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# the Deddington news

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our readers from the DN team – contributors, printers, collators, delivery people, technical support and the editorial board.

Please remember that there is no January issue so check for January's events throughout this month's DN.

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## DECEMBER

- Mon 1 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am  
Tue 2 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2.00pm  
Tue 2 PFSU & Nursery: Christmas Fayre, Parish Church, 7.30pm  
Wed 3 Photo Society: Anne Sutcliffe, 'Annie's Land' (prints), Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm  
Fri 5 Concert: Christmas music, Heidi Fardell and student, Parish Church, 6.00–6.30pm.  
Fri 5 Hempton Social Night: Hempton Church Hall, 7.00pm  
Sat 6 Scouts and Guides Christmas card delivery boxes in Eagles and Barford Post Office  
Sat 6 Hempton Christmas Bazaar: St John's, Hempton, Old School Room, 11.00am  
Sat 6 RBL: Skittles, RBL Hall, 8.00pm  
Sun 7 Bath Christmas Market: bus from Red Lion, Adderbury, 8.30am  
Sun 7 Concert: *Advent Carols by Candlelight*, Choros, Parish Church, 6.30pm  
Tue 9 WI: Birthday and Christmas Meal, Holly Tree, 7.30pm  
Wed 10 History Society: Christmas Party and Quiz, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm  
Thu 11 Monday Morning Film Club: Film tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm  
Thu 11 Deddington Entrepreneurs Network: Christmas Gathering, Unicorn, 7.00pm  
Sat 13 RBL: Cash Prize Bingo, RBL Hall, 8.00pm  
Sun 14 Concert: Adderbury Ensemble, *Nativity in Music*, Adderbury Church, 4.00pm  
Wed 17 Parish Council Meeting: Holly Tree, 7.30pm  
Sat 20 Christmas Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm  
Sat 20 Candlelit Christingle: Parish Church, 4.00pm  
Sun 21 Christmas card delivery: by Scouts and Guides, all day  
Sun 21 RBL: Christmas Meat Draw, RBL Hall, 2.00pm  
Sun 21 RBL: Children's Christmas Party, RBL Hall, 3.00pm  
Mon 22 Children's Activities: Parish Church, 9.30am  
Wed 24 Deddington Brass Band: Christmas Carols, Market Place, 6.00pm  
Wed 24 RBL: Grand Christmas Draw, RBL Hall, 8.30pm

## JANUARY

- Fri 2 Hempton Social Night: Hempton Church Hall, 7.00pm  
Mon 5 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Old School Room, Hempton, Wed 19 November

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

The PC is seeking to co-opt an additional member at the next Council meeting. If you would like to be considered for this position, please apply in writing to the Parish Clerk, Lorraine Watling, by the close of business, Friday 12 December, at the Windmill Centre, Hempton Rd, Deddington, OX15 0QH or [Deddington-parishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:Deddington-parishcouncil@googlemail.com).

A member of the public addressed the Council concerning the inconsiderate parking in Earl's Lane outside his and neighbours' properties. Parents of schoolchildren are blocking access to designated parking spaces and some have been abusive when challenged. The resident was advised to contact the Police.

In future, all planning applications will be discussed in full Council meetings.

A public exhibition to illustrate and discuss reserved matters for the land north of Gaveston Gardens, also known as 'School Ground', was held at the Windmill Centre on 13 November. The site is still for sale but a detailed revised planning application is expected later this year, to which the planning working groups will formally respond.

The grant received from OCC for cutting the grass verges within 30mph limits has been halved, from £4,600 per annum to £2,300. The PC has agreed to make up the difference so that grass cutting next year will remain as normal.

Twenty-two memorial stones in the Hempton Road cemetery failed the 'topple testing' which is carried out every 5 years. The owners of these memorials will be asked to make them safe in line with Health and Safety regulations.

OCC has been asked by Deddington Charity Estates to remove the two lanterns which are currently on the Town Hall. OCC will have two suitable lamp posts made, but, on cost grounds, wishes to site them both on the north side of the building. The PC disagrees with this and will ask for one to be situated at the NW corner and one at the SE corner, in the interests of public safety.

The Windmill hedges are now being cut. The hedge outside the Viewing Lounge is set to be cut down to two feet and the shrubs removed.

(This may be contentious on environmental grounds as the hedge is a good habitat for wildlife.)

Police have been able to identify those responsible for recent damage to the Windmill Centre from CCTV footage. Responsibility has been admitted and a payment to cover the costs is expected.

Faulty batteries in the traffic lights have been replaced, following a recent complaint.

Yellow lines in Horsefair near the Deddington Arms, erased by recent roadworks, will be re-instated.

The problem of flooding in the Windmill St car park has been re-investigated. It was discovered that shingle spread on the road following work at the back of 14 Hempton Road has completely blocked a drain and excess concrete has rendered impermeable a former permeable surface. The level of tarmac behind Piers Row has also been raised. This results in the creation of a bowl in the middle of the car park where water collects. It was agreed to contact CDC with these findings and ask them to reconsider their decision not to fund remedial work.

Response to the questionnaire regarding Neighbourhood Planning is reported to be over 60 percent. If you have not yet returned your copy, please do so as soon as possible – it is not yet too late.

Hempton residents have expressed thanks for the grant which has contributed to the refurbishment of the Old School Room.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 17 December, 7.30 pm in the Holly Tree Club, Deddington.**

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

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club has not had meetings for some time due to low turnout and no replacement for Joyce Minnear to run it. At a meeting on 19 November the remaining members therefore passed resolutions to close the Club. Much of its remaining funds and equipment will be held by the Windmill Centre committee for any similar group being formed. Anyone interested in setting up such a group should contact Joyce Minnear on 338529.

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- Tue 6 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2.00pm
- Wed 7 Photo Society: Club Evening, 'My Best Image of 2014', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 8 Monday Morning Film Club: Film tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Tue 13 WI: Andrew Jenkins, 'Cherwell to Cheshire: A Recycling Odyssey', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 14 History Society: Deborah Hayter, 'Astrop Spa', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Sat 17 Friends of Daeda's Wood: Working Party, entrance gate, 10.00am
- Thu 22- Deddington Players: *Scrooge*, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Sun 25 FODC: Burns Supper, Deddington Arms Hotel, 6.30 for 7.00pm

## FROM THE FIRE STATION

So far today the crew has responded to five incidents. There have been two road traffic crashes. One was a learner driver in Adderbury and the other in Banbury. We also responded to a wall that fell on a man digging a trench in Duns Tew. He was trapped by his ankles and had injuries to his face and head. He was taken by air ambulance and we wish him a speedy recovery. There was also an electrical fire in Banbury caused by a faulty fuse board and we had a standby at Banbury fire station. The night is now upon us and I am just wondering what is coming our way next. It is not often we get called out five times in one day, but when it gets busy it can stay busy.

Guy Fawkes Night came and went without incident. People seem to be going to more organised events which in our opinion is always the safest option. The Deddington crew was busy over the strike period supporting areas that were not as well covered. The brigade has to maintain cover for the whole county and when resources are stretched they will move fire engines to key areas to maintain that cover. Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue are generally not on strike but it only takes a few crews to strike to put an extra strain on the already much stretched brigade.

Didcot power station was the major incident over the last month with 12 fire engines and lots more specialist equipment, including two hydraulic platforms, as well as command and support vehicles. To my surprise the cooling units were made of timber and it was amazing that it didn't completely burn to the ground. At the height of the blaze the heat was really intense but within an hour it was under control. Our fire engines can pump 950 litres a minute from a single delivery hose. The hydraulic platforms can deliver many thousands of gallons per minute. These are the kind of fires we train for but rarely get and it was good to see first-hand how effective our equipment can be.

It can be a real challenge to keep our fire engine on the run with school holidays, primary work commitments, annual leave and sickness. But in spite of that we managed to keep the engine ready and available for 98.6 percent of last month. That is due to the commitment and extra cover that the crews give to make this happen. A big thank you to them.

Training is constant and being improved. We have a breathing apparatus refresher in January and so will be spending many drill nights honing our skills. The crew will be attending another day's training at Moreton Fire College in December for what is known as vertical training. This means that they run one incident after another and you are told to treat them as real incidents and to deal with them as you would in the real world. This is really good training because what they are looking for is that you can apply a safe system of work whilst under a great deal of pressure.

Remembrance Sunday is very important to us at the fire station and it was really great to see so many people from our community turned out to pay their respects for the brave soldiers who lost their lives so that we can live as we do today. We will remember them!

I said last month that chimney season was now upon us and I would be reporting on how many chimney incidents we have been to. So far we haven't been to any so thank you for getting your chimneys swept. Don't forget to do a weekly check on your smoke alarms.

**Tim Parker Crew Manager**

## HAIL AND FAREWELL

The appointment of a new parish priest to the Catholic parish of Hethe, which includes Deddington, provides a suitable opportunity to pay a brief tribute to his departing predecessor, Fr John Burns who has just retired after more than 60 years in the priesthood and after more than 17 years in this parish.

Born in 1929 he has spent the whole of his working life in this Midlands diocese. Descended on his mother's side from a Recusant family, he was ordained in 1953 and served as parish priest in Warwick for over 20 years and at Leek for nearly as long. At the age of 66 when most men might think of easing their careers he took on the historic parish of Hethe which goes back to penal times and which until recently included Adderbury with its Mass Centre.

With two churches to serve, some 11 miles apart, it was in some ways a labour intensive parish and only recently did it lose its northern half with the closure of Adderbury. We wish Fr John many comfortable years in his well-deserved retirement.

**Frank Steiner**

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The FoDL met on Tuesday 11 November to review progress. Our presence at the October Farmers' Market was a great success, generating £185.00 in book sales and signing up more subscribers to our cause of retaining services at the Deddington Library. We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Rob Forsyth, George Harris and Jo Eames for supplying their books for sale on our stall.

Our subscriber numbers have now increased to 65 although our ultimate goal of 200 subscribers is some-way off at present. We are, however, extremely grateful and appreciative of the support generated so far.

Our nine volunteers continue their in-library training on a rota basis of Monday, Thursday and Saturday each week. Their progress and abilities has impressed Library staff and we are on course for a smooth transition at the end of January.

By the time you read this we will have staged our two fundraising events, Circus Berzerkus' Festive Frolics for children and the Cotswold Comedy Club – In the Sticks for adults at the Windmill Centre on 22 November. We hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the events and thank you for your support. We shall have an update in the next edition of the *DN*.

If you can't get along to any of our meetings then please visit our website [www.friendsofdeddington-library.org](http://www.friendsofdeddington-library.org) where the minutes of previous meetings can be read and where you can download subscription forms, express a wish to be kept informed of our progress and find news of upcoming events.

In the meantime, we'd like to wish all our supporters, be they subscribers, volunteers or Library users a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year. Thanks again for your support, and we hope it continues in 2015. It is very much appreciated.

**Bryn Williams**

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### WELCOME PACKS

If you know of any newcomers who have arrived in the Parish, please contact me for Welcome Packs. Thank you.

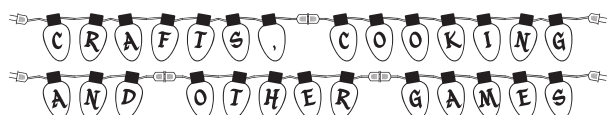
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Preparing for  
**CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**  
for primary schoolchildren aged 5-11  
at Deddington Parish Church, 10-12.30pm



**Monday, December 22**

**Cost £2 per child**

Application forms and inquiries to:  
**Liz Coppin 338721**

*Additional forms at the Church*

To guarantee a place, applications to be  
returned by Wednesday, December 17



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Bring your children  
to this candlelit service  
at Deddington Parish Church  
on Saturday, 20 December,  
at 4pm



**The  
Children's  
Society**

And with your donations, support  
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of disadvantaged children



## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### DECEMBER

Details of church services for SS Peter and Paul, Deddington, St John's, Hempton, the Barfords, the Wesleyan Chapel and the RC Parish of Hethe are provided on the card enclosed in this issue of the *DN*.

### JANUARY

#### SS Peter and Paul

Thu 1 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels  
 Sun 4 10.30 am First Sunday or Eucharist  
           6.30 pm Choral Evensong  
                     both subject to change  
 Wed 7 10.00am Eucharist  
 Thu 8 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels  
 Sun 11 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
                     Baptism of Christ  
                     10.30am Sung Eucharist and healing  
 Wed 14 10.00am Eucharist  
 Thu 15 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels  
 (Sun 18–25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)  
 Sun 18 10.30am Eucharist  
 Wed 21 10.00am Eucharist: Agnes  
 Thu 22 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels  
 Sun 25 9.30am Fourth Sunday: Eucharist followed by  
                     10.20am Interactive Café Church  
 Wed 28 10.00am Eucharist: Thomas Aquinas  
 Thu 29 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels

#### St John's Hempton

Sun 4 9.00am Eucharist  
 Sun 18 9.00am Eucharist  
 Sun 25 6.00pm Evensong

#### Barford St Michael

Sun 4 10.30am Eucharist  
 Sun 11 10.30am Family Service  
 Sun 18 10.30am Morning Service  
 Sun 25 4.00pm Evensong

#### From the Parish Registers

*Funeral:* 5 November Mary Blackwell

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

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#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

Thu 25 Isabel Walton

*Pastor Isabel Walton*

**337157**

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#### RC Parish of Hethe

*Fr Paul Lester*

**01295 277396**

*Parish Deacon Rev R Hughes 01295 720869*

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe, is said at 9.30am every weekday except Thursday, and on Saturday.

There are two Masses on Sunday, the first at 10.00am in the normal, 'ordinary', Rite and the second at 12.00 noon in the Latin, 'extraordinary', Rite.

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, is said at 9.00am on Sundays.

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

#### CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS

Deddington Brass  
 will be accompanying carols  
 in the Market Square  
 24 December 2014 at 6.00pm  
 Mulled wine  
 Everyone most welcome  
 All proceeds and donations to  
 Katharine House Hospice

#### CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY

Guides and Scouts will be delivering  
 Christmas cards to Deddington, Hempton,  
 Clifton and Barfords  
 Single delivery on Dec 21  
 Please use full address  
 Collection boxes in Eagles and Barford  
 Post Office from December 6  
 Cost still only 20p per card

## DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

'Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat'. Oh no it's not – the fox has seen to that. This year will mark our fortieth Christmas at Home Farm as it was the spring of '74 when we arrived in Clifton to take up the tenancy of my first farm, with a wife, two children under five, a few bits and pieces of equipment, 20 feeding bullocks, 120 in-lamb ewes and an overdraft. -We had spent the previous five years travelling to all points of the compass looking for a farm, but always falling at the last fence. Then in the January of '74 a chance encounter in the hunting field, with the then landlord and his agent, I cleared the last fence and, as they say, the rest is history.

My first spring and lambing season at Clifton was very cold with some heavy snow in April. The ewes were lambed out, with a few burrow-hurdle pens set up in one corner of a ten acre paddock much the same as we had always done when I worked as a shepherd for my father. But shepherding Home Farm, Clifton, was a very different kettle of fish from Home Farm, Warkworth. Having been used to working on the dry, ironstone, red lands of south Northants, the wet heavy soils of Clifton-in-the-clay were a very steep learning curve.

That first lambing season was a real eye opener as the farm and surrounding area was, and still is, infested with foxes and, as we had the only lambing flock of sheep in the parish, they soon learnt there was an easy meal to be had and lambs were being taken every night. That year we had a very poor lambing percentage, with a high number of singles being penned, but just how many of those singles were actually dropped as doubles I will never know, but we lost over 50 lambs to foxes in that first year.

The next season we brought the ewes into floodlit straw-yards at night, but still the foxes came for supper and I shot 18 of the diners in the first week before they got the message that the Clifton lambing pens were not a very healthy place to be seen. Today we bring the sheep into purpose-built sheep barns, with none turned away until they are well mothered-up, but even now they go out into well-lit paddocks, as the night time marauders will still try their luck.

Over the years we have had many visitors coming to see the lambs. The village schoolchildren were regular visitors until Health and Safety stepped in. The children always enjoyed their visits, with most of them being wide-eyed at the sight of a lamb being born and, children being children, I can just imagine the sort of answers they gave when asked, 'What did you do at school today, dear?'.

So our 41st season will start with the Cotswold Lions at the end of January, and the main flock coming down in February and March with the ewe tegs (female sheep under 12 months old) dropping their first lambs in the middle of April. It is always nice to get the sheep into their winter quarters; it makes life



so much easier for the shepherd and we can stand down from river watch for a few weeks, with any problems spotted and sorted out before they become serious.

I enjoy a late night walk around the sheep barn and seeing the old dears sound asleep in the straw. There are always the few favourites that will come for a word and a head scratch on the off chance that I may have a few goodies in my pocket for them — I always have.

The bees have had a good autumn, topping up their winter stores with pollen and nectar from the late flowering red clover strips and hedgerow ivy, but if the weather experts have got it right and we are in for another wet, but mild, winter they will need regular top-ups of sugar syrup to keep them going until next spring.

For now it's into the workshop to sort out the woodwork for the start of the next beekeeping season and rearrange the honey room, but before you know it, it will be Christmas Eve and time for the Deddington Brass Band and carols under the Christmas tree in the Market Place. See you then.

**George Fenemore**  
338203

## PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

Christmas is coming and the settings are already alive with the sound of Christmas songs and sparkling with glitter. The PFSU is looking forward to its Decorations Days on 1 and 3 December from 1.30–3.00pm when we invite family members to help us decorate the classroom. We present our joint Christmas performance *Born in a Barn* with the F1 class in Deddington Church on Monday 15 December at 2.00pm. The Nursery presents its interactive Christmas performance, *Journey to Bethlehem*, on Wednesday 17 December from 10.00am to 12 noon. Both groups of children will be enjoying Christmas parties; the Nursery children on Friday 19 December and the PFSU children on Thursday 18. And please don't forget our Christmas Fayre in Deddington Church on Tuesday 2 December from 7.30–9.30pm. This is open to all, for your Christmas shopping and a little pampering.

We held a well-supported AGM in October and were able to appoint a new committee to lead us during the coming year. Thank you to everyone who attended. Welcome to our new committee members and thank you for your support to those who are moving on. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Cllr Arash Fatemian for the donation from his community fund for the PFSU's new climbing frame. This is being very much enjoyed. Thanks as well to the Deddington Parish Show for their kind donation. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Lucy Squires**  
337484

## FIBRE OPTIC UPDATE

In 2012 Deddington was chosen by BT as the trial exchange area for superfast broadband. The Deddington telephone exchange area of Clifton, Hempton, Barford St Michael and Deddington were to receive an incredibly expensive investment from BT Openreach which installed the equipment necessary to enable every home and business to be connected to a fibre optic cable providing internet connection speeds of up to 330mbps. This is still cutting edge stuff and as a community I feel we are very fortunate to have this available.

The trial was called 'Deddington FOX', FOX being an acronym for fibre only exchange. The original intention was to connect every house to fibre for both broadband and telephone services. We presumed that the exchange in Chapman's Lane would become redundant and that over a period of time all the copper cables would be removed.

BT went live with the fibre service in early 2013 and BT Wholesale opened up this service to other internet providers, allowing a number of companies to sell superfast broadband to residents and businesses of the parish.

The other, not so widely stated, aims of this trial were for BT to judge the costs of installing this service in a rural community, how quickly people would take up the offer, and to test BT's own systems to see what issues arose with ordering, service calls, billing and provisioning.

In November 2014, BT called a teleconference to discuss the outcomes of the trial and the future of fibre in the Deddington exchange area. It has been decided not to follow the fibre only exchange to its logical conclusion; copper cables will remain, as will the exchange in Chapman's Lane.

BT Openreach has installed the hardware allowing up to 1600 premises to be connected to fibre (97% of the exchange area) and report a good take up of this service. There is a small number of properties that, for a number of reasons, cannot be provided with a fibre service. Issues with ordering, billing, arranging service visits and hardware compatibility have been identified and, hopefully, rectified.

One notable decision relates to the 85 houses to be built opposite the Fire Station. After discussions with the landowner and developer, BT has decided not to provide superfast broadband to this estate. These houses will have a copper wire telephone connection only allowing for an ADSL service, with not even fibre to the cabinet.

I'd especially like to thank John Carter from DMSL (UK) for his immense help in resolving issues for many residents when they hit a snag with BT.

The FOX is dead, long live fibre!

**David Rogers**  
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## MUSICAL NOTES


As the year draws to a close, we can look forward to seasonal Christmas music and services in the Church at the end of the month, as listed on the enclosed church services card. Earlier, Janet Lincé's Choros Choir invites us to *Advent Carols by Candlelight* on Sunday 7 December at 6.30pm. There will be carols, old and new for choir and audience, with mulled wine and mince pies. Do come to this and get your Christmas off to an enjoyable start.

Outside Deddington there are, of course, many events, but two with Deddington connections are worth mentioning. On Tuesday 9 December at 7.30pm in the Holywell Music Room there will be a recital by two award-winning young musicians, Michael Foyle, violin, and Imma Setiadi, piano, performing duos by Debussy, Beethoven, Strauss and Ravel. Then on Sunday 14 December at 4pm the Adderbury Ensemble will be giving their Christmas concert, *Nativity in Music*, in Adderbury Church.


Deddington Church has hosted a sequence of outstanding musicians during 2014. News of what to expect in 2015 will appear in the next *DN*. We mostly feature musicians who have asked to come here, but it is sometimes possible to engage other groups. Suggestions on what you would like to hear are welcome.

**Donald Lane**

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## DEVELOPMENT WATCH

### *School Ground Masterplan*

An exhibition was held at the Windmill Centre on 13 November by Prudential to present their plans for the development of School Ground, north of Gaveston Gardens. A 'full' planning application is to be submitted shortly to Cherwell District Council.

The proposed housing mix is seven 'affordable' one-bedroom homes (one a bungalow), twenty two-bedroom homes (all 'affordable'), twenty-nine three-bedroom houses (three 'affordable'), twenty-three four-bedroom houses and six five-bedroom houses.

The housing types feature a high degree of terraced housing. The plans indicate that the houses will be mainly built of brick with only a limited number of ironstone dwellings.

Some of the houses would be two-and-a-half storey, with dormer windows in the roof, creating high roof lines. Roofs would be plain tile or slate, with some flat roofs.

Not all houses would have a garage. Even the larger houses would have only a single garage. While many houses would have narrow drives which could accommodate two parked cars, this would impede garage access.

The small triangular central green has been earmarked as a children's play area. The small green space in the south-east corner of the site is to be an 'attenuation basin' (or balancing pond) to collect surface water run-off.

The proposed estate entrance from Banbury Road would be north of the Fire Station access and Prudential proposes that the current 30mph sign should be

moved further north. Banbury Road would be widened to accommodate a right-hand turn lane for traffic coming from the north. The plans also show a traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing just to the north of the School and pedestrian access to and from the development through Gaveston Gardens.

The proposed development therefore appears to be quite cramped. As regards accessibility, the entrances to the estate, the Fire Station, the Leyes and Earl's Lane, the pedestrian crossing and the crossroads would all be in close proximity.

More information will be posted on the DDW website once a formal application has been submitted, including pointers on making comments to CDC.

### *Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031*

The public examination of CDC's submission local plan, including the latest modifications, will resume at Bodicote House on 9 December. The first day will concentrate on the contentious increased housing targets. Policies about growth in the rural areas will be discussed on 18 December. Members of the public are welcome to drop in.

### *St Thomas Street*

An appeal has been lodged against CDC's refusal to grant planning permission for the building of seven houses at the rear of St Thomas Street. More information will be posted on the DDW web site when it becomes available.

### **Deddington Development Watch**

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## IT'LL BE BETTER TOMORROW

### **An Anthology Celebrating Senior Citizens by Sylvie Nickels**

Sylvie Nickels' latest book depicts the current lives and memories of senior citizens with humour and poignancy. Inevitably some stories deal with loss: a partner, independence, health, whilst others give glimpses of remarkable lives and even more remarkable carers. I found myself chuckling over problems caused by those who refused to use hearing aids and empathy for those left alone having shared half a lifetime with a much loved partner.

There are 28 stories and amongst my favourites are *It'll Be Better Tomorrow*, the story that provides the title for the collection, and the cheerful mantra of Ben who is diagnosed with dementia and also has to cope with other serious 'health issues'. *Warts and All* tells the story of Amanda who has recently gone to live at Manorfields Care Home and the support she is given by carers who aren't above a bit of manipulation to bring like-minded people together. I'd love to know where the idea for *Grannies.com* came from. It is a delightful story of the closeness that often exists between grandchildren and grandparents. Buzz teaches his Granny Em how to use her computer and

then discovers the rather unusual use she makes of her new skill (and I'm not telling you what it is). *Looking After Mother* is the story of a son who thinks he knows what's best for his mother and how she manages to outwit him at every turn, even if it means hiding in the cupboard under the stairs. I was intrigued by a story entitled *A Hippopotamus in the Lower Lake* but I have to say it was rather a disappointment. It is another story about Manorfields Care Home and the theme is about not taking people at face value, but I was rather confused by it and felt it did not flow as well other stories in the collection.

I have a few niggles about the production. It is to Sylvie Nickels' credit that she self-publishes her fiction but, without the critical eye of an editor, some typos and oddly put-together sentences have remained. It is rather unfortunate that there is a glaring error on the front cover with a redundant apostrophe and full stop in the tag line. These are minor in the context of the whole enterprise and the experiences that inspired it.

**Alison Day**  
**337204**



## 22ha

*In August last year Deddington mourned the passing of Peggy Pacey, the owner of Park Farm, paying tribute to her courage and determination. These qualities were evident, not only during her wartime experience, but also in her extraordinary achievements pre- and post-war, particularly, but not exclusively, in the world of horse showing and breeding. Described by Angus Irwin in his tribute to her as a 'redoubtable' and a 'formidable' lady, she has left a legacy of practical good sense to guide and inspire her successors.*

*Jason Maloney, the new owner of Park Farm, and his partner, Beatrice Bathe, look to Peggy's experience and example in running the farm today. Beatrice will be sharing with us some of these special memories and pieces of advice in a series of seasonal articles, starting with this one:*

Park Farm, as it currently stands, is fractionally over 22 hectares (22ha), less than a quarter of the average farm size in the UK, or less than half the average farm in England. These unusual dimensions dictate its diversity. It is too small to justify or sustain the equipment and facilities required for a specialism in crop farming, and its size, combined with its location in the village, make owning a large herd of cattle impossible. Instead, Park Farm must continue to exist as it did throughout the time of Peggy and the previous owner JB, John Bletsoe, with its metaphorical fingers in a range of proverbial pies.

This is not to suggest that its history has not demonstrated expertise in its fields (ho ho ho). The land of Park Farm has pre-trained a Grand National winner, bred countless winning racehorses and reared the winning Pen of Cattle at the prestigious Banbury market – but these are stories for other days. Every season, every day at Park Farm is filled with tales, memories and lessons from our predecessors.

December is always both a nerve-racking and exciting time at Park Farm because January will see the Doncaster Bloodstock Sale of National Hunt mares and foals. Our three foals that summered in the Paddock alongside The Grove, having been inspected and accepted into this exclusive catalogue, are now being prepped for sale. The sires of these foals were chosen over two years ago and the mares sent to stud in spring 2013. The foals were born in spring 2014 and this culminates in the 'moment of truth'. In terms of dam (mare) and sire (stallion) selection, breeders constantly try to stay two years ahead of the fickle world of racehorse bloodline fashion.

The foals are being walked daily in-hand, as they will have to do in the sales ring. To start with, teaching them to lead is a two-person job and, even then, this can be precarious. The foals still have a childlike inability to command their own high-spiritedness, combined with the innate, raw, competitive athleticism of racehorse foals. When they are turned out each day they race one another round the paddock and exhibit a

clear association between best athlete and dominance over their peers. As well as being understandable from an evolutionary point of view as a prey species, their obvious love of, and talent for, galloping defines them further as a racing breed.

They are fed a carefully balanced, nutritious, diet aimed at supporting bone strength and growth. However, with all the science and fashions of the day, the backbone of the feeding regimen is still, as it always was, locally grown oats, provided by Mr Fenemore. The wheel never stops turning, however; also benefiting from this nourishment are the mares due to foal in 2015, touch wood. Like all good superstitious horsemen, we do that a lot.

With all the stables full at Park Farm, we wonder what we could offer a wearisome traveller who notices the candle burning in the window on Christmas Night...? Perhaps Jason and I could sleep in the hayshed, without the candle, obviously. Merry Christmas everyone!

**Bea Bathe** [parkfarmstud@gmail.com](mailto:parkfarmstud@gmail.com)

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## DEDDINGTON RESIDENT HONOURED

Congratulations to Sir Andrew Green who has been nominated by the Prime Minister for a peerage for public service and subsequently conferred by the Queen. He will sit in the Lords as a cross-bencher. It is anticipated, subject to royal assent, that he will be known as Lord Green of Deddington.

Sir Andrew was a career-long member of HM Diplomatic Service, serving primarily in the Middle East, including posts as ambassador to both Syria and Saudi Arabia. He currently chairs Migration Watch which he co-founded with Prof David Coleman, as well as sitting on the advisory board of Concordis, a charity specialising in conflict resolution, and the board of Christian Solidarity Worldwide. He is heavily involved in supporting the Youth Club too and has done significant fundraising on its behalf.

**CD**

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## RECYCLING – Christmas and beyond

Last year, Cherwell District residents recycled 57 percent of their waste, making this one of the top performing districts in the country.

Christmas collections this year will be made on the usual schedule and extra material can be left by bins. Real Christmas trees will be taken after Christmas if they are left next to the green bin. Trees taller than five feet should be cut in half.

To avoid having to peer down the street on recycling eve to see which colour of bin everyone else has put out, the CDC website, [www.cherwell.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/recycling), provides an online collection day tool giving monthly information by street. Alternatively, it offers a downloadable annual collection calendar - which you can stick on your fridge.

**CD**

## AMERICAN POSTCARD

### Election

The good news is that the political ads on the TV have stopped, for now, leaving more airtime for the adverts for drugs you can't buy over the counter. These adverts for drugs are ridiculous. They have to list potential problems, so an ad for a diabetes cure will end by warning the listener that it might kill them. And people go to the doctor and ask for this drug? The other all-encompassing adverts are the ambulance chasers. A lawyer on our TV just appealed to people who had problems with trans-vaginal mesh problems to contact them. It is 4.00pm in the afternoon.

The political adverts mainly focus on 'dissing' the opposition candidate. On the face of it the Republican candidate for our local Governorship had apparently sold a bust bank for tens of millions and lied his way around the US. He lost by one percent. All very strange; this is a very polite society, the land of 'have a nice day', but they really go to town in dishing the dirt in their political ads.

The mid-term elections have finished and obviously all our local friends were voting Republican. The Democratic candidates were all trying hard to pretend that they had never met Obama and that he certainly belonged to another party. And Mr Obama's ex-mates lost badly. So now the largest democracy in the world has two years until the next presidential election while the Republicans on the right (who wear red interestingly) run both Houses of Congress and, above them, the President is of a very different political persuasion.

It's as if the UK PM were from the opposite party to the one that runs the Houses of Parliament. Yes, nothing is going to get done. From a distance I used to think that the US President was the most powerful man in the world but, in reality, for the next two years he will be incapable of doing too much. He can pass some things such as legalising some resident aliens by Presidential decree. The Republicans will now be

building up steam to repeal Obamacare, although this is something that Obama can veto. But they will want to embarrass him, their only target being the Presidential campaign in two years. So the largest democracy in the world will be a mess politically, and campaigning for the next round starts now. The amazing sum of a billion dollars was spent in this election, but bear in mind Americans spent over two billion on Halloween celebrations. It's a strange country.

So life returns to normal in Colorado and the weather returns to the bizarre, as normal. Last Sunday it was 68F; by Tuesday it had dropped to 30F, that is -1C in European money and the snow blew in right across America, so everyone was suddenly had an interest in the Polar Vortex.

It's not climate change, of course. My neighbours are incensed that Obama has done the first ever climate deal with China. 'Why have we let them off the hook?' 'Why is he worrying about that rubbish?' One of my neighbours was convinced that the amazing feat of landing a probe on a comet was performed by NASA, rather than the European Space Agency.

America still leads the world, at least in its own mind. I do love America, honestly I do.

**Mike Ward**

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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 KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE FUNDRAISING TEAM

We would like to thank the parish of Deddington for its wonderful support of the chamber music concert held at Deddington Church on 8 November in memory of Elspeth Cox. The concert was a very successful fundraiser for Katharine House, raising £1,188 towards Hospice care. We are very grateful to all those who supported the event in so many ways: by so generously giving their time, promoting the event, attending the concert itself, or by making a donation towards the event.



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As many of you will know, at Katharine House we make no charge for any of our services. This year they will cost £3.3 million to provide. Of this, we must raise at least £2.3 million from voluntary sources. It is only through the support of our friends in the community that we are able to raise this sum and continue to provide vital Hospice care here at Katharine House.

With our very grateful thanks to Catherine Desmond and Donald Lane for organising the concert, all those who performed in it and to the community for showing such wonderful support.

## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

It is fast approaching the Christmas Bazaar which this year is on Saturday 6 December from 11.00am. This is always a happy family occasion as well as raising funds for St John's Church and the refurbished Old Schoolroom. There is lots to do, with plenty of stalls and games for children, plus, of course, hot lunches. Donations of anything suitable for a festive event will be most welcome.

Well done to everyone who strode for us and their sponsors on the Ride and Stride day, raising £284 plus £175 on the Just Giving website. Half the money goes to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and half to our Church.

Services at the Church during December will be Eucharist on the 7th, 21st and 25th, all at 9.00am and the Carol Service on Friday 19 December at 6.30pm with the Deddington Church choir in attendance. Festive refreshments will follow the service. Please come along and bring your children with you. There will be no Evensong on the 28th.

Looking forward to January, a bring-and-share lunch is proposed on Saturday 31 from noon to promote the refurbished Schoolroom. Tea and coffee will be available and there will be a raffle. Please come along and see what has been done.

As the year ends I am very grateful to the following for delivering this paper in the village: Sue Montague, Ingrid Robey and Barbara Chappell, as well as Rebecca Warwick and Cara Hedges who delivered when others were away.

During November we remembered All Souls Day and Remembrance Sunday and my thoughts went back to the late Nan Harris who wrote this column before me and to whom I was greatly indebted in learning how to put a column together. I end with sad news of the death of Sheila Oram of St John's Way. Sheila was a highly respected neighbour and good friend to

many, both in the area and further afield. Ray would like to thank everyone for their support, messages and cards at this sad time. Our condolences go to Ray and family. I hope to publish a piece about Sheila in the Well Remembered section in February.

**Les Chappell**  
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## FARMERS' MARKET

### Do They Know It's Christmas?

If you're a regular visitor to the Market you'll have noticed a lot of changes this year – more stalls, more variety, and bigger layout. The Christmas Market will be a good test of all this work – the biggest and best Market of the year – with all sorts of extras like face painting, glitter tattoos, music, and a Christmas tree. Even if you buy nothing you'll have a wonderful time.

The organised shopper will, of course, have ordered their Christmas goods at the November Market for collection at this one. I'm not an organised shopper and Christmas always catches me by surprise. If you want to ensure that you get a turkey, goose or bottle of gin and you forgot to pre-order there is hope for you (and me) yet. Go to the stallholders page on the Market website: <http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk/stall-holders.html> and download a PDF of all the stallholder contact details so that you can phone or email your order ahead of Market day and Christmas is safe for another year.

If you've not visited the stalls in the Church for a while, this is the Market to investigate. There is an extraordinary array of offerings for last minute presents. You'll also be out of the weather. And if you're still stuck



for a present, remember that you can now buy Deddington Farmers' Market gift vouchers at the information stall at the Market. They come in the pocket friendly denomination of £5.

Finally, a plea from the Market committee. They're expecting upwards of 2,000 people to be visiting the Market and there isn't nearly enough parking for all of them around the edge of the Market Place. There is a drop-off point next to the Information Desk where you

can deposit people or collect your shopping and free parking at the School in Earls Lane, just a short walk from the Market. Park sensibly to avoid Christmas stress and to show a little good will.

For more up to date information about the Christmas Market you can visit the Market web page (URL above), listen to Deddington OnAir [www.deddington-onair.org](http://www.deddington-onair.org) or BBC Radio Oxford. There may even be a feature in the December edition of the *Oxford Times Limited Edition* magazine

The Market is on Saturday 20 December from 9.00am–12.30pm.

Merry Christmas and good shopping!

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## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### 1st Deddington Scout Group

#### Cubs

Goodness, we have been very busy lately. We took our guys to the market for our annual display and this year they represented scouting through the ages, as our group was exactly 104 years old that day. We collected £165.85p which is the last instalment towards a ShelterBox, which now costs over £600. Many thanks to everyone who donated their change. Also thanks to the Market committee for their generous donation which will go into our Brownsea Island fund.

Our next event was the white-sheet walk around Adderbury – Cubs wearing sheets and looking for clues while we tried to scare them with daft stories. Then a 1940's evening when we turned the Cubs into evacuees, played themed games and even tried Walton Pie.

**Jo Churchyard CSL**

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#### Scouts

The Scouts rounded off their fitness training with a session of badminton. Thanks to Caroline and Barry for putting them through their paces. Several of the boys enjoyed a trip to Silverstone where they were guests of the Silverstone Race Club, who proved to be generous hosts. The boys were given a tour of the facility, meeting drivers and even got the chance to sit in one of the cars.

We have been doing a lot of research into the history of the group and discovered the name of our first scoutmaster, plus the names of three scouts whose names are on the War Memorial. As we also have photos of them, it gave the service a new meaning for the boys since they had a connection.

Parade was very well attended and we continued the theme with a visit to the 'Soldiers of Oxfordshire' exhibit at Woodstock Museum, very interesting and worth a visit if you haven't been.

**Pete Churchyard SL**

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#### Explorers

The explorers went paint balling at Hinton airfield, using some of the money they raised from their summer auction. Great fun plus pizza. Does it get any better than that?

We took the opportunity to invest Harry standing on a large field gun. They are honing their map skills in preparation for a hike to Banbury.

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### 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

Thank you to all our young people and families who turned out for parade on Remembrance Sunday. It was good to see the boys marching. Well done to our Anchor section, many of whom were marching for the

first time. During November all sections have looked at a range of issues connected with conflict. The Anchors made some beautiful giant poppies, the Juniors played an interesting game about observation and the Company section looked at the fall of the Berlin Wall and had a fascinating night looking at food rations for troops in WW1.

If you're interested in seeing more snapshots of what we get up to, you can now follow us on Twitter @1stDeddingtonBB.

Our final session in 2014 is on Wednesday 10 December, our Christmas Party. We resume on Wednesday 7 January 2015.

On behalf of the leaders and helpers with 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade I'd like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

**Jen Childs, Leader**

**337481**

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### 1st Deddington Guides

Our newly formed patrols with newly elected leaders have performed well, organising a variety of activities themselves, including a very lively fashion show, to which Guides from the Starfish patrol were invited.

We made use of the light to have outdoor games and activities during the first couple of meetings. Then with the darker evenings upon us, we enjoyed craft activities, having fun with science experiments, including making mini lava lamps, and autumn games, such as apple bobbing in our scary Halloween costumes.

The pet evening is one of the favourite meetings, when we all have a chance to look after each pet. We had rabbits and guinea pigs, ducks and chickens, amongst others.

We are running our film evening now, when we all meet in leaders' houses in our peer groups. No doubt pop and popcorn will be included.

Thank you so much to the Deddington Market committee for their very generous cheque of £150.00 presented at the Market. That will help greatly in our running costs.

Well done to the Guides who did us proud at the Remembrance Day parade. The Guides provided two colour parties, and laid a wreath and a cross on the Commonwealth graves. You may have noticed some of the Guides are now wearing the new uniform; blue with orange trim. It is the first new uniform for 14 years, designed by young fashion students at Bournemouth University with input from 4,000 Guides. It looks very fresh, smart, comfortable and practical, and is very popular with the Guides.

Christmas is next on the agenda; please lend your support by looking out for our post boxes. Please use the full address. Thank you for your support.

**Maggie Rampley, Guider**

**01295 810069**

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

### Women's Institute

Unfortunately our speaker was unable to come due to circumstances beyond his control.

As it was Armistice Day our President, Beryl Suckling, led us in some reflections on WW1 that spilled over into the Second World War. We talked about the women working in the munitions factory in Banbury and Beryl had been on a walk over the site.

Our next meeting is on 9 December when we will celebrate our birthday and have a Christmas meal together. The January meeting is on the 13th when Andrew Jenkins will talk on 'Cherwell to Cheshire: a Recycling Odyssey'. For more information please contact Angela Sones on 338027.

**Julia Hobbs**

### Adderbury, Deddington and District Photographic Society

In October, member George Sainsbury led a workshop on 'Being Judgmental About Your Own Photographs', which comprised an interactive appraisal of photographs using two formats with members invited to critically review George's own photographs.

At the end of October, the society held its second annual exhibition in Deddington Parish Church, (auspiciously, at the same time as the Farmers' Market), collecting in the visitors' book such comments as 'Just fabulous!' and 'What an inspiration to get the camera out!'

The club is very grateful to have received a grant from the Farmers' Market, as a contribution towards the cost of a lamp for illuminating prints on club nights.

For November's club night, Rod Bird gave a presentation on 'What's New: Trends in the Photographic Industry'. Rod, who is a member of the Maidenhead Camera Club and an experienced photographer, looked at the historical aspects of early photography and the accelerating pace of digital photography, which has resulted in the amalgamation or demise of many well-known manufacturers.

The next club night is on 3 December, when Anne Sutcliffe will give a presentation entitled 'Annie's Land', followed on 7 January by a members' presentation of 'My Best Images of 2014', and on 21 January, 2015, by a workshop on 'Night-time Photography and Long Exposures'. Looking further ahead, on 4 February, Bob Sind-Birch will give a presentation entitled 'Macro'. All events are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Please come along, everyone is very welcome.

**Richard Broadbent**

**338173**

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### Deddington Brass

We are gearing up for the Christmas season, beginning with carols at the PFSU and Nursery Christmas Fayre in the Church on 2 December, and ending with the

traditional festivities in the Market Place on Christmas Eve. We will follow the latter with a trip round the local pubs to collect on behalf of Katharine House, and hope to beat even last year's generous collection. It promises to be a busy month.

Once again we were pleased to lead the parade for Remembrance Sunday in Deddington, and also to play at the Remembrance service in Shutford church that evening, as we have done for many years. We were delighted to receive a donation from the Farmers' Market towards buying some music stand banners, and hope to have these soon. Thank you! We plan to play at the March 2015 Market, at the beginning of the school Easter holidays next year.

**Lucy Squires**

**338442**

### Deddington Players

*Scrooge - A Christmas Carol*, 22–24 January, 2015, at the Windmill Centre.

Get your tickets soon for the Deddington Players' pantomime *Scrooge*. Rehearsals are underway and this year's performance promises to be bigger, better, and funnier than ever.

There are evening performances on 22–24 January, with an afternoon matinée on Saturday 24. Tickets will be on sale in December. Watch out for posters going up soon with more details.

For further information, contact Suzie Upson at [suzieupson@mac.com](mailto:suzieupson@mac.com) or 337095.

**Suzie Upson**

### Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

We launched the Poppy Appeal at the Farmers' Market on Saturday 25 October when our collection well exceeded that of previous years. We thank everyone for their generous donations as well as our Poppy Appeal organiser, Norman West, and the members of Deddington Branch who collected door-to-door and organised the collections at the shops, offices, and school. Although final figures are not yet to hand, clearly we will be in excess of last year's donations to the National Poppy Appeal.

The AGMs of the Deddington Branch of the RBL and the Deddington RBL Club will held in late November or early December, as posted in the *Banbury Guardian*. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due for the year to 30 September, 2015; £20 and £15 for pensioners.

The children's Christmas party will be held at the Club on Sunday 21 December at 2.30pm after the meat draw. The cost is £4 per child. Please enter names on the list in the clubhouse or advise me by phone or email.

**Jean Morris, Branch Secretary**

**338143**

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## ... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

### Book Club

In October we read *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque. This is a day-to-day catalogue of life in the trenches, seen through the eyes of a young German soldier, encouraged by his schoolmaster to enlist. Fear, cold, hunger, boredom, comradeship and the sights and sounds of war are vividly described and we feel our soldier's despair as he loses his friends one by one. The author also focuses on the 'Lost Generation' of survivors who felt a detachment from civilian life at the end of the war and were unable to fit back into society. Not a pleasurable read but deeply absorbing and powerful.

The next meeting is 29 January 2015. Please call for details of the next book.

**Sally Lambert 338094**

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### 1st Team Results:

18.10.14 Highfield Old Boys (h) L 0–2  
 25.10.14 FC Langford (h) (CUP) D 3–3 Charles, Large, Smith (Won 3–1 on penalties)  
 01.11.14 Bloxbury Ath (a) (CUP) W 7–1  
 08.11.14 Middleton Cheney (a) W 6–1 Large, Smith (5)

#### Reserves Results:

18.10.14 Sinclair United (a) L 0–6  
 01.11.14 Finmere (h) L 0–5  
 08.11.14 B Itchington Res (h) L 0–4 (CUP)

An interesting month has unfolded in the history of Deddington Town Football Club, with our teams suffering wildly divergent fortunes. The First Team suffered a disappointing home loss, but then progressed in two cup competitions and demolished Middleton Cheney, with Craig Smith netting an incredible five goals.

The Reserves had a curiously disastrous time, beaten heavily three times, each time by one less goal. This sequence was particularly galling, as two decent victories last month seemed to suggest they had finally found some momentum. To add a little context, the Reserves have suffered an appalling run of injuries, with first choice goalkeeper, James Todd, damaging his ankle and Sam Rollason soon suffering an almost identical injury. This led to yours truly playing between the sticks against Finmere and, with true gonzo-irony, picking up a finger and rib injury, which has ruled me out of action for the near future.

The Firsts are relatively untroubled in the bottom half of their division, while the Reserves will have to ameliorate this triumvirate of humiliations to stand any chance of remaining in Division One.

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### Deddington and District History Society

Our November speaker, Gareth Richard, who has been studying Deddington Poor Law accounts, discussed

his findings. He brought a complex and potentially dry, statistical, subject vividly to life with his description of what conditions were like for those (the majority) living on the edge. The problem was one of unemployment for some and of under-employment for many more who could find work at harvest-time but not otherwise. Deddington was an 'open' parish, which is to say that unlike 'closed' villages such as Rousham or Aynho, no single landlord owned the cottages. Labourers in the latter places could be made to live in the former, which would therefore be responsible for them in hard times.

Under the Old Poor Law, introduced in 1601, responsibility for the poor, and for much else, devolved upon the parishes, which at their best resembled mini welfare states. Gareth gave us examples of humane, even enlightened, provision such as clothes, tools and apprenticeships. Deddington had its own parish workhouse, now Quinque House in New Street.

It was a face-to-face system which broke down under the pressure of mounting costs in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, leading to the New Poor Law of 1834 and its notorious Poor Law Union workhouses. From then on the destitute of Deddington were taken into the workhouse at Woodstock, which stood where the Fire Station now is in Hensington Road. From the later 19th century increasing numbers fled agricultural depression in our area in the hope of a better life in North America or Down Under. Only in the 20th century did Deddington's population begin to recover.

For our December meeting, on Wednesday 10th, we shall have another of the Christmas events that have become so popular in recent years. Fun with an historical theme and plentiful refreshments will be the order of the evening. Do come along to this enjoyable social occasion at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

### Deddington Town Colts

There are fewer games to report on this month with the half-term break. The Under 14s, playing in the Midland Junior League, beat Health Hayes 2–1, followed by a narrow 3–2 defeat at home to Coventry Sphinx, and a 3–2 defeat at Tividale. In the Witney and District Youth Football League the Under 14 Colts had a convincing 7–2 victory at Carterton and a 2–0 win over Brackley Town and are still unbeaten and top of the B League. The Under 13s drew 2–2 with Launton Boys. The Under 12s lost 5–3 at Ducklington, but had a 2–0 win over Bampton Town. The Under 11s went down 5–3 at Chesterton in the league and had a heavy defeat in the knockout cup to local rivals, Bloxham.

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 with contact numbers for team managers – <http://www.deddingtontownfc.com/>

**Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Officer**  
**337034**

## BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

The Baby and Toddler Group has been getting into festive spirit over the past few weeks as we prepare for Christmas. On 14 November we welcomed local potter, Tamsin Levene, who helped the children decorate some pottery as potential Christmas presents for friends and family, and Barefoot Books Ambassador, Amanda Houston, joined us on 28 November with a selection of her beautifully illustrated and imaginative books. With our festive shopping sorted, we're now looking forward to our annual Christmas party on 19 December, when we might be joined by an even more exciting visitor.

But don't wait until then to join in the fun. We are always keen to welcome newcomers, so please come along to the Windmill Centre – we're there every Friday between 10am and 12 noon. Admission to the Group, which includes snacks and juice for little ones and tea or coffee plus biscuits and cakes for grown-ups, is £2 for families with one child and £2.50 for those with more.

For more information, please contact me.

**Janet Bird**  
**337428**

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

December is upon us already and the children are getting ready for a long deserved break. There has been a great deal going on this term. We have participated very successfully in a lot of sporting events, including: KS2 Sibford Triathlon, Year 3/4 football tournament at Christopher Rawlings, KS1 Warriner Multi Skill event, Year 5/6 Tag Rugby tournament, KS1 and KS2 Cross Country Warriner Partnership Competition, Sibford Swimming Gala, Cardis Cross Country meeting and we are looking forward to our Year 6 girls going to Tudor Hall for a hockey tournament and a Warriner dodgeball tournament before the end of term- and the schedule for after Christmas is beginning to look busy too. No-one could accuse Deddington of not offering sporting opportunities to its pupils. A big thank you to Mrs Lynch, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Knox for organising and taking the children to the events, and well done to our children, who always impress us with their positive attitude and team spirit.

Our fireworks evening was a great success as always. Although the weather was looking fairly awful early in the day, the PTA was determined the evening would go ahead. In the evening the clouds cleared, the wind calmed and we were left with a beautiful No-

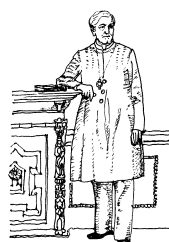
vember evening. The fireworks were great, as were the burgers and mulled wine.

The following week our school choir, made up of children from Years 3-6, joined other schools in St Mary's Church, Banbury, for the Rotary Club's annual Children Singing for Children concert. It was a wonderful evening with the children giving a very moving performance. Thanks are due to Mrs Welch and Mrs Rumsby who worked very hard with the children at an after-school club for the past few weeks.

Last, but not least, we are busy preparing for our Christmas productions, which are, as usual, a mixture of modern and traditional, with singing, acting and narration. The children are working extremely hard and looking forward to performing in front of friends and family. F1 and F2's production will take place on Monday 15 December, Key Stage 1's will take place on Tuesday 16 and Key Stage 2's will be on Thursday 18, all performances being in Deddington Church. I'm sure they will be well supported and all performances will be enjoyed by all.

**Jane Cross, Deputy Head Teacher**  
**338430**

## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO



The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley for the month of January 1865:

**3rd January** - J. Calcutt came with John Sessions who made a declaration before me previous to his employment as a letter carrier from the Post office here.

**13th January** - I heard a case of damaging a holly tree at Adderbury against two young lads, Wilkins & Garratt of this place. Fined the latter 2s. sent the other to House of Correction for 7 days – he was abominably abusive using no common language.

**16th January** - I heard a vagrancy case – a Dutch sailor – discharged him with a caution.

**17th January** - I went to the Town Hall and heard the Barton burglary case against John Cato and committed him for trial at the ensuing Assizes. The evidence against John Roberts, also charged as an accomplice in the case, being insufficient, I discharged him binding him over in his own recognisance of £20 to appear again to answer the charge when called upon.

**21st January** - I signed a summons against one Wm Stevens of Ditchley, groom, to compel him to aid in maintaining his Mother, now chargeable to the Union, belonging to Steeple Barton.

**23rd January** - A woman named Dale from Hempton and John Castle of this place came for In Patient Tickets to the Infirmary, which I gave them.

**Buffy Heywood**  
**338212**



## A BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION

Looking beyond the busy Christmas and New Year period to the bleak days of late January, *DN* readers might like to think of coming along to our Burns Supper, to be held on Sunday 25 January at 6.30 for 7.00pm in the Deddington Arms Hotel.

This is a fundraiser organised by Friends of Deddington Church and many of you will remember that our first attempt at a Burns Supper in January 2014 was very enjoyable. Even before the event, it proved so popular that many more people were interested than could be accommodated in the Deddington Arms dining room.

If last year's experience is anything to go by 25 January 2015 will be a very good evening out, featuring a three course supper with a Scottish theme. Last year a vegetarian as well as a beef option was offered, in addition to the traditional haggis wi' bashed neeps and champit tatties, not to mention a delicious cranachan with raspberries (also known as Highland Flummery). We hope to repeat the formula, ironing out some of the glitches which emerged at our first Burns Supper attempt – and as last year, we will make sure that some good whisky is available.



But we are offering more than a good dinner. There will be lots of entertainment, kicked off by a splendid pipe-major to greet diners as they arrive from 6.30pm and later to pipe in the haggis. We have a full programme of Burns' poetry, music and a Scottish quiz – not to mention a raffle of a bottle of fine whisky and possibly an auction.

If you would like to contribute anything on a Scottish theme to the evening's programme, please contact Steve Miller ([steve.smilemusic@gmail.com](mailto:steve.smilemusic@gmail.com)) I will be away from home from 9 December, but back in harness from 13 January.

The cost of the evening is £30. If you are interested, I would suggest booking as soon as you can, as numbers are limited and we know already that places are likely to disappear quickly. Tickets are available from the Steve Miller Salon or from the reception desk at the Deddington Arms.

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## RIDE AND STRIDE

This year 10 'teams' (singles, couples and families) took part in the event and raised the excellent sum of £1,087. Half of this amount has been paid to Deddington Parish Church, while the other half has gone to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust for their fund to help historic churches in the county when they are in need of help with maintenance. So we are most grateful to the participants and to their sponsors for their generous donations.

**Jane Green**  
**OHCT Deddington Church Organiser**

## SINGLE FILE – GETS OUT AND ABOUT

Single File is a friendly social group, loosely based in Chipping Norton, for those aged between 45 and 70 who may be single, widowed, divorced or separated. Prospective members who live within a 15 mile radius of Chipping Norton are invited to try us out.

Fortnightly social evenings are held in either Chipping Norton or Charlbury. Recent events include visits to the Tatty Bunting restaurant near Kingham, lunch at the Crown and Cushion, a jazz and folk concert and the film *Jersey Boys*, circular country walks, board games evening at a member's house, as well as visits to Bletchley Park, the centre for WW2 code breaking, and to Slimbridge Wetlands Trust in Gloucestershire to observe water birds.

To contact Single File call 07765 598518, go to [www.singlefilecn.org.uk](http://www.singlefilecn.org.uk) or to [www.meetup.com/single-file-chipping-norton](http://www.meetup.com/single-file-chipping-norton).

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The weather forecast was very threatening this year but we desperately wanted to have the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial as the Parish Council has done a first-class job in renovating the memorial itself and the pathways around it. We are most grateful to them. Yet again, the weather was kind to us, as the days each side were inclement, but 9 November dawned bright and clear, resulting in the parade from the Bull Ring to the War Memorial being well supported, not only by the village's many organisations, but also an excellent contingent of villagers of all ages. The procession was led by Deddington Brass and, as we have no vicar for the time being, Canon Hall kindly stepped out of retirement and conducted the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial at 11.00am, reading out the names of all the villagers who had made the ultimate sacrifice in previous conflicts. Bugler Irene Bailey marked the start of the two-minute silence with the *Last Post* and the end with the *Reveille*. There was then a service in the Church, led again by Canon Hall. Our thanks go to him, the clergy, churchwardens, officers of the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council, the choir, bugler Irene Bailey, Deddington Brass under their bandmaster Graham Wallington, the Deddington Branch standard bearer, David Keats, the parade marshals, Richard and Tracey Boss, and all the villagers who joined us in the parade, at the War Memorial and in the Church. As always, our thanks to George Reason who constructed and maintained the Garden of Remembrance in the Market Place.

**Jean Morris 338143**

## BLISSFUL THINKING



Sometimes it seems as though Man fights a constant battle between the thrill of danger and the comfort of safety. Disregard the danger our distant predecessors might have encountered; I speak not of tusk or tooth of sabre contour, but rather 'risk' versus 'routine'. Should we venture out into the cold night to attend that potentially raucous social gathering, or will it be preferable to curl up in front of the television stuffing ourselves on microwave popcorn to the latest American crime drama/British period epic? Select the unpronounceable exotic fare from distant shores, or stick with a fish supper? Should we appreciate a steady wage, or is it time to cast off the shackles of proletarian drudgery and name ourselves CEO of our own destiny? The fact is that even the most spontaneous of us craves routine as a linchpin to our lives, but chaos is ever seductive, sometimes in unexpected forms. The most captivating chaos is, of course, nature. Studies show that being close to bucolic splendour eases depression and lifts moods, particularly in heavily urbanised areas, so why are we so reckless in paving over it? Perhaps a different brand of 'green' is seducing us, leading to plenty of grey routine winning the conflict. We all need a little grey routine, but let's keep it heavily punctuated with some lovely green chaos. It's for our own good.

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## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The stork has come again and blessed Gilly and Dee with a daughter, and son William a sister to grow up with. No name yet, but mother and daughter are doing well and Dad is sleeping through the night – so that's all good then.

Sadly Clifton hasn't set the world of neighbourhood questionnaire completion alight. A big well done to those who did, and I hope many more took advantage of the extension given by the organisers. Remember, if you don't take part you have little right to grumble. This process is far from over and you will be required to participate again but, again, thanks to those who did, and special thanks to your Street Captains, Rebecca, Tim, David and Ron.

The book club is in the final throes of planning the next cultural tour – a well-researched visitation of the industrial heartland of Oxford, from the Duke's Cut to William Morris's garage, from the Gasworks' pipe bridge to the Marmalade Factory, and many more. Each member has been allocated some sites that they must research to give talks on to the group. They tell me it will be thirsty work, so the brewery heritage will come in very useful.

The Clifton Christmas dinner has been booked and was open to all book club members and their

partners, so if you feel you've missed out – and you have – pop along any Thursday night for informative and entertaining persiflage (look it up – I had to) and you'll get asked next year. The Clifton Lads-and-Dads Christmas drinking event is also planned and this time they really won't miss out the Legion, but might miss out the various front rooms that were crashed last year. It's always the night before Christmas Market put-up, which makes that feat of erection all the more impressive.

Another page of 'banging on' so if you've got news or content – please chip in.

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

The PTA AGM was held on 2 October. It was well attended and a new committee was successfully formed. We are lucky to have some new people join us, but also to retain all of last year's committee. I would like to thank Lucie Sydenham for all her hard work and commitment as the PTA chair last year. Although Lucie has stepped down from the chair's role, we are fortunate that she remains on the PTA committee. Karen Matthews and I have been appointed as co-chairs this year. Chris Kaye remains treasurer and Tammy Marrett secretary and we are grateful to them and all the other committee members for their hard work.

We kicked off this school year with Happy's Circus visiting for a fun and exciting performance in the Big Top and had a great turnout. Since then, we have been very busy preparing for and enjoying our annual firework display. Luckily we had clear skies and a fabulous turnout for a fantastic display – colourful and noisy! Our thanks to everyone who supported the event and especially to all the helpers and Farmers' Market team.

The children of Deddington Primary School can be proud of the Christmas cards they have designed, which are works of art. This year each child created his or her own design and parents and carers were able to order packs of their child's cards which has been very popular.

We are now looking forward to Christmas and hoping that Father Christmas will be able to visit the children of the parish at Deddington Farmers' Market on Saturday 20 December. Look out for local advertising nearer the time. On Thursday 11 December we are holding a disco for the whole school. It looks like being an active and fun evening, with music, dancing and snacks. Parents and carers will have received information about this via the School.

With thanks again to all of the community for supporting our events and helping us fundraise for the benefit of everyone at Deddington Primary School.

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