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We have a great deal to look forward to in the parish over the next few months. Several people are beavering away to bring you fun and entertainment to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 2 June. Deddington Festival follows hot on its heels with the usual amazing selection to cater for all tastes. All it needs is a few more volunteers and people to join in and enjoy themselves.

## March

- |     |    |                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri | 2  | PFSU and Village Nursery: Formula Fast go-karting 6.00pm                                                                                              |
| Sat | 3  | PFSU and Village Nursery: Jumble sale, Parish Church, 11.00am–1.00pm                                                                                  |
| Mon | 5  | Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30–noon                                                                                           |
| Tue | 6  | Dementia Awareness Course: Parish Church, 7.00–9.30pm                                                                                                 |
| Wed | 7  | Photographic Society: 'South Island Photographic Adventure – the Milford Track', Terry Pollard, Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm                              |
| Thu | 8  | Monday Morning Club: Film evening, Holly Tree, 6.30pm                                                                                                 |
| Thu | 8  | History of Christianity in Fifteen Objects, Professor Johannes Schilling, Parish Church, 7.30pm                                                       |
| Tue | 13 | WI: AGM followed by cheese and wine, Holly Tree, 7.30pm                                                                                               |
| Wed | 14 | History Society: Liz Woolley, 'The Night-time haven of the wandering tribes – the common lodging house in Victorian England', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 15 | Youth Club: AGM, Windmill Centre 7.00pm                                                                                                               |
| Thu | 15 | Friends of Castle Grounds: AGM, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm                                                                                               |
| Thu | 15 | Dementia Awareness Course: Parish Church, 7.00–9.30pm                                                                                                 |
| Sat | 17 | Robbie Williams tribute concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm                                                                                                |
| Tue | 20 | Dementia Awareness Course: Parish Church, 7.00–9.30pm                                                                                                 |
| Wed | 21 | Parish Council Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30pm                                                                                                            |
| Wed | 21 | Photographic Society: 'Different types of photography', Simon Lutter, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm                                                 |
| Thu | 22 | History of Christianity in Fifteen Objects, Dr Sarah Apetri, Parish Church, 7.30pm                                                                    |
| Sat | 24 | Deddington Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm                                                                                              |
| Sat | 24 | Friends of Deddington Festival: Sale of children's clothes, Parish Church, 9.00am–12.30pm                                                             |
| Sat | 24 | PTA: Annual Quiz, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm                                                                                                             |
| Thu | 29 | Dementia Awareness Course: Parish Church, 7.00–9.30pm                                                                                                 |
| Thu | 29 | Book Club: call 338094 for details                                                                                                                    |

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### The Church Hall, Hempton 15 February 2012

A good turnout of councillors and the first hint of spring in the air. The meeting was chaired by Jim Flux, no members of the public.

#### F&GP:

Parish Jubilee street party will require the closure of Church Street. DPC will sponsor the cost of £350 and the Holly Tree Club will handle the administration.

#### Planning:

There were no applications for new building works, a sign of the depressed times.

#### Highways & Transport:

The postbox is due to be moved in the next few weeks to a position by the bus shelter on the green.

The bus stop on the north side of New Street is to be moved to outside the Manor House.

A DPC consultation and review of traffic speed limits on the roads entering the three villages is to be undertaken.

OCC have taken over responsibility for bus passes. Application forms can be found in the library or application can be made online via the OCC website.

There will be no cut in bus subsidies this year.

The Dial-a-Ride service is being reviewed by OCC.

#### Castle Grounds:

A consultation is to be undertaken in the parish to identify the development of the playing fields facilities. English Heritage are to be approached concerning the possible reinstatement of the playing field pavilion facilities. Previously English Heritage have prohibited any trenching within the Castle Grounds which would make the provision of facilities for the pavilion a problem. Funding will be required from outside DPC.

#### Annual Parish meeting: 2 May is the proposed date

**Deddington funds on deposit** at 18 January: £528,986 with Barclays, West Bromwich BS, Santander, Anglo-Irish Bank and Nat West.

**Invoices** agreed for payment £4,125.

**Next Meeting:** 21 March at 7.30pm at the Holly Tree Club, Deddington

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



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## BLISSFUL THINKING

So the police have now officially moved into the library, completing the circle which began when the building was converted from a private dwelling into a prison in the 19th century. A wise man once said: 'The history book on the shelf is always repeating itself'. Oh wait, that was ABBA. Well, the sentiment borrows from George Santayana's immortal aphorism, and we can see examples of it everywhere.

After a century in which two world wars were fought, politics progressed to represent the majority far more aptly, and wealth distribution offered hope for equality and a true meritocracy, we now arguably live under a more detached plutarchy than ever before, with the wealth gap reaching record levels. The generation that saw home ownership skyrocket, and homelessness fall, has passed with the housing bubble, and now we read stories of people building shanty towns in one of the wealthiest nations in the world just to survive. The financial crisis which exposed our flawed debt-based system now sees the revival of credit unions and even barter systems in some areas of the country. The 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Dickens recalls Victorian workhouses, at a time when corporations are being offered free labour by the state. Is this a collective failure of human progress, or simply another reminder that wealthy interests have the loudest voices? Just don't forget to return your book on time.

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## FARMERS' MARKET

The March Farmers' Market will be on Saturday 24th. The spring Equinox is on the 20th.

Higan or Higan-e is a week of Buddhist services observed in Japan during both the spring and autumn equinoxes when day and night are at equal length. Buddhist prayers, rice balls and sushi are offered. I mention this only because it is now possible to buy proper Japanese sushi from the market.

Other new foods available are authentic Indian and Pakistani dishes using locally sourced and organic ingredients, and a new pie stall with sweet and savoury pies on offer. Look out soon for some brilliant fudge made with condensed milk and also a range of gins flavoured with fruit. Yes, that's gin, as in 'Mother's Ruin'.

Deddington Farmers' Market is going from strength to strength. There are many farmers' markets across the country now, but not so many are community run. Deddington Market is a truly community affair; it wouldn't happen at all if it wasn't for most of Clifton it seems!

As a community project it returns benefits to the community and relies on YOUR help. Don't take it for granted, join the team and enjoy being part of the success.

Paul Drawmer  
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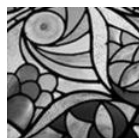
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## PRIMARY SCHOOL – PRODUCTION OF *ALADDIN* A SUCCESS

**A**s we enter March the school is still thinking and talking about this year's production of *Aladdin*.

All three performances were well supported, despite some challenging weather. As always the children were amazing and rose to the occasion. Alicia and Phillip Rumsby have worked hard to make it such a success. Alicia has great vision and absolute confidence in what the children can achieve, it's been hard work but a lot of fun too. I feel it only right to share some of Year 6's thoughts about being part of such a special event in the school calendar:

'I have had an awesome time. It has been difficult at times and has needed a lot of perseverance' Imogen (Narrator)

'I have had so much fun and don't feel so shy anymore' Sophie (Harem Girl)

'It went brilliantly. One of my favourite parts were the Narrators, they were clear and opened the show brilliantly with their fabulous voices' Henry (Genie)

'It has been an amazing experience ... The other star of the show was Alicia because she gave up her time to help us' Tom C (Guard and Stage Hand)

'This production has made me more confident about performing and gave me a chance to do some-

thing I would never be able to do anywhere else' Victoria (Iago)



*Aladdin chorus, pic Brynn Williams*

'It has been a great experience for me and it has raised my confidence and has given me the opportunity to act and to get more into drama' Rhys (Guard)

'I wish I could do it again. Working with everyone else made me work harder and made me try my best. Jafar and his right hand parrot (Iago) were very, very, funny!' Hattie (Narrator)

'Cameron and Tasha, who played Aladdin and Jasmine, did so well, they really put the chemistry into their part Alice (Razoul)

'The Genie was hysterical with his excellent voice and funny looks, he put the laughter into the show' Alex (Narrator)

'I think that this production was the best yet, so much effort has gone into it' Alfie (Guard)

'We are very lucky to have Alicia and Philip helping us, they have made me do the best I can' Maddie (Baker)

All the children involved had a fantastic time and realise that hard work really does pay off. For my Year 6 class it was a very special final production and an experience which will remain with them for a long time.

**Jane Cross 338430**

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## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### MARCH

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Thu 1 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels  
 Sun 4 10.30am Lent First Sunday  
           6.30pm Evensong  
 Wed 7 10.00am Eucharist  
 Thu 8 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels  
 Sun 11 10.30am Lent Sung Eucharist  
                     (with Healing Prayer)  
 Wed 14 10.00am Eucharist  
 Thu 15 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels  
 Sun 18 10.30am Eucharist (with Baptisms)  
                     Mothering Sunday  
 Mon 19 6.30pm Eucharist: Joseph of Nazareth  
 Wed 21 10.00am Eucharist  
 Thu 22 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels  
 Sun 25 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
                     Annunciation  
                     10.30am Service of the Word/Eucharist  
 Wed 28 10.00am Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)  
 Thu 29 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels

#### St John's Hempton

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

#### The Barfords

Sun 4 10.30am Eucharist (BfdStM)  
 Sun 11 10.30am Family Service (BfdStM)  
 Sun 18 10.30am Family Service (BfdStM)  
 Sun 25 4.00pm Evensong (BfdStM)

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev. Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), the curate, Revd Dr Dan Inman (338582) [curatedan@gmail.com](mailto:curatedan@gmail.com), or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to [www.deddingtonchurch.org](http://www.deddingtonchurch.org).

#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

**Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

#### RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

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

St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7.00pm and Sun 8.30am.

Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00pm and at Adderbury before Mass.

The Eve of Sunday Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport.

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

**Fr John Burns 277396**

### Friends of Castle Grounds

The AGM for the Friends of Castle Grounds will be held on 15 March at 7.30pm in the Deddington Arms. All who are interested in the Castle Grounds or who walk their dogs there are very welcome. There will be a chance for people to raise any topics they wish afterwards.

Hugh White will be holding a Jubilee Songs of Praise service on Castle Grounds on 3 June at 6.30pm. It was thought it would be a lovely idea to have the service on the Diamond Jubilee weekend. Everyone is welcome so please come along and make it a memorable evening. All ages – humans and dogs welcome of course.

Now that the early signs of spring are beginning to show, plans are being made to tidy up the banks,

clear saplings and think about planting wild flowers.

Dog fouling notices have now been put up on the site – a plea also, to all dog owners to pick up any stray dog mess (if seen), that has perhaps been missed by the rightful dog owner.

Dog bags are available from the parish clerk's office at the Windmill Centre on Thursday and Saturday mornings (9.30 – 11.00am) and Wednesday afternoon (1.00 – 5.00pm) as well as from the vets.

Finally, it is hoped that Castle Grounds will become an increasingly important and popular aspect of Deddington and use of the Grounds by organised groups is always welcome.

**Sandy Alton**

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#### Cherwell District Council News

CDC householders can access cavity wall or loft insulation for £99 each against a combined cost of around £700 without the subsidy from the Council. Anyone planning to take up the offer will be able to choose

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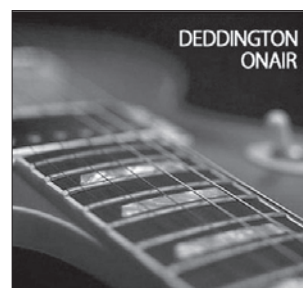
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Thank you to all of you who have been listening in at [www.deddingtononair.org](http://www.deddingtononair.org). The number of listeners grew again last month and the podcast service, courtesy of Deddington Farmers' Market had a greater number of hits as well. We have been thinking about another open evening to invite those who have expressed interest in being involved to meet the team and have the chance to see what is involved in recording some or all of a show. Once the weather moderates we also intend to start a series of afternoon sessions to enable those who have volunteered to brush up on the skills and techniques of making a programme. Please contact me for more details. More news on these sessions soon.

Deddington OnAir received another financial boost with a donation from the Souldern Trust to help us with the costs associated with running our service. We have also gained a number of new Friends of Deddington OnAir so welcome to you all and thank you for your support.

Our programme line-up has grown again. The schedule has recently gained a new regular show, Planetary Radio – a weekly technology programme keeping us up-to-date with the what's going on in the skies above us. The show is on Sunday evenings, repeated on Tuesdays. Hilary Smith has been busy and has added interviews with Hugh O'Donnell and Daphne Canning to add to her recent conversations with Daniel Inman, Steve Kershaw and Frank Steiner. David Macey continues to create a delightful weekly blues and jazz show which goes out on a Friday

evening and is repeated on Wednesdays; Matt and Jake bring their vibrant touch to the Matt & Jake Hour of Rock on Fridays and repeated Thursday evenings, and Mikey Large and Aaron Bliss discuss the world around us through the medium of



music, satire and irreverent comment. The Ben and James show makes a welcome return to the schedule after a short break. A very big thank you to all those who are contributing shows. Would you care to join the ranks of programme makers? You can always find the programme schedule at [www.deddingtononair.org/schedule.html](http://www.deddingtononair.org/schedule.html).

March brings *Alice in Wonderland* to the schedule. Amanda Gray has recorded Lewis Carroll's delightful story and this will be played every weekday afternoon at 2pm, repeated at 6:30pm starting on Monday 5 March.

Finally, Deddington OnAir would like to ask you to come on board. Would you like to be involved by helping out in some way, contributing material for us to record, being a voice on the radio, being a roving reporter to cover local events or by joining the Friends of Deddington OnAir? Please contact me or Eileen Anderson on 338325.

**David Rogers, Chair, 337065**  
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## OPEN GARDENS DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 June 2.00pm–6.00pm

Time is marching on and, if you are a keen gardener with a garden you are proud of, why not give others the opportunity of seeing the fruits of your labour by opening your garden and raising funds for Deddington Festival? Gardens do not have to be grand to open their gates to a wider audience, just let the garden

speak for itself. Please therefore do come forward – my details are below – thank you.

**Joan Wright**

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## SHIP *BRUTUS* – AWFUL MORTALITY

'Last week 72 persons, inhabitants of Deddington, in this county, embarked on boats for Liverpool, on their passage to Quebec and Montreal. The expences of their passage &c. were defrayed by subscription, to which many of the land-owners contributed substantially.'

That short paragraph in *Jackson's Oxford Journal* of 12 May 1832 heralds an horrific story of death on the high seas onboard the ship *Brutus*.

Rural unemployment was widespread in England in the 1820s and 30s, placing a huge strain on the system of 'Poor Law relief' by which ratepayers were responsible for supporting their own parish poor. In an attempt to reduce the numbers of surplus workers, hence the burden on the parish, emigration, particularly to Canada, was encouraged, rate-paying landowners funding the cost of the journey for their unemployed labourers.

Our emigrants probably 'set sail' from Aynho wharf on canal barges direct to Liverpool, a journey that would have taken three or four days. Once there, they boarded the *Brutus* with some 260 other emigrants.

The *Liverpool Mercury* continues the story.

The *Brutus* sailed on 18 May – a Friday, and, as well as the emigrants, 'the services of a Doctor and a Clergyman were also engaged'. The first illness among the passengers appeared seven days later; two days after that 'symptoms of malignant Cholera manifested themselves.'

'On the following Sunday, the awful splash told of thirteen bodies being committed to the deep!'

When the crew also began to die the Captain returned to Liverpool. By the time the ship arrived back in port on 13 June 117 people had taken ill: 20 had recovered, 16 remained sick and 81 died.

The Northamptonshire Records Office contains a list of the 72 Deddington emigrants: 10 single men,

11 married couples and 40 children. Comparing this against the names of the dead, published by the *Liverpool Mercury*, it appears that at least 17, possibly 22, of the Deddingtonians died on the voyage.

But statistics don't tell the full story. All of the Gilkes family, William, Sarah, and their four children, died; John and Martha Abraham and their four children all survived. Elizabeth, Catherine and Ann Green were left orphans, John Paine lost his wife Mary and two of his five children.

The *Mercury* published several pieces about the disaster including a substantial article detailing the overcrowding on the ship, although 'the vessel did not take a greater number on board than the law allows'. Unfavourable comparisons were made with American law which would have permitted only 200 people in total onto the *Brutus* rather than the 330 passengers plus crew allowed by Britain. The article claimed that British law 'permits the carrying of more passengers on board a ship than the number of slaves which were allowed to be carried by the traders from Africa to the West Indies in the latter days of the traffic.'

The unexpected return to Liverpool resulted in the arrest of one of the passengers, Richard Connor, for murder. While on board, he had been overheard discussing the deed with William Connor, who later fell victim to the cholera and died.

The fate of most of the Deddington survivors remains a mystery. Henry and Sophia Gibbs, a young married couple, returned home and lived in Deddington for the rest of their (long) lives. As for the others, did they continue their journey or also return home? That's yet to be discovered. Read the full story on DoL in History/Emigration and Transportation, <http://www.deddington.org.uk/>.

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in the Church

**at the Farmers' Market**  
**on 24 March**

## The Queen and I

Overheard in the Co-op on 7 February – an elderly gentleman recalling how 60 years ago to the day he had been piloting a Lancaster plane, part of the official RAF escort flying the new Queen Elizabeth back from Kenya to the UK.

During the Queen's 60 years on the throne there must be others in the parish who have had such contact with her – people who have received honours, have been to Buckingham Palace garden parties, have met the Queen, or other members of her family, during the course of their work or their daily life, who still have vivid memories of the coronation in 1953. If so, please contact the *DN* and we will compile a list of these reminiscences for the June edition, to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Accounts (brief ones, please) to Kristin Thompson on [letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk](mailto:letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk) or to 5 The Leyes, Deddington OX15 0TX by 30 April.

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## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

A quiet month in the village, with snow and ice keeping people at home, the side roads and pavements making walking treacherous at times. It is nice to see all the snowdrops growing in the grass verges around the village – one bunch has been out in flower since late October.

The Church Lent meetings this year will be in St John's and will be on Wednesday evenings beginning on 29 February and will run for five weeks, starting time 7.30pm. This year there will be film shows with a spiritual and religious theme. The first film will be Ingmar Bergman's *The Seventh Seal*.

Please remember Church services in St John's are the Eucharist service on the first and third Sunday at 9.00am and Evensong on the fourth Sunday at 6.00pm. The Church Hall is in quite regular use at the moment with the Ladies Tuesday Club, table tennis team, music group, Parish Council Meetings and Friends of the Church Committee meetings. The Friends will be meeting on Mondays from now on.

Please remember the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June. If anyone has any plans for this village I will be glad to advertise them in this column. For people in this village: the Police office in Deddington has moved to the Library; opening hours remain the same: Mondays and Tuesdays 12.00 – 4.00pm, Wednesdays 10.00am – 1.00pm and Saturdays 9.00am – 12.00pm subject to volunteers being available. The new central Police (non-emergency) telephone number is 101 and replaces the old 0845 number. Ring 999 in a real emergency. The old Deddington Police Number is now discontinued.

**Les Chappell 338054**

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## Deddington Youth Club

The AGM is to be held at the Windmill Centre on Thursday 15 March at 7.00pm.

## Deddington Writing Competitions

Details of this year's competitions are now available in Deddington and other local libraries, and has been sent to schools. The leaflet about the Open Competition has also been delivered to as many former entrants as can be traced. It was unfortunate that we were not able to post them on the Festival website at the beginning of last month but anyone who would like details of either the Junior or the Open competition is invited to ring Hugh Marshall on 337761 or email [hughm34@btinternet.com](mailto:hughm34@btinternet.com) and give name and address so that we can get them to you as quickly as possible. Closing date for entries is Junior Competition 30 April, Open Competition 16 April.

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## DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

### Saturday 2 June

The plans for our celebrations are going ahead and we are hoping to be able to include the events mentioned in February's *DN* issue.

A grant has been applied for to help with costs and we wait to see if we have been successful. We have also asked the Parish Council for a donation, but these contributions, if we receive them, will not be enough to cover all the expenses, so we would be very grateful if people would contribute. Cheques should be made payable to Holly Tree Club and given to Jean Flux or any member of the committee.

Church Street road closure will be sought for three hours from 4.00pm to 7.00pm.

The menu for the meal has been discussed and will be tried out by brave volunteers! We hope to have plenty of people to help make all this for the big day's street party. If you are willing to help make coronation chicken, salads, sandwiches, cakes or jellies, please contact Althea Wood on 337904 or [altheawood@aol.com](mailto:altheawood@aol.com).

We sincerely hope that children will come in kings' or queens' fancy dress with homemade crowns and corgis. There will be a fancy dress parade in the church following the street party at approximately 6.15pm, with prizes for the best homemade crowns and corgis for three age groups: 5 and under, 6–8 years and 9–12 years.

The Boys' Brigade band will play from approximately 4.30pm to 5.00pm under the Town Hall and the parade, led by Deddington's Jubilee Queen, will march from the school, down Tay's Lane, through the Bullring and around the Market Place to join the street party.

Members of the organising committee will be asking the clubs, societies and groups in the village if they will nominate representatives to take part in the parade, carrying a banner or flag with the name of the club on it. We very much hope that people will support this idea.

There will be further details in the April and May *DNs* and a flyer through every household's postbox will appear nearer the time.

**Wendy Burrows**  
**Jubilee Committee**



## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from *Jackson's Oxford Journal* of February and March 1862:

**February** Entertainments – Professor Trovori gave his highly amusing entertainment in the Reading Room [the Town Hall] to a numerous and respectable audience. The musical and ventriloquial portion gave great satisfaction, his dialogues with imaginary characters caused abundance of laughter. The Professor exhibited his extraordinary powers as a mesmerist, and invited any persons to come forward from the audience. Four or five young men immediately volunteered, and in a few minutes he had them completely under his control, and, making them believe that their coats were on fire, they instantly threw them off. His experiments upon them for nearly an hour convulsed the audience with laughter. In consequence of his great success, the Professor gave a second performance the following evening to a crowded audience.

### March

Sixth Oxfordshire Rifle Volunteer Corps – The Corps assembled for company drill and a march afterwards to Battle Thorn Butts, where a rifle contest took place – for three silver pencil cases. This was followed by a dinner at the Kings Arms Hotel [now the Deddington Arms].

Petty Sessions – Before the Rev. W.C. Risley and H.C. Risley Esq.

William Gibbs of Banbury was charged with ill-treating a horse, by working it when in an improper condition. The Bench, having inspected the animal, were of the opinion that it was a case of great cruelty, and inflicted a fine of 7s.6d. with 12s.6d. costs, or, in default, 21 days' hard labour.

**Buffy Heywood 338212**

## THE ALLOTMENT

This winter I've religiously nipped out and scattered my wood ash from my fire around my garden but should I? What am I feeding my plants?

Wood ashes contain about 1% phosphorous, 5% potassium and small amounts of other elements that our plants need to bloom and establish a strong root system.

'The term potash comes from the colonial practice of burning wood in large pots and using the ashes as fertiliser and for making soap, gunpowder and glass' <http://www.rainbowplantfood.com>.

This all sounds great but you do need to be careful. Wood ash will raise the soil pH of your garden, so if you have a soil pH higher than 7, do not add your wood ash to the garden otherwise vital nutrients in the soil will be unavailable to your plants. They basically lock to the soil and just won't budge no matter how hard the plant tries to pull them in.

If you have pots of acid loving plants such as blueberries, rhododendrons and camellias, don't add wood ash to these as they don't want the soil pH increased – they like acid soil.

However, now is the time to feed your currants and fruit trees so if you have some wood ash available and the patience to bring it to your allotment, go out there and give your plants a liberal feed, it's free! Alternatively go out and buy some sulphate of potash.

**Plant idea** – If you're planning Jubilee celebrations, you may want to plant a sweet pea collection. Many seed suppliers are providing packages of red, white and blue.



**Sam Willis**

[samantha.willis@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.willis@gmail.com)

## Church Arts Group

Deddington Church has long been regarded as an ideal venue for artistic activities. Many of these have been musical, but drama, dance, and exhibitions have featured along with lectures and discussion groups. With the arrival of the Steinway piano last year, further opportunities opened up. In June, the Vicar called together a few interested individuals to see how these artistic aspirations might be realised. Chaired by Donald Lane, the group has concentrated in its first year on music. A concert by talented young musicians from Oxfordshire launched this endeavour with 'Piano, Live' last October. Then last month, Janet Lince's new 'Corona Strings' braved the snow and set a high standard for others to follow in a Diamond Jubilee concert of English music.

Coming up, we have a plethora of talent lined up in 'Music for Springtime' during April and May. The London-based 'Vivaldi Singers' will perform that composer's uplifting *Gloria*, as well as music by Bach, Handel and others, for voices, lute and recorder on 21 April. The following Saturday 28 April, to raise money to

help Warkworth parishioners replace the stolen metal from their church roof, renowned Canadian concert pianist Valerie Tryon, who was brought up in Banbury, will give a recital including music by Beethoven, Chopin, and Liszt.

On 5 May mezzo-soprano, Clare McCaldin, with pianist Paul Turner and Chris Windass, viola, will intrigue us with a 'Double Take' of songs using poems each set by two different composers. There will be songs by Schumann, Finzi and Faure alongside others including local composers Phillip Cooke and Donald Lane. Finally, on 12 May, we have the pleasure of hearing again the 'Collared Doves', whose Christmas CD was such a hit, in a concert of secular part songs and madrigals. This concert also features Anna Teare, now in her final year at Bristol University, who will be singing a collection of soprano classics.

Please, let us know your views on 'Music for Springtime' and look out for future events; and if you would like to be on our mailing list, send your email to [donald199@btinternet.com](mailto:donald199@btinternet.com).

**Donald Lane 337199**

## DOWN ON THE FARM



Once again the wheel has turned and the rites of spring are under way. The first Cotswold lambs decided to put in an appearance just as the first snows of the winter arrived and by the time this has passed the editor's red pencil we shall be in that pregnant pause waiting for the main flock to get going. The

ewes went into their refurbished lambing quarters during the second week of January and are now settled into the twice daily 'meals-on-wheels service'. All the new penning and feeding equipment was made in the farm workshop and the sheep seem to be much more settled being divided into smaller groups, something that should make things easier when lambing gets under way.

I have clocked up over 50 years in the lambing fold and no two years are ever the same. When I started, all the ewes were lambed outside in small paddocks with a few hurdle pens set up in the corner of each field. We had long days and even longer nights, with a constant watch being kept for the ever present lamb-stealing fox, carrion crows and magpies who never missed a chance to have a go at a new-born lamb. Today we lamb inside so the lambs are well 'mothered up' before they go out. We still lose some to the fox but the lambs are too strong for the crows and magpies to take on.

This year we have the prospect of an unseen menace lurking on the horizon. The Schmallenberg virus was first reported a few months ago in Northern Germany and is named after the north Rhine town where it was first seen. The symptoms of the virus don't show until the lambs are born. Lambs dropped by infected ewes have limb and brain deformities with up to 30% losses being reported in some flocks. The virus is spread by midges in the autumn; a number of cases

have already been reported in early lambing flocks in this country. The experts say that infected insects were blown over the North Sea on to the east coast. It is likely that, as in the outbreak of the Blue Tongue virus, there is as yet no vaccine or treatment, so that pregnant pause will have an extra twist to it this year with the question 'have we been Schmallenberged' as well - but only time will tell.

To date the bees seem to have survived the winter and are still taking down the sugar syrup in small amounts, but it is unwise to count the chickens, or should that be queens, just yet as in bee-keeping terms March is the crunch month for hive losses. No sooner had the work on the sheep buildings been finished, the workshop was once again a hive of activity with the saws buzzing to make the new hives for the coming season. As part of our integrated disease management programme, 50% of the hives are changed each year with the bees being 'shaken' on to new frames and wax foundation. The old frames and wax are burnt to destroy anything nasty lurking in the old wax with the boxes going into store to dry before being repaired (woodpecker damage) and then 'flamed out' with a gas torch to remove any congealed wax and propolis.

With the very dry winter the river valley has not been flooded since this time last year, and for the first time in the 40 years that I have been on this farm, there have been none of our usual over-wintering water birds, which is rather sad as I have nothing to add to the 'unusual sighting' list. I can only hope that the dry conditions will not put off the curlew and red shank from returning to the valley in a few weeks time for the start of their breeding season. If the weather gurus are right, we could be in for a difficult summer and our wet grassland breeding wader project could well become a dust bowl just as it did in 1976. Perhaps it is time to take a crash course in camel farming, ho hum.

**George Fenemore**  
338203

## 2012 festival deddington

The following is the programme of events that incorporates the Festival activities:

Thu 14 June 6.30pm	Friends of Deddington
	Festival reception
Fri 15 4.30pm	Deddington Rocks
Sat 16 7.00 for 7.30pm	Cricket Club Ball
Sat 16 All day	Open gardens
Sun 17 All day	Open gardens
Sun 17 All day	Craft exhibition
Sun 17 2.00–4.00pm	Church teas
Sun 17 2.00–4.00pm	Guitar recital
Sun 17 7.30pm	Stekpanna concert
Tue 19	Poetry Please

Wed 20  
Thu 21  
Fri 22

Sat 23  
Sat 7 July

Farm walk  
Singalong concert  
Writers' competition  
awards  
Classical concert  
Pre-School Dance

The committee is still seeking an administrator to help us with various tasks. So far the dates above and organisation are on schedule. There will be a need for 'strong arm' help from early on Friday 15 June to unload and set up barriers and other items in the Market Place. Please contact me if you can help.

**Hugh O'Donnell 338350**

## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

*The Postbag, or parts of it, now appear on the website Forum (<http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/forum/>). This enables readers to comment without having to wait until DN appears the following month. If you would prefer your letters not to appear online, please tell us when you write. Thank you.*

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, THE KNOWLE, PHILCOTE STREET

To commemorate the many contributions that Ralph and Marianne Elsley made to life in Deddington during their 38 years here, an oak bench is to be installed at the far end of Chapmans Lane, thanks to Alastair Welford. To welcome its arrival friends of the Elsleys are invited to gather there at 11.00am on Saturday 17 March. Please let me know if you expect to be present: 338225 or [achall@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:achall@globalnet.co.uk).

FROM PATRICIA GORIAINOFF, GAVESTON GARDENS

If you see a little body running aimlessly around our beautiful countryside with two flat-coated retrievers, there is nothing to be concerned about. That'll be me, clocking up the miles for the London Marathon in April. Yes, it may seem crazy! I do not know what possessed me to do it, but running in aid of the Animal Health Trust (AHT) makes it all worthwhile. The AHT does a huge amount of work for research and diagnosis of animal disease. They are currently raising funds for a new cancer research centre, which will help a large number of animals. So, if you are an animal lover, a lover of running, a science lover, a neighbourly lover, a Deddington lover or just a plain lover, then please sponsor me. In fact, you don't have to love anything,



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and include your name and address

sponsorship is most welcome from anybody – believe me, the funds raised will make the pain worthwhile! You can donate directly at <http://www.justgiving.com/pattylondonmarathon>. Any amount, no matter how small, will make a big difference.

FROM HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS

Easter – bunnies and eggs? Do our children, grandchildren and Godchildren know the full meaning of Easter? Or do they think first about chocolate eggs and fluffy bunnies? It is not always easy to talk about, but this year there is the Real Easter Egg to help us all discover what it is that has made Easter so important in the lives of countless people over the last 2000 years, and still does. At just £3.99, the Real Easter Egg is good value and will be a great present for anyone. Included in the box is a fine 125g chocolate egg – Fairtrade of course – and a brief story of the first Easter. Unfortunately the main supermarkets have declined to stock them but, as in 2011, they are available locally from Deddington Fair Traders, though it is best to order yours soon. To order, please sign the list in the Parish Church, email [deddingtonfairtraders@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonfairtraders@gmail.com) or ring Hugh Marshall on 337761, or come to the Fairtrade stall in the Church during the Farmers' Market on 24 March. (We will also have some Easter Bunny pencil sharpeners – non edible.)

### Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

What a busy term! The PFSU children have been thinking about animals and have had visits from several pets. Thank you to everyone who brought in their dogs and gerbils and even a horse. We also wrote letters to the vet and were delighted that she agreed to visit us. Thank you Juliet.

We celebrated Chinese New Year with puppets, music, dance, lucky money, lanterns, costumes and food. Thank you to Sarah Banes who helped us with our celebrations and to the May Fu II restaurant who hosted our visit. This term the Nursery children have been learning about numbers and talking about the story *Each Peach Pear Plum*.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Quiz Night in January. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Don't miss our jumble sale in Deddington Church on Saturday 3 March from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Donations of good quality bric-à-brac, children's clothes, adults' clothes, and toys would be welcomed.

**Lucy Squires 337484**

### PTA

Firstly, a huge thank you to all who bought raffle tickets to win our superb hamper at the children's *Aladdin* performances last month. We raised a fantastic £315.

The race is on to purchase tickets for the year's hottest event so far ... the PTA Annual Quiz Night. As usual this is being held at the Windmill Centre on Saturday 24 March. This is always a night of great fun and frivolity and tickets can be obtained from Debbie Grimsley by emailing [orders@shoeland.co.uk](mailto:orders@shoeland.co.uk) or by phoning 07765 243748. Tickets are £9 per person which includes supper and there is a maximum of eight people per table. Who will be the 2012 champions?

Other dates for your diary are the eighth Annual Deddington Walk on Sunday 13 May and our summer fête at the school on Saturday 16 June.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

**Melissa Chadderton, Chair**  
**349936**

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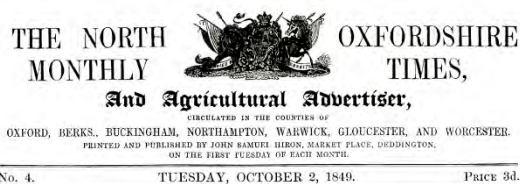
## PIERS GAVESTON AND THE NUN OF DEDDINGTON

*This is the fifth instalment of a serial written in 1849 by Georgiana Bennet and published in the North Oxfordshire Monthly Times and Agricultural Advertiser. Loaned to us by Clive Sanders, it was given to him by the late Fred Deely. If you have missed previous instalments, they are available online at [www.deddingtonnews.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk).*

Sir Piers stood as if entranced, gazing earnestly upon the expressive and beautiful face of his companion. Her dark hair was braided over her noble and clear brow, her grey eyes revealed the high mind and courageous spirit enshrined within; yet there was also a tenderness in her glance that made others at once acknowledge her power. Her mantle was arranged to shadow, but not to hide her countenance, and as Sir Piers gazed, a passing smile was seen on her lips that threw a light over her features like the lightning illuminating a shady and lovely spot. She was above the middle height, but not ungracefully tall; and the raised hand was of that form and colour which in all ages has been considered as a proof of noble blood.

She spoke in low and cautious tones: 'I come,' she said, 'to fulfil my promise to One who is no more. My brother fell, mortally wounded, on the field of battle, but he lived long enough for us to meet once more, and with his dying breath he charged me, if ever I had an opportunity of serving Sir Piers Gavestone, not to shrink from doing so. I have sought you tonight to bid you be of good cheer and to beware of exasperating your enemies. In my early life, I passed much of my time in this Castle and the old Steward shewed me many secret paths and concealed doors, of which the present Lord knows nothing.'

She turned and pointed to a small door, so artfully contrived as not to be discovered by one unacquainted with it. She continued:



'The Earl of Pembroke has no intention to release you, but I can shew you a way of escape. Be patient and calm and I will see you again on the night of tomorrow.'

She would have departed but Gavestone caught her

hand, and in a whisper poured forth his gratitude for her kindness, and told how soon he had recognised her features. He begged her to stay a short time and inform him of her plan, that he might be ready to act in concert with her. His face was illumined with the glow of grateful feeling, and somewhat, perchance, of his long forgotten love; and his sweet and gentle tones were as music in the ear of his companion. She lingered, however, but a few minutes, and then departed.

On the morrow she was again at the Castle, for her little patient was in the last struggle, and in her arms he resigned his life.

The Earl stood in moody silence at her side, gazing on the senseless form of his youngest and dearest child, and perhaps the sorrow he felt for his loss rendered him more implacable against his enemy. A retainer entered and whispered a few words to his master who replied in a louder tone. From what passed the Nun gathered enough to know that it was Pembroke's intention to quit the castle that day, leaving only a small force to guard Gavestone. A thrill of delight passed through her heart, for she was aware how much easier it would be for the captive to escape when the watchful Earl was away.



There's nothing more annoying than an out-of-date website. Deddington Online (DoL) contains over 1000 pages and gets 150 unique visits every day; that's a lot of people browsing around our virtual parish.

While we try to have nothing time sensitive on our pages, nevertheless stuff does go out-of-date, links no longer work, other websites referred to move on and naturally, typing errors occur.

DoL is run by a small team and we always need help. We are on the lookout for people who will give just a few minutes from time to time to check pages, look for mistakes, see that links still work and maybe make suggestions for improvements.

Are you that person? If you are, you need not make changes yourself, you'd need just email us with what you found. Please contact Elizabeth Burak at [liz@granaryweb.co.uk](mailto:liz@granaryweb.co.uk) or 337259.

**Paul Drawmer, [paul@drawmer.net](mailto:paul@drawmer.net)**

### New Badminton Sessions at Spiceball

Cherwell District Council has launched a series of new badminton sessions at Spiceball Leisure Centre in Banbury, in collaboration with Go Active and Badminton England.

The Active Women sessions are for women aged 16 and over only and run every Monday from 30 January, 12.30 to 1.30pm. Sessions cost £2, or you can bring a friend and pay £1 each. There's no need to book, just come along and have a go.

There are also new Family Fun sessions led by a fully qualified coach on Sundays from 11.30am to 12.30pm, which started on 5 February.

For further information on the sessions email [nick.harrison@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:nick.harrison@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or phone 01295 221744.

For information on local sporting activities visit [www.getoxfordshireactive.org](http://www.getoxfordshireactive.org).

## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### 1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

We have had a very busy month, starting with an evening about sleep during which the Cubs made 'worry people'. We followed this with 'become a human calculator' when the Cubs measured parts of their bodies and their stride length so they could make rough measurements. They will need to update this regularly considering how quickly they grow.

Chinese New Year came next: we made lanterns and goldfish, ate oranges and hunted for 'gold' filled red envelopes.

Now we have finished the first part of the emergency aid badge.

Coming up – District Scrapheap Challenge.

**Jo Churchyard CSL 338071**  
[jochurchyard@hotmail.com](mailto:jochurchyard@hotmail.com)

### Scouts

We're looking forward to George transferring from Cubs after half term.

The Scouts have also had a busy month: they celebrated Australia Day with an evening of related events and visited the fire station for a very interesting evening from which they gained their fire safety badge, thanks to Chris and Martin.

We are now starting the third stage Emergency Aid badge, cuts, burns and other gory stuff.

Monty, Ollie, Dan and Shaun competed in the district swimming gala and came third in the under 12½ age group, very well done.

**Pete Churchyard SL 338071**  
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Both groups had a great time at the panto, supplying a lot of audience participation and eating a lot of jelly worms.

### 1st Deddington Brownies

Our six eldest Brownies recently attended a county camp held at the Stansfield Education Centre in Oxford. They had an amazing time meeting Brownies from around the county, making things, singing songs and learning all about star-gazing. At the end of last term we celebrated Christmas with a great party organised by the Panda Patrol from 1st Deddington Guides. They organised a visit from the Christmas Fairy (complete with little stockings from Katharine House), read stories, led games, decorated the hall before the meeting and even hoovered up afterwards. Well done Guides! In other recent meetings all the girls completed their Science Investigator badges and we also did some Christmas crafts. We made bead hearts for Valentine's Day and have enrolled some of our newer Brownies.

We would like to say a big thank you to Tawny Owl



who returned to help us out in the run up to Christmas and also to Phoebe who has been helping us as part of her Duke of Edinburgh's Award. A big welcome to the new Brownies who have joined us this term and good luck to our old Brownies who have moved onwards and upwards.

**Lucy Squires 338442**

### Deddington Players

We hope you enjoyed the show. Thanks have to be extended to so many people as *There's No Place Like Rome* was a true team effort. Thank you to everyone on stage, the backstage crew, make-up, the front of house, the lighting and sound crew, and everyone who was involved. Two people in particular had to put in lots of time this year due to our rather different choice of setting. Wendy Burrows and her team spent the Christmas holiday transforming the stage with pyramids and sphinxes, and Maureen and Joanna Cox excelled themselves with a marvellous set of costumes. Next year will be the 21st Deddington Pantomime. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas about how we can celebrate. We will be arranging an AGM shortly – watch this space for confirmation of the date.

**Lucy Squires 338442**

### WI

On 14 February our speaker, Graham Soden, had many fascinating slides to show us of wildlife in southern England. He showed us unusual and rare insects, birds, small animals and plants, together with an explanation of their preferred and sometimes vital habitat. Wide-ranging scenes of land, sea and special areas of conservation completed Graham's talk which members found interesting with questions and comments afterwards.

Anne Neal gave a vote of thanks to Graham for an enjoyable talk.

Our annual general meeting will be held on 13 March followed by cheese and wine.

**Rene Mahony 338438**

### Cricket Club

The start of the season rapidly approaches and we are looking forward to the Summer Ball to be held on Saturday 16 June with a marquee at the Windmill. Please contact any committee member if you would like tickets. This is our main fundraising event of the year and we donate half of what we raise to a very worthy local charity, ROSY. The organisation provides additional respite care to sick children in the county who are being nursed at home. Take a look at <http://www.rosy.org.uk/about-rosy.html>.

We are running pre-season practice nets each Tuesday from 8.00pm to 9.30pm at Bloxham School. New members are always welcome. Contact us or just turn up.

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

We have entered the National Village Cup Competition so you could see us at Lords! Well, come and support us in any event for the first round on Sunday 6 May at the Windmill. There will be children's cricket in the morning and one of our fantastic barbecues.

**Derek Cheeseman 338609**

**Clair Stevens 337431**

### 1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

Burns Night was a big success; nearly all of the girls enjoyed the swede and haggis especially. No bagpipes unfortunately, but we played some games with a Scottish theme after the girls helped peel the potatoes. We've had a Promise evening, talking about why we make promises and how we could do our best as we promise when we join Guiding. There should have been lots of tidy bedrooms that week.

We are looking forward to starting after the half-term break making a special surprise ready for Mother's Day and then we are going to celebrate Hina Matsuri, the Japanese Doll Festival. It's held on 3 March each year and is also known as Peach Blossom Day. For our festival the girls are going to bring a doll of their own for the place of honour on the stage instead of the traditional Emperor doll and his courtiers which are not readily available in Barford. As ever, food is involved and we will eat special cakes and assemble (smoked salmon) hamaguri sushi that has the symbolic clam shape (and looks quite easy - no rolling mats needed). We might even manage some origami; we'll let you know how it goes.

**Hazel Neal 337822**

### Deddington and District History Society

Our February speaker, Gareth Richard, devoted his talk to Victorian censuses and the uses to which they can be put in reconstructing past communities. The first census was commissioned in 1801 because the British government, faced with an all-conquering Napoleon Bonaparte preparing an invasion, had no accurate estimate of the size of the UK population and therefore of what size army would be available for the defence of these islands. Incidentally, the Ordnance Survey began work at the same time, beginning with a survey of the south coast because no-one really knew where to position most favourable defence forces. So, we had no accurate maps of the south coast and we didn't know how many troops would be required or even available to defend it. The tradition of muddling through is long if not very distinguished.

Over time censuses became more and more detailed, allowing us to some extent to reconstruct Victorian communities. Gareth went on to tell us what he had already discovered about Deddington (declining from net migration in the later 19th century, as many poor families sought opportunities in industrial centres here or in countries many thousands of miles

away to the west or the south). Gareth is continuing his research, and we hope to hear more in due course.

On 14 March we shall welcome Liz Woolley again. Liz, whose previous visits have been very successful indeed, has entitled her talk 'The night-time haven of the wandering tribes: the common lodging-house in Victorian England'.

On 11 April Muriel Pilkington will speak on 'The Mitfords in the Cotswolds'. As always, everyone is welcome to join us at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm.

**Chris Day (Chairman) 337204**

**Moiria Byast (Secretary) 338637**

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### First Team results:

14.01.12 Steeple Aston (a) (CUP) W 6-0 Carter (3), Thornton L (2), Kaye

21.01.12 Heyford Ath (a) L 1-4 Lewis

28.01.12 Highfield Old Boys (a) (CUP) L 5-4 Thornton L (4)

#### Reserve Team results:

21.01.12 Kings Sutton Res (h) W 1-0 Gibbs L

28.01.12 FC Langford (a) (CUP) W 4-2

Flemming J, Gibbs L, Gray, Moore

Cold blows the north wind, but strong stand the stalwarts. The adverse conditions have seen to February's matches thus far, but in January the first team fell into a proverbial snowdrift, crashing and burning after a convincing thrashing of local rivals Steeple Aston, led by a treble from David Carter. A resounding defeat to Heyford Athletic was followed by an agonising cup exit, despite Luc Thornton single-handedly fighting against the dying of the light.

The Reserves are still ticking along nicely, with Luke Gibbs continuing his hugely impressive scoring run. They sit level on points with table-topping Highfield Old Boys Reserves, though have played two more matches. With the weather clearing up, the home straight is about to be entered, and both teams will need your every lung spasm to coax their throbbing sinews on to victory, for glory never reveals its bounty to the meek. Also be sure to keep an intrepid ear out for the Late Night Large team from Deddington OnAir providing some live commentary at an upcoming fixture, soon to be announced. Finally, DTFC would like to pay tribute once again to their benevolent benefactor Richard Spencer, a local businessman and top friend who continues to bankroll their excessive kit requirements.

**Aaron Bliss 07909 642882**

Deddington Town FC are in the semi-final of the Coronation Cup v Bodicote on Wednesday 14 March at Banbury United Stadium, kick off 7.30pm. Last season the support for the two semi-finals was great from the locals and really lifted the team.

**Andy Morris, 1st Team Manager**

**07803 931126**



## ... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

### Mini Football

The Under 7s will be playing a few friendly matches in the coming weeks against local teams. The U8s showed their never-give-up attitude in the recent game against Hook Norton, coming from behind twice, and scoring in the final seconds to draw the game 2–2. The Under 9 Sharks continued their impressive form through January before the February frost started to bite and postpone games. They consolidated their third place position in the table with victories over the Under 9 Cobras 3–0, and sent the Brackley Town Saints marching out with a 9–0 defeat that included hat-tricks from Jamie Gardner (four) and Harvey Machin. The Under 9 Cobras had a heavy defeat to Middleton Cheney and defeat to the other Deddington team. The Under 10s had a narrow 3–2 defeat to Bure Park Rangers, but beat Carterton 3–2 the following week.

### Junior Football

The Under 11 Cobras are still struggling with a lack of a regular goalkeeper but at least keep scoring goals. The last performance against Brackley Town showed good signs of improvement so looking forward to a stronger finish to the season. The Under 11 Sharks had a convincing 4–0 win over Bicester Town Colts and a 2–1 Cup win over Brackley Town Saints to book a place in the quarter-finals. The Under 12s, with a team depleted by injuries had a heavy defeat at high-flying Highfield Juniors. They had a closer game against Kingham All Blacks trailing 1–0 at the break, and eventually going down 3–0 after two late counter attacks and fine goalkeeping from the Kingham goalkeeper. The Under 14s have won both their games in 2012. They won 2–0 away at Carterton. The following week they beat Tower Hill 3–0, who were above Deddington in the league. The highlight of this victory was a fantastic strike from Josh Gibbens to seal the victory. The U14s are pushing for the top two in the league and have a semi-final of the Oxfordshire County Cup against Bampton to look forward to. The Under 16s had a narrow 3–2 defeat to Harwell in the Cup, but had two victories to stand second in the league. The U17s still hold second place in their league. They have a tough couple of months ahead and hope for good weather to get the games in.

Players Wanted for 2012–13 Season:

The Under 12s are looking for experienced players to join the team next season (this will be for current year 7 pupils who go into year 8 in September). If you are interested then email me. The Under 13s are also looking for players to join their team (this will be for current years 8 pupils who go into year 9 in September). If you are interested then contact Pete Hickman on [hickmanpeter1@aol.com](mailto:hickmanpeter1@aol.com).

**Roger Sykes, Club Welfare and U12 Manager**  
[carsykes@btinternet.com](mailto:carsykes@btinternet.com)  
 337034 and 07899 914425

### Photographic Society

There was no formal presentation last month, due to an unfortunate error in the planned presenter's diary. As an alternative, there was a gentle critique of members' own photographs by one of our members, Simon Lutter, who also runs the Society's workshops, and which proved to be both informative and highly amusing. The next meeting of the Society is on 7 March when Terry Pollard ARPS DPAGB will give a presentation entitled 'South Sea adventure – the Milford Track'. Everyone is welcome to the meeting at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho.

**John Branton 01295 811071**  
[www.adandd.co.uk](http://www.adandd.co.uk)

### Deddington Tennis Club

There will be a Junior Tennis Camp, run by the club coaches, over the Easter holidays for children aged 3–5, 6–8, and 9–12 years. The courses will run each morning from Tuesday 10 to Friday 13 April. Children of any ability are welcome, with rackets provided. Full details on the club website [www.deddingtontennis.com](http://www.deddingtontennis.com).

**Steve Ashby**  
 01295 263855

### Book Club

At our last meeting we discussed *Letters from My Windmill* by Alphonse Daudet, a collection of 24 folk tales set mainly in Provence but with a few from Corsica, Algeria and the Camargue. The author was compared to Dickens in the nineteenth century but, with the exception of this book, his work has now been mainly forgotten. There was divided opinion over the stories, which are a mixed collection of humorous fables, stories of love and tragedy and the goings-on of local characters. The translation does justice to the tales and we would suggest that you try to get a copy containing some of the charming original illustrations.

The next book is *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens and the next meeting 29 March

**Sally Lambert**  
 338094

### Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The DOGS convened their Annual General Meeting at the Deddington Arms in January. All 20+ attendees were nicely turned out (for a change). Our Chief DOG called the meeting to order and quickly put down any uprisings before they got out of hand. Tony Lowe, DOGS Chairman, ran a tight ship and slickly demolished the agenda in record time – 28 minutes.

All matters having been successfully addressed, as in previous years, priority is minimum AGM and maximum doing what DOGS do best.

**David Darst**  
 338589

## ... AND FINALLY ...

### Deddington Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion was pleased to announce that, nationwide, in its 90th anniversary year it raised almost £90 million to enable it to continue caring for the armed forces community, especially to give life-long care to those who have given so much for their country. Deddington Branch is pleased to have been part of this success.

Our sister branch in Bloxham has asked us to bring to the notice of Deddingtonians that on Friday 9 March at 7.00pm they are hosting a poetry and prose evening with a military flavour at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall, Bloxham. All interested are welcome. Admission £5 including interval drink.

New membership leaflets have been received from Head Office. Anyone who would like a copy can obtain one by calling at the Club on the High Street on Friday evenings, or from noon on Saturdays or Sundays, or by telephone or email as below. Membership is open to all over the age of 17 at £16 per annum (pensioners £12), which includes membership of the Club. A service background is not needed to join.

**Jean Morris Branch Secretary**  
338143

[DeddingtonRBL@aol.com](mailto:DeddingtonRBL@aol.com)

### Deddington Youth Club

The Club has had a very successful autumn term with a huge variety of activities including pizza making, chocolate games, pool table competitions and face painting as well as the ever popular fox & hounds and ball sports.

Under the leadership of Hayley McDowell, the club members have managed to raise in excess of £500 – a great credit to all for organising and taking part in the events.

The AGM will take place at the Windmill Centre on Thursday 15 March at 7.00pm.

**Maureen Forsyth**  
**Acting Chairman**  
[maureenforsyth@googlemail.com](mailto:maureenforsyth@googlemail.com)

### Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

A new season of bowling will soon be here. Our first game is against the Banbury Borough Bowls Club on 1 May at home, 6.15pm start. You are welcome to come and have look at us (behind the Windmill Centre).

If you feel like having a go, we are offering free membership for this year. Come along on your own or with friends. If you are interested and you would like to have a try, please contact one of the following:

**Chris/Yvonne Twomey 337213**  
**Ted Davies 338710**  
**Pat Clements 338710**

### Warriner School

On 26 January school performance tables were published showing the achievement and progress of pupils at the end of KS4. I am delighted to report that not only do we continue to exceed the national average (58.9% A\*-C with English and maths) but our achievement of 67% is our highest for a number of years (64% in 2008 and 2009, 62% in 2010). We would not achieve this level of success if it was not for the outstanding efforts of staff and students and I would like to take this opportunity to formally congratulate them all.

BBC Radio Oxford spent a morning with us in the middle of the term to talk to students and staff about our collapsed curricular days. Live interviews were broadcast every half hour and this was a wonderful opportunity to promote the great things staff and students get up to on these days. More recently Lottie Keys was called on to give an interview outlining all the things we are planning during this Olympic year.

Preparations for our Open Farm Weekend 28 and 29 April are well underway. This takes place from 10.00am to 4.30pm. Those of you who have been before know what a great day out this is so please put the date in your diary as you will not want to miss out.

**Dr A Kay, Headteacher**  
01295 720777



## AN EVENING WITH YOUR MP

North Oxfordshire Conservative Association  
Deddington and the Barfords branch

Friday 23 March, 6.30–8.30pm  
The Lounge, Windmill Centre, Deddington

### A chance to meet and quiz Tony Baldry MP

An informal evening with Q&A session

Please feel free to turn up on the night, but if you could indicate your attendance in advance this would help with our arrangements

ALL WELCOME  
For more information please contact Eileen Anderson  
[eileenandersonuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eileenandersonuk@yahoo.co.uk)  
or phone 01869 338325

## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Let me start straight away by making a groveling apology. Like Hillary Clinton, last month I mis-spoke to my long-suffering secretary when I said Gilly's wife was of Banburyshire stock. Well as anybody who has had the pleasure of meeting Dee Dee knows she's most definitely Scottish, and from the Borders at that. I'm not a chap to blame my staff so Dee Dee – I'm really sorry.

Apart from the sporting triumphs we are all anticipating, it's been a huge month for welcomes. In no particular order we have Julian and Janet who have moved into our midst from far away Surrey, Chris and Susannah who hark from 'the Smoke' as the pearly Kings and Queens would have it with Bella, five (happy birthday!) and Oscar three, and finally Steven, Leona and seven month old Henry, plus Mr Chew the dog. Steven further increases our doctor count to four working in one of our local hospitals, having arrived here from his native Barbados – Leona really is a Banburyshire lass.

Tallulah has also joined our happy band in Clifton as she joins Tim and Lucy's household. She is however not a future pupil at Deddington Primary School but a Tibetan terrier (a breed perhaps better known as Pippin in the children's TV programme *Come Outside* with Auntie Mabel). Of course Clifton is a Mecca for dogs hoping to catch a glimpse of major TV stars past and present. We have long enjoyed seeing Eastenders'

Wellard being walked by Jill and now rejoice in the sight of Ripley, star of *Midsomer Murders*, the *Alan Titchmarsh Show* and now the well-known spectacle advert. Especially rewarding is the fact that this mastiff cross is a rescue dog and Jill's skill and patience has enabled Ripley to reach his (her?) full potential. Mmmmm dog or bitch – I feel another apology coming on ...

And finally the sporting triumphs we can all expect as the Duck fields an Aunt Sally team for the upcoming season. I am proud to announce that all of the Book Club have added their names to the 'volunteers' on the pub payroll to make a truly formidable team. Actually when I say *all* of the Book Club have signed up, John 'the Sicilian' Cat is currently under contract to a Candleford mob, but we're hoping for a Bosnan ruling any day soon. I can tell you this team has assets that in my many hours of watching this noble sport other teams cannot match – but more of that later. Anyone else interested should sign up at the pub asap – the more the merrier.

One last thing. Cllr Collins has told me that the PC are very happy for people to clear their highways of snow using the council supplied rock salt but he points out that they shouldn't use it on their drives and that 10 grams (an egg-cup full) will cover one square metre. You don't need a whole wheelbarrow (or two Ron!).

**Martin Bryce**

[martindnbryce@aol.com](mailto:martindnbryce@aol.com)

## WEEKLY DIARY

Mon: Music for the under-fives, 2pm, Windmill Centre  
 Mon: Homework Club, Parish Church, 3.30–5.00pm  
 Mon: Brownies, Windmill Centre, 6.00–7.30pm  
 Mon: Youth Club, Windmill Centre, 7.00–9.00pm  
 Mon: Bellringing Practice, Parish Church, 7.30pm  
 Tues: Craft Group, Holly Tree, 2.00–4.30pm  
 Tues: Tennis Club, Windmill Centre, 10.00am  
 Tues: Internet Café, Parish Church, 2.00–5.00pm  
 Tues: Deddington Guides, Windmill Centre, 7.00–9.00pm  
 Tues: Badminton Club, Seniors, Windmill Centre, 7.00–10.00pm  
 Tues: Deddington Youth Group, Parish Church, 7.00–8.30pm  
 Alt Tues: Hempton Ladies, St John's Hall, 2.00–4.00pm  
 Wed term time:  
     Caterpillar Music for babies and toddlers, Windmill Centre, 10.00am  
 Alt Wed:  
     Friendship Club, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm  
 Wed: Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys, Windmill Centre, 5.00pm

Wed: Boys' Brigade Juniors, Windmill Centre, 5.45pm  
 Wed: Boys' Brigade Company, Parish Church, 7.00pm  
 Thu: Life and Portrait Art Group, Holly Tree, 10.00am–1.30 & 2.30–4.00pm  
 Thu: 1st Deddington Cubs, Windmill Centre, 6.00–7.30pm  
 Thu: 1st Deddington Scouts, Windmill Centre, 7.30–9.00pm  
 Fri: Coffee Morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10.00am–noon  
 Fri: Babies and Toddlers' Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30–11.00am  
 Fri: Katharine House Coffee Morning, Parish Church, 10.00am–noon  
 Fri: Solemates Footcare, Parish Church, 10.00am–noon  
 Fri: Deddington Friendly Bridge Club, Holly Tree, 2.00–5.00pm  
 Fri: Internet Café, Parish Church, 2.00–5.00pm  
 Fri: Deddington Church Choir Practice, 7.45pm



## DN Progress?

As the more observant of you will have noticed, we welcome a new member to our team: Nicholas Boisset, who has recently moved to Deddington. He has valiantly agreed to take over John Sansome's management of the annual adverts. I hope he enjoys his time providing invaluable support to us.

However, sadly, following the October 2012 issue which she will edit, Mary Robinson has decided to bow out from joint editorship. Mary has been the driving force behind the improved layout and look of *DN* and we shall miss her considerable input. She will continue to look after our website – and I'm sure I shall hear from her if I don't keep up to speed with the finished article. So, we're now looking for someone to step into her shoes: the main tasks are to edit three or four issues over the year and to help with proof-reading each month.

The collating team with Pat Brittain at the helm will be strutting their stuff at a new time from 10.00am to 1.00pm, usually on the last Wednesday in the month. As a result of the new timing, one of our most reliable supporters, Alison Brice, will no longer be able to assist the collating team. She has been involved in this voluntary job since 1991. Many thanks Alison. It's people like you who keep *DN* going. So Pat is looking for a few more volunteers. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided! Please contact Pat on 338685 if you can help.

If there is anyone out there who would be interested in discussing the role of joint editorship, I would be pleased to discuss this in further detail. Please contact me on [editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk](mailto:editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk) or 338609.

**Jill Cheeseman**

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### April

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| Mon | 2  | Monday Morning Club: coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon                                      |
| Wed | 4  | Photographic Society: AGM and 'Creative Photography' by Don Byatt, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.15pm |
| Thu | 5  | Children's activities: Parish Church, 10.00am–12.30pm                                              |
| Tue | 10 | WI: Life of a Studio Potter, Penny Varley, Holly Tree, 7.30pm                                      |
| Wed | 11 | History Society, 'The Mitfords in the Cotswolds', Muriel Pilkington, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm       |
| Thu | 12 | Dementia Awareness Course, Parish Church Living room, 7.00–9.30pm                                  |
| Wed | 18 | Parish Council Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm                                                    |
| Thu | 19 | The History of Christianity in Fifteen Objects, Xenia Dennen, Parish Church, 7.30pm                |
| Sat | 21 | The Vivaldi Singers, Parish Church, 7.30pm                                                         |
| Sat | 28 | Deddington Farmers' Market, 9.00am–12.30pm                                                         |
| Sat | 28 | Piano recital, Parish Church, 7.30pm                                                               |

## THE LAST WORD

### Lilian Curnew 1916–2012

Lilian grew up in London and trained as a milliner where her artistic flair was put to good use in making some of the elaborate headwear that was fashionable at the time. Here too she met the love of her life, Ron Curnew, and in due course they moved to Lacey Green, where they started a family and where Lilian threw herself with characteristic gusto into village life, especially Women's Institute and Church. She was to be found wherever there was activity that involved cooking, flower arranging, young people or welcoming newcomers to village and Church. She never really recovered from the blow of Ron's death in 1987 and eventually took the bold step of moving to Deddington to be nearer her family. Here in 2007 she burst onto the Deddington scene with all her characteristic zest for life, her interest in people and seemingly tireless energy. Impossible to overlook, Lilian brought colour, light and fun to countless lives. May she rest in peace.

**HPM**

### Margaret Faulks 1905–2012

Margaret Christian Williams was born in August 1905 to a Scottish mother and a Welsh father. She grew up in Cardiff with two older brothers and two younger sisters. Her long and devoted married life with Ray Faulks began in 1931. After a period at Radyr, they moved back to Ray's family home and raised their own family of five daughters. Margaret, with much hard work, managed the large house and the garden where the girls would climb the trees, grow fruit and vegetables, and enjoy tea and croquet on the lawn. Here too, all five wedding receptions were held.

Margaret loved music; she grew up in a family where they gathered around the piano with their voices and various instruments. She played the piano herself and studied singing as a young woman; in later years she ran a small choir for the Townswomen's Guild.

After retirement Margaret and Ray moved to a hamlet near Monmouth. Margaret took up painting, with the views around her home her inspiration. She even attended art classes at the age of 89 after Ray died. She had an inquiring mind and was determined to stay interested in the world around her and to keep learning.

Eventually Margaret moved to a residential home near Chichester and later to Featherton House in Deddington, where for ten years she was a central, benign and greatly-appreciated presence.

Margaret would repeatedly say that she had had a wonderful life. At the centre of it was her family. Besides husband and daughters (one of whom died young), she had 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren, and always delighted in hearing about the achievements and exploits of each. True to her strong Christian faith, she was very loving and respected all people and in return she received great love and affection.

**HW**