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The Neighbourhood Planners are getting their act together (pp4 and 8) but things are not looking good for the Pegasus appeal (p15). More volunteers are needed (pp4, 6, 10) so don't hang back. We have a fairly mature population in the parish and I know young people are busy with families and careers but sometimes it's only a small demand on your time. Try it – you might actually enjoy it!

OCTOBER

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| Tue | 1 | Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm |
| Wed | 2 | DN: Collating, Windmill Centre, 10am |
| Wed | 2 | Photo Society: Members' club evening, 'Street Photography', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 3 | Deddington Festival 2014: Open Forum, Unicorn function room, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 3 | PFSU and Nursery: AGM, Nursery, 8pm |
| Fri | 4 | Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 6.30pm |
| Sat | 5 | Hempton Harvest Supper: Church and Hall, 7.30pm |
| Mon | 7 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–12noon |
| Tue | 8 | WI: Harvest Supper and Auction, Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 9 | Fairtrade Preview: Parish Church, 11am–1pm |
| Wed | 9 | History Society: Colin Cohen, 'The Spy I Hardly Knew', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 12 | Concert: Graffiti Classics, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 12 | RBL: Bingo, RBL Club, 8pm |
| Sun | 13 | Deddington Players: Auditions, Windmill Centre, 2–4pm |
| Tue | 15 | Community Cares: Volunteers' meeting, Parish Church, 3.30pm |
| Wed | 16 | Parish Council Meeting: Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 16 | Photo Society: Simon Lutter, Skills workshop, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 17 | Monday Morning Film Club: <i>The Piano</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm |
| Fri | 18 | DOGS: Badgemore Park Golf Club, first tee 9am |
| Sun | 20 | RBL: Tombola, RBL Club, 2.30pm |
| Tue | 22 | Friends of Deddington Church: AGM, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 26 | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9am–12.30pm |
| Sat | 26 | Photo Society: Photographic Exhibition, Parish Church Living Room, 9am–12.30pm |
| Sat | 26 | Bowls Club: Race Night, RBL Club, 8.30pm |
| Tue | 29– | Deddington Development Watch: Pegasus Appeal, CDC |
| Nov | 1 | Offices, Bodicote |
| Wed | 30 | DN: Collating, Windmill, 10am |
| Thu | 31 | Book Club meeting: please call 338094 for details |

NOVEMBER

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| Fri | 1 | Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 6.30pm |
| Mon | 4 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, 10.30am |

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 18 September 2013 at the Windmill Centre

The meeting was chaired by Alan Collins with a good turnout of councillors but no members of the public. Cllr A Fatemian attended part of the meeting.

Open Forum: I (Charles Barker) have been reporting the work of the DPC for over five years and I think it's time I stepped aside to allow someone else to undertake this important task. I hope someone comes forward to volunteer because without a reporter, there will be no record of the next DPC meeting in the *Deddington News*. I think the work of the Parish Council is not always appreciated and that is partly my fault for not reporting everything they do and discuss. All the aspects that make Deddington such an attractive place to live are looked after by your Council: the Castle, the Windmill Centre, the playing fields and tennis courts, the verges, open areas and greens, the two cemeteries, and much more. Your Council and its work are interesting and deserve your support. I hope I can encourage someone to come forward to report for *DN*.

Finance and General Purposes:

Windmill Centre all-weather court: the security fence has been vandalised and will be reinforced to inhibit further damage.

Planning:

New applications:

Holly Tree Cottages, Earls Lane, felling a tree, no objection.

Johnsons and Co, demolition and rebuilding of stores, no objection.

End Cottage, The Stile, erection of detached garage, no objection with conditions about height and sight lines.

Manor Farm, Hempton Road, single storey rear extension, no objection with conditions about use of materials.

The Priory, Hudson Street, construction of new trellis screen, no objection.

8 County View, Clifton, single storey garage extension, no objection.

Hudson Court, conversion of garage, with office above, to residential with two storey front extension, objection on the basis of inappropriate development and environmental impact on neighbouring properties.

7 Castle Street, replacement of rear lean-to with a glazed two storey extension, no objection.

Banner homes development on the Clifton Road: the proposal is to build 25 or 26 houses, set around a horseshoe-shaped road with some residential parking in the middle and some alongside the houses. The accommodation is currently planned to be a mixture of 3, 4 and 5 bedroom houses in small terraces, semi-detached or detached. On the Castle Grounds side is planned a public car park. On the Clifton Road frontage they are proposing a line of terraced houses in the vernacular Deddington style. The plan is still being debated and a detailed planning submission is expected before the end of the year to enable construction to start in 2014.

Investments: £556,203 was with Barclays, Santander and NatWest Banks.

Invoices for September payment: £4,856.

Next meeting 16 October at 7.30pm at the Holly Tree Club, Deddington.

Living the Dream (The Biggest and the Best)

In America, they know they are the biggest and the best.

This is something that I can never admit to an American, but it is vaguely disturbing for us visitors when they play their national anthem at every conceivable excuse, with everyone standing bolt upright with hand on heart. We Brits are generally embarrassed to be too patriotic and are certainly suspicious of nationalism.

Americans have this strange idea that they need to be the most important nation in the world. The soul-searching over Syria has been fascinating and more than slightly weird. Even after the disasters in Iraq and Afghanistan, a politician stated on TV that failing to act in Syria 'is a threat to national security'. Syria?

I have been trying hard to understand the American psyche and I am now resorting to reading history books in my search for the truth. Perhaps a nation founded only 235 years ago hasn't grown up to realising that no-one ever thanks you for invading them. Americans regularly ask me why people around the world don't like them.

Another American fascination is the motor car. This

week I was in Houston, the spiritual home of the truck, by which I mean the truck acting as a family car. Eight lane highways, tyres four feet high, big hats, and cowboy boots. I love it but you won't find a single person here who buys into the Yankee Government myth that global warming is endangering the planet.

Back in Colorado our cars are a bit more understated but, as regular readers will know, they are both a bit dented. Not having owned a garage in my life, backing one out of the garage into the other was a slight mistake. But now a further catastrophe has occurred and one which will amuse the Clifton Book Club no end.

Someone washed my car! I had every intention of making it all the way through a two year lease without ever washing it. But we lent the car to a lovely English friend and she washed it. And now all the Americans can clearly see that, despite telling them continuously that they can't drive, they now know I don't know how to reverse.

Mike Ward

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From The Fire Station

We were called out 20 times in August which, looking at statistics, is about our average. We went to Banbury for several, including more garages on fire, and a very early call to Marussia Formula 1 where a small fire had started in an alarm panel but was easily extinguished using CO₂. We also rescued a horse that had become trapped in a ditch which went without a hitch, and the horse walked away, making a quick and complete recovery. Our longest shout was acetylene cylinders involved in a fire in a large barn workshop in Milcombe. If an acetylene cylinder is heated or shocked the cells can deteriorate which starts a chemical reaction that causes them to explode. We had to set up a two hundred metre cordon and cool them with water jets. Unfortunately we completely lost the building. It can be very frustrating to have to stand back, but no amount of property is worth a life.

The harvest is now finally in and so our fear of field fires is diminishing and our focus is now turning to barn

fires and road traffic crashes. Now autumn is upon us and we have already been to an early morning RTC where damp roads and early morning mists can catch out even the most experienced drivers. Remember 'drive to arrive'.



Photo taken by Sam Allan

August gave us a fantastic celebration with Jim and Helen Denley's wedding. Jim is attached to Wantage but was training with us. It was a beautiful day with the bride arriving in an old fire engine. We were asked to be the guard of honour and so we all wore traditional uniform. We managed to get a station photo of just about the whole crew with the exception of FF Emma Glover who unfortunately could not make it.

Tim Parker, Crew Manager

Pictured from the back row from R to L, FF Lewis Mahony, FF George Williamson, FF Sharon Wilson, FF Rachael Freeman, FF Tom Hall, FF Martin Freeman, FF Adam Franklin, FF Nicky Isted, FF Colin Smith, Crew Manager Graham Harding, Watch Manager Chris Fenemore, Station Manager Darran Hookway, Watch Manager Matt Smith and Crew Manager Tim Parker

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Deddington Development Update

As most of you will be aware, the planning process for the Pegasus development proposal is continuing. The next event is an appeal which will be heard by a government planning inspector. This will take place between 29 October and 1 November at the Cherwell District Council (CDC) offices in Bodicote. Members of the public are allowed to attend and we would encourage everyone to pop in at some time during the week to demonstrate the level of concern by village residents.

The hearing will largely be representatives from Pegasus and CDC putting the cases for and against the development proposal. As you know CDC have rejected the application so they will be putting up their arguments to support this decision. Local knowledge and support from Deddington residents will help their cause enormously.

At some point during the week (probably one evening) of the appeal, there will be a 'residents' session', but the date for this has not yet been agreed. Again it will be very important that as many residents as possible attend this session to show support for CDC's decision to reject the application. So please keep your eyes and ears open for the date and venue which will be published on Deddington OnLine and on posters around the village.

Dave Sullivan
Deddington Development Watch

CHURCH HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

For eleven years these activities have been held in the church very successfully once at Christmas, once at Easter and four times in August, but the present team is now retiring. It would be sad for the village to lose these activities which have given so much pleasure to so many children over so many years. So we are now looking for a new team of about six volunteers who will together take them forward.

Those of us who have been involved up until now have lots of experience which we will gladly pass on to a new team. We believe that we, the past teams, have found that these events have been fun for us as well as for the children and certainly very rewarding.

If you are interested in joining a new team or would like more information, please contact Janet Watts on 337135 or wattsfamily1997@gmail.com, or Jane Green on 337837 or green-jane@btconnect.com.

COME AND JOIN THE CHURCH FLOWER TEAM

Our lovely old Church needs your help. We like to have some flowers in church throughout the year (Lent and Advent excepted). Then for special occasions we really decorate in style! Easter, Harvest Festival, Christmas. Weddings are a bonus.

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Services for October

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Wed 2	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 3	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 6	10.30am	First Sunday
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong
Wed 9	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 10	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 13	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Confirmation and Admission to Communion with Eucharist
Wed 16	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 17	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Fri 18	6.30pm	Eucharist
Sun 20	10.30 am	Eucharist
Wed 23	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 24	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 27	9.30am	Eucharist followed by
	10.15am	Interactive Café Church
Mon 28	6.30pm	Eucharist
Wed 30	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 31	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels

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.

St John's Hempton

Sun 6	9.00am	25th Anniversary Celebration
		Eucharist
Sun 20	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 27	6.00pm	Evensong

Barford St Michael

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

From the Parish Registers

Funeral

26 June	Jason Herbert
23 July	Hilda Hirons
8 Aug	Derrick Benfield

Service of Thanksgiving

9 Aug	John Cheney
30 Aug	Peggy Pacey

Memorial Thanksgiving

12 Aug	Elspeth Cox
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Wedding

20 July	Tim Catling and Rebecca Moss
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Wedding Blessing

6 Sept	Martin and Rachel Freeman
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Baptism

21 July	Amelia Daisy Tong
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Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
20 Oct
27 Oct

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Margaret Goulder
Maurice Nichols

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>.

Health Centre Flu Clinics

This is a reminder to book your flu vaccination if you are eligible to have one.

Saturday flu clinics are on 5, 12, 19 October and 2 November. Weekday clinics are in the afternoons on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3 October 2013.

Shingles is an unpleasant illness that affects one in five adults but more commonly tends to affect people as they get older. This year a separate vaccination against shingles is being offered to those aged 70

(born between 2.9.1942 and 1.9.1943) and those aged 79 (born between 2.9.1933 and 1.9.1934) at the same time as the flu jab. It is a one off vaccination. There is a leaflet at the surgery if you would like to find out more.

Each year all those aged 70 and 79 will be offered the shingles vaccination, so that there will be a gradual catch up campaign of all those currently aged between 71 to 78 years old now who will all be offered the vaccination when they are 79.

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Well done to everybody involved with the Ride and Stride. St John's had 59 visitors during the day which was well down on recent years, but perhaps there were not so many people taking part this time. Those who came appreciated our hospitality. Several families rode for us, one person cycling around the Oxford, Kidlington and Woodstock areas. Sponsorship money raised will be known at a later date.

The Harvest Festival Service had about 20 in the congregation. Many thanks to everyone who supplied produce and the magnificent flowers. £40 was raised from the produce auction after the service and donated to the Deddington Village Nursery which is the church charity of the month. The Harvest Supper is on 5 October at 7.30pm, tickets available from me are £10 per head. The Friends of the Church are celebrating 25 years at this event and, at the Eucharist service at 9.00am the next day, Jonathan Watts, our Parish Councillor, is asking if anyone can help with speed watch through the village and also with salting footpaths in the bad weather. Please call 337135 or email wattsfamily1997@gmail.com if you can help.

The Christmas Bazaar this year will be on Saturday 7 December from 11.00am. Any gifts or prizes suitable for a festive occasion will be most welcome. More news about this next month.

The table tennis team will be playing in Division 3 of the Banbury League so we wish them well for the season.

Les Chappell 338054

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Where?

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Deddington News

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Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

The children have had a happy return to school. A warm welcome to the new children who have joined us this term.

Our AGM will be held at the Nursery on Thursday 3 October at 8pm and we encourage all parents of Nursery and PFSU children to attend. We are a parent-managed setting and need the support of the membership (parents) to make decisions and elect a new committee. Please come along and find out more about how we work and what we have been up to this year. Our main fund-raising event this term will be our Christmas Fayre and Pamper Evening on Tuesday 3 December. Put the date in your diaries and watch this space for more details.

Lucy Squires 337484

Oxfordshire Family History Society

OFHS have completed the recording on the monumental inscriptions in and around the Parish Church and a very big thank you to them for their efforts.

They have kindly agreed to allow us to make the records and pictures available on the internet Café PCs in the Church Living Room.

If you sit at any of the computers in the Living Room you will see a blue, circular icon on the desktop. Click this and the monumental inscription page will open. If you have any trouble with this please feel free to contact me.

David Rogers, david@blueskyday.biz, 337065



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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Dolls are being wrapped, sticks are being bathed, sanded and put away, and the throw is being left to endure the coming winter. Aunt Sally is over for another (or should I say second) year for the only sports team to solely wear the badge of Clifton. They finished third after narrowly being beaten 4–0 in the last dead rubber by the team that justifiably became runners-up. Being runners-up to the runners-up was a great effort to a team promoted this season and we may well go up again. Posh Will (ex of the pub) was the highest average scorer with Iron Man Mayo closely behind. Book club has now filled the void and, as ever, all are welcome.

Many residents have asked me to thank the members of the Parish Council who turned out in September to man a speed watch operation with Thames Valley Police in Clifton where, unsurprisingly to many of us, 23% of vehicles were found to be travelling in excess of 35mph. This result staggered the Police Officers but the data will be used to deploy speed enforcement officers on this route. It was pointed out that the road from Upper Larkrise through Candleford would prove equally fruitful and volunteers are being mobilised for an operation in Hempton by the time this goes to press. If anyone else fancies volunteering, please contact the Parish Council office.

But for now, Christmas menus are being ticked

and seasonal outings planned as the nights draw in. Sporting endeavour is left to a respectable cabal of Clifton footballers boosting the numbers on the all-weather court, to cyclists and runners. How does that heating clock work?

Martin Bryce

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Fernhill Club, Barford

Would anyone in Deddington or the surrounding villages be interested in joining the above club?

We meet in the village hall at Barford St Michael every Wednesday between 2 and 4pm. The club is for anyone over 55. We have a variety of activities with occasional days out.

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Avril Green 338381

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GOOD NEIGHBOURS

The Deddington Neighbourhood Plan is under way. The steering group is now meeting and a rolling programme of events is beginning to take shape.

The first step is to draw up a questionnaire to be distributed throughout the parish, probably on paper and online, from mid-November. This will be a curtain-raiser to a three-day workshop at the church coinciding with the 24 November farmers' market. Everyone is invited to drop in*. Steering group members and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions, show plans and photographs, and take note of your views. Housing will necessarily be one of the main focuses. If the parish is to accommodate new housing, the Neighbourhood Planners' aim is to ensure that parishioners decide where and what kind of development there will be.

A range of other issues will be explored too. Should more use be made of the parish's outstanding asset such as the Castle Grounds? Is parking manageable within Deddington and can anything be done about it anyway? Do we need better facilities for sport and other community activities? Could transport be improved? Is there any chance we could find a suitable piece of land for a children's playground in Hempton?

Over the past 20 years, there have been two parish plans, both capturing a fair slice of public opinion, and the same themes recur. Vandalism, speeding and lack of parking were all seen as a problem in 1994 and 2007. And a concern that there was not enough for young people to do kept cropping up – as does the cheering sense that Deddington and the adjoining villages are, all in all, great places to live.

Deddington may never have a swimming pool – a popular request in 2007 – but some more modest wishes have been realised: a path from Clifton to Deddington, a florist, a baker (well, we have three shops selling bread).

In 1994, 48% of those answering the survey reckoned there was no need for any new housing in the parish. Among those prepared to contemplate some development there was one constant – in 1994 and 2007, and again in a housing needs survey carried out in 2012 – small-scale 'affordable' housing was preferred to five-bedroom villas.

What is the view in 2013?

The Pegasus appeal against planning refusal for an 85-house development north of Gaveston Gardens begins on 29 October. Before that, there is likely be another planning application on the table – this one for 26 houses on The Poplars, the field between the Clifton Road and the Castle Grounds.

*If you want to pitch in right away, take a look at the Neighbourhood Plan's website – there's not much on it so far, but it will grow and everyone can use it to make comments, volunteer and provide information: www.deddingtonneighbourhoodplan.org.

Helen Oldfield

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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

Well that's it, the Green Goddess returned to her winter quarters at 3.30pm on 31 August, after cutting the last of the spring oats. By 9.30pm the same day the last of the straw had been baled and by close of play on 1 September it had all been 'carried' and stacked in the barn ready for the sheep during the winter. At first light on 2 September it was all hands to the pump preparing the seedbeds for next year's oil seed rape. The crop was all in the ground after burning a considerable amount of mid-night oil on the night of 5 September. Why the rush? Well, the experts tell us that the optimum planting dates for winter sown oil seed rape are between the last week of August and the first of September so we just made it. Another reason was that again the experts, after some near perfect harvest weather, predicted that some very heavy rain would fall over the first weekend of the month, something that would get the rape seed off to a flying start. Well, they were a week out with their predictions and we had just enough to 'settle the dust' and get the grey hordes on the move (field slugs), but the real reason for all the rush was that on 7 September we all took off for the Moreton-in-Marsh Agricultural Show.

This is the last show of the season and also the national show event for the Cotswold Sheep Society. The Apletree flock was making its debut in the show ring, with the January-born ram lamb, Apletree Blizzard (yes, he was born in a blizzard). A lot of work was put in by daughter-in-law Naomi, preparing both the lamb and grandson Ben, his handler, for the show ring. The 'boys' did very well and won the young handler championship so, as they say, a great day was had by all. Blizzard will now be 'grown on' and shown as a 'shearling' next year, before either being hired out or sold on for breeding, but now it's back to earth with a bump and a return to the tractor seat, preparing the seed beds for next year's winter wheat crops.

After the 'white knuckle ride' of the last three farming seasons, this year's harvest went very well with only having to fire up the grain-drier on the odd occasion to dry a few 'headland' loads, but after the difficulties of last autumn's planting season and the cold wet spring, the overall yields are down on our five year average. However, the spring sown crops did much better than expected.

After a late start to their season the bees have done very well and produced a nice crop of honey. They have now been tucked up in bed for the winter and once the field work has been completed it will be back to the wood workshop for me, preparing the hives for next year.

The rams are out on the job, but this year we have split the flock into three lots, with the Cotswolds starting the lambing season off in January, followed by a hundred ewes in February and the rest in March. For

the first time we are using teasers (vasectomised rams). These were put out with the ewes a month before the entire rams, the idea being that the teasers will bring the ewes into oestrus over a much shorter period, so the lambing will be fast and furious but over quickly, rather than dragging on for weeks. Well, that's the theory but only time will tell if it works.

The wildlife have had a good summer, with the pollen and nectar strips all abuzz with honey bees, bumble bees, butterflies, moths and other assorted insects, but the field of blue along the Clifton road was a real treat and the buzz of bees on a warm afternoon was almost deafening, even without my hearing-aids. The field was too wet to plant with a cereal crop, so we put in a late 'green manure' crop of phacelia to help lift the fertility of the soil and increase the bio-mass. It should have been chopped and cultivated in by the start of August ready to go into oil seed rape, but with the

mass of insects in the crop, I could not bring myself to take the flail mower to it, so we left it until the flower was 'off' and will now put in a crop of winter wheat.

Our summer visitors have now all left for their long flight south and it is pleasing to report that many more left than arrived in the spring and I look forward to their return. It may be an ominous portent for the coming winter, but as I bash this out in time to catch copy date, we have already seen a number of Greenland wheatear, golden plover and fieldfare arriving on the farm to rest up and feed before continuing their push south. The arrival of these northern birds is an annual event but this year they are some six weeks early, so perhaps they know something that we don't. Perhaps the experts will tell us, after the event, that it was another record-breaking winter, ho hum.

George Fenemore
338203



Ben and Apletree Blizzard

DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW 2013

Fantastic! What support, both from exhibitors and everyone who came to see it all. Surely the best Show we have had in the five years we have been going.

Thank you to everyone who helped make it possible – the Show Committee, of course – but we can't do it without the massive help we get on the day from the table movers, the stewards, the tea ladies, those who organise the stalls and the raffle, the runners between the judges and the scorer, the six judges and our scorer, and not forgetting those who stayed to help get the church back to rights. Thank you to everyone who made cakes, gave raffle prizes and bottles for the bottle stall.



Pic courtesy Judy Ward

Well done to all the exhibitors. The judges were very complimentary about the high standard and would have liked to have given everyone a certificate. They had a hard task deciding the winners.

Here are the Section results but the list of full results has been put on DOL.

Cookery: the Welford Cup: 3rd L Nelson and K Griffin; 2nd K Morris; Winner W Burrows

Flowers: the Marianne Elsley Cup: 3rd S Nelson and S Smithson; 2nd G Fellows; Winner P Smithson

Vegetables: the Oliver Hawes Cup: 3rd G Hands; 2nd G Fellows; Winner S Nelson

Fruit: the St Peter and St Paul Cup: 3rd A Wright, D White, C Hall, E Parkhurst; 2nd M Ryland and B Ryland; Winner S Nelson

The Arts and Crafts Cup: 3rd J Hodges; 2nd J Milner; Winner W Burrows

Photography: the Deddington Farmers' Market Cup: 3rd A Wright, S Coppin, W Meagher, C Hall; 2nd M Higgins, S Fuller, J Ward; Winner D Maharry

Show Champion: the Deddington Gardeners' Cup: 3rd G Fellows; 2nd W Burrows; Winner S Nelson

Children: 5 and under age group: 3rd E Carr, J Fuller, B Kitchen, T Jopla-Pouget; 2nd C Kenny; Winner J Edmonds.

6 to 9 age group: 3rd D Garbutt; 2nd I Kenny; Winner H Garbutt.

10 to under 15 age group: 3rd B Burrows; 2nd L Burland; Winner A Garbutt

Child Champion: the Maureen Forsyth Cup: 3rd A Garbutt; 2nd J Edmonds; Winner H Garbutt

The date for the 2014 Parish Show is Saturday 6 September.

Wendy Burrows, Hon Secretary
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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON CHURCH, ONE YEAR ON

I have had numerous conversations with many different people since we started the process of setting up FODC, and it is clear that, for many different reasons, pretty well everyone in Deddington and beyond is deeply appreciative of the central role our parish church plays in social and community life.

There is also appreciation of Hugh White's willingness to make the church available for a range of different kinds of event. As well as the congregation, many non-churchgoers already contribute generously to church funds. But given the size of the bills, more help is needed. The goal of FODC is quite simply to mobilise as many people as possible to support our quite exceptional church.

FODC is now beginning to get on its feet, having enrolled around 70 members and hosted three fund-

raising events. We launched the organisation with a brass band concert last November, held a highly successful Valuation Day in May, and, at the time of writing, we are two days away from our Tea Dance on 22 September.

On 22 October, we hold our first Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm in the church. We hope that as many members as possible will come along to toast the first birthday of FODC, and we also invite others who are interested in joining us or learning more about our evolving programme to come along.

At this meeting we shall be considering future strategy and direction, and we need as many voices as possible from all sections of our community. Please join us if you have not already done so.

Lesley Milroy 337614, amilroy@umich.edu

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 **Offering the best Fairtrade for Christmas**

The Deddington Fairtraders team has been out and about at the London Fairtrade markets to find some of the best Christmas gifts to display at Deddington's annual Fairtrade Preview Day on Wednesday 9 October in the church from 10.30am until 7.30pm. Admission and refreshments are free and, in addition to the extensive display of Christmas cards, decorations, calendars and gifts from the Traidcraft catalogue, there will be the popular bargain table with a selection of discontinued Christmas cards, Advent calendars, crafts, glassware, etc all at greatly reduced prices.

Items on display and ordered from the Traidcraft catalogue on the day will attract 10% discount and free delivery. Free catalogues are usually available in the church porch. Please contact Hugh Marshall on 337761.

FROM LES CHAPPELL, FRIENDS OF HEMPTON CHURCH

The Friends of Hempton Church group is now 25 years old. It was set up in 1988 to prevent the closure of the building when the last community place in the village would have been lost. A few dedicated people



were determined that this should not happen and, with the support of many others, the church and hall were saved and the Friends formed.

Much has been achieved over the years. The kitchen and toilet extension was built in 1999, the bellcote and fittings were rebuilt in 2005, new interior doors between the church and hall were restored in 2010 after the old ones had been taken out and lost in the 1960s, and, more recently, new windows installed in the church. All this and much more regular maintenance is done with money raised by the Friends, plus several grants for which we are really grateful. More needs to be done, including the decorated ceiling in the chancel, a refurbishment of the hall and new railings outside the front of the church to match the existing ones on the other side of the main door.

The Friends are always looking for new members and donations. Family membership is £10 minimum per year and Gift Aid forms are available which all helps. Please contact one of the following if you can help: the treasurer Rebecca Warwick 337939, secretary John Sampson 338739, or me 338054.

The Friends propose to celebrate 25 years at the Harvest Supper on 5 October at 7.30pm (tickets are £10 per person from me), and at a special Eucharist service the next day at 9.00am.

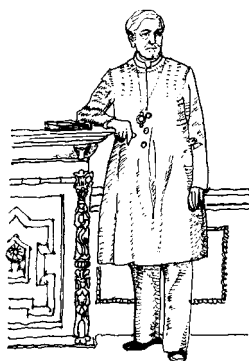
DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

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

1st October – Mr. Symonds saw Susan again, considered her better and spoke more encouragingly of her.

2nd October – Holford and I attended a monthly meeting of the Justices – the King's Arms licence was restored on promise of future good conduct.

3rd October – A woman named Woods from Steeple Aston came about her son again – now in Oxford Castle – as did his master, Mr. Coles, and I consented to remit 14 days of his imprisonment from this day at Mr. Coles' request. I wrote to the Governor at Oxford to that effect, requesting him to lay my letter before the Visiting Justices. I called at the Factory and saw a man named Bishop and tried to reconcile him and his wife who did not live very comfortably together – saw his wife afterwards and gave her some advice.



7th October – Heard from the Governor at Oxford about the boy Woods, stating that the Crown alone could shorten his imprisonment.

9th October – On the night or morning of the 7th inst. a most singular visitation of an earthquake occurred in many towns and villages in this county, Warwicks., Worcs., and Northants. Our servants felt the shock most sensibly, though we ourselves did not. Mr. Davenport, the Under Sheriff, held a Court for the election of a Coroner for the northern part of the county loco the late Mr. John Churchill. I proposed his son, Henry, Mr. Wing of Steeple Aston seconded him, and no opponent appearing he was declared to be unanimously elected.

20th October – We left for Brighton and reached there soon after 5 o'clock. The rest of the month and the whole of November till the 28th inst. we spent at Brighton.

Buffy Heywood
338212

Introducing our New Parish Councillor

Some of us have been known to be critical of the way in which Parish Councillors have been co-opted to the Council. In order to inform the electorate, the most recent recruit to our Parish Council has provided the following background, for which I am grateful. JC

My name is Simon Boulter and I live in Top Thatch, Hempton. My wife and I moved to Hempton last September but I lived in Deddington for five years prior to this (2004–2009).

I am an ecological consultant and am familiar with an array of protected and non-protected species surveys. In addition, I work with the planning process on a daily basis and am up to date on conservation legislation, relevant planning policies and the content requirements of planning applications/Environmental Impact Assessments. I believe I could use these skills to help the Council when they review planning applications within the parish and assist with the production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

I am passionate about the natural environment of our parish. I would work towards its documentation (permission has already been sought to survey for bats and reptiles at the Castle site), preservation and

enhancement – whilst also making the most of our green spaces so that the whole parish could enjoy them. I would also like to involve parishioners in future surveys, with the aim of generating more excitement about the flora and fauna within the parish. This could be done through parishioner participation as well as running a couple of workshops/talks. I believe that this is the best way to get local people involved in local projects. I am also passionate about the general well-being of the people within the parish and would do my best to assist other working groups with issues such as traffic and speed control through the parish and organising events for the parish.

I am enthusiastic, determined and enjoy committing to causes I am passionate about. I believe this is shown through my other voluntary roles.

Simon Boulter
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Musical Notes

The promised musical surprise comes on 12 October with the stunning group, Graffiti Classics. These amazingly talented performers will have you laughing out loud and pleading for more. They are a string quartet like no other (don't switch off!): they have a double bass instead of a 'cello; they sing; they dance; they act the fool. It is cabaret of the highest order and it will entertain whether you are a child, a granddad or anywhere in between. We are able to have this group through the 'Good Night Out', Oxfordshire's rural touring scheme, an enterprise that deserves our support, so do come or we might lose it.

Sunday 10 November at 4pm will bring us, through Music in Adderbury, an internationally renowned 'straight' string quartet, the Carducci. They are one of the world's top quartets, performing some 90 concerts a year and are renowned for their vital, subtle and high-octane playing.

More in next month's *DN*, and remember that, if you would like an email reminder a week before each concert, please let me have your details.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

The start of the new school year has gone very smoothly, the summer holidays seem a long way off.

The school has welcomed two new members of staff: Mrs Sally Barber who is teaching in Year 3 and Mrs Wendy Whitehouse who is working in Years 3 and 4. We have also welcomed the return of Mrs Tracy Fane from maternity leave: she is teaching alongside Mrs Barber in Year 3.

A lot of work has gone on in the school over the holidays. We have had the work area outside Years 3 and 4 remodelled, a complete deep clean of the school, and we have received delivery of 48 new laptops. In our playground we have had a tyre play area built, funded by our PTA, which all year groups are enjoying playing on.

This term several after-school and lunchtime clubs are starting, including musical theatre, choir, art and crafts, ICT and web design, football and rugby clubs. I hope there will be something for everyone. So it's another busy and exciting start to the new academic year.

Jane Cross, Deputy Headteacher
338430

WELL REMEMBERED

Peggy Pendrill 1915–2013

Peggy Neve was born in Croydon in November 1915, went to school in Horsham and after college was a teacher in England until 1947, and then in Canada for two years. On her return she moved into the training of social workers, becoming the greatly-valued leading light in Hertfordshire's Social Services. At the age of 57 she married Walter Pendrill and lived in Gillingham and then Kington Magna in Dorset where 'Pen' died in 1993. Peggy then moved to Charlbury where she was

a valued member of the church choir and as deputy organist. In 2004 she came to Featherton House where her deep well of intellect made a major contribution to quizzes. She combined dignity with impudence, which was enshrined in her family nickname 'Pommy' – thanks to Winnie-the-Pooh's *The more it snows, tiddly-pom* rhyme, first published when she was ten.

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

In September, Pete Mitchell gave a presentation entitled 'World Travel Images'. Pete is an amateur photographer, living locally, who took up photography almost by accident. Invited to spend six months touring South America with a friend, he took with him a simple 'point and shoot' compact camera and immediately became absorbed with capturing unusual digital images. Photographic visits to Africa, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and China subsequently followed. While the original camera was damaged in his later travels and was substituted, the replacement was just a more sophisticated compact camera. Pete explained that he has no understanding of the technicalities of photography and, with today's compact cameras, does not think this is at all necessary. He merely sets the mode dial of the camera to match the scene and lets the camera do the rest.

Pete showed a selection of remarkable photographs taken by him during his travels, accompanied by a commentary on location details and some personal anecdotes. It was an informative and most entertaining presentation by a gifted amateur photographer who clearly has an eye for a creative photograph and unusual camera angle. It also demonstrated to the audience just what a modern compact camera can achieve. All his images were shown 'as shot' without any subsequent processing.

The next club night is on 2 October when members will show their own images of 'Street Photography' taken at home and abroad. This will be followed on 16 October by a workshop on 'Being judgemental about your photographs'. All are welcome to these events, which are held at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho.

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Women's Institute

The members were extremely well entertained by Valerie Burton on 'The History and Memories of Witney Blankets'. She gave a history from the early 11th century until the demise of the mills in the 1990s. Early's celebrated three hundred years in 1969 and by 2002 nothing was left as the takeover companies took the name and removed the works to elsewhere in the UK.

Our next meeting is on 8 October with an auction for the Poppy Appeal and a bring and share harvest supper. More information from Beryl Suckling, 337385.

Julia Hobbs

1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

We have started the term with several new members: Samuel, George, Ben and Ethan. Let's hope they enjoy their time with us.

The pack has begun the Scientist badge. They will be making 'rubber eggs' to see how cells work, firing

balloon rockets along strings, and making bicarbonate volcanoes.

The group is pleased to welcome Janet Duxbury as our Group Scout Leader. Janet has been in Scouting since the year dot, having run Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in Hook Norton before becoming the District and County Cub representative. Pete and I have known her for many years and we're sure she will bring a great deal of experience and fun to the group.

Jo Churchyard CSL
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Scouts

The Scouts have been on a brilliant trip to Warwick where they spent the night in the Market Hall Museum. They were taken on a private tour then given video cameras to make their own feature films amongst the exhibits. The results were energetic and frankly confusing but they all had a great time making them – I'd like to say that Quentin Tarantino had nothing to worry about but I think they would be right up his street! Next came pizza and chips and a viewing of *Night at the Museum II*, before snuggling down next to a fossilised elk.

Pete Churchyard SL
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Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

We are holding a Race Night on Saturday 26 October at the Royal British Legion with the first race coming under starter's orders at 8.30pm. Why not come and join us for a night at the races without leaving the village? There is still the opportunity to become an owner at a cost of £5.00 per horse. Please contact Yvonne or Chris Twomey on 337213.

Yvonne Twomey, Hon Secretary

1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

We started the new term with five new Rainbows. Ella, Summer, Katie and Vivi joined us to toast marshmallows on campfires that Deddington Guides helped us to build and light. Two of the Guides – Amy and Ami – used to be Barford Rainbows. The rain held off and we had a great time. I'm not sure how hungry any of the girls were when they got home. Thank you to Mrs Bouverie who kindly lets us take over a corner of her garden, and to the Guides for helping.

The fifth new Rainbow, Thea, will start when we have our yearly walk from Adderbury to the windmill at Bloxham Grove. The weather forecast is looking good after a week of rain, so fingers crossed... We've got lots planned for the term. It should be fun.

Hazel Neal 337822

1st Deddington Guides

Our super summer outdoor term came to a conclusion with our annual stream walk. Some American friends who thought that we were all very strange joined it.

CALLING MORE CLUBS

Everyone ended up wet and muddy and after lots of shrieking and laughter we warmed up with a game of rounds.

We welcomed four new Guides into the unit at a promise ceremony and bade farewell to three Guides who had been members for four years or more and are now moving on – so good luck to Sophie, Jasmine and Tilly in all they do.

A week later we camped in North Aston. We were spoilt with lovely weather, amazingly bright moonlit nights – no torch required. The storm missed us completely so we were lucky.

The senior Guides helped us get up and running and then had their own mini-camp alongside us. We had great fun in the stream, adventures in the woods, screamed down our awesome water shoot, enjoyed laughter and companionship around the camp fire, good food and lovely surroundings. Thank you to those who made it possible.

We have appreciated meeting up again this term and played old favourite games, tried new ones, toasted marshmallows, learnt about our new promise, worked on badges and generally prepared ourselves for new exciting times ahead.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Marian Trinder 340806

Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008

Deddington Players

Panto season is fast approaching. Auditions for our forthcoming production of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* will be held at the Windmill Centre on Sunday 13 October from 2–4pm. Be there if you would like to be part of it. We are looking for cast and crew aged from Year 1 and above. The afternoon will take the format of workshops, games and singing (no solos unless you want to). The show will be 16–18 January 2014.

We had a successful barbecue and social on a rainy afternoon in early September. Anne generously let us shelter in her kitchen and we all had a fun time. Please call me if you have any queries about the pantomime – otherwise we'll see you at the auditions.

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The DOGS played Kirtlington Golf Club on Friday 9 August, which turned out to be a fine day. Thirty-two golfers of all ages tested their skills at this enormously frustrating game; some even call it a sport. Lyn Talbot and John Stiff won their respective groups, but Phil Wilks ended up as the overall champion. Following the day's activity, everyone (about 70 folk in all) adjourned to Rob and Maureen Forsyth's beautiful house for an evening of socialising including a pig roast. The evening included the prize-giving for the golf, followed by a raffle of a marvellous painting donated by Viv O'Donnell. In excess of £165 was raised for the

Katharine House Hospice. Many thanks Viv.

Our final event of 2013 is at Badgemore Park, near Henley-on-Thames, on Friday 18 October. This is our Autumn Classic and will involve 27 holes of golf throughout the day.

David Darst 338589

Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

There is a tombola in the British Legion Club premises on the High Street on Sunday 20 October at lunchtime. Half the proceeds will go to Branch funds. Donations of prizes may be left at the Club during opening hours or contact me as below.

Just an early reminder of Remembrance Sunday on 10 November and the annual Poppy collection. Further information will be in the November issue of *DN*.

Members are reminded that subscriptions are due on 1 October and can be paid at the bar.

Jean Morris, Branch Secretary

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Deddington Town Colts

Mini-football

The Under 7s/Under 6s have a new manager, Andrew Charman, who recently qualified as an FA Level 1 coach. There are more than 25 Year 1 and 2 children taking part every Saturday at 10.30am at the Windmill Centre, where basic dribbling, shooting and passing skills are taught with the emphasis on learning in a fun atmosphere. The Under 8s have started their first proper season with two close fought defeats, losing 3–1 to Launton Boys Athletic and 3–2 to Launton. Deddington were strong in both matches with notable goals from Dylan Conlan and Thomas Cunningham, and outstanding defending from George Foster and Alex Din. The Under 10s have started the league season with a solid 4–1 win, and had two excellent friendly games with a narrow win and a narrow loss.

Junior Football

The Under 11 Colts had a 2–2 draw with Tower Hill Stars in their opening game. The Under 12s had a 2–1 victory over Launton Boys Rangers, but then suffered a heavy 8–2 defeat to Yarnton Blues the following week. The Under 13 Sharks had a new start in the Midlands Junior Premier League with a baptism of fire against Middleton Cheney in their opening game. After leading 2–1 with goals from Ben Cruttenden and Will Roach, Middleton then took control and went on to win 7–2. Against the Sky Blue Hawkes (from Coventry) the Sharks had a very credible 1–1 draw. Deddington took the lead when Ben Morgan just managed to force the ball over the goal line but the Sky Blues replied. The Under 13 Cobras started their season with a tough opening match at home against Yarnton Blues losing 5–1. A poor first half was turned around in the second with a solid performance and a goal from Ben Haynes. The Under 14s had a comfortable win over Launton

...AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Boys Athletic. Deddington took the lead when Ethan Stevens rounded the goalkeeper to make it 1-0. Then a flicked header from Toby Sykes found Alfie Thatcher, who sent a fine through-ball to Ethan Stevens, who in turn beat three defenders to score the second goal. The third goal came when Alfie Thatcher chased a ball into the corner and managed to pull it back to Jack McCallum who struck the ball home from the edge of the box. The Under 16s have had a slow start, losing 2–1 to Cholsey and then drawing 3–3 with Horspath. They welcomed several new players and are still learning how to play as a team. The potential is tremendous though and in time the team will turn things round. Watch this space.

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/>.

Many thanks to RC Spencer Builders who have sponsored the Under 14s kit for the new season.

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

Deddington Town Football Club

First Team results

14.09.13 Heyford Athletic (h) L 1–2 Bird

Reserve Team results

07.09.13 Banbury Rangers (h) W 6–3 Charles, Gamage, Hall (2)

14.09.13 Fenny Compton (a) W 5–2 Kaye (Jordan) (3), Gamage, Moore

The rabid dogs of war have been released once more and they scent a long hunt for victory. The First Team's new dawn under the stewardship of Robin Gardner began tentatively, as they narrowly fell against Heyford Athletic, perhaps being shifted out of their stride by their opening fixture postponement. By contrast, Jase Tustain's Reserves came flying out of the traps, destroying Banbury Rangers on the opening day with a little help from First Team icon Si Hall, then coming straight outta' Fenny Compton with all three points following a hat-trick from Jordan Kaye. The First Team lies second-bottom, while the Reserves are top of

their league, though league tables at this stage are as worthless as a football boot on an ice hockey rink. Game on!

**Aaron Bliss
07909 642882**

Deddington and District History Society

Our September speaker, Carol Anderson, was forced to withdraw at short notice, having broken her hip. We wish her a quick recovery and hope that she will be able to come and give us her planned talk in due course. Since it was too late to find anyone as interesting as Carol to step into the gap, our members were forced to listen to a lecture given by the Society's Chairman. They bore the ordeal with patience and good humour.

He spoke about the history of the parish as an institution, from its beginnings as an ecclesiastical unit through its heyday (16th century to 19th) when it was responsible also for a whole range of local governmental matters, from road mending to poor relief. The parish was the forum where the great bulk of the population, denied access to the parliamentary franchise, could have a voice, even women. Many of the parish's more significant powers were transferred in the late 19th century to other bodies, notably the newly formed county councils, but of course the parish remains with us and, though diminished, continues to have significant secular and ecclesiastical functions.

Colin Cohen, founder-member of our Society, will be returning on 9 October to speak about his late father, Kenneth Cohen, 'The Spy I Hardly Knew'. What began as a routine piece of family history research developed into something more significant when Colin discovered what his father had never told him, viz. that he had run secret agents into France during the Second World War and was MI6 Controller for Western Europe after it.

As ever, all will be welcome at our monthly meetings, which take place at 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre.

**Chris Day, Chairman 337204
Moira Byast, Secretary 338637**

STOP PRESS!

Cherwell District Council Seeks Legal Advice over Appeal Decisions

Legal advice is being sought by Cherwell District Council after four local major planning applications were all granted approval on appeal.

Cherwell District Councillors had initially refused applications to develop 145 homes off Salt Way in Banbury, 70 dwellings in Hook Norton, and two separate applications for 75 and 85 homes in Bloxham.

In each case the developers launched an appeal against the decision and these were later called in by Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government, who overturned

all four refusals, citing the Council's lack of a five-year housing supply.

Sir Tony Baldry MP, who has worked diligently to support local parishes, says: 'All these decisions are contrary to Cherwell District Council's Draft Local Plan.'

'This is the most disappointing Ministerial decision affecting my constituency that I have seen in over thirty years of being a Member of Parliament.'

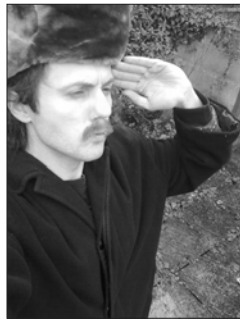
'I am thus as angry, disappointed and frustrated as I imagine you will be by the Secretary of State's decisions.'

BLISSFUL THINKING

From the time that Man moved from hunter-gatherer to civilised community dweller, the wild, competitive animal within began to channel this merciless instinct into other pursuits. No longer lonely, but now in need of standing out from the crowd for mates, or challenging the leader of the pack, Man sought to refine any abilities which would set him apart. Our early forebears would perhaps work on skills like spear throwing or animal evisceration and haruspicy to impress and prove their worth to the group.

As technology and discoveries advanced, relying on physical prowess was not the only way to make a name for oneself. Those who could think critically and logically were much sought after to spur on the community, as competing inventions drove mankind forward, with the victors hoping to claim the spoils of notoriety. In the Dark Ages, competition spread to ugliest foot rot, angriest canker or worst living conditions, but thankfully the Industrial Revolution, modern medicine and community integration eventually brought us much more pleasant feats of human triumph, like Most Ironic Squash, Most Baffling Art and the much-prized Horn of Whimsy. Happy Parish Show!

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GEEK DAD

I had the very happy opportunity to visit Bletchley Park last week. If you've not heard of it, this small site nestled in the south west of Milton Keynes was home to the brilliant men and women who dedicated themselves to breaking the codes used by the Germans during World War 2. Many of you will have heard of the Enigma code, Alan Turing, Colossus, Station X and several other phrases related to this place. Spending a day there, however, fills in the blanks and presents the amazing reality of the accomplishments made at Bletchley. It's not the case that the team there broke the Enigma code once and that was it – they had to break it 70 times a day as the Germans changed the settings on their Enigma encoders every night at midnight, and the 70-odd different parts of the German army each used their own settings – every day.

They also had to break the far more complicated Lorenz cipher used by German high command, a process that involved one of the greatest intellectual feats of World War 2 and the building of the world's first programmable computer, the Colossus. Indeed, the Colossus proved so useful that GCHQ used several of them until 1960. It is truly astonishing what they achieved and what their achievements meant. Some say they shortened the war by between two and four years. They most certainly heralded the age of computers we live in now and the National Museum of Computers, also on the site, will give you a guided tour through that age so far if you'll let it.

PARKING AND POSTERS

There's sometimes one or two vehicles trapped inside the monthly farmers' market because their owners left them, unaware, overnight. Which means they are stuck until the market is taken down – and stall-holders

get pushed out of their normal space. New, more explicit no parking signs are now in place which will hopefully make this happen less often.

Still on the subject of signage, the Deddington Market Management Group are looking for someone to deliver market posters and leaflets around the parish. It's a once a year job. If you're interested, use the contact page on the market website: www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk/contact-us.html.

The market is run entirely by volunteers, and the money raised supports local community interests. The latest round of beneficiaries include: the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Deddington OnAir, the Windmill Thursday Club, Deddington Youth Club, 1st Deddington Cubs and Scouts, Deddington Craft Group, Deddington Art Group, Beeches Bowls Club, Boys Brigade, Deddington Guides and Banbury Food Bank.

If your local group or organisation wants to apply for funding you can request an application form from: www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk/contact-us.html.

The Banbury Food Bank will have a collection point at every market up to and including Christmas. Any food with a reasonable shelf life will be gratefully accepted. The Food Bank say they get a number of referrals from Deddington Parish.

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

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There's a film in production at the moment starring Benedict Cumberbatch, he of Sherlock and Hobbit fame. A biopic of Alan Turing called the *Imitation Game*, it will be out next year and will cover his breaking of the Enigma code and unfortunate death. But all it will do is give you a flavour of the time and the place. With Bletchley Park only 45 minutes away in the car, every person who has ever used a computer, smartphone, or the internet owes it to themselves to visit Bletchley Park and say thank you to the people who worked there.

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