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The Festival is over for another year, thanks to a great effort by a lot of volunteers, the cuckoo has changed his tune and is ready to fly away, club activities are winding down and schools will soon be breaking up. Summer is officially here and the *DN* crew wishes all its readers a happy holiday. See you again in September.

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JULY

- Tue 1 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2.00pm
- Wed 2 Photo Society: Randall Miles, 'Become a Better Photographer', Cartwright Arms, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 3 Youth Club Committee: AGM, Windmill Centre, 6.30pm
- Fri 4 Hempton Social Night: Hempton Church Hall, 7.00pm
- Sat 5 PTA: Village Fête, Primary School Field, 12.30pm
- Sat 5 RBL: 'Elvis is in Town!', RBL Hall, Deddington, 9.00pm
- Mon 7 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
- Tue 8 WI: Outing to Tatton Park, leaving at 8.30am
- Thu 10 Monday Morning Film Club: Film title tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Sat 12 Concert: Choros, 'Elizabethan Serenade', Parish Church, 7.45pm
- Mon 14 Youth Club: Summer Party, Parish Church, 7.00pm
- Wed 16 Parish Council Meeting: Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm
- Sat 19 RBL: Race Night, 8.00pm
- Sun 20– DOGS: Greetham Valley Hotel, Lincolnshire,
- Mon 21
- Sat 26 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Wed 30 *DN* Collating: Windmill Centre (upstairs), 10.00am
- Thu 31 Book Club Meeting: please call 338094 for details

AUGUST

- Fri 1 Hempton Social Night: Hempton Church Hall, 7.00pm
- Sat 2 RBL: WWI Commemoration exhibition, Parish Church Living Room, 11.00am
- Sun 3 RBL: Commemoration exhibition of WWI, Parish Church Living Room, after morning service to 5.00pm
- Mon 4– Deddington Tennis Club: Children's Early Summer
- Fri 8 Camp, Windmill Centre, 9.30am–1.30pm
- Mon 4 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
- Tue 5 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2.00pm
- Wed 6 Photo Society: Linda Sharp, 'Landscapes', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Tue 12 WI: Lindsay Pickering, 'Working with Leather', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Thu 14 Monday Morning Film Club: Title tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting at The Windmill Centre on Wed 11 June

Present: Cllrs Boulter, Collins, Cox, Day, East, Finnegan, Flux, O'Neill, Rogers, Squires, Watts, Williams, Wood, County Councillor Fatemian.

Cllr Fatemian reported that:

The site meeting at St Thomas St to review traffic problems had not yet taken place but is scheduled to happen shortly.

Plans have been raised to extend the ward boundaries (at present Deddington and the Barfords) to include several more villages as far as Steeple Aston in the south and Wigginton in the west. This is felt not to be a good idea, as it could distance the electorate from their councillor and would involve more elections in the near future.

Discussions have taken place at the county level to extend Deddington Primary School to accommodate pupils from Adderbury whose school will not be able to cope with the increased intake from proposed housing developments.

There is a meeting at Banbury Town Hall at 7.30pm on Mon 23 June to discuss local transport issues.

The budget for grass cutting has been reduced by 50%.

Planning: The planning group has given some consideration to buildings worth putting on the Local Heritage Asset Register and have suggested the School Hall in Hempton, Satin Lane Allotments, Deddington Library and the Duke of Cumberland's Head in Clifton. If these buildings were listed, the community would be informed if they were put up for sale and given the opportunity to acquire them.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we enter our final term at school we are busy fitting in last minute trips, getting ready for the summer fête, sports day and also preparing ourselves to say goodbye to our lively but lovely Year 6.

This term Year 5 are going to Chessington World of Adventures for a final outing, whilst Year 6 are off to Bournemouth to enjoy the seaside. F1 are looking forward to the Cotswold Wildlife Park and Year 3 has enjoyed trips to Chedworth Roman Villa and Sulgrave Manor.

Children are busy practising for our sports afternoon for which we are hoping the sun shines. Likewise the plans for the summer fête are coming together. This year the PTA is planning a circus theme for the day. This will include our very own school dance squad who have a few surprises up their sleeves.

Our Leavers Assembly is in the Church at 9.30am on 18 July. This is always a happy and sad occasion; we are sad to see them leave but it is lovely to celebrate their success and share fond memories with them. We wish them all the best at their secondary schools and hope they keep in touch.

Jane Cross 338430

Environment and Recreation: There is now a policy for use of parish notice boards. Notification must be given to the clerk; notices must be removed within 48 hours after the event advertised; only drawing pins should be used; the maximum size is A4; notices should not be posted to cover a current notice; no-one unauthorised by the PC should remove notices.

Highways and Transport: The possibility of installing speed humps on the Hempton and Clifton roads was mentioned.

The blocked drain outside Eagles has been cleared.

Overhanging trees at the traffic lights have been reported to OCC.

Dog walkers should be aware that CDC's environmental enforcement team is authorised to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling, which is very soon to be considered legally as anti-social behaviour. Failure to dispose properly of a used bag is also an offence. Residents are encouraged to report habitual offenders to Mark Harmon, Environmental Enforcement Manager, 01295 221624 extension 1624 or mark.harmon@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk

Next PC meeting: Wed 16 July 7.30 pm at the Holly Tree Club.

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or John Sampson 338739**

FARMERS' MARKET

Summer Fruitfulness

Deddington Farmers' Market Management Group gives away profits from the Market to local organisations. These donations can go towards the cost of all or part of a specific item of equipment or event. Though surplus funds vary from year to year, the Market tries to help as many organisations as possible. If you want to find out more, contact Gemma Webber on 337871 or gemma_nick@yahoo.com. The awards will be made at the September Market. You can help swell the funds to be given away by simply doing some of your shopping at the Market each month.

With all the abundance that an English summer can offer, this month's Market should be well nigh irresistible: soft fruits galore, pink prawns, crisp salads, sun-warmed tomatoes, pods of peas – the list is endless. And don't forget the Market stalwarts – cheeses, cured meats, smoked fish, pies, breads, handmade mustards, local honey and an extraordinary range of local meats – from game to rare breed beef. It would be a hard-hearted cook who could ignore this array.

But if you're not a cook (or the summer weather makes the idea of slaving over a hot stove unattractive) there are all sorts of ready-to-eat offers.

Each market is different but I've enjoyed stunning curries, delightful sushi, impressive frittata and a great



deal besides. Even something as perfect as a raised pie and a spoonful of traditional piccalilli with a pint is there for the discerning buyer. My personal delight is a bag of cherries, usually eaten before they get home.

This preview is written a long way ahead of Market day due to copy deadlines. You can get more accurate news nearer the time.

If you're internet averse you can get the latest Market news on BBC Radio Oxford every Market morning or look out for the specials board at the Market itself. For the more electronically accomplished, there is a Market preview on the parish radio station, Deddington OnAir (www.deddingtononair.org), for the week before each Market; there is the Market website itself (www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk), there is the Facebook page (please like); and there is the Twitter feed @DeddingtonFMkt.

Or you could let the Market do the work for you by signing up for a personal email update by emailing your request to marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk.

The Market is on Saturday 26 July from 9.00am to 12.30pm. Good shopping!

Ian Willox
337940

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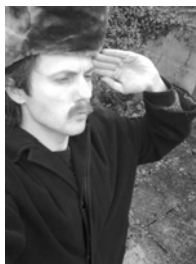
The *DN* is greatly beholden to its advertisers who make it possible to produce a monthly newsletter, distributed free to all households in the parish, and even enable it to make small annual donations to neighbourhood charities. Approximately 70 of these local small businesses advertise on an annual basis, many of them as regular clients. They do not demand a great deal in the way of care: primarily an annual campaign, between September and November, to determine who will fill the 18½ pages of advertisements with a little tweaking in July.

Sadly, the right person to take on the job of annual advertising manager has not yet come forward. He or she needs to be well-organised and good at follow-up, with standard computer skills and some ability to do basic layout for print-ready pages, although advice in this area will be available, if needed.

The bulk of the job comprises sending out an email to potential advertisers in late September and following up with interested businesses to ensure that the print-ready adverts arrive on time, space being allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Once the adverts are received, the remainder of the job is to make up pages, send a proof to each advertiser, and finally, to dispatch the proofed pages to the printer.

Please contact Jill Cheeseman on editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk if you could take on this responsibility.

BLISSFUL THINKING



Heritage and tradition are curious things. An entirely man-made tradition enjoyed by some, such as the monarchy, is apparently unquestioned and appropriate to survive as a private entity, yet the entirely natural communal asset 'green belt' enjoyed by all is considered expendable as a private entity for the purposes of economic

progress. Post offices, milkmen and Royal Mail are off-romanticised but discarded with little contemplation. Most people will have fond memories of browsing their old video rental and record shops, yet we will most likely never see their like again. With this in mind, I'd like to doff a proverbial cap to a most cherished institution. Ice pops, penny sweets, disreputable magazines; they could all be sourced from one wonderfully cramped locale. It brought us choice and value in the most convenient of locations. The business that would have enraged a fire inspector but gave us the delights of Happy Shopper treats, boiled sweets and broken biscuits. Yes, this is a summer lament for the much-missed Windmill Stores. RIP.

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aaronjbliss@hotmail.com

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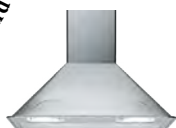
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HEAVENLY CHORUS IN DEDDINGTON?

Below is a short report of a rather disturbing nature. It first appeared in the *Oxford Times* on 17 March 1939, and was reprinted on 13 March 2014, 75 years later.

'Oxfordshire ghosts

Mr Hugh Chesterman talked of ghosts that had appeared in Oxfordshire when he addressed the South Oxford Townswomen's Guild on Monday. He said a woman and her daughter decorating Deddington Church heard singing in the choir stalls. They thought there must be a choir practice and they ought not to stay. The singing seemed to be half-way between the choir stalls and the roof and seemed to be in Latin. Three times they heard it.

"The woman's theory," Mr Chesterman said, "is that the music was sung there 300 or 400 years ago, and that the echo is still there and she was able to tune into it".

When asked for comments on this report the Rev Dr Hugh White said this was a warning to be remembered but also encouragement for the choir 'on the grounds that they are likely to be heard in the echo 400 years hence'.

In the intervening 75 years, has anyone had a similar experience to recount?

Our thanks to the *Oxford Times* for permission to print this article.

Hilary Smith

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

JULY

SS Peter and Paul

Wed 2 10.00am Eucharist St Thomas
 Thu 3 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 6.00pm Eucharist St Thomas
 Sun 6 10.30am First Sunday
 6.30pm Choral Evensong
 Wed 9 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 10 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Fri 11 6.00pm Eucharist St Benedict
 Sun 13 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am Sung Eucharist
 Wed 16 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 17 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Sun 20 10.30am Eucharist
 Tue 22 6.00pm Eucharist Mary Magdalene
 Wed 23 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 24 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Fri 25 6.00pm Eucharist St James
 Sun 27 9.30am Fourth Sunday Eucharist
 10.15am followed by Interactive Café
 Wed 30 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 31 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels

St John's Hempton

Sun 6 9.00am 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

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.

AUGUST

SS Peter and Paul

Sun 3 10.30am First Sunday
 6.30 pm Choral Evensong
 Wed 6 10.00am Eucharist Transfiguration
 Thu 7 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Sun 10 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
 Wed 13 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 14 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Fri 15 6.00pm Eucharist BVM
 Sun 17 10.30am Eucharist
 Wed 20 10.00am Eucharist St Bernard
 Thu 22 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Sun 24 9.30am Fourth Sunday Eucharist
 10.20am followed by Interactive Café
 Wed 27 10.00am Eucharist
 Thu 28 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels
 Sun 31 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.30am Matins

St John's Hempton

Sun 3 9.00am Eucharist
 Sun 17 9.00am Eucharist
 Sun 24 6.00pm Evensong

Barford St Michael

Sun 3 10.30am Eucharist
 Sun 10 10.30am Family Service
 Sun 17 10.30am Morning Service
 Sun 24 4.00pm Evensong
 Sun 31 4.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

28 May Arthur Fawcus

Wedding

23 May Kathryn Gander and Sam Baldwin

Funeral

9 June Roger Callow

6 June Michael Coleman

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

27 July Margery Richley

24 Aug Margery Richley

31 Aug John Goulder

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Fr John Burns 277396

Parish Deacon Rev R Hughes 01295 270869

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday at 9.30am, Sun at 10.00am.

Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00pm before Mass.

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, Kings Sutton, at 9.00am every Sunday.

The Feast of the Assumption, 15 August, remains a Holy Day of Obligation.

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

CHERWELL LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION 'SUSPENDED'

Cherwell District Council (CDC) currently lacks an up-to-date strategic plan for the future development of north Oxfordshire during the period to 2031. Without an up-to-date plan, the district is vulnerable to opportunistic planning applications by developers.

A draft new plan, contemplating the building of 670 homes a year across the district, was submitted to the Communities Secretary, Eric Pickles, MP, earlier this year.

Subsequently, a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) commissioned by all the local authorities in Oxfordshire recommended that the allocation for Cherwell District should be increased to 1,140 homes a year.

The public examination of the draft Cherwell Local Plan opened on 3 June and was suspended by the Inspector on 4 June on the grounds that the plan submitted was based on out-of-date information and was 'unsound'.

Oxford City Council argued that the plan was fundamentally flawed since it made no provision for meeting unmet housing needs in Oxford that could not be physically accommodated within the city boundaries. The City Council maintains that it needs 1,000 homes a year to be built up to 2031 in the four local authority areas around Oxford.

To avoid abandoning the process and going back to square one, the Inspector said he was willing to suspend the hearings and reconvene in December if CDC addressed the deficiencies and produced a modified plan in the meantime. CDC accepted to do this, including the increased allocation of 1,140 homes a year (although this includes no allocation for Oxford's unmet needs).

Over the next two months CDC will urgently review the capacity of all potential housing sites, including the scope for a much larger allocation of houses at Upper Heyford.

While the focus for new housing in the district is Bicester, Banbury and, if Oxford City Council gets its way, Kidlington, the Inspector indicated that CDC should also look at allocating more housing to the rural areas.

It is by no means certain that the foregoing, which does not address Oxford's unmet requirements, is doable. There are various potential obstacles, not least the position of Oxford City Council, which could derail the process. A review of the Oxford green belt also seems inevitable.

Further developments will be reported on the <http://www.deddingtondevelopmentwatch.org> web page.

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LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE

WRAP is a national non-profit organisation set up to help increase recycling in the UK and create markets for recycled materials. By 2015 its Love Food Hate Waste programme aims to reduce carbon dioxide equivalent emissions from edible waste by 3.2 million tonnes a year. DN will carry articles from WRAP from time to time.

In the UK we throw away the equivalent of around 1.5 million sausages every single day from our homes! It really is quite staggering.

With summer approaching I'm sure we'll all be dusting off our barbecues and picnic hampers and making the most of the summer sun by dining al fresco. I thought I'd share a few *Love Food Hate Waste* hints and tips to help everyone make more of their food this summer.

Keep the fridge below 5°C to help food stay fresher for longer.

Use up any ginger, garlic or herbs lingering in the fridge by making a simple marinade for meat, fish or vegetable skewers. Chop and mix with olive oil.

Sliced lemons can be stored in an airtight container in the freezer for a great addition to cold drinks.

Why not freeze grapes and use as tasty ice cubes?

If you're inviting lots of guests for a picnic or barbecue and aren't sure how much to buy and cook, try *Love Food Hate Waste's* online perfect portion calculator at www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/portions.

Use a cool box or cool bag to help keep food fresh and tasty. Keep food out of the fridge for the shortest time possible and if you're putting food out for a party, try not to leave it out for more than two hours.

If you've got veg which are past their best – such as courgettes, aubergines and peppers – brush them with olive oil and chargrill until soft.

If salad is looking tired and wilted, put it in a bowl of water with a couple of ice cubes to get it nice and crisp again.

If raspberries, strawberries and blueberries look past their prime, cook gently in a saucepan until soft and then serve with crème fraîche or icecream for an easy pud.

Keep the children entertained by giving them refreshing lollies made with leftover fruit juice and yoghurts frozen into ice-lolly moulds.

If you've got leftover cooked meat, wrap it well and keep it in the fridge – it will be good to use for up to two days. Alternatively, pop it in the freezer for another time.

Bread rolls that have gone a bit stale will be delicious toasted or make them into breadcrumbs and freeze in a freezer bag to use later for making stuffing, bread sauce or mix with grated cheese for an au gratin topping.

For some great recipes to accompany the ideas above and some more top tips visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com.

Love Food Hate Waste offers free, fun and interactive sessions to help everyone make the most of their food and save money. If you can bring together members of your local community for a training session we'd love to hear from you. Contact us via www.lovefoodhatewaste.com for more information or to book a session.

Viktoria Salisbury
viktoria.salisbury@wrap.org.uk

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Saturday 28 June is a special day as St John the Evangelist holds the wedding ceremony of Nicola Lane and Thomas Morgan. The rickshaws will travel up to the Church from St John's Way at 1.30pm and 1.45pm, so I am sure people will line the streets to give them a cheer.

The Old Schoolroom and the church porch have now been redecorated and everything looks nice and clean with new curtains, lightshades, carpets and cushions to follow, making it a desirable facility for hire. The Friday social group had lovely weather for their barbecue night which made a big difference to the event.

As there is no July issue of the *DN*, I should mention the annual Church Ride and Stride day on Saturday September 13 (see page 3). St John's needs striders and volunteers for the event. I will have entry forms for those of you who would like to take part. The Friends of St John's propose holding a Table Top Sale in the Schoolroom or its grounds on Sunday 21 September from 11.00am. The cost to hire a large table is £5 and £3 for a small one. Refreshments will be available.

Please remember that I am looking for new table tennis players for next season. If you can play or know someone who does, just give me a call.

To the concerned village residents who wrote to me about parking on the Duns Tew corner and further up, I would suggest that you write to the Parish Council and also to the *DN* letters editor, with the comments you sent me in full. In both instances your name would be required. (*In the case of the DN, names may be withheld from publication at the editor's discretion. Ed.*)

Les Chappell 338058

DIARY

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Fri 15 DOGS: Studley Wood Golf Course, 18 holes
Wed 20 Parish Council Meeting: Duke of Cumberland's Head, 7.30pm. tbc
Sat 23 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
Tue 26– Tennis Club: Children's Late Summer
Fri 29 Camp, Windmill Centre
Wed 27 *DN*: Collating, Windmill Centre (upstairs), 10.00am

PROGRESS REPORT ON TOWN HALL

Firstly, on behalf of the trustees of Deddington Charity Estates, may I express our gratitude to the *Deddington News* team for their generous financial contribution, as yet the first we have received, towards the restoration of our iconic village landmark. This public demonstration of support underlines the trustees' determination to conserve and preserve the Town Hall for future generations.

Optimistically, we had planned to re-render all faces of the building during the summer months. On closer examination some preliminary work will be necessary. One, to take the opportunity to tidy up the rather ugly electrical connections and wiring to the building, and two, possibly to insert a tie bar in the north wall. We are in the hands of Scottish and Southern Electric regarding the first and have requested a professional opinion on the second.

In addition, a major factor with lime mortar rendering is that, for technical reasons, the work should not be carried out in the winter months. Search the internet for 'lime mortar' if you're interested. So during this summer more reparation work will be undertaken. We anticipate by next spring or summer, following re-rendering, your Town Hall will stand proud as a distinctive feature in our historic and attractive village.

I would be happy to answer any questions raised.

John Sampson
338739



Preparing for Spring Activities
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NOT ONLY THE GOOD BOYS

Living as we do next door to Leadenporch where General Hobart (or Hobo, as he was more famously known) lived throughout WW2 and where Jo Eames now lives, I was first in the queue to buy a copy of her new novel, based on this incredible man's contribution to the war effort by his developing the specialised armoured tank division and its equipment (Hobo's Funnies) which cleared the beaches for landings in the British sector on D-Day.

The book tells the fictional story of a young officer in the Commandos, wounded on the ill-fated Dieppe raid in 1943 and subsequently appointed as Hobo's new aide. In doing so, it draws heavily on the true story of the General who had been put out to grass by the regular army pre-war as too much of a maverick. Churchill, who favoured mavericks, had him recalled and gave him the task of clearing the D-Day beaches. At the time Hobo had neither men nor equipment.

The story is developed through the persona of Lt Mike Davies in a page-turning tale of outstanding achievement, against political obstructions and desperately short timescales, interspersed with the growing involvement between Mike, haunted by his experiences in the disastrous Dieppe raid, and the General's beautiful ex-debutante ATS driver whom Mike thinks is well out of his class.

Jo writes with a passion and fluency that fully captures the tense build up to D-Day and the effect on the people involved. It is both an enthralling novel and an insight into this intriguing General who lived in Deddington for eight years. This excellent book is highly recommended.

Readers may also like to refer to the history of Hobo's former home at www.deddington.org.uk/history/buildings/privatehouses/leadenporch and the reference to him and those Deddington soldiers who landed in Normandy in *A Parish at War*.

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THREE SPIRES CHALLENGE

Adderbury Running Club is proud to confirm that its annual Three Spires Challenge will take place on Saturday 12 July 2014, to raise funds for the Katharine House Hospice. This fun and rewarding event offers something for runners of all abilities, including a half-marathon, 10k run, half-marathon walk and a junior fun-run with a goody bag and medal for all finishers. The varied and challenging routes will encompass a mix of road and country paths, taking in much of the wonderful local countryside, amid a friendly atmosphere. For more information, visit our website, www.adderburyrunningclub.co.uk to enter online or print out an entry form. Race Marshals are also needed on the day and details of how to volunteer can also be found online.

DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

This term is always a busy one with lots going on and most of the children preparing for their moves up to the PFSU and to School. The PFSU children will be visiting the allotments on Friday 11 July between 9.30 and 11.30am, and will be singing in the Church service on Sunday 6 July. There will be the opportunity for parents to party at our amazing summer event 'A Night at the Movies' on Saturday 12 July from 7.30pm to 1.00am. Tickets at £20 include a welcome drink, live music with local band, Indigo Child, hog roast and other entertainment.

The children who are moving up will be able to visit the Primary School and Deddington PFSU on Tuesday 15 July, and there will also be two open days for new PFSU parents and children on Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 July from 3.30–4.30pm. Our holiday club will be running from 9am–3pm for the weeks beginning 21 July and 28 July. Please return booking forms as soon as possible as spaces are limited. Have a great summer!

Lucy Squires
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LIGHTS OUT –**One Million Candles to Remember**

'The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime'. Famous words spoken by Sir Edward Grey, then Foreign Secretary, in August 1914.

The Royal British Legion is inviting everyone in the UK to turn off their lights on Monday 4 August from 10pm–11pm, leaving on a single light or candle for a shared moment of reflection to mark the 100th anniversary of Great Britain's entry into the First World War.

Jean Morris
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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

There's clearly something in the water down here, and I don't mean all Candleford's mains water running down our drain. The stork has visited again – this time to Sanjay and Tarun with a bouncing baby boy called Abhay. Now I'm fairly sure I haven't spelt it right but this was the best offer from the Book Club, backed up by a GP, but as Sanjay failed to confirm, he'll have to think of a good excuse when this edition is wheeled out at his son's 21st, along with the relevant copy of the *Thunder*. Abhay means fearless in Hindi according to a colleague (not Sanskrit as claimed by our resident linguist). Well done, Tarun and Sanjay and I'm sure Aayush will appreciate getting a brother – in time.

Speaking of offspring I'm also delighted to announce Kitty has lost her stabilisers. Well done, Kitty – but I didn't get this from your Dad.

Still on the parenting front, I am delighted to tell you Woody has a mate, but I must also confess I have been wrong for many years (have you only just cottoned on to that?). Woody is a lady Greater Spotted Woodpecker I now know. Yes, of course, Uncle George could have told me, but it was only when I saw the suitor with the red flash on his knap that the books explained my previous error. Anyway let's hope there are more woodpecker young on the way soon too.

The party of the decade set some records. Not only did most of the village have a great night hosted spectacularly by our favourite married couple but the party, ending at 4.35am, indeed set a record, and Una Stubbs practice later that day was as well attended as usual.

Like Jake the Peg, who we don't talk about anymore, the Sally boys have three more legs since we last went to press.

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DAEDA'S WOOD

The Wood has recovered well from the winter deluge, although the log piles have been moved around considerably and several trees toppled due to the loosening of their roots. Remedial work was undertaken by John Suckling, Chris and Yvonne Twomey, as all the working parties had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions. The Woodland Trust engaged contractors to fell several very large fallen trees. Now the flower meadow is lush and last month there were even some bluebells reappearing. The Friends manned an information table at the June Farmers' Market and people were invited to sign up if they were interested in going to the Wood for a Saturday dusk bat-watching and moth-sighting visit. For more information on this please contact me directly. In the September *DN* we will publish dates for future working parties at the Wood to tidy and do light pruning – all able-bodied adults are welcome to join us.

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ON GEORGE'S FARM

By the time this hits the newsstands, the Festival walk on the wild side will be done and dusted and the summer solstice will have passed, so it's all downhill to December and the winter solstice, but before then we will have said a fond farewell to our summer visitors. Sadly there will be fewer than normal that make the long journey south.

After a long wet winter during which our river valley grassland spent almost four months under water, the birdlife of the Clifton floodplain was making good headway with producing the next generation, but during the last week of May the Met Office issued a number of yellow weather warnings for heavy rain and the possibility of flooding. Although we had some rain it was not enough in my experience to bring the river over its banks. Before the first storm of the week the Deddington brook and the river were running clear at their normal summer levels.

The first storm produced a little over an inch of rain, the river started to back up rapidly, pushing dirty river water half a mile up the brook and all of the meadowland drainage dikes. The river burst its banks and we had to pull the sheep off. According to the farm rain gauge, the second storm produced a further half inch and the river was in full flood. It didn't last long and the sheep were back on their summer grazing within three days, but the real carnage was not to the sheep or their summer feed, but to the wildlife – the curlew, grey partridge and skylarks who had set up home in our species-rich wildflower meadows. All lost their nestlings, either drowned or, those that did make it to high ground, being picked off by the ever-present red kites.

But it was not just the meadowland birds that got hit, the riverside birds that nest in the reed beds were also wiped out as the fast-rising water flattened the



reeds. So what happened? The Environment Agency and the all-knowing CDC and OCC, fearing a repeat of last winter, either let the water go or slammed the flood gates shut and we are in the middle. After all, its only farmland and it won't take long for the water to subside and, after all, it's only farmers that destroy the environment and the green Taliban can be relied on to give them a good beating. I don't know why I bother, but then again, perhaps I do.

As I bash this out to catch copy date the ewes are still awaiting a visit from the shearing gang but they too have been delayed by the weather. With any luck the old dears will be in the buff before this has got past the editor's red pencil. The bees got off to a good start but the difficult May set them back and set them swarming. Things have settled down and the new all-singing-and-dancing, Italian-made, honey extractor is doing a good job and has made life in the honey room much easier. The Green Goddess has had a good going over and is ready for the off, but before she can start strutting her stuff, we have the hay to get in.

I have been at this game for a long time, but there is always something different to see whether it is with the farm animals, the crops or the wildlife. Over the last 15 years we have seen an increase in the numbers of raptors on the farm and now have resident buzzards and it was one of these that gave us a never-before seen spectacle, when a female took a large snake that was basking in the early morning sun on the farm track. We were not close enough to tell if it was a grass snake or one of our increasing number of adders, but it put up a good fight before being carried off to become breakfast for some hungry buzzard chicks. Ho hum – or should that be hiss?

George Fenemore 338203

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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 JOHN HAYWOOD, FUND-RAISER, BANBURY SAMARITANS
Can you help your local Samaritans branch raise funds to keep open our 24/7 service of providing support to people suffering from emotional distress, some of whom may be considering suicide? We are an entirely voluntary, self-supporting charity and need to raise nearly £30,000 a year to pay for rent, telephone bills, equipment and training etc.

There are many ways you can help to raise money. Any help you can give means we can continue providing our service.

If you feel able to help in any way at all, please contact me on 01295 257587 or email me at a.j.haywood@hotmail.co.uk for more information or to register your interest in helping with fundraising. For more information about us go to www.banburysamaritans.org.

FROM WENDY BURROWS, MARKET PLACE Community Concerts – Their Future

I wish to make the World War 1 Community Concert put on last month towards the end of the Festival the last one I produce and thank everyone who has supported them over the years, both performers and audiences.

This is because I am getting too old for all this and think if someone younger would take on the task, fresh ideas would enhance future concerts. I have had a great deal of fun doing these concerts, received marvellous support, got to know many people of all ages in this village and have been thrilled at their popularity.

Although I know many shows, plays and the Deddington Players' wonderful annual pantomime had been put on for the village's delight before I came to live here in 2003, I decided to have a go, first in 2005, because, having taken part in many amateur shows myself, I knew how enjoyable and rewarding they are.

The first one, ably supported by the Church choir and John Cheney as the nucleus for the singing, and enthusiastically supported by our then choir master, John Cullen, was an Old Time Music Hall, followed by a Gilbert and Sullivan Concert, then 'Celebration of Youth' in which 80 young people under 21 from Deddington took part. 'Celebration of England' followed in 2008 and then we had 'Celebration of Europe'. Elsa Williams was the producer of the very successful Second World War Concert in 2010 accompanied by a war exhibition of items kindly lent by residents.

The penultimate one was 'History of the Musicals' in 2012, an enjoyable romp.

It would be wonderful if someone would take this on. Yes, it's a lot of work and some days one will won-



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der why you are doing it, but it's also very satisfying and you are creating an event which brings the community together and gives people the chance to perform and gain self confidence. I would be willing to help if needed, anyone who comes forward.

FROM BRYN WILLIAMS, GAVESTON GARDENS

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone from Clifton, Deddington and Hempton who voted for me in the recent District Council Elections. There was an extremely encouraging turnout of 46% of the electorate but an even more impressive and humbling majority of 57% of the vote in my favour. As stated ahead of the election, I have a hard act to follow in Councillor Paul O'Sullivan but will do my utmost to continue his good work in the ward. I also relish the opportunity to prove to those who opposed me that I am worthy of their support in future.

It will be a privilege to serve and represent you at Cherwell District Council.

FROM JO BARTON, DUNS TEW

I would like to draw the attention of Deddington residents to the loss of a valuable local amenity, the weekly vegetable stall in the Market Place on Saturday mornings.

This stall has been a godsend during the year it's been operating, with a good selection of wonderful organic vegetables, mostly grown on their local site (and therefore very low in food miles) and friendly helpful staff. I've been using it weekly to top up my fortnightly organic box, and everything is always delicious.

However, although there always seems to be another customer or two when I'm there, the stall has been unable to make a profit, largely because each of us individually only buys a small amount.

If you live in Deddington and didn't discover the stall, then shame on you – you've had a year to do so and you've missed a real treat.

There is another regular Saturday stall, selling home-produced meat products and free-range eggs from Middle Barton. Deddington enjoys every possible amenity – let's not lose this one.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, DEDDINGTON

Very many thanks to all responded to Christian Aid Week. The magnificent result was £2,006, £120 more than last year's £1,886, an extra 6.3%. We think that is a Deddington record. To this can be added a further £216 in tax to be reclaimed as 100 people were able to sign the Gift Aid form attached to their envelope, 20

more than last year. That makes first delivering and then collecting the envelopes well worthwhile. The total income has now been sent to Christian Aid so that they can immediately allocate funds to help create better conditions for those who are in so much need. A particular thank you for the gift of a 'doggy chew'; it has gone to a good home.

FROM ANNE KENT, BROWN OWL, 1st DEDDINGTON BROWNIES

As I prepare to stand down from 1st Deddington Brownies I would like to say thank you to some of the people without whom I could not have led this popular Brownie Pack for so long.

When I was asked to take over at 1st Deddington Brownies, I agreed to do so, but wasn't about to do the books. So I had to find a volunteer, thank you Ingrid Robey. I have driven you to distraction but I could not have done the job without you.

To Tilly and Sophie Owls (Tilly Neal and Sophie Preston), when you look up from your phones, you are an asset to the Unit. Thank you for making me laugh so much.

To my Owls, Sian Westbury, Amanda Munson and Carol Warner, we have had a blast haven't we? Thank you for not becoming rattled when I agreed for 1st Deddington to do so many events that have used up your time, thank you for staying calm when the Brownies have been thrown in the Thames, let loose in St James Park, cooked sausages over real fires and then being brave enough to actually eat them, for being at every parade, every adventure day, for putting up with Brown Owl singing the national anthem, for pushing Brown Owl up the church tower, for throwing yourself between over enthusiastic doggies and not so enthusiastic Brownies. Thank you for your crafting, sewing, cutting, skipping, for not laughing too much when Brown Owl fell into a ditch of stinging nettles and mostly thank you for the memories. I could not have done it without you.

To the new team, I pass 1st Deddington Brownies into your capable hands; you're going to be fab.

Lastly, to my Brownies. I am delighted that I am still Brown Owl to girls who are 16+ and tower above me, as well as to little ones, and it is with real pride that every one of them have and are still growing up into lovely young ladies and responsible members of our community, thank you.

If you are interested in your daughter or yourself joining Girl Guiding UK, register your interest at http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved/volunteer/register_your_interest.aspx.

FROM JIM FLUX, THE DAEDINGS

I would like to thank everybody who joined me at the Windmill on Saturday 7 June to celebrate my upcoming 80th birthday. The highlight of the evening for me was the unexpected arrival of my grandchildren, Oscar and Connie, who flew in from the US for a 24 hour visit to

see Opa (a real surprise arranged by Rowena). For me it was a great evening, excellent food (thank you Stella), lovely music from the string quartet, and the unusual LXXX birthday cake made by Meriel.

May I add my grateful thanks for the support and help over the last couple of years during the last days of Jean's life and the time since then. It has helped me a lot, and proved once again that Deddington is a great place to live. Thank you all.

DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW

This annual event on Saturday 6 September is now only two months away, so it is time for all you supporters to think what you will be exhibiting this year.

There is a wealth of creative talent in this parish and the classes in this Show challenge that in the Cookery, Art, Crafts and Flower Arranging classes, as well as all the children's classes in the usual three age groups. There are many keen gardeners too, so hopefully we are going to get good growing weather this summer so that we shall see a great number of flowers, vegetables and fruit.

Show programmes with entry forms are available from the Church porch, the Flower Shop, Hampton's, Dragon Framing, at the July Farmers' Market and at Deddington OnLine.

Please have a browse through and decide to exhibit this year.

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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Have you ever wondered about those harmonious bells you hear on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings, in particular? Find out what they look like and how they are rung on Saturday 28 June (Farmers' Market Day) from 10.00am until 12.00noon when Deddington's bellringers are hosting a Tower Open Morning. Able-bodied visitors who climb the tower of SS Peter and Paul to the bell chamber will see the bells, watch them being rung and get a great view over the village. Don't miss this chance – you might even decide to get 'roped in'!

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DEDDINGTON JUGS

Last month's *DN* included an article on the *Curious Case of the Deddington Jugs*. This was a condensed version of a much fuller article which can be found on Deddington onLine at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history> and then clicking on *The Curious Case of the Deddington Jugs* to bring up the pdf. *Ed.*

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Players

After a hugely successful production this year, our sights are already set on the next one. The Committee is meeting in July to discuss it so watch this space for details of what's in store for audiences in January.

If you are a Deddington Players' member or would like to get involved – either on stage or behind the scenes – here are some dates for your diary:

Sunday 14 September: Action Day for adult members to update staging and electrics in the Windmill Centre.

Sunday 19 October: Pantomime auditions in the Windmill Centre.

22–24 January: Pantomime performances at the Windmill Centre.

We welcome new members and there is a range of jobs, from costume-making and make-up to chaperoning and scenery painting, that don't involve making a fool of yourself on stage – though that's lots of fun too. If you'd like to come along and find out more, please contact me.

Suzie Upson
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Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

We had a good start to the bowls season, with sixteen members but are still looking for more. The first year of membership is free.

May's games were as follows:

06.05.14	Kidlington (h)	W 78-30
10.05.14	Oxford (a)	W 54-39
20.05.14	Banbury Borough Ladies (a)	W 54-46
25.05.14	Oxford University Press (a)	L 48-52
29.05.14	Woodford-cum-Membris (h)	W 58-49.

July's games are:

01.07.14	Kidlington (a)	
09.07.14	Banbury Chestnuts (h)	6.30pm
12.07.14	Middle Barton (a)	
14.07.14	Oxon Fire and Rescue v Banbury Police	
15.07.14	Chipping Norton (h)	6.30pm
19.07.14	Byfield (h)	2pm
24.07.14	Adderbury (h)	6.15pm
26.07.14	Brackley (h)	2.30pm.

Come along and watch a game. You might get hooked.

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Deddington Cricket Club

We are six weeks into the season and things have gone well. We have been lucky with the weather and only one game out of eleven has been lost to rain. On 17 May the 1st XI travelled to play Swinbrook in a division 4 match. The home team batted first and after 30 overs were 150 for 4, but DCC responded well: the fielding was excellent and Manish Verma (4 for 27) and Dave Barnhill (4 for 53) bowled them out for 195. What

followed was one of our best batting performances in a long time and we won by 7 wickets. The highlight of the day was when Russ O'Donnell hit a four that not only finished the game but took him to 50. On 31 May, we entertained Hailey in the first round of the Cup. We were magnificent in the field and Dave Barnhill took 5 for 23, his first five-wicket haul for the club, and Sam Shadbolt took 4 for 38, his first wickets for us, and we bowled them out for 115 runs. This proved far too many, as only Ramesh Chennagiri stood firm when he made 30 out of our 49 all out. Well, that leaves us free to concentrate on the league. On 7 June we took on unbeaten Hanborough. We batted first and limped to 53 all out. When they were 25 for 0, a complete humiliation looked on the cards but Dave Barnhill took his second consecutive five-wicket haul. His 5 for 11 could not stop the inevitable but it at least made them struggle. So, after 2 wins and 3 defeats we have a mid-table position.

A confident 2nd XI entertained Kidlington III on 17 May and when Jim Turberfield's 6 for 42 bowled them out for 115 that confidence seemed well placed. Openers Dave Webb (38) and Joe Roberts (36) cruised along but a tumble of wickets left us in trouble. However, Jimmy McPhee with 18 and Lewis Bletchley 8 held their nerve and we limped to a 2 wicket win. On 31 May the 2nd XI travelled to Minster Lovell III for a first round Cup game. Thanks to Jimmy McPhee's 3 for 16 and Caroline Shearer's debut wicket we bowled them out for 90. Adrian Bletchley's 31 ensured a 7 wicket win. Four wins on the bounce and a place in the second round of the Cup! Ashley and his team should be proud of what they have achieved so far. Hanney II visited us for a league game on 7 June. We bowled first and they made 147. In reply we made 114, James Ransom scoring 43. This meant the first defeat of the season, but we are still second in the table. So far so good ... now all we need is summer.

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Photographic Society

Towards the end of May, member, Martyn Pearse, led an interactive workshop on 'Table-top Photography'. This involved setting up a number of tables on which some everyday objects were placed, illuminated by only basic lighting arrangements, such as ordinary Anglepoise lamps. Members were then encouraged to experiment with reflectors, filters, various backgrounds and different camera settings, to produce creative images of their chosen subjects. The evening ended with most members being surprised at the quality of images achieved in such simple photographic conditions.

There was no formal meeting of the Society in June. Instead, members participated in an evening photo-shoot of some gardens of the Adderbury Gardening Club, with the object of producing both photographs

CALLING MORE CLUBS

and a DVD of the evening's activities. The results will be shown at the Society's club night on 3 September.

Before then, however, there will be two other Society club nights: the first on 2 July, when member, Randall Miles, will give a presentation entitled 'A Pictorial Philosophy' and the second on 6 August, when Linda Sharpe will talk about 'Landscapes'. Both will be at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Everyone is welcome, just come along – you are assured of a warm welcome.

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1st Deddington Scout Group

Thanks to all the boys who helped clearing wood at the Castle Grounds for Scout Community Week.

Cubs

We have been throwing ourselves into outdoor pursuits, laying trails for tracking and making animal plaster casts in Daeda's Wood and practising backwoods cooking.

Coming soon – a tour of Deddington Church and a trip to the Rollright Stones.

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Scouts

We have also thrown the Scouts, sometimes literally, into the outdoors, shelter-building in Daeda's Wood and a fire-lighting competition.

The 24-hour camp and hike to Horley went very well – no rain until night-time, which was fine unless you were in a hammock, like me.

We introduced the Scouts to 'bum sandwiches' – don't ask!

Coming soon: hike, village larks and the Rollrights.

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Explorers

The plans for the auction are well under way with piles of boxes everywhere. The Explorers also constructed a 'blind trail' for the Scouts to follow and joined in the foul food experiment, making 'arm-pit' fudge.

Coming soon: bellringing, golf.

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Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The annual DOGS golf day at Burford Golf Club occurred on Monday 9 June. What was unusual was that this particular event was fundraising for the Katharine House Hospice in memory of Arthur Kennedy, dearly departed in 2013. Arthur always managed to ensure great weather for a DOGS golf day. He must have been there in spirit as what a marvellous day on which

we raised £110 for the KHH. Many thanks to all who participated. A full report of the day and results are on DOL. Our next event is the weekend away to Greetham Valley in Lincolnshire on 20–21 July.

A final quote from John Updike is only fitting: 'Golf appeals to the idiot in us and the child. Just how child-like golf players become is proven by their frequent inability to count past five.'

David Darst
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Women's Institute

We discovered on arrival that our speaker was in Calcutta. However, a colleague from his company, Philosophy, took his place. Luke Anderson was extremely amusing and informative and took us through the structure of hair and why your hair thins or falls out. He also reminded us of fifty years of Carmen Rollers to the present day development – your rollers heat in three seconds.

Our July meeting is a trip to Tatton Park on 8 July. There are still seats available on the bus for anybody interested. Contact either Beryl Suckling, 337385 or Angela Sones, 338027.

Julia Hobbs

Deddington Tennis Club

It rained all day and at 3.00pm nobody thought there would be any tennis, but the clouds cleared for a great evening of tennis and tapas. Everyone brought something, so we feasted on an array of Spanish delicacies washed down with champagne flutes of best rioja. Thanks to all those who made the effort to come along and took the time to prepare such great food.

Congratulations to Deddington's Harry Critchfield on winning the junior tournament and well done to all the Deddington team who played in the last tournament at the end of May held at Banbury West End.

This is the peak of the tennis year so come along to play. Don't forget you can check if courts are free for social games by checking the Court Bookings page on our website.

As always, new members are always welcome to come along to Tuesday morning or Wednesday evening club sessions. See our website for further details <http://www.deddingtontennis.com>.

Sue Watts

1st Deddington Guides

Our good luck with good weather on Tuesday nights continues. We also appreciate weekly how privileged we are to be enjoying the outdoors in such a beautiful part of the country as we hiked from Adderbury to Deddington on a warm evening.

After half-term we had a brilliant meeting organised by Elen S, one of our senior guides working on her Baden-Powell Award. The Guides were invited to

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

bring a friend and then it was 'Ready, Steady, Cook'. We cooked over open fires and had some very nice variations on a bolognese and pasta theme. There were some very strange pancake creations – but well done Guides – not an easy challenge, but great fun and team work. Thank you to Janet and Brian Bond for kindly allowing us to use their garden.

Our third challenge was making shelters at Horley Scout Camp Site. We loved being in the woods and made some very good shelters and also enjoyed the assault course.

We'll have more outdoor activities to tell you about in September.

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1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

The Company section has been working hard in the Church graveyard setting out the revised labyrinth. Great effort, lads, and it's nearly done. Do come down and have a look at what they've achieved. The Anchors and Juniors have taken advantage of recent good weather and had lots of fun at Daeda's Wood and the Castle Grounds. The Battalion swimming gala took place on 14 June. We fielded a very small team but everyone had good fun.

Our Awards Evening for all sections is on Wednesday 2 July and our final meeting for the 2013–2014 session is on Wednesday 9 July. Information will sent to parents and carers directly regarding arrangements, as there will be changes to the normal meetings.

We will have space for new joiners in the Anchor section (ages 5 to 8) from September 2014 so please come along to our first meeting. All sections are back for the new session on Wednesday 10 September 2014. We are always looking out for adult helpers to join our team. If you are interested in volunteering or just finding out more, please get in touch; it's really fun.

Jen Childs, Leader

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Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

A World War I commemoration exhibition will take place in the Parish Church on Saturday 2 August from 10am until 5.00pm and on Sunday 3 August from the end of morning service until 5.00 pm. Please visit the exhibition to support the work of the Royal British Legion. The artifacts have been collected and collated by our President, Major David G Hood, MC. Refreshments will be available.

We have arranged a party to visit the Royal Navy Submarine Museum at Gosport on Wednesday 3 September. This is open to all but limited to 25 and, at the time of writing, there are only 8 seats still available. The bus leaves the Royal British Legion building in the High Street at 9.00am and will be back at ap-

proximately 5.00pm. The cost for travel and entrance is £32 (£30 for over 60s) with payment due on booking. For further details contact me or visit the Club during opening hours – Friday 8pm until midnight, Saturday noon until midnight or Sunday 11.00am until 4.00pm.

A race night, with proceeds in aid of the Deddington Branch funds, is open to all on Saturday 19 July at 8pm. Enjoy a fun-filled evening, compèred by Hugh (let's go racing) Morris with the tote under the supervision of Martin Freeman and a full bar at usual Legion Club low prices. For more details ring me.

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Deddington Town Football Club

Gallantry and glory aside, the accolades were dispensed post-season, with the winners detailed below:

First Team Manager's Player of the Year: Martin Gardner

First Team Players' Player: Paul Franklin

First Team Top Scorer: Simon Hall

First Team Supporters' Player: Martin Gardner

Reserves Manager's Player of the Year: Matty Gibbs

Reserves Players' Player: Joe Davies

Reserves Top Scorer: Jordan Gamage

Reserves Supporters' Player: Matty Gibbs

Young Player of the Year: Anthony Charles

Please afford this cabal due adulation. And if you're betting on the World Cup, I recommend Colombia as dark horses.

Aaron Bliss

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Book Club

Last month we read *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt. This book has been labelled 'a murder mystery in reverse' as the author reveals the murder and those responsible from the outset. A group of clever, privileged, but unconventional, students at a northern New England college inadvertently kill a local farmer and then find themselves plotting to murder a close friend to prevent him revealing their secret. The remainder of the book focuses on the aftermath of the murder as the group unravels under the weight of their crime.

The book provoked a very lively discussion and it was generally agreed that it is well written, though some patches in the middle are overworked and repetitive. This is a dense book but the beautiful language, suspense and complex characters make you want to read on to the end.

We do not meet in June but our next meeting is on 31 July when we will be discussing *Last Friends* by Jane Gardam.

Sally Lambert

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley for the months of July and August 1864:

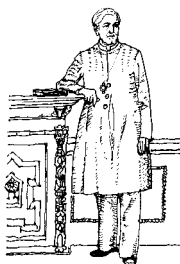
4th July – The son of our former shepherd, Clarke, came to ask me to bury his Mother, now lying dead at Adderbury, I had buried his Father some years ago here.

6th July – I buried our late shepherd's widow (Ann Clarke aged 66 years)

9th July – Heard from somebody at Steeple Barton about Solomon Baker's Public House and his conduct therein, card playing being permitted.

18th July – I went to attend a Vestry at the Town Hall at which it was agreed to borrow £1,000 at 4% interest on the Poor Rate, to be repaid in 20 years, towards the Church Restoration Completion Fund, unanimity prevailed.

19th July – Our first Archery Meeting took place.



4th August – Our annual Cricket Ball came off well, from 100 to 150 persons being present.

5th August – I attended a monthly Petty Sessions at the Town Hall. Ordered the 3 Steeple Aston boys who had set fire to Mr. Letchmere's Hovel to be flogged by the Schoolmaster with the consent of their parents.

13th August – The Vicar came to show me a letter he had written to *The Times* imploring aid for the woman Clarke with triplets, in which my name was introduced as being in charge of the Parish at the time of their birth.

18th August – The Vicar had received amounts totalling £35 in response to his letter. I later received further donations of £1 each from two more of my old friends.

Buffy Heywood

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF SPRING

On 31 May Deddington was treated to a novel evening of baroque music, poetry and photography. The locally-based Saltarello Ensemble, comprising Kirsten Halliday and Heidi Fardell, recorders, Ibi Aziz, harpsichord, and Alison Kinder, viola da gamba, provided the music for a wonderfully peaceful concert.

The title says it all. The sounds of the hectic world



around us were stilled by the sweet and soothing fluting of the birds in the music, interspersed by the charming poems about spring, written by children for the Deddington writing competition and read by Amanda Grey and Donald Lane. A screen above the chancel steps, showing continually changing spring-themed photographs by the Adderbury and Deddington Photographic Society, enhanced the pure sounds we heard. The concert was sensitively put together under the auspices of the Church Arts Group who deserved a far larger audience than was there to enjoy a delightful and different experience.

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MUSICAL NOTES

The Festival may be over for this year, but that does not mean that musical events in Deddington are going to stop, although there will be a lull in August and early September.

Before then however do not miss this the concert on Saturday 12 July at 7.30pm when Choros, under its Musical Director, Janet Lincé, will perform an exciting programme of modern choral music with Shakespeare as its inspiration. Vaughan Williams's gorgeous *Serenade to Music* will feature alongside a wonderful work celebrating the seasons, *The passing of the Year* by contemporary composer, Jonathan Dove. The programme ends with a work rarely heard in the UK, a jazz-influenced suite entitled *Songs and Sonnets* by the blind jazz pianist, George Shearing. The accompanist for this concert is the talented pianist, Jeremy Fisher, who can't wait to try the ivories on Deddington's own Steinway piano. Tickets are available in advance from Hamptons or otherwise on the door. For further information email info@choros.org.

When the piano arrived in the Church three years ago, the Vicar set up a Church Arts Group (CHAG) to encourage the use of the piano, as well as other musical forms and arts. Whilst the choirs and chamber music ensembles are well established now, there is so much else we could do. The *Sights and Sounds* concert, is the sort of event, involving more than one art form that we would like to foster. However 'we', originally seven strong, have shrunk to three, and sorely need new blood. So if you have the time and energy, and, perhaps, the publicity skills to join our group, please get in touch.

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

Commiserations and War

This month's anniversary of the D-Day landings reminded me of the fantastic WW2 museum in New Orleans. Not a place for young kids perhaps, not enough buttons to press, but a really well put together journey through it all. Jake and I were really impressed. The Americans do these things well, and I could perceive no bias in the reporting of the roles of the UK, the US and Canada. But perhaps the complete lack of mention of any actual fighting by the French would upset our friends across 'La Manche'.

Unfortunately I had to return to the UK this month to attend my father's funeral. It was good to spend three weeks with my mother, but researching the eulogy led me to a lot of thoughts about my father's generation, and their approach to war.

When asked about his best war story he always reverted to moaning about the Japanese sword he had 'captured', which disappeared on the long voyage back from Malaysia. I have the chitty that he was given authorising him to keep this war relic. Nearly 70 years later he could still go off on a good rant about it, he was good at being grumpy. Surely these things aren't hereditary?

But he would never talk about his 'action' in any detail at all. To him, he wanted to forget. He would certainly think about his colleagues on Remembrance Day, but it was not something he wanted to shout about. This was his generation and this is the English way. The Americans sing their national anthem at every sports game, thump their chests a lot, and stand up when a serviceman enters the room. One of my most awful US moments was asking a serviceman to move out of my seat on an airplane. I thought the other passengers were going to beat me to death.

My Dad never managed to tell me he loved me. The last time I saw him was when we were over last August, and as I hugged him in his chair and told him I loved him, the look in his eye was enough. I knew he loved me, he just couldn't say it.

There must be a mid-point. Perhaps somewhere in the Atlantic there is an island that gets the balance right. War is a terrible business, and sending kids to die on the other side of the world in a country that you can't point at on a map, for a cause you don't understand is absurd. But the British stiff upper lip isn't great either.

The UK and America celebrate wars and their troops in their different ways, two great nations with very different peoples.

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Please address your contributions to editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk. There are two editors and using their current (or in some cases, old) email addresses is inefficient and might, in the worst case, result in your missing the intended issue altogether. *Ed.*

FESTIVAL SCARY FILM COMPETITION WINNERS

For the first time this year the Deddington Festival launched a film competition for budding film directors, with two age categories – under 12 and under 18. Entries needed to follow the theme of 'scary' with a maximum length of two minutes.

The winning entries to the Film Competition were shown after the *Despicable Me 2* family film showing at the Windmill Centre on Friday 13 June. All the entrants received certificates and the winners got some great prizes, including a formal certificate of film classification by the British Board of Film Classification and an exclusive version of a movie from HandMade Films.

You can watch the winning and commended entries on YouTube: <http://youtu.be/Drhg2B8ApmU>.

U12's winner: *Death: A Lego Horror Movie*, Nate Rowe
2–18s winner: *Be Careful What You Drink*, Toby Coppin

Highly Commended:

Cup of Tea Nightmare, Amie Upson, Millie Cross

The Green Monster, Alfie Coppin

The Broken Watch, Rosie Moss, Millie Moss, Laura Burland

Coulrophobia, Archie Brown, James Duffy, Charlie Preston

Night of Horrors, Hannah McLoone, Rebecca McLoone

Welcome to My Dreams, Jack Coppin

The Circus is coming to Deddington School!

Saturday 20th September 2014
School Field, Earls Lane

Gates open at 2.00pm

Show starts at 2.30pm

Happy's circus is a small professional family run show dedicated to bringing the enchanting world of circus to schools all over the UK.

It will be a wonderful opportunity for children and adults alike to enjoy all the fun of the circus together right in the centre of the village on the school grounds.

The children will be preparing for the circus with circus workshops and a circus curriculum the week before.

**Tickets on sale at the fete or you can contact
Deddington PTA on deddingtonPTA@gmail.com**

ADULT TICKET £12.00

CHILD TICKET £7.00

CHILDREN UNDER 3 are free

(Child must sit on a lap)



BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

The Baby and Toddler Group has enjoyed welcoming some new faces over the past few weeks. The older children have had a great time playing with the new selection of toys purchased with the generous help of the *Deddington News* and our baby area is now much more secure from toddlers whizzing around on tricycles and cars after the purchase of some brightly coloured playpen fencing.

If your little ones have not yet checked out our new toys and improved facilities, we would be delighted if you brought them along to join the fun. The Group meets every Friday from 10am to noon. As well as our now greatly improved range of toys, there is a craft table for those with artistic ambitions. Admission, which includes snacks and juice for little ones and tea or coffee plus home-made cakes for grown-ups, is £2 for families with one child and £2.50 for those with more.

The first Friday of every month is a 'messy play' session, so get out your glitter and glue and come along!

For more information, please contact Janet Bird on 337428.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

As the end of the school year approaches, we are well underway with preparations for this year's fête – 5 July, with gates open at 12.30pm. Please come and enjoy this great event with us. Barbecue, pig roast, the kids café, cakes, ice creams, fresh coffee, and the bar serving chilled drinks, surely something to tickle everyone's taste buds. Relax and enjoy dance performances by the children, or listen to some great live music.

There will be the usual wide range of stalls, games and entertainments, this year all with a circus theme to celebrate the news that the circus is coming to town. There will be water-pistol tin-can alleys, juggling-ball jewellery, circus toys, face painting, a test-your-strength machine, coconut shy, as well as all the old favourites – the football shoot-out, egg-throwing, tug-of-war, bouncy castle, splat-the-teacher, and the chance to buy some beautiful cards and gifts made by the children. The main attraction this year will be Circus School, a chance for everyone to learn to juggle and other circus skills.

Usually after the fête, work on PTA matters calms down over the summer, but this year we are looking forward to getting ready for Happy's Circus coming to school on the 20 September. Happy's is a family company who have been running circuses for schools for over 20 years. It is a really exciting opportunity for both adults and children alike to experience all the fun of the circus right in the centre of the village. The show will take place in the afternoon and will incorporate trapeze artists, clowns, knife-balancing, juggling, acrobats and many other entertainers. Tickets for the circus will be on sale at the fête, or, alternatively please contact the PTA on deddingtonPTA@gmail.com

Lucie Sydenham Chair

THE PRICE OF BREAD

Today we are very aware of the cost of living and pay attention to the varying prices charged in supermarkets. We see certain tactics used such as bargain 'offers' or 'two for the price of one' to tempt us to buy. We may notice in some cases that the price remains the same but the weight of the product has been reduced. Scrutinising labels in order to check for such practices is now a regular part of 'smart' shopping.

This is not a new phenomenon. Notices and letters to the *Banbury Guardian* in the mid 1800s show that the price of bread was already a contentious issue. As always, there is more than one point of view. Two letters headed 'Deficit Weight in Bread' show both sides of this particular argument.

'Justitia' wrote:

'...I wish to call the attention of the public to a practise I am afraid seriously prevalent in this town, of bakers selling bread very defective in weight. Within the last few days I have had the curiosity to weigh the loaves brought to my house and have found in about every case they have been two to four ounces deficient. Now, it is a sad thing at any time to defraud the public thus; especially so now, considering the high price of provisions, and that the poor man knows not where withal to find the means to purchase the common necessities of life. I trust for the credit of the bakers of Banbury, that there will be no cause for this complaint again, but that they remember that a 4lb. loaf must weigh 4lb. and act accordingly.'

'Achates' responded:

'...In the first place, a charge of fraud is made, without any proof of intention to defraud. It is well known to those in the trade, that if the dough is weighed before it goes into the oven, at one uniform weight, which, I believe, for a 4lb loaf is 4lb 6oz of dough, that after baking there will be a considerable variation, caused by some loaves being crusty or outside loaves, and consequently more exposed to the heat of the oven, and to evaporation. This, I submit, does not justify a charge of fraud as there is an equal quantity of material in the deficient loaves as in others which are correct in weight.'

Material taken from the Magazine of the Banbury History Society 1990.

Hilary Smith

NEW NORDIC WALKING COURSE

As part of its *Go Active, Get Healthy* initiative Cherwell District Council is offering a four-week Nordic walking course to give people the opportunity to learn the correct technique from a qualified Nordic Walking UK instructor. The course will run every Tuesday on 8, 15, 22 and 29 July from 6pm–7pm. Places cost £20 and poles will be supplied. For more information or to book call Anne Tustian on 01295 221607 or email anne.tustian@cherwell-dc.gov.uk.