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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

Well, it's all been happening over the middle weekend of September. Jo Cross's excellent fundraising event started things rolling in fine style at the Windmill Centre, Deddington Brass performed an excellent concert in the church on Saturday evening, and the climax was the Windmill Centre's Open Day with so many different activities to attract people that it was difficult to decide which to look at. I wonder what people's feelings would have been if they'd had to pick up dog poo before enjoying themselves at the Windmill.

JC

October

- Mon 1 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
- Mon 1 Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm
- Mon 1 Royal British Legion: Quarterly Meeting, Deddington Arms, 6.30pm
- Tue 2 PFSU and Nursery: AGM, PFSU, Hempton Road
- Wed 3 Photographic Society: David Boag 'Images of the British Countryside', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
- Wed 3 Autumn Charity Fashion Show: Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Thu 4 RBL: Visit to National Memorial Arboretum
- Mon 8 Community Choir: Taster Session, Holly Tree Club, 8.00pm
- Tue 9 WI: Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Thu 11 Holly Tree Club: Film Night, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Thu 11 History Society: Jan Cliffe 'The Making of Chipping Norton', Primary School, 7.30pm
- Sat 13 Deddington Players: *The Fictional Five*, Windmill, 7.30pm
- Sat 13 A440 Chamber Orchestra, Deddington Church, 7.30pm
- Sun 14 Deddington Players: Panto Auditions, 3.00–5.00pm
- Wed 17 PC Meeting: Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton, 7.30pm
- Sun 21 Adderbury Ensemble: Parish Church, 7.00pm
- Thu 25 Book Group: Call 01869 338094 for details
- Sat 27 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 27 Photographic Society: Exhibition, Parish Church, 9.00am–1.00pm
- Sat 27 RBL: Poppy Day Stall at Farmers' Market

November

- Mon 5 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am
- Mon 5 Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm
- Wed 7 Photographic Society: Banbury Camera Club presentation, Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
- Thu 8 Holly Tree Club: Film Night, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Sat 10 Parish Church Christmas Fair, 10.30am–4.30pm
- Sun 11 Armistice Day 100th Anniversary Parade and Service
- Mon 12 RBL: AGM, Deddington Arms, 6.30pm
- Tue 13 WI: Holly Tree
- Thu 15 History Society: Simon Wenham 'A Crystal Vision of Victorian Britain; the Great Exhibition', Primary School, 7.30pm
- Sat 17 RBL: The Deddington Ball

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

at the Primary School on Wednesday 19 September

Present – Councillors Collins, Cox, Eames, Oldfield, Robinson, Rogers (Chair), Squires, Swadling and Timms. Also Cllr Williams (CDC) and Cllr Fatemian (OCC)

Planning

No objections

Land adjacent to the Tchure – Demolition of existing boundary wall, new detached 3 bed dwelling with covered parking. No objection providing builders always maintain access for residents.

Grove House, High St – Tree works.

8 Castle St – Retrospective application for replacement fence and gate posts.

6 Windmill St – Single storey rear extension.

SS Peter and Paul Church – Tree works. Tree survey is to be added to the archive.

Windmill Centre and Sports Complex, Hempton Rd – Certificate of lawfulness of proposed development of play area.

CDC Approval

Shepherds House, Hempton – Garden room extension.

The Firs, St Thomas St – Tree work.

The Studio, Hudson St – Hanging sign and semi-circular advertising sign.

30 Mill Close – Single storey extension.

Calder Cottage, Philcote St – Tree work.

Ilbury Farm Bungalow, Hempton – Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of replacement dwelling.

DPC is considering claiming status of rurality which may affect applications from pharmacies in the future. The present pharmacy is not affected.

Environment and Recreation

A structural engineer has reported, after an on-site inspection, that the Windmill Centre roof is not strong enough to support an additional roof. He also confirmed that the steel structure of the building is sound.

There will be another working party at the War Memorial on Saturday 6 October at 10.00am.

The £250 agreed for the RBL soldier silhouette project last month will be spent on fixing the gatepost of the war memorial cemetery.

The autumn litter-pick will take place on Saturday 10 November.

The PC is disappointed by the response from the dog-walking community regarding a proposed ban on dogs at the Windmill. It has now been suggested that dogs be allowed on a short lead. A proposal restricting them to a circular walk, using the footpath between the Windmill and the cemetery, was referred back to the Windmill Development Group to make a recommendation. £1,441.44 was paid by the PC to CDC for emptying the dog waste bins.

The hedge adjacent to the football pitch is to be reduced and the north-west corner cleared at a cost of £625.

Allotment rents are to be held at £22 for a full plot

and £14 for half a plot plus £3 water charge.

The Holly Tree Club bench has been mended, thanks to Cllr Timms.

Signs at Coombe Hill Farm on the circular walk have been damaged and will be replaced.

A budget of £1,000 was agreed for the purchase and installation of a Christmas tree.

A suggested footpath diversion in Clifton is to be discussed at next month's meeting.

A letter has been received on behalf of the owner of land adjoining the Windmill requesting that the PC secure the boundary of the coppice. The PC is not allowed to use public money to erect fences to prevent access to private land and maintains that this is the landowner's responsibility. The area concerns a short stretch of land connecting the public footpath from the Grove to the path between the Windmill site and the cemetery. It has been used for many years to allow a circular walk back to Hempton road. Evidence will be gathered and a letter sent to the landowner suggesting it might be made a 'permissive' path for which they are likely to receive funding for signage. This matter is to be discussed again at next month's meeting.

Speeding

Many parishioners have contacted the PC about their concerns over speeding vehicles. Some new signs have been erected indicating that speed checks are in operation. The PC is recruiting and training volunteers to operate our new speed recording devices and anyone wishing to join should contact the Clerk at 01869 337447, deddingtonparishcouncil@googlemail.com. Registration numbers of speeding vehicles will be forwarded to Thames Valley Police for them to monitor and, where appropriate, take enforcement action.

Highways and Transport

The meeting of the TVP Banbury Rural Group at the Fire Station in August did not take place due to lack of interest.

There will be temporary traffic lights opposite the School Field site from 22 October to 2 November for gas supply works.

Finance and General Purposes

Deddington Day Centre was granted £1,000 under S137.

Windmill Centre

The new MUGA was finished in time for the very successful open day and received enthusiastic comments from the children using it.

The bat survey revealed a roost for the common pipistrelle at the old bowls pavilion. A low impact licence costing £2,300 will be required before work can be carried out here. This is therefore in abeyance.

Cllr Robinson is to liaise between the Windmill Committee and the Parish Council.

Next PC meeting: Wednesday 17 October, 7.30pm, the Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton.

Jean Rudge

Ruth Johnson and Pat Swash

Both of these remarkable ladies have organised and printed the editorial pages of *DN* each month over a period of many years and are now stepping back and going into retirement. We are immensely grateful for their dedication and unstinting time.

Pat moved away from Deddington several years ago and since then has dovetailed her grandparenting duties and other activities with her commitment to the printed product. Each month she has collected and returned our trusty laptop onto which the PDF of the *DN* is loaded, giving me an overview of how the print-run had gone. Until very recently she also collected the paper onto which it was printed.

The latter was the subject matter under which umbrella a certain gentleman was inveigled into helping the two ladies by carrying the several boxes each of five reams of paper up the stairs at the Windmill. Ever since a *DN* drinks party (of which there have been very few) in December 2010, when Ruth batted her eyelids and reeled him, he has been a willing third member of the team.

Going through the archive I see Pat first gets a mention of helping with the duplicating in September 2000. That in itself is a remarkable record although she may have been involved earlier than that.

Ruth, rather than moving away from Deddington, has come closer in to the fold. She moved from Dane's Hill (which is actually Duns Tew although she and her husband, Ted, always looked more towards Deddington) in to the village only a few years ago.

Ruth became involved in the printing in 1988, an incredible 30 years ago. In my research of the impressive archive of *DN*, I find that Pam DeSyllas was responsible for 'Duplicating' until October 1988 where 'the Learners' are listed. Angela and Norman Stone, joint editors at the time, were responsible for enlisting Ruth's help so we have a lot to thank them for too.

When *DN* celebrated its 40th birthday in 2016 Ruth wrote entertainingly of her 'inky' beginnings using a Gestetner machine and skins which some of us older members of the community remember.

Ruth has not only been the team leader and printer extraordinaire of *DN* for thirty years but she has also written many articles for *DN* over wide-ranging subjects, from local characters and personages of some local import, to the commissioning of the war memorial after the end of the First World War and parish magazine gleanings from 1879–1900, through to reminiscences of World War Two evacuees in Deddington. If you have a few moments some time, they're well worth a read. There is an impressive index to the archive which comes in alphabetical order of the authors so it is easy to see just how much Ruth has contributed to *DN* over those years.

As someone who says she started at primary school using chalk and slate, I am amazed that Ruth, at least to some extent, has moved gracefully and willingly into the 21st century, embracing the latest

technology to come her way, although she would freely admit that the best way to solve a glitch in the printing process is always to turn off the Risograph, let it rest for a few minutes, then turn it all back on again.

The *DN* team and beyond wish both Pat and Ruth an enjoyable and restful retirement from the vicissitudes of the print run, and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your unerring efforts to get the *DN* ready for the collators and distributors to deliver to your doorsteps. I'm sure you appreciate them too.

JC

Annual Update On Voter Registration

Those expecting to be able to vote in elections are being urged to respond to forms being sent to households in Cherwell. Every year the annual Electoral Canvass starts with a Household Enquiry Form (HEF) to confirm which people are eligible to vote. All eligible voters must respond to this form and they can do so quickly and easily online.

Completion of the HEF does not mean someone is registered to vote. Anyone who has moved, turned 18, married or changed their name for any reason must respond to the HEF and they will then be sent an Invitation to Register to vote. If you need to amend the information about you, it can be done at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.



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PARISH SHOW REPORT 2018

With such a difficult year weather-wise for gardeners, we expected fewer numbers and quality of flowers, vegetables and fruit. However, there was still a good showing in these three sections, which showed the time and dedication put in to produce them.

Of especial quality were the wonderful crafts. People were stunned by the exhibits and exhibitors in this section and all the others are to be congratulated for creating such a display of talent.

It was good to see eleven exhibits from the Deddington Day Centre, which included a moving WW1 arrangement which was placed under the war memorial plaque in the church after the show.

Although sparse in number, the children's exhibits were of a high standard and much admired.

Thanks to all exhibitors who made it such an enjoyable and worthwhile day.

A presentation was made to Elsa Williams, our scorer since 2008, as a thank you for her ten years of efficient service to our show.

Again, grateful thanks to all our helpers – furniture movers, stewards, stall-holders, teas team, runners and the eight judges and to the Revd Annie for allowing the church to be used – absolutely the best venue.

Show profits will be donated to local charities.

Winners of trophies:

Welford Cup for Cookery Winner Sue Ayles, 2 Sally Best and Helen Cox, 3 Jill Cheeseman and Juliet Morris

Marianne Elsley Cup for Flowers Winner Robin Cox,

2 Wendy Burrow, 3 Susan Glenn

Oliver Hawes Cup for Vegetables Winner Stan Nelson, 2 Mark Ryland, 3 Sue Ayles

St Peter & St Paul Cup for Fruit Winner Mark Ryland, 2 Stan Nelson, 3 Robin Cox and Beverly Ryland

The John Cheney Cup for Art Winner Stephen Waterman, 2 Janet Bird and Ken Wilkinson, 3 Wendy Burrows

The Stella Mar-mion Cup for Crafts Winner Rosie Phillips, 2 Kate Petty, 3 Angela Everett and Clive Snashall

The Farmers' Market Cup for Photography Winner Elen Squires, 2 Lucy Squires and Mike Higgins, 3 Wendy Burrows



Deddington Day Centre's flower arrangement

The Deddington Gardeners' Cup for Show Champion Winner Stan Nelson, 2 Robin Cox,

3 Wendy Burrows

CHILDREN'S TROPHIES:

5 YEARS & UNDER Winner Arthur Fawcus, 2 Harriet Murray-Hundley, 3 Jay Cox

6 to 8 YEARS Winner Jasmine Fawcus, 2 Evie Maharry, 3 Jonty Morris and Chloe Linnegar

9 to 11 YEARS Winner William Morris, 2 Felix Smith and Heidi Smith, 3 Rowenna Halsey

12 to 15 YEARS Winner Joe Skinner, 2 Becky Skinner, 3 Penny Higham

The Maureen Forsyth Cup for the Child Champion Winner Arthur Fawcus, 2 Jasmine Fawcus and William Morris, 3 Harriet Murray-Handley, Rowenna Halsey, Heidi and Felix Smith, Evie Maharry

The full results of class winners can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/yaye5lpv>.

Show Committee – Bev, Joan, Stan, Sue, Terry and Wendy

PARISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

An event for all the family

SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

10.30am–4.30pm

Including some of the Farmers' Market stalls, with crafts, cakes, Christmas gifts and cards, and children's activities

Refreshments available

Free entry

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

October

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Mon-Friday 8.45am Morning Prayer (also on the first Saturday of the month)

Wed 10.00am Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on the fourth Wednesday of the month)

Sun 7 10.30am Family Service
6.00pm Evensong

Sun 14 8.00am BCP Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

Sun 21 10.30am Holy Communion

Sun 28 10.30am Holy Communion – Informal Said Service

Hempton

Sun 7 9.00am Holy Communion – Harvest Festival

Sun 21 9.00am Holy Communion

Sun 28 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Barford St Michael

Sun 7 10.30am Holy Communion

Sun 21 10.30am Family Service – Harvest Festival

Sun 28 9.00am Holy Communion

Barford St John

Sun 14 9.00am Holy Communion

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar, Reverend Annie Goldthorp at [vicar@ deddingtonchurch.org](mailto:vicar@deddingtonchurch.org) or on 01869 336880. If Annie is not available, then please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (01869 338367) or Dave Hughes (01869 347294). We also have a Curate, Reverend Paula Smith, who can be contacted on curate@deddingtonchurch.org.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
28 October David Morris

Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

There is no longer a resident full-time incumbent at Hethe. A non-resident priest will say one Mass on Sundays (no Latin Mass).

Mass is said at 9.00am on Sunday at SS Peter and Paul's Anglican church in King's Sutton.

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.

Friends of the Castle Grounds

The old collapsed railings by the badger setts in the moat have now been removed. The railings have been neglected for many years and had become potentially dangerous for walkers.

Subscription renewals are now due for this year. New members are always welcome. Please contact Jean Welford at Abercroft, Hopcraft Lane, 01869 338539, or visit <http://www.deddington.org.uk/clubs/friendsofcastlegrounds> and download a membership form to join like-minded people who want to preserve and enjoy the heritage of this historic site. There are also some lovely old photos of the Castle Grounds on the site.

It was good to see so many people using the area during the summer holidays.

We are still looking for a secretary – if anyone is interested please contact me.

Carol Garrett
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Beware – Thieves About!

There has recently been a burglary at a garage in Church Street. Although there wasn't much there, be warned that others in the locality could be targeted.

History Corner

www.deddingtonhistory.uk

Sunday 11 November will be the 100th anniversary of the end of The Great War. Seventy Deddington men died in it; this was about a third of those who served and a very significant part of the parish male working population at the time. Their stories can be read in A Parish at War in the library or on the History website. One of the four who died in October, only a month before war's end, was the vet's 19-year old son, Reginald Page Bull, whose family lived in our house at the time. The other three were John Dore, Joseph Hiorns and Ernest Hitchman.

Rob Forsyth, DOL History editor
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Annie's Angels

At 12.00pm on 29 September the Revd Annie Goldthorpe and her angels, Caroline, Kirsten and Olivia, abseiled down the church tower to raise funds to buy an electronic organ. Even though this event has already taken place, you can still sponsor them by visiting www.Justgiving/anniesangels.co.uk, by calling 01869 336880 or by emailing [vicar@ deddingtonchurch.org](mailto:vicar@deddingtonchurch.org).

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Farmers' Market Car Parking

The farmers' market committee thought that it would be useful to remind people of the additional car parking facilities available in Deddington on market days, especially as the next few markets in the run up to Christmas are likely to be busy.

Obviously the pressure on spaces around the Market Place is particularly severe during the market. However both the school and the Health Centre have most generously made their parking areas available for use during market opening hours. There are often spare spaces in these car parks even during a busy market so they are worth trying, as well as the usual spaces in Earls Lane.

We would be grateful if drivers could avoid parking their cars near the pinch point leaving the Market Place, as this has been the cause of problems in the past. We now put traffic bollards there as an additional reminder.

It's also worth mentioning that we have a drop off and pick up point near the information desk under the Town Hall, and it is possible to leave shopping there to be picked up by car when convenient.

We do appreciate that market days can be difficult in terms of the inevitable congestion that is caused but we would ask for considerate parking and driving in the Market Place to make things easier for everyone.

Steve Waterman

chairman@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk

PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children have returned to school fresh and ready for the start of the new, exciting school year.

We began on Wednesday 5 September and during the first few days, all teachers held meetings with parents and carers of new children. This was a positive start to our school and parent/carer partnership, where we work closely together whenever possible.

We have a new F1 class in our Foundation Stage building and they have made a great start to the beginning of their school lives.

On Friday 14 September we had some half hour tennis coaching for Year 2 pupils upwards. This was to give them a taster lesson and encourage them to take this up as a new sport for both fitness and enjoyment. With other sport and fitness news, our whole school annual cross-country event will be taking place at the end of the month.

Finally, we are all looking forward to our harvest communion service which will have taken place on Wednesday 26 September in church at 10.00am. We hope some of you will have joined us.

Denise Welch

Open days are available to come and see the school: Thursday 4 October 10.00–11.00am; Thursday 11 October 1.30–2.30pm; Monday 12 November 10.00–11.00am; Monday 19 November 1.30–2.30pm; or contact the school to make an appointment: 01869 338430 or office.3452@deddington.oxon.sch.uk.

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Old School Room,
Hampton



Join us from 11am
for bargains galore,
a bite to eat and, more than
anything, a welcoming start
to the Christmas season

More details next month — look
out for the information insert

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

On 1 September Grace Swadling walked the Yorkshire Three Peaks with her mum, Sharon, dad, Mark, and Martin and Megan Squires of Candleford. They completed the 26-mile walk in 11 hours 18 minutes which fitted into the under-12 hour goal. 'Our legs are a bit sore now but it was a great achievement. I did all of this in order to raise money for my month long trip to Peru next year with Camps International', said Grace to this correspondent. 'Whilst I am there I will be walking the 4-5 day trek to Machu Picchu along the Salkantay trail and helping the area by building new schools and water systems. Part of the requirement of the trip is to fundraise the £4,200 to go. From completing the Yorkshire Three Peaks I have raised just under £900. This is online and in cash donations', she added. Very well done not only for the great effort and fundraising but for dragging your Dad over that distance. Great effort team.

Speaking of teams, the Yorkshire Terrier, Alan Holmes, has been chipping in, making pallet-based party furniture from village donations for Jo Cross for her truly epic fundraiser for her charity, CHANCES, with the strapline 'second chances, giving chances, taking chances'. It supports stroke charities which help stroke sufferers in their recovery, as well as researching its causes and potential prevention. This guest-only event is the first I'll wager of more fundraisers for this important cause so look out for the next update.

Congratulations to Lower Larkrise's very own Jerry Harwood for winning two months in the new Deddington Library 2019 calendar with fantastic photographs showing wildlife and a view of the parish. This builds upon a long line of photography competition winning across a very interesting life and his success last year. So look out for Cllr Collins selling these calendars at the Deddington farmers' market between now and Christmas and thus help keep our library open for the young and those for whom a trip to the library is a welcome social interaction as well as a source of inspiration, education and entertainment. This is an important facility so your support is very important. I await a detailed account of the evening from Lower Larkrise residents who I know are attending as I will be at the Deddington Brass rehearsal supporting other locals taking part.

Another book club tour is in the planning, combining a railway journey to our second city, visiting historic sites on the way. With the passing of the Una league season, where the team achieved its objective of not being relegated or finishing bottom, Book Club is back on at 8.30pm each Thursday. You are all welcome, including ladies and, hopefully, Clive.


Martin Bryce

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STOP PRESS: CHANCES review – 'It was great', Alan Holmes. Funds raised – over £1,400 and counting.

Sing in the shower?
Hum along to the radio?

Then come and see if the new

 **Community Choir** 
is for you

Please register interest for this group

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email: alisongrmail@gmail.com

First Taster Session on
Monday 8 October 8.00–9.30pm
at the Holly Tree Club, Deddington

£4 contribution to cover costs
Songs and cake provided

No audition needed, no need to read music
and no public performances planned

Further taster sessions to be confirmed

Deddington
Health Centre

**STAY WELL
THIS WINTER**

2018 FLU CLINICS

Saturday morning flu clinic dates:

**6th October, 13th October, 20th October
and 17th November**

Weekday clinics will also be held from late
September

Those who are eligible for flu vaccination are:

- Children aged 2 or 3 on 31.8.18
- Anyone aged 65 years or over (including those becoming aged 65 by 31.3.19).
- Anyone with a long term condition: Asthma (if on a steroid inhaler), COPD, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Chronic Kidney or Liver Disease, Neurological Disease
- Anyone who has an organ transplant or is on immunosuppression drugs
- Anyone on chemotherapy
- Anyone who has had a stroke
- Nursing home residents
- Pregnant women
- Carers
- Anyone with a BMI of 40+

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BLISSFUL THINKING

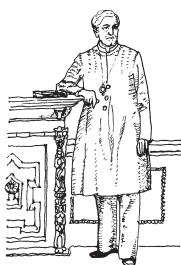
I broke my Clio on Deddington Hill. On Deddington Hill, where I phoned the AA. The car stood still, on Deddington Hill and lingered until my night was saved (with apologies to Fats Domino).

It's funny how the bad times tend to be remembered where vehicles are concerned, I thought to myself at 4.00am, having spent an hour repeating the brace position lest some reckless fool tail-end my stricken carriage at high speed: like breaking down in the queue to the Kassam Stadium for an FA Cup tie and having to enlist help to heave it away from the throngs of other impatient automobiles to the grass verge where it was later ticketed; or the impatient driver ramming into the back of me because he 'expected me to move out' from a stop junction; the time when part of the rear end plastic lay hanging into the wheels and having to hack it off with nail clippers (the only cutting-tool available at the time). So many memories, but the bad ones always seem to come to mind first, which is grossly unfair.

I've enjoyed many hours of sterling service from my piston-powered transit vessel, taking me from the heights of the Yorkshire Dales to the depths of the South Downs. It's so robust I imagine you could park it in the Mariana Trench and drive it away later. But right now its fate is uncertain. Until teleportation pods are created, I guess I should look for a replacement and create some more memories along the road of life.

Aaron Bliss aaronjbloss@hotmail.com

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO



The following are extracts from the diaries of the Revd Cotton Risley for the month of October 1868:

4th October – I went to Clifton as usual. Martina, Willy, Holford and John accompanying me in the morning. We all went to Church here in the evening – the Vicar having asked Willy to preach.

11th October – We all went to Clifton twice. Mr. Field ordered the Singers out of the Chancel this evening - books and all – so Mr. Hands told me.

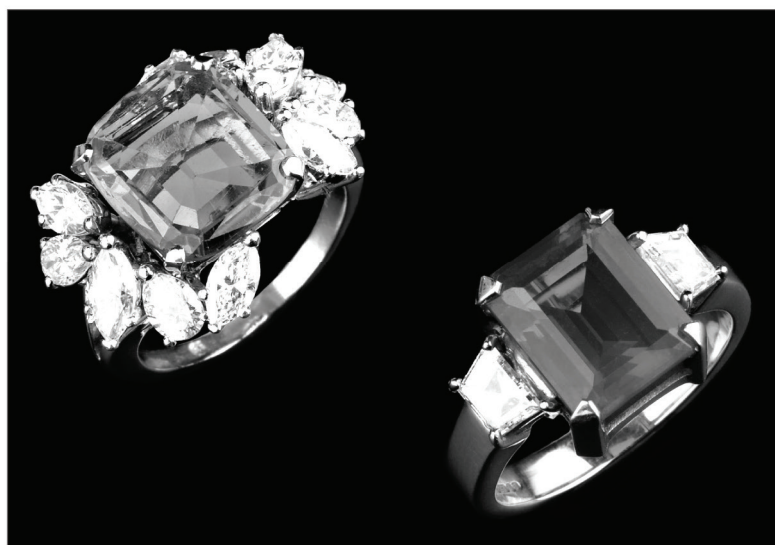
17th October – Lunched with the Warden of New College. Paid Mary Ann Cox her wages due on the 19th, on leaving my service in disgrace.

30th October – Damon the housemaid having made a formal complaint against James Burnell the Footman of having insulted her by using obscene language to her and swearing at her – after having brought them face to face with Rose and Jordan who were present and heard all that passed between them and satisfied myself with the truth of her statement – I gave James Burnell notice to leave my Service this day month. Damon declared she would leave her place if Burnell remained. This was not the first time it had occurred, being a married man it was inexcusable.

Buffey Heywood

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

It's been a difficult couple of weeks. We came back to the UK to dispose of the contents of our old house. Not finding a good home for most of the furniture was upsetting, but it meant that I got into the DA for a few beers and to the Bengal Spice for a fine curry. Apart from friends and family, these are the two things we miss most while living in America. Curry anywhere in the US is a problem. Order a vindaloo or a korma and the waiter will ask if you want it mild, medium or hot. It makes no sense.

The good news for beer drinkers in the US is that the local craft beer industry is going strong. There are more than 250 small breweries in Colorado alone, but most of what they produce is foul. The most common beer is what they call IPA, but this is usually a very strong brew, and is so over-hopped that I can't drink it.

An issue that is common in the UK and Colorado is discussing the weather. All my English friends sigh and look at the floor when I talk about the 320 days of sunshine in my adopted land. But the weather in the US is extreme, so I subscribe to a storm warning service. Last month when the phone rang, I was in a meeting and ignored it. Half an hour later when I looked out, the sky was very black and the issue was whether to try to save my car or Heather's. I spent 20 minutes driving around in Heather's brand new Mini trying to find some respite from these huge chunks of ice crashing down. The result was seven badly dented panels

on each car, a broken wing mirror, and it took the rest of the day for my heart rate to calm down. And we still hadn't fixed Ben's Subaru from the last ice storm.

Keeping politicians honest has always been difficult but one thing I appreciate most of all when I come back to the UK is BBC News. I know many people here have concerns about the Beeb but, believe me, exposure to the US broadcast media puts the quality of the news into stark relief. The bizarre nature of the relationship between the US president and Fox News skews the prime news situation in America. Suddenly a channel that promotes conspiracy theories and confuses facts and opinions is now mainstream. One just has to watch what is on the early morning Fox shows to understand his tweets through the following three hours.

We have some good friends now in leafy Greenwood Village but I was disturbed to discover a month ago that my drinking mates had been going out on a monthly craft brewery crawl without me. Then they invited me one Saturday night. I explained my upset when I got home to Heather, to which she said 'Did you moan about the beer?' 'Yes,' I said, 'beer should not contain chocolate, pumpkin spice, or raspberries.' She simply said 'There you go then, I wouldn't invite you either.' It's been good to be back with people who love me, these Americans are a fickle lot.

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CARNITAS

The summer is over. But the market will be brimming with this year's vegetable harvest. The trouble is, it's hard to guess what will be on offer when writing this a month and a half ahead. So I'm going for the meat option.

Traditionally October or November was when you slaughtered the family pig, feasted on the hard-to-preserve bits, made sausages, hams, bacon, brawn and the like with the rest. This was two days hard work that needed help from the neighbours but there was usually two nights of partying with the neighbours. Though starting your day at 6.00am butchering down a whole pig carcass can be a challenge if you have a hangover. Thankfully the market does all the hard work for you and possibly saves your liver a little damage.

This month's recipe is a discovery for me. It was one of Felicity Cloake's Masterclass recipes. It looks too simple to be good. It is ridiculously simple and tastes fantastic. All it takes is cooking time and good quality meat, so don't bother trying this with cheap supermarket pork.

Carnitas means 'little meats' – think of it as Mexico's answer to pulled pork.

CARNITAS

serves 6

1.5kg pork shoulder, skin on (if lean also add 500g pork belly – fat is essential to this dish)

1.5 tsp fine salt

juice of 1 orange (optional)

1–2 bay leaves (optional)

Cut the pork (and pork belly if using) into 5cm cubes. Leave the skin on the cubes – it adds a delicious richness to the dish. Arrange the chunks in a wide, heavy-based pan big enough to hold all the chunks in a single layer. The meat will shrink as it cooks so if the pan looks a little overfull at the start don't worry. Add salt and enough cold water to just cover the meat. Add the orange juice and bay leaves. Bring the pan to the boil, then turn the heat down and leave to simmer gently until the pork is tender but not falling apart and the water has all but evaporated. Turn the pork chunks from time to time to make sure they cook evenly. If you have an Aga or similar you can do the simmer stage in the bottom oven. This process takes one-and-a-half to two-and-a-half hours.

The next stage has to be done on the hob. Turn up the heat a little to encourage the fat to render off the pork, then turn up the heat further to fry the meat in its own lard, turning regularly until golden and crisp in

places. You can reserve the fat for another dish. Your *carnitas* is ready to serve.

The commonest accompaniments are a tomato salsa (sweet late season tomatoes are ideal) and perhaps a quick salad of finely sliced cabbage (red looks best) and grated carrot seasoned with lots of lime juice and salt. I would suggest a handful of coriander, lashings of lime juice over everything, perhaps a finely sliced green chilli and a soft tortilla wrap to complete the dish.

A beer goes well, with or without a wedge of lime jammed in the neck of the bottle.

For more up to date information about the market (and contact details for all the stallholders) you can visit the market webpage www.deddingtonfarmers-market.co.uk.

The market is on Saturday 27 October from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

If you can't wait till then, there's always the Adderbury market on the second Thursday of each month at The Institute, The Green, Adderbury, 6.00–8.00pm. More details at www.market.adderbury.org.

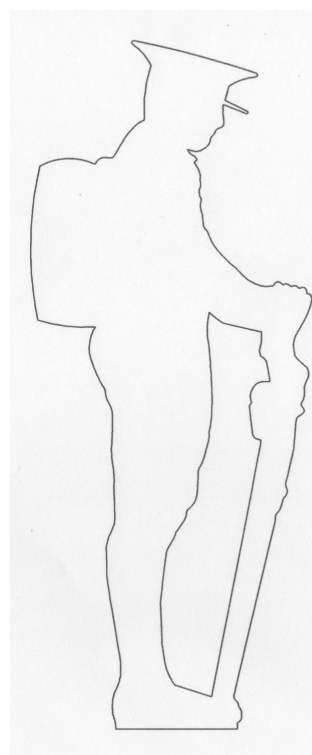
Good shopping!

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Deddington Soldier In Remembrance



Thanks to a very generous donation from Deddington Original Golf Society, the metal-working skills of Alex Moss of Forged and Found, and with computer design support from David Stewart Associates, we have been able to commission a full size silhouette of an Ox and Bucks soldier to stand on the small green in the Market Place during the approach to Remembrance Day. We consider this to be a particularly appropriate way to mark the 100th anniversary of the Armistice at the end of The Great War.

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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

Well, another page has turned. The farm apprentice has gone off to agricultural college to study for his extended NDA (National Diploma in Agriculture), the same college as I attended some 54 years ago, but things are very different now. When I went it was production, production, to feed a hungry nation. Now it's all environment to appease a well-fed nation. Ben took off in his open-necked shirt, jeans and boots. The uniform list for me was collar and tie, sports jacket, knee britches, long woollen socks and brown brogue shoes, a DJ for college dinners, and a bicycle. How times have changed. I was a popular student, but only for the reason that I was one of the few who had a set of wheels and it was surprising just how many students you could fit into an Austin A35 van. I sang in the local church choir, played rugby, tennis and hockey - happy days. I hope Ben enjoys his college days as much as I did.

The last of the late-drilled spring barley came into the barn at the end of August. Not a very good crop but at least a crop. As I bash this out, it's a mad rush to get the last of the chicken manure spread before the cut-off date of 15 September. As we are in an NVZ (nitrate vulnerable zone), we are not allowed to use organic manure after that date. This rule is set in stone by the pen-pushers of Defra and the Environment Agency, regardless of weather or ground conditions, so we are burning a lot of fuel to get the job done.

Just when the following crops will be planted is up to the weather gods as the soil is too dry at the moment to risk planting. After a showery weekend we planted the cover crops, oil seed rape and winter feed crops for the sheep, but these are now struggling and in need of a good soak. The biggest problem is insect damage on the oil seed rape, as all the modern chemicals have been banned for use down on the farm and we are left with old technology which is becoming outdated. For the first time in almost 50 years of crop growing at Clifton, we may have to take out the oil seed rape and replant with something else. Oil seed rape (the yellow peril) has become a very important staple food crop (vegetable oil) for human consumption and is the only vegetable oil crop that can be grown to any extent in this part of the world. It is also a very important early supply of pollen and nectar spring flowering crop for the bees and other pollinating insects, so it's something of a Catch-22. If we cannot grow it because we can't control the pest insects as a result of the green lobby's misguided obsessions, the bees will suffer because of lack of food when they need it most, just as they are coming out of their winter hibernation period. Ho hum.

The other day I was asked by our agronomist to identify an insect that had been photographed in his garden. It was an Asian Hornet, a new arrival in this country and one that is a dedicated honey bee killer, so here we go again. Back in the early 90s we were hit by another Asian beastie, the Varroa mite, and I lost 75% of my hives in three months. The only defence was

a chemically impregnated strip which did not harm the bees, but could not be bought in this country as it did not have a government approval number, but was approved for use within the EU and could be imported for private use. It was very expensive but it saved the bees. Some 30 years on we still have no government approved treatments, so just what will happen after we leave the EU next March remains to be seen and is something of an own goal for Mr 'Green' Gove and his 'B' advisers.

The farm wildlife has had a good season but sadly the curlew were unable to breed this year due to run-off flooding and predator pressure. With any luck they will return next year, but just how we protect them from a protected apex predator species remains to be seen. It has always been a happy spring-time event for me when the swallows, house martins and swifts return for the summer. We had ten breeding pairs of swallows in the old farm buildings, and most brought off two broods. They arrived late and left early so do they know something that, even with all our weather forecasting experts, we don't? The roe deer have had a good year with most does dropping twins, but this season we have also got two sets of triplets, something that is very unusual. We also have a small herd of fallow deer on the farm and October is the time for their rut and I enjoy hearing the ethereal sounds of the bucks roaring in the early dawn, to attract the does to their 'stands'.

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Management Committee

Wow, what a day – what a weekend! I am writing this as the dust settles after a very busy couple of days at the Windmill. On Saturday local resident, Jo Cross, organised a spectacular fundraising event called 'Chances' in aid of three stroke charities. It's the first time we have ever had a giant tepee on the playing fields – an amazing sight!

Today (Sunday) we held our very first Windmill Open Day. The rain held off, we even had a sunny interval or two, and it was good to see so many of you up there. Lots to see and do, plenty to eat and drink and



a running commentary and music from our inimitable MC, Kelly Scott – thanks Kelly.

Thank you to everybody on the management committee and friends and helpers who made it happen – a great team effort. We've already

had a lot of positive feedback and I will leave you with a line from my favourite email so far: 'It really was top notch. It made me incredibly proud to be a part of one of the clubs associated with the Windmill Centre'. All I can say is that we must be doing something right.

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Windmill Development

New MUGA: Finished and ready for use – just in time for the Windmill Open Day! If you think the picnic table looks a bit odd with its overhang at one end, it's 'equality compliant' (new term for DDA).. Our thanks to Steelway Fenssecure for a great job, even if they did take it down to the wire, and to CDC for funding it. There's a small snagging list, which we're still working on.

Children's Play Area:

We had six bids to supply the steel and the timber play equipment and these have been reduced to three. We're still working on the designs to get the biggest wow factor we can out of the project. Meanwhile the path has been cleared in the southern copse ready to take the six woodland trail pieces.

The master plan and a couple of the playground designs were on display at the recent Windmill Open Day where they aroused a lot of interest.

A roost for the common pipistrelle bat has been found in the old bowls club pavilion, and a licence from Natural England to deal with this will cost £2,300, so the pavilion stays as is for the time being. The budget is going to be tight as we want to remove the hedges on the north and east sides of the bowling green, and plant up the buffer zone between the play area and Mill Close houses.

Schedule: The right permissions have to be in place before we can order equipment, which isn't going to be before the end of October. Then there's an eight-week lead time on manufacturing, so the installation is unlikely to start until spring 2019. Experience with

the Wimborn Close and Welford's Piece playgrounds has shown that work is impossible in winter unless the weather is mild.

Hall: The immediate focus is on making the existing building work better. Current ideas are: making more

use of the huge space in the main hall, refurbishing the loos, replacing the floor in the upstairs room to suit dance and fitness groups better, and improving the heating system. This will buy some time to raise money for a new extended lounge on the west.

Dog ban: The proposed dog ban on the playing field caused a wealth of comment at the PC meeting, some for, some against. The field was bought by the

PC in 1988 as a playing field and, although dog walkers have used it since, that's not its primary function.

The only ideas that were put forward, apart from more bins, were a bag dispenser and more signs pointing out it's illegal not to pick up after your dog. CCTV on the playing fields is not possible because of data protection. The PC handed the problem back to the WDG to make a recommendation.

Most objectors refer only to the playing field, very few made reference to the play area – presumably because that is still at the planning stage. But dogs and children definitely do not mix. The alternative will be to fence off the play area, at huge cost, which goes against everything we are trying to do to make that area open and inclusive. And what do we do about the copse? How do we fence that off?

Mary Robinson, Chair

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The new MUGA in action

FROM THE FIRE STATION

This month has been pretty quiet compared to the previous few months, with the engine rolling out of the doors on 25 occasions. Standbys, a few fires and road traffic collisions made up the majority of call-outs. Interestingly enough though, this past week we were turned out to a Hazardous Materials incident involving a chlorine leak at Begbroke Science Park near Kidlington. Members of the crew were required to wear Gas Tight Suits to create ventilations within the building re-creating a hospitable atmosphere. Gas Tight Suits are used for any incident where a solid, liquid or gas could cause harm to a firefighter, either through inhalation, absorption, ingestion or by direct contact. A Gas Tight Suit is worn over a Breathing Apparatus set and creates a concealed environment (atmosphere) within its skin. The suit cannot be used near or around fire as it will melt around the firefighter. When the suit is finished with, a strict set of decontamination procedures has to be followed to avoid the spread of contamination. Generally Hazardous Materials Incidents tend to be quite drawn out due to the complex procedures that need to be followed to ensure the safety of firefighters and the containment of hazardous products.

Over the next few months we will be attending a number of training days. One is a Hazardous Materials day, which will remind us of the procedures to be adopted at an incident that involves a harmful material. Another training day we will be attending is to do with fire behaviour. We go to Moreton College and are put into real live fire situations wearing Breathing Apparatus where we have to control the fire and fire spread using different branch [nozzle] techniques. This is probably the most enjoyable training we do as we get to put out numerous fires.

Congratulations are in order to our very own Barney Alton. Barney joined us around five years ago. Through working at Deddington as an on-call firefighter he fell in love with the job and decided this was the career for him. He applied for a whole-time role earlier in the year and to his and our delight he was offered and appointed to a position within the whole-time service here in Oxfordshire. It really is a fine achievement when you consider he was up against hundreds of other applicants. Well done Barney!

FF Thomas Hall

Tales from the Pump



So I'm behind the bar on a quiet mid-week morning, wondering if the next new tax was to be on my wood burning stove because of carbon emissions, when who should walk in but astronaut, John Young. Now I keep up with the news so I know Mr Young passed away this January, aged 86, but I do give ghosts credence.

We have a ghostly old lady in a white nightdress wandering around the pub looking really upset because she can't find the stairs at bedtime. That's because I shifted them to make room for the new cellar entrance – not sure where ghosts rank along with newts and bats but I'm sure the council planners would have used the old lady to refuse planning permission if they had known about her.

Anyway, John slaps 20 bucks on the bar and asks for bourbon on the rocks – I almost questioned whether he should really be drinking spirits – but 20 bucks is 20 bucks.

'Tell me John, what were your thoughts when you looked down at Earth from space?' (Not sure if it's 'down', 'up' or 'across' but never mind.)

He spoke sort of vacantly: 'Well, the thing is, the Earth looks grey and blue and you don't see no people.' (I didn't correct him on the double negative – ghosts can get a bit uppity). He went on, 'Looking down there you realise that humans have only been around 200,000 years, one per cent of the planet's life and a pretty short time compared say to trilobites that were around for 2.5 million years. 'So it's a bit arrogant for us humans to think we are going to change anything like global warming in the grand scheme of things.'

With that he floated out of the bar and when I checked so had his 20 bucks – but I've decided to keep the wood burning stove with a clear conscience, tax or no tax.

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Friends of Daeda's Wood

Reg (Batman) and his team found on their last bat box check that we now have three species of bats: Natterer's, brown long-eared and pipistrelle. At one box, since they were still lively, eighteen brown long-eared bats reacted to Reg's intrusion by taking off and, with high-pitched squeaks, temporarily populated neighbouring empty boxes.

The Family Picnic took place and, although only

one family came, the two children and dad had a great time making clay models on the bench in the flower meadow whilst Maisie, the dog, dug purely for pleasure.

For more information about the Friends please contact me.

Annette Murphy, Chair

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WW1 Centenary Tribute

Deddington's tribute to the centenary of the end of the First World War is on

**SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER at 7.00pm
in the PARISH CHURCH**

It will be a concert featuring Music Hall songs of the time, war songs and poems to remember all who took part, including the horses, all of whom are owed a huge debt.

Some of our talented children will take part, including the school choir and the wonderful Deddington Brass.

Do be there to sing the old, well-known songs with the cast.

WW1 Concert Planning Committee

Holly Tree Club

Our members had a lovely trip to Wyatts Garden Centre at Great Rollright in August and we are looking forward to our final trip of the year on 29 October to Stratford Garden centre so if you haven't booked on this trip yet, please do so at the October coffee morning, if not before.

Sleepless in Seattle, our September film, was well attended and very much enjoyed. Our next film on Thursday 11 October, in association with Age UK, is *Finding your Feet*, a feel-good British rom-com with an all-star cast including Imelda Staunton, Timothy Spall, Joanna Lumley and Celia Imrie. When 'Lady' Sandra Abbott discovers that her husband of 40 years is having an affair with her best friend, she seeks refuge in London with her estranged, older sister, Bif. The two could not be more different – Sandra is a fish out of water next to her outspoken, serial dating, free-spirited sibling. But different is just what Sandra needs at the moment and she reluctantly lets Bif drag her along to a community dance class where she starts finding her feet.

Christmas Lunch plans are starting to take shape and the Deddington Arms has been booked for Tuesday 4 December. More details next month.

Work continues with our renovation and improvement plans for the Club and car park. We have been getting quotes for improvement work to the car park and have had the roof of the building surveyed and are considering options to renovate it. It is, I might add, in remarkably good shape considering it's not been looked at for the last 50 years or more.

The Monday morning coffee club is open to over 55s and is held on the first Monday of the month at 10.30am in the Holly Tree Club. New members are welcome so don't forget to invite your new neighbours too.

For all Club enquiries, please contact Liz Dickinson 01869 337050 or Diana Marshall on 01869 337761. For all Holly Tree booking enquiries, please contact Hugh Blythe on 01869 338126 hughblythe@btinternet.com.

John Finnigan, Chair

Piano Concert

The Banbury Symphony Orchestra will perform in Deddington Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 24 November. For the opening concert of our 2018/19 season, the orchestra plays three romantic orchestral compositions from the late 19th and early 20th centuries – a Bruckner overture, Walton's Lyrical Viola Concerto (soloist Luba Tunncliffe0, and Max Bruch's Third Symphony. More information on these pieces, our soloist and the orchestra is available at <https://banburysymphony.org/>).

Tickets are £10, available by visiting our website or clicking the 'Book Now' link at the top of our Facebook page. Tickets for 18s and under are free.

This time last year, our November concert in Deddington Church was a complete sell-out. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

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PFSU and Village Nursery

It has been a smooth and happy start to the autumn term with our new children settling in quickly and having plenty of opportunities to enjoy the last of the sunny weather. Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the PFSU on Tuesday 2 October. It is vital that as many parents as possible attend this meeting in order that decisions can be made and a new committee elected. Please make the effort to attend.

We will be holding a fundraising car boot sale on the Deddington Primary School playground from 9.00am–12.00pm on Sunday 7 October. Pitches are £5 per car and can be booked by emailing info@deddingtonpfsuandnursery.co.uk or calling 01869 337484. Coffee, cakes and bacon baps will be available.

All those gardeners amongst you will be excited to learn that we have secured the support of internationally renowned garden designer and creator, Robert Ketchell, to give a one-off talk on Japanese gardens, in support of the Nursery and PFSU. This will take place at the Windmill Centre on Saturday 27 October at 7.30pm and is open to everyone. Tickets are £10 and include a glass of wine on arrival and can be booked at <https://tinyurl.com/y9ewkjgj> or by contacting Lauren Odell on 07917 631369.

There will be an evening parents meeting at the PFSU during October at which we will explain to you a little more about how we work and give you the opportunity to try out some of the games and activities we use to teach phonics and numeracy. Coming up soon, details of our popular Christmas Fayre – yes, Christmas already.

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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Our 2019 calendar was launched on Friday 14 September at the library where our sponsors, volunteers and prize-winners gathered to see our latest creation. We'd like to thank all the entrants who took part. We had more than 100 entries with this year's images being much more varied than in previous years. The calendar went on sale at the September farmers' market and will be at each one until Christmas. It is also available at the library so please ensure you don't miss out as we believe it's our best yet.

The finalists with published images in order of publication are: Colin Rennison, Jerry Harwood, Richard Chinn, Lucy Squires, Amy Forster-Brain, Tei



Top row L–R, Amy Forster-Brain, Jerry Harwood, Mike Higgins. Bottom row L–R, Richard Chinn, Quin Coetzer for Colin Rennison, Lucy Squires, Helen Spencer, Becky Jones

Williams, Ellen Williams, Mike Higgins, Helen Spencer and Becky Jones. First prize was awarded to Lucy Squires, second to Colin Rennison, and third to Helen Spencer. All finalists received a complimentary calendar with the top three receiving a large format canvas of their winning entry as well.

Once again we'd like to thank all our sponsors for their much valued support, our volunteers for their hard work

throughout the year and, of course, our talented entrants who have taken such spectacular photos for this year's calendar.

Thank you and keep snapping.

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The 'Mischief Makers' Summer Reading Challenge has now concluded and has been put to bed for another year. Medals and certificates have been given to the finishers as they concluded the challenge or will be given at a school assembly planned for the next couple of weeks. It's always satisfying to see how much pleasure children get from taking part in the challenge each year.

Our adults reading challenge was well supported too and we wait to hear if Deddington library has any prizewinners among our entrants – fingers crossed.

Rhymetime for under-5s and families recommenced in September following the summer break and is going really well, every Monday from 2.30pm in the library. Grateful thanks to our team of volunteers for supporting this. Do come and join us, it's good fun.

'Get Online' week is from 15–21 October. This is a great initiative and prompts me to invite anyone who

would like to 'get online' to contact me. We have a Digital Helper ready to support your IT needs at the following times; Monday 15 October and Thursday 18th between 2.00 and 4.00pm, Wednesday 17th from 10.00am–12.00pm. So, if you need help to set up an email account, use basic Word and Excel, log on to the internet to search the web, or even help with using your own iPad or laptop, we're here. It's all about getting started. Drop in and see what we can do to help you get online or, better still, call the library to book a slot to guarantee your place.

We look forward to seeing you soon in the library.

Stella O'Neill 01869 338391

****Stop Press:** Author Event, Deddington Library, Friday 2 November. Costa award-winner Linda Newbery brings KM Peyton's legendary *Flambards* series into the present day in this moving novel, *The Key to Flambards*, which will delight fans both old and new.

News from Hempton

The Ride and Stride went quite well. St John's had 56 visitors on the day which was slightly up on last year, many of them thanking us for our hospitality. Thanks to everyone who was in church to sign people in and look after them. Lydia Watts rode for us and sponsorship money raised will be known at a later date.

It is time to think about the Christmas Bazaar which this year will be on Saturday 1 December from

11.00am. All the usual stalls will be there plus hot lunches which seem quite popular. This is the Friends of the Church's biggest money raiser of the year and is always well supported. It should be a happy family occasion. More news next month.

I am sorry I do not have anything else to report but I have not been around for a couple of weeks.

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Book Group

Over the summer we read *As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning*, the second part of Laurie Lee's trilogy. In 1934 nineteen-year-old Lee left his Gloucestershire village carrying just a few necessities and his violin. His thirst for adventure led him to walk first to London, where he had a labouring job, and then to Spain. Sleeping rough for the most part and busking to earn his keep, he journeyed on foot from Vigo in the north to the south coast. His memoir, written in richly evocative language, provides a vivid picture of Spain in the months leading up to the Spanish Civil War. Many lyrical passages describe beautiful landscapes and encounters with an array of colourful characters.

However, poverty is rife in rural areas, great cities are disfigured by decay and despair and there are occasional episodes of cruelty and violence. These contrasts and tensions foreshadow the impending conflict and the book ends with the outbreak of civil war and Lee's departure from Spain. His return to Spain as a member of the Republican International Brigades is recounted in the final book of the trilogy, *A Moment of War*.

We meet next on 25 October. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for more information.

Sian Waterman

Photographic Society

At our meeting on 5 September we welcomed Micki Aston for a return visit. Her presentation was titled 'Piers of the Realm'.

All piers in Britain are listed in *The National Pier Society List* and are defined as 'any form of jetty with a building upon it'. Micki showed photographs of 62 piers from Aberystwyth to Yarmouth, giving in-depth details of each one. She also gave their histories and examples of archive photographs to contrast with the up to date images of the piers. Sadly, many of our British piers are in decline and have suffered damage from fire, ship collisions, sea salt erosion and vandalism. However, it was noted that those piers which included RLNI lifeboat stations were usually in good order. Her pictures varied from well-maintained piers supporting theatres that feature well known artists to images of the sad remains of fire-damaged structures merely left to decay. The presentation ended with an appreciative round of applause. The meeting continued with the monthly challenge of members' images which this month was portraits.

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Royal British Legion

Thank you to everyone who helped the parish council with the recent clear up in the War Memorial churchyard – and to our secretary for his barbecue skills.

Poppies will be on sale at the October farmers'

market. A new feature on the village green will be a life-size soldier silhouette. Some RBL bike riders will also be present.

100th Anniversary of WW1 Armistice: Next month's *DN* will contain details of Sunday 11 November Remembrance Day Parade and services. The War Memorial service will be relayed for the first time into the church for the benefit of those who cannot walk to the Memorial.

4 October Trip to the National Arboretum: There are some 30 names on the list. It will cost approximately £15 a head for the bus. You will be asked for the money and given details soon.

17 November – Deddington Ball: Tickets are still available. Please contact me for details.

1 December – A pre-Christmas branch dinner for members, friends and families will be held in the Deddington Arms. Details will shortly be sent to members.

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New Community Choir

We are really pleased to have Cat McGill confirmed as our choir leader and our very first taster session to see if this is something you would like to join, will take place at the Holly Tree Club, Deddington, on Monday 8 October at 8.00pm. The session will be for an hour-and-a-half, with a chance to sing three songs, meet new people and have tea and cake afterwards for a £4 contribution to overheads.

Further taster sessions are being planned for November and December so do come along and see how much fun singing in a group can be.

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We had a full house on 11 September when we welcomed a new member and some visitors.

After the business side which didn't take too long, we welcomed Andy Howard from the Heritage Fruit Tree Company. He gave us an interesting talk on apples with mention of some other fruit for good measure. We learnt that early apples have thin skins and are sweeter, how to store apples and how to deal with codling moths which don't just stick to codling apple trees. He also answered the many questions.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9 October. This is our Bring and Share evening with plenty of good home cooking. This is followed by an auction of articles brought in by the members. The money raised goes to the Royal British Legion for the poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday, very relevant for the centenary of the end of the First World War.

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SPORT

Deddington Town FC Youth

The new season started on 8 September. We have seven teams playing in the Witney & District Youth Football League, as well as training for the U7s and U6s once a week.

The U14s, newly promoted to the A League, had a heavy defeat to Brackley Athletic. After a few players moved to other teams over the summer the U14s are looking for new players to strengthen the squad – see the website for further details. The Under 12s had a narrow 5–4 defeat to Bampton Town, they won the second half after trailing 3–0 at the break.

For the third season, the club has put on fortnightly goalkeeper training for youth teams. This has been a great success for the past two years. We are exploring options for an U7 to U9 Deddy Footie Festival to take place in spring 2019 and are looking for local companies to support the event. More information is available from Roger Sykes.

The club took part in the Windmill Open Day on 16 September 2018 – the U7s put on a showcase training session, and the adult and veteran players demonstrated their silky skills on the newly refurbished all weather court and hosted a crossbar challenge for visitors.

Get involved

If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further information about the club is on our website – <http://www.deddingtontownfc/> or visit us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc>.

**Roger Sykes, Development Officer
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Deddington Town Football Club

First Team Results:

08.09.18 Bishops Itchington (h) L 1–2

Reserve Team:

01.09.18 Charlton & District 2nd (a) W 2–1

08.09.18 Bicester Hallions First Team (a) L 0–2

After a summer being scorched and inspired by the unexpected capers of our national team, the two DTFC squads set out to fill their boots and trophy cabinet. Unfortunately, our notoriously slow starters have surprised none of us by starting in something of a torpor. The Firsts went down to a narrow opening defeat to the always dangerous Bishops Itchington, while at least a very useful first-day win was seized by the mighty Reserves, perhaps mindful of the symbolism of this season being the ten-year anniversary of their forebears claiming an unprecedented league and cup double or, more likely, just grateful for their inexplicable non-demotion despite their third-bottom finish last season.

Presumably, other clubs have ceased to be, saving the Reserves from a chastening fall from grace. I

don't know. Nobody tells me anything any more. I don't even have access to goal scorer information these days. If anyone involved in the Reserves now wants to send their erstwhile co-manager a beautiful orange shirt from the double team in recognition of his tireless isolationary scribing and prior service, he will be both humbled and inspired to continue elucidating the paths of glory to come. Yours in patient expectation.

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Deddington Cricket Club

As quickly as it seemed to come, so has the cricket season ended. Unlike the summer weather, I don't think that this season will go down as vintage, but there have been a number of highlights and it has been a delightful way to enjoy the spectacular weather. It is now difficult to believe that the first round of games in the last week of April were cancelled by the League right across the county because so many grounds were unplayable due to the cold and wet weather leading up to the start of the season.

A strong plus point of the season was that Deddington had a larger squad of players to pick from, including a number of new members from the village and close by. That meant that we have been able to field full and stronger sides this year, when other clubs have struggled for players. Our First Team, playing in Division Four of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association again, finished mid-table and repeated a recent trait of starting poorly, but coming good in the second half of the season. Generally, the team performed better with the ball than the bat. Stand-out performances include 7 for 33 by First Team captain Rammy Chennagiri, 6 for 37 by Manny Verma and 4 for 22 for 13-year old Ram Verma. Top score for the Firsts was 92 by our Kiwi wand-master, Gerry Duncan, closely followed by 17 year-old George Welch, who also ended the season with the highest run count and average for the Firsts.

The Second Team fared similarly to the Firsts, ending in the lower half of Division 7 North. Again our batting let us down too often to be really competitive, despite some strong bowling performances. David Victor headed the run count with a spirited 80 in the last game of the season and, on the bowling front, Cat Williamson had the best figures of 5 for 26. The Ladies Team were playing in the Midlands First Division for the first time, having been promoted last year. They found the standard a big step-up, but nevertheless enjoyed the competition.

We are already looking ahead to 2019 and will be holding winter nets in March and April. Anyone interested in playing for any of our teams, please contact Lewis Bletcherly at bletchers98@hotmail.co.uk.

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YOUTH

Deddington Brownies

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We meet on Wednesdays at the Windmill Centre 6.00–7.30pm during term time, when we run fun activities including games, arts and crafts. We also participate in community events, fun days, camp outs and sleepovers. Since returning from the summer holidays we have welcomed new Brownies, been busy working on our Crafts badge, and are making plans for our Night at the Museum sleepover.

But we need new leaders to continue the unit after Christmas. If you would like to become involved please contact us at deddingtonbrownies@gmail.com.

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs and Scouts continued to meet during the summer holidays (we don't usually) spending most of our time in Daeda's Wood, rebuilding the shelters, backwoods cooking and games. We also went on a hike from the Windmill to Barford St John mill and back via Hempton.

This term Cubs will be creative scientists with a good grasp of local knowledge – that's three badges covered – and Scouts will be historically creative with an added slimy and explosive element. I'll say no more.

Look out for us selling sweet things to raise funds for a Scout Group in The Gambia.

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Explorers

Over the summer sadly some of the older explorers turned 18 and had to leave the Unit. Happily they have been replaced with some new younger people so the Unit is looking healthy.

Some of them went on a water activities camp joining in with dragon boating and stand up paddle boarding.

We are looking forward to this term and them gaining their Navigator badges.

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1st Deddington Guides

We rounded off a super summer camp with some of our favourite activities, including backwoodsman cooking, stream walking and alpaca feeding. That was a bonus.

Two members of our unit had a wonderful ten days in Italy with Horizon Rangers, based in Kidlington. Rangers are part of Guiding's senior section and we'll be hearing more about their adventure later.

Summer Camp was a scorcher. The sun never stopped shining, but we kept cool with plenty of ice-cream, lots of water games and the trees giving us shade.

We enjoyed a walk to North Aston, and on our way

back were given fresh garden produce for our supper by some very kind villagers.

We explored the woods and stream and loved the expedition to Barford airfield at dawn to watch the sunrise. This was followed by bacon butties and a chance for the weary to go back to bed. The Guides launched themselves fully into all the games, activities and challenges and our own homespun entertainments and camp-fire singing.

Our camp had an international theme, which was particularly evident throughout our menu. We had pan-cooked pizza, brioche, eggy bread and tagine, not forgetting our speciality – chocolate steamed pud. All our meals were cooked on an open fire and obviously, with everywhere so dry, we had to take great care. The wood was tinder dry so we found ourselves having to send out wooding parties quite often to gather more.

On the last night we slept under the stars in the field while some of the older Guides, who are starting their journey on their Baden Powell Award, slept in shelters that they had built earlier. There was no fear of rain but the gaps in the roof provided an excellent vantage point for viewing the moon and stars. This was an amazing experience for us all and a lovely way to finish our camp.

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Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008

and Tilly Neal

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Any enquiries about membership or coming as a visitor, please ring Jenny Cox on 01869 337015 or Jenny Cross, secretary, on 01869 337613.

Julia Hobbs

CHANCES

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser in aid of younger stroke survivors and the charities that support them. This is a late entry for this edition but there will be a more detailed report next month. Thank you to sponsors Nigel and John at the Deddington Arms, and Amanda and Simon at Dijon Designs, for believing in me and my crazy idea to do a mini-festival fundraiser and giving me a chance. It meant so much. A massive thank you to the Fenemores for the help with bales of straw and on site help over the weekend. Thanks to the Parish Council for giving permission to use the sports field at the Windmill and to everyone who supported the cause and CHANCES ethos. You have been amazing.

CHANCES 2019 is already underway! Watch this space

Jo Cross

and the CHANCES team