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NOVEMBER

- Sat 1 Jazz Concert: Friends of Deddington Church, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 1 RBL: Elvis is Back, RBL Hall, 9.00pm
- Mon 3 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
- Tue 4 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2.00pm
- Wed 5 Photographic Society: Rod Bird, 'What's New? Trends in the Photographic Industry', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 6 Concert: Windmill Thursday Club, Windmill Centre, 1.30pm
- Fri 7 Fireworks Night: Primary School, 6.00pm
- Fri 7 Hempton Social Night: Hempton Church Hall, 7.00pm
- Sat 8 Traidcraft Preview, Parish Church, 11.00am-6.00pm
- Sat 8 Concert: Birmingham Ensemble in memory of Elspeth Cox, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 8 RBL: Cash Prize Bingo, RBL Hall, 8.00pm
- Sun 9 Deadline for return of Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires
- Sun 9 Remembrance Day: Parade, Bull Ring, 10.15am, Act of Remembrance, War Memorial, 11.00 am
- Tue 11 WI: Brian Lowe, 'Stained Glass in Oxford', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 12 History Society: Gareth Richard, 'Poverty in Deddington and Banburyshire', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 12 Deddington Cricket Club: AGM, the Unicorn, 7.30pm
- Thu 13 Monday Morning Film Club: Film title tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Fri 14– Funfair: 5.00–10.30pm
- Sat 15 and 1.00–10.00pm, Market Place
- Sat 15 Concert: Warriner Choral Society, Warriner School, 7.30pm
- Sat 15 RBL: The Sapphires, RBL Hall, 9.00pm
- Wed 19 Parish Council Meeting: Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Wed 19 Photographic Society: Workshop, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 20– Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition: Parish Church, 9.00am–
- Sat 22 12noon
- Thu 20 Christmas Charity Fashion Show: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Sat 22 Farmers' Market, Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 22 Friends of Deddington Library: Circus Berzecos' Festive Frolics, Windmill Centre, 3.30pm
- Sat 22 Concert: Banbury Symphony Orchestra, Parish Church, 7.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Holly Tree Club Wednesday 15 October

Present: Councillors Boulter, Collins (Chair), Cox, East, Flux, Oldham, O'Neill, Rogers, Squires, Williams (CDC), Watts and Wood, County Councillor Fatemian and several members of the public.

As last month, the chairman reiterated that members of the public are now allowed to record PC meetings and to use social media, provided that the meeting is not disrupted as a result. The PC recorded the night's meeting themselves and will review this arrangement in November.

Following his resignation, the PC unanimously thanked John Day for all his work for the parish. This means there is a vacancy on the PC and if no applications are received by 20 October then they will be advertising for a volunteer for co-option.

County Counsellor Fatemian gave his report which included notice of a free electric blanket testing service being provided by OCC's Fire and Rescue Service Trading Standards to help to ensure residents have a safe and warm winter. A poster providing details is already on display in the Library and more information will be circulated once dates for this service have been arranged.

District Councillor Williams reported that the consultation period for the Cherwell Local Plan came to an end on 3 October and a final decision is anticipated in the New Year once some further steps have been taken. The revised number of dwellings to be built in Cherwell has increased from 16,750 to 22,800 between 2011 and 2031.

Highways and Transport: An issue was raised by a member of the public, who was present at the meeting, on behalf of the residents of St Thomas Street

about the quantity and speed of traffic along St Thomas Street. This is making the road dangerous, particularly for pedestrians, including children walking to and from school. A 20mph speed limit was requested. This issue has previously been raised and the PC and Cllr Fatemian are arranging a meeting with highways officers from OCC. There was a concern raised about how additional housing in the village would impact on this.

A complaint about speeding in Hempton has been passed on to Thames Valley Police and further traffic issues including an issue with excessive trucks using the Hempton road are being followed up.

Planning: The chairman encouraged all members of the community to complete and return the questionnaires regarding neighbourhood planning, which have already been distributed to them. These provide an opportunity to report the above issues.

Environment and Recreation: Work has been completed on Castle Grounds with the intention of making the area more accessible in differing weather conditions.

It was agreed that routine maintenance is to take place at the Windmill Centre to deal with hedges, bushes and trees. It was also agreed to plant evergreen hedging at the cemetery to mark the surface for scattering of ashes.

Next meeting: Wednesday 19 November at 7.30pm at the Old School Room, Hempton

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

DIARY *Continued from p1*

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| Sat | 22 | Friends of Deddington Library: The Cotswold Comedy Club, Windmill Centre, 8.00pm |
| Sun | 23 | Friends of Daeda's Wood: Working Party, gated road entrance, 10.00am |
| Wed | 26 | DN Collating: Windmill Centre (upstairs), 10.00am |
| Thu | 27 | Book Club Meeting: Call 338094 for information, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 28 | Baby and Toddler Group: Barefoot Books, Windmill Centre, 9.30am |

DECEMBER

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| Mon | 1 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am |
| Tue | 2 | Hempton Ladies Church Hall, 2.00pm |
| Tue | 2 | PFSU & Nursery: Christmas Fayre, Parish Church, 6.30pm |
| Wed | 3 | Photographic Society: Anne Sutcliffe, 'Annie's Land', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 6 | Christmas Bazaar: St John's, Hempton, Old School Room, 11.00am |

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of our first term. The children have settled in brilliantly and are enjoying all their new activities. These have included finding out about autumn, celebrating Diwali, planting bulbs and making apple crumbles. The PFSU held a well attended Parents' Information Evening where we shared lots of information about our profiles, planning, phonics and numeracy activities. We hope you found it useful.

By the time you read this we will also have had our AGM - a full report next month. Christmas is not far off and we would like to invite everyone to join us for our Christmas Fayre in Deddington Church on Tuesday 2 December from 7 to 9.30pm. This event is fast becoming the start of the festivities for many of us. There will be stalls, mulled wine, and the opportunity for a little pampering as well. Please join us for this fantastic evening whilst also raising money to support the great early years settings in our village.

Lucy Squires
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Musical Notes

A very full few weeks lie ahead, for Deddington concert goers. Few will be able to get to everything, but equally we hope that a lot if you will get to more than one event. Taking everything in chronological order, the month gets off to a rousing musical start on 1 November with a Jazz evening organised by the Friends of Deddington Church as advertised fully in the October *DN* flyer.

On the following Saturday 8 Nov at 7.30pm there is a very special event. Members of the Birmingham Ensemble will be giving a concert in aid of our local hospice. Many families in Deddington will have reason to be grateful to Katharine House for the care given to friends and members of their families. The same is true for these musicians from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra who will be remembering one of their long-standing orchestral members, Elspeth Cox, who came to live here in her retirement and spent her last days in Katharine House. They will be performing Mozart's magnificent *String Quintet in G minor*, a key that brought out the best in him, and Brahms' *String Sextet No 1*, one of the sunniest and most relaxed of his works. There will also be a short Trio for mezzo soprano, viola and 'cello that I have composed for this occasion.

The Warriner Choral Society's Autumn concert on 15 November, scheduled for Deddington, has been moved to the Warriner School in Bloxham because of a clash with the funfair. It will feature Haydn's

Nelson Mass and his trumpet concerto. The Warriner Choral Society apologises to their regular Deddington supporters and hopes that they will be able to get to Bloxham to enjoy the concert.

On Saturday 22 November at 7.30, we have the annual visit from the Banbury Symphony Orchestra who will present Verdi's 'Force of Destiny' Overture, Dvorak's beautiful Cello Concerto, with soloist, Adi Tai, and Shostakovich's Symphony No 5. The latter, obsequiously subtitled 'A Soviet Artist's Response to Just Criticism' displays lyricism, a heroic tone and inspiration from Russian literature, yet many hear a subtext of critical despair beneath the crowd-pleasing melodies.

And finally on Sunday 30 November at 4pm (note the day and time), as part of the autumn 'Music in Adderbury' series, we have a return visit from the outstanding Fournier Piano Trio who gave such a captivating concert in June. This time they will play Beethoven's very first named composition, the Piano Trio Opus 1 No 1, then some short pieces, 'Miniatures Set 2' by Bridge, Britten's teacher and, finally, joined by Chris Windass on viola, Brahms' Piano Quartet No 1 in G min. This will be a delightful exploration of early adventures in composition by three very different composers.

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Postcard from America

I always used to think it was the Brits who obsessed about the weather. But I now realise that here in Colorado it is just as much an object of conversation and with good cause. It is unbelievable.

I have repeated the story many times of the October day shortly after we got here, when Ben went to school in his t-shirt and shorts, it was over 65 degrees at 9 o'clock. When he got out of school it was snowing. On 5 May last year, I went to work in a t-shirt, but had to drive through a blizzard on the way home. Weather here can be very extreme.

So you learn to watch the weather app on your phone and people are always nattering about the weather. Yes, it makes me feel quite at home.

But even so, we were not prepared for the storm that hit two weeks ago. At least Heather wasn't. I was sunning myself in San Francisco at a party – sorry – at a conference. You have heard the phrase hailstones as big as golf balls. Well, they weren't that big but the puppy loved them. Frozen gobstoppers and huge.

Unfortunately the bodywork on the Subaru didn't love the storm as much. Every body panel needs replacing – \$10k of damage. Luckily we rent the house because it now needs a new roof. Mind you, whoever thought roof tiles made out of wood were a good idea was insane. These estates have covenants that gov-

ern what you can do to your little patch of American isolation and paradise and the local Home Owners Association are very keen on wooden roof tiles.

They are also very keen on trees. I have just been out to measure it (Heather always accuses me of exaggerating. As if ...). There are six trees that are taller than the house within 18 feet of the walls. The result is we get no sunlight in the house and the amount of sweeping up of leaves and branches after the storm really was unbelievable. I filled 16 big sacks and our dear landlord did the same, which makes me wonder, why did the landlord do that? I have tried to suggest that at least half of the trees are unnecessary, they may even be dangerous, or perhaps get in the way of us seeing the lovely blue skies. With the locals you would be better off insulting their mothers than suggesting we have too many trees.

So life goes on quietly in Greenwood Village. We opened the Fulton Arms last week. Warm beer, cold sauvignon blanc and a new Dutch shuffleboard in place, but unfortunately no hand pumps. But a bar in your front room is a great idea when you can't walk to the pub and the pubs aren't pubs anyway, but that is another story. You have to love America.

Mike Ward

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November

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Sun	2	10.30am	First Sunday
		3.00pm	Commemoration of the Departed
		6.30pm	Eucharist
Wed	5	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	6	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	9	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11.00am	Service of Remembrance
Wed	12	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	14	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	16	10.30am	Eucharist
Wed	19	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	20	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	23	9.30am	Eucharist followed by Interactive Café Church
		10.15am	
Wed	26	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	27	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	30	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Advent Celebration

St John's, Hempton

Sun	2	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	16	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	23	6.00pm	Evensong

Barford St Michael

Sun	2	10.30am	Eucharist
		5.00pm	Commemoration of the Departed
Sun	9	9.00am	Service of Remembrance
Sun	16	10.30am	Morning Service
Sun	23	4.00pm	Evensong

Barford St John

Sun	30	4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)
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For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to www.deddingtonchurch.org.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

Sun	23	Margery Richley
Sun	30	George Pearce

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

Fr Paul Lester, Cong Orat 01295 277396

Parish Deacon Rev Bob Hughes 01295 720896

Parish Deacon Rev R Hughes 01295 270869

Mass is said at 9.30am on every weekday including Saturdays, except on Thursdays

There are two Masses on Sundays: the first at 10.00am is in the (normal) 'ordinary' Rite. The second at 12.00 noon is in the 'extraordinary' rite, ie in Latin.

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

Mass at: SS Peter and Paul Anglican Church, King's Sutton, at 9.00am every Sunday.

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

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The Friends of Deddington Library (FoDL) met on 21 October to review progress. Special thanks were expressed to the Parish Show who have donated £200 and to the Farmers' Market who have donated £500. These are extremely welcome and gratefully received.

We are delighted to announce the winners of our poster competition which was enthusiastically embraced by children from the Primary School and surrounding villages. The winners are Joseph Barnard Y2, Ava H Y3 and Annabel Nelson Y6. All entries will be displayed at the Library until 30 November.

Our subscriber numbers have not grown significantly and we are some way short of our goal of 200 and our annual target of £7,000, or £600 a month. We will be encouraging people over the coming months to support our cause. One benefit of joining the Friends is to be entered into the prize draw. Our latest winner

is Maureen Dew, congratulations Maureen.

Our nine volunteers have undertaken their training and are now assisting at the Library and undergoing ongoing experience on a rota basis over the winter.

We are selling tickets to two exciting events at the Windmill Centre on Saturday 22 November, one for children at 3.30pm called Circus Berzercus Festive Frolics, a show containing music, juggling, unicycling, magic and comedy. Our other offering is for adults at 8pm, the Cotswold Comedy Club – In The Sticks: three stand-up comedians, hilariously funny and guaranteed to make you roar with laughter! Tickets can be bought from the Library or by calling 338413. Please come along for a fun evening and a great way to support the Library.

Bryn Williams

www.friendsofdeddingtonlibrary.org

THE TASTE BUDDIES

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.

We have visited the Masons Arms previously, but decided to re-visit as it has been under new management for the past two years and we had received some very positive feedback about the food.



WERE THEY PLEASED TO SEE YOU?

Yes, we were warmly greeted and shown to our table.

WAS THE COOKING GOOD?

We thought the food was very good with generous portions and very nicely presented and well cooked.

WHERE?

The Masons Arms
Banbury Road
Swerford
Chipping Norton OX7 4A
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Nicely furnished with a slight Scandinavian feel to the part of the restaurant nearest the road. It has a lovely garden at the rear with beautiful views over the countryside.

FOOD SERVED

There is a very extensive menu with a great deal of choice with a definite emphasis on fish. There is a separate blackboard full of fish starters and mains courses.

Food served:

Monday–Saturday: 12.00–2.15 and 6.00pm–9.00pm

Sundays: 12.00–6.00pm

AVERAGE COST

All Starters £5.90

Mains £12–£18.00

All Desserts £6.50

Fixed price menu was: One course £10.00, two courses £13.95, three courses £16.95

For starters we had:

Baked avocado pear with cheddar cheese, chilli and spring onion crust; Roast salmon asparagus and cream cheese terrine; Tempura red mullet with pea and cumin bhaji, pea shoots and mango dressing.

Mains were:

Smoked haddock on sweet potato bubble and squeak, dill and watercress sauce and poached egg;

Roast Arctic char with smoked fish kedgerree and lobster bisque;

Smothered chicken, topped with cheese and bacon, and covered with Sauce Diane with chips and salad.

Desserts

We did not have room for a dessert but they included Eton Mess, Dark Chocolate and Kirsch Parfait, Creme Brulée or Sticky Toffee Pudding.

We opted for excellent coffee served with homemade fudge and chocolate mints.

VALUE FOR MONEY?

We felt that it was most excellent value for money.

WOULD YOU GO AGAIN?

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BLISSFUL THINKING

Summertime's dizzying intoxication has ebbed away to leave the biting hangover of winter approaching fast. Before then, the days will wane and the nights will wax and something wicked will this way come. The ghosts and ghouls and rancid fiends of the night will descend upon us, only for the werewolf to fall foul of a silver Clio and the mummy to be unravelled by a stray Range Rover towbar on the frenzied school run. The four horsemen will be left red-skulled when their steeds are forcibly moved on for ignoring the Farmers' Market parking restrictions, while even Frankenstein's monster's aesthetic balance is thrown off-kilter at the sight of skewed vehicles two feet from the kerb, jutting into the road or over the pavement. The wicked crone is left aghast at the sight of two, three or even four different carriages stationed at domiciles when the malignant sorceress has to make do with one battered broomstick, as the luckless Count resorts to siphoning fuel to quench his sordid thirst, after being penned in by the Qashqai's halogen beams. Happy Hallowe'en everyone!



Aaron Bliss

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Friends of the Castle Grounds

We are a small group of people who really value this Scheduled Ancient Monument in the heart of our lovely village. We have a Committee that meets regularly to plan our activities. Our objective is to improve the appearance and use of the Grounds for the benefit of the parish in conjunction with English Heritage and the Parish Council.

We work hard to keep the whole site looking clean and tidy and we are currently working to improve the banks and establish wildflowers which we feel will enhance the beauty of the Grounds. This involves many hours work and considerable expense and some members have contributed their time to help us achieve this.

We would welcome like-minded people who enjoy the site to become a 'Friend'. A minimum donation of £5 annual membership would ensure you have a role in maintaining and improving this precious site. You would get a regular update of all that is happening and have the opportunity to attend a meeting and have your say.

Please contact our Membership Secretary, Jean Welford, on 338539 or at Aberford, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington OX15 0TD.

Carol Horlock, Secretary
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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM



Here we go again, after the driest September on record, we have had a month's rain in the first ten days of October.

During September all of the land destined for next year's cereal crops received their annual spreading of chicken manure and were cultivated down to a 'false' seed bed in the vain hope that we would get a good 'chit' of grass weeds, but with the 'big dry' there was hardly a vestige of green to be seen and now the Clifton clay is to wet to carry the machinery. October is our preferred month for planting next year's wheat crops. As I bash this out we have managed to scabble in about half of the planned wheat acreage, but the equipment is now back in the barn and, if the weather experts have got it right, will remain there for some time to come, and as the daylight hours shorten the yield potential will drop off steeply, so yes, I am back to grumbling about the weather. I can honestly say I have seen it all before, and we have always in the end managed to get the crops planted. But things have changed and it has more to do with the all-enveloping stranglehold of Defra and their green Taliban advisors than it has to do with any climate change. When I arrived in Clifton 40 years ago we farmed by the seasons and did the work when the conditions allowed and used what crop protection chemicals and fertilisers we needed to grow the crops. Today we are regulated by a one size fits all civil servant mentality. Our muck-spreading has to be completed by the end of September, it has to be cultivated in within 24 hours of being spread and we cannot spread the unmentionable stuff at weekends

or Bank Holidays. The manure has to be analysed as we have restrictions on the amount of nitrogen we can use to grow a crop.

Our hedges can only be cut between the end of August and the end of February. Although this is a six month 'window', the restrictions of cropping and weather conditions reduce this 'window' in reality to about a month. Some of our Clifton clay hedges have not had a trim for five or six years and are too big for the conventional flail to cope with and have now been 'murdered' with a buzz bar consisting of four over-lapping saw blades at triple the cost. We also now have statutory 'windows' for the use of our much reduced crop protection chemicals. All this has to be recorded and you can't fiddle books as the 'spy in the sky' is all-seeing and the Defra inspector job is to trip you up with a whole list of penalties. Now, what was that about 1984 and big brother, with big brother being the optimal word as we land managers are expected with all the green lobby restrictions to double output by 2030 to feed an ever growing population. Now, how's that for a good rant?

The bees are all now tucked up safely in bed for the winter and with any luck I will soon be heading off for my winter sojourn in a nice warm workshop, preparing the woodwork for the next beekeeping season and, before you know it, it will be peace to the world around the Christmas tree in the Market Place, a roaring log fire thanks to the murdered hedges, and then the lambing season which has not as yet (give them time) been allocated a civil servant 'window'. But having said that the poor little 'Bs' will have to have both ears perforated with ear tags almost before they hit the straw and their details electronically recorded for posterity and the inspector. Ho, to be a farmer's boy.

George Fenimore
338203

Deddington Parish Show 2014 Funds Raised

At our recent meeting of Deddington Parish Show the Committee decided that, from funds raised this year, the sum of £200 will be donated to Deddington Library and £200 will be donated to the Partnership Foundation Stage Unit (PFSU).

Joan Wright, Minutes and Asst Secretary
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Windmill Thursday Club

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Jean Rudge
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News from Clifton

'O Captain! My Captain!' is a phrase sadly lacking here but a big shout to Rebecca, Tim, David and Ron who volunteered to be street captains and help that lazy Cllr Collins distribute the Deddington Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires to everyone in Clifton, and what a fine job they have done (except you know who of course – always a duffer!). Not only the delivery but they will be chasing up all of the inhabitants of this corner of paradise to make sure they have had our say and either dropped the completed form off in the pub or even more helpfully completed it online using Survey Monkey. That way you don't run the risk of said Collins banging on your door. This is important as it's your chance to have your say.

The village is agog with anticipation of the inaugural visit to these climes of a very important set of VIPs who are visiting Lower Larkrise for their annual soiree for the very first time. Every year these vital members of our society sally out to a 'local' venue for an important celebration but for the first time they are coming here. Who are these worthies? The Parish Council? The Lord Lieutenant? No, it's Deddington Farmers' Market annual thank you to the volunteers, and it's especially

proper they are coming here as a very great proportion are from Clifton – a far greater proportion than our few numbers would suggest. I for one know the Duck will do them all proud – and no waiting for a lift home ...

The Book Club regrettably has postponed another cultural event due to key members not being available (although sources have told me that there was one absence that should have guaranteed a full turn out). The trip is a tour of Oxford's industrial heritage that included the old street lighting generation house, some key manufactories and some breweries – surprise, surprise. The new date is 15 November. If anyone not yet invited fancies a bit of a stroll and some sampling of the manufactured goods, then pop along to Book Club on Thursday night at 8.15pm in the Duck and sign up. You'll learn something for sure – some of it repeatable.

Apart from all that, it's a quiet time of the year, getting ready for winter, garden furniture being oiled and put away and awaiting the great hedge cut, but we're beginning to plan for the oncoming festivities.

Martin Bryce

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FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

I had an interesting day (courtesy of the Woodland Trust) at the beginning of October down at Brede High Wood in East Sussex, a large expanse of well-established woodland on the South Weald which has an intriguing history. Dr Patrick Roper, author of a book on Brede High Wood, took a group of Woodland Trust volunteers on a guided walk, pointing out archaeological features such as an ancient saw pit which was used for cutting up trees using two-man long saws, ancient iron workings and charcoal burning pits. He also explained the management of the wood to encourage a variety of flora and fauna. During a lunch discussion with other volunteers, ideas that we could run with were floated – installing dormice nesting-boxes being one (for handling and counting someone would need to undergo training). I will try to arrange a bat and moth evening for next summer.

Towards the end of the month the Woodland Trust Officer, Paul Jarczewski, met with some of the committee to discuss a work programme for the winter months.

Logs for Labour

Paul suggested that we liaise with the Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme to open the Sunday 23 November work party to a wider body of volunteers to do the felling of trees which he has identified, in return for a car boot full of logs for their personal use. It was suggested that this would be a three-hour morning session – two hours for the felling and one for the processing and packing. Numbers would be limited to ten people for reasons of safety and insurance, so if you are interested please contact Paul Jarczewski

on 08452 935796 or pauljarczewski@woodlandtrust.org.uk.

The first working party went well. At Paul's suggestion we raked off the thatch left from the recent cut of the wildflower meadow which will allow the area to regenerate after last winter's flooding and should promote germination of dormant seeds next year. A substantial number of the tree guards were also removed. The autumn colours and abundance of berries are making the wood a great place for dog walkers and photographers as well as ramblers – it is well worth a visit.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of Daeda's Wood, please contact me.

Annette Murphy

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BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET

A trip to Bath Christmas Market has been organised in Adderbury for Sunday 7th December at a cost of £20 per person which includes a drink and a mince pie.

The bus is leaving the Red Lion, Adderbury at 8.30am and picking up at 8.50am at the bus stop next to Sainsbury's, Kidlington. It will leave Bath Riverside car park at 5.30pm. To book a place, please call Lucy on 01295 812050 or call into Adderbury Stores. We are operating on a first come, first served basis, so book early to avoid disappointment. Profits made will be divided between the Alzheimer's Society and Tiny Paws Rehoming.

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

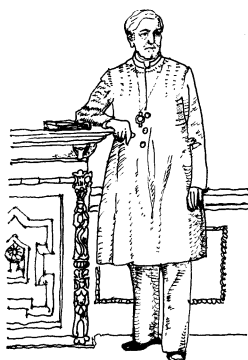
The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of December 1864 (there are no entries for October and November as he and Susan are on holiday in Brighton).

2nd December – We left Brighton for home just before 10am and arrived in safety at 5pm, having stopped in Oxford to enable Susan to see Mr. Symonds again. He said she was certainly not worse or so bad as this time last year, but added the malady was there and must have its course. May God be merciful to her poor dear soul, according to the necessities of her case.

3rd December – I did not stir out feeling poorly and depressed, I did not sleep well last night.

9th December – I attended a Church Committee Meeting at the Town Hall when the Deed for borrowing the £1,000 was duly executed by the Church Wardens and Overseers, the Vicar in the Chair.

10th December – I went up to Mr. H. Churchill's office where he made a certain declaration before me



as to certain signatures in a Deed relative to a loan raised towards the further expense of restoring and re-seating our Church.

17th December – The first snow fell this morning and continued to do so more or less during the day.

19th December – Holford and I started to Oxford to be present at the Assizes – I had two arson cases. The men in Mr. Cother's rick case pleaded guilty and were sentenced – one to 12 years penal servitude, the other to 10 years. In the Worton case the Grand Jury threw out the Bill.

23rd December – Went to the Farm House and gave away the usual Xmas Boxes in meat, money and tea.

25th December – Sunday – Took Services at Clifton morning and afternoon, 21 or 22 communicants, Alms £1.5s.2d. We dined at 6 o'clock. John home for 2 or 3 days, we heard from Willy this morning.

27 December – We filled the Ice House.

Buffy Heywood 338212

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Last orders

The street captains have been out in force, knocking on doors, delivering Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires. Plenty of completed forms are already appearing at the drop-off points and on Survey Monkey. But still we're hearing that some people have not yet received their questionnaires.

If this is still the case by the time this *Deddington News* reaches you, don't give up – email me at the address below and we will make sure there'll be an express delivery to your house. The deadline for returning questionnaires is not until 9 November, so there is still time.

We on the Neighbourhood Plan steering group are gearing up for the next stage – analysing the responses you're sending in.

Otherwise, there's an interesting turn-up on the housing development front. As the days tick by and the 'deadline' approaches when the outline planning permission for 85 houses on the Prudential site runs out, no detailed planning application has been submitted; it seems Miller Homes are no longer the developer and no new owners have made themselves known, at least at time of going to press. Perhaps we'll know more if the presentation the original owners, M&G and Prudential, have provisionally planned for the Windmill Centre on Thursday 13 November, 3–9pm, does indeed take place.

Helen Oldfield

helenmoldfield@yahoo.co.uk

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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 ROBIN NASH,
THE PADDOCKS

If you were a teenager in the 1980s and attended the Deddington Mission Youth Club between 1981 and 1992, a reunion is being held in the Windmill Centre lounge on Friday 7 November from 7.30 until 10.00pm. There will be refreshments and admission is free. We would love to see as many as possible who could come.

On the following Friday, 14 November, at the same venue at 7.30pm there will be a 'Good News' evening when the speaker will be Dr Ken Stallard. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

FROM JEN AND ED ROLFE,
CASTLE STREET

Deddington Entrepreneurs Network

Do you run a small business in Deddington or the local area? Hello, we're Ed and Jen and have just moved to Deddington. We both run small businesses and would love to meet others in the area who do the same - a chance to help each other out and meet like-minded people. We will be in the Unicorn with some drinks and nibbles on Thursday 6 November from 7pm. Come and join us if you're interested. Please email jen@practicallypositive.com so we have an idea of numbers or just pop in on the day.

FROM JOY DRAKE, CORNER HOUSE,
HUDSON STREET
STAMPS and the RNIB

Please can you save all your used stamps (especially with the Christmas post coming up) for the RNIB to help them fund their bid to help people with age-related macular degeneration. I first saw this appeal in a letter to a magazine made by Dame Judi Dench who is an RNIB supporter and has been affected by this form of sight loss. She regards herself as one of the lucky ones.



Every day 100 people will begin to lose their sight and many will face a future without any help or support. The RNIB can currently only reach one in three people that need help the most. You can help change this by simply collecting your used stamps this Christmas for RNIB. Your old stamps will then be transformed into urgently needed funds to help even more people with sight loss access

the information, advice and support they desperately need.

Please leave half a centimetre of envelope around your British and foreign stamps to prevent damage and send to: RNIB, PO Box 6198, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9XT, or you can put what you collect in an envelope through my door (dark blue front door opposite the Finishing Touch hairdressers) and I will send them with mine.

FROM MARCO BIANCHINI, VIA DELL'ARCOVATA 9,
50127 FIRENZE, ITALY

Surfing the internet I have found your online *Deddington News* and I think that you can help me finding the information I am looking for.

I purchased a vintage British motorcycle that was originally owned by a resident of Deddington. The bike is a Norton Dominator Cafe Racer, registered in 1959. The Italian Historical Vehicle Registration Club (like the Vintage Motor Cycle Club in the UK) requires at least one picture of the motorcycle taken 20+ years ago showing the current style to enable the full vintage registration. From the document I can see the name M R Tombs at 14 St John's Way, Hempton, Deddington from 01.10.1987 (as stated on the V5 as 'last change of keeper' until, I assume, the date of Bonhams auction where the bike was sold on 18 June 2011 in Oxford.

In case you know the person or family, I would be extremely grateful whether you could reach out to them and ask if they can help me in some way. I am of course willing to bear any costs incurred.

Thank you very much in advance.

Deddington Youth Club

The summer term ended on a lovely warm evening with the annual barbecue. We were grateful to the Co-op and Eagles for their donations and to Nick and Debbie Barbary for the loan of a very smart barbecue. It was good to have many parents and Friends at the event.

The autumn session is now in full swing with an

average of 30 youngsters each Monday evening. Some of them had a lot of fun on an outing to Thorpe Park in October. We are most grateful to the leaders, committee and Friends for all their work and support.

Jane Green, Secretary
green-jane@btconnect.com

Warehouse worker required: We are looking for a friendly, responsible, fit, self-starter to join our small online pet shop in Middle Aston. Hours are 10.00–2.00, 4 days per week (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri) £8 per hour. Please email us your CV to info@canineconcepts.co.uk or call 01869 349777.

From The Fire Station

With over 200 call-outs so far this year, this month has been particularly challenging. A 40-ton articulated lorry overturned on the Croughton Road and it took nearly two hours to release the trapped driver. There was also the biggest barn fire that I have ever seen. It was just outside Bicester and involved two massive barns. The heat was so great flash hoods had to be worn to get anywhere near it. Contrary to belief we generally don't put barn fires out, instead water is applied to the surrounding structures to stop the fire from spreading, then they are left to burn themselves out. On this occasion it took nearly a week. This is because the depth and mass of straw was so dense that putting water on it would only trap the heat and turn it into a huge mess to be cleaned up afterwards. A main consideration is the amount of water that is used and the run-off that can cause environmental issues. The list of things that farmers store in barns is endless. The barns next to the ones involved in the fire were covered in solar panels. The trouble with solar panels is you cannot turn off the electricity supply and even in the middle of the night there were two massive barns acting like small suns. The solar panels were still producing a very large amount of electricity so we had to shield the cables and keep them cool with a covering jet of water to stop them melting.

In contrast to this there was a stacked bail fire in Duns Tew at three o'clock in the morning that was put out in five minutes. It was just one bail that kids had set on fire in the middle of a field. There was also a car fire just off the main road between Deddington to Adderbury. This turned out to be no ordinary car fire. When we arrived we quickly realised that there was a large stack of tyres, gas cylinders, oil drums and vegetation being engulfed in fire. With limited resources

and no water supply close by we requested another appliance which came from Banbury. This crew helped deal with the blaze and then their fire engine was used as a water shuttle to keep our fire engine supplied with water. A normal car fire can be extinguished with one tank of water and it takes about twenty minutes. This one took many tanks of water and three hours to put out.

This has been a very interesting month for us. There have been house fires, car crashes, leaking cylinders and animal rescues from the river Cherwell at Somerton. It has felt more like an episode of London's Burning rather than a small rural fire station.

Four of our new recruits have just come back from their fire behaviour training. It's one of our favourite training events. Large fires are built in steel containers and then crews have to manage the fire with very small amounts of water to keep the temperatures down and to stop the gases getting to the point where they flash over, but at the same time not creating steam which will boil you. The science behind fire is really complicated. Mastering the skills to spot and then deal with the different phenomena of fire is very empowering and helps us deal with difficult incidents.

The weather has turned wet. This means it will probably be another busy month. I'm sure there will be more flooding and I'm sure there will be more car crashes. Standing water on the roads can cause lots of problems with aquaplaning and brakes failing to name a few. The best way to stay safe in bad weather is to slow down and leave plenty of space between yourself and other road users. Don't forget to check your smoke alarms every week. I'm pretty sure I will be talking about chimney fires next month so please get yours swept.

Crew Manager Tim Parker
Deddington Fire Station

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

At the recent AGM of the Friends of the Church and Old School Room, the present committee was re-elected, with Janet Watts becoming the first official vice chair of the organisation. Future AGMs will be held on the second Monday in May.

You may have read in last month's Parish Council notes that a grant of £5,000 had been made towards the refurbishment of the Old School Room, for which we are extremely grateful. The work is now almost complete and the room looks really nice. The Parish Council will be holding their monthly meeting in the Room on Wednesday 19 November at 7.30pm so, if you have any questions for them, please go along and see the Room at the same time.

A questionnaire regarding Neighbourhood Planning should be with you by the time you read this. They need to be filled in and either sent back to the

street captain or given to one of them when they call by Friday 7 November. They will also help you fill it in, should you require any assistance. They can also be emailed to our parish councillor, Jonathan Watts, at wattsfamily1997@gmail.com.

Please remember the Christmas Bazaar which this year is on Saturday 6 December from 11.00am. All the usual stalls, including games for children, plus hot lunches, will be available, so please come along and make it a happy family occasion, as well as raising money to keep the fabric of the Church in good order and help towards the cost of the new railings at the front of the building. Any gifts suitable for a festive event will be most welcome. Please give me a call if you have anything, eg raffle prizes, tombola, gifts etc.

Les Chappell
338054

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group is looking forward to a busy couple of months as we count down the weeks to Christmas.

As well as offering our usual wide range of toys and activities for babies and toddlers from Deddington and surrounding villages to enjoy every Friday morning, we'll be trying to take some of the pain out of Christmas shopping for local parents by inviting a couple of very special guests to join us at the Windmill Centre with some timely gift ideas.

On 14 November we welcome local potter, Tamsin Levene, who will be helping the children decorate some pottery as potential Christmas presents for friends and family.

Barefoot Books ambassador, Amanda Houston, joins us on 28 November with a selection of her beautifully illustrated and imaginative books for parents and children to peruse.

Friday 19 December is our annual children's Christmas party, when an even more exciting visitor will join us!

We are always keen to welcome newcomers, so please come along and join in the fun between 10am and 12 noon. Admission, which includes snacks and juice for little ones and tea or coffee plus biscuits and cakes for grown-ups, is £2 for families with one child and £2.50 for those with more.

For more information, please contact me.

Janet Bird
337428

Adderbury, Deddington and District Photographic Society

For the portrait workshop in September, the Apricot Room of the Cartwright Hotel was transformed temporarily into a photographic studio. Members practised their skills, using their camera controls and different lighting and reflector configurations, to photograph the models using available light only - that is with no flash. The results of their efforts can be seen on the Society's website.

At the end of September, the Society once again mounted its annual exhibition of members' work in the Adderbury Institute; 118 photographs were displayed in what was the Society's eighth and largest exhibition since it was formed in 2006. Again, a selection of these photographs can be seen on the website. The second of the annual exhibitions was in October in Deddington Parish Church at the same time as the Farmers' Market.

Also in October, Mark Buckley Sharp ARPS CPAGB APAGB visited the Society and gave a presentation on 'The work of the Royal Photographic Society'. Explaining that RPS membership is open to everyone, including overseas members, Mark reviewed the three levels of accreditation: LRPS, ARPS and FRPS, and

explained the standards required for each distinction together with the work of the respective scrutinising boards. Mark concluded with a general discussion on aspects of the RPS organisation, which is based in Bath, before responding to questions from the audience. This was a most interesting presentation which will be helpful to any members seeking RPS accreditation in the future.

The next Society club night is on 5 November when Rod Bird will give a presentation on 'What's New: Trends in the Photographic Industry'. This will be followed on 19 November with a workshop on 'Camera Controls and Composing Photographs'. Both events are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, and are open to everyone. Just come along, you may be assured of a warm welcome.

Richard Broadbent
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Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The DOGS upped sticks and headed north-west to Stratford-upon-Avon Golf Club on Friday 17 October for our annual 'Autumn Classic'. And a classic it was! The weather was perfect - warm, some sun and some great golf. Twenty-one golfers played this beautiful parkland golf course covered in the autumnal colours of the season. At the end of the day, Tony Lowe came top of the leader board with 37 points, the clear winner.

Full details of this event, our final one of the year, can be found at Deddington OnLine, www.deddington.org.uk.

David Darst
338589

The Deddington Players

This year The Deddington Players pantomime is *Scrooge*, full of family fun and sing-along songs.

Performances are 22-24 January 2015, and tickets will be on sale from December. Watch out for posters going up soon.

For further information, please contact me.

Suzie Upson
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Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

On 9 November the Remembrance Sunday parade gathers at the Bull Ring at 10.15am to march to the War Memorial in the lower churchyard where the Act of Remembrance takes place at 11.00am. All are welcome to join the parade. No service connection or membership of the Royal British Legion is required. After the parade there will be a service in the Parish Church.

The RBL Club on the High Street will be open from noon and all are welcome.

CALLING MORE CLUBS

This year's Poppy Appeal was launched at the October Farmers' Market. Collecting boxes are located in most shops in the village and there will be a door-to-door collection during the run-up to Remembrance Sunday.

The Branch held a most enjoyable skittles match against Bodicote RBL Branch at the Legion Club on 4 October. Bodicote won 3 games to 2.

Jean Morris, Secretary
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 338143

Book Group

In September we read *Life after Life* by Kate Atkinson. This is an elaborate, convoluted tale which takes the form of a family saga interwoven with a fast-moving historical background of WW1 and WW2. While the numerous timelines could be confusing, the author successfully conveys the notion that a few small changes in the course of your own life could affect the world around you. It was generally agreed that the most enthralling part of the book is the way that the devastation of the 'Blitz' is so vividly brought to life.

Please call for the title of the next book. The next meeting is on 27 November.

Sally Lambert
 338094

Women's Institute

Our October meeting was a harvest supper bring and share. A delicious buffet was set out.

After the general business and a nice meal, we had our annual auction to raise money for the Remembrance Sunday poppy wreath. A very good sum of £88.44 was raised and promises of a little more to be added. This means that, as well as the wreath, we can make a donation.

Next month's meeting is on 11 November when Brian Lowe is going to talk on stained glass in Oxford. Visitors are welcome; please contact Angela Sones on 338027.

Julia Hobbs

Deddington and District History Society

Our October speaker was Roger Rosewell, whose talk was entitled 'Painting on Light: the History of Stained Glass'. Roger was a leader writer for the Mail group of newspapers until he literally saw the light; in recent years he has devoted himself to recording and analysing stained glass around the country. He traced the history of the craft from its Middle-Eastern origins to the present day, concentrating in particular on the glass with which we are familiar in our parish churches. Medieval glass achieved its greatest expression in France, whence much glass was imported for use in churches in this country, where often it can still be seen. Roger was particularly good in explaining

the glaziers' techniques – a complicated topic that he made readily understandable. It is a subject that lends itself to illustration and the fact that Roger is an accomplished photographer ensured a succession of breath-taking images. It was a terrific talk, much enjoyed by the surprising (to me) number of people who abandoned the earthly delights of the Great British Bake Off final in favour of more ethereal pleasures.

On 12 November our committee member Gareth Richard, who has been studying 19th-century Deddington census returns, will speak about his findings in 'Poverty in Deddington and Banburyshire'. Come along and learn what life was like for our predecessors in the area. It should be a real eye-opener.

All are welcome at our meetings which are held at the Windmill Centre on the second Wednesday of each month.

Chris Day (Chairman)
 337204

Moiria Byast (Secretary)
 338637

1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

We have another two new members, Harley and Daniel; I hope they enjoy their time with us.

In the last few weeks the Cubs have spent an evening looking at the history of Scouting and preparing the guys for our display in the Market Place. With this in mind they watched a film about Shelterbox, our nominated charity, and made lists of things they would save in the event of a disaster. It's interesting what they can't live without!

Jo Churchyard CSL
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Scouts

We invested our new Scouts but not until they had found their neckerchiefs which had been cunningly hidden by their Patrol Leaders. For part of their fitness challenge they are completing four weeks of circuit training and an evening of badminton. This contributes to the 'fug' in the youth room considerably! We also had a very interesting visit from a district nurse, who talked to them about healthy eating and unhealthy practices.

They have also started the first stage of the IT badges and are looking forward to a visit to the track at Silverstone.

Pete Churchyard SL
pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

Explorers

The Explorers have received their new unit badges to wear on their neckers - very posh. The evening spent buying and comparing local takeaway dishes was very popular – well, it would be wouldn't it? They are now planning a night hike to walk it off!

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Half term – paintballing for the day – look out for paint behind the ears and big bruises.

Pete Churchyard SL
pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

Cricket Club

The Cricket Club AGM will be held in the Function Room of the Unicorn on Wednesday 12 November at 7.30pm. We hope to see a good turn out in preparation for what is expected to be an even better season than the one we have just finished.

Jill Cheeseman
 338609
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1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

The lovely weather has ended and we are back indoors but still having fun. The Anchor section has grown again since last month so welcome to Fraser and William. That makes seven new joiners since September. We still have a bit of room if anyone would like to join, that is aged 5 to 8.

It's been lovely to welcome Ashton to the Juniors and to welcome back Jake. The Juniors were in action at the Battalion bowling competition on 18 October: a fierce and high scoring competition, with 1st Bloxham being the eventual winners. Well done to everyone who took part.

Company section relinquished their Master Team title in September. Well done to 3rd Wallingford for securing the cup for 2014. The Company section has finished their work on democracy and politics and ended the topic with a debate in our own version of Parliament. James was a very entertaining Speaker.

In November we are focusing on Remembrance Sunday and WW1. We will be joining other youth groups, British Legion and members of our community for the annual parade and service on 9 November.

Finally, many thanks to Deddington Farmers' Market for their generous donation to 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade.

Jen Childs, Leader
 337481

Deddington Town Colts

The Under 14s, playing in the Midland Junior League, drew 1-1 with St John's Colts, drew 2-2 with Coventry United, but lost 4-0 to Withymoor Colts. In the Witney and District Youth Football League the Under 14 Colts had a 7-4 victory over Launton Boys and are currently top of the league, but lost 4-1 in the knock-out cup to Easington Sports Youth.

The Under 13s lost 4-2 to Hook Norton, and lost 3-2 to Yarnton Blues, but had a close 4-3 victory in the knock-out cup over Croughton Colts.

The Under 12s had defeats in the league to Duck-

lington, and at Launton Boys, but had a 4-1 win over Hanwell. In the knock-out cup they lost heavily to high-flying North Leigh.

The Under 11s have had a good month: a 4-2 victory over Stonesfield, a 5-2 victory over Launton Boys and a 7-2 victory over Brackley Town, but lost 4-0 to Bicester Town. The Under 11s are currently second in the league.

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/>, with contact numbers for team managers.

Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Officer
 337034

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team

20.09.14	Souldern (h)	W 4-1	Smith C, Charles, Large, Thornton J
27.09.14	Steeple Aston (h)	L 0-1	
04.10.14	Abba Athletic (h)	L 3-7	Smith C, Kaye (Jordan), Gray
11.10.14	Bodicote Sports (h)	W 8-1	Smith C (3), Kaye (Jordan 2) Bird, Large, Lewis

Reserves

20.09.14	Croughton (a)	L 0-3	
27.09.14	FC Langford (a)	W 4-2	Hayward, Kaye (Josh), Gamage (2)
04.10.14	Kings Sutton Res (a) (CUP)	W 4-1	Taylor C (3), Hatt
11.10.14	Kings Sutton (a)	L 1-2	Hunt

A brace of wins and defeats ensued for both our teams this period, though in context the Reserves will be far happier with their month's work. A standard victory over Souldern was followed by a galling narrow defeat to a new-look Steeple Aston side containing many ex-Deddington treacherous mountebanks. A comprehensive destruction of fellow rivals Bodicote made that reverse easier to swallow, but the First Team has fallen behind the immediate chasing pack.

The Reserves, who despite their recent annihilations, have looked like a team about to find a coherence and fluency that would lead them up the table, have indeed found their feet with a couple of excellent victories, despite being without the comforts of home for four consecutive fixtures. Carl Taylor led the way against Kings Sutton Reserves with a hat-trick in the cup, though the same side's First Team proved just too much. Plenty to play for and things looking optimistic for both sides going into the winter flurries of fixtures and snow.

Aaron Bliss
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DEDDINGTON FARMERS MARKET

BIGGER AND BETTER

The rapidly expanding Farmers' Market may be taking up more space, but it also offers more choice, whether it be local produce like fish, meat, vegetables and honey, or locally produced foods ranging from traditional raised pies, salamis, and cheeses to take home delights like sushi, curries and cakes.

Apples should be particularly good at this market – a fruit that really benefits from being eaten when it is at its seasonal peak rather than as an every day supermarket convenience. Also look out for nuts. There's nothing like a fresh walnut or cobnut.

And of course Christmas is looming. So this is the market to place your Christmas orders for meat, patisserie and anything else you might need.

The Christmas market is on Saturday 20 December. It will be the biggest yet, with music, face-painting, glitter tattoos and much more. Put it in your diary now.

If you're thinking of gifts but can't make up your mind, there's something new this year – the Deddington Farmers' Market Gift Voucher. You can buy them at the Information Stall at the market. They come in the pocket friendly denomination of £5.

Finally, a plea from the market to early bird shoppers. Please don't try to shop before 9.00am. Stall holders will always be willing to sell to you, but if you shop too early you get in the way of setting up the market.

The next Market is on Saturday 22 November from 9.00am to 12.30pm. Good shopping!

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Snow Wardens – Looking Ahead to Winter

Deddington Parish Council runs a Snow Wardens scheme for the Parish and we are looking for more volunteers. We are seeking people who would be interested in helping keep the key pavements across the parish clear and to assist the vulnerable and elderly by clearing paths to their doors.

Oxfordshire County Council already grit the Hempton to Clifton Road and the A4260, High Street and New Street, but have no plans to clear pavements or other roads. The Parish Council is aware that very many of you look out for your neighbours when the weather is poor but we have a list of those who would be reassured to know that there is someone who will clear their front path. Also, if we could work together to keep as many pavements as possible clear it would be a great benefit to our community.

It seems that many people believe if they clear snow or ice from outside their property or from the public footpath they could be sued if a member of the public were to slip on the area cleared. It is the view of County Council that if people clear ice or snow from a public footpath in a safe and correct manner as outlined in the Governments snow code then it is very difficult to envisage circumstances where a court would award damages against them for a slip.

By working together we can make a real difference to the safety and wellbeing of residents in our community this winter. If you are interested in joining Deddington Snow Wardens then please contact me.

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WELL REMEMBERED

Bill Drake 1925–2014

Bill Drake, who died on 22 August, was born in October 1925, the middle of three boys in Harleston, South Norfolk. He went to a nearby grammar school where began his lifelong love of cricket. On leaving school he progressed to Durham University reading history. Then the war caught up with him and he went to Canada to train as a navigator in the RAF.

Missing the war in Europe he was posted to the Far East on photographic reconnaissance, flying Blenheims and Mosquitos. He was based at times in southern India and what was then Burma and Ceylon, countries which he loved.

He returned to England in 1948 to the Empire Test Pilots School in Farnborough, Hampshire, where he met Pauline and they were married in 1952. They then began a peripatetic life, having four children on the way. Several of his tours were in Holland where he played cricket for a Dutch team, and Germany where he introduced the game to international NATO personnel. This proved very popular.

After leaving the RAF the family settled in

Deddington and Bill became an office manager at Bibbys in Adderbury. In the mean time he played cricket with the team at North Aston as there was no Deddington team at the time. However, with a few friends, he helped to re-form the Deddington Cricket Club which has proved so popular over the years.

For some years he was a regular at a lively domino session at the Duke in Clifton and then, with Oliver Hawes, beginning Gardeners' Question Time at the Unicorn, on the strength of their knowledge of growing vegetables on their allotments. Very few questions were asked but the expanding team enjoyed their beer.

Unfortunately in later years he suffered from severe deafness which prevented him from listening to his favourite jazz music. But he loved going out and he became quite a familiar sight in his red woolly Arsenal cap.

He is survived by Pauline and their four children and eight grandchildren, who would like to thank very much all the people who sent such kind letters of condolence. They were greatly appreciated by all the family.

Pauline Drake