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# the Deddington news

All kinds of news has piled up since we were last in print so I hope there is something for everyone here. As ever, more volunteers are needed, see p3 (Daeda's Wood), p4 (School), p12 (Church flowers), p14 (Deddington Brass), p15 (Cricket Club), and last but by no means least p18 (Deddington News). So, if you were thinking of committing yourself just a little more to our fantastic community, let us know. **JC**

## FEBRUARY

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| Mon | 3  | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am   |
| Tue | 4  | Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2.00pm  |
| Wed | 5  | Photo Society: Peter Sheasby, 'Wildflower Photography', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm                    |
| Fri | 7  | Hempton Social Night: Hempton Church Hall, 6.30pm  |
| Sat | 8  | RBL: Cash Prize Bingo, RBL Hall, Deddington, 8.00pm  |
| Sun | 9  | Photo Society: Annual Club Dinner, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.00pm   |
| Tue | 11 | WI: Moira Byast, 'The History of St Valentine', Holly Tree, 7.30pm   |
| Wed | 12 | History Society: Anthony Houghton Brown, 'The Mysterious Location of Justly Hill', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 13 | Monday Morning Film Club: Film tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm   |
| Sat | 15 | RBL: Live Music, RBL Hall, Deddington, 9.00pm  |
| Wed | 19 | Parish Council Meeting: Holly Tree, 7.30pm   |
| Wed | 19 | Photo Society: Workshop, 'Painting with Light', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm                            |
| Sat | 22 | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9am–12.30pm   |
| Wed | 26 | DN Collating: Windmill Centre (upstairs), 10.00am  |
| Thu | 27 | Book Club: please call 338094 for information, 7.30pm  |

## MARCH

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| Sat | 1  | RBL: Skittles, RBL Hall, 9.00pm  |
| Sat | 1  | PFSU and Nursery: Jumble Sale, Windmill Centre, 11.00am–1.00pm                           |
| Mon | 3  | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am                                 |
| Tue | 4  | Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2.00pm  |
| Wed | 5  | Photo Society: Chris Palmer, 'The Prints and The Paper', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 7  | Hempton Social Night: Hempton Church Hall, 6.30pm  |
| Tue | 11 | WI: AGM followed by Cheese & Wine, Holly Tree, 7.30pm                                    |
| Wed | 12 | History Society: Shaun Morley, 'Oxfordshire Swing Riots', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm        |
| Thu | 13 | Monday Morning Film Club: Film tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm                                   |
| Fri | 14 | Concert: 'Rhythm is Life' (choral), Parish Church, 7.30pm                                |
| Wed | 19 | Parish Council Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm  |

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### 16 December at the Holly Tree Club

OCC has extended the consultation period for changes to their home to school transport policy until 14 January 2015. The consultation document is available on OCC's website and comments should be sent direct to OCC at [transport.consultation@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:transport.consultation@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

Friends of Castle Grounds expressed their concern about the proposed Banner Homes development on Clifton Road, in particular its 50-space car park and changing-rooms. They understand the planning application is imminent and urged the PC to ensure parishioners are asked for their views as they do not believe there is support for the plans.

**FGP:** PC spending for the year is on budget but a fall in interest rates means reduced income so the PC is reviewing their investments and future expenditure.

**E & R:** The PC is already looking at alternative ways to light next year's Christmas tree.

**Highways and transport:** OCC have checked and approved the timing of traffic lights within the village. A formal consultation on disabled bays has concluded that there is to be no change in their locations.

Following damage to the village greens by inconsiderate parking and manoeuvring of vehicles, various options are being considered including pillars, alternative kerb-stones or changing the green shape. The OCC and PC would appreciate photos of any vehicles damaging the verges to enable them to pursue the relevant insurance companies for help for repairs. Double yellow lines outside the nursery on Hempton Road are being considered as the junction from the Windmill Centre is becoming more dangerous due to car parking along the road.

#### Planning:

**Applications:** No objection to a rear extension at Copperfields, St Thomas Street, but concerns of any neighbouring properties should be given weight in the planning decision. No objection was raised to a rear extension at The Cottage, Earl's Lane. There were also applications for various tree works.

**Objections:** Change of use of barn to offices on the north east of Little House, Clifton Road, on the grounds of its impact on the open countryside, its distance from the road and possible increased traffic movements.

**Approvals:** Various applications for tree works. The side extension to the Mallards, New Street, was approved despite the PC objection and they are requesting more details. Also approved was a side extension at 26 St John's Way, Hempton.

**Neighbourhood planning group:** Pegasus' appeal against the refused planning application was successful. They are able to go ahead subject to satisfying a number of conditions, particularly relating to drainage and sewerage, landscaping and the highways. The PC will be writing to the CDC to emphasise this is going ahead against their recommendations.

The Neighbourhood Plan has reached its first formal stage so is progressing well.

**Emergency plan:** The emergency and winter plan leaflets are being distributed. There has been a good response to the request for snow wardens, with 24 volunteers already. The appropriate buckets, snow shovels and trowels have been purchased and all grit bins are now full including the new one in Hempton.

The PC continues to look into possible paths and arrangements for the area of the war memorial and are contesting proposed threats to reduce the police manning levels for the village.

*Gemma Nicholls*

### 15 January at the Windmill Centre

**Highways and Transport:** It has been proposed that the apex of the smaller village green opposite Otters and Foodies should be reduced and re-surfaced with tarmac in order to improve access for delivery lorries to the Co-op to prevent further damage to the kerb and grass. Regret was again expressed that inconsiderate motorists continue to encroach on the greens, causing unsightly and expensive damage. (Reporter's note: this is not confined to the Market Place – bus passengers in New Street often have to negotiate slippery mud when getting on and off the bus.)

**Hempton gates** are being chased!

**Planning:** The appeal against the Pegasus development north of Deddington was rejected because CDC (in common with almost 50% of local councils nationally) did not have their Local Development Plan ready in time. Our district councillor explained that the plan had taken twelve months longer to prepare than expected, largely because central government kept introducing changes to its structure. The completed plan will be presented to the Secretary of State on 24 January. It was noted with appreciation that our local MP made vigorous representations in Parliament on behalf of his constituency. The Deddington working group will continue to monitor the progress of the development site.

**Emergency Planning:** Two more volunteer snow wardens have come forward.

**FGP:** It was agreed that the parish precept will remain at 0% for the fourth year running.

**E & R:** Noticeboards throughout the Parish have been repaired and stained.

Further damage has occurred at the all-weather court, including welded bars being prised open to gain access. It should be noted that offenders will be prosecuted if they are caught.

**BT fibre optic:** Customers are urged to contact their supplier if their telephones do not work during power cuts. The PC is writing to the electricity supplier requesting an explanation for the frequency of recent power outages in the Parish.

**PTA Fun Run:** A proposed Fun Run on Sun 18 May starting and ending at the Castle Grounds was received with enthusiasm. Funds raised will be divided between the PFSU and the Fire Brigade.

**Next PC meeting: 7.30 Wed 19 Feb Holly Tree Club**

## FARMERS' MARKET

### Changes and Improvements

The Christmas Market pig roast was such a success that it will be returning in future markets – but possibly not as early as February. Having seating and being able to order food from a local hostelry also proved very popular at Christmas and will be returning to this market. So you'll be able to breakfast before you shop.

Most of the market news is about the future. The Management Group is hoping to start alternate themed markets. These would not be about selling but about informing and advising market visitors. So far they are investigating a police stand offering free security marking for your tack, and security advice. Other suggestions include the local vets teaching first aid for your pets and offering a weigh-in, cookery demonstrations, photography, massage and much more. If you have an idea or suggestion, feel free to use the email contact below.

The Management Group is also on the lookout for local musicians who might want to play at the market, and for a volunteer treasurer. Again, the email contact is at the bottom of this article.

It seems that many market shoppers don't realise that the stalls in the Market Place are only part of the market. A stroll over to the church will reveal a panoply of unexpected delights – a wide range of stalls selling everything from silk flowers to useful wooden items, plus the welcome opportunity to sit down with a cup

of tea and a biscuit in the warm and dry.

Finally, don't forget to check out the specials board at every market. There's always a selection of bargains to tempt you – and it saves you having to carefully investigate each and every stall (though that may be part of the pleasure of market shopping).

For more up to date news about the coming market (apart from the specials board which really is last minute) you can listen to the market preview available one week ahead of market day on the parish radio station, Deddington OnAir ([www.deddingtononair.org](http://www.deddingtononair.org)) and on the market website ([www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk)). Radio Oxford now carries a regular market preview every market morning. Or you could just get yourself on the email list for a personal update (and a chance to win a voucher to spend at the market) by emailing a request to [marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk](mailto:marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk). The next market is on Saturday 22 February. Good shopping!

**Ian Willox 337940**

### Friends of Daeda's Wood

In December a few of us met the Woodland Trust Officer, Paul, who advises the Friends of Daeda's Wood on various management tasks. We have drawn up a schedule of dates for work parties and would like to invite newcomers to join us.

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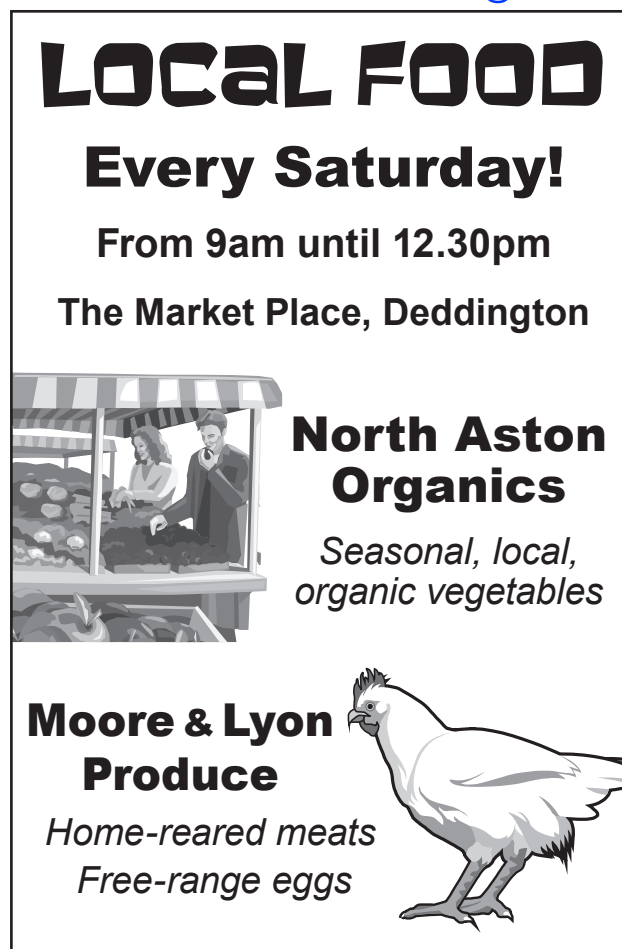
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## LOCAL FOOD

### Every Saturday!

**From 9am until 12.30pm**

**The Market Place, Deddington**

**North Aston Organics**  
*Seasonal, local, organic vegetables*

**Moore & Lyon Produce**  
*Home-reared meats*  
*Free-range eggs*



## PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we enter 2014 I think most of us at school are looking forward to another busy term which may be nearly as hectic as December.

During December our School Council decided to raise money with a non-uniform day for victims of the typhoon in the Philippines, while children in Year 4 held a raffle with some lovely Christmas chocolates and biscuits as prizes, which had very kindly been donated by the Co-op in Deddington. As a school we raised £308.60 which we have sent to the charity Shelterbox. Three Year 6 children, Laura Burland, Olivia Shepherd and Imogen Mason, wanted to raise money for Children In Need with a sponsored silence and came to school wearing their pyjamas. They raised over £100.

This term is also going to be busy due mainly to lots of children rehearsing for our school production which will be taking place over three nights in March. We are very proud of our productions and this year we are putting on a version of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* – as always it will be all singing and all dancing.

Hopefully the weather will be kind and any snow will cause minimum disruption.

**Jane Cross, Deputy Head**  
338430

## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The sea front has continued to be picturesque (especially in the moonlight) but our hearts go out to the farmers affected, especially Uncle George with his much appreciated clarification on the fabulous Mrs Fox. I'm afraid I keep 'gentlemen's hours' and have never actually see the beast, but I'm grateful for those that have.

We have welcomed Patty into the throng as she follows a long line of Candleford defectors looking for an idyllic life down here in the borders. She comes with Layla and Archie (flat coated retrievers) and a cat that are now part of the Walnut Close massif.

The traditional Larkrise to Candleford Christmas beano passed off rather more quietly than usual this year but, despite the British Legion being missed off the roster, a new system of 'house calls' was trialled by Kevin and Neil spreading messages of goodwill, with mixed results.

In a throng of 5–2ers, dry Januaryers and all the other fads designed to assuage our guilt on the seasonal excesses, there is burning trepidation on Steve's impending stag weekend in Cardiff and could the post-50 posse possibly keep up. Some have already folded and claimed wives' birthdays are more important but the rest are wondering what type of training is required to weather the storm. A significant part of the recovery might be the Four Farms Fun Run being planned by many for May and including a significant Clifton cadre, but I'll leave the details to a more significant tribune.

**Martin Bryce**  
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## Want to be a Governor at Deddington Primary School?

What do the governors do? It's a good question. In a nutshell, we are responsible for holding the school to account to deliver the best education possible for the children of Deddington and surrounding area. There are many ways that we do this. As we are all volunteers, the best way for us to operate is to have people of varied backgrounds with different areas of expertise so that we can all play to our strengths. I'm not going to lie and say there is no time commitment; all of the governors are very busy people, but I believe if you want a job doing you give it to a busy person. I also believe lots of busy people working together can share the load. It is very rewarding when you see the impact of the governors' work and it is also a fantastic way to really understand the school and the broader context in which our children are learning and growing up.

At the moment, we have two vacancies on the governing body. One of our parent governors is standing down, for which there will be an election, and we also have a vacancy for a Foundation governor appointed by the Barford Parochial Church Council. Do you think you can offer something we might need? We are looking for people who care about improving the quality of education, who can bring some specialism to the governing body, and who have some time to give.

We are also recruiting a clerk. The clerk to the governors is a paid role. You would need to be very organised, prepared to learn about the laws surrounding governance if you have never clerked before, have time to support governors by taking minutes at meetings and providing effective administrative support through the year. Email is essential, good computer skills are recommended, and strong organisational skills are a prerequisite. You can also take professional qualifications in clerking if you wanted to turn it into a career.

If you think you might be interested in being a governor or applying for the clerk's position and would like more information, please contact me. You could also have a look at this website for some background. <http://www.nga.org.uk/About-Us/Be-a-Governor.aspx>. This could be your opportunity to make a real difference to our school.

**Becky Jones, Vice Chair of Governors**  
[becky@englishlanguagematters.com](mailto:becky@englishlanguagematters.com)

## WINDMILL BOOKING SECRETARY

From Tuesday 14 January the role of booking secretary for the Windmill Centre is being taken over by Caroline Tindale. The email address ([dedwmcc@gmail.com](mailto:dedwmcc@gmail.com)) and the mobile number for the Windmill (07720 834006) will not be changed, so the only difference in contact details is the address if you need to visit to collect keys etc. Caroline will be contacting regular users.

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### February

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Sun	2	10.30am	First Sunday
		6.30pm	Sung Eucharist
Mon	3	6.30pm	Eucharist: St Anskar
Wed	5	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	6	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	9	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	12	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	13	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sat	15	10.00am	Eucharist: St Sigfrid
Sun	16	10.30am	Eucharist
Wed	19	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	20	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	23	9.30am	Eucharist followed by
		10.20am	Interactive café church
Wed	26	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	27	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), 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  
23 Feb Wendy Manley

#### RC Parish of Hethe

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Wed 7.00pm, Sun at 10.00am.  
Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00pm. 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.

#### Deddington Players

As I write, we are one show into our four-performance run of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. It is amazing how it all comes together and we hope you enjoyed it if you came along. If you didn't, you missed a treat.

Our cast was brilliant, willing to dress up in silly costumes and make fools of themselves. Behind the scenes a lot of people were furiously paddling to keep the show together, not least our talented costume team who were still sewing minutes before the curtain opened, the backstage crew with some speedy scene changing, our runner who ensured everyone was in the right place, and our pianist, sound and lighting team, and prompt attempting to keep up with the cast.

We rely on many people to get a show together; choreographers, singing coaches, scene painters, front of house team, make-up team, people who loan us props, ticket sellers and many more. Over 70 people were named in the programme and plenty of others have helped in many ways, so thank you all. If you have been inspired to get involved next year then please give me a call. **Lucy Squires 338442**

#### St John's, Hempton

Sun	2	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	16	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	23	6.00pm	Evensong

#### Barford St Michael

Sun	2	10.30am	Eucharist
Sun	9	10.30am	Family Service
Sun	16	10.30am	Morning Service
Sun	23	4.00pm	Evensong

#### From the Parish Registers

*Service of Thanksgiving and Interment of Ashes*

9 December Arthur Kennedy

*Funeral*

11 December Keith Anderson

*Service of Thanksgiving*

12 December Kristin Thompson

*Baptism*

19 January Katie Mai O'Hanlon

Information on the meetings of other faith groups can be found at

<http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/church/otherfaithsandbeliefs>.

**Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

**Fr John Burns 277396**

**Parish Deacon Rev R Hughes 01295 720869**

#### Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

We had a lovely Christmas, full of parties and glitter. The younger children enjoyed another interactive performance of *Journey to Bethlehem*. The Nursery rooms were transformed into a meadow, the Fox Inn, a nomad's tent and even Heaven, and in the garden the children followed a star along a pathway which led to a nativity tableau. They had learned the story of *The Little Donkey* which they recited together and afterwards sang Christmas songs. Meanwhile the PFSU children joined with the Reception class for *Prickly Hay* in the Church. The children sang and danced brilliantly. We'd like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas events. The Christmas Fayre and Pamper Night was a big success with almost £1,500 raised. Thank you to everyone who helped: Deddington Church, Deddington Brass, the Co-Op for our mince pie voucher and Hamptons for their wine donation, and to everyone who came. Our next fund-raising event will be a jumble sale on Saturday 1 March. Start clearing those cupboards now and watch this space for more information. Happy New Year. **Lucy Squires 337484**

## On George's Farm



Well, there she blows – the winter monsoon that is – although there seems to be enough water in the Clifton Sea to float a whale. After a mad dash over the Christmas period, the refurbishment of the sheep buildings was completed by the new year, and the old dears were finally brought inside. By the time this hits the

doormat the Cotswolds will be on with the job, with the main flock coming down in February and March, so we are in for a busy time but it will give a proper start to the farming year.

Although I have said this many times before, it's nice to have the ewe flock back inside where they are safe from the ravages of the winter weather. I take a great deal of pleasure in walking around the sheep buildings before turning in for the night as I am always greeted by familiar faces wanting a word and a head scratched. I have been involved all my life with sheep, both as a shepherd and as a 'flock master'. Over 50 years ago I was given sole charge of a flock of 150 ewes and left to it at the tender age of 16. The flock was lambed outside in late March with just a few chestnut hurdles and straw bales in the corner of the field. By the age of 20 I was managing a flock of 800 ewes. In March 1974 I took the tenancy of Home Farm, Clifton, and had my own flock of 250 ewes.

My first lambing season as a 'flock master' was in 1975 and we lambed 'out'. Home Farm is best described as a 'wet farm' and we had some very difficult weather conditions, with heavy snow in late March and Clifton's fantastic Mr and Mrs Fox had a field day, taking 74 lambs that I know of. Just how many lambs were actually taken I shall never know, because that year we had a high number of singles that were picked up in the morning, but could well have been dropped as doubles during the night. The next season the lambing flock was brought into floodlit straw yards at night and had 24/7 cover. This reduced the predation but did not stop it. At least with the flood-lighting I could hit back and did so with a vengeance. As the farm expanded to incorporate Apletree and Manor Farms, we were able to put up purpose-built buildings for the sheep with no ewes and lambs going 'out' until they were strong enough to fend for themselves, but even now the grass paddocks are still floodlit and are a very unhealthy place to be seen if you are not of the ovine gender.

The very wet and mild weather of late has turned old Mother Nature on her head and a cold snap will have devastating effects on both the farm crops and the wildlife and plants. The Clifton Sea has been on its high tide mark for many weeks now and will be so well into the spring as the stored water from the Banbury flood defence scheme is let down. In the next few

weeks the curlews will return to the valley to prospect their nesting sites, but with the flood waters at their present levels these birds will once again be forced to move on and, again, the annual RSPB bird count will record no breeding curlew in this section of the river valley. As usual, this will be attributed to modern agricultural practice, with little or no mention of the devastating effects that the management of the new flood defence scheme by the CDC and the so-called Environment Agency has had on the ecology of the Cherwell flood plain. The fact is that the management of these river valley water meadows for seasonal live-stock grazing has changed little in the last thousand years. In March of this year we will have been farming Home Farm for the past 40 years. The then Thames Conservancy which became the River Authority and then the Environment Agency dredged the river from bank to bank in 1975. It has not been touched since and is now little more than a neglected ditch, but it's not all down to the government's environmental quango, as the Green Taliban and their environmental protection mantra have had a big hand in the devastating effects of the flooding that we are now seeing.

The annual gaseous emissions from the Oxford Farming Conference concluded that British farming was in need of some reconfiguration and should make better use of our water resources in the light of the predicted effects of climate change. Perhaps they have a point as most of the water swilling through the farm at present will end up out at sea. Perhaps it really is time for a rethink on the management of the river valley by digging out the sand and gravel which is under the Clifton Sea and filling the resultant hole with the excess water from the local flood defence scheme which then could be used as a boating and fishing lake to entertain the advancing hordes of urban migrants - something that would pay far better than trying to graze livestock and I would not be out at all hours, looking through a night sight, something that would make the foxy huggers very happy. So a win-win situation all around, ho hum.

**George Fenimore 338203**

## Community Concert 2014

Yes, there is to be another Community Concert this year which will be *Remembering the First World War*. It is on Saturday 21 June in the Parish Church and will be the penultimate event in the Deddington Festival.

The programme will consist of war poems, conversations about the war, popular trench songs and a selection of Music Hall songs of the time. There will be lots of audience participation as well.

We need people for men's and women's choruses for these songs so, please, if you would like to be part of it, even if you don't think you can sing well, let me know. There will, of necessity, be a few rehearsals and the dress rehearsal is on Thursday June 19 at 6.30pm.

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## The Taste Buddies Eat at the Three Pigeons

Once again Tastebuddies have visited another venue for lunch within a 10 mile radius of Deddington. We felt that we should try somewhere in Banbury.

### Where?

The Three Pigeons Inn, 3 Southam Road, Banbury. tel 01295 275220

This 16th century inn was taken over and tastefully refurbished just over a year ago. The outside seating area is also nicely done for warmer days.

**Food served:** Mon-Thu 12.00-3.00pm and 6.00pm-9.00pm.

Fri and Sat 12.00-3.00pm and 6.00pm to 9.30pm.

Sun 12.00-3.00pm.

### Average cost for à la carte menu:

Starters £4.00-£10; Mains £12.00-£20.00; Desserts £5.50-£9.00

A prix fixe menu and a gourmet lunch menu are also available at a lesser cost.

### Were they pleased to see you?

We were welcomed on arrival and the service was good throughout. You need to book for the à la carte menu at lunchtime. We were impressed by the quality and choices on this menu available each day except Sunday when traditional joints and specials are served.

### Was the cooking good?

We could not fault the meals we sampled. The choices



were all tempting. For starters, the pan fried pigeon breasts were beautifully cooked and served on radicchio lettuce, with bread pudding and homemade cranberry sauce, while the scallops were perfect with almond and juniper sauce. These were just two of the super selection to get the taste buds popping. Other starters were ham soup, duck roulade, steak tartare and deep fried

brie.

Amongst the tempting main courses was a slow cooked pork shoulder with apple mashed potatoes, vegetables and onion gravy. Also available were venison fillet and ribeye steaks, guinea fowl, salmon fishcakes and brie tartlet. The chicken breasts were stuffed with pork mince and leeks and wrapped in smoky bacon with mash and white wine and leek puree - lovely.

If you still have room, try the chocolate bread and butter pudding with ice cream, just one of six desserts which included star anise crème brûlée. There was a good choice of wine by both bottle and glass.

The position of the Inn by a busy crossroad wasn't a problem.

### Value for money?

Lovely food, so yes.

**Would we go again?** Yes. A country pub feel in town.

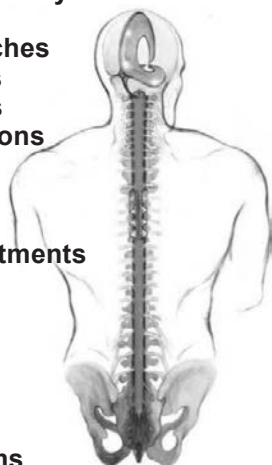
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## WELL REMEMBERED

### Kristin Thompson 1934–2013

Kristin Thompson, ex-editor of the *Deddington News*, died calmly on 3 December 2013, aged 79, after a year-long battle with cancer.

Kristin grew up in Suffolk and, aged 19, was awarded an Open Scholarship to Oxford to read English, where she met her future husband. She abandoned her English degree mid-course to read Philosophy at King's College London. Graduation, marriage, three children, and an international peripatetic life followed, leading her to New York, Bangkok, and twenty-two years in Geneva.

In Bangkok, she taught English, dramatised well-known English classics for Thai Educational Broadcasting, and tutored Prince Siri, the King of Thailand's nephew. In Geneva, she again taught English and worked in the American Library, ending up as Head Librarian. It was here that she developed a friendship with Jean Flux, a volunteer librarian. The Fluxes retired to Deddington and, searching for a thriving, welcoming community in England, Kristin followed in the mid-90s.

Kristin was an influential Deddingtonian, serving the community with energy, flair and intelligence. As well as editing the *Deddington News* for over four years, she was a Friend of organisations such as Daeda's Wood, the Library, and the Deddington Festival, insti-



gating the Festival's Writing Competition, now in its ninth year. She started the very successful Deddington Writers' Group, winning prizes with her short stories, and belonged to the play-reading group. She was a member of the Parochial Church Council, Events Coordinator, and volunteered at Katharine House, Featherton House, and the Primary School, helping with the school's reading programme.

She was a proud allotment holder, and kept butterfly and flower records for public wildlife surveys. As a member of the Deddington History Society, she researched and wrote a history of Deddington Town Hall and the Almshouses, all the while taking English Literature courses at Oxford University's Department of Continuing Education.

Her memorial service at the Church of St Peter and St Paul on 12 December was attended by her children, grandchildren, and over a hundred guests, a fitting tribute to the love, friendship and respect she inspired. She will be very sadly missed.

**Daniel, Matthew and Charis Thompson**

### Keith Anderson 1941–2013

Keith was born in Coventry in 1941, the second child of an engineer (his older sister, Marlene, survives him), but the evacuation of the family to Bradford during the bombing of his place of birth meant that he would always think of himself proudly as a Yorkshireman; even before he arrived in that county he had started to develop those characteristic Yorkshire traits, inner strength, determination, grit – as, born three months premature, he had to, if he was to survive.

He attended St Bede's Grammar School where his passion for team sports grew. This was to be a dominant feature of the rest of Keith's life. In his earlier days he played football (which he was not far off embarking on as a career), cricket and latterly bowls for Deddington, where he and Anne, whom he married in 1963, moved seven years ago. He was an avid spectator of rugby games in which his sons John and James and then grandson Jake were involved; he was a red-coated 'legend' at Banbury Rugby Club and a particular encouragement to the teams of which Jake was a member. The love of team, as opposed to individual, sport was bound up with his valuing of other people; and that came through in his working life where his interest in his customers was real, so that not only did goods change hands, but also real relationships were created.

Keith won the respect, trust and affection of many in whatever sphere he met them through his reliability, friendliness, kindness, his cheerfulness and humour, his capacity to encourage and affirm and to offer wise advice. Enjoying the company of others in general, Keith was happiest of all in the company of his family. A fine man, greatly loved and greatly missed.

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## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Once again we had a great bazaar at the church and hall in early December. Many thanks to everyone who helped and to those who came and made it a happy family occasion. A total of approximately £1,425 was raised which will go to the ongoing running of the building. More work needs to be done, including a re-vamp of the hall, new railings at the front, and the decorated ceiling in the chancel of the church.

Another joyous time was the Christmas Carol Service which was well attended with 73 in the congregation including several children. Everyone enjoyed taking part and listening to the Deddington Church Choir who were once again in good voice. Refreshments of a festive nature followed the service. A collection raised £81 which was donated to the church charity of the month, Habitat for Humanity. Christmas Day Eucharist saw a good attendance of 25.

The social evening continues on the first Friday of each month from 7.00pm and the committee has arranged a series of events which they have circulated round the village. The first special one will be on 7 March which will be an open darts evening. Please go along to any of these Fridays and you can rely on a warm welcome.

The Table Tennis team has won four more games since I last wrote and their record now stands as played 10, won six, drawn three and lost one, so the team is enjoying a good season now at the halfway point.

I have been requested to ask motorists to drive carefully when coming out of side roads and in particular St John's Way, as there are now many children in this village who can at times be crossing road, chasing a ball or riding scooters and be unaware of cars. I have been doing some research into when the village had a school and it makes interesting reading, but more of this in a future edition.

*Les Chappell 338054*

### From Betty's Box

(A collection of sundry old and fascinating papers about Deddington)

A widow's brave declaration to carry on the family business, with male help a necessary requirement?

MRS. A. WHETTON

Begs to gratefully acknowledge the kind sympathy shown to her by the Inhabitants of Deddington and Neighbourhood in the great loss she has sustained through the melancholy death of her husband and to return sincere thanks for their kind patronage and support during the past fourteen years.

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Somewhat belatedly we wish everyone a very happy New Year. Even at the time of writing Christmas seems long gone, but hopefully everyone had a great holiday season and those New Year resolutions are going well.

A quick update follows on our Christmas fundraisers. Santa came to town on December 14 and 15. Thanks to everyone who came to help Father Christmas on his float and to those who so generously helped raise just over £1,000. We also ran a disco at school, sold the children's beautifully designed cards, sang carols in the church, helped Father Christmas at the market, and a few of the school children ran a very successful Christmas tuck shop there. Altogether our total funds raised from these events was over £3,000. We are lucky to have been generously supported by Bibby Financial Services through the pound-for-pound matching scheme, but this is really a fabulous total. Thank you.

We are planning to run the ever-popular pub quizzes jointly with the PFSU this year. The first will have taken place on 31 January, and the next will be on March 28 – two opportunities to enjoy a great night out and exercise the brain cells.

We are also involved with planning a really exciting new event jointly with the PFSU and the Fire Service. On 18 May, the Four Farms Challenge will take place, incorporating a children's run, a 5k and a 10k race. The event will be a fundraiser to support all three or-

ganisations. It'll be a great community event and you have fair warning to start your training now.

Funds raised this year will be used as always to support the school in many ways, but we hope that the majority of the money will go towards continuing to develop the outdoor areas of school, so that the children can take full advantage of the lovely grounds and use them to their full potential. The school is hoping to use an area as a Forest School, with a giant story-telling chair, an outdoor amphitheatre, covered benches and outdoor white boards.

**Lucie Sydenham, Chair**  
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## Deddington Homes Approved on Appeal

A decision to refuse plans for 85 homes in Deddington has been overturned on appeal because of a shortfall in housing.

In May 2013, CDC refused an application submitted by Prudential Pensions Ltd for 85 new dwellings with new access, public open space and associated infrastructure on land north of Gaveston Gardens.

Since the decision, ownership of the site transferred to M&G UK Property Fund, who successfully obtained permission on appeal. Summarising the appeal, the inspector noted 'The council does not have an up-to-date local plan and has been unable to secure the delivery of new housing at the rates required to meet its needs.'

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

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

FROM DAPHNE LEVER,  
CHIPPING NORTON

Single File is a social group based in Chipping Norton for unattached people between 50 and 70, including widowed, separated and divorced.

In the last month we have had a varied programme, meeting fortnightly at a local pub where new people can come and meet us in a friendly environment. Our Christmas meal at The Masons Arms was most popular, attracting 17 members. Other events included a trip to the new Ashmolean Museum in Broadway, a supper and games evening at a member's house, a choral concert of Haydn's *Creation* in which two members sang, and a pleasant meal at Wild Thyme in Chipping Norton.

We are not a dating agency and welcome people from a variety of backgrounds and with different interests. Most activities are held within a 15 mile radius of Chipping Norton.

Why not give us a try? Either phone 07765 598518 or email [enquiries@singlefilecn.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@singlefilecn.org.uk). We can also be found on [www.singlefileorg.uk](http://www.singlefileorg.uk).



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FROM CHERYL TREE, RED CROSS  
COMMUNITY FUND RAISER

British Red Cross calls for Oxfordshire young people to get their dancing shoes on for a good cause.

Dance: Make Your Move is dedicated to bringing young people from local communities together and introducing pupils to dance as a medium to overcome cultural, social and physical

barriers. The event is open to everyone regardless of ability. Young performers can enjoy dancing while raising money for the world's largest humanitarian network. Are you part of a dance club or do you run an after-school club? Do you fancy encouraging your school to take part? We welcome anybody to sign up for the chance to perform at the Indigo Rooms at the O2, London, in our National Final.

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FROM HAMISH CRICHTON,  
AGE UK OXFORDSHIRE

Generation Games is a fantastic initiative from Age UK Oxfordshire and is partnered with the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust. Its prime function is to get over 50 year olds more active and reaping the many benefits of exercise. This service will create a personal programme of activities for you, provide support and help to ensure your safety. We also have a home based exercise DVD which is free to the over 50s in Oxfordshire and can also be viewed online; it is a fantastic exercise video that is suitable for everyone whatever your ability or fitness level. The DVD works in tandem with the Generation Games website, an excellent tool to create your ideal exercise and activity programme with information on over 1000 activities.

#### Activity/Exercise Providers Wanted

We are looking for more activities and exercise classes located in the Deddington area to be added to the Generation Games Website.

If you run an exercise class or organise activities where the emphasis is on physical exercise, then we would love to hear from you. We will add your activity details to our website free and you can reap the benefits of increased awareness for your activities. Contact us today on [generationgames@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:generationgames@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk) or 01235 849403 and register your class details on the Generation Games website, [www.generationgames.org.uk](http://www.generationgames.org.uk).



## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of February 1864:

**5th February** – I attended our monthly Petty Sessions as usual at the Town Hall.

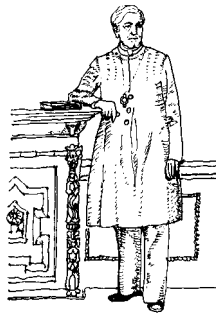
**10th February** – John Spiers came to announce that Mr Brogden was seized with a fit of apoplexy after morning service and lay in a hopeless and dying state. This sad intelligence was confirmed by a note from Mr Turner, who wrote that he did not think Mr Brogden would live from hour to hour.

**11th February** – Spiers came and reported Mr Brogden as lying still in an unconscious state. I went to see the Bishop on the subject.

**12th February** – The Government Inspector came to examine the school children, he found them not quite in a satisfactory state and gave the Master some useful advice.

**13th February** – Mr Spiers came again about Mrs Brogden – I walked to the Church Yard and marked out a spot for poor Mr. Brogden's grave.

**18th February** – I buried poor Mr Brogden, our late Vicar for 16 years, aged 58. It was a trial to me



altogether, his wife and family attended the funeral.

**19th February** – A South American of a mulattoe complexion, an anti-slavery orator, came asking for the use of the Schools to lecture in, I referred him to Mr H. Churchill having told him not to be too sanguine as to being allowed the use of them.

**20th February** – I drove to Banbury to meet one John Dancer who had offered himself as a footman. Saw the man at the Red Lion Hotel and hired him subject to his character – at £35 per annum, he finding his own clothes etc. and I a great coat when wanted, not to be taken away on leaving.

**22nd February** – I called and took leave of poor Mrs Brogden – and afterwards twice on poor H. Franklin who had been seized with paralysis and congestion of the brain.

**27th February** – Susan's new chair arrived from Bath today. (One of the family pushed her out in it most days thereafter.)

**Buffy Heywood**  
338212

## Postcard from America

### On Dope and Coming of Age

Some of you will be aware that my gorgeous wife has a love of gardening or, to be more exact, of killing all forms of plants. And the weather out here is a bit extreme. It varies quite regularly by 20 degrees in a period of 24 hours. It is lovely because even when it snows, the sun comes out the following day. But agriculture here is definitely complex so, to be safe, I bought her an indoor herb garden for Christmas. Not that the locals call it by that name, according to them she is growing 'erbs'. Yes, a strange use of a French accent for a country where most of the citizens can't even place France on a map. And before any of you hippies ask, yes, Heather is growing parsley, although you will be aware of the huge change that has hit Colorado. They have legalised the sale of marijuana.

This is really a very interesting change. On any level America is a more conservative country than the UK, but earlier this month they legally sold \$1 million worth of pot in Colorado in a day. The queues at the dope stores literally went round the block, they have a shortage and prices have doubled. Now that is the free market economy really working, as is the expected tax return of \$50 million in the first year.

This month will mark a huge event in our lives, as our Jake will reach the milestone of his eighteenth birthday. In the UK this is coming of age. Legally in both countries Jake will be an adult, but in the US there are strange differences. His 18-year old peers at high school can die for their country, marry, and buy a gun, but can't buy an alcoholic drink and their families are very protective. We have to check with the parents of kids coming on Friday for his party to make sure they

don't mind if they have a drink. They will have to keep the party noise down since the local police regularly raid kids' parties, and even my ID is checked on the rare occasions when I buy alcohol.

Personally, I don't need any of these new legal highs. Having fallen over on Christmas Eve and dislocated my shoulder, I have been prescribed a wonderful cocktail of painkillers. Finally I have an excuse to sleep in the afternoons. These are the benefits of old age, but there are few benefits of being 18 in this strange new world.

**Mike Ward** [mike@qsoftware.com](mailto:mike@qsoftware.com)

### Church Flowers

We have been really fortunate over the past twelve years in having Barbara Upton and her team arranging flowers in the church. Sadly for us, Barbara has moved away and some of her talented team decided it was the right time to step down.

Therefore, a successful flower arranging workshop was held just before Christmas and it resulted in the church being decorated really tastefully by fifteen people. Some of the arrangers had never done a formal arrangement before and enjoyed learning from more experienced arrangers whilst expressing their own ideas. Many thanks to everyone who gave their time and others who gave the beautiful foliage and flowers.

We are thinking of doing something similar for Easter. You do not need to be a church member to take part. Look out for the poster in the church porch in March.

**Annette Murphy** 336195  
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## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Deddington Youth Club

The Youth Club had a fun-filled, successful year last year and now looks forward to another one when the club re-opens on 20 January. Numbers have trebled over the last two years with an average of 33 boys and girls attending every Monday.

The club is very grateful to the Friends of Deddington Youth Club for their continued financial support, and for donations from the Parish Council, *Deddington News*, Farmers' Market and the Jubilee Bar which have contributed to a trip to Thorpe Park last summer, and the purchase of Darts Game, a popcorn maker and other arts and crafts materials. They are grateful to Mr and Mrs Steele for providing food for the barbeque at the end of the summer term and also to Nick Barbary for running the barbeque.

Sports activities play a large part in the club's programme so a visit from the Sports Activators in the summer was much appreciated. Last year ended with a lively Christmas party with everyone clad in onesies enjoying, you guessed it, pizza.

**Jane Green, Committee Secretary**  
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### 1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

We started back after Christmas with an evening of races and team games including 'flip the kipper' with newspaper fish and skipping relays. All lots of fun but curiously not at all tiring - the girls always have as much energy at the end as they had at the beginning. Not sure the same can be said for the leaders.

We've got lots to look forward to this term with felt-making, our annual lamb visit and, hopefully, some chocolate cookery to fit in before Easter.

The unit is still full with a waiting list. Anyone wanting to join should search for 'girlguiding join us' and register her interest by completing the simple online form.

**Hazel Neal**  
337822

### Photographic Society

At the December club night, the Society's founder, Philip Rigby, gave a presentation entitled 'From Beginner to RPS Accreditation'. An accomplished amateur photographer, Philip explained that in the early days of the Society he applied for accreditation of the Royal Photographic Society. In this he was successful. This led him to seek the next level of accreditation; he is now recognised as an Associate of the RPS. Philip gave an enlightening and amusing account of the difficulties he faced in his quest, his appearances before the RPS Examination Boards, and what is required for success. He concluded by showing some of the photographs submitted to the Boards and discussed the techniques he employed in the process. It was a most interesting presentation, followed by a frank

question and answer session that was well received by his audience.

At the January club night, members presented their 'Best Photograph Taken in 2013'. Each presenting member gave a short overview of their selected photograph, explaining how, when and why the image was taken, and the reason it was valued by that member. While no critical comment was allowed, there was much gentle humour about the subject matter of the images, and the evening proved enjoyable as an occasion where members felt free to interact with one another.

The next club night is on 5 February when Peter Sheasby will talk about 'Wildflower Photography'. Looking further ahead, Chris Palmer, ARPS, will give a further presentation on 2 April about 'The Prints and the Paper'. Both are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Everyone is welcome, just come along. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

**Richard Broadbent**  
338173  
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### 1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

Term has just started and we have two new Cubs, Dylan and Ben. Our first meeting was a games night, energetic and raucous to blow away

the cobwebs and prepare us for the weeks ahead. We start with a visit to the pantomime, followed by the Chef's badge (stomach pumps at the ready). There's a scrapheap challenge, Mothers' Day and, new to the village, the St George's Day procession. Watch this space.

**Jo Churchyard CSL**  
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### Scouts

We are back and looking forward to a term full of wonder. Emergency aid, swimming and dragon building are all on the cards, plus night hikes.

Thanks to all the villagers who used the Scout and Guide post service. We raised £183.75 which goes towards our insurance.

**Pete Churchyard SL**  
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### Explorers

At long last the new unit is established. We're still waiting for our colours to be okayed but we are planning a busy programme for this term. Emergency aid, a trip to the driving range and a visit from an auctioneer (a village auction could be in the pipeline) are all coming up.

**Pete Churchyard SL**  
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## CALLING MORE CLUBS

### Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

We have now completed subscriptions renewal and are pleased that the majority of members have renewed plus one new member.

Preparations are now under way to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day in the Second World War when the Allies landed in France to mark the beginning of the end of the war on 6 June 1944.

As previously announced we are also planning an exhibition to be held in the Parish Church to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War on 4 August 1914. Anyone with First World War artefacts which they are willing to loan for the exhibition can contact me.

New members are always welcome – no Services connection past or present is required. Please contact me or visit the Club on the High Street during opening hours – Fridays 7.30pm to midnight, Saturdays 11.00am to midnight, Sundays 11.30am to 4.00pm. Fees including full Club membership are £19 per annum with a reduction to £14 per annum for pensioners.

**Jean Morris, Branch Secretary 338143**  
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### Deddington Town Football Club

#### First Team results

16.11.13	Highfield OB (a)	W 4–1 Gamage, Hall (3)
23.11.13	Diverse FC (cup) (a)	W 5–1 Hall (2), Lewis, Davis, England
30.11.13	KEA (h)	W 4–2 Taylor (2), Cook, Hall
14.12.13	Heyford Athletic (a)	L 0–6
21.12.13	Woodford United (h)	L 3–4 Hall (2), Thornton L
11.01.14	KEA (cup) (a)	W 4–2 Hall (2), Large, Waddelow

#### Reserve results

16.11.13	Kings Sutton (h)	L 1–2 Kaye (Josh)
23.11.13	Bloxham (h)	W 2–1 Gamage, Gibbs M
30.11.13	Chasewell Pk Res (cup) (a)	W 2–1 Kaye Jordan (2)
07.12.13	Sinclair Utd Res (a)	W 1–0
21.12.13	Bloxham (a)	W 2–1 Gamage, Davies (Joe)

What a difference a year makes – the Firsts are unbeaten in 2014 for one thing. To be fair to the lads, they are now winning more than losing, and making progress in the cups, building to another no doubt frenetic climax. They are hovering precariously in the bottom three, but Simon Hall's goals are providing the platform for a surge which we all hope will see them safe from a nightmare of back-to-back championship-relegation campaigns.

The Reserves have fallen, narrowly, for the first

time, but let's not wallow. Rather we should acclaim the unbeaten run that lasted until mid-November. If the mark of a great team is how they react to defeat, then the Reserves are among the finest, for they followed this solitary blot on their proverbial copybook with nothing but aces. They sit comfortably atop Division One with a massive 30 points from just 11 games. Let the good times roll in 2014.

**Aaron Bliss**  
**07909 642882**

### Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The DOGS held their AGM on Wednesday 15 January at the Deddington Arms. The meeting, attended by 20 DOGS, covered all relevant aspects of running the golf society.

The DOGS programme of events for 2014 is as follows:

Friday 2 May Wychwood GC 18 holes  
 Monday 9 June Burford GC 27 holes  
 Sunday/Monday 20/21 July Venue TBA, weekend away, two days  
 Friday 15 August Studley Wood GC 18 holes followed by an evening social function  
 Friday 17 October Stratford Upon Avon GC 27 holes  
 The AGM concluded and adjourned for refreshments.

**David Darst**  
**338589**

### Deddington Brass

We had an enjoyable Christmas season, playing out on a number of occasions including the Christmas Eve carols in the Market Place, followed by a quick tour of the local pubs for a few carols. We were delighted to play our part in raising almost £1,000 for Katharine House Hospice and thank you for your generous support.

After a busy December we were back in action by the beginning of January, resuming our regular Monday evening practices, and playing at the Boys Brigade Service of Dedication and Enrolment in the Church. We have lots of plans for the coming year including our late Christmas dinner, a concert, and an opportunity for some of the new younger brass players in the area to get involved. We are keen to attract new members to our growing friendly band, so if your new year resolution was to dust off that old euphonium, we would love to see you. Come and find us in Deddington Church on Monday nights 7.00–9.00pm.

**Lucy Squires**  
**338442**

### Deddington Town Colts

#### Mini football

The Under 8s have enjoyed some great matches recently with some good wins and a couple of losses.



## ... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Banbury United gave us a lesson in passing and use of space which we passed on to a couple of other teams, including a high-scoring friendly win over Brackley, with Thomas Cunningham scoring many goals and Dylan Conlan dominating midfield. The Under 10s had a 10-0 victory at Chipping Norton, followed by defeats to Combe, Tower Hill and Eynsham.

### *Junior football*

The Under 11 Sharks had a narrow 2-1 defeat to Bampton, followed by a 3-3 draw with Ducklington and a defeat to Highfield Juniors. The Under 11 Cobras have had a great run with wins over Yarnton, Grendon Rangers, Hanwell and Stonesfield and a 1-1 draw at Tower Hill, and now sit second in the White League. The Under 12s had wins over Kingston and Launton Boys, but had defeats to Eynsham and Ducklington. The Under 13 Cobras have had a fantastic run with five wins in a row over Banbury United, Bicester Town Colts, Bourton Rangers, Brackley Athletic and Cherterton, and currently are top of the C League. The Under 14s struggled in the run up to Christmas with defeats at Witney Vikings, Garden City and Grendon Rangers. However with two new players added to the squad, they are confident of a better second half of the season.

If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information about the club is on our website, <http://www.deddingtontownfc.com/>.

**Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Officer  
and U14 Coach  
337034**

### **1st Deddington Boys' Brigade**

Well, Christmas has been and gone and we had lots of fun at the Anchors/Juniors Christmas party and then delicious pizza at the Company Section film night. Both events rounded off a good term.

The New Year and new term kicked off with our Enrolment Service on 8 January. Many thanks to all the members of 1st Deddington, parents, Father Hugh and members of the congregation who turned out on a very cold wet Wednesday night for this event. Special thanks go to Graham and the band who did a fantastic job providing the music. This was the first time we've held this service as an evening format and we had a really great turn out.

We are back at the Farmers' Market this month and then in April, running our book stall. Donations of good quality books are more than welcome on the day of the markets or give me a ring to discuss collection or drop off options.

Finally, Joshua joined us in the Company section in November but his arrival missed the copy deadline so a big welcome Joshua, hope you're enjoying BB.

**Jen Childs, Leader, 337481  
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### **Deddington Cricket Club**

We are now well into 2014 and are looking forward to the cricket season. Despite the woeful performance of our Test team in the Ashes series in Australia, the rumour of the demise of English cricket is grossly exaggerated. It is now up to the little clubs like our own who run junior sides to instil love and enthusiasm for the greatest game in the world.

In the coming season we shall again be running under 13s and under 15s. To do this properly we do need help from parents so please contact us.

Should there be enough under 11s (age as at September 2013) it may be possible to arrange fixtures - girls and boys are all welcome.

As last year, the Club will be entering two adult teams in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association League (OCA). In order to comply with our commitment to the League, volunteers would be welcome as umpires. We are also looking for new members, playing or social. Come and join our very friendly Club.

A note for your diaries – our renowned Summer Ball will be held on Saturday 21 June 2014. Please come and organise a table. Further details are available from Clare Stevens on 07905 104510.

For all other enquiries, please contact me or any other Cricket Club member.

**Derek Cheeseman, Chairman, 338609  
[derekfcheeseman@gmail.com](mailto:derekfcheeseman@gmail.com)**

### **Deddington and District History Society**

Our latest meeting was on Wednesday 8 January when we were entertained by Andy Anderson of Aynho on 'A Local History of Medicine'. Andy took us through the changes in the understanding and practise of treatment from the earliest archaeological records right up to the present NHS, showing that changes have not always benefited patients. Looking specifically at Deddington, Andy showed us a drawing of the Pest House, a place where families with seriously infectious diseases, such as smallpox and scarlet fever, were sent – as far away from the village as possible in a hovel set in a field beside what is now the lay-by near the OCC Highways depot. At the end, there was a lively discussion covering medicine and the issues dogging the present day NHS.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 February at the Windmill Centre at 7.30. Anthony Houghton Brown's talk is entitled 'The Mysterious Location of Justly Hill – an Early 19th Century Correspondence', and concerns the letters of The Ven. Justly Hill, rector of Tingewick, whose daughter married the Duke of Hamilton. He will be bringing along some of the actual letters which throw a fascinating light on local rural life in the first half of the 19th century.

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

## WHERE NEXT FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING?

**A**s the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group reassembles for the new year, we are faced with a quandary. In light of the planning inspector's decision to permit 85 houses to be built on the Prudential field north of Gaveston Gardens, what next?

Eighty-five houses are already more development than Cherwell District Council's Local Plan envisages for Deddington for the best part of two decades. Will this new housing estate be deemed enough or will further developments be approved willy-nilly, regardless of the Local Plan and any consensus we may eventually reach through the Neighbourhood Plan on what housing is needed and where?

Everything may hang on Cherwell's five-year housing land supply, which the planning inspector deemed to fall short.

A meeting in Westminster with the planning minister, Nick Boles, attended by parish councillors from Bloxham, Hook Norton, Adderbury and Milton, and Cllr David Rogers from Deddington, was inconclusive. On the one hand, the minister told them that unless there is a good planning reason, such as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Sites of Special Scientific Interest, inspectors would have to give great weight to the lack of a five-year supply and allow applications. On the other hand, when challenged why communities should persevere with Neighbourhood Plans if they could be overruled, the minister gave his usual line: those communities that have completed their Neighbourhood Development Plans would have control over development in their parishes; those that don't would have to rely on the district authority's local plan. And he added a new twist: those communities that have an Adopted Neighbourhood Plan will get 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy, and those that don't, won't. In other words there is a cash incentive or bribe for villages to complete Neighbourhood Plans. It will be the Steering Group's task to find out quite how much that sum is likely to be.

In early January our constituency MP, Sir Tony Baldry, attacked 'opportunistic planning applications' in a planning debate with Nick Boles and MPs in Westminster Hall. 'A classic example involves the community in Deddington, a village in my constituency. People there are busily undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan, entirely consistent with the provisions set out by the government. A landowner and developer come along and put in a planning application to build up to 85 houses on the edge of the community, which is refused by the local authority but allowed on appeal.'

He went on: 'Under the agreed local plan, Deddington is due to take something like 80 new houses to the end of the survey period in 2031. However, the location of up to 85 has already been decided, not by the local community, but on the basis of whoever happened to get their planning application in first. With respect, that is not neighbourhood plan-

ning. It is not a plan-led system; it is a system of first come, first served.'

The minister, in his response recorded in Hansard, made a half promise. Neighbourhood Plans that have completed consultation but not yet gone to referendum nor examination, he said, 'can, in exceptional circumstances, be used just on the basis of prematurity to refuse an application, if the application is so substantial that it could completely knock the legs out from that emerging plan'.

On the brighter side, Deddington's Neighbourhood Plan tackles numerous other issues besides housing for improving our villages and these were given a good airing at the drop-in sessions at the church in November. Many useful and original suggestions were contributed which will give guidance to the steering group – and very likely the Parish Council, too.

All 1,135 written responses provided by some 230 visitors to the drop-in sessions have now been posted on the website, [www.deddingtonneighbourhoodplan.org/](http://www.deddingtonneighbourhoodplan.org/).

**Helen Oldfield**

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## BLISSFUL THINKING

You know that thrill that surges through you when you switch on a brand new, relatively expensive electronic device, and it works exactly the way it's supposed to? Me neither.

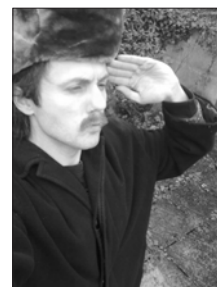
This is a paean to moments that split our complacent serenity; our sense that things are going okay. The upturned plug you tread on with bare feet on getting up; the coffee you crave having no receptacle as the sink is full of encrusted cups; the warm, fresh socks you've just pulled on soaking up unseen spillages on your bathroom floor. This is a wave to the stranger you thought was your friend, in the driving rain when the umbrella lies forgotten back at home, moments before patting yourself down for the car key you won't ever see again. Welcome to a weekend spent dealing with bank problems and waiting for plumbers after discovering no change when you've already parked.

Compulsive pessimists never have their hot air balloon of contented superiority crash and burn, but then that's because they dwell in the catacombs, and it doesn't smell very nice down there at the best of times.

Revel in your mishaps and glorify your idiocy because, when life kicks you in the teeth, it's best to have your tongue out. See you in the Red!

**Aaron Bliss**

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## Deddington Fair 1938

A six-and-a-half minute film of this prestigious event at Deddington Manor has recently come to light, courtesy of Richard, John and Peter van Oss. The film can be viewed in the album titled *Country Fair 1938* on DOL gallery by browsing <http://www.deddington.org.uk/gallery/v/Country+Fair+1938/> and then clicking on the link provided at the top when you have opened the album. In the same album you will find several photographs (one of which is reproduced here), a press report about the Fair and the programme.



*Photograph courtesy of Jill Adams*

If you can recognise anyone please let me know. Tom and Favell van Oss and their three boys lived in

the Hermitage for several years prior to WWII. They were the artistic directors for the Fair. Tom was well known nationally as an artist. He joined the army and was killed in 1941. His story is recounted in *A Parish at War* and he is remembered on the new War Memorial plaque in the church.

The aim of the Fair was to raise money for a new village hall to go in the Market Place. What happened to the Hall? An article in the June 2011 edition of *Deddington News* tells us that the donor of the site (Dr GH James) died before formalities could be completed and that the funds are still with the Parish Council.

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## FROM THE FIRE STATION

With the new year upon us we now look back and see that 2013 was our busiest year in living memory with a total of 262 call outs. We were on call all over Christmas and were out every day. Watch manager, Chris Fenemore, with his crew, Martin Freeman, Tom Hall, Emma Flint and Lewis Mahoney, were out most of Christmas Eve saving Bicester Village from flooding. We were also out on Christmas Day and I was called to a house fire very early on Boxing Day. The fire was caused by a tea-light that had caught onto some table decorations and spread to the wall and picture. All the doors to that room were shut so the fire could not spread. The owner had discovered it but hadn't opened any of the doors. The owners were very lucky: if the doors had been opened it could have cost lives.

We always discuss the incidents we attend and when I told my watch manager, Chris Fenemore, about the incident he reminded me that we recently attended a fire in Milton where someone had put a tea-light straight on to a TV. It had quickly melted through the TV causing the occupier to have to go to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation. If you do use tea-lights or any type of candle, please make sure they are in an appropriate container.

We have been called to the M40 several more times this month, the most recent being a camper van that was towing a caravan. They had broken down and were waiting on the hard shoulder when it was struck by a lorry. The result was absolute carnage. Motorways are among the most dangerous places to be and I would like to remind people, if they do break down, they should always get out of the safe side of

their vehicles and stand behind the safety barrier and await recovery.

We have had a very intense training period over the past month with a massive success rate. Crew Manager Graham Harding, and Fire Fighter Sharon Wilson, have just completed their advanced driving course. They spent a whole week driving around Oxfordshire and at the end of the week they had a 'blue light run' driving test. Most people reading this would have taken a driving test at some point in their lives and can appreciate how hard it was. Now try to imagine your test being a week long, driving an 18 ton lorry at great speed through Oxfordshire's towns and villages, with flashing lights and sirens. At the end of it they are absolutely exhausted. This now means we have two more drivers, making our availability a lot more robust, keeping us on call almost 100% of the time which helps keep our community a safer place.

Congratulations to Fire Fighter George Williamson, and Fire Fighter Tom Hall, for completing all the technical parts of their team leader's exams, and to Fire Fighter George Williamson, for completing a practical team leader's assessment. This is one of the toughest assessments you can do in the Fire Service and means he can now lead his own team and fight fires in burning buildings.

On a final note I have been asked by my crew to put people's minds at ease about the industrial action that has been taking place over the country. All of us at Deddington have chosen not to take industrial action because we believe in serving our community and will always put them first.

**Tim Parker, Crew Manager**



## SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

**W**hat can I say? Such fun! I was like a big kid in the build-up to the Deddington Players' panto, (we don't have such things where I live in New Zealand) performed at the Windmill Centre over three days. I had warmed up my vocals with a few 'Oh no you didn'ts' during the day. The pressure was on.

The opening song was wonderful. Despite a sinking feeling that it might be followed by some bad karaoke-type songs, I was blown away by the calibre of vocal talent. Quite hard songs were sprinkled through the panto and all were sung exceptionally well. I am still singing *This is the Way to Amarillo* as I write this.

As a teacher who has just been through production season in NZ, I realise how much goes into making a show such as this. I was amazed at how many children were involved and how hard it must have been to co-ordinate rehearsals. It's hard enough when they are all together in the same school.

There were some real stars among the youngsters and it was delightful to see how much they enjoyed being a part of it. Mention must go to the seven dwarfs who spoke clearly and expressively, but especially the seventh who acted his heart out. The best gag came with the introduction of the eighth dwarf (Vaughan Jones) who was cleverly dismissed due to height issues with a brilliantly timed line from another dwarf along the lines of 'Try again next year, you will fit right into *Jack and the Beanstalk*'. During Prince Florian's song, his footmen were a scream, showing stage presence and comic timing. My favourite from the younger group was the smallest fella, Kieran Smith, who almost stole the show with his exaggerated singing, dancing and expressions – a budding star.

The costumes and scenery were amazing, clearly a great deal of effort and time had been spent behind the scenes. The sound effects were cleverly selected and mostly timed to perfection.

The cast did a sterling job of keeping it all running smoothly and even the odd forgotten line did nothing to dampen the audience's spirit. We all booed and hissed at the amazing Wicked Queen (Suzie Upson) who revelled in our cries. We giggled at the bad jokes and frolicked along with the 'Simon Says' game. Simple Simon (Kelly Scott) was superb at getting the crowd into the spirit of the occasion. We groaned along with the marvellous peddlers, Rank and Phile (Emma Noon and Amber Guntrip) with their comic timing and over-the-top acting – well done ladies. Dolly and Polly (Jim Flux and Neil Levene) brought many a laugh and giggle in their recurring roles.

All in all a fabulous night out at little cost. It had everything a panto should have: gags galore, bad jokes, women dressed as men and men dressed as ugly women, singing, dancing, happy endings, booing, hissing, and, of course, a panto horse that demonstrated great skill getting down stairs. What a marvellous group on stage and off. I was very

impressed with everyone's hard work and commitment to getting the show on the road.

What talent in all areas, talent that many of us didn't realise existed in the village. I shall be keen to see the next one. Oh no I won't! Oh yes I will!

**Claire Cheeseman 338609**

## Is There Anybody There?

The *DN* is looking for someone to handle our annual advertisements. The job is in two parts. The first is to sell 18½ pages of ads in three sizes. Most of the work is between September and November, with some 'tweaking' in July. Potential advertisers are emailed in September, inviting them to take space for the next year. A follow-up email and progress chasing ensure the ads reach us. Most of the space is taken by regular advertisers. Space is allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Good organisational skills and access to email are essential.

The second aspect of the job involves putting the ads into pages, sending a proof to the client and dispatching to the printer. For this, other IT skills are needed but advice is available. Production work on the ads themselves is handled by another team member, John Price. If you are interested, contact Jill Cheeseman ([editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk](mailto:editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk)) for more details.

# JUMBLE SALE

**Saturday 1st March  
11am - 1pm  
Windmill Centre, Deddington**

**FREE  
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**Jumble donations  
gratefully received.  
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Friday 28th February  
9am - 2pm at the  
Windmill Centre.**

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