

This year's December Farmers' Market will be on 22nd. Yes, this is the Christmas market, and, yes, there will be sprouts on sale.

A big 'thank you' to all of you who presented yourselves at our stall in the October market, or submitted to our 'farmugging' (like chugging, but for the market). We have a growing list of willing helpers and this will certainly strengthen the future of Deddington Market.

If we have not contacted you, or you have just realised that you *do* want to help the market, please don't hesitate to contact us: Geoffrey Todd [geoff.deddingtonfarmersmarket@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:geoff.deddingtonfarmersmarket@yahoo.co.uk).

OK, competition time. Let me know your favourite recipe for using leftovers. I hate waste, and the remains of a tasty dish will make a tasty next meal too. So I will give a small but insignificant prize to the best submission for a Deddington Leftovers recipe. Bubble & Squeak, or how about re-fried sprouts with chestnuts and ginger?

I hope you all have a good market and enjoy the Christmas break.

**Paul Drawmer [paul@drawmer.net](mailto:paul@drawmer.net)**

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### Carol Singing

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## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Deddington Vets

On a beautiful November morning a squad of sixteen of Deddington's finest footballing legends prepared to take on Sibford Bambino in what is one of the most keenly contested fixtures of the year. A start as bright as the low autumnal sun saw Deddington take the lead after five minutes when some excellent build-up play resulted in the ball being swung into the box for Vaughan Jones to place it into the net from five yards out. With Deddington in control of the game, it was somewhat against the run of play that Sibford equalised twenty minutes into the first half.

If Jones's first goal was somewhat of a tap in, his next was at the other end of the spectrum. A composed first touch followed by the swing of his left boot sent the ball curling and dipping from thirty yards into the top corner of the goal. The goalkeeper, our very own Kelly Scott sportingly playing in goal for Sibford, could only admire a shot that was goal bound the instant Vaughan struck it. As the game entered the final third, youthful legs began to trump wise heads and Deddington's spirited defence was put under increasing pressure from through balls designed to be hunted down by those still blessed with a turn of speed. Although the final score was 5–2 to El Nenos, Deddington Vets can take heart that for sixty minutes they more than matched the opposition. Oh, and don't forget that goal – we suspect Vaughan won't let us.

**Barry O'Connell 338988**  
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### 1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

The Rainbows had fun collecting conkers in October; there were more than we thought there'd be, so everybody went home with a bag or basket full. We also sang and recorded a campfire song in a round for the forthcoming Barford CD, which was fun. Many thanks to Jan and Tony Elvidge for making it possible for us to be recording artists.

All the girls have taken home insect hotels they made for overwintering mini-beasts in their garden. As well as the usual hollow stems these insects got welcome notes, TV sets made out of bark; knotted grass skipping-ropes and sofas made of moss – let's hope they appreciate the level of luxury this winter.

We made bread rolls and baked lots of flowers, plaits, hedgehogs and even a few turtles and a squirrel! Apparently they all tasted delicious. While we waited for the rolls to cook we learned how to weave friendship bracelets on circular cardboard looms. Once you get the knack it's quite simple and the cord grows satisfyingly quickly. We're going to send these to India for Sangam (one of Girl Guiding's World Centres) to sell for fundraising.

Remembrance Day was bright and dry and 14 Rainbows paraded to the War Memorial. They all looked very smart and were impeccably behaved

again, sitting patiently through the service and showing respect for the occasion – we were very proud of them all. We'd learnt the National Anthem for St George's Day so many of the Rainbows still knew it off by heart – well done girls.

There is an extremely long waiting-list at the moment. If your daughter may be interested in joining Rainbows, it's never too early to put their name down.

**Hazel Neal 01869 337822**  
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### Photographic Society

Another month full of activity – exhibitions at Aynho, and in Deddington Church where about 80 photographs were displayed; a workshop on appraisal of images; a photoshoot at Sulgrave Manor where we were taken round before the manor opened to the public; and a photoshoot at Batsford Falconry Centre and the Arboretum. Images from the exhibitions and the photoshoots can be seen on the [adandd.co.uk](http://adandd.co.uk) website.

At the November club night, Chris Palmer gave a stimulating talk about landscape photography, demonstrating shots that didn't come off, and how to make those that do, stand out. Two pieces of equipment he recommended were a tripod that would hold the camera steady even with a slow shutter speed, and an alarm clock, as very often the best lighting conditions occur in the early morning. This talk was followed by discussion of members' images.

On 5 December at 7.30pm at the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, Chris Long (a judge at photographic competitions) will give a gentle critique of images submitted by members. Visitors and new members will all be made welcome.

**Richard Broadbent 338173**

### WI

After a very good 'bring and share supper' on 9 October our auction raised £41.50 for the RBL Poppy Appeal.

Our speaker at our meeting on 13 November was Liz Woolley and her talk entitled 'Children and War – the Oxfordshire Story' was accompanied by photographic slides. The latter amply illustrated how local Oxfordshire villages coped with absorbing evacuees and the changing landscape around them due to army personnel and their vehicles. In a new building in the grounds of Woodstock Museum, the Soldiers of Oxfordshire have an exhibition called 'Children and War'. Barbara Upton warmly thanked Liz on behalf of members who had enjoyed this interesting talk.

Our Christmas dinner will be at Otters on 11 December.

Our meeting on 8 January 2013 is 'Aspects of Love, Entertainment' with Margaret Thomas.

**Rene Mahoney 338438**

## ... AND MORE CLUBS ...

### 1st Deddington Scout Group

#### Cubs

Welcome to Tom and Tobey – may they enjoy their time with us.

Our '2012 Sporting Heroes' created quite a stir at the last market and the Cubs (with the help of some Scouts) collected over £200 towards our next Shelterbox; thanks to everyone who donated.

The White Sheet Walk was a great success. A group of 44 Cubs and helpers toured the village stopping at given points to listen to gruesome tales told by 'the Man in Black'. Many thanks to Chris for giving up his evening, the performance was menacing with a touch of panto. Yes, he really was behind you. Thanks also to Vivien for loaning her garden.

**Jo Churchyard CSL 338071**  
[jochurchyard@hotmail.com](mailto:jochurchyard@hotmail.com)

#### Scouts

The £1 challenge is progressing well with many of the Scouts showing great business skills - look out Alan Sugar. The money raised will be added to the Guy collection towards the Shelterbox.

Unfortunately the trip to Horley with the slingshots had to be postponed due to disgusting weather. As they were going to be using flour we were worried they might end up glued to a tree.

Coming up – disability awareness, Christmas treats and a seasonal entertainment.

Thanks to the Parish Show organisers for the donation; we will be buying hammocks.

Well done to those who came to Remembrance Parade; it was a good turn out.

See our insert for details of this year's Christmas deliveries.

**Pete Churchyard SL 338071**  
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### Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The DOGS finished the 2012 golf season on a dry note. We paid a repeat visit to Studley Wood Golf Club following our 'wash-out' back in April. There were 21 DOGS and guests on Friday 26 October who played this very good test of golf. The overall winner on the day was David 'Boom Boom' White with a very respectable 37 points. Full details can be seen on DOL.

Our next event will be the AGM in January.

**David Darst 338589**

### British Legion Club

The return skittles match against the church was a fun evening, with the club winning by one point, as the church had done on the last match. So there will be a decider in the New Year to see who will be overall champions – watch this space for the date.

The AGM is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12 December. All members are invited.

Once again we have a full agenda over Christmas so come and join us. See diary for dates and activities.

**Nina Fairns**  
**338878**

### Deddington Town Colts

There was a break from matches over the half-term holiday, so a shorter report from the club this month.

#### Mini football

The U6s and U7s continue to have fun and enjoy developing their football skills each Saturday morning at the Windmill Centre. After two years of Saturday morning training the U8s have thoroughly enjoyed their first foray into competitive football. The excitement surrounding 'who are we playing next week' to the fear of 'gosh, aren't they big' makes for some interesting team talks. After a slow start to the season where the understanding of positions was a challenge, we have begun to hold our own. The enjoyment has always been there but confidence has built as the results have improved. The same cannot be said of the parents with the challenge of putting up the goalposts. Confidence seems to be dwindling as the season progresses. On behalf of the boys and girl a big thanks to parents and coaching staff. The Under 9s had a heavy defeat to Banbury United Youth and a narrow 2–1 defeat to Bicester Town Colts. The Under 10 Sharks lost 8–4 to Banbury United Spencer in the league. But in the Cup, the Sharks had a 6–0 win over Yarnton, with substitute Joe Sydenham scoring a second half hat-trick. Hook Norton now stand between the Sharks and a quarter final place. The Under 10 Cobras drew 1–1 with Hanwell United, and narrowly lost 1–0 to Banbury Irish.

#### Junior football

The U11s currently sit second in the league and with a 10–2 win over Bloxham and a defeat to Banbury United Youth. The team is frequently complimented on their style of play by the opposition management and the manager is fortunate to work with a fantastic group of boys who have completely bought into the team ethos, enabling the team to be more than eleven individual players. The Under 12 Sharks had a heavy defeat to league leaders Ducklington, but had a narrow 1–0 win over Eynsham Youth to remain fourth in the league. The U12 Cobras have started to play some better football, with a couple of good wins and hat-tricks from Ben Haynes and a goal a game from Ollie Sprio. A narrow defeat away to second placed Chadlington stopped a good run, but plenty to be encouraged with. The Under 13s had a narrow 3–2 defeat to Witney Vikings Youth in the Cup with two goals from Ethan Stevens. Three weeks later, the team beat the same team 3–2 in the League with two more goals from Ethan Stevens and a first goal of the season from Josh Rowe to leave the side third in the league. The Under 15s drew 2–2 away at Bicester Town Colts in the League with goals from Luca Catania and a fantastic strike to equalise by Chay Buckingham. They lost 5–1 to Bicester Town

## ... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS ...

Colts in the County Cup with James Rawlinson scoring the only goal. The Under 17s lost 4–0 to St Edmunds in the Oxfordshire Invitation A League.

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

**Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Officer  
and U13 Manager 337034**

### Deddington Players

Rehearsals have begun for *Sinbad the Sailor*, our costume-makers are busy sewing, and the set-designer is hard at work. Everything is coming together for a great performance in January. Put the dates in your diaries – 17–19 January 2013. Happy Christmas!

**Lucy Squires  
338442**

### Deddington British Legion Branch

#### *Remembrance Sunday*

This year Remembrance Sunday fell on the 11 November, which was the 94th anniversary of the ending of hostilities of the First World War. In spite of inclement weather in the preceding days, the day dawned bright and clear and the parade for the Act of Remembrance gathered in the Bull Ring. The parade processed to the War Memorial led by the Boys Brigade band and was well supported by the village's many organisations and residents of all ages.

At the War Memorial the Rev Dr Dan Inman conducted the Act of Remembrance at 11.00am on the eleventh day of the eleventh month with the reading of the names of Deddingtonians who had served in previous conflicts and paid the ultimate sacrifice. There was then the two minutes silence followed by the laying of wreaths at the Memorial and a short service in the Parish Church.

We offer thanks to all who officiated and who took part. Thanks are due to George Reason who constructed and maintained the Garden of Remembrance in the Market Place, to all who organised the Poppy Appeal collection and to the villagers who, as always, gave generously. Final figures are not yet available but early indications are that, even in these difficult times, we will be sending much the same as last year to Head Office.

#### *Annual General Meeting*

Members are reminded that the joint AGMs of the Branch and Club will be held in the club premises on Wednesday 12 December at 7.30pm.

Nominations for officers and committee members are now posted in the club. This meeting is open to members only who are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due (£18 reduced to £13 for pensioners).

**Jean Morris, Branch Secretary, 338143  
[mrsjeanmorris@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjeanmorris@gmail.com)**

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### *First Team results*

20.10.12	Hanwell United (h)	W 5–0 Carter D (2), Freeman, Hall, Thornton J
27.10.12	Bodicote Sports (a)	D 1–1 Hall
03.11.12	Abba Athletic (a)	L 1–3
10.11.12	Sinclair United (a) (CUP)	W 3–0 Carter D (2), Hall

#### *Reserve Results*

27.10.12	Kings Sutton (h)	W 4–1 Collett, Kaye, Walker, Gibbs M
03.11.12	Bishops Itchington (h)	L 0–6
10.11.12	Sinclair Utd Res (h)	D 2–2 Gibbs M, Kaye

Sun-Tzu said invincibility lies in the defence, the possibility of victory in the attack. Deddington First Team are looking more than a little invincible at the moment, having surged to the pinnacle of the Premier Division on the back of a month which saw them conquered but once, while dishing out a couple of pastings. Simon Hall and David Carter dealt most of the blows, but the defence seemed mostly impervious, conceding just four in the four games played.

The Reserves ended October with a well-deserved rout of Kings Sutton, which saw veteran favourite Marc Walker write his name into the scoring tally once again, though the always difficult Bishops Itchington dealt out an annihilation on the Reserves' home turf. The character of responding to humiliation was evident once more when Sinclair were held to a battling draw, and the Reserves perch in mid-table, with nothing but league fixtures to distract them through the barren winter. Merry Christmas from all at DTFC!

**Aaron Bliss 07909 642882**

### Deddington Toddler and Baby Group

We had great fun at our Hallowe'en party on 26 October. We made pumpkin plates and tucked into a yummy lunch. Judging the fancy dress competition was hard as there were so many fantastic costumes. Even some of the mums donned a witch's hat. Congratulations to our winner, Freya, who was such an amazing witch that some of her friends didn't recognise her.

At our AGM in November there were plenty of great ideas for the future running of the group and also offers of help with the day-to-day running for which Anna and I are both grateful.

We are starting to prepare for Christmas. Over the next few weeks we will be making Christmas tree photo frames, Christmas stockings and snowman decorations. Our Christmas Party is on Friday 14 December from 9.30am to 11.30am. Father Christmas will be visiting and there will be lots of festive fun including music, dancing, a bouncy castle and party food.

Our Mums and Dads are having a well-earned night

## ... AND FINALLY

out on Friday 7 December. If you have not yet booked your place please contact me as soon as possible.

We will be closing on Friday 21 December and Friday 28 December, and re-opening on Friday 4 January.

We wish all our mums, dads, carers and children a happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

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

**Wendy Samways 07920 198073**

### Deddington and District History Society

On 14 November John Leighfield ('From Gough to Google') made a most welcome return after 11 years, pulling in another big audience. John traced the history of maps from prehistoric caves in Turkey via Babylonian clay tablets to the digitised maps we know today. The first of Britain that survive are by Matthew Paris c1250. The Gough map of c1360, a jewel in the collection of Oxford's Bodleian Library, has accurate road distances and shows towns and rivers. Roads did not feature prominently on early maps.

The 16th century printing revolution led to a multiplication of maps, as did the military threat from abroad. The surveying profession grew rapidly as a new landowning class, profiting from the dissolution of the monasteries, wanted their estates mapped accurately

for renting, disputes or even out of vanity. The father of surveying was Christopher Saxton from Yorkshire, who in 1574 produced his first maps, including one of Oxfordshire. Notable map-producers of the 17th century included William Camden, John Speed and John Ogilby. Ogilby invented the strip map that became of such use to travellers. There was much copying, ie plagiarising. Interestingly, most big maps today introduce deliberate errors as a snare for illegal copyists.

In the 18th century there was an explosion of maps: Dr Plot's (first Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum) *Natural History of Oxfordshire* included a map with page references linking to the text, a great innovation. In 1715 came the first relatively large-scale map of Oxfordshire, by Philip Overton, but it was not until later in the century that systematic re-surveying of the county took place.

The Royal Society for the Encouragement of the Arts offered £100 for a one inch county map. Thomas Jefferys was the first entry, with some rather imaginative roads in our area, followed by the magnificent Richard Davis maps of 1797. It was difficult for private mapmakers to compete with the government's Ordnance Survey whose first map appeared in 1801. The OS surveyed our area in 1814, but only got round to publishing the sheet in the 1830s at one inch to the mile.

On 12 December we shall have our Christmas celebration. On 9 January Tim Healey returns to talk about the Green Man of Oxfordshire.

We welcome anyone who cares to come to our meetings, which take place on the second Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre.

**Chris Day (Chairman) 337204**  
**Moir Byast (Secretary) 338637**

## News from Hempton

Please remember this Saturday 1 December the Christmas Bazaar in the Church and Hall from 11.00am. There will be plenty of stalls to pick from with something to please all the family, including gifts, tombola, raffle, cakes, cards, children's games, hot snacks and reindeer for sale. This is the Friends' largest fund-raising event of the year. There is some expensive work needing to be done to the building, with several windows to be replaced.

The next Social Evening will be on Friday 7 December from 6.30pm and this will have a Christmas flavour to it. Bring the family along with a plate of food and a bottle to share with others.

Church services during the month will be as follows: 9.00am on 2 and 16 December with the Carol Service on Friday 21 December at 6.30pm, with the Deddington Church choir leading the singing; the service will be followed with festive refreshments. Let us hope for a congregation to match last year when we had 100 in the church. There will not be an Evensong on the fourth Sunday, 23 December, but Christmas

Day will have a Eucharist at 9.00am.

Bus services are under threat. The one that affects this village is the No 90 service to Banbury that leaves here at 10.07am and returns from Banbury at 1.15pm. On average 22 people use this service. If you have any views about the matter, by mid-December, please contact Lorraine Watling, the Parish Clerk, on 337447, <mailto:parishcouncil@deddington.net> or at the Windmill Centre, Hempton Road, Deddington OX15 0QH. Alternatively contact Helen Oldfield at <mailto:helenmoldfield@yahoo.co.uk>.

Congratulations to Debbie and Tony of Duns Tew Road on their recent marriage at The Great Barn, Aynho.

Many thanks to those who deliver this paper in the village: Sue Montague, Mavis and Bernard Barton, and Barbara Chappell; also Vera Ashdown and Dee Charles when others are on holiday. It's true that many hands make light work.

**Les Chappell**  
**338054**



Oxford is the venue for two farming conferences

next month. The Oxford Farming Conference <http://www.ofc.org.uk/conference/2013/2013-conference> in the Examination Schools in High Street costs £330 for two days. On 3-4 January is the Oxford Real Farming Conference (£12.50 for two days): 'Perspectives on 2013' in the Vaults and Garden Café, Radcliffe Square, and 'New Generation, New ideas' in Turl Street Kitchen. <http://www.oxfordrealfarmingconference.org/index.html> This conference's motto is 'Good Food for Everyone Forever'.

The Oxford Farming Conference is dominated by the agrochemical corporations. Their emphasis is on high-input capital-intensive methods; fossil-fuel-based fertiliser accounts for a third of the UK's use of hydrocarbons. Their priority is maximising profits. For agribusiness, food is the production of commodities to be profitably traded in the short term, rather than the primary purpose of wholesome nourishment for present and future generations. Efficiency is measured by output per person, so labour is shed to reduce costs. The loss of local abattoirs increases the risk of epidemics among farm animals which have fewer vets and herdspeople to care for them. One spin-off is that villages like ours, which used to be local communities of those with a shared interest in producing local food, have become dormitories for commuters.

Colin and Ruth Tudge have started the Campaign for Real Farming <http://www.campaignforrealfarming.org/>. Of the seven billion people in the world one billion

are chronically under-nourished, while one billion are over-nourished; eating the wrong food is the major reason why 300 million suffer from diabetes. Yet there is enough food in the world already to feed 14 billion if consumers were content with enough. Grain is diverted to produce meat and biofuels. It takes 7kg of grain to produce 1kg of meat, but, if only the best cuts of meat are used, the rest goes to waste because cooks have lost the skills and cannot afford the time to make tasty dishes of cheaper meat. Meanwhile, to reduce the reliance on imported oil, the US government subsidises the diversion of grain to biofuels, reducing the global supply of corn and putting up the cost of food.

A few years ago Sir John Beddington, the UK government's chief scientific advisor, stated that with the world's population growing, food supplies diminishing, and water supplies becoming more scarce, all of these factors would combine to form a 'perfect storm' in 2030 resulting in food shortages and rioting. However, the New England Complex Institute <http://necsi.edu/research/social/foodcrises.html> believes he is way too optimistic with his timing. The complexity theorists think that, if we don't reverse the current trend in food prices, we've got until August 2013 before social unrest sweeps the planet.

There needs to be change in direction to an agriculture which is productive (able to feed the world's people), sustainable (keeping soil in good heart and in tune with climate change), and resilient (emulating nature - diverse, interdependent, low-input) - as mixed farms post-WW2 used to be here, and are still in SE Asia.

**Christopher Hall**  
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## PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

On 26 October the PTA ran a cake sale – the children made some amazing spooky, scary cakes which were sold after school in a stampede worthy of the January sales at Harrods. We raised over £300, a great start to our fundraising year.

During half term, all our finger-crossing seemed to work as the weather stayed dry for our fireworks evening. We had a brilliant evening, enjoying a delicious barbecue, a drink or two from the bar, and a spectacular display of fireworks. We hope that everyone who came along had as much fun as we did. We raised £2,400 (£1,200 on the night, doubled by the generous pound for pound matching by Bibby Financial), a truly fantastic total. Many thanks must go to the Farmers' Market committee, the Co-op and the Flower Shop which supported us, and to all the PTA committee members and helpers who gave their time and energy to make the event go so smoothly.

The school children have designed Christmas cards which are on display on the PTA notice board and will be on sale, using the order form that should have come home in book bags and after school during the week beginning 26 November.

Our Christmas festivities will start early with a disco for years 1-6 in the school hall on 6 December. The fabulous Kelly Scott will be there to provide music and entertainment. Everyone should have received a letter with information and registration details in book bags. Please contact your class representative or Lucie if not.

Father Christmas and his float will visit over the weekend of 8-9 December. Look out for him in Barford, Hempton and the Hempton Road end of the village on Saturday, and in Clifton and the rest of Deddington on Sunday. Santa will make a return visit at the December Farmers' Market, where he will be looking forward to meeting everyone and his elves will have a Christmas lucky dip.

We will be singing carols in the Church during the Market so come and get in the Christmas spirit.

We have more events planned for the new year, some old favourites and some new exciting ideas. Until then, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful, happy and healthy new year.

**Lucie Sydenham and Jo Watt, Co-Chairs**  
**Deddington PTA**  
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## PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school has just celebrated its 160 year anniversary. There are several anniversaries over the next 18 months, from the laying of the foundation stone to the opening of the school to children, but we decided to go with the same date as the 150th anniversary.

As part of our celebration children focused on life in Victorian times and experienced Victorian lessons such as practising their copperplate handwriting on slate tiles, researching what life would have been like for children, reading through old log books, looking at photos of the building and past pupils, and enjoying reading through the punishment books. On the anniversary day we had an open afternoon; the staff prepared display boards of children's work, the PTA helped set up tables full of photos and log books and also provided refreshments. Thanks to Sue Brown for supplying a marvellous chocolate cake decorated in the school colours and logo. We were overwhelmed by the number of parents, old pupils and others who attended. They enjoyed looking at the displays and had the opportunity to come into the classrooms to see children at work. Mrs Goffe, one of our TAs, enjoyed listening to the stories that our visitors had to share.

Rhoda Callow, a teaching assistant in the 1970s and 80s, found some old photos of herself, as did Mrs Rowe our Year 1 TA who was a pupil here.

Jackie Adkins (née Clarke), a pupil here from 1943 to 1948, whose nieces and nephews also came here, said 'There was a long may tree in the playground which we loved ... we had monitors (prefects) who wore bands ... the loos were horrible, always broken'. She also brought in an old photo of her class.

Jean Westbury, who attended in 1946, enjoyed looking at old photos. Her son and daughter attended Deddington and her granddaughter is in Year 6.

Estelle Hope, whose son, Ryan, is in Year 5, provided us with photos of Ryan's great grandfather's class photo and his great aunt's class photo. Overall the afternoon was a great success.

**Jane Cross, Deputy Headteacher, 338430**

## Deddington PFSU and Nursery

This month we have been finding out about autumn festivals such as fireworks night and Diwali, and have been observing the autumn changes in the countryside, including lots of playing in the leaves. Our Christmas festivities kick off with something for the adults. We will be holding a Christmas Fayre and Pamper Evening in Deddington Church on 4 December at 7.30pm. The church will be packed with stalls selling Christmas gifts, food, decorations, cards, crafts and other goodies. There will also be therapists providing massages, facials and nails. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served to get you in the seasonal mood. The cost is £3 which will include a raffle ticket. Everyone is welcome to join us for this festive evening.

Nursery will be celebrating Christmas with an interactive Christmas performance, 'Journey to Bethlehem',

## AN AMERICAN ADVENTURE

I am sure some of you will know us from New Street, the Deddington Arms, the school, or the parish council. Some might say my wife Heather has made the trip to get away from that one. And yes, I admit it, I turned 60 and am having a mid-life crisis.

So my intention is to keep a blog (a diary, Mum), to keep friends in touch, and for me to look back on later. And to let the steam come out of my ears when it all goes wrong. This is an adventure story and one with fewer inside jokes than the monthly journal of Martin Bryce.

So we made a simple decision to clean out our cluttered lives, and force ourselves to travel light. No shipping: if you can carry it, it must be worth taking. So we left England on a drab Wednesday, and 25 hours later arrived in Denver, Colorado, with our 16 suitcases still intact.

'Sixteen?' I won't bore you with the story of us running across Dallas airport with eight trolleys trying to catch an impossible connection. Tears, yep. Recriminations? Regrets? No.

But skip forward three days and I am sitting in my new home, on my new 'Simpsons' settee, watching my new TV with full cable connection and a lovely fast internet connection (OK not as fast as you are going to get).

Leaving aside the fact that we rented an unfurnished house unseen from an advert on the web, the rest is an everyday story of American folk. Things happen in America – service is paramount. When the cable folk said on Friday we would be online the following day, we were online. Buying the furniture from a store which is the size of 17 football pitches is bizarre enough, but then the delivery guys turned up two days later, were very polite, and ran up the path carrying our new possessions.

We had a lovely new home, and didn't have time (yet) to miss our old friends and old life. That came later. There are some very strange things about this country and some things that are just plain wrong. But the American Dream does exist. More on the wrong things next month but chocolate figures very highly.

**Mike Ward**

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on 19 December, and a party on 21 December. At the PFSU parents are invited to join us for our popular decorations afternoons on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 December from 1.30 to 3.00pm, when we will be making the classroom look wonderfully Christmassy. The pre-school and F1 Christmas production will be on Monday 17 December at 2pm in the school hall. Our Christmas hamper raffle returns this year - watch out for us at the Christmas Farmers' Market if we don't see you before. Pre-school parents please don't miss the final date for applications for Primary School places, 15 January 2013.

**Lucy Squires 337484**

## News from Clifton

This was a quiet month. No doubt the run up to the festivities has us coiling like springs ready to throw ourselves into Yuletide with real gusto. But some points of note deserve your attention.

Dude Gilly now has a name. James William Gill now occupies many a calendar window as we can mark his arrival with a proper moniker. Just what Walnut Close needs – another James, eh Olivia?

The Duck now has a new landlord as Alan Newman is promoted from cellarman (of many a year standing) to licensee. Book Club wanted to hold a proper ceremony hanging his name over the door, only to be told this has not been a requirement of licensing law for about 20 years. To mark the event Book Club members have started that twee practice of having their tankards behind the bar. It's been a slow start as currently there is the same number of birthday pewters as Benjamin Franklin's ideal committee size\*, but efforts will continue to be made.

Cultural events are on the horizon for this band of brothers as Iron Man Mayo has arranged a special three-hour tour of Upper Heyford that will include the Command Centre and some hangars. Being Kevin he's got a minibus to get us there and Shanks's pony to get us back, but plans for re-enacting Dr Strangelove are well afoot.

Finally, residents of Candleford can expect to see many of us in your midst before the next issue as some Deddington pub crawl virgins will enjoy their first as the traditional pre-December Farmers' Market night out beckons. See you in a couple of weeks then.

**Martin Bryce**

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\*An odd number less than three for those of you considering forming a committee

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Mon 24 RBL Club: Big Christmas Draw, 8.30pm  
 Tue 25 RBL Club: Christmas Night Supper, 8pm  
 Wed 26 RBL Club: Live Music 9pm

### JANUARY 2013

Fri 4 Hempton Social: Church Hall, 6.30pm  
 Mon 7 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon  
 Tue 8 WI: 'Aspects of Love, Entertainment' with Margaret Thomas, Holly Tree, 7.30pm  
 Wed 9 History Society, 'The Green Man of Oxfordshire', Tim Healey, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm  
 Wed 16 Parish Council: Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm  
 Wed 16 Photographic Society: Workshop, 'Correct Exposure', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm  
 Thu 17–19 Deddington Players: *Sinbad the Sailor*, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm  
 Sun 20 Photographic Society: Members' Annual Dinner, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7pm  
 Thu 24 DeddiMedia Open Meeting: Unicorn, 6.45pm

## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

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

**8th January** – We heard early this morning that poor Dr. Turner was dying – I immediately went to his house, poor Mr. Turner expired whilst I was in the house, he being 62 years of age.

**10th January** – I received a note from Miss Bessie Turner written on behalf of her Brother asking me to bury her poor Father on Thursday next. Answered her that I would endeavour to do so – however painful to my feelings.

**15th January** – I buried poor Dr. Turner who was followed to his grave by all the respectable inhabitants of the place and the 3 Clubs as a mark of respect – he being in most instances their medical attendant.

**16th January** – I went to Oxford with J. Malins, who was desirous of going out as a missionary, in order to meet our Bishop and the Bishop of Cape Town at the County Hall. The Bishop of Cape Town pointed to Malins certain books for him to read and make himself master of, and wished him to get certain testimonials and forward them to him. He also asked him some questions as to his motives in wishing to be employed in missionary work, and asked if he had ever considered the solitariness of the condition of a missionary, often times.

**18th January** – The whole of the Turner family were at Church at Clifton and I preached a Funeral Sermon on the occasion of the late Mr. Turner's death – a trial of my feelings – but it was done. There was no service at Deddington during the day – no reason being assigned for such a proceeding – tho' a rumour was prevalent of an unfavourable character in regard to the Vicar – accounting for such great neglect of his duty.

**19th January** – I attended a Turnpike Meeting at the Council Chambers in Oxford – to audit the yearly accounts.

**20th January** – Jos. Malins came again and I wrote a letter to the Bishop of Cape Town on his behalf.

**22nd January** – Mr. E. Turner came to ask me to propose him next week at Woodstock at the Board of Governors as a proper person to succeed to his late Father's appointment as a Medical Officer of the District under the Union.

**Buffy Heywood 338212**

## Deddington OnAir

Deddington Church played host to the Right Reverend John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford, on Thursday 15 November. Bishop John came to Deddington to bless the photovoltaic panels on the roof of St Peter and St Paul and then took part in a live joint broadcast of 'Me, Myself, My Music' for ChurchTV and Deddington OnAir.

For those who couldn't join us either in the Church or via the internet there will be a chance to hear his interview again on [www.deddingtononair.org](http://www.deddingtononair.org).

**David Rogers**

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