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the Deddington news

What a fantastic summer we've had with festival, fête and concerts, all laid on for us. Although the *DN* team has had a rest, others have been grafting on our behalf, not just to entertain us. Please take time to fill in the form on p18 to support the work that the Neighbourhood Planning Group is taking on. This is quite a challenge and needs everyone's input. **JC**

September

- Mon 2 Pegasus Appeal: Deadline for opposing 5pm
- Mon 2 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–12noon
- Tue 3 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm
- Wed 4 Parish Show: Deadline for entries, 10pm
- Wed 4 Photo Society: Pete Mitchell on 'World Travel Images', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Fri 6 Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 6.30pm
- Sat 7 Parish Show: Parish Church, 9am–4.30pm
- Sat 7 RBL: Skittles with supper, RBL Hall, 8.30pm
- Sun 8 Deddington Players: Barbecue and social, 12.30pm
- Tue 10 WI: Valerie Burton, 'The History and Memories of Witney Blankets', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 11 History Society: Carol Anderson, 'Glove Making in Oxfordshire', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 12 Monday Morning Film Club: *The Piano*, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Sat 14 Ride & Stride, Parish and Hempton Churches, 10am–6pm
- Sat 14 Concert: Corona Strings, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 14 RBL: Cash Prize Bingo, RBL Hall, 8pm
- Wed 18 Parish Council Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 18 Photo Society: Simon Lutter, Studio photography workshop, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Sun 22 Friends of Deddington Church: Tea dance, Parish Church, 3pm
- Sun 22 Hempton Church: Harvest Festival, 6pm
- Thu 26 Book Club: please call 338094 for details
- Fri 27 Katharine House Hospice: Coffee morning, Parish Church, 10am
- Sat 28 Farmers' Market, Market Place, 9am–12.30pm
- Sat 28 Photo Society: Annual exhibition of members' work, The Institute, Adderbury, 9–5pm
- Sat 28 RBL: Live music with 'Double R', RBL Hall, 9pm
- Mon 30 Friends of Hempton Church: AGM, Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm

October

- Tue 1 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm
- Wed 2 *DN*: Collating, Windmill Centre, 10am

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 17 July 2013 at Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton

A good turn out, including District Councillor Paul O'Sullivan and County Councillor Arash Fatemian.

There is still a vacancy on the PC although someone who wishes to be co-opted has only now been registered on the electoral register.

Open Forum: Ron Colley was quizzed by PC regarding cars parked on the Market Place green during the Festival. Ron explained there had been a late change in sponsor and they had not obtained permission from OCC for the cars. There was agreement that the PC should investigate whether posts should be erected round the green.

Highways and Transport:

Bus (25A) leaves opposite Martyrs' Memorial, Oxford at 2320 hours on Fridays and Saturdays and comes to Steeple Aston. This may be convenient if passengers can arrange to be collected from Steeple Aston.

Deddington Arms proposed widening the footpath outside the pub to accommodate additional seating. PC objected because it would cause difficulties for vehicles accessing Victoria Terrace, reducing the road width, and increase difficulties for pedestrians. Thames Valley Police are strongly against the proposal.

Planning: Applications:

Maunds Farm House, High St, maple to be reduced in size, no objection.

Top Thatch, Hempton, erection of wood cabin in back garden, no objection.

22 St John's Way, Hempton, rear extension, no objection but with conditions regarding size and type of

windows on west side to prevent overlooking.

Approvals:

Geggs Nook, Hempton Rd, increase in conservatory glass panels.

Home Farm, Main St, Clifton, barn stabilising (retrospective).

2 Council House, Duns Tew House, Hempton, amendments to previous application.

Appeal: Land north of Gaveston Gardens, 85 houses with new access. Sir Tony Baldry to be asked to bring this to the attention of the Minister.

Emergency Planning:

Salt has been ordered for winter. The Parochial Church Council objected to the suggestion of having a grit bin outside Hempton church.

Finance and General Purposes:

Recent payments include DesignGro £357 for pitch maintenance and £2,259 for gates at Hempton.

Investments: Santander £215,000, NatWest £283,000. There will be a shortfall in the PC budget because of recent low interest rates.

It was agreed to use £1,883 awarded to the PC under the New Homes Bonus retrospectively on the gates at Hempton.

Other matters:

Developments: Banner Homes and Savills (agents) want to meet with the PC. Considered to be somewhat risky to engage in discussions with developers.

Library: There are around 40 volunteers available to assist at the library.

JC

Wednesday 21 August 2013 at the Holly Tree Club

Nine members of the public attended.

Simon Boulter of Hempton was co-opted to the PC.

Open Forum: A resident of Clifton spoke on behalf of others in the village strongly objecting to a planning application for the demolition of Orchard House, Chapel Close and outbuildings, to be replaced by two five-bedroomed houses, change of boundary and new garage.

Planning:

Applications: Orchard House, Clifton (as above); PC objected on the grounds that this is 'backfill' with access via a narrow existing shared drive, and was inappropriate use of the back garden of an existing property. Also concerns on the impact of amenities to the neighbouring properties, in particular sewerage. Residents reported regular problems of sewage appearing on neighbouring property.

Heathfield House, High St, pollarding holly tree, no objection.

Russell House, New St, resubmission of previous application, degrading of existing driveway; inaccurate reference to tarmac verge which is grass; no objection but point out inaccuracy and ask that no alterations be made to grass verges and that OCC are happy with alterations.

Priory House, Hudson St, repairs to rainwater pipes and drains, cloakroom and internal doors, no objection.

1 Hopcraft Lane, internal alterations and covered area, no objection.

Approvals: Top Thatch, Hempton, wood cabin in rear garden.

22 St John's Way, Hempton, rear extension, development must match plans as drawn.

Potential breach of planning permission: Horse chestnut tree, Earl's Lane, tree preservation order.

Appeal: 85 houses on land north of Gaveston Gardens. The PC is working with the Development Watch group who have sent flyers to each house in the parish reminding them the deadline for additional comments is 2 September (see p6 of this issue). PC agreed to make available £500 budget to fight the appeal. PC to draw up a 'shopping list' of items that might be supported by the developers in the event of CDC losing the appeal.

Developments: The PC chairman will meet with Savills (agents for developers) and Banner Homes to find out what they are proposing; this will be a fact-finding mission, with other councillors attending.

Correspondence: The Co-op has been asked to remove their garage doors in Church St and return

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Love ... Natural ... Food

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

In September I am eating ... runner beans. Anyone who grows their own will be all too familiar with the sudden and endless glut of runner beans during the summer months. I can scarce leave a friend's house without being given a bag of runner beans as a parting gift and, I admit, I have returned the favour on more than one occasion. If you love runner beans, an early evening picking session, kitchen colander in tow, is a worthy and rewarding dinner prep. Young runner beans need little more than a quick blanch in boiling water and make the perfect accompaniment to almost any dish.

About: Runner beans are part of the *Fabaceae* family. The majority of runner beans grown in the UK are the Scarlet Runner variety. Runner beans grow on vines and can be quite prolific – the more you pick the more they grow. If you don't have an allotment or vegetable patch, they can be grown on trellises or free-standing canes. If you can't grow your own runner beans, do not worry. They are widely available in supermarkets and farm shops.

Season: Runner beans are in season between June and November.

How to choose: Choose runner beans which look bright and crunchy; fresh beans should be stiff and snap when bent. Always choose young, smaller beans over larger ones which can be tough and fibrous.

How to prepare: Wash the runner beans thor-

oughly before preparing. Top and tail the beans and remove any strings which run down the side of the beans. Young beans are delicious eaten raw. However, the older larger beans are better cooked. Slice diagonally and blanch in boiling water for a few minutes. Runner beans are a versatile addition to any dish; try adding to risottos, mix with pasta or simply serve as an accompaniment to your favourite dish.

For a simple side dish, try Runner Beans with Shallot Butter, recipe available on the BBC Good Food website <http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/>.

Struggling to know what to do with your glut of runner beans? Try Delia Smith's Spiced Pickled Runner Beans recipe, available at www.deliaonline.com.

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PARISH COUNCIL

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the building to its original state, or apply for planning permission for a replacement door.

Finance and General Purposes:

PC was given permission by CDC to use £1,883 of the New Homes Bonus on the gates for Hempton, and decided to await recommendations from the highways working group on the possibility of putting posts round the Market Place greens before considering how the remaining £600 should be used.

JC



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DEDDINGTON FARMERS MARKET

MELLOW FRUITFULNESS

September is one of the best markets in the year. The harvest of fruits and vegetables is mostly in. Their freshness and seasonality beats supermarket imports hands down. Any glut has been transformed into jams, chutneys, cordials and, inevitably, alcohol. Allow a little extra time to explore the range of glorious flavours on offer to boost your mood in the face of impending autumn.

As the summer fades so does the attraction of the salad. Taste buds start demanding something more substantial (and probably calorific) than a head of lettuce or a punnet of tomatoes. The bread queues have held steady through the sunnier markets but the appeal of a loaf, pie, pastry or (if you're posh) patisserie increases as the thermometer drops and the nights draw in. The September market will spoil you for choice.

For the extremist there is fudge. This is no ordinary fudge. Actually it's not fudge at all. It's tablet. A Scottish equivalent that is a magnet for the sweet toothed. But not for the faint hearted. We used to call it 'the dentist's friend'.

It's also a market of reflection. September marks the twelfth anniversary of the revival of Deddington's market. The founder, Charles Newey, was honoured posthumously when the National Farmers' Retail and

Markets Association (FARMA) gave him its Community Spirit Award for 2006.

The volunteers who put up and take down the stalls and keep things running (more or less) smoothly, celebrate with an annual dinner after this market (using market produce of course). This year they will also be marking Geoff Todd's stepping down from the Chairman's post on the Deddington Market Management Group. Look out for his successor, Steve Waterman, at the market.

The money raised from running the market is used to help local community interests. If your local group or organisation wants to apply for funding you can request an application form from: www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk/contact-us.html but you'll have to hurry. The awards are handed out at this market.

More up to date news about the coming market is available one week ahead on the village radio station, Deddington OnAir (www.deddingtononair.org) and on the market website (www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk) or if you want to be sent a personal update (and stand a chance of winning a voucher to spend at the market) email marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk.

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Services for September

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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
Wed 11	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 12	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 15	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 18	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 19	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sat 21	6.00pm	Eucharist St Matthew
Sun 22	10.30am	Eucharist
Wed 25	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 26	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 29	9.30am	Eucharist followed by
	10.15am	Interactive Café Church

St John's Hempton

Sun 1	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 22	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 29	6.00pm	Evensong

The Barfords

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

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

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Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

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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>.

News from Hempton

Well done to those who came to the summer garden party at the church and enjoyed a fine afternoon with everybody being able to stay outside and the children playing games. Despite a widespread advertising campaign, the attendance was disappointing. Nevertheless, £89 was raised for the Friends who need to continue the good work that has been done to the building over the years.

Please remember the Ride and Stride day which this year is on 14 September from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Several people are taking part for us so good luck to them. Also volunteers are needed to man the church and serve our great refreshments. If you can spare an hour please let me know.

Sunday 22 September will be the Harvest Festival service at 6.00pm. Produce will be most welcome and can be left at the church over that weekend. This will be auctioned after the service with the proceeds given to a worthy charity.

The Friends of the Church will be holding their AGM on Monday 30 September at 7.30pm so please come along to this meeting if you can – it is open to everyone.

It is proposed to hold the Harvest Supper on 5 October at 7.30pm. Tickets will cost £10 per head, obtainable from me. The Friends will be celebrating 25 years of existence at this event and also at a special Eucharist service on 6 October at 9.00am. Please make these two events to remember.

'Congratulations to Olli of St John's Way, we are so proud of you getting a 2:1 at university, all our love Mum, Dad, Carly, Linz, Ryan, Noah, Seth, Grace and Summer'.

Congratulations also to Rachel and Mark of Batchelors Row on the birth of a son, Henry Felix, on 23 July.

Welcome to Lesley and John of Field View and to two families who have recently moved into Batchelors Row, all in The Lane.

I end with the sad news of the death of Derek Benfield. Senior residents of the village will remember him when he lived for some time at Benmore on the Duns Tew Road and was the owner of Benfields Garage in Deddington many years ago.

**Les Chappell
338054**

On George's Farm



As I sit at the key board in an attempt to catch copy date, the green goddess is all dressed up with nowhere to go. After the difficulties of last year and the cold late spring, the harvest start date is going to be some three weeks later than expected, so it will be extended well into September. Our winter sown oil seed rape, such as

it is, has ripened very unevenly and has taken much longer than normal to go 'off', the problem being that some parts of the crops are now over-ripe with other areas of the same field being under-ripe. If we go in too soon, the under-ripe sections of the crop will produce 'red seed' and the merchants deduction calculator will go into overdrive, so it's down to a matter of timing and how long I can hold my nerve. In years past, the winter oil seed rape has always come to harvest first, followed by the winter wheat, but this year we may well have to cut the wheat first and leave the rape to get on with it.

Under our present crop rotation and management, we always plant oil seed rape after winter wheat and the optimum planting date for the oil seed rape is the last week of August and the first week of September, so with a delayed harvest we could well be very hard pushed to get the rape into ground on time and end up with the same problems next year. Again under our present crop management regime we follow the rape crops with winter wheat but the varieties that we grow are best planted after mid-October. This year, after some very difficult autumn planting conditions, we put in some spring crops but even these went in late due to the difficult spring conditions, but the weather gods have been kind and these spring sown crops have done very well and may yet prove to be the best yielding crops of the year.

The last of this year's hay crop came into the barns during the second week of August. Although it was some very good stuff, the 'cut' was a lot less than we needed to see us through the winter, but we have the added bonus of the straw from the spring barley and oat crops which will make a very useful substitute feed during the first half of the winter.

The ewes have done very well this year and we have been able to send a good proportion of the lamb crop to market, but it is now time to wean the remaining lambs to give the old dears a few weeks of peace and quiet before the rams go out, so as one farming year is coming to a close, the next is already under way.

Contrary to all the present doom and gloom, the insect populations on the farm are having a very good year, although the bees had a very late start to their season they have produced a very pleasing honey crop with more to come. The intrepid adventurers who braved the festival 'walk on the wild side' were treated

to a veritable visual feast of moths, butterflies and other creepy crawlies as we walked through some of the farms environmental field strips. Unfortunately some did not heed the warnings about suitable footwear, but everyone made it back to the farmyard and I was not called upon to shoot any fallers. Sadly in these days of health and safety, even a pleasant organised evening farm walk is subject to a risk assessment, but we were well covered with two first aiders and one doctor, and if all that failed two priests but, as they say, a good time was had by all.

Over the last few months you would have been hard pressed not to open one of the daily newspapers and not read an environmental 'the end is nigh' article featuring the mantra from one or other of the lobby groups, but sadly today it's not about our so-called disappearing wildlife: environmental protection and enhancement has become a very 'big bucks' industry with the top few that shout the loudest on banker level salaries. The present rush to the environmental funding trough has more to do with the changes to the Common Agricultural Policy and the amount being taken away from the farming community than it has to do with environmental protection. As things stand at the moment the farming community, by way of compulsory modulation of CAP payments, is the biggest donor to the green Taliban while being made out to be environmental enemy number one and still expected to keep the supermarkets shelves full. Ho hum ...

George Fenemore
338203

Pegasus Appeal

29 October – 1 November

You will probably be aware that Pegasus (on behalf of Prudential Pensions) has appealed against the refusal by Cherwell District Council (CDC) to grant planning permission to build 85 houses on the nine and a half acre field between Gaveston Gardens and the A4260 Banbury Road.

The appeal will be dealt with by way of a public inquiry. There will be a four day hearing from Tuesday 29 October to Friday 1 November.

The hearings will be held at the CDC offices at Bodicote House, White Post Road, Bodicote, OX15 4AA.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. We would encourage as many residents as possible to 'drop-in' in order to impress on the Planning Inspector the strength of public feeling.

There will be more information about the hearings in next month's issue.

Deddington Development Watch

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DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL 2013 ... AND HERE'S TO 2014

Firstly, a date for your diary: we are holding an Open Forum meeting on 3 October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Unicorn upstairs room to brainstorm ideas for the 2014 Festival programme. Come along and get involved.

Looking back at this year's Festival, some of our highlights were the new hobbies being triggered at the children's photography workshop 'Shoot and Exhibit'; the huge turn-out at Deddy Rocks with all generations getting in the groove; the truly world-class jazz night with Stekpanna and Friends along with Sweet Chorus jamming together; the gentle hilarity at Poetry Please; the mad, creative morning at CreativeKIDZ's Art session; interesting facts being exchanged on the History Walk and of course who can forget the secret squirrel flashmob dance at the Deddington School's village Fête starring vicar Hugh White.

It may surprise you to know the scale of the Festival; we certainly were. This year it took place over four weeks, so was longer than usual. There were 22 individual events; 36 pieces of marketing collateral; at least 134 people involved in the events or organising the events in some way or other. It was the first time for online ticketing, Festival-branded materials and a fully integrated marketing campaign incorporating social media and PR campaigns. Wow, what a feat – what a team!

Huge thanks go to Jaybee Motors at Bodicote who, as Festival sponsor, helped the Festival make a profit

this year – funds which can be ploughed back into the programme next year.

On a more sombre note, we would like to remember Festival organisers, John Cheney and Elspeth Cox who made such a valued contribution through the years – John by organising Poetry Please and Elspeth by being Secretary of the Friends. They will be missed.

So moving forward to next year's Deddington Festival 2014, the organising team has decided that the programme should be shorter with more events held closer together to maintain momentum and a Festival 'feel'. This will make it easier to organise as well; very important when you think that all organisers are volunteers and have to juggle day-jobs and family responsibilities too. Tentative dates are Thursday 12 June to Sunday 22 or Sunday 29 June depending on the requirements of the programme.

We are keen to fix the programme as soon as possible so, as mentioned above, we are holding an Open Forum meeting to brainstorm ideas for the programme. Come along if you have some event ideas that you want to see incorporated into next year's Festival. Or maybe you would like to help the central organising Festival team who are responsible for marketing, sponsorship, ticketing and programming. We hope to see you there.

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BLISSFUL THINKING

'No man is an island', so the aphorism goes, though some people strive to throw up barbed wire and watch-towers around them. Others, meanwhile, may aspire to conquer all the lands they come across, while even rarer breeds take the form of travelling prophets. They wander far and wide, but seek no confrontation, only a smile and lingering thought as they pass.

As Deddington residents, we must have been living in the sewers if we did not come across the travelling prophet that was John Cheney. Whether we are social butterflies or angry hermits, it was impossible to avoid the curious character with the impish grin and child's eyes who could captivate with a quip. The taverns and shops would often ring with the laughter following a Cheney punchline, though this gift was not confined to verbal deliveries.

Where John's spoken witticisms were often laconic, his poetic verse wove both the succinct and the more verbose with a self-deprecation and ribald charm that brought an uncontrollable smile to the lips of those who read or heard it. More than the sharp intellect and gentle mockery of himself and the world, John exuded class, though he would scoff at the notion. As the travelling prophet, John was fated to share his sunny disposition and creative gifts, without ever demanding anything in return but a reciprocal grin, and our parish is exceptionally fortunate to have had some claim over his spiritual home.

Confucius once said that we walked with two men throughout life. The one on the right we revere and should seek to learn from and emulate his admirable traits, while we should correct the left-hand man's flaws in ourselves. The man to our right has sadly passed from this mortal coil, so perhaps we should seek to become someone else's right-hand companion. Thanks for the memories, Mister Cheney.

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

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

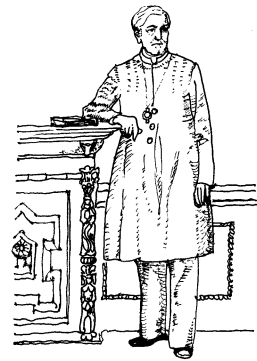
2nd September – Wrote to Hunt & Edmunds about their beer – stating it to have somewhat gone off. Bowen the Inspector of Police came to say that the man Parsons from Barton was in custody – he having previously inflicted a deep wound in his throat in a mad fit of drunkenness, tho'

not of such a character as to endanger his life – the knife used not being a very sharp one. I spoke to him about the wickedness of the act and told him he was punishable, when he cried and expressed his sorrow – stating he was so drunk he did not know what he had done. I ordered a brother of Parsons into custody who was drunk in the streets and brandishing a hatchet at people, especially at the Police. Our Annual Flower Show took place – I distributed the prizes as requested.

4th September – The annual licensing of the Public Houses took place – the licence to the Kings Arms was not renewed in consequence of a complaint made against Austin the Landlord for suffering tippling in his house on the 22nd July and refusing to admit the police for more than 20 minutes. There had been a caution given to Austin on a previous occasion.

5th September – Our late footman, Clarke, came to ask me to marry him tomorrow to a Miss Brotherton, a dressmaker, I consented to do so.

15th September – I buried our neighbour, poor Mr. John Churchill, one of the Coroners for the County and Registrar of Births and Deaths for this district – he had been Coroner for 24 years.



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FROM DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION

June and July provided another mixed bag of incidents for us at Deddington ranging from a parrot rescue to a serious house fire. In all we have been called out 39 times, including a particularly nasty road traffic collision at Wotton involving two cars. The drivers had to be extricated using hydraulic cutting gear and we wish everyone injured by this collision a speedy recovery.

The big incident for June was the thatch fire at Barford St Michael. At one o'clock on Sunday afternoon we were called to a fire involving a gas cylinder. When we arrived, it was apparent that the situation was more serious than had been reported. The fire had started from a gas barbecue which was against the house and had managed to flash off, catching the trellis on fire, then spreading to the thatch. Tom Hall and I were sent in wearing breathing apparatus to fight the fire and start the salvage operation. Within twenty minutes the fire had spread from the roof down to the first floor. With the help of another BA team from Banbury, we managed to remove as many valuables as possible from that part of the property; and if you are wondering, yes, we always keep a keen eye out for the family photo albums. We fought for the pair of thatches for nearly two days, but sadly lost them to the fire although managing to save most of the owners' possessions. We had up to eight fire engines, the hydraulic platform and many other special appliances at the incident. We would like to

thank all the people of Barford for their patience and generosity, supplying us with copious amounts of tea and biscuits and opening their homes to us to store the belongings from the thatches. I often hear people say that things aren't like they used to be; maybe we are not faced with as many life-threatening situations as in past, but this experience makes me see that when we are in difficulties, it brings out the best in us and makes me realise that I am very proud to be part of this community. Thank you.

The summer is now upon us and it really is turning out to be unusually warm. We have been called out to several incidents where, if people had taken a little more care, they would have been avoided. We were called to a field fire at Somerton Lock where people had lit a portable barbecue on the grass and this has not been an isolated event. We were also called to a muck heap fire on a farm, caused by discarded cigarettes. We need to be mindful of the dangers around us at this time of year with crops being harvested. It takes thousands of pounds in diesel, seeds and fertilisers and months of hard work to produce our food and it only takes one discarded cigarette or a badly sited barbecue to destroy it. We are also concerned about the growing use of Chinese lanterns and the only advice we give is 'Don't use them'. Our environment is far too flammable to have flying fires.

The heat has started taking effect in other ways. We were called to some cylinders that were venting due to the heat. Fortunately these were CO₂ and venting into the open they were easily made safe. Cylinders must never be left in direct sunlight. We also attended Hopcrofts Holt service station where a vintage car had leaked sixty litres of petrol onto the forecourt. This was a major concern for the environment and the risk of fire could have escalated into a major incident but with the help of our specialist environmental protection unit we managed to clean it up without further incident.

Congratulations to Fire Fighter Emma Glover on her marriage to Steve Flint. It was a beautiful day; Emma arrived in a fire engine, a surprise present from her good friend Fire Fighter Sharon Wilson, with Fire Fighter Adam Franklin as chauffeur. I have just received the news that Fire Fighter Tom Hall has become engaged to his girlfriend of four years, Jenna Lloyd. Congratulations to both.

Deddington has a community fire station and we do lots of extra activities for clubs and groups to help educate our children to be safe whilst having fun. If you would like to bring your group to the fire station contact us on 338281 and someone will arrange your visit.

We attend many incidents, usually caused by a combination of errors. Please keep flammables away from your home. Always keep barbecue cylinders away from the house and never put coals into a bin as they stay hot for a long time. And, if you were wondering about the parrot, it was reunited with its owners.

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WELL REMEMBERED

Jason Herbert 1971–2013

Jason was born in Banbury in 1971 and attended the Grange and the Blessed George Napier schools in the town.

His first job was with Solar Designs making gold jewellery. He moved on to become a parts delivery driver for Banox Engineering, a job he greatly enjoyed, and then worked for his parents' haulage company as an HGV driver. A change of direction led to his becoming a Custody Detention Office at Campsfield House where he worked for some twelve years. His last job was as a nursing assistant at Littlemore Hospital in Oxford.

Away from work, he loved being in the gym, honing his black-belt level skills in kung fu and kick boxing and teaching others these sports, adding to his collections of watches and baseball caps, and ensuring his cars were as immaculately turned out as he was. Following divorce he married Nicola in 2011.

He had an unusual sense of humour, a sparkle in his eye and a cheeky grin. He was a proud man, strong and level-headed but with a sensitivity he was not ashamed to express. He was loyally devoted to his son Josh from his first marriage, to all his family and to his friends. His life was too short but it was full and varied. He will be fondly and gratefully remembered by many.

HW

Elsbeth Cox 1946–2013

Born in Newcastle, Elsbeth spent much of her early childhood in Earls Barton, Northamptonshire and later in North Lincolnshire. She showed an early interest in music, from the age of four. Finally, aged twelve, she achieved her dream of taking cello lessons, and, eventually followed in her grandmother's footsteps to the Royal Academy of Music. From there she joined the cello section of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, playing and travelling the world for 37 years. While with the orchestra, she served as player representative on the CBSO Board, on the Players' Committee, the Musicians' Union branch committee, and as chairman of the Benevolent Fund.

On retiring she recognised that she wanted to live in the country and began several years' search for 'the village'. On her sixtieth birthday she moved to Deddington where she enthusiastically immersed herself in village life, serving as an officer of the Friends of Deddington Festival, Chairman of the Friends of Daeda's Wood, as a member of the Farmers' Market cleanup crew and the History Society, working on translating old local wills. Above all, in her scant seven years here she made a wide circle of friends whose support she treasured greatly during her last 18 months as her freedom became increasingly constrained.

Catherine and Dan Desmond

John Cheney 1929–2013

John was born at Broughton Road, Banbury in 1929, son of John and Mary Cheney and brother to Margaret and Christine; born, in fact, into a dynasty of printers of great distinction. Much of his education was in Quaker schools and at the Downs School at Colwall he became interested in art, music and writing English, all of which remained central in his life.

John started on the shopfloor at Cheney and Sons in 1947 and then did National Service from 1949–1951 in the Royal Artillery where he generously spent time writing their letters for his less educated comrades.

After National Service, he returned to Cheneys where he remained for the rest of his working life. From Banbury he moved to Adderbury and then 25 years ago to Deddington which he said was 'very kind to him.' He had developed a talent for entertainment at dinners and similar events, a talent which expressed itself in Deddington in his 'Poetry Please' evenings and his involvement with the Deddington Festival. His verse writing was highly accomplished – as was his painting.

John formed strong friendships in our village, for instance with his fellow Questioning Gardeners, and was regarded with affection by the community in general, being so evidently a large part of the spirit of the place. He was a cheering presence and his determined enjoyment of life – people, food, drink, the arts – was exemplary. His kindness to his employees is remembered and many Deddingtonians will have experienced it personally too.

His self-deprecation was a large part of his charm but there is no doubt that we have lost a man of great distinction of character who contributed enormously to the life of this village as to that of the other communities in which he lived.

HW

John Edward Shepherd 1936–2013

As a child John lived at Windmill Cottages (now the two houses and the Popular Chinese restaurant) in Hempton Road, before moving to St Thomas Street. His sister Christine was born a few years later.

John was married to Sylvia for more than thirty years and they had two sons, Steve and Andy who, in turn, gave him four grand-daughters.

As a young man he served in the RAF based in Cyprus. After a spell in the forces he joined British Leyland, followed by a long stint at Johnson's timber yard in Deddington. He combined that with being a retained fire-fighter for the local station. After a spell on the Highways Division for Oxfordshire County Council, he retired.

He loved his garden and enjoyed trips to the coast and nights out at bingo. With his partner Ginny he fully enjoyed the last ten years of his life in Middle Barton.

Andy, Nicola, Georgie and Eden Shepherd

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 WILL and ED LIEBRECHT,
BOWLER HOUSE, NEW STREET,
DEDDINGTON

To Santiago for Tsogo

On 21 July, we arrived in Santiago de Compostela, completing 13 days of walking along the Pilgrim's Way of St James. Thanks to the kind sponsorship of our journey by many people, we have raised a total of around £1,700 to go towards the Tsogo Pro-

ject in South Africa, which Deddington Church has been supporting for a number of years; it is a centre in Mmabatho, near Mafikeng, which cares for children who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.

In total, we walked about 311km across Spain, and had some incredible experiences along the way – we shall be giving an illustrated talk about these in the First Sunday Service at Deddington Church on 8 September.

Again, we would like to thank everyone who has supported and sponsored us, and we would be very grateful if those who have made a pledge could deliver it to us or contact us on w.p.liebrecht@gmail.com or 337628 if they would like us to collect it.

Please make cheques payable to Deddington Church Council Fund.



FROM DIANE COGAN, TRUSTEE,
BANBURY CAB

Volunteers needed for CAB

Banbury Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) needs more volunteers to help us to meet the increasing demand for our services. We are looking to recruit receptionists, gateway assessors and advisers who can give a minimum of two half days per week. No previous experience is needed as full training

is given.

Banbury Citizens Advice Bureau is an independent registered charity that gives help and advice to people on a wide range of subjects and the service is free. If you are interested in helping, please ask at Banbury CAB Reception or contact us on bureau@banburycab.org.

FROM ANDREW WILLIS, BANBURY WEA

Autumn Courses:

Herb Walk

Art History Course – Impressionism

Darwin History course.

Full details on <http://banburywea.moonfruit.com/> or contact Jenny Gough on 01295 690326 or jen-nyanngough@yahoo.co.uk.



FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, PHILCOTE STREET
Last year Banbury Quakers held a very popular Sustainability Forum and now have arranged a second on Thursday 3 October, 7.30–9.30pm. It will be chaired by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Col John Bridgeman CBE TD. The speakers are: Oliver Tickell, journalist, author and campaigner; Sarah Staunton Lamb, Learning Manager, Emerging Scientists, Earthwatch; Paul Mobbs, independent consultant, researcher and writer; and Steve Mandel, freelance economic consultant. The Forum will be held in the main hall, Oxford and Cherwell Valley College, Broughton Road, Banbury. There will be a retiring collection. For more information please call Judith Mason on 01295 720900 or Jane Burn on 01869 277770.

CONTACTING ALL CONTACTS

In November the *DN* produces and distributes a leaflet providing residents of the parish with phone contact details for local clubs and societies, as well as helplines. It would help me enormously if the relevant people could email me any changes. This will help cut down on the number of phone calls I will need to make.

Rosie Burland
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The Taste Buddies Eat at Osteria, Great Tew

We are the Taste Buddies. We lunch out every two months to assess local pubs and restaurants. We are an independent group with no connection to the Deddington News or any of the establishments visited.

Where?

Osteria, 23 The Green, Great Tew, OX7 4DB, telephone 01608 683800 after 6pm or 07565 944462, email osteria_tew@hotmail.com.



Cost:

We enjoyed a three course set menu with wine and coffee for about £30 a head.

Were they pleased to see you?

The owners, Alessandro and Charmaine, were extremely welcoming and friendly. The service was attentive but relaxed enough to allow us to sit back and enjoy the evening in an unhurried atmosphere.

Was the cooking good?

This Italian restaurant is inside 'Sweetpeas', a florist and coffee shop by day, which transforms into a restaurant on Friday and Saturday nights. The atmosphere is authentically Italian with jolly check tablecloths and a lively but cosy feel. There is space for about 25 diners and some tables outside overlooking the green for warmer summer evenings. It would be a good place to take children if you booked an early table. It should be noted that there are no toilets at the premises but customers can use the facilities at the Falkland Arms which is just a few steps away.

Food served:

The restaurant is open on Friday and Saturday nights only 6–9pm. It is essential to book as it is very popular and space is limited. It is also possible to order the antipasti, special and pizzas for take away.

Their aim is to provide simple, rustic, authentic Italian food as learned from their mothers and grandmothers. There is a set menu with the choice of main course limited to one special or pizza. For our starter we shared a beautifully presented and utterly scrumptious antipasti of very generous proportions. The special was a pasta dish with pancetta and mushrooms in a cream sauce. We were disappointed with this dish as it was a little too salty for our taste and it could have benefited from a tad more sauce. Dessert was ice-cream which was delicious, followed by coffee and tea.

Value for Money?

Very good value for money. We had a lot of fun and some lovely food without spending too much.

Would you go again? Definitely.

Letter from America Differences

A great trip back to the UK last month, all a bit rushed, but good to see the village flourishes without us. And getting back to Colorado made me think about the differences between the two nations.

The first is the scale. Americans think nothing of driving vast distances; one family we know well did 2,500 miles in a ten day family holiday, with two kids in the back. And the scale extends to the type of people. Comparing a Texan to ... well any other American really, is a struggle. Texas is a nation apart, bigger than England, and the people are really very different to those around us in Colorado. Fifty-one per cent of Texans do not believe in evolution.

The second is their relationship with their government. None of us likes paying taxes, but the Americans are obsessed with 'small government'. There are huge numbers of people who are convinced that their government is out to get them; 29% believe they need to have an armed uprising against the government.

The third is their utter belief in America as the most important nation in the world, and thus the need to 'police' the world. A nation that spends as much on defence as the next 12 nations together is pretty strongly entrenched in its approach to the rest of the world. And very few of them appear to understand the

implications of such a stance. 'Why does everybody hate us?'

But overall, they are good people, stuck with a very poor political system. The government (of whichever party) is hemmed in by interest groups and lobbies in a way that we would view as illegal in the UK. Defence spending can't be cut because of the military lobby, and so on across many areas. Their elected members don't speak for their people; they vote in a manner that is totally influenced by those supporting them with funds, or who threaten to put a candidate up against them.

And the US government nearly got me last month as well. We stopped in Washington DC on the way home, for the family to view the centre of power of the world's most 'important' nation. I went to see a customer of mine who repairs boats. Unfortunately, I didn't realise until I was trying to get out of their facility that these are US Navy boats and, as a foreigner, I was deemed to be a threat to US security. Luckily I didn't tell them that I had seen the plans for the boat hanging on the wall of the next room to us. And they let me go with a warning, eventually.

It is a paranoid country, with a broken political system. But I love it.

Mike Ward, Mikew@qsoftware.com

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Players

As the summer comes to an end our thoughts drift towards the frosty nights of winter. It can only mean one thing – panto season is fast approaching. Auditions for the 2014 pantomime will be held at the Windmill Centre from 2–4 pm on Sunday 13 October. Adults, and children in Year 1 and above, are welcome to come along. Please arrive at 2pm for an afternoon of informal and fun activities. The pantomime will be on 16–18 January 2014 and we won't let the snow stop us. To catch the last of the summer sunshine, please join us for a barbecue and social in Anne Kent's garden on Sunday 8 September from 12.30pm – old and new members would be very welcome. Please contact me if you need further information.

Lucy Squires 338442

1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

We had a lovely meeting making pottery butterflies with Sandi Turner. Sandi brought butterfly-shaped pieces of clay and the girls decorated them before they were fired and returned to them at the end of term – they all looked amazing. The girls are always so delighted to make something from 'proper pottery' and we're grateful to Sandi for giving up so much time to enable us to do this.

We had a fun visit from the local Neighbourhood Police team. We learned about Stranger Danger, shouted 'hello' to the control room on PCSO Tom's radio and had a look at the team's van. As ever, the most popular view was from the inside of the cell. Being 'locked in' is always the highlight of the visit, along with operating the sirens (sorry Barford) and thank you to Martin at The George for letting us use the pub car park. The visit was immediately before Deddington Rocks, so Tom, the PCSO, had a stream of Rainbows telling him they'd just seen him in Barford; mission of showing that the Police are friendly and approachable accomplished.

We finished the term with a water fight, making the most of the glorious weather. It was great fun with enthusiastic participation from parent helpers.

We ended with the wettest enrollment ceremony ever, pinning promise badges on the swimming-costumes of Ellie, Isabella, Abi and Lottie and said goodbye to Izzy, Lizzie, Milly and Daisy-May who move to Brownies, and Lucy who has moved to Norfolk with her family.

We return in September with lots of brand new Rainbows.

Hazel Neal 337822, hmkn@sky.com

Photographic Society

At the August club night, Colin Harrison gave a presentation entitled 'Digital Adventure - Gold Medal images'. Colin is a very experienced photographer, the winner of numerous awards and an accredited international

judge of photographic work. He seeks the unusual - an interesting angled shot, use of reflections, low level camera work, opportunistic street photography. A typical day's photo-shoot may result in several thousand digital images from which he will select perhaps a dozen that have potential. He then works on each of these to increase its photographic qualities and appeal.

Colin took his audience through the stages of one of his actual photo-shoots, illustrating both his camera work and the selection criteria for his preferred photographs. He demonstrated some of the post-production techniques used to enhance the image and turn it into a potential exhibition photograph. Finally, Colin showed a number of his exhibition photographs that demonstrated his eye for creativity, and which had won past awards. A most interesting and frank presentation by an accomplished photographer.

The next club night is on 4 September when Pete Mitchell will give a presentation on 'World Travel Images'. There is a studio workshop on 18 September when members can experience taking indoor photographs of live models using studio lights. All are welcome to these evenings, which are held at 7.30 pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho.

Richard Broadbent 338173

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1st Deddington Guides

This was an action packed term – one of our favourite meetings – backwoodsman cooking with foil parcels, sausages on sticks, muffins in orange skin – great fun.

We put our fire-lighting and outdoor cooking skills to the test when taking the Brownies on a 'sausage sizzle'. Lots of excitement and enthusiasm. Guides did very well teaching the Brownies and explaining safety around the fire. Several Guides have gained their Traditions of Guiding badge.

The Rangers visited us and told us about what the Guides can do in the senior section. There are many opportunities ahead once Guides are over 14. One of the senior Guides is now going to Ranger meetings and in the autumn will go to Paris for five days where the Rangers are planning days out to the Eiffel Tower and Disneyland.

Older Guides have had a go at using trangias – lightweight stoves – and younger Guides experienced an afternoon camp in a lovely setting. It was great fun and lots of skills learnt – thanks to Robert and June Stilgoe.

During an 'incident' hike, the Guides, in patrols, had to carry water from the river, follow a quiz, pass a checkpoint test and deal with a mock first aid incident. Apologies to evening walkers in Adderbury who came upon the dramatic scene in a field.

Last but not least some of the Guides and leaders slept under the stars at Horley Scout Camp. We joined many other Guides, Rangers and leaders for

CALLING MORE CLUBS

the Cherwell Division patrol competition. After hot chocolate and marshmallows we settled down for the night. We fell asleep about 1am under a glorious clear, starry sky and woke around 4am as it was light and the birds were singing. After breakfasting together we all went home (for many, a snooze, I think).

Yet to come – stream walking, traditionally our end of year meeting, and then camp at North Aston. It's going to be brilliant.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Marian Trinder 340806

Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008

Women's Institute

Our July visit to Tyntesfield was a most successful day. The weather was good; the coach was comfortable. Our members and friends enjoyed the journey, house and grounds.

At our August meeting Rosemary Phillimore gave us a talk on 'Cycling the World'. It was a warts and all talk, including tales of saddle sores, but the trip acted a cure for her husband's arthritic knees. It was a very lively evening although most of us felt onlooker participation was the way to go. At our 10 September meeting we will have a talk on the 'History of Witney Blankets'. Visitors are always welcome. Call Beryl Suckling 337385.

Julia Hobbs

Deddington Town Colts

The new season starts on 7 and 8 September 2013 with twelve teams. The under 7s/under 6s train on Saturday mornings, and the under 8 team, two under 9s and an under 10s team play seven-a-side matches. We have two under 11 teams and an under 12 side who play 9-a-side football. At 11-a-side football, we have two under 13s teams, an under 14s team and an under 16s team. It is a great achievement for a village club to have so many players participating in football every week from under 6s up to the adult teams.

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, <http://www.deddingtontownfc.com/>.

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

Deddington Town Football Club

It's been another eventful summer in the 125-year history of Deddington Town. As if winning the Premier Division was not enough, the anniversary celebration at the Windmill Centre went down a storm, before another, more metaphorical storm threatened to engulf the club.

With First Team Manager Andy Morris leaving, the search was on for a saviour, and the black-and-white knight was Robin Gardner. With extensive experience

in coaching local young talent, the hope is that his expertise will see a seamless transfer to spur a successful defence of their crown. As for the Reserves, it's business as usual, with gentle giant Jason Tustain continuing his tenure, hoping to enjoy a slightly more comfortable season in Division One for his charges. Saturdays from now on are decided: Windmill Centre, 2.30pm. You know what to do.

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

Deddington Badminton Club

The Club starts its new season on Tuesday 3 September. We play every Tuesday at the Windmill Community Centre from 7.30pm and new members are welcome, with some experience preferred. We have men's and ladies' teams and we are very friendly and sociable so come on down.

Juniors start on Tuesday 10 September at 6pm and new members aged 9 and above are also welcome.

If you would like more information please email deddingtonbc@hotmail.co.uk.

**Peter Tindale
tindale63@btinternet.com**

Book Club

At our meeting in July we discussed *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Interestingly, this well-known classic produced some widely differing views. Many loved it for its language, humour and character study, while others found the story uninteresting and the style of writing disappointing. We agreed that it would have been very popular in its day but, after the television series and the film, it had become over exposed. Much of the story is related, with great effect, through letters, and this gave us cause to dwell on how the art of letter writing seems to have been lost. We also noted how dramatically the use of the English language has changed since the book was written. Our approval rating ranged from very high to very low and averaged out at 7 out of 10.

The next book is *Hotel du Lac* by Anita Brookner and the next meeting is on 26 September.

Sally Lambert 338094

Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

We hope that all the *DN* readers have enjoyed the summer and that the *DN* production team has enjoyed a well-earned break.

At the Royal British Legion we are dedicated to providing help and support to all Service people and their dependants from earlier and current conflicts. We support them physically, mentally and financially – our biggest fundraiser is the Poppy Appeal leading up to Remembrance Sunday, which this year is on 10 November. If there are any villagers who can help us during this busy period, I would be pleased to hear from them.

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Membership of the Royal British Legion is open to all above the age of 17 – there is no requirement to be serving now or previously in the armed forces. Membership at Deddington includes the Club with all its facilities. The membership year runs from 1 October. Anyone joining now will have membership valid to 30 September 2014. Fees for 2013-2014 are £19.00 with a reduction for pensioners to £14.00 (men 65 and over, women 60 and over on 1 October). Anyone interested can contact me or visit the club on any Friday evening from 7.30pm or any Saturday or Sunday from noon.

Existing members are reminded that subscriptions are due on 1 October. Please renew as soon as possible after that date.

Jean Morris Branch Secretary 338143
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Deddington Brass

In recent months the band has played at both the Katharine House and Deddington Open Gardens. We continue to attract new members and we would welcome more. We rehearse on Monday nights (7-9 pm) in Deddington Church and all brass players (any standard) are very welcome to join us. If you're not sure, please come and sit in for a practice and see if you like us. We have discovered that there was a band in Deddington around the turn of the nineteenth century. There are a couple of pictures on Deddington OnLine but can anyone tell us more?

Lucy Squires
338442

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

We finished the summer term with the Cubs gaining their Naturalist badge – a hedge survey and pine cone bird feeders. They visited Castle Grounds after a tour of the village and designed their own coat of arms for the Local Knowledge badge and spent a wet evening in Daeda's Wood building a very impressive shelter.

Some Cubs went to the county camp at Thame (see Scouts).

Matthew, Archie, Ryan and James have all gained their Silver Award and we are looking forward to them starting at Scouts, with Joe, next term.

Jo Churchyard CSL
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Scouts

Scouts have spent this term outside, as they should do. They gained their Athlete badge, spent several evenings in Daeda's Wood and played a version of Pacman round the village, but the camps dominated the last few months.

We started with 'The 24': the Scouts walked (unsupervised) with their kit to Horley, where they camped overnight and cooked their own meals on camping

stoves (they carried those as well). Next day they walked to Banbury to bus back to Deddington.

'Aqua Camp' came next, a weekend of all things water - sailing, canoeing, kayaking and dragon boating. Always a great camp, even the weather wasn't too bad.

The last camp was 'One World' held at Thame showground, 4,000 plus from all the sections across the county with lots of activities and entertainment and very hot weather.

Coming soon – a night at the museum.

Pete Churchyard SL
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Deddington and District History Society

The Society exists to promote interest in the history and archaeology of this area especially, but also, more widely. It seems as though the society was formed only recently yet, remarkably, we are about to enter our sixteenth season of lectures. Our Meetings Secretary, Jill Adams, has once again arranged a terrific programme for us. We commence on Wednesday 11 September with a talk by Carol Anderson of the Oxfordshire Museum at Woodstock on 'Glovemaking in Oxfordshire'. Glovemaking was once a major source of employment in this district, for women especially. Deerskin from Woodstock (later Blenheim) Park provided raw material for the gloves.

Our speaker on 9 October will be Colin Cohen, founder-member of our society and a committee member until his recent move from Barford to Leamington Spa. He will speak about his late father, Kenneth Cohen, 'The Spy I Hardly Knew'.

As ever, all will be welcome at our meetings which take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre.

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| Wed | 2 | Photo Society: Members' Club evening, 'Street Photography', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 3 | Deddington Festival 2014: Open Forum, Unicorn Function Room, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 4 | Hempton Social Night, Church Hall, 6.30pm |
| Sat | 5 | Hempton Harvest Supper, Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm |
| Mon | 7 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am-12noon |
| Tue | 8 | WI: Harvest Supper and Auction, Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 9 | Fairtrade Preview, Parish Church, 11am-1pm |
| Wed | 9 | History Society: Colin Cohen, his father's work, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Holidays are being fondly recalled although fading in the memory and the number of shopping days until Christmas being counted down – actually this annual talking point is outdated in this day and age – every day is a shopping day and in this ‘t’interweb’ age every shopping day is 24 hours long – so you only need a calendar to calculate ... sorry I digress.

As I write this, many residents of Lower Larkrise are still away enjoying Monroes, grouse shooting and the Edinburgh fringe, while Sam Colley continues in his unique way of getting married as his stag weekend draws to a close. Those of you who read and remember this drivel will recall Sam got married two months ago, but some of us think that if Jen’s family had met Sam’s friends beforehand he would still be a bachelor. On the subject of the Colleys, I must tender an apology. I reported in May that Ron was an Essex boy. He is not. Having watched *The Only Way is Essex* I now realise this is a travesty to those born north of the Thames estuary. Ron claims Scottish ancestry and is hopeful of a call-up to the Scottish Aunt Sally team.

On the subject of Una Stubbs it troubles me greatly to report the Duck’s team are currently third in the league with two matches left and the team above being their last opponents. They have won more legs than they have lost and all this following promotion in their first year. This all smacks of competence – in fact reports have reached your correspondent of practice

sessions. This is far from the Corinthian spirit of bungling but good-humoured incompetence many of us expected. Still it keeps them off the streets.

Campaigning abounds in various corners and the Chapel Close six are beavering away, but PC Jen Culley is looking for volunteers, from Clifton initially, and then parish wide, to restart the season of Speed Watch activities. This requires a team of at least four volunteers turning out with a Thames Valley Police uniform to measure speeds of traffic. Those breaking the speed limit will have their registration, make, model and driver description taken. The registered keeper will be written to and if they have been ‘caught’ once before they will be warned that any future transgression will result in Traffic Police targeting their vehicle for enforcement.

The data will also show if there is a speed problem and Traffic Police will plan future enforcement activities accordingly. Speeding is now a Rural Police team priority – but they need our help with the current funding pressure they are under. It’s a 2–3 hour session, the time arranged around volunteer availability. If you are interested let me know.

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Open Gardens, Allotments and Castle Grounds 22–23 June in aid of Deddington Festival

Visitors from the Parish and further afield were united in their praise, both for the stunning gardens, delicious cakes and teas that were served in several gardens, and also for the warm and friendly welcome they received everywhere.

Visitors who had wandered around Satin Lane allotments once again commented on how the site had grown. This of course is due to the enthusiasm of plot holders and the Allotment Committee.

Many commented on the wonderful Brass Band music that could be heard down in New Street and High Street. It was very kind of Deddington Brass Band to give up their time to entertain us.

Although the weather was unsettled and also other events were taking place over the weekend, I am delighted to report that the Open Gardens ticket sales raised a staggering £820.50 – this sum will now go towards next year’s Festival programme.

My grateful thanks go to all garden owners, allotment holders, stewards, Deddington Brass Band and the Deddington Flower Shop, all of whom made the Open Gardens, Allotments and Castle Grounds an enjoyable event.

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PTA

The PTA finished a wonderful year of events and fundraising with a gloriously sunny day at the fête. So many people came to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon. ‘Splat the teacher’ was particularly popular and, by the end of the afternoon, most of the teachers had been thoroughly splatted! There was plenty to eat and drink and many different stalls and games to enjoy. We would like to thank everyone who came along to support the school. We raised a fantastic total of over £4,000. Thank you to everyone who ran a stall, the market team who lent us the stalls and were there at set up and take down, and to everyone who helped in so many different ways. Particular thanks go to the wonderful helpers and committee who worked so hard and without whom the fête could not have happened.

The fête was just one of the events that we ran over the year and the wonderful news is that we have been able to realise our goal of purchasing, amongst other things, a new play area, which will be ready and waiting at the beginning of the school year, and other equipment to support the outdoor facilities at the school.

Some autumn dates for your diaries: on 28 September we will be hosting a race night and the annual fireworks display will be on 2 November.

Good luck to all the children and teachers as they begin another exciting year at school. We look forward to many fun events with you all. Thank you again for all your support.

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GEEK DAD

I love taking the occasional photo. Despite resisting the inevitable for ages, I will now be the first to admit that having a camera in my phone has proven massively convenient on any number of occasions. Of course, the auto-focus takes four seconds to work and so I take ninety-nine blurred photos of my whirlwind daughter for every one that's in focus but I've learned never to expect miracles from technology. Besides, my even older digital SLR camera can't be beaten for that instantaneous taking of pictures even if it is a huge lumpen thing by comparison.

But camera-phones have evolved faster than the internet over the last three years. What are my options these days? Can I trade my DSLR and current phone in for a new camera-phone with a faster point, click and focus? Well, in a nutshell, camera-phones have improved a lot but can you replace the DSLR too? No. Camera-phones still don't have the versatility and control of a dedicated DSLR and probably never will. However, for those of us happy to point and click rather than set up a tripod, fiddle with white balance, focal depth and lens types, things are on the up. Single function pocket cameras are currently introducing new features such as taking multiple photos per click and focussing the picture after it has been taken - surely both of these features will find their ways into the latest phones from Samsung, Apple and Nokia in a year or two.

They are certainly integrating the evermore powerful sensors from pro-level cameras already. Some camera-phones now take 41 megapixel photos. That's five times larger than the photos my DSLR takes, so that must be good, right? Well, maybe. You'll certainly need a lot of spare hard drive capacity to store them and larger USB sticks to take them for printing. On-

line services will currently take one look at them and respond 'Haha! Nice try. So where's your actual photo file then?'. Of course, you can set the camera to squish (super-sample is the word they use) your big photos into regular-sized ones with 'deeper, better colours' based on 'more colour information than the human eye can perceive'. Which is nice.

Gripes about the PR hyperbole and storage concerns aside, the supersize camera requires a lot more technology to take the photo in the first place, resulting in a more DSLR-like handgrip to one side of their host camera-phones. It would seem phones finally cannot be thinner than a gnat's whisker and feel like they'll snap like a twig with any more pressure applied to them than a slight drop into your pocket. And for we humble mortals that simply can't afford the high-tariff contracts for the high-end phones, it's great to see a much improved set of camera features across phones at all price ranges. We get image stabilisation to reduce the blur from our shaky hands pressing the too-tiny shutter button, faster-focus lenses, and better image processing software as standard. Want to lose that redeye? Done. Going for the arty black and white shot? Easy. Need a full-circle panorama? Every new camera will now give you visual aids to keep your camera level and the software to stitch all that graphic information into a decent photo five seconds later. It used to take 18 to 24 shots with the DSLR and ten minutes post-processing when I got home. Ain't progress grand?

Right then. I'm off down to Carphone Warehouse to haggle. Other mobile phone stores are available. Happy future photography.

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Deddington Parish Show

The Show is on Saturday 7 September in the church, so if you or the children haven't got going yet on exhibits for any of the classes, you may just have time. The green Show programmes with entry forms at the back can be found in the church porch, the library, the Co-op and the Flower Shop. There are 97 classes, 18 of them for children only, so a great range of gardening skills and creativity will be shown.

Completed entry forms need to be returned to me by 10.00pm on Wednesday 4 September at Market Place Cottage on the south side of the Market Place.

If you are not entering anything this year, do come and view the exhibits and support the stalls and raffle – and, of course, have tea. See you there – it's open to the public at 2.00pm.

Wendy Burrows
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Parish Council Correspondent

We are looking for a replacement for Charles Barker who has diligently (and often entertainingly) reported on PC affairs since December 2007. Not surprisingly, he feels he has done his time.

We need someone who can usually attend the monthly PC meetings (at different venues each month) and take notes on the proceedings. In recent years the PC has been highly supportive of *DN* and has provided the working groups' reports for us at each meeting so that detailed information is already there.

Depending on the timing of the PC meeting and the production week for *DN*, there may be a need to email copy to the editor within 24 hours but there is a little more grace if the PC meeting falls earlier.

We feel this is an important service for the parish. The notes we produce are not minutes but an overview of the main items likely to be of interest to our readers.

If you think you would be up for this little challenge, please contact me by email or phone: editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk or 338609.

Jill Cheeseman

Musical Notes

The autumn series of concerts in Deddington Church begins on Saturday 14 September at 7.30pm with a welcome return of Corona Strings conducted by Janet Lincé. A dream concert will bring us the 'Glory of the Baroque'. Top composers of that wonderful period in music's history will be present: the inimitable JS Bach with his B minor Suite No. 2, but also his son CPE Bach with his Flute concerto in A major, featuring soloist Katy Bircher; Telemann's take on Don Quixote, and Corelli's Concerto Grosso No 4 from his superb Op 6 set, complete the programme. If you love Baroque music, you won't want to miss this concert, and if you don't know what it's all about, then come along and

be surprised and enchanted.

Surprise of a very different sort awaits you in the second concert, a month later on Saturday 12 October, same place, same time. Graffiti Classics will have you laughing out loud at their hilarious all-singing, all-dancing, all-playing comedy cabaret. Put the date in your diary now. More detail in next month's *DN*. The flyer in this *DN* gives notes about further concerts for the rest of the year, but if you mislay that, I send out an email reminder a week before each concert, so if you would like that, please let me have your details.

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Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

We spent the last few weeks of the summer term preparing the children for the PFSU and school.

The PFSU children visited the Deddington allotments where they saw different fruits and vegetables growing and fed some hens. We celebrated the end of their pre-school career with a party.

Thanks to the organisers and supporters of the Sixties night, held on 13 July. Over £4,500 was raised which is absolutely brilliant. Summer holiday club has continued and the children have had fun finding out about pirates, magic and under the sea.

Lucy Squires 338442

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Planning Consultations

Your opportunity to influence the future of our community

The Parish council has decided to take advantage of the government's policy of encouraging 'Localism' by the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. This is a unique opportunity for all sections of the community (residents, young people, clubs, societies, businesses, landowners etc) to help to shape the future of our three villages. There will be a series of surveys and meetings over an extended period. The aim is to learn from the community what people like, what they dislike, what are the key issues and to gather ideas for making Deddington, Clifton and Hempton even better places to live.

We'd like to hear people's views about housing needs and the location of new homes. But the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan is much broader. The community's opinions will also be sought on other aspects of the quality of life such as recreational facilities, education, public transport, parking, open spaces, design etc.

Following the consultation process, which will be extensive, a draft plan will be produced for public comment. The resultant plan will then need to be independently examined. At the end of the process, the plan must be supported by a majority of the community in a local referendum.

The success of the plan is dependent on the community's active support. We encourage everyone to try to find the time to become involved in some way so we know your thoughts and aspirations for the future of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton.

The consultation exercise will be led by five working groups of volunteers on Housing, Community, Movement & Transport, Environment, and Business & Economy. These groups are in the process of being set-up and you are very welcome to join. If you would like to become involved, or to learn more, please complete and return the slip below or follow the online instructions at www.deddingtonneighbourhoodplan.org.

With your help we hope the working groups will be inspired to produce a Neighbourhood Plan to create a thriving and successful community fit for the twenty-first century.

Please return to Ms Lorraine Watling, Clerk to Deddington Parish Council
Windmill Centre, Hempton Road, Deddington, Oxon. OX15 0QH

From: Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

I should like more information about joining one of the working groups (please tick):

- ☐ Housing ☐ Community ☐ Movement & Transport ☐ Environment
☐ Business & Economy

OR I should like to be involved and could contribute the following skill(s) _____