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## *The* DEDDINGTON NEWS

On behalf of the *DN* team, I would like to correct a misapprehension apparently current that the *DN* publishes some contributions to the exclusion of others. This is not so. We print what we receive. Material may well be pruned – more or less severely – depending on the available space and occasionally, if not time-sensitive, a piece may be postponed to the following issue. But all the items are there. **CD**

### WHAT'S ON

#### June

- Mon 3 Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am  
 Mon 3 Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm  
 Wed 5 Thames Valley Police Community Forum: Deddington Fire Station, 6.30pm  
 Wed 5 Photographic Society: Verity Milligan, 'Light on the Land: Explorations into Landscape Photography', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm  
 Thu 6 Knit and Natter, Holly Tree, 7.00pm  
 Thu 6 Festival: Tour of Parish Church, 2.00pm  
 Thu 6 Festival: Baroque Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm  
 Thu 6 Festival: Live Acoustic Evening, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm  
 Fri 7 Festival: Deddington History Walk, Town Hall, 6.00pm  
 Fri 7 Festival: Jazz in the Church, Parish Church, 7.30pm  
 Sat 8 Festival: Children's Festival, Parish Church, 12.30–3.30pm  
 Sat 8 Festival: Deddy Rocks, Unicorn, 3.30–11.00pm  
 Sat 8-9 Festival: Art Exhibition, Holly Tree Room, 10.00am–5.00pm  
 Sun 9 RBL: Standard Paraded, Parish Church, 10.30am  
 Sun 9 Town FC Youth: Presentation Day, Windmill, 2.00pm  
 Sun 9 Festival: Deddy Car Fest, Market Place, 11.00am–5.00pm  
 Sun 9 Festival: Walk on the Wild Side, Home Farm, Clifton, 4.30pm  
 Sun 9 Festival: Singing Workshop, Parish Church, 5.30pm  
 Sun 9 Festival: Sapphire Gospel Choir, Parish Church, 7.30pm  
 Mon 10 DOGS: Olton Golf Club  
 Tue 11 WI: 'Ordinary People, Extraordinary Roles, a Day in the Life of a First Responder', Holly Tree, 7.30pm

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**This Month's Cover** shows the turning off the Milton gated road following the circular walk waymarks past Combe Hill Farm. Once past the farm, walk towards Barford Mill and then on to Snakehill Lane. You can download a map of the walk from Cherwell District Council's website at [www.cherwell.gov.uk/downloads/file/7931/deddington-circular-walk](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/downloads/file/7931/deddington-circular-walk). Also look at Ralph Elsley's *Walking around Deddington*, reproduced on Deddington OnLine: [www.deddingtonhistory.uk/guides/countryside/ralphswalks](http://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/guides/countryside/ralphswalks).

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Windmill Community Centre, Wednesday 15 May

Present: Councillors Collins, Cox, Eames, O'Neill, Robinson, Rogers (Chair), Squires, Swadling, Timms and Watts. Also attending District Councillor Williams. Councillor Rogers was re-elected as chair and Councillor Oldfield as vice chair.

District Councillor Williams reported that Hugo Brown was returned as one of the three Cherwell District Councillors for Deddington Ward. The Cherwell Lottery has been launched and two of Deddington's not-for-profit organisations, Deddington Day Centre and the Windmill Community Centre, have applied for funding.

#### Finance and General Purposes

Invoices for the Windmill playground and trail have been paid, with 5% retained until the PC is satisfied with rectification to grassed area. A grant of £5,000 has been approved for repairing the footpath in the churchyard, subject to diocesan approval.

#### Planning Applications

##### *No objection*

Corner House, High Street, Deddington: Reduction of tree height.

Leadenporch Farm, Chapman's Lane, Deddington: Installation of ground source heat pumps and underground pipework.

Agricultural barn, Clifton Road, Deddington: re-clad roof and walls, and cast concrete floor.

13 Hempton Road, Deddington: Off-street parking, drop kerb.

##### *CDC Approval*

Hoopnins, 5 Manor Farm Barns, Hempton Road, Deddington: Removal of cherry tree eight feet from house potentially undermining house. No replacement because of proximity to house.

Charters House, High Street, Deddington: Internal alterations to bedrooms and bathrooms.

##### *Refusal*

The Firs, St Thomas Street, Deddington: Extension/modernisation and re-planning of existing dormer bungalow and external works.

#### Neighbourhood Planning

The examiner has commented on the plan and PC has responded strongly on issues they consider important. When these have been agreed, the plan will be submitted to CDC.

#### Large Scale Developments Working Group

Stone Pits, Hempton Road: A new layout has been produced by the developer, incorporating a number of changes, including a link path to Wimborn Close and car parking to some houses has been moved to the rear.

#### Environment and Recreation

PC agreed to have the wall at Gaveston Gardens repaired. The Lane, Hempton, and the footpath from Deddington to Hempton will have the grass cut early as they are both becoming overgrown.

Sincere thanks were expressed to Les Chappell who has stood down from the Friends of the Old School Room, Hempton, committee, in which he has been involved for 30 years.

**Next PC meeting: 7.30pm on Wednesday 19 June in the Holly Tree Club, Deddington.**

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter, Jill Cheeseman, and not the official minutes, available at <http://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/2019.html>.



Deddington Festival is proud to reveal a new look and a new line-up for this year's Festival.

The 2019 programme of events, running from Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 June, promises to be as fun-filled and joyous as our new logo.

Many favourites from previous years are back – Deddy Jazz, Deddy Rocks, the Art Exhibition, a Walk on the Wild Side, the Acoustic Evening in the Deddington Arms, the Church Tour and the History Walk. Two newer events, the Children's Festival and Deddy Car Fest, will also return bigger and better than ever.

New events for 2019 include a baroque concert on Thursday 6 June and a singing workshop and concert by the wonderful Sapphire Gospel Choir on Sunday 9 June. Both events will be held in the beautiful setting of our historic parish church.

Come along and experience music, arts and culture in your local community. Tickets are now available to buy online. Visit our website to find out how to sign up for those events that require pre-booking at [www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk) while also keeping up with the latest Festival news by following @deddyfest on Facebook and Twitter or getting in touch on [contact@deddingtonfestival.org.uk](mailto:contact@deddingtonfestival.org.uk).

#### FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

Congratulations to all the runners on the Four Farms Challenge. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the Castle Grounds on a beautiful sunny Sunday morning. Thanks for supporting our tombola stall which raised £125 after a donation to the run. Garden Organic's very interesting survey has arrived with many ideas for improving the Castle Grounds.

Membership forms for Friends of the Castle Grounds and some lovely old photos are available under Clubs on the Deddington OnLine site. Join us and help to preserve this wonderful site.

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## MAUNDY MONEY



On Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, the Queen traditionally attends a service at which she presents Maundy Money to a number of elderly men and women, chosen because of the Christian service they have given to the Church and the community.

Each year there are as many recipients as there are years in the sovereign's age. At the ceremony, the monarch gives each recipient two small leather string purses; a red one containing ordinary coins and a white one with special silver Maundy coins, amounting to the same number of pence as the years of the sovereign's age. This year the red purse held a £5 coin marking Queen Victoria's 200th anniversary and a 50p Sherlock Holmes coin, listing the stories.

The service was held at St George's Chapel,

Windsor, and six of the 186 recipients belonged to the Diocese of Oxford, including Canon Christopher Hall from Deddington. Canon Hall was nominated for the nearly 25 years he served as the honorary secretary of the Li Tim-Oi Foundation which empowers Anglican women as lay and ordained agents of change, mostly in African dioceses. It is named after the first woman priest in the Anglican Communion, who was ordained in China by Christopher's father, Bishop Ronald Hall, in January 1944.

In an odd quirk of fate, Christopher Hall's long-time home, The Knowle, had previously been home to Bishop Geoffrey Allen, who was Li Tim-Oi's tutor in a seminary in Canton during the Sino-Japanese war.

**CD**

## MEMORIES OF DEDDINGTON WESLEYAN CHAPEL 1935–1955

I was very sorry to hear that the chapel had to close its doors after so many years of Christian service.

The Deddington circuit had five churches with a minister who always lived in the Manse in Hopcraft Lane, formerly Council Street. The other churches were in Barford, Souldern, Fritwell and Syresham. The minister's only form of transport was a bicycle although later on the circuit purchased an autobike. The head steward was Mr A Stanley, a joiner by trade who also made coffins and worked for Mr Douglas Hopcraft, the local builder.

There were two services every Sunday, at 11.00am and 6.00pm. Sunday School was held at 2.00pm in the Sunday School room in Church Street, next to the alms houses. The Sunday School was also used for midweek services where we all sat in a large circle in front of a real blazing fire.

All the members of the church lived and worked in Deddington. Mrs Lil Hiorns was the organist, Mr Frank

Valentine, a tailor by trade, welcomed people at the door and gave out the hymn books. The Congregation averaged about forty including husbands and wives and a few children.

In the war years the church members also ran a canteen for forces personnel stationed in the village, with board games and darts organised by Frank Valentine.

This Chapel holds many memories for me: my parents were married there, my brother and I were christened there, uncles and aunties married and the double funeral of my Grandmother and Mother took place there.

**Don Walker**

**Dednun boy, now living in Fritwell**  
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*The chapel was built in 1851 and continued as a place of worship until September 2018.*

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## WINE TIME

South Africa has a complex wine story. Seen as New World, historically it is Old World, producing wines drunk by Queen Victoria, Napoleon and Dickens. War, apartheid and government control saw a decline in quality until the early 1990s when it opened up politically and climbed the quality ladder. The bulk in the UK remains at the mid-market. Hand-crafted wines by individual winemakers offer some of the best quality and value.

South Africa grows many grape varieties successfully. Whites – Chenin Blanc is exceptional, giving rich fruit (pineapple, melon), cooked apples and mineral flavours. They work on their own and with food, especially pork, famously hard to match. Try Cederberg Waitrose Foundation Chenin Blanc at £8.99 (Cederberg winemaker David Nieuwoudt collaborates with the Waitrose Foundation to support grassroots community projects). Others: Ken Forrester's Workhorse Chenin Blanc (M&S £8) or, at the higher end, David and Nadia Sadie (Waitrose Cellars £27).

Chardonnay – wines from Stellenbosch or the Coastal Region shine. For Sauvignon Blanc try Constantia, Elgin or the Coastal Region. These grape varieties are more fully flavoured than those from other parts of the world. Slurp sells Jordon Unoaked Chardonnay (Stellenbosch) for £12, Rustenberg's Chardonnay is £14.99 at Waitrose, Klein Constantia Sauvignon Blanc is £13 at Majestic and Aldi sells The Project Sauvignon Blanc (Duncan Savage) at £5.99.

The stars of South African reds are Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, either on their own or blended. Stellenbosch and Constantia are top regions. The Syrah/Shiraz grape does well, blended or alone – Swartland

is the up-and-coming area. Try Meerlust Rubicon or the cheaper Meerlust Red for a Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot blend. It's an iconic SA wine, complex, rich, beautifully made and affordable at about £25 (Wine Society, Majestic and others). Or try The Chocolate Block (Cinsault, Grenache and Syrah) at Waitrose (£22).

Pinot Noir, from Hemel-en-Aarde Valley to the south east of Cape Town, can be exceptional. One winery, Hamilton Russell, has been regarded as one of the best Pinot Noirs in the New World. Not cheap, it rivals Burgundies at twice the price. Try Ataraxia Pinot Noir, by Kevin Grant, (an ex-Hamilton Russell winemaker) from Slurp (£26) and Chardonnay (£23).

One grape variety grown almost exclusively in South Africa generates controversy – Pinotage, a cross of Pinot Noir and Cinsault, yet tasting like neither. Its reputation is of being 'difficult', but a number of producers have tamed it and make good wines. Try Beyerskloof, Kanonkop or Southern Right (Wine Society, Waitrose). The Wine Society sells one by Duncan Savage (£7) and an Exhibition version (£10).

Back to Queen Victoria, Napoleon and Dickens. Constantia is a wine area to the south of Cape Town and its famous sweet white wine, Vin de Constance, was the stuff of legend. Declared the finest wine in the world, it was drunk by royalty and writers. Phylloxera (vine pest) devastated the vineyard at the end of the 19th century and production ceased. Revived in the mid-1980s, it is an amazing wine. At £50 a bottle it's a real dessert wine treat – try it and drink history!

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## GRUMPY LANDLORD

So this alien waddled into the pub the other day. It had what looked like flippers poking out from a featureless tube of a body and a metallic head with a couple of antennae poking out from the top.

'Sorry, I don't serve aliens,' I said in my best grumpy voice. Then behind him I noticed another one coming in, similar but pinkish with flowery antennae. Maybe a female, I thought, but you have to be careful these days. Dealing with transgender aliens could be difficult. Then the first one spoke, not in alien gibberish but sounding like Stan from down the road. Turns out it was Stan and his missus going to a fancy-dress party. 'Well you should have warned me you were coming in looking like a cross between a Teletubby and ET. You can't be too careful these days,' I said as I pulled him his Hooky and mixed her usual G&T.

'Anyway talking about the LGBT community,' I went



on – Stan looked confused 'cos we hadn't been – 'did you hear about the Joiners Arms in Tower Hamlets?' I didn't notice his expression of 'What's the grumpy old so-and-so on about now' because he had applied the metal to his face so nothing moved. Even drinking his pint was difficult.

'In 2017 a developer applied to the council to knock down the Joiners and build a mixed residential/office development plus a new pub. The council granted planning permission with a condition that the pub was run as a LGBT establishment. From what I've read about the LGBT community they are a pretty gregarious lot and like to meet with everyone in all types of pub. A planning condition insisting on a pub having to cater for a particular group is crazy – and anyway would a council slap a condition on an application that the pub had to be only for grumpy old men or even aliens. I don't think so!'

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## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### June

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Mon–Fri 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 2 10.30am Family Service  
           6.00pm Sung Evensong  
 Sun 9 8.00am BCP Communion - Pentecost  
           10.30am Holy Communion  
 Sun 16 10.30am Holy Communion – Trinity Sunday  
 Sun 23 10.30am Holy Communion – Informal Said Service  
 Sun 30 10.30am Holy Communion

#### Hempton

Sun 2 9.00am Holy Communion  
 Sun 16 9.00am Holy Communion – Trinity Sunday  
 Sun 23 6.00pm Evening Prayer

#### Barford St Michael

Sun 2 10.30am Holy Communion  
 Sun 16 10.30am Family Service – Trinity Sunday  
 Sun 23 9.00am Holy Communion

#### Barford St John

Sun 9 9.00am Holy Communion – Pentecost  
 Sun 30 9.00am Holy Communion

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar at [vicar@deddingtonchurch.org](mailto:vicar@deddingtonchurch.org) or on 01869 336880. If Revd Annie is not available, then please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (01869 338901) or Meriel Flux (01869 347294). We also have a curate, Revd Paula Smith, who can be contacted at [curate@deddingtonchurch.org](mailto:curate@deddingtonchurch.org).

#### RC Parish of Hethe

**Revd Robert Hughes 01295 720869  
or 07766 711969**

There is no longer a resident or full-time incumbent at Hethe. A non-resident priest will say one Mass on Sundays at 10.00am.

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. There are also Masses said at 8.45am and 10.45am on Sundays at St John's. There are also services at St Joseph's on Sundays at 10.00am and 5.30pm.

#### DEDDY CAR FEST

Deddy Car Fest is back as part of the 2019 Deddington Festival. It will take place on Sunday 9 June, with cars running from 11.00am until 4.30pm. As usual there will be an eclectic mix of machinery available for your dream ride, as well as a varied display of static cars and motor bikes, together with some very special display cars from the Prodrive Collection. There will be coffee, barbecue fare and ice cream available throughout the day from our food court. The raffle will again offer fantastic prizes from Renault F1, Karcher and Swann Financial, to name but three. All car rides can be booked at [www.deddycarfest.co.uk](http://www.deddycarfest.co.uk).

The Market Place and the top end of Hudson Street will be closed all day, from 9.00am. Buses will drop off and pick up passengers on the High Street, outside and opposite Jocy's, as they do on market day. We would be grateful for all cars to be removed by 8.00am to allow the area to be set up for the day. Alternative parking will be available for residents. A letter detailing the arrangements will be delivered to all affected residents and businesses before the event.

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#### NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Sadness and delight have filled our hearts recently with the passing of family members, terminal diagnoses but the return home of a much loved neighbour to our happy throng. David – we're all delighted to see you back. Some of us have missed the insults and your jolly outlook on life.

The Una Stubbs heroes have recorded their first leg win at home after a surreal away leg in Warwickshire at a pub with 'interesting' 70s cultural references that went beyond the George Best photo with the landlady behind the bar or the nearly as inappropriate second dinner of chips with sausage with some team members eating seven, before feeling a bit dicky the next day. (*Nothing to do with continuing drinking back at the Duck then? Ed*). El Capitan still being on holiday highlights the need for more talent. At the upcoming Clifton Beer Festival you will have had the chance to try the game at the Aunt Sally try-out while perhaps trying the fine fayre of the new chef.

If you think this is a bit thin then you need to get some copy in.

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## ON GEORGE'S FARM

Well, that's it for another year. As I sit and cobble this together at the start of May the last of the second flock are dropping their lambs. Not the best of seasons for the numbers born but we knew that from the scans. An easy time however with few problems, although Mazy, the vet student, did need to roll up her sleeves and get stuck in. We have had students from the Royal Veterinary College with us for the lambing season for a number of years and it's nice to think that they all lambed their first sheep with us, something that whatever branch of animal veterinary they will end up in, they will never forget. I will always remember my first time and the advice given to me by a local vet who said 'You know what a lamb, calf or foal looks like and how it should be presented, so use your fingers as your eyes.' There is nothing like seeing a lamb stand after a difficult birth and its mother 'mothering it', or perhaps I am getting soft.

We hear a lot from the 'experts' about the degradation of our soils but the soils at Home Farm are in very fine form. We use the same rotation that my grandfather used back before the last war: livestock/arable with a percentage of the cropping going into roots to finish off fattening lambs. This land is then planted to spring barley. For the first time in many years the sprayer has been left in the barn and the spring crops have been mechanically 'weed combed'. The result looked an alarming 'good mess'. We will just have to wait and see but we have not had the cost of the chemicals.

As a young school leaver I spent many hours driving an old Fordson Major tractor pulling a set of Cambridge Rolls across fields of winter sown crops. This was to push the soil back down around the roots after winter frost lift and get the crop to 'tiller out' to produce two or more ears of wheat or barley per plant. As we had many ground nesting birds including skylarks and lapwing (green plover) a sharp eye was kept out for nests, with the eggs being removed and put into my cap and then replaced once the Rolls had passed. It was always a joy to go back a few weeks later to find the chicks. This was always a cold job as the old tractor had no cab. Its replacement was a Fordson Super Major, all of 65hp, again with no cab.

To keep warm we went to the local army surplus store and, for a few shillings, bought two WWII army greatcoats. Once one was wet through you put the second on and when that was soaked through you went home to find a job in the dry, but by then it was usually time to milk the cows. Father had always refused to have a tractor with a cab on but relented in the end and two Nuffields arrived with cabs fitted – warm and no need for the great coats. But perhaps the old boy was right as the sound of the engine and transmis-



sion was trapped in the cab and I now need to wear hearing aids 24/7. Today Health and Safety dictate a maximum decibel level in the tractor cab but it's too late for me.

The curlew have returned to the river valley although in reduced numbers, due to predation, and most of our summer visitors have also returned. A recent weekend paper headline asked 'Where have all the swallows gone?' but this year, although they were late returning, we have ten pairs setting up home in the farm buildings and getting on with the job. Most produce two broods during the summer and by the time the Green Goddess comes back into the barn they will be sat on the power cables ready to start their long trip back to Africa. How many make it back next summer remains to be seen and I hope I'm still able to welcome them.

One particular pair that has nested in the loft will fly up and down over my head until I open the loft door for them to inspect their old nest which is rebuilt from the mud pool in the yard. We have kept a mud pool in the Home Farm yard for many years which is used by both the swallows and house martins. One wonders how many kilograms of Home Farm mud hangs under the eaves of the village.

**George Fenemore 01869 338203**

### Invitation to Public Consultation

#### Duns Tew Energy Park

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 10:00 – 16:00

Hill Farm, Duns Tew, Bicester, OX25 6JJ

To consider draft proposals for a new solar farm and energy storage facility alongside the existing solar array constructed in 2016 on land at Hill Farm, Duns Tew.

Representatives will be present to explain the draft proposal and community ownership, answer your questions and take note of your views.

This consultation will run alongside Open Farm Sunday at Hill Farm.

Further details can be found at:  
[www.dunstewenergypark.co.uk](http://www.dunstewenergypark.co.uk)

## FROM THE FIRE STATION

It's been a quiet few months at the station in terms of fire calls, due in part to our availability. Unfortunately, we have lost two of our fire fighters. Tom Hall has had to hang up his fire boots due to a change in his primary employment and Barney Alto has moved to Banbury. We were all very sad to lose Tom and Barney. Their dedication to the station has been unfaltering.

This means that our crew has dropped to nine with everyone giving as much cover as they can to keep our availability as high as possible, but it's not easy and I would like to thank them for the extra cover they have provided to keep our community safe. Consequently our main focus has been recruiting and I am very pleased to tell you that our new recruit, James Greenwood, has passed the selection process and will soon start his basic training. Hopefully he will be riding the fire engine by mid-summer and we are looking forward to welcoming him to the crew.

For an on-call station like ours optimally we need a crew of fifteen so we still have a lot of work to do. I am sure that there must be a lot more people reading this that must have thought 'I could do that' so, like James, if you feel you can go the extra mile and make a difference to your community, learn new life-saving skills and be part of an amazing team, then give me a call or pop round to the station. We train every Tuesday night from 7.00–9.00pm.

**Chris Fenemore 07767835738**

## BLUE LIGHT OF DEDDINGTON

Jayne Langford, Claire Brennan and I would like to introduce ourselves as the new Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Police Team. We have all previously been on the rural team so have a good knowledge of the area and look forward to joining in community events, meeting residents and working with the community to deal with the issues that matter most to you.

The last couple of months have been quite busy. We have been introducing a new WhatsApp group to local farmers to increase communication between them. We will monitor it for intelligence purposes but it is not a way to report crime, more a tool for sharing.

We have been in liaison with other officers across the force in relation to speed equipment and should have a new active Speed Indication Device within the next couple of months for use in the villages.

PC Newman, our schools officer, will be rolling out a 60-minute programme on criminal justice, knife crime, and child drug and sexual exploitation to Years 6 and 7 teachers to present to pupils.

Recently we enjoyed visiting Lake House care home in Adderbury for a Blue Light breakfast and spent time chatting to residents. We were also invited to the Glebefields family fun day in Drayton and were able to offer crime prevention advice and eat cake.

We can be contacted at [BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) or on 101.

**PCSO Lana Smith**



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## Development Group

We were hoping the children's play park would be open for half term but the landscape contractor has let us down and the hedge stumps still in the ground are a trip hazard – so yet another delay I'm

afraid. Despite a month of rain and watering to get the grass seed to take, the ground is going to look pretty rough for the first summer – bear with us.

The Pocket Park project will start after half-term, and we're sorry the Under 6 play equipment is going to be out of action while the work is being done. We know how popular this area is and unpopular we are going to be while it's closed.

We're focusing now on the Centre building which was the target of much criticism in the Neighbourhood Plan consultations. Comments covered the need for: new toilets, new kitchen and bar, modernising, expanding, better changing rooms etc. etc. Our plan includes rebuilding the Hempton Lounge as a high-spec, 100-seater hall and social area with access to a bar and new kitchen. Funds are already available for new loos, including a disabled loo for the Day Care Centre. So there will be 'sports loos' attached to the changing rooms/showers on the east side, and also 'social loos' on the west side. No more danger of getting your ball gown muddied by football boots. We're also hoping to include a loo accessible from outside.

But we have to make the business case for any extension; it has to be achievable financially and also sustainable for the long term. We're working on grant applications – a lot more work ahead. In the meantime, more improvements are underway to the Centre building: contracts are going out for new CCTV cameras, both inside and out (beware!), improved WiFi (hoorah!) and energy-efficient LED lighting.

**Mary Robinson, Chair**  
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## Management Committee

I was hoping that by the time you read this, you'd have had a go on the new zip wire, the new swings or the new roundabout. You, or your children maybe, might even have clambered all over the magnificent wooden windmill-themed attraction that sits in the middle of our brand new adventure playground. If so, that meant we would have opened up for half term. But we haven't, as you will have read above. So near and yet so far – it will happen. The Windmill Development Group has been working really hard to make this happen. Thank you so much for your patience.

To mark the momentous occasion of our official opening, we'd like to invite you to a 'Picnic in the Park' from 4.00pm on Friday 19 July. It'll be a chance to thank those who have contributed to the project. Look out for updates on our website and Facebook page.

I'd like to report that we've been overwhelmed by the response to our appeal for volunteers to form a new



group of 'Friends of the Windmill', but I'd be lying if I did. So, let me try again. If you think you might be able to spare a few hours now and again to help us with small one-off projects we would love to hear from you. Please contact Roger Sykes

on 07899 914425 or [carsykes@btinternet.com](mailto:carsykes@btinternet.com)

Finally, our AGM will be held at the Windmill at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12 June – all welcome. You can find information about everything that goes on at the Windmill at [www.thewindmilleddington.org](http://www.thewindmilleddington.org) or on our Facebook page.

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## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

We are very sorry to report that Les Chappell has stepped down as our Hempton reporter due to ill health. We send him our very best wishes and many thanks for all the years he has kept Hempton in the news – faithfully slipping typescript copy through the editors' letter boxes every month until a couple of years ago when he tackled the computer age.

Both Les and said editors hope very much that a Hempton resident will have the urge to continue Les's tradition and keep us aware that the parish is 'three villages bound into one'. Volunteers please contact us.

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## BLISSFUL THINKING

Midway along the journey of life, I woke to find myself in a dark wood, for I had wandered off from the straight path. It's UK Mental Health Awareness week on the day I'm writing this. In the world generally, it seems to be easier for people to write off things they can't see having immediate causal effects (hence why climate change seems to be so simple for big business interests and governments to dismiss as an urgent concern), but it is still peculiar that mental health is not given equal precedence with physical health in terms of performance and general wellbeing. I could speculate the reasons for this, but that's a column for another time.

An obvious analogy is that when dark clouds begin to loom overhead on our journey, we inevitably lose our bearings. No longer able to see the sun for naviga-

tion, nor see most of the landscape through darkness, it's easy to trudge deeper and deeper into a reality we don't recognise, with no landmarks to keep us grounded and remind us that these unpleasant feelings are ephemeral and don't reflect objective reality.

Wouldn't it be great if we had a special compass to refer to when things get tough? The needle would always point to objective reality as magnetic North, so the deeper we were drawn into the abyss, the further the needle would swing away from us, and we could take a reality check and change course. Of course, we have no enchanted compass (nor a prominent Roman poet as a personal sage) so in the meantime we need to take care of each other and ourselves, and reach out, before we begin an unwelcome descent.

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## TREASURE HUNT

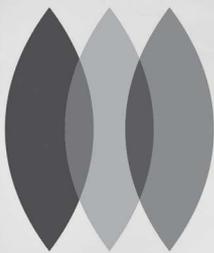
On Sunday 12 May two teams, comprising Kay Green, Mavis and Colin Lamb, Norman Green with Christine and John Emmett tied to win the car treasure hunt in aid of Deddington Day Centre, affectionately known as the Thursday Club. It was sponsored by Nicholsons Nurseries of North Aston, Jane Slade, Pat Loveridge, and Miggy and Pete Wild.

The hunt started in Church Enstone and ended at the Windmill Centre with tea and cakes after

scouring the beautiful villages of Oxfordshire and east Gloucestershire for answers.

The hunt, organised by Miggy and Pete Wild in memory of Richard Walton who attended the club each week, raised £938 for the Centre. Run largely by devoted volunteers, it provides elderly, frail or isolated people with a stimulating day out once a week with lunch and afternoon tea, activities and conversation.

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## POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

As I fly out of Melbourne, this is a very significant weekend for Australia. They are in the Eurovision song contest. Being held in Israel. Meanwhile they are also holding a general election to choose a PM who will attempt to create a recent record and last in the job for two years. I love spending time 'down under'. It is such a refreshing change from large parts of the US. They don't take life too seriously. The offices I was in weren't heavily populated at 5.30pm but the bars certainly were.

While I was away, gun control issues burst into the open again in Colorado. One of my employees has a six-year-old daughter who we are all very fond of. Her dad was at the school waiting to pick her up when the police suddenly arrived and he heard shots. Luckily her building is at the other end of the campus from the high school where an 18-year-old died while trying to disarm another student with a gun. This was all happening 12 miles from the shooting at Columbine school 20 years ago where 12 kids were killed.

The youngster was fine but her parents will certainly not forget the two and a half hours of waiting to get their daughter back. I would say that giving up your 'toys' was worth it if only one life was saved but nothing happens. In the past 12 months there have been 25 school shootings, with 19 deaths.

As it happened, I was in New Zealand and was very interested in the reactions around me. This is a country which is as committed to hunting as is the US, but the response of their government to the shooting in Christchurch was to take immediate action to increase gun controls. Leadership is certainly a large part of it. Jacinda Ardern, the Prime Minister, is a very well respected and principled leader, something the rest of us can only dream of right now.

There was a very difficult start to my current trip, all down to the bizarre Colorado weather. On Sunday it was a classic Denver day, clear blue skies and 23C. When I boarded my flight the following day at 6.00pm it started snowing and we left the gate for the inevitable queues at the de-icing machine. By the time I got to LA I had 40 minutes to reach my flight to Auckland. This meant a 20-minute run through three terminals but when I tried to board they told me they had given my seat away. There was shouting. I finally made it on board but my bag didn't. After a 14-hour flight to Auckland I needed to buy clothes for my first meeting later that day. Following a shower I dressed in my smart new clothes, only to discover the guy I was meeting was off sick. By now I was too tired to shout.

Heather is pleased to have me back after a three-week trip but she wishes some of that laid-back Aussie nature had rubbed off on me. Yesterday's Melbourne newspaper had both Aussie political leaders on the front page – both having a beer. Cheers.

**Mike Ward**  
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## FARMERS' MARKET

### Baby Broad Beans



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The June market holds much promise but depends on the weather to deliver on those promises. There should be strawberries. There might be fresh pink prawns. There should still be asparagus and perhaps there will

be broad beans.

Much as I like broad beans, popping each one out of its skin after cooking can be a pain which this recipe avoids. However, it is essential that you get baby broad beans. The beans inside will be tiny but there is no need to cook or skin them.

#### *Broad Bean And Cheese Salad Serves 4*

500g shelled but unpeeled baby broad beans

50ml extra virgin olive oil

2 teaspoons lemon juice

100g mature parmesan or pecorino

Salt and pepper

Quantities are intended as a rough guide only.

Toss the shelled baby broad beans with the olive oil, the lemon juice, and salt and pepper to taste. You can add a little finely chopped summer savory if you have it. Spoon into a serving dish and use a vegetable peeler to shave over thin slices of parmesan or pecorino. Serve with some good bread – ciabatta or sourdough are ideal – and a glass of wine.

The market is on Saturday 22 June from 9.00am–12.30pm and has a webpage, [www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk).

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](http://www.market.adderbury.org).

Good shopping!

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## LETTERS

FROM FRANK SHAW

This is the first time in nearly 40 years I have had cause to vent my disappointment at the actions of our parish council.

My wife, Janet, is disabled and we recently applied to the County Council and a disabled parking space outside our home was approved. The parish council appears to have received a complaint, despite our neighbours being advised and agreeing with the application.

I am disappointed, having first had a visit from the PC chair, to whom I explained that the County Council process had been followed and approval given. OCC painted some markers on the road to indicate it is for someone disabled and will complete the painting in due course. A few days later Janet noticed a group of parish councillors and an OCC representative walking around my car inspecting the area. When I joined them Janet was already upset and went indoors.

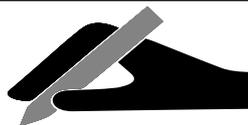
If the veracity of what I had told the chairman needed to be checked, then a phone call to OCC would have confirmed that approval had been given and the upset avoided. I can only assume that the complainant has been inconvenienced.

I trust that, once the painting of the space is completed, the PC will investigate as vigorously those people who park in designated disabled places but who are not disabled.

FROM PETRA HOYER MILLAR

Saddened as I was to read it, I was pleased to see Suzanne Allan's letter to the *DN*. I was dismayed at the state of trees in the churchyard, especially the arbutus which was so badly hacked back. From Suzanne's letter I understand that it was done as part of some maintenance regime to ensure clear views of the churchyard, yet I'm still wondering how the arbutus hindered any views at all. In fact it did the opposite, enhancing the views of the church and graveyard greatly. I'm not sure how this action was sanctioned or warranted.

From time to time, trees will need maintenance and, in the worst cases, require felling which we know too well. If justified, any kind of tree work has to be done with greatest, professional care to ensure they are pruned expertly to suit their genus/variety and growth habits. Granted, budgets are often stretched but, when it comes to trees, they require more respect and care than they are often granted. It is not just a matter of considering their beauty and age, but also the simple fact that we need trees. Trees are nature's lungs and, considering the increasing number of cars we see around our lovely village, that's something to seriously consider. Trees are vital to our environment



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by improving air quality, conserving water, preserving soil and supporting wildlife. During the process of photosynthesis, trees take out carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and produce the oxygen we breathe. That feat alone should be a reminder that tree maintenance must be warranted and, if needed, carried out with the greatest respect.

In the meantime, we can only hope that the trees in the churchyard recover. Unfortunately, the scars of bad pruning will be forever visible.

FROM ANDREW GREEN

May I put to rest any concerns that may have arisen over the future of the churchyard?

There are roughly forty trees in the churchyard. As part of our periodic maintenance, four have been felled as they were too close to walls or buildings. Two holly trees near the eastern entrance have also been felled to give a wider view of the churchyard as one enters from that direction. The strawberry tree, a favourite of many, was overhanging the public path and has been heavily pruned back but it is already producing new growth.

No more trees are to be felled. There remains only one important issue – the row of four magnificent lime trees at the east end need to be checked to see if the crowns should be reduced. This will be done next spring when we will again take professional advice and, if necessary, seek the permission of the local authority.

I can assure your readers that there is no intention to change the atmosphere of a part of the village which is valued by so many.

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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

### Parish Council Chairman's Summary Report

I was recently asked, 'What is it that the parish council actually does for Deddington?' With the help, assistance and goodwill of a group of community minded volunteers we have:

- Ensured that David Wilson Homes met its obligations regarding footpaths, playground and infrastructure at the new development.
- Hosted the process for developing the Neighbourhood Plan, now with the Independent Examiner.
- Fought to get the community funds generated from the development on School Field spent within the parish rather than elsewhere in the county, including £85,000 towards the S4 bus service and new bus stops, funds for renovating the Windmill Centre and money which had previously been earmarked for the countywide library service allocated to Deddington library. A further £130,000 may be forthcoming if the PC adopts the play area at the new development.
- Represents the views of the parish on planning applications and appeals up to the national level.
- Continued to fight for drainage improvements in Clifton.
- Supported the Windmill Centre's Management Committee to the tune of just over £160,000 since 2015 for refurbishing the building and car park.
- Obtained additional funding to complement a generous grant from a parishioner for a new playground on the site of the old bowls club, designed with a wide range of input, including from children themselves.
- At the Windmill provided a new MUGA, refurbished the all-weather court and installed new fitness and woodland trails.
- Continued to liaise with OCC and emergency services to provide safe, secure venues in the event of an emergency.
- Installed four defibrillators, one in each village plus one at the Windmill Centre.
- Successfully applied for £25,000 in Pocket Park funds for refurbishing the under 6 play area at the Windmill, despite the initiative being announced in late December 2018 with a closing date of January 2019.
- Refurbished the Wimborn Close play area and Welford's Piece
- Organised working parties which litter-pick twice a year to complement the stewards' work and erect the Christmas tree. Recently, they painted the railings around the war memorial and church graveyard, laid bark on paths at the Windmill and cleared brash and rubbish.
- Continued to oversee activities such as Snow Wardens and speed watches which really do make a difference.

Parish councillors attend monthly council meetings and serve on working groups and their sub-groups, as well as meeting with parishioners, officers, contractors, suppliers, attending training courses and site visits.

When necessary, they attend planning meetings and appeal hearings at Cherwell District Council, the OCC Cabinet Office and, even, a trip to Westminster to meet the Housing minister to represent Deddington directly to HM Government. Particular thanks are due to Lorraine Watling who left after serving for many years as our Clerk and Brian Wood who stood down after many years as chair of the finance working group.

We also owe a great debt of thanks to the myriad other volunteers who take part in working groups, working parties and other informal involvements, but especially those who toiled for so long on the Neighbourhood Plan. I hope this brief rundown of PC activities might spur some readers to become involved – please get in touch.

As construction nears its end at Deddington Grange, I would like to welcome everyone who has moved in and hope you find Deddington an open, pleasant and vibrant community.

Finally, we are a rural parish. The countryside is ours to enjoy but it is also some of our neighbours' livelihood. Please may I encourage everyone to follow the Countryside Code. The full report can be read on [www.deddington.org.uk](http://www.deddington.org.uk).

*David Rogers, Chairman*  
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## PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

This term the PFSU children have been learning about the world around us. We have been watching tadpoles turn into frogs, doing mini-beast hunts on the school field, feeding the birds and gardening and receiving postcards from around the world. We also spent a sunny morning exploring the Castle Grounds. At Nursery the children are learning about farm animals and pets. We have an indoor 'pet shop' role play area and have transformed our outdoor area into a 'farm yard', complete with eggs to collect, animals to feed and horses to ride.

During June we will be holding a Fathers' Day breakfast for all our Nursery dads and grandads. We hope you can join us at Nursery on Wednesday 12 June from 9.30–11.00am. At this time of year we also begin preparing our older Nursery children for their move up to the PFSU, and our PFSU children for their move up to school in September.

Dates for your diaries are our open afternoons for all the new PFSU families at the PFSU on Tuesday and Wednesday 2 and 3 July from 3.30–4.30pm, which will give you and your children an opportunity to have a look round and to meet the staff. There will also be a 'move up' afternoon for all children moving up to PFSU or school during July. Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Four Farms Challenge – we hope you enjoyed the day.

**Lucy Squires 01869 337484**

## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



This month has been extremely busy. For the first time the Year 4 pupils went to Kingswood Activity Centre in Staffordshire where they spent three days taking part in excellent outdoor learning activities which helped the children develop their sense of independence. The

Year 6s made their annual Monday to Friday trip to Yenworthy Lodge at the start of May, taking part in every possible activity, including surfing, rock climbing, walking, map orienteering and rock pooling.

The Year 5 children recently started work on the Prince William Award programme, set up in 2017 to help children build character, resilience and confidence and empowering them to 'be their best'. The children are thoroughly enjoying the experience. The Year 2 and Year 6 pupils have been working through the government-set Standard Assessment Tests, or SATs, over the past few weeks. We are proud of their positive attitude and hard work.

Finally, we are pleased that the improving weather has allowed us to use the whole of our lovely school field and grounds.

**Denise Welch**

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## History Corner

[www.deddingtonhistory.uk](http://www.deddingtonhistory.uk)

In this 75th anniversary year of D-Day, we remember the story of one Deddington man as we pay our respects to all the men and women who contributed its success.

### **Corporal Bill Cowley. Royal Marines 1925-2016.**

On 6 June 1944, Bill, aged only 19 but already a corporal, leapt off the ramp of a landing craft into neck-deep water and stormed ashore onto Sword Beach with his fellow Commandos with the objective of taking the small town of Luc-sur-Mer – successfully achieved after two days of fighting. They next attacked Rots, a village just to the east of Caen and held it all night, isolated seven miles in front of the main force, until ordered next day to retreat to prevent being cut off. Over the next two months they fought their way through France to Troarn, 100 miles east of Paris. Here, on 12 August, Bill's luck ran out. He was badly injured, with seven pieces of shrapnel in him, one of which lodged in his brain. His right shoulder and hip were shattered, and a knee and forearm badly wounded. He was medevacked home by Jeep, plane and train to a hospital in Bath where he remained in a coma for seven weeks and was subsequently invalided out and remained on crutches for three years. Bill proudly returned to Normandy for the 60th Anniversary of D Day and in 2015 he received the Légion d'Honneur, France's highest honour.

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## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Deddington and District History Society

Our April speaker was John Bridgeman, a trustee of the Oxfordshire Yeomanry Trust and Honorary Colonel of the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars. John traced the roots of the OY back to the Battle of Crécy in 1346. Since then the role of the yeomanry has changed from being highly skilled longbow men to harnessing satellite technology for military reconnaissance purposes.

The OY was formed in 1794 when Parliament, fearing an English version of the French revolution, raised a yeomanry cavalry under the leadership of Lord Churchill (1779-1845). Over the centuries a number of local families have played important roles in the OY; the Flemings, Fiennes and Churchills among them. Winston Churchill became a member after the South African war and wore his Hussar uniform for a meeting with the Kaiser during which he gained insights into German war preparations.

OY were the first cavalry regiment to go to war in 1914 but, as trench warfare developed, their role changed to an artillery and scouting one. They also performed an important artillery function in World War II. With the development of cellular technology OY has played a major role in developing a signalling capability. Following the Bosnian/Serbian conflict they participated in the Bosnian Stabilisation Force contributing to the peace efforts. At the present two regiments are in Estonia supporting NATO.

What of the future? John Bridgeman believes they will have important roles in the future in satellite reconnaissance, back up for military emergencies, and providing security for the monarch as Yeoman of the Guard.

**Barrie Smith 01869 337813**

### Photographic Society

In May we welcomed back Robert Harvey, who gave a fascinating presentation, 'Stumbling Around in The Dark', which focused on landscape astrophotography. Robert discussed how best to photograph the night sky and spoke of the differences in light provided by the various stages of the moon. The gibbous moon gives a lot of shadow and creates more interesting compositions when closer to the horizon. He provided insight on using light pollution within compositions. His talk also covered different needs depending on the effects wanted, such as limiting exposure to 20 seconds if you do not want star trails. In addition, he covered meteor showers, the taking of multiple shots and stacking, the arm of the Milky Way and the need for a large aperture and high ISO. Robert gave a thoroughly interesting and captivating presentation.

Members again showed their ingenuity, imagination and skill dealing with the monthly topic, 'Weather', despite the lack of dramatic weather for the time of year. One member's offering of a uniformly blue/grey photo with no features, some would say, was a classic

depiction of British weather.

The next club night is on Wednesday 5 June, with a presentation by Verity Milligan entitled 'Light on the Land: Explorations into Landscape Photography' in the Apricot Room, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, at 7.30pm.

**Wendy Meagher (contributing notes from Meriel Flux)**

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### Deddington Bookworms

*All the Rivers* by Dorit Rabinyan was the Bookworms' latest book and a welcome treat after some of the recent disappointing reads. This is Dorit Rabinyan's third novel about which she said she 'hopes people will read *All the Rivers* for its love story, and not because of the free-speech controversy surrounding it'.

The story is about two lovers, an Israeli woman and a Palestinian who meet in a New York café not long after the September 11th attacks. The main character Liat, is an Israeli translation student working in New York for a short while. Hilmi, her lover, is a misty-eyed dreamer based in New York. Liat struggles between the love she feels for Hilmi and the fact that she cannot commit totally to a relationship which she knows her family and friends will disapprove of.

The Bookworms found some of the dialogue between the lovers, particularly the arguments about politics and religion, slightly tedious. However, the general consensus was that it is a good read. It sparked an interesting debate about politics, culture, and education in Israel (and the world in general) today. It is worth googling the name in the dedication, but only after you've read the book.

Our next book is *The Secret Life of Bletchley Park* by Sinclair McKay.

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### Knit and Natter Group

We are a small and friendly group who love to knit (or crochet) and natter. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.00pm in the Holly Tree Club for two hours knitting, relaxing and chatting with no interruptions. There is plenty of expertise for those who want to expand their skills and lots of encouragement for those who haven't picked up their needles in years. We all have different projects on the go, some are quick, and some are slow. New members are welcome so if you would like to join us, please contact Cheryl on 07789 966486 for more information or just drop in to the Holly Tree when we next meet.

**Janet Macey**

### Women's Institute

Our meeting of 14 May introduced us to Sasha the guide dog and her humans. Sasha is a Golden

## CALLING ALL CLUBS

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Labrador and her owners work for Guide Dogs for the Blind. They started out puppy walking which involves having a dog from a puppy until it is one year old when it is returned to the organisation. Feeling the wrench at losing a dog they had grown to love, the humans became brood bitch holders. This involved having a dog for many years, their first was with them for 11 years and had three litters in that time. Their present bitch, Sasha, will probably have a litter in the autumn this year. The pups stay with them until they are about eight weeks old and then go back to Guide Dogs for medical and other assessments before going to puppy walkers. It was a very interesting talk as we hadn't heard of brood bitch holders before, but it is an alternative to puppy walking if you want a long-term house guest.

We meet every second Tuesday in the Holly Tree Club at 7.30pm and welcome new members. Please ring Jenny Cox on 01869 337015 or Jenny Cross on 01869 337613 if you would like to join us.

**Moira Byast**

### Local Vocals Community Choir

We meet on Mondays at 7.30pm during term time in the Primary School hall. It's been great to welcome members back for our second term and see a few new faces as well. We are learning two new songs, 'I'm a Believer' made famous by The Monkees and that crowd pleaser from Abba, 'Knowing Me Knowing You'. To support our vocal cords, Cat our choir leader, showed us how blowing into water through a straw can help – who knew.

If you have thought about joining a choir but are not sure, we'd love to see you. Just pop in one Monday to see if it's for you. It is £4 for each taster session for up to three sessions. Each 90-minute session starts with a warm up. You can sing in whichever range you like, 'tops, middles or bottoms'. There is no audition or need to be able to read music as we learn by ear. For more details contact Alison Grieve [alisongrmail@gmail.com](mailto:alisongrmail@gmail.com).

**Alison Grieve**

### Royal British Legion

On Sunday 9 June the Branch Standard will be paraded at morning service in the church to mark the 75th anniversary of D Day. Members may wish to attend. Bill Cowley's story of D Day and being wounded two months later can be read in History Corner elsewhere in this issue.

Norman West has received an RBL Long Service medal as he hands over the role of Poppy Appeal Organiser to Martin Hovard. The time of the pub social evenings has been changed to 7.00pm and the £5 kitty voted out and buy-your-own voted in. Social evening will be suspended for the summer after the one on 28 May and resume in October. There will be a bus

outing to the Imperial War Museum in autumn. Paul Brown has re-joined as a member. We will be holding a Burns Supper in Banbury on 23 January 2020 to raise funds.

**Rob Forsyth, Chairman 01869 338384**  
[robert.s.forsyth@gmail.com](mailto:robert.s.forsyth@gmail.com)

## SPORT

### Deddington Original Golf Society

An enjoyable day was had by all at Studley Wood on 3 May with the rain holding off until almost the end of the rounds. The top team was Mark Blakesley, Peter Curtis, Julian Dipper and Dave Darst, and the individual competition was won by Dave White (8) with a brilliant 38 points, followed by Barry Pawley (5) 36 pts, John Stiff (23) 35 pts and Gary Fisher (20), with Mark Blakesley (19) at 33 pts.

Our next golf day is on Monday 10 June 10 at the superb Olton Golf Club where we will play for the Handicap Secretary's Cup. Please contact me if you would like to play. On 26 June Deddington DOGS will play their annual match against Dorchester-on-Thames DOGS, followed by a very sociable evening at The White Hart in Dorchester.

**Nigel Oddy, Secretary**  
[nigeloddy@yahoo.com](mailto:nigeloddy@yahoo.com)

### Deddington Town FC Youth

All our teams play in the Witney and District Youth Football League. The Under 15s ended the season with heavy defeats in their last games but are ready to regroup for next season. The Under 14s had a 0-2 defeat to Launton in the cup. The Under 11s lost 3-2 in extra time to Brackley Town in the Europa Shield final, and the Under 9s also lost 3-2 to Ducklington in the Champions Cup final. Both the Under 11s and Under 9s can be proud of their achievements and coming close to winning their respective age group cups. *New Under 13 players for the 2019/20 season*

Our current Under 12s move from 9 v 9 to 11 v 11 matches next season as they become Under 13s. We are looking to expand our squad and welcome new players. We train on Tuesday evenings and play our matches at the Windmill Centre on Sunday afternoons. If you are interested in joining the team, please get in touch with Andrew Charman at [mracharman@gmail.com](mailto:mracharman@gmail.com).

*Get into coaching: Under 7s and Under 6s for 2019/20*  
Ever thought about getting into youth football coaching? We are looking for volunteers to help coach the Under 7s and Under 6s for the 2019/20 season starting in September. We train at the Windmill on Saturday mornings. The club will help you with your FA Level 1 in Coaching to give you the necessary skills. For more information call Roger Sykes on the number below.

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 *Continued from p15***Deddington Town Youth Presentation Day**

We are planning for our Youth Presentation Day on Sunday 9 June from 2.00pm at the Windmill Centre. We are looking for local companies to sponsor the event – trophies, event programme, raffle prizes, or the event overall. If you are interested email [carsykes@btinternet.com](mailto:carsykes@btinternet.com) for further information. Thank you again to those businesses who supported us last year.

If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please do not hesitate to get in touch. For further information see [www.deddingtontownfc/](http://www.deddingtontownfc/) or visit us on [www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc](http://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc)

**Roger Sykes, Development Officer  
and U7/U6 Coach 01869 337034**

**Deddington Town Football Club**

First Team Results:

13.4.19 Kingsmere Utd (a) W 4-0

20.4.19 Chasewell Park (h) W 6-0

27.4.19 Bloxham (h) W 4-1

Hats off to the First Team for an excellent season, finishing runner-up to the undefeated champions, Bishops Itchington. The Humbugs lost only two league games all campaign – both home and away to Bishops Itchington. All in all, some well-deserved acclaim should come their way. All right, now collect your hats again and pull them awkwardly over your face, because the Reserves had a season to forget. Having said that, they staved off relegation by the narrowest of margins, so a sigh of relief and fist pumps of solidarity are merited, followed hopefully by some hungry new recruits in the summer. Could it be you? Pre-season training usually begins in July, so make contact now to be part of the pride of your locale. Happy summer everyone from all at DTFC.

**Aaron Bliss 07909 64288**

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**1st Deddington Brownies**

It's been a busy term for the Brownies. They have completed their first aid badge, had a den building session and constructed a bug hotel in the Windmill Centre woods: (Many thanks to the Parish Council for giving us planning permission for this, and also to Nicholson's for supplying the material.) We have got lots planned for after half term including a sausage sizzle with the Guides and a Brownie sleepover at Youlbury Activity Centre.

**Fern Stringer  
[deddingtonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonbrownies@gmail.com)**

**1st Deddington Guides**

This year's St George's Day was quite spectacular – so many Guides, Rangers, Brownies, Rainbows, Leaders and many Scout Groups with a super band. The

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crowds were out in force, showing their appreciation. It was a great demonstration of the strength of Girl Guiding and Scouting in the area and we were very proud of all the Guides who turned out looking very smart. Special praise is due to Amelia M and Isabella who were our colour bearers and did an excellent job. Well done too to Jemima A who was chosen to be part of a small team which brought the house down with the entertaining Twelve Days of Camp.

We bravely went straight into our annual show on the first meeting of the term – Modern Cinderella. Thank you for the support. With donations, raffle and cake stall we raised £75, which we'll add to so that we can send £50 to BARKS and £50 to Banbury Young Homeless Charity.

We have enjoyed our first cookout of the year. Aah, the smell of the woodsmoke. Great fun! Sausages and beans cooked beautifully on a lovely evening, in beautiful surroundings. Thank you to the Fenemore family. Preparations are underway for camp. We practised tent pitching and handling bedding rolls.

**Maggie Rampley 01295 810069**

**Marian Trinder 01869 340806**

**Tilly Neal 07557 095681**

**1st Deddington Scout Group**

*Cubs and Scouts*

Regretfully, we had to abandon our annual St George's Day parade this year: the windy weather would have played havoc with our dragon and flags.

This term both sections are concentrating on their Outdoor Challenges: pioneering, fire-lighting, geocaching and map reading. A group of both Cubs and Scouts took part in Jamboree on the Trail, a day when Scouts around the globe all take part in a hike. We walked from Deddington to Bodicote, with only two hefty showers and nobody eaten by a bear. We have also adopted the planter at our end of the village.

Coming up: District Cub Camp at Horley and Scout Camp at Rough Close, Coventry.

We have places available at Cubs for any child between eight and ten years old – please contact us if you are interested.

**Jo Churchyard [deddingtoncubs@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtoncubs@gmail.com)**

**Peter Churchyard  
[deddingtonscouts@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonscouts@gmail.com)**

*Explorers*

To date the Explorers have spent all their evenings outside this month. We started off with a game using radios at Horley. Leaders were very successful in disappearing in the woods for the whole evening, never to be found. This was followed by a very wet evening of cricket outside at the Windmill. There were some interesting techniques but also some very powerful strokes of the ball. The most recent event has been at the County Awards Day at Youlbury Scout Activity Centre near Oxford. We were proud to have both a

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Platinum and a Diamond Award presented to two of the Explorers by Tim Kidd, Chief Commissioner of England.

What's next? Lots more outdoor activities after competing in a quiz for the Guides. If you are interested in joining the Unit contact any of the leaders.

**Janet Duxbury 01608 737959**  
[spartanexplorers@gmail.com](mailto:spartanexplorers@gmail.com)

## BELL TOWER OPEN MORNING



The church bell tower will be open to visitors on Saturday 22 June, farmers' market day, from 10.00am-noon to let visitors see the bells, watch them being rung and enjoy the amazing view of the village and the surrounding countryside from the tower roof. Please bear in mind there are over 100 steps up a narrow spiral staircase so sensible footwear must be worn and, because of insurance constraints, children under the age of eight are not allowed.

The tower contains a set of eight bells, six of which are known to be some 225 years old. The original six bells were requisitioned by Charles I for making weapons and were not replaced until 1791. The other two date from 1946 and were donated to commemorate the Deddington Home Guard. They are rung on Sundays and at practice times, as well as for weddings and funerals and other notable occasions.

**Colin Cox, Captain**  
**Deddington Church Bell Ringers**  
 01869 337486

## HOLLY TREE CLUB

We were delighted to have a very near full house for coffee and cake on Monday 13 May at our AGM. Annual Reports were presented on behalf of the chair and the treasurer who were unable to attend. Hugh Blythe gave a brief update on hall bookings for the last year. I was elected as chair for the coming year, Philip Allan and Stella O'Neill were re-elected as treasurer and secretary respectively, and the existing committee were also duly re-elected.

The committee and I would like to thank John Finnigan for his valued contribution as chair and express our gratitude that he has chosen to remain on the committee for the coming year.

Stella gave a brief report bringing us up to date with the renovation plans, showing members floor plans and site plans of the proposals, and explained the anticipated timeline to progress the planning application.

Our next trip will be to Annie's Tea Rooms at Thrupp on Monday 17 June. The tea rooms overlook the canal which will be a lovely back-drop for our lunch visit – let's hope for good weather.

The June film on Thursday 13 at 6.30pm is the

slightly rescheduled *Carry On Up the Khyber*, the 1968 classic Carry On film starring the Sid James, Kenneth Williams, Joan Simms, Roy Caste and Terry Scott. Don't forget our Monday morning coffee club for the over 55s is held on the first Monday of the month at 10.30am in the Holly Tree Club.

Club users: please identify items belonging to you as we are moving into spring cleaning mode and anything not taken responsibility for will be disposed of. Thank you for your co-operation.

For Club enquiries, please contact Diana Marshall on 01869 337761 or e-mail [info@TheHollyTreeClub.org](mailto:info@TheHollyTreeClub.org). For booking enquiries, please contact Hugh Blythe on 07907 020846 or at [bookings@TheHollyTreeClub.org](mailto:bookings@TheHollyTreeClub.org).

**Revd Annie Goldthorp, Chair**  
**Holly Tree Management Committee**

## HARVARD KROKODILOES RETURN

The Harvard Krokodiloes will be giving their bi-annual Deddington concert on Thursday 8 August at 6.30pm in Buffy Heywood's lovely garden at the Manor House, New Street. Admission is £10 on the door with no charge for under 16s. A donation to Katherine House will be made from the admission charge.

The Kroks' a capella repertoire ranges from jazz and swing classics of the Golden Age of American music, to traditional airs, ballads and rock numbers from the 50s to the 70s, punctuated by their own choreography and humour. You can find more on [ww-kroks.com/looklisten](http://ww-kroks.com/looklisten) or search for them on YouTube

Their 2019 world tour will take them to China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Australia, Thailand, France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Deddington, Costa Rica and Brazil. Their venues include a major charity concert in Beijing, singing for the Governor General of Australia and for US Ambassadors in Belgium and France.

Please feel free to bring a picnic for the interval. There will be 'formal' seating but if you have a favourite garden chair please bring it. If the weather is unsuitable we will move the concert to the church but please, no dogs.

**Barrie Smith [smithinsight@btinternet.com](mailto:smithinsight@btinternet.com)**



Thanks to funding from the PC, the skills of Computer Pro of Kidlington and some angst by the current editors, DOL will take another major step forward on 1 July when a new version programmed in the more modern open-source content management system, WordPress, goes live. It will be accessible using the same url that you have always used. The update will begin on Friday 28 June and continue through the next three days during which time the site may be unavailable or only partially available. Please be patient during this time but check it out from 1 July.

**Rob Forsyth [robert.s.forsyth@gmail.com](mailto:robert.s.forsyth@gmail.com)**

## FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who has entered our parish photo competition so far. The number of entries are down but the quality is up. We've uploaded a selection of last year's entries on our Facebook page to give you some inspiration and to see the standard of competition. There's still another three months before our August deadline and spring is providing us with plenty of opportunities, so get your cameras and phones out. Send your entries in to [abw@brynwilliams.com](mailto:abw@brynwilliams.com) as you take them or drop them off on a CD to the library. They should be 300dpi, landscape format and larger than 5Mb if possible.

**Bryn Williams**  
[abw@brynwilliams.com](mailto:abw@brynwilliams.com)

## FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

The Friends held their AGM in April at which it was decided to:

- Have an hour of tidying up (mainly redundant plastic tree guards) on Saturday 29 June from 10:00-11.00am. Refreshments will be provided. Please let me know the day before if you are coming and how many children.
- Maintain the present level of subscription at £5.
- Organise a bat walk and talk one summer evening if there is sufficient interest. Please contact me if you are interested.

Events are open to all, irrespective of being a member of the Friends.

**Annette Murphy 07562 755015**  
[annette-orchard@live.co.uk](mailto:annette-orchard@live.co.uk)

## DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Our RhymeTimes for under 5s and their families continue to thrive. Please join us on Mondays, in term time only, from 2.30–3.00pm. In association with [www.bookstart.org](http://www.bookstart.org), we are holding a special RhymeTime, called Pyjamarama, geared up to the joy of reading with your child at bedtime on Monday 3 June from 2.30–3.00pm. Come along and get your free *Car, Car, Truck, Jeep* bedtime story book and rhyme sheets for singing along. There's a Moon and Stars headband craft activity to take home too.

June brings preparations for the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is 'Space Chase', an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Space Chase features bespoke artwork from top children's illustrator Adam Stower and celebrates adventure, exploration, reading and fun.

We have received some interest in starting another library reading group. To get it going properly we need four to six members and there is no cost. We have multiple copies of books which are loaned in a collection to the group. All you need to do is choose a selection of titles from our vast list and enjoy reading them when they arrive in the library before the next monthly meeting. If you're interested in finding out more, pop into the library or e-mail me for details.

Our digital helpers, Paul and Andrew, are still ready and waiting to help support your IT learning needs whether on PC, iPad or tablet. If you want to get online, get an e-mail account, start online shopping, learn how to use a search engine, set up a Word document or just gain more confidence arrange an appointment during library hours.

Finally, thanks to the Friends who have made the volunteers very happy by providing new tape dispensers. We look forward to seeing you in the library again very soon.

**Stella O'Neill Library Manager**  
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## WHAT'S ON

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| Thu 13 | Holly Tree Club: Film Night, <i>Carry On Up the Khyber</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm |
| Tue 18 | Photographic Society Workshop: Light Room Editing, Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm     |
| Wed 19 | PC Meeting: Holly Tree, 7.30pm  |
| Sat 22 | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm                                   |
| Sun 23 | Concert: Tim Horton, piano, Brahms and Schubert, Parish Church 7.00pm           |
| Wed 26 | DOGS: Annual match v Dorchester on Thames, DOGS                                 |
| Thu 27 | Book Group: Sally Lambert 01869 338094 for details                              |
| Thu 27 | Skittles: Parish Church, 7.00pm–9.00pm  |

### July

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| Mon 1  | Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am   |
| Mon 1  | Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm   |
| Wed 3  | Photographic Society: Bob Brind Surch, 'MyDigital Workflow', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm          |
| Thu 4  | Knit and Natter: Holly Tree, 7.00pm  |
| Sat 6  | WI: A Celebration of 100 Years of the WI   |
| Tue 9  | WI: 'Anyone for Croquet? An evening of Pimms, Strawberries and High Jinks', Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Tue 9  | to Fri 12 RBL: WWII Battlefield Tour   |
| Thu 11 | Holly Tree Club: Film Night, Holly Tree, 6.30pm  |

## MONTHLY ADVERTISING RATES

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 1/4 page (1250mm tall x 820mm wide) £20 per month  
 1/2 page (1250mm tall x 1700mm wide) £40 per month  
 Contact: Debbie Grimsley, [grimsleyhome@live.co.uk](mailto:grimsleyhome@live.co.uk), 07765 243748