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# the Deddington news

Hedges are going green, trees are leafing out, fields are starting to green, lambs are everywhere, in spite of the Schmallenberg virus, and English asparagus is here. Perhaps spring has finally sprung. In the community, planning is well under way for both the primary school's fête (page 12) and for an expanded Deddington Festival – the usual favourites and a wide range of family-friendly new activities (page 16).

## MAY

- Wed 1 Photographic Society: Alan Fretton, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm  
Fri 3 DOGS: Tadmorton Heath Golf Club, 9.30am–4.30pm  
Fri 3 Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 6.30pm  
Mon 6 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon  
Tue 7 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm  
Wed 8 History Society: Liz Woolley, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm  
Wed 8 Annual Parish Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm  
Thu 9 Deddington Youth Club: AGM, Windmill Centre, 6pm  
Thu 9 Monday Morning Film Club: *Les Misérables* or *Quartet*, Holly Tree, 6.30pm  
Sat 11 RBL: Bingo, RBL Hall, 8pm  
Tue 14 WI: Alison Nicholson, 'Springhill Farm and Gardens', Holly Tree, 7.30pm  
Wed 15 Annual PC Meeting and PC Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm  
Wed 15 Photographic Society: Skills Workshop, Simon Lutter, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm  
Sat 18 Concert: Chipping Norton Choral Society, Parish Church, 7.30pm  
Sat 18 RBL: Disco, RBL Hall, 9pm  
Tue 21 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm  
Sat 25 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9am–12.30pm  
Sat 25 Concert: Steve Miller presents 'Abba Magic', Parish Church, 7.15pm  
Sun 26 RBL: Barbecue 1pm, Pool Challenge 3pm, RBL Hall  
Wed 29 Concert: 'To Santiago for Tsogo', Parish Church, 7pm  
Thu 30 Book Club: call Sally Lambert, 338094, 7.30pm  
Fri 31 Friends of Deddington Church: Valuation Day, Holloway's experts, Parish Church, 10am–4pm

## JUNE

- Mon 3 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon  
Tue 4 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm  
Tue 4 History Society: Syresham History Society visit Deddington, Parish Church, 7pm (tbc)

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Wednesday 17 April 2013 in the Church Hall, Hempton

The meeting was chaired by Alan Collins, with a good turnout of councillors and nine members of the public, including a team from Savills Oxford to discuss an alternative proposal to the Pegasus planning application. The meeting was informed that Aaron Bliss has resigned because of pressure of work. The new Deddington Conservative candidate for the OCC, Arash Fatemian, was present for part of the meeting.

#### Open Forum

David French, of the Deddington Development Watch (DDW), drew attention to changes to the Cherwell Development Plan which could result in more, rather than less, development.

The Savills team addressed the meeting, wishing to promote an alternative development plan for the Fuller family owned land to the north of Earl's Lane. Few details were provided except to specify the site and that it would be low density. Richard Broadbent of Earl's Lane suggested that the Savills development would have a devastating impact on the environment of Deddington. Simon Bolton and Rebecca Warwick, both Hempton residents were concerned about continuing problems of speeding.

#### Planning

Pegasus Development: a detailed objection to the development has been prepared for submission to CDC by DDW. The work of the group was commended by the PC which agreed to cover DDW's costs up to £230. The group met Tony Baldry who is looking at the law regarding the local government planning application and approval process. He is encouraging Deddington to produce a Parish Development Plan. The decision had already been taken not to produce such a plan and it may be necessary to review this decision.

Earl's Lane development: a PC/DDW group will meet Savills and report back to the next meeting with more detail.

New planning applications:

Gaslight, Earl's Lane: a single storey side extension, conditional approval.

Russell House, New Street: re-grading of existing driveway and road access, conditional approval.

Castle Lodge, Castle Street: vertical side extension, conditional approval.

#### Environment & Recreation

An ecological survey of the Castle Grounds site is proposed, particularly looking for adders, deer, bats, badgers, and rabbits.

The contribution of £1,500 by the DN towards the cost of replacing the Horse Fair and Hempton noticeboards was acknowledged.

The PTA has offered to replace the noticeboard outside the school.

Work to complete the dry stone walling on the Castle Grounds will be undertaken on 15 June and 21 July.

#### Highways & Transport

In spite of the OCC-subsidised bus budget being cut by £250,000, all the parish services are to be maintained. On some routes the service is being improved although the new timetables have not yet been published.

In an attempt to combat the continuing problem of speeding in Hempton, highlighted in the 'Open Forum' by Simon Bolton and Rebecca Warwick, the OCC is going to survey the location of traffic-calming gates, with costs being the responsibility of the PC. The police have made Hempton a priority location for the road policing department.

The illegal parking problem at the lower end of New Street in the area of the double white lines was discussed. So far it appears the police have ignored the problem in spite of complaints. The PC is to take up the problem with TVP Officer Miller.

#### Fibre optic broadband

It was recommended and agreed that the PC office and the Windmill Centre should be connected to the fibre optic network at a cost of £10 per month.

OCC is monitoring the repair and restoration of roads and pavements following installation of fibre optic cabling.

Permission was given for the Deddington coat of arms to be used on the order of service at the dedication of the war memorial plaque on 16 June.

Invoices totalling £2,818 were agreed for payment in April.

Investments of £551,396 were with Barclays, Santander and NatWest Banks.

**The Annual Parish Meeting will be on 8 May in the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm.**

**Next PC Meeting at 7.30pm on 15 May in the Windmill Centre.** This will also be the annual general meeting.

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These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter, Charles Barker, and not the official minutes, for which see <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/minutes>.

## Love ... Natural ... Food

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

### In May I am eating ... asparagus

Asparagus season is upon us. Hurrah (virtual air punch). I don't know about you, but I find it very exciting when British asparagus begins to appear on restaurant menus and in our local farm shops. It feels like Mother Nature's nod to brush off the cobwebs and step into early summer. And not a minute too soon, wouldn't you agree? The asparagus season in the UK is a mere eight weeks – as quickly as it arrives on our shelves, it disappears again. So take advantage while you can. It may be a little pricier than other vegetables but, in my opinion, it's well worth the extra.

**About:** Asparagus must be cultivated for three years before it produces its first crop. British asparagus is green in colour, compared to the white asparagus which is grown by some of our continental friends. It comes in the form of long, thin spears – the thinner the spear, the younger and more tender the shoot.

**Season:** British asparagus is available between May and June.

**How to choose:** Choose spears with tight tips and firm stalks. The stalks should snap, not bend. Fresh from ground to plate, newly-picked asparagus is far more nutritious and flavoursome than that which is air-

freighted. This is because asparagus perishes quickly once picked as the sugars begin to turn to starch.

**How to prepare:** Remove the woody end of longer, older asparagus by bending the spear three quarters of the way down the stalk until it snaps. Be sure to cook this little vegetable with care. Blanched for a couple of minutes in boiling water until tender is all it needs. Super fresh asparagus is lovely raw, peeled lengthways into salads. Add to risottos, mix with pasta or simply eat steamed with a good glug of olive oil, a grinding of fresh pepper and a few shavings of parmesan.

If you are looking for something a little different, try Marcus Bean's asparagus and crab linguine, available on the British Asparagus website.

Alternatively, Jamie Oliver's creamy asparagus soup might hit the spot, recipe available on his website.

For all things asparagus and a bit more recipe inspiration, have a look at the British Asparagus website ([www.british-asparagus.co.uk](http://www.british-asparagus.co.uk)).

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## DEDDINGTON DEVELOPMENT WATCH

### Update on Potential Housing Developments

#### A. Pegasus planning application

A very big thank you to all those residents who wrote to Cherwell District Council with their views on the Pegasus application to build 85 houses. CDC has received over 300 letters from residents, all bar five opposing the plans. The application is due to be decided by the CDC Planning Committee at 4.00pm on Thursday 16 May at Bodicote House. Members of the public are welcome to attend. We would encourage as many residents as possible to come in order to impress on the councillors the strength of public feeling.

#### B. Earl's Lane 'ridge and furrow' field

Proposals have emerged for the development of the five acre field north of Earl's Lane. This has the capacity for 60 homes at 30 dwellings per hectare. More information will be posted on the website when available.

#### C. Cherwell Local Plan

##### **Proposed changes**

CDC is now consulting on further changes to the Local Plan before it is submitted to the Secretary of State. The deadline for public comments is 23 May.

The proposed changes most relevant to Deddington are summarised below:

1. Deddington and five other villages are expected to take 252 homes (on sites of 10 or more) between now and 31.3.2018. We are grouped with Adderbury, Hook Norton, Ambrosden, Chesterton and Launton for this purpose.
2. The revised housing allocation is said to be in 'the interests of meeting local housing need in rural areas', except that this is not defined.
3. The number of houses to be allocated to each village will be decided by CDC. There is no longer a provision that housing allocations will be divided 'broadly equally' between the villages – this has been deleted.
4. Although the revised housing allocation is said to be for the period 2012–2031, it is 'front-loaded' so that all 252 houses are expected to be built by 2017/18. Under the previous housing trajectory, completions were

relatively evenly spread over the entire plan period.

5. There is a minimum site size (10 dwellings), but no maximum. These sites may be within or outside settlement limits, raising the prospect of permitting building on 'greenfield' sites.

6. 'Windfall' developments (of fewer than 10 dwellings) within built-up limits (minor development, infilling and conversions) do not count against the revised housing allocation.

##### **Issues**

The proposed changes are likely to leave rural villages like Deddington more exposed to inappropriate development:

1. There is no limit on the size of developments in rural villages.
2. There is nothing to ensure that developments are responsive to local housing need rather than the dormitory needs of commuters.
3. Rural completions are 'front-loaded' with no housing allocation after 2018 which is not credible.

CDC needs to be persuaded to resolve these vulnerabilities by:

4. Limiting the size of individual rural developments to (say) 20 dwellings.
5. Requiring planning applications to be accompanied by a local housing needs assessment for the village concerned.
6. Adopting an incremental approach to rural growth by providing for relatively even completions over the full plan period up to 2031.

##### **Have your Say**

If you would like to comment on the proposed changes, please write to CDC Strategic Planning, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA or email [planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk). You should say the changes are 'unsound because they are not justified'. **The deadline for public comments is 5.00pm on Thursday 23 May.** There is fuller information on the *Deddington OnLine* website.

***Deddington Development Watch***

***[deddingtondevelopmentwatch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:deddingtondevelopmentwatch@hotmail.co.uk)***

## DEDDINGTON PARISH MEETING

Roll up, roll up! The Deddington Parish Meeting will be held at the Windmill Centre on Wednesday 8 May.

It's a chance for all parishioners to catch up on what the Parish Council has been doing all year, to air your views about planning, your hopes and aspirations for the parish and anything else that needs attention.

In the mean time, we've been urged in the interest of the villages to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. If we do decide to go ahead with this, we'll need a lot of volunteers: there'll be lots of work, lots of summaries to

write, lots of leaflets to deliver, lots of ideas to sift and new ones to dream up – with, very likely, few thanks but a warm glow that you are helping the community and creating a future for all.

If you'd like to volunteer please reply by email to [deddingtonplanningresponses@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:deddingtonplanningresponses@yahoo.co.uk) or write to the Parish Clerk at the Windmill Centre, Hempton Road, Deddington, OX15 0QH.

***Alan Collins***  
***Parish Council Chair***



## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### Services for May

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Wed	1	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	2	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	5	10.30am	Benefice Eucharist at Caulcutt Farms, Hempton
		6.30pm	Evensong
Wed	8	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	9	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	12	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Tue	14	6.00pm	Eucharist
Wed	15	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	16	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	19	10.30am	Eucharist
Wed	22	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	23	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	26	9.30am	Eucharist followed by Interactive Café Church at 10.15am
Wed	29	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	30	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
		6.00pm	Eucharist
Fri	31	6.00pm	Eucharist

#### St John's Hempton

Sun	5	10.30am	Rogation, (College Farm, Duns Tew Road)
Thu	9	7.30pm	Eucharist
Sun	19	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	26	6.00pm	Evensong

#### Barford St Michael

Sun	12	10.30am	Family Service
Sun	26	4.00pm	Evensong

#### From the Parish Registers

##### Baptisms

30 March	Kian Jack Neville Byrne Lee Daniel Byrne Victoria Kate Risato
31 March	Alfred John Shaw

##### Thanksgiving for Marriage

6 April	Di and Dave Keats
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##### Funerals

9 April	Joan Lewis
26 April	Bryan Humphries

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](http://www.deddingtonchurch.org).

#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton  
Sun 26 May Maurice Nichols

**Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

#### RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

**Fr John Burns 277396**

**Parish Deacon Rev R Hughes 01295 720869**

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>.

## THE TWITTERATI

In February 2009, an aircraft landed short of the runway at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport and burst into flames. News channels despatched reporters immediately but it was a man in the terminal nearby taking photos and uploading them to the internet via Twitter that had exclusive coverage for the first hour or so. The ubiquity of Twitter and social reportage had begun. Now every reporter and programme has a website, Facebook page and Twitter account of their own and everyone can interact with everyone else on social websites.

We can still have natters over the garden fence to catch up on the gossip, but now there are virtual fences as well where we can natter with friends or the world in general.

Sites like Facebook, Twitter, Bebo and others make it very easy to share your news and keep up to date with your friends and family.

Just remember the golden rule – what's said online is public. There's a lot to be gained in using Facebook for local information, or indeed any other social network for specific information, but if you're worried about joining in the conversation, then don't until you feel you have something to say. The best part of the internet is that you can contribute as much or as little as you like.

If you haven't already, join Facebook and search for Deddington. You'll find a page there for nearly every organisation listed in the *DN*, all kept up to date. Read what's going and join in the conversation. It will be great to have you there.

**Dan Maharry, [danm@hmobius.com](mailto:danm@hmobius.com)**

## DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

So where do we go from here? After almost 12 months of below average temperatures and above average rainfall, the coldest March for 50 years and three weeks of a cold searing east wind that gave a constant chill factor of minus ten, we really are in uncharted territory. The ewes came in at the end of November because of the constant flooding, and have remained inside for almost five months, becoming a little stir crazy. The lambing got off to a very difficult start, but things started to pick up during the third week of March, and we have ended up with a better than expected fall of lambs. Because of the snow and extreme cold, we were unable to turn any of the ewes and lambs away as we would have lost a lot of lambs to hypothermia. However we have now been forced through lack of space to put the strongest ewes and their lambs out into the paddocks, but with the lack of any grass growth they are still on full winter rations. For the first time in almost 40 years we have run out of hay and are having to buy in extra to keep the livestock fed.

The arable crop situation is no better. The autumn-planted oilseed rape has put on no growth since late October and is unlikely to produce a viable crop. The winter wheat is beginning to green up and lose its cold weather purple tinge, but it has had 'wet feet' ever since it was planted, so the jury is out as to how it will yield. The bees have fared better than I expected and we have only lost a few of the weaker hives. With the very

late spring, few early spring flowers have come out and, to date, with none of the willow or sycamore trees coming into flower, the bees are on emergency rations to keep them going. But it's not all doom and gloom: the cold east wind dried out the ground and we have been able to get some field work done to plant spring crops to replace the ones that did not make the winter.

So not a very good start to 2013, but things are beginning to look up. We have lost that cold east wind and the mercury has started to climb. The Clifton Sea is now on the ebb and the curlews have returned to the valley, as have the swallows to the farmyard. The brimstone butterflies are on the wing and the trout are on the rise, so perhaps things are not as bad as they seem.

Sadly however, due to a recently discovered health problem, I will be on sick leave for the next two months. At least I will have the excuse to skive off and put a few trout in the freezer, sort out the stamp collection, and be back, firing on all cylinders, in time to put the Green Goddess through her paces. Who knows, by the time the medics have finished with me, I could be glowing in the dark and singing a few octaves higher than normal. Now that could be interesting.

**George Fenemore**

**338203**

*We send our very best wishes to George for a speedy return to health (Ed).*

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## A CUP OF MYSTERIES

This cup was discovered on the site of Archway Garage in New Street where the dental surgery is today. It dates from circa 1881–5, the era of the Deddington Coffee Tavern Company. It has an interesting shape set off by a white glaze with a red rim and attractive red 'logo'. The fact that it exists answers some of the questions posed by Ruth Johnson 14 years ago in her presentation of an extract from the Parish and Deanery Magazines of 1879 to 1930. She wrote in *Deddington News* October 1999:

'The opening of a Coffee Tavern in town was newsworthy enough to be included in the Vicar's New Year address in 1881. He writes to his parishioners: "A Change which we hope this year will bring, will be a COFFEE TAVERN. This movement is owing in a great measure to Capt Dashwood (of Duns Tew), who has taken great interest in the matter. The house will probably open about Lady Day. (Feast of the Annunciation, 25 March). Later that year the Tavern is reported as 'fairly supported' by the inhabitants and in September the Tavern Committee decided to purchase a Bagatelle table, which was placed in an upstairs room. News on the venture peters out until a short paragraph in May 1883 announces that "the Coffee Tavern has been re-opened under new management".'

On 18 January 1884 Capt Dashwood got up an excellent Dramatic Entertainment in aid of funds for the Tavern. With that report, news of the Tavern dries up. But not my curiosity! Maybe a *DN* reader can throw light on the Coffee Tavern movement? Capt Dashwood was a member of the family which – I'm told – owned land running from High Wycombe to Deddington at the turn of the last century. What was his interest in the Coffee Tavern movement? – And does anyone know which house in Deddington accommodated the Tavern?'

The coffee tavern movement has an interesting history. In the mid-17th century, coffee houses had been popular meeting places for men to acquaint themselves with the news and to discuss matters of mutual concern, untainted by the influence of alcohol. It became the start of what we would now describe as a news culture, a place for debate and financial deals. By the end of the 18th century however coffee houses were in decline. Political tensions across Europe had led to a tightening of government restrictions on public

gatherings and consequently the demise of debating societies.

In the mid-19th century however the Temperance Movement, encouraged by the Church, supported the coffee taverns. They were considered to be places for workers to enjoy a hot drink and companionship at midday, where thrift could be encouraged by the low cost of the beverages and the absence of alcohol to tempt spending. In 1880 a group of temperance enthusiasts founded the 'Deddington Coffee Tavern

Society' as announced in the vicar's address above.

To come back to the subject of where the cup was found, the deeds concerning the site of the Archway Garage show that in 1880 a William Kinch sold this property to a builder, John Matthews, for £150. The builder pulled down the existing structures, built new tenements and outbuildings and in 1881 re-sold the property to William Kinch for £450. What is interesting for us is that the conveyance document concerned refers to

these buildings as being 'now in the occupation of the Deddington Coffee Tavern Company'. However when William Kinch came to sell the property again in 1893 to a Mr Thrussell, it was stated that it had 'been in the occupation of Miss Emma Jennings for several years past'. This means the Coffee Tavern could not have lasted there very long.

So here are some mysteries. How long had this Coffee Tavern survived? Was that the end or were new premises found to extend its life for a while? It appears that the Coffee Tavern was not successful in the long-term despite the efforts of Capt Dashwood – and the installation of the bagatelle table. Perhaps public houses proved to be more popular both for the presence of alcohol and perhaps of women too.

It remained for Len Plumbe in the early 1960s to discover the cup whilst digging out the yard, by hand fortunately, to install two new fuel tanks. He thus rescued an intriguing piece of evidence which, together with the deeds, enriches our understanding of Deddington's past. Nothing seems to be known about Capt Dashwood of Duns Tew, an apparently innovative and enthusiastic character. I therefore join Ruth Johnson in asking whether anyone can tell us more about this supporter of the Deddington Coffee Tavern.

My grateful thanks to John Plumbe for the photograph and support with research.

**Hilary Smith 337813**





## MUSICAL NOTES

By the time you read this you will have had the chance to hear the North Cotswold Chamber Choir performing Handel's exciting *Israel in Egypt*.

This month we have another local choir, the Chipping Norton Choral Society, which will be bringing us, 'Dreams of the Summer Night', an evening of music by English composers.

With the strings of the Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra and local flautist Marion Ackrill, this enthusiastic amateur choir will perform *Pastoral* by Arthur Bliss, and the string players will treat us to Parry's *An English Suite for Strings*. The concert will include a premiere of *Adlestrop*, a piece commissioned from composer Colin Touchin to celebrate the 100th Chipping Norton Music Festival, with the choir accompanied by Bernard West.

Now that winter finally seems to have relinquished its grip, we hope many of you will turn out to hear this concert at 7.30pm in Deddington Church on Saturday 18 May. Tickets as usual are available on the door.

The following weekend there is another Steve Miller tribute, 'Abba Magic' and on Sunday 9 June the Adderbury Ensemble visits us again with pianist Viv McLean. More details in next month's *DN* and, as before, if you would like a reminder of musical events in the church, please join our mailing list by contacting me at [donald199@btinternet.com](mailto:donald199@btinternet.com).

Donald Lane

## Deddington PFSU and Nursery

We had a fun Easter holiday club and are now enjoying the long-awaited milder weather of the summer term. We hope to spend lots of time outside finding out about the world around us.

Dates for your diary include our PFSU and Nursery sports day on Friday 21 June, and our famous summer ball, which will be held on Saturday 13 July at the Windmill Centre. This year the theme will be Swinging Sixties and the evening will include a live band, a two course dinner and an auction. As ever, we're always looking for more volunteers to help us organise the event. So please let us know if you'd like to help. We'd like to say thank you to the Semple family of Barford for their generous donations to the nursery – these were much appreciated. We welcome Liza and Florence who return to the staff team.

Lucy Squires 337484

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

#### Visit to Tyntesfield

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## BLISSFUL THINKING



Horseless carriage – for when perambulation will just not cut the mustard. Viscous sticky black mucous flows through, pungent flammable fluid burns inside, belching out noxious exhaust fumes, and then they climb into an automobile. Aristotle once said: 'With clarity of mind and conscience of soul a man can accomplish anything ...

except parking his car in rush hour.' Of the many constraints which prevent absolute freedom, perhaps the two most impertinently obstinate are time and space. One cannot perform a thousand manoeuvres in the same split-second, nor can one learn all knowledge attained by mankind over even a lifetime; just as it is incongruous to cram many buildings into a small area and not plan for traffic congestion.

Perhaps mankind's greatest commodity, the car finds less and less accommodation in the modern world, inevitably leading to inappropriate ensconcing. While it can be amusing to see examples of parking which defy not just the Highway Code but all rhyme and reason, damaging kerbstones or grass verges amounts to pretty thoughtless despoilment, for the sake of a few more footsteps on your journey.

So while worshipping our magnificent machines, spare a thought for communal and private property, for despite the sense of invincibility they may lend, the world does not genuflect to the automobile. As tragic as it is, we are limited by space and cohabitation, where nature and people, despite their weaker dispositions, should always be considered of primary importance. Drive safely, and dock your shuttle sensibly.

**Aaron Bliss**

[aaronjbliss@hotmail.com](mailto:aaronjbliss@hotmail.com)

## Deddington History Matters

Deddington is remarkable for the number of societies, organisations and groups that cater for an impressive range of interests. The Deddington and District History Society (of which I am Chairman) is just one such. We have over the years acquired material relating to the history of the area: documents, photographs, printed material and so on. We need to make a decision about what we are to do with it all. Much of our and other material is available to be looked at, courtesy of Deddington OnLine, but much isn't and there is, in any case, a need to preserve the originals. Ideally, material will be catalogued and stored safely.

It seems that there must be many groups in the area facing a similar problem. The usual scenario is that whoever has the keeping of the material eventually transfers it to the attic, the garage or the garden shed. When the keeper moves house, or passes on in another sense, it is likely that the material will be lost,

discarded or destroyed. The purpose of this notice is to invite any groups which would like to preserve their collections, whether historical or other, to get together and pool resources. The aim is to provide a facility where all our material could be stored safely, for our use and for the use of generations to come.

There is also much material in private hands, such as property deeds, photographs and collections of ephemera. This too could be housed in an archive store. All material would remain the property of an individual or group, but its survival would be much better assured.

In the first place it would be useful if anyone potentially interested in making use of such a facility would contact me so that we can meet up to discuss what, where and how.

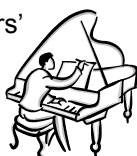
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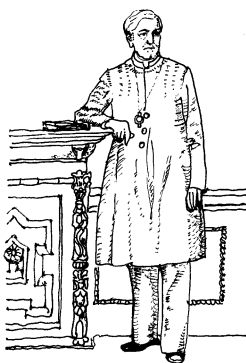
**1st May** – The National School children came with their flags and garlands as usual and after dinner enjoyed themselves in our Park.

**4th May** – I started by the first train for Kemeys with Mr. Stilgoe and his son Zachariah – I went to Hereford and saw the cathedral there, it is a most interesting building and is shortly to be re-opened after some years of restoration. Lord Say & Sele, my old school fellow, is the Canon in Residence, he was most kind and asked me to dinner.

**5th May** – I attended the cathedral service and went over the whole building with Lord & Lady Say. I left Hereford in the afternoon and went to Gloucester and saw the cathedral there – a noble pile, much larger than Hereford. Left the next day for Newport.

**9th May** – During my absence the brewer from Oxford came for 4 days.

**11th May** – Susan and I went to Leamington for the



day. Willy went over to Little Tew, walking there and back.

**13th May** – The poor old grey cart mare, Diamond, was shot today, being 24 or 25 years old and unable to graze or feed herself properly. She was buried near the cow house in Sidelands.

**18th May** – The Cricket Season commenced again in the Castle Ground.

**22nd May** – Thos. Pritchett and his wife came to complain that they were starving, the Guardians having refused to relieve them. I gave them a loaf of bread and sent them back to the Guardian, Mr. J. Robinson, to press their case again for relief.

**23rd May** – I called at W. Hopcraft's to look at a design for a reredos at Clifton – also at the Butcher's to order some meat for 2 or 3 poor persons. Holford went to quarters at Woodstock for 8 days' service with the Yeomanry.

**27th May** – Our Annual Club Feast took place as usual.

**Buffy Heywood**  
338212

### ERIC WYATT

Mr Wyatt would like to thank all his customers for their business over many years. He regrets that due to ill health he will no longer be undertaking washing-machine repairs. *DN wishes him well (Ed.)*



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## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

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

FROM HUGH MARSHALL,  
THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

It is estimated that the greatest single threat to human life in our time is hunger. Nearly 900 million people are suffering. In May each year the churches in Britain work together to help to transform the lives of poor communities across the world in Christian Aid Week which this year is 12–18 May.

In Deddington we aim to deliver a red Christian Aid envelope at each home in our community to invite a contribution. The envelope will be collected at the end of the week. Giving is anonymous and we only ask your name if you are willing to sign a Gift Aid declaration so that Christian Aid can recover the tax you paid and use it to help end poverty. Christian Aid works to bring an end to poverty around the world. We want communities to thrive, to have a fair share in the world's resources.

Christian Aid helps people of all faiths or none and never gives money to governments but works through some 578 partner organisations in 48 countries. To find out more about Christian Aid Week go to [caweek.org](http://caweek.org) or call 02075 232225.

If you can help the local appeal please contact Pat Brittain on 338685 or Hugh Marshall on 337761.

Thank you in advance for supporting Deddington's Christian Aid Week appeal.

FROM JACKIE MAHON, DEDDINGTON

We recently attended the Oxfordshire Scout Award Presentation to watch my son and five other 1st Deddington Scouts receive their Chief Scout's Gold Award. There were many proud parents of Deddington Scouts sitting in the audience and I am sure they would all agree that none of it would have been possible without the effort and commitment of Jo and



Pete Churchyard. Jo and Pete do a fantastic job running Cubs and Scouts in Deddington, giving many children a great start in life. No doubt there are lots of other families in the area who value the time and patience given by Jo and Pete and I just wanted to thank them from my family and, I am sure, many others too.

FROM WILL LIEBRECHT, NEW STREET,  
DEDDINGTON

To Santiago for Tsogo

In July this year, my brother Ed (aged 16) and I will be walking a sponsored 300km along the Pilgrim's Way in north-west Spain to raise money for the Deddington church's sister community in South Africa. All sponsorship that we raise will go towards the Tsogo Project there which is an ongoing effort to help children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Sponsorship forms can be found in Deddington church, and any donations are very welcome.

Many thanks to all those who have supported us so far. In order to fund the trip, we are putting on an informal concert in the church at 7.00pm on Wednesday 29 May with a mixture of classical music and jazz, and refreshments will be available. Tickets are £5, free for under-14s. We hope to see you there.

FROM DAVE KEATS, WIMBORN CLOSE,  
DEDDINGTON

My wife Dianne and I would like to thank all of our family and friends who came to the celebration of the anniversary of our marriage (30 years). Our thanks also to our grand-daughter, Beth, and her friend Millie, for the marvellous cake they made.

You all made it a memorable and most enjoyable evening.

## Dedication of the War Memorial Plaque

A dedication service will be held in the church on Sunday 16 June at 12.00pm following the Sunday morning service which concludes at approximately 11.40am. It will be conducted by the Right Reverend Colin Fletcher OBE MA, Bishop of Dorchester, who has special responsibility for rural Oxfordshire.

The form of service will be similar to the annual Remembrance Day at the war memorial with the addition of the dedication, a hymn, and an anthem. The Royal British Legion Deddington Branch standard will be paraded. Medals should be worn. Medals awarded to deceased Service personnel may be worn on the

right breast by a near relative.

The 85 names on the war memorial plaque will record, for the first time, 23 residents of this parish who died for their country but whose names are not inscribed on the war memorial in the churchyard.

The erection of the war memorial plaque is being paid for by proceeds from the sale of copies of the book *A Parish at War*. All are very welcome to attend.

**Rob Forsyth**

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## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Oh it's that time of year. Foxes fans are considering slitting their wrists, Vale fans are trying to keep the corks in the champagne bottles, and Bolton fans are wondering if this is the return to greatness, but one of our teams has already been promoted to the dizzy heights of league 6. Oh yes – following their last two winning matches, the ostentatious display of black tie sartorial elegance and, of course, signing John 'Godfather' Catania under a Bosman ruling, the Duck's Sally team have already tasted success and been rightly promoted up a league. Buoyed with this, they threw down the gauntlet to the Red Lion in Candleford for a friendly. Bonhomie overflowed (as did the gutters), as it was rained off after an eight-all first leg. Many thanks to them for a smashing evening and the return match is the following week and the season is off. Go team, go!

The recent extended cold weather has left some oil tanks very low and well done Ron for organising an emergency delivery for many residents at a very advantageous price. You know it makes sense. A big order can be expected in June or July when the price routinely bottoms out (subject to the Great British Pound rallying against the Dollar of course). More fool Councillor Collins who thought he was fine and dandy until his long-suffering wife pointed out the inevitable and uncomfortable (for him) consequences of being

### LETTER FROM AMERICA

Americans obsess about sport in a way we Brits will never understand. Ben has watched five national sports in Denver now, only lacrosse to go.

Ben's football this morning was away. We thus get to play in some more 'challenging' areas around Denver. Two weeks ago one of his team got kicked in the face, twice, and the referee only gave a yellow. This morning a 'lady' called me a very unsavoury word because she thought she should push in front of me in the car park. America is a country of contrasts, even in an upmarket state like Colorado.

Support at this morning's game was vociferous, over 100 parents, but it was very noticeable that most really didn't understand the game. They even refer, usually incorrectly, to 'offsides'. Although soccer is now the number one girls' game over here, most parents would prefer their boys to play baseball. Soccer is obviously still the game for louts in the new world. But they have to be rich louts. Ben's subs are \$950 per annum, and we pay for the coach on top of that. It is just that the hoodlums are 45 year old mothers in pick-up trucks. Yes, there is even trailer trash in Denver.

Last Saturday we went to our first baseball game. I think someone who likes watching cricket has to be careful before labelling a sport boring but this game makes watching paint dry absolutely riveting. However, about half-way through, I got it. I looked around ... and yes, no-one was actually watching it. Everyone was drinking, chatting to their mates, and yes, there are lovely similarities to cricket after all.

**Mike Ward, [Mike@qsoftware.com](mailto:Mike@qsoftware.com)**

wrong and the system running dry, and who alone quickly bought some for 5p a litre more. Couldn't happen to a nicer bloke. Wise up folks and get on board.

Could someone confirm if the cute dog in the new 'Go Compare' advert (you know, the one where the Welsh opera singer realises singing is out and an appealing dog with a pantomime mate at the back is the way forward) is our very own Sykes from Clifton?

And lastly, in this quiet month, on the back of the RSPB Birdwatch, I can report the return of Woody! He is a greater spotted woodpecker who likes to use my stainless steel chimney cowl as an acoustic amplifier for his 'hello darlin' chat-up line of a pecker tattoo as he tries to attract a mate. This is his third year, so I guess it works. Believe me it IS LOUD! When he's not doing that, he is beating the hell out of my nut feeder. He is a welcome addition to the goldfinches and reed buntings that add to our usual tit, sparrow, chaffinch, blackbird, collared dove, and jackdaw garden bird display. I know George gets a far wider collection – but I see these from my armchair while supping a beer.

**Martin Bryce**

**[Martindnbryce@aol.com](mailto:Martindnbryce@aol.com)**

### PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Just before the end of the Easter term we ran an Easter egg raffle, selling tickets to win an enormous chocolate egg kindly donated by Wyatts Nursery in Great Rollright. We raised just under £300, a fabulous total. Thank you to everyone who bought or sold tickets.

Over the forthcoming summer term, we have another cake sale planned for 20 June and, on the following Friday, we will be running a tuck shop, complete with popcorn machine, at Deddy Rocks. Then on 12 July the school disco returns – a chance for the children to come and have a good old boogie.

The main event on the PTA calendar this term, however, is the fête on 29 June starting at 12.30pm. We are already very busy planning it and hope that it will be a great day for the village and school communities to come together for some great fun and fundraising. There will be the tried and tested favourites: the games, all run by the school children, the barbecue, beer tent, Pimms bar, teas, coffees, cakes, cream teas, plant stalls, second-hand uniform sale, raffles, tug-of-war, egg throwing, balloons and also this year some new and exciting stalls and events.

If there are any local clubs, groups or organisations which might be interested in getting involved with the fête, to run a stall or a game, please contact either Lucie or Jo at [deddingtonPTA@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonPTA@gmail.com).

Similarly, if there are any local businesses, shops, companies or traders who would be interested in advertising in the fête magazine, which will be delivered to every household in the parish, please let us know on the email address above.

**Lucie Sydenham, 07720 406019**



## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Women's Institute

At the AGM in March we regretfully accepted Rene Mahony's resignation from the committee. She has served for over 40 years in several posts, including President. After the AGM Iain Gillespie entertained us with anecdotes of life in the RAF and beyond.

A few members attended the group meeting on 4 April at Adderbury. Peter Lein, head of the cookery team at Denman College, spoke on 'Are we Better Cooks than our Mothers'.

At our meeting on 9 April we had an excellent talk by Jennie Boyle on 'Baltic to the Caspian', mostly on the Volga River. She accompanied the talk with some colourful pictures and interesting articles.

Our next meeting is on 14 May at 7.30pm when the annual resolution will be discussed, followed by a talk by Alison Nicholson on Springhill Farm and Gardens.

Any enquiries to the secretary on 338027.

**Julia Hobbs**  
338488

### Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

All members of the Deddington Branch are reminded that they are welcome at the dedication of the war memorial plaque in the parish church at 12.00 noon on Sunday 16 June following the morning service. Full details are in this edition of the *Deddington News*.

There will be government-led commemorations of the First World War beginning on 4 August 2014 to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of that war. These will continue through to the 100th anniversary of the Armistice on 11 November 2018. The last 100 days, from the commencement of the Battle of Amiens, 8 August 2018, to 11 November 2018, will be a period of national commemoration.

Deddington Branch will be holding an exhibition of artifacts from the First World War during the summer of 2014. Further details later.

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

### 1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

Our last meeting of the spring term was at Home Farm, Clifton, the coldest visit to see the lambs we have ever had. Thank you to Naomi Fenemore for showing us around. We do love coming, even in the sleet like this year. We sheltered in an empty stable to say goodbye to Harriet, Anna, Grace, Poppy, Heidi and Rosie who will all be moving up to Brownies. We said a very sad goodbye to Nikki Bruce, who has been Assistant Leader as 'Mouse' for the time Heidi has been in Rainbows. We've had lots of fun and will miss her a great deal.

Happily, Kayt Griffin takes over as 'Bee' and Elen Squires ('Ladybird'), a Deddington Guide, has joined as unit helper this term, as she works towards her

Baden-Powell Award. Isabella, Lottie, Abi and Amy join the unit as new Rainbows.

We learned the National Anthem ready for St George's Day Division Parade in Banbury and thought about ways we could help the planet on Earth Day, 22 April. We talked about turning lights and taps off and recycling, but the girls nearly all felt litter was the biggest problem, especially when it affects wildlife. We look forward to an exciting term, including visits from the emergency services.

**Hazel Neal**  
337822  
[hmkn@sky.com](mailto:hmkn@sky.com)

### Book Club

Our book for March was *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. The 'cholera' in the title has a double meaning, referring to the disease sweeping through the unnamed Caribbean seaport in which the story is set, and also referring to love as an illness indistinguishable from cholera. Set between 1880 and 1930, this is a story of a man's obsessive love for a woman, which takes over 50 years to come to fruition. During that half century he indulges in literally hundreds of sexual encounters while he waits for his one true love. The narrative, while well written, is dense and very detailed, which many of us struggled with and none of the main characters is particularly appealing. We concluded that the story is more enjoyable if read with a sense of humour and indeed there are several amusing sequences.

We have decided to introduce a rating system for our books based on the average reader approval. Marks out of 10 for this book: 6.5.

The next book is *The Lieutenant* by Kate Grenville and the next meeting 30 May.

**Sally Lambert**  
338094

### Deddington Town Colts

As the season draws to a close, a combination of the winter weather and school holidays mean there are fewer games to report on this month.

#### Mini football

The Under 9s played one game, suffering a heavy defeat to Carterton Town. The Under 10 Cobras had an emphatic 7-0 victory over Grendon Rangers, followed by a 3-1 defeat to Stonesfield. The Under 10 Sharks were well defeated by Garden City and sit fifth in the table with three matches to play. The Under 11s drew 2-2 with local rivals Bloxham.

#### Junior football

The Under 12 Sharks booked their place in the Knockout Cup final winning a penalty shoot-out against Banbury United Youth after the match ended 1-1 after extra time. Banbury took the lead after 12 minutes with a good strike from the edge of the box,

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

but Alfie Barbeary equalised after 18 minutes after a fine move. As tension mounted, Deddington scored all five of their penalties to progress to the final against Ducklington. The Under 15s had a 3–1 victory over Banbury United Youth, but suffered a heavy defeat to local rivals Bloxham.

### **Deddington Town Colts Ball**

The ball to celebrate 125 years of the club took place at Rye Hill Golf Club on 23 March. Over 200 people attended and the event raised significant funds for the club as well as for Helen and Douglas House. Many thanks to all the sponsors of the event and to the companies which donated prizes to the raffle and auction. Special thanks to Hazel Hunt and Kate Gibbins who organised the whole event so successfully.

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 Under 13 Manager, 337034**

### **Deddington Original Golf Society**

Our new golfing season kicks off on Friday 3 May at Tadmorton Heath Golf Club. Full details of the event and scores on the doors can be seen at Deddington OnLine. Our next event is the always popular day at Burford Golf Club on Monday 10 June. This is a full day of 27 holes of golf, and includes lunch and three course evening meal. Fines will follow dinner and finally the prize giving.

**David Darst**  
**338589**

### **Photographic Society**

At the April club night David Boag gave a stimulating and highly amusing presentation on 'International Wildlife Photography'. A professional photographer, David's interest began at a young age. Using early film cameras, he developed a variety of different techniques for photographing birds in their natural habitat and, after publishing a book of his work, received a number of commissions that persuaded him to turn professional. With the introduction of digital SLR cameras, the taking of wildlife images has become a rather crowded area of photography. Nevertheless, David continues to remain at the forefront of his profession, as he demonstrated by showing a stunning collection of his own wildlife photographs. He also revealed many of his tricks of the trade, whereby wildlife is tempted to the camera by the adroit positioning of lures and hides, as opposed to relying on chance encounters. David demonstrated 'Natural Focus', his own interactive photography tutorial on DVD, a very comprehensive, detailed, but easily understood program.

The next club night is on 1 May, when Alan Fretton will give a presentation: 'A Little Bit of This, and a Little Bit of That,' covering motor sports, rock bands, travel and studio photography. At the club night on 5 June, Steve Brabner will give a presentation on 'Printing, Colour Management and Advanced Layers'.

Both events are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Everyone is welcome. Just come along and you will find us there.

**Richard Broadbent, 338173**  
[www.adandd.co.uk](http://www.adandd.co.uk)

### **1st Deddington Scout Group** **Cubs**

This was a short month for us. The Cubs spent a couple of weeks either side of Easter looking at St George in preparation for the parade in Banbury. They made St George flag badges from safety pins and tiny beads – very effective. We followed that with dragon drawings and games.

Coming soon: District Camp, the theme will be detectives.

Welcome to Owyn who has just joined us.

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

### **Scouts**

The Scouts finished their art badge by drawing silhouettes of each other and, amazingly, they actually looked like them. The younger boys have started the guide badge while the older ones planned an evening hike for them all. We also had a great evening bowling in Banbury.

**Pete Churchyard SL**  
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### **1st Deddington Guides**

Thank you to everyone who supported our fund-raising entertainment evening. We raised £120 to be shared, at the request of the Guides, between Cancer Research and Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. We finished the term on a relaxed note with some crazy games that involved winning and sharing Easter eggs.

We are looking forward to the (hopefully fine) summer term with a variety of outdoor activities: cooking on open fires, hiking, stream walking, exploring, shelter building and then leading on to camp.

**Maggie Rampley 01295 810069**  
**Marian Trinder 340806**  
**Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008**

### **Deddington and District History Society**

At our April meeting Dr Steven Brindle of English Heritage spoke to us about the restoration of Windsor Castle following the calamitous fire of November 1992. He first gave us an introduction to the history of the castle, the largest and oldest royal residence in

## ... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Britain. Indeed, in use since the early 12th century, it is the world's oldest continuously occupied residence, pre-dating even the Vatican Palace.

Fire started in the private chapel during the night of 22 November 1992. It broke through into the roof void, spreading rapidly and extensively. The fire was so intense that it could not be extinguished, only isolated – but not before 1.25 acres of building had been gutted. The restoration project has been vast, its cost partly met by the Queen opening Buckingham Palace to paying visitors. It was four years before some water-damaged apartments were sufficiently dry to be repaired. Steven pointed out that even such a disaster can have positive results, notably in the way that removing paneling and plaster has revealed much about the medieval fabric, leading to a clearer knowledge of the castle's building history. The restoration has been in an imaginative modern gothic style that looks simply gorgeous. Those of us who have not visited Windsor since the restoration owe it to ourselves to go and see the restored apartments.

On 8 May Liz Woolley, who returns by request of our members, will speak on 'Leisure and Entertainment in Victorian and Edwardian Oxford'. As ever, all are welcome at our meetings, which take place at 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre.

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

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### First Team

16.03.13	Bodicote Sports (h)	W 1-0
	Hall	
30.03.13	Highfield Old Boys (h)	W 9-0
	Thornton L (4), Carter D (2), Thornton J (2), Hall	
02.04.13	Sinclair United (a)	W 5-1
	Thornton J (2), Thornton L, Carter D, Carter R	
06.04.13	Bodicote Sports (n) (CUP)	L 1-2
09.04.13	Hanwell United (a)	L 3-4
	Thornton L, Cook, England	
13.04.13	Steeple Aston (a)	W 2-1
	Carter D, Thornton L	

#### Reserve Results

16.03.13	Bishops Itchington (a)	L 2-6
	Charles, Moore	
30.03.13	Sinclair Utd Res (a) (CUP)	W 7-1
06.04.13	Heyford Ath Res (h) (CUP)	W 2-0
11.04.13	Bloxham Reserves (h) (CUP)	L 2-3
13.04.13	Hornton (h)	W 2-0
	Kaye (Josh), Kaye (Jordan)	

All proverbial Hell has broken loose in the world of Deddington Town, with the First Team losing their nerve just as the Silver Lady comes riding over the crest of the hill, and the Reserves finally finding theirs, to secure survival in Division One and progress in the

late season Supplementary Cup.

Although they won the majority of games hand-somely this period, the First lost the most important: the Coronation Cup final, to League rivals Bodicote Sports. Eyewitnesses claimed some sort of voodoo curse, as Town collapsed to a bitter 2-1 defeat. Town claimed victory over Bodicote in the League, which should have been enough to prevent them catching Deddington, until the League handed Bodicote points for a team playing an ineligible player against them, thus meaning the Premier Division is back in the balance. All to play for in this last frantic month.

The Reserves slew the demons of doubt to win their last League fixture against Hornton, with the 'Kaye Team', Josh and Jordan, riding to the rescue, and, despite a clownish defeat to Bloxham, the Reserves have progressed to the Supplementary semi, where they will meet Bodicote Reserves.

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### NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Well done to everyone who attended the Easter service. It was a very special occasion as we said goodbye to our curate, Dan Inman, at what was his last service at St John's. The church presented him with an appropriate signed card and a framed photo of the church. He will be greatly missed and we wish him well in his new post in Winchester.

5 May is Rogation Sunday so there will not be a service in St John's at 9.00am that day but the service will be at College Farm on the Duns Tew Road at 10.30am, by kind permission of Leah and Jim Calcutt. Thursday 9 May is Ascension Day, a very important but often forgotten day in the church calendar. There will be a Eucharist service in the Church at 7.30pm.

A Faculty has now been granted for the new windows at the Church and West Oxon Stained Glass hope to start work during May. It should make a big difference to the building. When the new windows are paid for the Friends of the Church will be very low on funds. New ideas are needed as to how to raise money. One thought is to have a small summer fête on 27 July at 2.00pm in the Church grounds. Perhaps young families with children could come up with some ideas. Please give me a call if you can help.

For anyone new to the village or if you do not know, the mobile library meets in the loop section of The Lane on alternate Mondays between 9.55am and 10.15am. As Monday 6 May is a Bank Holiday, the next visit will either be 13 or 20 May. Please look out for them. If you read this in time the hall will be used for the County Council elections on 2 May between 7.00am and 10.00pm.

**Les Chappell**  
**338054**





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## The Countdown Begins to the Deddington Festival 2013 Going Live!

There are two months to go before the Deddington Festival goes live between Friday 21 June and Saturday 13 July 2013.

This year's Festival has new attractions for all the family such as CreativeKIDZ, a two hour entertainment slot for children each Saturday morning during the Festival. We have actors, children's authors, storytellers, musicians and artists to stimulate the creative juices of children from three years up. Dance is now featuring more prominently and, if history is your thing, then the History Society has created village and Castle Grounds walks for all ages. The Photographic Society is also getting involved and will be photographing the Festival events with a view to putting on an exhibition at next year's Festival.

Of course there is Deddington Rocks on Friday 28 June which will be headlined this year by the renowned George Michael tribute. People say he could be the real person. In addition to our regular local bands like Indigo Child and the Blue Meanies, the show will be opened by the Deddington School choir and Street-dance. Plus there will be a barbecue and an under-12s disco. So don't miss out. Put the date in your diary.

Don't forget the old favourites such as: the Warriner Choral Society's performance of *Broadway Baby* and the 'come and sing' event of Vivaldi's *Gloria*; the ever popular 'Jazz in the Church'; an evening of poetry and

witty repartee at 'Poetry Please'; the writing competition, judged by an eminent panel of authors; a chance to display and sell your works of art at the art exhibition or improve your skills at the art workshop; or you could enjoy one of the community events and meet like-minded people at the Open Gardens weekend or Farm Walk.

This year everyone will have the opportunity to support their Festival by purchasing the 2013 Deddington Festival wristband from retailers in the parish from May onwards. This will enable you to enjoy a range of special offers or discounts at local businesses between 15 June and 14 July 2013 where you see the 'We Support Deddington Festival' stickers. This is a great opportunity for everyone, from sponsors to local people, to support this worthy charity for the people of Deddington parish. Just go to the Deddington Festival website, [www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk), to find out more, including where you can buy the wristbands.

This year we have online ticketing for the larger events such as the jazz and classical concerts. Book your tickets early to avoid disappointment by logging onto the Deddington Festival website. Look out for further updates and advertising for this year's events. It's going to be fun!

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**Deddington Festival Team**



## The Taste Buddies Eat at Limes Farm, Farthinghoe

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

### Where?

Limes Farm, Main Road, Farthinghoe, NN13 5PB, tel 01295 711229.

This is a working farm with a shop and restaurant in a nicely converted barn.

Outside there are lots of farm animals including rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, cows and sheep. There is a largish lake where barbecues are held from 1 June to 1 September (weather permitting) from 12.00–4.00pm. There is also another picnic area and people are encouraged to walk around the farm, making it an ideal spot to bring children.

Inside the barn is a small shop which sells superb homemade cakes and scones, quiches, tarts, pies, pickles, chutneys, honey and some gifts, all reasonably priced. The restaurant is casual and relaxed with a nice atmosphere, ideal for family lunches or teas. You can hire the tea rooms for a private party and they also do events catering.

### Food served:

Every day 9.00am– 5.00pm: breakfast (until 11.00am),



lunch and tea. There is a children's menu. Fish and chips are available on the last Friday of the month and three course evening meals are offered occasionally for around £22.50.

### Average cost:

Lunch menu between £6.00 and £10.00.

Sunday roast £15.00 and set tea £12.00.

### Were they pleased to see you?

Initially we enjoyed a good friendly welcome but later the service became a bit slow.

### Was the cooking good?

Good basic home cooked food. We had a cheese-burger with excellent chips, salad and coleslaw at £8.95, smoked cheese and chorizo frittata with salad and coleslaw at £5.25, and Welsh rarebit with chutney and salad at £6.45. There were no desserts but lots of cakes. The food was well cooked and presented, and ingredients are locally sourced. The wine list was limited but beer and cider were also available.

### Value for money?

Very good value for money.

### Would you go again?

Definitely, especially with children.

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- Tue 4 Windmill Management Committee: AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 5 Photographic Society: Steve Brabner, Apricot Room, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Fri 7 Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 6.30pm
- Sat 8 Concert: Steve Miller, 'Blues Brothers', Parish Church, 7.15pm
- Sun 9 Concert: Adderbury Ensemble, *Trout Quintet*, Parish Church, 7.45pm
- Mon 10 DOGS: Burford Golf Club
- Sun 16 Dedication of war memorial plaque, Parish Church, 12 noon
- Fri 21 June to 13 July Deddington Festival

## WEEKLY DIARY

- Mon: Brownies, Windmill Centre, 6–7.30pm
- Mon: Youth Club, Windmill Centre, 7–9pm
- Mon: Bellringing Practice, Parish Church, 7.30–9pm
- Mon term time: Music for Under 5s, Windmill Centre, 2–3pm
- Mon term time: Homework Club, Parish Church, 3.30–5pm
- Mon term time: Boys Brigade Band Practice, Parish Church, 6.15pm
- Tue: Tennis Club, Windmill Centre, 10am
- Tue: Craft Group, Holly Tree, 2–4.30pm
- Tue: Internet Café, Living Room, Parish Church, 2–5pm
- Tue: Badminton Club, Windmill Centre, Juniors 6.30pm, Seniors 7.30pm

- Tue: Guides, Windmill Centre, 7–9pm
- AltTue: Hempton Ladies, Church Hall, 2–4pm
- Tue term time: Music for Under 5s, Windmill Centre, 2–3pm
- AltWed: Friendship Club, Windmill Centre, 2.30–3pm
- Wed term time: Caterpillar Music for Babies & Toddlers, Windmill Centre, 10–10.30am
- Wed term time: Boys' Brigade Company, Windmill Centre: Anchor Boys 5.30–6.30pm, Juniors 5.30–7pm
- Wed term time: Boys' Brigade Company: Company/Seniors, Living Room, Parish Church, 7.15–9pm
- Thu: Life & Portrait Art Group, Holly Tree, 10am–12.30pm & 1.30–4pm
- Thu: Cubs, Windmill Centre, 6–7.30pm
- Thu: Youth Group, Parish Church, 7–8.30pm
- Thu: Scouts, Windmill Centre, 7.30–9pm
- Thu: Band Practice, Parish Church, 9pm
- Fri: Toddler & Baby Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30–11am
- Fri: Drawing & Watercolour Classes, Holly Tree, 9.30–11.30am
- Fri: Katharine House Hospice Coffee Morning, Parish Church, 10am–noon
- Fri: Solemates Footcare, Parish Church, 10am–noon
- Fri: Friendly Bridge Club, Holly Tree, 2–5pm
- Fri: Internet Café, Living Room, Parish Church, 2–5pm
- Fri: Church Choir Practice, Parish Church, 7.45pm

Events in this occasional listing also appear in the DN online calendar: <http://deddingtonnews.co.uk/whatson>.

## GUIDES WIN TOP AWARD

On 19 March Deddington Guides held a surprise presentation for Tilly Neal and Sophie Preston. Both have now gained their Baden-Powell Challenge Award, the highest achievement for a Guide. To gain the Award they must have completed 10 challenges across a wide spectrum. They must be able to show an ability to work on their own as well as with others.



L to r: Tilly, Vivienne Pleydell-Bouverie and Sophie. Pic courtesy Alan Rampley

They started about 18 months ago and have camped, on occasions building their own bivouac and sleeping in it; planted trees; decorated furniture; used wound make-up to teach first aid; written recipe books for the outdoors; put on a party for the Brownies; and led Guide meetings in international and keep fit activities. The list goes on, demonstrating well-rounded skills and interests.

A highlight was an exciting weekend spent at Foxlease, a major Guiding centre in the New Forest. They had an opportunity to stay in this beautiful old house and met Guides from all around the country who had also accepted the Challenge and succeeded.

Congratulations to them both.

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

The family association with Guiding goes back to Tilly's great-grandmother, who is now in her nineties, but was very active in the movement some years ago.

**Mariann Young**

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## Adderbury Gathering

Banbury and Evesham Quakers invite you to our annual public talk at the Adderbury Quaker Meeting House at 3pm on Sunday 16 June, followed by afternoon tea. All are welcome – there's no charge.

'Living our faith – a Quaker perspective' – Quakers are known for relief work, their pacifist stance and their concern about social issues. What has led them to this and what other examples are there of 'Quaker testimonies'? The speaker is Jocelyn Burnell, widely known both as a Quaker and a professor of astrophysics.

For further information please call Maria Huff 347179 (evenings).

## DEDDINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

Asparagus! After an appalling spring that has left us playing catch up with nature, we're hoping to be compensated with a glut of asparagus in May. Once you've tired of plain boiled spears, perhaps with a Hollandaise sauce, you can think about roasting with a little oil and lemon juice or perhaps chopped up and stirred through scrambled eggs, Spanish style. <http://spanishfood.about.com/od/maincourses/r/revueltotriguer.htm>.

You can also play garden catch up. The market will be full of bedding plants, so you can leapfrog over those dismal months when it wasn't worth opening a seed packet.

Carnivores will be delighted to hear that for the first time the market will be stocking Red Poll beef, a native breed, raised for both meat and milk, with a reputation for being handsome, easy to handle and for producing excellent, tender, tasty meat. This should go very well with the extensive range of mustard that will be on offer.

May is also the time for new season's cider made from last autumn's English apples. There will be two new products – a full strength (7.2%) medium artisan cider and a new medium sweet cider (6.5%) called 'Fat Knight' because it's made with Red Falstaff apples. Perfect served ice cold on a summer's evening, should we have such a thing.

The copy deadline for this article is five weeks ahead of the market day so if you want more current information for the coming market, email [marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk](mailto:marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk) for regular updates – and a chance to win a voucher to spend at the market.

Good shopping.

**Ian Willox 337940**

## Kristin Thompson

Kristin has decided after many years to resign from the *DN* team. She has been an amazing member of our editorial team, having been editor from 1997, when she single-handedly took over from Norman and Angela Stone, until 2002. When she began most contributions arrived at her door hand-written or typed. Since that time she has taken responsibility for editing the Post-bag. Not only has she undertaken these roles but she has always cast her critical eye over everything that we have produced and I have always valued her input.

She has regularly written feature articles for us, always with a light-hearted but intelligent touch. I thank her for her great contribution to *DN* and we wish her well.

**JC**

## The Windmill Management Committee

is holding its AGM

at the Windmill Centre on

**Tuesday 4 June at 7.30pm**

All users of the Windmill are invited to attend