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## DECEMBER

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| Mon | 2  | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10.30am   |
| Tue | 3  | Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm   |
| Tue | 3  | PFSU and Nursery: Christmas Fayre and Pamper Evening, Parish Church, 7.30pm                        |
| Wed | 4  | Photo Society: Philip Rigby, 'From Beginner to RPS Accreditation', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 6  | Hempton Social Night: Hempton Church Hall, 6.30pm  |
| Sat | 7  | Hempton Christmas Bazaar: Hempton Church Hall, 11am  |
| Sun | 8  | Advent Carols by Candlelight: Choros, Parish Church, 6.30pm  |
| Tue | 10 | WI: Christmas Birthday Meal, Holly Tree, 7.30pm  |
| Wed | 11 | History Society: Christmas Party and Quiz, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm                                 |
| Thu | 12 | Monday Morning Film Club: Film tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm   |
| Thu | 12 | Branch Royal British Legion & Club AGM: RBL Hall, 8pm  |
| Sat | 14 | Children's Activities: Parish Church, 10.30am–12.30pm  |
| Sat | 14 | Primary School PTA: Santa's Float, from 6.30pm   |
| Sat | 14 | Warriner Choral Society: 'Joy to the World', Parish Church, 7.30pm                                 |
| Sat | 14 | RBL: Cash prize Bingo, RBL Hall, 8pm   |
| Sun | 15 | Candlelit Christingle: Jönköping Choir, Parish Church, 4pm   |
| Sun | 15 | Primary School PTA: Santa's Float, from 4.30pm   |
| Sun | 15 | RBL: Skittles, RBL Hall, 7pm   |
| Wed | 18 | Parish Council Meeting: Holly Tree, 7.30pm   |
| Sat | 21 | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9am–12.30pm   |
| Sun | 22 | RBL: Christmas Meat Draw, RBL Hall, 2pm  |
| Sun | 22 | RBL: Children's Christmas Party, RBL Hall, 3pm   |
| Tue | 24 | Deddington Brass Band: Carols, Market Place, 6pm   |
| Tue | 24 | RBL: Christmas Draw, RBL Hall, 9pm   |
| Thu | 26 | Visiting bellringers: Parish Church, 10.30am–12noon  |
| Thu | 26 | RBL: An Evening of Music with Miss Vicky, RBL Hall, 9pm  |

## JANUARY 2014

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| Fri | 3 | Hempton Social Night: Hempton Church Hall, 6.30pm        |
| Mon | 6 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am |

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Wednesday 20 November at Hempton

There will be a Christmas tree sourced from the Blenheim Estate.

Grit bins and gates for Hempton are on their way.

Work is due to start on the Goose Green posts and the footpath along the A4260 South of Deddington.

**FGP:** The PC's financial position is sound and there is no public money invested in the Co-op bank. Our councillors receive no allowances for their services.

**E & R:** The all-weather court at the Windmill needs repairing again and it was discussed whether CCTV and lights should be installed to deter vandalism. The cost of upkeep is already about £3,000 per annum, but the facility is greatly appreciated by those who use it.

A grant of £100 to Friends of Castle Grounds was agreed for the removal of intrusive saplings.

It was noted with regret the poor state of the village greens due to inconsiderate parking – the installation of pillars is being considered.

**Highways and Transport:** Complaints have been received of insufficient time for cyclists to cross at the traffic lights. This has been passed on to OCC.

A Speed Watch set up on the Hempton Road recorded four vehicles speeding, one of which was local.

Would anyone be interested in the possibility of a late-night bus service between Banbury and Oxford?

**Planning: Approval:** Various applications for tree work.

**Objection:** Side extension at Mallards, New St, on the grounds of over-development of the site, visual impact in a conservation area and impact on the amenity of the neighbouring property.

**Neighbourhood Planning group:** Councillor Oldfield has obtained a grant of £927 towards costs and the PC voted a contribution of £1 per person on the electoral roll totalling £1,723. Banners, flyers and posters have been purchased.

**War Memorial:** Will receive a facelift in preparation for next year's anniversary. It was suggested that the paths leading to the area be renovated due to their potentially unsafe condition.

**Emergency Plan:** In the event of a significant parish emergency, co-ordinator and first contact is Councillor David Rogers, Karmilla, Hempton Road, Deddington, email and phone no as below. Further details of this plan, Deddington's Winter plan and any other issue, including full minutes of Parish Council meetings can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, Lorraine Watling.

**Next PC meeting:**

**Wed 18 December 7.30 pm Holly Tree Club**

### Snow Wardens

Deddington Parish Council has now received the funding to start a Snow Warden scheme across the Parish – thank you to Cllr Arash Fatemian for his help in securing the money.

We have received an extremely encouraging response from the community and we are grateful to those who have expressed an interest in helping.

More volunteers would be very welcome. We are seeking people who would be interested in helping to keep the key pavements across the parish clear and to assist the vulnerable and elderly by clearing paths to their doors.

Oxfordshire County Council already grits the Hempton-Clifton Road and the A4260–High Street–New Street but has no plans to clear pavements or other roads.

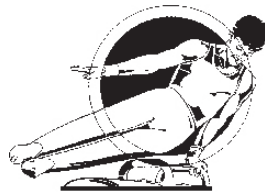
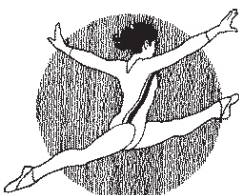
The Parish Council is aware that very many of you look out for your neighbours when the weather is poor but we have a list of those who would be reassured to know that there is someone who will clear their front path. Also, if we could work together to keep as many pavements as possible clear it would be a great benefit to our community.

It seems that many people believe if they clear snow or ice from outside their property or from the public footpath they could be sued if a member of the public were to slip on the area cleared. It is the view of County Council that if people clear ice or snow from a public footpath in a safe and correct manner as outlined in the Government's snow code then it is very difficult to envisage circumstances where a court would award damages against them for a slip. Also any Snow Warden volunteers will be covered by the Parish Council insurance.

By working together we can make a real difference to the safety and wellbeing of residents in our community this winter. If you are interested in joining Deddington Snow Wardens then please contact David Rogers on david@blueskyday.biz, 337065, or contact the Parish Clerk on 337447 (there is an answerphone).

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## POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

### A College Education

The question this month is, why do all US university courses last for four years? The answer is quite simple. They really don't do too well in high school in educating their children. In the first year at college they have to work hard at trying to sort out the things they didn't learn. At Columbia, one of the top ten colleges in the US, you have to take a writing course in the first year. It is compulsory. Writing.

This week Jake and I went on the college tour. I have done it before in the UK, but Birmingham and Liverpool are day trips. Boston and New York are a world away from what us Brits are used to and, more importantly, they are a road trip.

These US top of the range universities are actually wonderful places, if a bit hippy. I had warned Jake that I had heard that Harvard insisted on pledges of allegiance, but when we got there it was worse than that. We discovered they focused on courses in 'Chick Lit', and a History of the Blues. In fact they have, as a matter of principle, absolutely no majors which will lead to a profession.

The fantastic thing about these schools is their flexibility. They insist on a varied course load, with Science and the Arts being balanced, most having a core curriculum in the first year. They stressed that they were happy for students to move around, do different things and change their minds. I don't know about the educationalists among you, but I thought

this was great.

But there are a few problems, and one of them is certainly a controversial one in America. When I went to university (43 years ago), escaping my parents was the most important issue. My son asked me on our tour this week why I chose to go to Leeds. The reason is very clear: on my investigative trip they showed me the Union Bar, and I was smitten. It was huge.

But in America, they can't drink until they are 21, an unbelievable basis on which to set your children free. In all five universities we went to, they had no bars. And all the halls of residence had double rooms. Bearing in mind the American obsession with personal space, this is truly bizarre.

But I come to the real problem finally and that is the price. Harvard and Columbia are private universities costing around \$75,000 per year for four years. Even a public college costs \$30–40k per annum. Education in America lacks consistent quality but it is also exorbitant.

So I have it all worked out, I have a plan. I will be in the DA, the Duke, and of course the Unicorn when I am next back over and I hope Roger will let me pass the hat around. Forget charity, my son needs an education.

Forget drinking and privacy, he needs to show these Americans that the homeland still packs some good old-fashioned brains. Please send cash.

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

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SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL

There has been a lot going on this term, starting with some of our Years 5 and 6 children taking part in a Warriner Partnership Cross-Country Competition. Girls and boys ran separately and there were 180 children in each race. All the children did very well but special congratulations go to Olivia Shepherd and Cas Rowbotham in Year 6; Olivia came ninth and Casian came first. The following week Years 1–4 took part in their cross-country competition and did very well. Madison Payne from Y2 came 10th, Matthew Edmunds was third in the Years 1–2, and Harley Finch came fourth in the Y3–4 race, competing against around 100 children. They will represent the partnership at the County meeting later this term. Mrs Knox and Mrs Lynch took the children to the events and were really impressed with the children's attitude and team spirit.

At the beginning of November I ran a maths afternoon for parents, the following week Mrs Sharland ran a literacy event. I enjoyed the maths afternoon which was well supported by parents. I showed them some of the maths our children do in class and I think they were impressed. Mrs Sharland and I will be offering a maths and literacy evening in the new year for parents who were unable to attend afternoon meetings.

Our Fireworks evening was a success as always. Although the weather looked awful during the day, the PTA was determined the evening would go ahead, and within minutes of the gates opening the rain stopped

and we were left with a beautiful, crisp November evening.

On 11 November Jean Morris and David Hood from the Royal British Legion joined us for our Remembrance Service. David read the Ode of Remembrance and then Year 6 pupils, Chloe Reilly and Grace Swadling, played the Last Post on their cornets to signify the start and the end of the two minutes' silence. It was a very special service. David and Jean also visited the Year 6 class with artefacts from World War 1. They spent an hour discussing events and sharing stories. I know my class really appreciated them giving up their time, we hope they enjoyed it too.

Later that evening a group of Year 5 and 6 children joined other schools in St Mary's Church, Banbury, for the Rotary Club's annual Children Singing for Children concert. It was a wonderful evening. Mrs Welch and Mrs Rumsby worked hard with the children after school for the past few weeks, the children sang and performed beautifully – it was very moving.

We are busy preparing for our Christmas productions which are a mixture of modern and traditional, with singing, acting and narration. The children are working hard and looking forward to performing in front of friends and family. F1 and F2's production will be on 16 December, Key Stage 1's on 17th, and Key Stage 2's on 19th, all performances in Deddington Church.

**Jane Cross, Deputy Head Teacher**  
338430

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## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Details of church services at SS Peter and Paul, Deddington, Hempton and the Barfords, the Wesleyan Chapel, and RC services in Hethe for December are included on the card enclosed with this issue of *DN*.

### January

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Wed	1	10.00am	Eucharist Naming and Circumcision of Jesus
Thu	2	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	5	10.30am	First Sunday
		6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Wed	8	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	9	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	12	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	15	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	16	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
(Sat	18 –		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)
Sat	25		
Sun	19	10.30am	Eucharist
Wed	22	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	23	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sat	25	10.00am	Eucharist Conversion of Paul
Sun	26	9.30am	Fourth Sunday Eucharist
		10.15am	Interactive Café
Wed	29	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	30	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels

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

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

#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

#### 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.

#### St John's Hempton

Sun	5	9.00am	Eucharist
	19	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	26	6.00pm	Evensong

#### The Barfords

Sun	5	10.30am	Eucharist (BStM)
Sun	12	10.30am	Family Service (BStM)
Sun	19	10.30am	Morning Service (BStM)
Sun	26	4.00pm	Evensong

#### From the Parish Registers

##### Baptism

Nov	17	Eva Isobel Templeton Upson Hamish Franklin Winsor
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##### Thanksgiving

Oct	25	Colin Robinson
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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).

**Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

**Fr John Burns 277396**

**Parish Deacon Rev R Hughes 01295 720869**

### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

*DN* readers may like to know that we shall be having the Youth Choir of Sofiakyrkan, Jönköping, the Parish Church's link church in Sweden, with us from 13–16 December. They will be performing a traditional Swedish Lucia ceremony in the course of our Christingle service on 15 December at 4.00pm.

St Lucia was an Italian martyr whose cult spread north and the observance of her feast day, 13 December, became particularly important in Sweden. In the old calendar 13 December was the shortest day of the year and the Lucia ceremony dramatises how light is still present at the darkest time and will increase as winter moves into spring. Symbolically, Lucia's candles point to Jesus who is the light of the world and who can be our light in our personal dark times. The Lucia performance is a moving and spectacular ceremony. It happens at St Paul's Cathedral in London, but there

you have to pay for tickets – not so in Deddington! Do come along. There will also be a performance primarily for the School at 9.30am on the 16th. The Choir is also bringing Lucia to Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford on Saturday 14th at 3.30pm. My thanks to all those providing hospitality for the Choir.

**Hugh White, Vicar**

#### Carol Singing in the Market Place

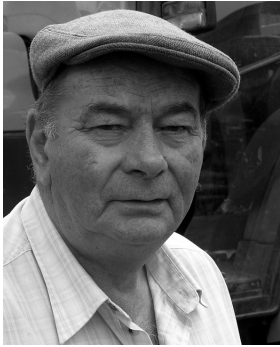
Deddington Brass band will be playing for carol singing in the Market Place on Christmas Eve, at 6.00pm.

All funds raised will go to Katharine House Hospice. (Last year the village was very generous).

Everyone is welcome.

**Michael Liebrecht  
337628**

## On George's Farm



Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat, so please could Clifton's Fabulous Mr Fox leave it at that. It seems that Clifton's very own Martin Bryce needs to change his reading matter, as his fabulous Mr Fox is actually a vixen or, to the uninitiated, a Mrs Fox. She is a very well grown cub from last spring and over the last few

months has led a charmed life, mopping up most of our laying hens and ducks, to say nothing of the other missing poultry and pets in the village.

Away from Larkrise and Mr Bryce's rose-tinted spectacles, old Mother Nature is very red in tooth and claw. Mr and Mrs Fox, together with the domestic cat and old Mr Brock head the list of perpetrators of wild life crime. When it comes to the decline in our small birds and mammals, it is estimated that the fireside pussy is responsible for the loss of millions of our garden and farmland birds every year but, having said that, old Mr Fox is more than ready to include the pussy-cat on his menu. In a few weeks' time the lambing season will start and at least one curmudgeonly old night-time shepherd, will be out on patrol - enough said.

The autumn planted crops got off to a very good start and the oil seed rape is now tall enough to hide a pheasant, something that will go a long way in keeping the wood pigeons at bay, as they don't like landing in a crop that they can't see out of. The winter wheat is looking well and has grown away from the slugs. For the first time in 40 years there has been a change of drill man with the old boy being quite content to use the heavy press rolls behind the drill. In the past there has been a number of comments about the occasional crooked or wide drill mark, being put down to the driver lighting his pipe, but now the boot is on the other foot and it really is a case of 'should have gone to Specsavers'.

The rape and wheat are 'waxing up' ready to go into their winter dormancy period; the plants produce a thin layer of wax to protect themselves against the winter weather as they stop growing until the spring. We still have some 50 acres of winter beans to plant; the wet weather of late has delayed things, but with any luck by the time this hits the door mat they will be in the ground. There is still time, as the 'old boys' always reckoned that November was the month to plant the beans so that they would be coming up on New Year's Day. In an attempt to get on top of the grass weed problems, we will again be planting some of the worst affected fields with spring crops of oil seed rape and barley.

The ground destined for spring cropping was cultivated back in the autumn and left to 'green up'. This green cover has now been taken off with a broad spectrum weed killer and, depending on the winter weather, will either be ploughed or given another dose of spray before the cultivator drill goes in.

The tide in the Clifton Sea is starting to come in so it won't be long before the ewes will need to come in to their winter quarters, and before you know it we shall be lambing again. The Cotswolds will 'come down' in January with the main flock dropping their lambs in February and March, and the mule ewe hogs that came down from the north of England in October will be lambing in April.

The bees are all safely tucked up in bed and have gone into the winter in fine form but just how many survive the winter depends on the weather. If we get a mild winter the losses will be high as they will be active in the hives and the queens will come into lay in January and they run short of food. What we need is a good spell of hard weather to keep them 'clustered up' and inactive until early March, so as normal with all things down on the farm, it's all in the lap of the weather gods.

A very happy Christmas to you all; see you around the village Christmas tree on the 24th.

**George Fenimore**  
338203

## BLISSFUL THINKING



Fractures in the space-time continuum could spew out some intriguing alternative realities. Perhaps, for instance, in an alternative reality, a multinational oil giant takes on the symbolism of Santa Claus rather than Coca-Cola, changing his historic green tunic to black and his beard to facial scars, as he blazes a trail across the Western skies in

his petrol-powered sleigh guided by furious Hell-Stags, like some Artemis of the Apocalypse; delivering fossil fuels to needy children.

In a parallel reality, the name Deddington was not

contrived to reflect the people of Daeda, but Deadington: a township originally founded and built by zombies. These perished icons helped build the tight-knit undead community we could all be living in right now were it not for minute details. All it takes is a simple deviation from convention from time to time to change the course of history and transform a comfortable sort to a pauper. Christmas may be time for gluttony and greed, but it's also a great time for charity. Look out for those struggling around you, lest disaster strikes you down at some future deviation. Merry Christmas one and all!

**Aaron Bliss**  
[aaronjbliss@hotmail.com](mailto:aaronjbliss@hotmail.com)





### A Burns Night Celebration

Looking beyond the busy Christmas and New Year period to the bleak days of late January, *DN* readers might like to think of coming along to our Burns Supper to be held on 26 January at 7.00pm at the Deddington Arms Hotel. This is a fundraiser organised by Friends of Deddington Church, several of whom have been enjoyably engaged for some time in planning this event. It is now shaping up to be a very good evening out. We are offering a delicious three course supper with a Scottish theme. A vegetarian as well as a beef option is available, in addition to the traditional haggis wi' bashed neeps and champit tatties, not to mention a delicious cranachan with raspberries (also known as Highland Flummery), a tot of fine whisky, and much more. But we are offering more than a good dinner. There will be lots of entertainment, kicked off by a splendid pipe major to greet diners as they arrive and later to pipe in the haggis. We already have a reasonably full programme of Scottish poetry (by Burns and others), music and a quiz – not to mention a raffle of a bottle of fine whisky and possibly an auction. If you would like to contribute anything on a Scottish theme to the evening's programme, please contact Steve Miller ([steve.smilemusic@gmail.com](mailto:steve.smilemusic@gmail.com)) or myself.

The cost of the evening is £25. If you are interested, I would suggest booking as soon as you can, as numbers are limited and quite a few of the available places are already taken. Tickets are available from Steve Miller Salon or from the reception desk at the Deddington Arms Hotel. I am also still holding a few.

**Lesley Milroy, Chair**  
[amilroy@umich.edu](mailto:amilroy@umich.edu) 337614

### Deddington Baby and Toddler Group

Christmas will come early to Deddington when Santa drops in on the village's Baby and Toddler group on Friday 20 December.

Babies and toddlers in Deddington and surrounding areas are invited to come and join us for some festive fun. They can even bring their Mums and Dads, or Grannies and Grandads. As well as Santa, we'll have a bouncy castle to get us in the party mood, and some festive fare too.

In the run up to our Christmas party, our craft focus will be on designing a Christmas wreath, with Friday 6 December designated as a 'messy play' session.

Deddington Baby and Toddler group meets every Friday from 10am to noon, although we will be taking a short break over the festive season, with no sessions on 27 December or 3 January. As well as crafts, there is a wide range of toys for children to play with and each session ends with a sing-along.

Newcomers are welcome and admission is £2 for families with one child or £2.50 for those with more.

For more information, please contact me.

**Janet Bird 337428**

### Pegasus Appeal Update

The appeal by Pegasus, representing Prudential/M&G Investments, against the refusal of planning permission by CDC was heard by a Planning Inspector at a three day public inquiry at the end of October.

The proposals are to build 85 houses, some three storey, on the nine and a half acre field between Gaveston Gardens and Banbury Road. The indicative housing mix includes 47 four- and five-bedroom houses (55%) and 30 'social' rented (or 'affordable') homes (35%).

The proceedings at a public inquiry resemble legal proceedings, and each side's case was presented by a barrister. Pegasus had instructed a QC. After giving their evidence, witnesses were subjected to probing cross-examination.

The principal issues in contention were:

- whether CDC has a 'robust' five year housing land supply (in terms of planning permissions granted) as required by national policy;
- whether CDC ought to be using a different, less favourable, method of calculating housing land supply;
- the impact on the character and appearance of the landscape.

After the two sides had completed their cases, nine local witnesses from Deddington Development Watch, the Parish Council and CPRE made a co-ordinated presentation of local issues.

On the final afternoon, the Inspector made an accompanied site visit to the village, which included an escorted ascent of the church tower.

The Inspector indicated that he is aiming to issue his decision in mid-December. Whatever the outcome, a big thank you to everyone for your support, which has been terrific.

**Deddington Development Watch**

### DIARY *Continued from p1*

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| Tue | 7     | Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm   |
| Wed | 8     | History Society: 'A Local History of Medicine', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm              |
| Thu | 9     | Monday Morning Film Club: Film tba, Holly Tree, 6.30pm                               |
| Tue | 14    | WI: 'St. Helena – A Far Flung Outpost', Holly Tree, 7.30pm                           |
| Wed | 15    | PC Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm  |
| Thu | 16–18 | Deddington Players: <i>Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |

### COME AND JOIN THE CHURCH FLOWER TEAM

Our lovely old Church needs your help. We like to have some flowers in church throughout the year (Lent and Advent excepted). Then for special occasions we really decorate in style: Easter, Harvest Festival, Christmas. Weddings are a bonus.

No matter what your expertise, or lack of it, you will be most welcome.

Contact Barbara 337121

**DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO**

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

**10th January** (Sunday) – Susan was at Clifton [Church] in the afternoon only, the Rifle Corps attended there in the morning, I gave notice of the Confirmation for the last time. Emily [maid] asked leave to go out (for the third time) to see McPherson – Susan remonstrated with her and gave her to understand it was improper and must be put an end to.

**11th January** – Emily gave her Mistress notice to leave this day month as she was going to be married to McPherson – our late footman – whom I had sent away in October last. Susan told her she would have given her notice to leave before the day was out had she not forestalled her.

**19th January** – Willy went down to Clifton this evening and had the male catechumens at the Church for the first time previous to the coming Confirmation.

**20th January** – I went to Oxford to attend an Infirmary Meeting.

**25th January** – Emily and McPherson's Banns were published for the first time here. Received a note that the Diocesan Inspector of Schools was coming tomorrow to examine the children in the National School rooms.

**26th January** – Willy went to Bath to purchase a Chair for his Mother's use – as previously arranged.

**Buffy Heywood 338212**



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

**Bring your children  
to this candlelit service  
at Deddington Parish Church  
on Sunday, 15 December,  
at 4pm**



**The  
Children's  
Society**

And with your donations, support  
The Children's Society in its care  
of disadvantaged children

**DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL 2014 GOES LIVE**

Ten days of events are planned for the 2014 Deddington Festival between Thursday 12 and Sunday 22 June and we have something for everyone:

**For Families:** The Komedy of Errors: a mad-cap, circus show; Whistle, Blow and Strum: an acoustic concert; Open air 'Scary' film night on Friday 13th; Tam & Tea: fun art event with tea.

**For Budding Talent:** There is the Writing Competition for children and adults, plus a Music Talent Contest for 11–18s, and an Animation/Short Film Contest for under 18s. So email [talent@deddingtonfestival.org.uk](mailto:talent@deddingtonfestival.org.uk) to enter.

**For Music Lovers:** Deddy Rocks is on Saturday 14 June with a new format; there is a lunchtime classical concert over a glass of wine; Tim Healey's Oxford Waites are performing; Deddy Jazz will once again strum and jam, and the finale is a Community Concert to celebrate the music of the First World War era.

**For Everyone:** Stand-up comedians are coming from the Cotswold Comedy Club and there is a Food Festival with demonstrations and sumptuous fayre. Not forgetting the History Walk, the Art Exhibition and Poetry Please.

Look at What's On at [www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk). If you like what you see, get involved:

We need volunteers and Friends before and during the Festival. Please see the website.

**2014 Festival Organising Team**

**THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS?**

**THE GREAT LITTLE FLOWER COMPANY**  
WILL AGAIN BE DELIGHTED TO TAKE YOUR  
ORDERS FOR OUR RANGE OF BEAUTIFUL  
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**DOOR WREATHS, TABLE  
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FLORAL TO MAKE YOUR  
CHRISTMAS HOME COMPLETE.**

*Come and see us at The Deddington  
Christmas Fayre on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> December at  
Deddington Church from 7pm*

*or*

*Steeple Aston Christmas Market on Friday  
29<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm onwards (Middle  
Aston Hall)*

*or*

*Browse through our Christmas gallery on  
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**E: [thegreatlittleflowercompany@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thegreatlittleflowercompany@yahoo.co.uk)  
Sarah – 07737 869194 Victoria – 07766 903924**



## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

I have been asked many times about my oblique reference to 'traffic related matters' last month and I was not able to elucidate at the time (although that might relate to the fact I had a beer in my hand at the time of asking) but OCC are currently making plans to remove the repeaters in Clifton. A repeater is a small speed sign that is used to remind drivers of the applicable speed limit and they have to be present in a speed limit at a spacing clearly defined in [http://www.abd.org.uk/speed\\_limit\\_signs.htm](http://www.abd.org.uk/speed_limit_signs.htm). However if you read this fully (insomniacs might find this useful) you'll discover that if there are street lights closer than 183 metres (that's 200 yards in old money) then repeaters are specifically prohibited and render the speed limit unenforceable. It is not clear where these came from but some of them are fairly recent. This does of course mean that anyone who has been prosecuted for speeds through the village my children live and play in could have that prosecution overturned, but the identity of such people will become known to me and I will name and shame. I tried hard to discover the identity of the two cars that were caught in the recent Speed Watch event in Clifton and then parked in the village but the Parish Council is too inscrutable I'm afraid.

Plans are afoot for the annual outing to Candleford in the shape the Clifton Dads' Christmas Drink. To be clear, people who aren't Dads do come and are

welcome but Mums and other ladies never seem interested. It will, as ever, be the Friday before the December Farmers' Market (as most of the people who put the market up will be there and it makes it more of a challenge when hung over). If you fancy a tour of Deddington's licensed premises (except the Church but including the Legion), be in the Duck at 19:00 on 20 December.

Book Club has a new member: welcome Steve, who seemed to replace a Steve we had lost but who returned last week. By the time you read this we will have welcomed Bruce who has only lived here for three years so can't be accused of rushing in.

One of the benefits of Book Club membership is of course being in on the start of initiatives like the fuel oil co-operative that has seen us stock up in the cheap summer months to take us through the cold mid-winter. Out of this is growing a coal co-operative that will see bags of coal bought in bulk for a fraction of the price you all pay. The science department of Book Club has stated that the higher calorific value of coal makes this the economic fuel of choice for our open fires in these austere times. So pop along and place your order.

... Oh and Roxy's back!

**Martin Bryce**

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

### Ashcroft THERAPY CENTRE

#### **Benjamin Ousey**

*BSc Hons OST*

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

**Crafts, cooking  
and other games**

**Saturday, 14 December, 2013**

**Cost £2**

**Application forms and inquiries to:**

**Sarah Boss 338536**

**Liz Coppin 338721**

**Ingrid Robey 337347**

*Additional forms at the Church*

**To guarantee a place, applications to be  
returned by Wednesday, 11 December**

## WELL REMEMBERED

### PEGGY WALLIN 1932–2013

Madge – Peggy as she came to be known later – was born in Deddington on 2 July 1932, the third child of Jimmy and Lily Hayward, who kept a greengrocer's shop in the Market Place. Peggy went to school in Deddington and after that worked in her parents' shop. She married John Wallin in Deddington Parish Church in September 1955.

Their first married home was in Council Street (now Hopcraft Lane). The family, Kate and Lauretta, arrived in due course, and they remember this as a place of limited amenities: no bathroom or outside toilet, as was the case with many Deddington properties in those days. It was hard work back then being housewife and mother. Tin baths for the children in the kitchen while Mother cooked the evening meal. Peggy did that on top of a full day's work at Wallin's bakery, having moved from her parents' to her husband's business on marrying John.

After a while the family moved to St John's Way in Hempton. From here, as well as working at the shop and keeping house for her husband and daughters, Peggy spent a good deal of time looking after her own mother and John's. That came easily to her because she was a selfless and caring person, always putting others' needs before her own satisfactions. Her being such a person meant that she became a hugely supportive grandmother and great-grandmother as the new generations appeared. Peggy and John's contribution as grand- and great-grandparents was facilitated by a move to Banbury some years ago but Peggy (and John and the Bakery) will be remembered with gratitude by many in Deddington and beyond.

HW

### From DN's Archive: December 1976

Our first Christmas edition carried the following report of the Primary School play performed in the Church. You may recall some of the names of participants.

'On Sunday 5th December the portable box stage in our Church will be erected for the children to have over a week for rehearsals for their play on 14th December. Entitled "While Bethlehem Sleeps" the scene will be the stable at Bethlehem which has been constructed and painted by Mrs. Terry's class. Mr. Dunton's and Mrs. Terry's classes will be responsible for most of the acting but all the other classes will join in and there will be musical items and carols. Already there is much excitement over the costumes, for it is fun to dress up and we know that all parents and friends will be there on this great evening.

After the play the stage will be put back in the conference corner where it makes a wall for a cosy room. Mrs. Wright's classes will be busy making and arranging the Christmas Crib in the North porch, ready for the School service on 20th December and again we know parents and friends will be with us.'

## Betty's Box

When Betty Hill died a box was found in her house containing sundry old and fascinating papers about Deddington. We will publish a selection at intervals, the following are samples:

AS A BUSINESS CENTRE – from the *Banbury Advertiser*, 27 November 1884:

Deddington has a market place fitting in all respects; high and dry and with a foundation built upon a rock and yet with an abundant supply of water from a resident reservoir in its very midst. How does it contrast with the mud puddle at Aynho. All around there is the very best accommodation for buyers and sellers at the King's Arms [*now the Deddington Arms*], the Unicorn, the Red Lion, the Butcher's Arms and other neighbouring and celebrated hostleries.

*(It is not known for sure where the Butcher's Arms was, but I have seen a note suggesting that it might have been in Church Lane, which does tie in with it being in the vicinity of the Market Place – but where in Church Lane?).*

The following is a humorous and heartfelt plea for repayment to creditors which ends with two stings in the tail. It is not known where this was originally published.

## IN BANKRUPTCY

To the Inspectors of Henry Churchill's Estate  
Messrs Malings and Parish and Turner,  
You were each of you named a discerner,  
Nearly four months ago from this date,  
Of this missing ex-lawyer's estate,  
Yet you do not vouchsafe us to tell  
Of all that has since then befell,  
Affecting the creditors' cash;  
Invested by those who were rash  
In trusting respectable looks,  
Not thinking how bad were the books  
Poor Henry pretended to keep  
When often in beer fast asleep!  
Messrs Parish and Turner and Malings,  
Wake up, my dear friends, from your failings;  
Messrs Malings and Turner and Parish,  
Pray act in a manner more fairish;  
Messrs M P and T, let us energy see;  
Messrs T P and M, public gossip pray stem;  
Messrs T M and P from your lethargy flee;  
A statement or balance-sheet yield  
For others besides Mister Field;  
Your duty pray hasten to do,  
Or bid your appointment adieu.  
Recollect,  
Your neglect  
Cannot win you respect  
From those with whom some one played Shylock  
the Jew.

*January 6th 1871*

## 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 MOLLY NIELD,  
PHILCOTE STREET

Deddington needs to get back into the village news pages of the *Banbury Guardian*. Until I stopped producing my little article I really imagined that no one ever read it. Then people started to complain when it did not appear on Thursdays and wow! I realised that it was definitely read and even needed.

However, not one complainer offered to take on this little job from me, so I am hoping this request will find us someone. I have written the piece for a good many years and enjoyed writing it, especially when I had an editor who allowed me to be a little discursive; however, some editors cut out all but strict facts about happenings in Deddington. It is thus not an onerous task, for facts are what are needed most of all and it need not be a literary piece.

Anyone interested in taking on this really useful but not difficult task can call me on 337719 for more information. I hope for lots of calls.

FROM WILL AND ED LIEBRECHT, HIGH STREET  
**To Santiago for Tsogo**

We are immensely grateful to everyone who supported our sponsored pilgrimage along The Way of St. James. Once Gift Aid is added, the final sum will be around £3,000. This will be sent to support the Tsogo Project and our friends in the community of Mbatho, South Africa.

It has been a fantastic and enriching experience and we know that, with your wonderful generosity, what we have raised will be put to very good use. Again, we are hugely thankful and hope that others are inspired to follow in our footsteps. Many thanks.

FROM MARY ROBINSON, NEW STREET

Thank you Deddington for your wonderful letters, cards, emails and offers of help following Colin's rapid and fatal illness. We really are an amazing community, not in each other's pockets, but there to help and support when needed. Truly a community to be cherished.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

I felt very sad after I had taken my young children trick or treating for Hallowe'en in Deddington. The children always look forward to it and as usual we carved our pumpkin and left it outside the door waiting for spooky visitors with great excitement. As we were getting the children ready for bed, we left a plastic pumpkin full of sweets for people to help themselves to while we got ourselves organised. We went to take it inside and



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even if they are not for publication

not only had all the sweets (including tub) been pinched but also someone had kicked our pumpkin to smithereens. My children asked why someone would have done that and I was a little puzzled.

On another note in the summer holidays we had a knock on our door about 10.30pm and, living in such a lovely community, thought that it must

be a neighbour in trouble so we answered. It was in fact someone who had been working on a house nearby, saying that his wife was in terrible trouble and could we lend him £100 to get his family towed off the motorway. Because we recognised him we lent him some money on a promise that it would be returned the next day. Sadly, and in hindsight predictably, we have never seen the money. We did feel rather stupid but, as my husband said, it is nice to help people out if they are in trouble. My summer experience and more recent Hallowe'en experience has left me wondering what exactly is going on with 'our lovely village'.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

Today I received details relating to a proposed development of some 26 dwellings by the developer, Banner Homes, on the Clifton Road, Deddington.

I would be interested to know your villagers' reactions to the proposal, as living in Kings Sutton we currently have 40 homes being constructed by the same developer. The land they are building on here borders the flood plain.

For your information, of the 40 proposed homes, 16 were ear-marked to be 'affordable homes' and the planning permission was gained on this basis. When the developers obtained planning permission they managed to 'water down' this element to just six, based on market changes. The developers also applied to reduce the build quality on some of the properties after obtaining planning consent but this was rejected. They have subsequently also tried to purchase land adjoining their site to increase the development size by some 25%. This is still to be agreed.

When the Kings Sutton development was in its planning stages our village created a website, [www.kingssutton.info](http://www.kingssutton.info), to map the developers progress.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, PHILCOTE STREET  
Where would Deddington be without those who live in The Daedings? Mill Close? Gaveston Gardens? The Leyes? The Beeches? Where would Hempton be without those who live in St John's Way? In five years' time where might Deddington not be without those whose homes Pegasus and Banner have designs to build?



## The Green Man Goldilocks and Climate Change



Would that we could slip into the Tardis and travel back in time to the late 1980s when phrases like 'climate change' and 'global warming' first began to embed in popular consciousness. To believers they are portents of doom whereas many climate change deniers find *global warming* downright entertaining, especially anytime there is an exceptional cold weather event. We are still poles apart.

What if at least we could all understand that there is an important distinction between climate and weather? Weather is of the moment, though that 'moment' may persist for days or weeks. Climate is long term weather averages that can persist for millennia. For example, all the weather events in recorded human history are part of a common geological and climate epoch called the Holocene. The Holocene emerged about 11,000 years ago and has been our very own nurturing, enabling, 'Goldilocks' epoch – not too hot, not too cold, but just right for human civilisation to thrive. It may not seem like much but only 5°C cooler on average over time is the difference between England's green and pleasant land and, say, finding the High Street under a kilometer of ice - or a few degrees higher and melting Arctic ice might dilute the thermohaline Atlantic current enough to disrupt the flow of warm water here from the southern oceans. That would get our attention, given that Deddington is about the same north latitude as Labrador. I can see headlines already in the tabloid press: 'Global warming the cause

of UK cooling'. Elsewhere, they might start to cook, as cropland gave way to deserts. These complexities and apparent contradictions make it difficult for many to take the prospect of climate change seriously.

As to the impact that human activity is having on climate change, perhaps we're looking at the question too closely. When modern humans first left Africa around 70,000 years ago, they were still in the Pleistocene epoch, when our world was colder and drier than at present. Glaciers further north locked up enough water from the oceans to create a land bridge, allowing our ancestors to migrate up into Asia Minor. Time passed, the ice retreated, sea levels rose and there was no way back. Those who were to become Europeans spread westward to the extent they could, but were limited as to where they could live by new glacial periods, some of which lasted for thousands of years.

Then came the Goldilocks epoch, which is all we have known and which we take so much for granted. Maybe understanding this can help with a way forward. What if both sceptics and believers come to agree that climate change has already had a profound effect on human destiny and, yes, that climate will continue to change with or without our help? But then a necessary and irrefutable consensus: while we cannot stop climate change, overloading our atmosphere with greenhouse gases will greatly accelerate it. The sceptic in me says that those who don't believe in climate change probably don't believe in Goldilocks either. But then the last time around, the bears didn't eat her.

**Dan Desmond**  
[dessr@outlook.com](mailto:dessr@outlook.com)

## Ageing is unavoidable

In the UK, and globally, we can expect to live longer, leading to an increased population of elderly people. As a result, many of us will experience the need for elderly care at some stage in our lives; either for ourselves or a loved one. The quality of this care can be variable, but there are companies that are doing a great job providing care as it should be, and this should be acknowledged.

However, we have all read in the national news the issues surrounding short duration, task-based, visits by care companies. These can be as short as 15 minutes, forcing elderly people to choose what task is performed. I have seen one quote by an 84 year old lady who says 'Do I get a drink or do I go to the toilet?'

This is largely driven by budgetary considerations of local authorities who try to force more tasks into less time, putting pressure on all concerned – not least the elderly themselves whose individual needs are not considered. But why does it have to be like this?

I believe that if we spent more on 'care' rather than 'cure' then people would need less, not more, support in the long run. We could keep more people out

of hospitals and institutional care for longer and, as a consequence, the overall cost of health and social care would fall. Our seniors would also have a happier, more dignified time of it through a more person-centred approach where care could involve a wider range of options such as companionship.

So to my mind it would be far better to focus on how we care rather than who pays for it – get the 'how' right and it will make the 'who pays for it' a lot easier.

**Graham Holtom**  
**01295 237237**

Congratulations to WJ Welford & Sons and in particular farm manager Lionel Wells for the following awards made by Banbury Agricultural Association:

First for Conservation (second year running)

First for Spring Oil Seed Rape

Third for Overall Smaller Farm

Lionel's wife, Alison, received second for her garden.

Many of you enjoy the walk through Leadenporch Farm. Lionel is always pleased to answer anyone's questions.

## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Photographic Society

In October George Sainsbury led a workshop on 'Being Judgemental About your own Photographs', which comprised an interactive appraisal of photographs using two formats and based on discussions with judges. This was followed by a review of members' images of the two models taken at the preceding month's studio workshop. A selection of these images may be seen in the gallery of the Society's website.

The Society's exhibitions at the Adderbury Institute and in the Living Room in Deddington Church had many visitors who commented on the high standard of prints.

In November Gordon Roberts, CPAGB, gave a presentation entitled '50 Years of Printing and Still Going Strong'. Taking his audience back to his early involvement in dark room technology, then moving forward in years, he discussed the immense impact brought about by the digital camera and digital processing, and the resulting improvement in colour printing. Gordon concluded by showing a number of his more recent exhibition prints, which covered a wide range of subjects. It was a most interesting presentation by a very experienced photographer who is also a recognised exhibition judge.

Some members spent a most enjoyable day at Westonbirt Arboretum on 3 November. The weather was kind, and the autumn colours were brilliant.

The next meeting is on 4 December when the Society's founder, Philip Rigby, will give a presentation: 'From Beginner to RPS Accreditation'. On 8 January members will show 'My Best Image of 2013'. Looking further ahead to 5 February, Peter Sheasby will give a presentation on 'Wild Flower Photography'. All the meetings are held 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

### 1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

The display of Guys in the Market Place was a great success as we raised £170 towards our next Shelterbox, the need for which was brought home when we saw the extent of the disaster in the Philippines. Thanks to everyone who donated.

The Cubs took part in the annual White Sheet Walk that was held in Bloxham. They walked around the hidden alleyways and followed the 'pest route' (very apt) dressed as ghosts, much to the surprise of residents and shoppers at the Co-op.

We also talked about Remembrance Day and made a big poppy for the wall at The Windmill.

Coming next – Home Help Badge, Christmas crafts and, hopefully, a party.

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

### Scouts

The Scouts finished their Communicator Badge with an evening of Morse code, phonetic alphabet, walkie-talkies and emergency whistles. They now carry a whistle when doing any activity outside the Centre.

We then moved on to maps, firstly looking at different scales and attempted to scale up a playing card by dividing it into sections.

Well done to everyone who came to the Remembrance Day Parade – a great turnout.

Coming up – Extreme Ox – assault course and paracord activities.

**Pete Churchyard SL**  
[pete.churchyard@btinternet.com](mailto:pete.churchyard@btinternet.com)

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### First Team results

19.10.13 Hanwell United (a) (CUP) W 3–0  
(walkover)

26.10.13 Sinclair United (h) L 2–3  
England, Gamage

#### Reserve Team results

19.10.13 Chesterton (h) W 4–1  
Gamage (3), Charles

26.10.13 Swiss FC Reserves (a) (CUP) W 4–0  
Dugdale, Gray, Kaye (Jordan) (2)

02.11.13 Middleton Cheney (a) W 2–1  
England, Kaye (Jordan)

The most winter-ful time of the year beckons for our hardy rebels, and with frozen pitches comes the inevitable miscued volley thundered on to the exposed flesh of the unguarded thigh, followed by the boiler failing in time for the post-match shower. In this knowledge, brave the elements to voice your support for the soon-to-be-suffering First and Reserve teams.

The First team had something of a forgettable month, only gaining cup progress through virtue of an opposition forfeit, before losing at home to Sinclair. The regime change has meant a season of transition, which we all hope will lead to a cavalry charge as 2014 rears its head.

The Reserves continue their sparkling 100% record at the top of Division 1, with the two Jordans at the forefront. Gamage did the damage in the Cup, nabbing a hat-trick to demolish Swiss FC Reserves, while Special Kaye scored in both that match, and in the home win against Middleton Cheney. Have a fabulous Christmas from all at DTFC!

**Aaron Bliss 07909 642882**

### Book Club

In October we read *The Old Ways* by Robert Macfarlane. This book has been described by a critic as a 'geographical biography' and the group agreed that this was the best way to describe the unusual series of stories about the author's walks and sea voyages. For most people the book was highly evocative, retracing ancient routes in the company, real and imagi-

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

nary, of poets, adventurers and ordinary people. It is beautifully written and can be read cover to cover or selectively. Either way, it was generally agreed to be a revelation, adding to their own experience of travelling such routes.

A minority found the use of obscure language and the atmosphere of the book as a whole to be pretentious and contrived. We gave it 6.5.

This month we are reading *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins. We do not meet in December but our next meeting will be on 30 January. Please call 338094 for information.

**Adele Smith**

### Deddington Players

The Players are hard at work rehearsing *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, ready for the shows on 16-18 January. We are pleased to welcome some new members to the cast and nearly all of last year's cast has come back for more. Tickets will be available after Christmas – see our posters for ticket outlets or give me a call. Watch out for us at the Christmas Farmers' Market where some of our characters may be putting in a special guest appearance. See you at the show.

**Lucy Squires 338442**

### Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

Remembrance Sunday on 10 November was the first since the dedication of the new memorial plaque in the Parish Church. In spite of the very changeable weather of late it dawned without a cloud in the sky, if a little chilly. The parade from the Bull Ring to the war memorial in the lower churchyard was very well supported. It was led by Deddington Brass and was joined by the village's many organisations and residents of all ages. The Revd Dr Hugh White conducted the Act of Remembrance at 11.00am with the reading of the names of Deddingtonians who had served in past conflicts and had made the ultimate sacrifice, including those who have been included on the new memorial plaque. The bugler, Irene Bailey, marked the start of the two minutes silence with the Last Post and signalled the end with the Reveille. The wreaths were laid and crosses placed on the war graves in the churchyard, followed by a service in the parish church. Our thanks to all who officiated, especially the vicar, the clergy, pastor Isabel Walton of the Wesleyan Reform Church, officers of the Parish Council, the bugler, Deddington Brass under their bandmaster Graham Wallington, the Deddington Branch standard bearer Dave Keats, the parade marshals, Richard and Tracey Boss, and all the villagers who joined us in the parade, at the war memorial and in the Church. Our thanks also to George Reason who, yet again, constructed and maintained the garden of remembrance in the Market Place.

We launched the Poppy Appeal on 26 October.

Thanks to Norman West, our Poppy Appeal organiser, and to Jean Morris who organised the collections at village shops, businesses, school etc and to our committed band of house-to-house collectors. Everyone has given generously. Final figures are not yet to hand but early indications are that, even in these difficult times, we will be sending to the National Poppy Appeal much the same as last year.

The AGM of the Branch and the Club, which is open to members only, is on Thursday 12 December at the Club at 8.00pm. Members are reminded that subscriptions for the current year: £19 (£14 for pensioners) – were due on 1 October.

**Jean Morris, Branch Secretary 338143**  
[mrsjeanmorris@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjeanmorris@gmail.com)

### Deddington Brass

It's getting to that busy time of year when brass players find themselves in heavy demand. We were proud to lead the Remembrance Sunday parade in Deddington on 10 November. This was the tenth year that the Boys' Brigade Band (now Deddington Brass) has led the parade to the war memorial and the band has gone from strength to strength in that time, with some of the original small group of members still playing. We also played at the service in Shutford church that evening. Our busy Christmas season kicks off with carols at the PFSU and Nursery Christmas Shopping and Pamper Night in the church on 3 December. Following this we have a number of other engagements, culminating in the traditional Christmas Eve carols in the Market Place (and a tour of the local pubs), when we will be collecting for Katharine House. Please support the Band and our local charity if you can - we hope to see you along the way. Any brass players out there - come and find us in the church on Monday nights, 7-9pm.

**Lucy Squires 338442**

### 1st Deddington Guides

Firstly, thank you to the Deddington Farmers' Market committee for the generous donation to help us get up to date with handbooks and uniform – much appreciated by us all.

Well done to all who attended the Remembrance Day parade: all deserve a mention – to Penny and Elen in the Band, Charlotte and Casey who carried the colours, escorts and wreath layers Sophie, Ellie A, Megan. Chloe and Amy also did a great job with no rehearsal. Well done to all.

We discussed the meaning of the poppy and Remembrance Day and tried to come up with some rules ourselves that could help us all to live peacefully together: no bullying, no racism, share the land, compromise when you disagree, sign a peace contract, people of all faiths to try and understand the faiths of others, be kind, helpful and friendly to everyone. This last one really echoes one of our Guide Laws



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and something we agreed we could all make sure we stick to – straight away. So, the peace movement is spreading as of last Tuesday night. You can see why we are very proud of all 1st Deddington Guides.

We loved the Hallowe'en events and the glamour night put on by the senior Guides and are going to wear our onesies to our home film night and eat lots of popcorn.

**Guiders Maggie Rampley 01295 810069**

**Marian Trinder 340800**

**Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008**

### Deddington Town Colts

#### *Mini football*

The Under 6 and Under 7 teams are developing their skills well and played their first friendly against local rivals Hook Norton. The Under 6s drew 1–1, which was no mean feat with a few new players on the day. The two Under 7 sides lost one match 3–0 and drew the other 0–0.

A highlight was the lads v parents match, which the lads won 5–3. They took an early lead that could not be overcome by the parents. The Under 8s have had some great matches with a win over Bonham and a tight 3–3 draw with Bure Park. Alfie Coppin has been making mazy runs forward and Riven Smith is proving to be a consistent ball winner and goal scorer.

#### *Junior football*

The Under 11 Sharks played one game in the league – a goalless draw with Combe Junior Sports that dropped them down to third place. In the Knock Out Cup they faced Bloxham. A lucky deflection led to a goal for Harvey Machin and, with a reply from Bonham, it was feared that the match would follow the pattern of the drawn league game. Step forward Tom Haynes scoring a wonderful individual goal dribbling round four defenders before tucking the ball home. Jamie Gardner almost repeated the feat from the other side of the penalty area and it was 3–1. Tom Haynes added another on the break but the Sharks eased off enough to allow two goals in. At 4–3 up the shredded nerves were eased when an heroic diving header from Richard Churchill cost him the rest of the match with a bloodied nose, but Deddington ended up 5–3 winners. The Under 13 Cobras are building a good run of form with three wins in three consecutive games and now sit fifth in the C league following a 4–3 victory over a strong Tower Hill side. There have been some great individual performances but most notable was a 12–3 win away to Witney Viking Warriors with two players scoring hat-tricks (Henry Nicholls and Matt Shallis) and Harry Barton scoring four goals. The Under 14s have seen defensive errors cost them games they should have got points from. They suffered a 4–2 defeat to Brackley Athletic with goals from Ethan Stevens and Alfie Thatcher. They faced table-topping Charlton and District in their next game. Despite leading 1–0 at half-time with a fine strike from Jack McCallum from the

edge of the box, Charlton scored two goals after the break. Charlie Ellis hit back with a fine finish on the break to equalize at 2–2. A fine individual goal from Charlton made it 3–2 and, as Deddington pressed for the equaliser, they conceded two late goals in the last two minutes.

If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please do not hesitate to get in touch. The Under 14s and Under 16s are currently looking for sponsors for team jackets for the season. Further information about the club is on our website <http://www.deddingtontownfc.com/>.

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

### 1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

The Rainbows made their annual walk along The Park to collect conkers. Last year we were worried we wouldn't find any at all, but this year, it was how we were going to carry the bulging carrier bags home that was the problem. Ivy very cleverly turned her conkers into Viking soap (yet to be tested) and a caterpillar ornament at home. Brownies, Guides and Senior Section (Rangers and Young Leaders) visited us and showed us a bit about what they do. The Rainbows ate crêpes (Tilly went to Paris with her Ranger unit), decorated bookmarks with the Brownies, practised carrying the Guide flags and talked about camping with the Guides. The sleeping-bag in the bedding-roll was very popular – luckily we have our 'sleepover for an hour' to look forward to later this term.

We have been joined enthusiastically by Ava C, Jemima A and Rose. We made poppy hairslides from felt to wear at the Remembrance Day parade with our British Legion poppies. We had a fabulous turnout for the parade; it's a long service for five-year olds and we were very proud of them.

Andrew Jenkins from Cherwell District Council visited us to tell us about Major Sparkle's quest against litter. The Rainbows were all pretty good at knowing how to recycle rubbish to avoid litter, but were shocked at how long it took different types of litter to biodegrade, especially the plastic bags.

**Hazel Neal 337822**

### 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

In November we welcomed Jonathan to the Anchor section. We hope he enjoys his time with BB.

As ever in November, we like to focus on Remembrance Sunday and the issues regarding war and conflict. Well done boys for the quality of your contributions across both the Junior and Company sections. We turned out for parade on Remembrance Sunday and it was good to see the boys marching. Many who attended were marching for the first time.

Thank you to everyone who has donated books for us to sell at the Farmers' Market. We have raised good sums of money at both the October and November

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markets. We will be back in our usual place in the church during 2014 as we are having December off. The markets we are attending will be confirmed in due course.

Our final session in 2013 will be on Wednesday 11 December and we resume on Wednesday 8 January. Both these sessions will be different from our normal meetings and we will be writing to parents/carers during December to advise what is happening.

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

**Jen Childs, Leader, 337481**

**[Jen.childs@btinternet.com](mailto:Jen.childs@btinternet.com)**

### Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

It is with deep regret we announce that one of the founding fathers of DOGS has left us for the fairways of another world. Arthur Kennedy was a very active member of the DOGS and even in his early 80s, turned out for DOGS golf days. It seems that only yesterday we celebrated Arthur's 80th birthday. Arthur, you will be missed.

Reminder: the DOGS AGM will be held in January 2014 – so watch DOL and other local media for date and time.

On behalf of all the DOGS may the readers, families and friends of the *Deddington News* have a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

**David Darst 338589**

### Women's Institute

At our meeting on 12 November we were told that the final sum for the collection for the poppy wreath and donations topped £90. A letter of thanks from the Royal British Legion was read out. We then had a talk from Bess Harris 'All About Bears'. This turned out to be the toy variety. We were given a history of how they were originally named and how they became popular. Bess has a huge collection of bears, including many special occasion bears – we saw about a third of her collection.

On 14 November some of us went to see the Oxford Operatic production of Sweeney Todd. Please call Beryl Suckling on 337385 for information on future meetings.

**Julia Hobbs**

### Deddington and District History Society

Muriel Pilkington made a welcome return visit on 13 November, this time to speak about the Leveller mutinies within the victorious New Model Army that led in May 1649 to the execution of three ringleaders in Burford churchyard. This was a detailed talk dealing with a complex subject, but Muriel handled her material so skilfully and explained it so clearly that she held her audience fascinated throughout.

The Levellers' demands were mostly no more than we now take for granted as our democratic rights but

they alarmed Parliamentary leaders who, while steadfastly opposed to what they saw as royal despotism, were nowhere near ready for democracy. Discontent within the army, not least because of arrears of pay and a reluctance to serve under Oliver Cromwell in Ireland, mounted and mutinies broke out in April 1649. Mutineers from the south-west and from Banbury agreed to rendezvous at Burford before marching on London. They were surprised there by Cromwell; though many escaped, 300 were captured and held in Burford church. On 16 May three were shot, watched by their comrades. In September two more were shot at Gloucester Green in Oxford. It was the end of the mutiny but Leveller ideas lived on, influencing John Locke and appearing in the Declaration of Human Rights (1689), in the American Bill of Rights (1791), and in Chartist demands of the 1840s. The events at Burford are commemorated each year with a march through the town on the second Saturday of May.

On 11 December we shall have our popular Christmas party. The theme for this year's quiz will be 'How well do you know your parish'. Admission will be £5 for members, £6 for non-members, to cover the cost of refreshments. Anyone wishing to come (and why would you not?) who has not yet booked should contact Janet Broadbent on 338173 or [RB.Broadbent@gmail.com](mailto:RB.Broadbent@gmail.com).

**Chris Day (Chairman) 337204**

**Moirá Byast (Secretary) 338637**

## Musical Notes

The Christmas season brings to Deddington Church two choral delights. First at 6.30pm on Sunday 8 December, we have Janet Lincé's Choros choir and Corona Strings. Like so many musicians, they will be celebrating the centenary of the birth of the great British composer, Benjamin Britten. Joined by the Oxfordshire Youth Choir and Adrian Thompson, tenor, they will perform his Christmas Cantata, *Saint Nicholas*. This justly admired work was Britten's first composition designed for a predominantly amateur ensemble. Traditional Advent carols for choir and audience will complete the programme.

The following week on Saturday 14 December the Warriner Choral Society's Christmas concert is titled 'Joy to the World', and features carols for choir and audience, extracts from the *Messiah*, and instrumental favourites from the Akeman Chamber Orchestra, including Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*. Don't struggle to make a choice, treat yourselves by coming to both concerts.

No concerts have been planned for wintry January, but in February's *DN* there will be a list of musical events planned for the spring and summer.

And if you would like an email reminder of concerts in Deddington Church some ten days before these events, please send me your address.

**Donald Lane**

**[donald199@btinternet.com](mailto:donald199@btinternet.com)**

## From The Fire Station

**A**s the nights are drawing in and the weather is definitely starting to feel like winter, we are breaking out the snow socks and the grit. We had a quieter month with only 20 call-outs, no chimney fires and a completely incident free Guy Fawkes too. Looks like everyone got their chimneys swept and adhered to the firework code, we thank you.

We did get called to an unusual barn fire at Middle Barton. Crew Manager Graham Harding was in charge that night, with George Williamson and me wearing the breathing apparatus (BA). As we raced along to the incident we wondered whether this was a real fire because barns generally light up the night sky incredibly quickly. On arrival we met the owner who informed us that the fire was completely out of control and he had shut the door and was more than a little concerned about the 50 or more heavy solar panels on his roof that would come crashing in if the fire was to break through. At this point the crew are on auto-pilot, sorting out hoses and getting ready to put out the fire. That's the easy bit, whilst Graham is trying to slow everything down in his mind because it's his decision to send us in or not, and all I can say is I'm glad he was in charge that night and not me. We get the green light from Graham to go in when he says, 'Two BA, one hose reel, stage one, Oscar Offensive Mode'. From the time we rocked up to the time we opened the barn door, it was less than two minutes.

We were confronted by a wall of fire, with hundreds of bales of straw alight. I knew that the amount of water we had would not even start to put this out and with no water hydrants anywhere close we were going to have to fight clever. Our driver, Adam Franklin who was also command support, radioed for three more fire engines and Colin Smith and Lewis Mahony started to sort out

the equipment to pump water from a nearby small lake. George and I were inside trying to cool the structure with a very fine mist and hitting it hard, in short bursts where needed. The trouble with fighting fires like this is the heat. We were making steam and with no ventilation you can overheat very quickly. Twelve minutes have passed and Graham informs us that we are just about out of water. But Banbury have arrived, music to our ears, because another tank of water will give us the valuable time we need to get the water pumping from the lake. Then we could really get to work. Within twenty minutes the main jets are out and the water is flowing and I knew we had a good chance of saving the building. But the work was a long way from being completed. We were there for about another seven hours wearing BA and using large machinery to drag the whole contents of the barn out and douse it down. But we had managed to save the building.

I never found out if the owner of the property had shut the barn door on purpose or not, but that one small single action was probably the main reason for us managing to save the barn. If you ever have a fire in your home and can just shut the door on your way out of the house, it cuts off the oxygen supply, radically reducing the fire spread. So remember, always shut your doors before you go to bed.

Congratulations to George Williamson and Tom Hall on successfully passing their BA Team Leader written assessment. They are now well on the way to becoming Team Leaders which will enable them to be in charge of their own teams going into a burning buildings.

**Crew Manager Tim Parker**  
**Deddington Fire Station**

## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 7 December this year from 11.00am. This is the Friends largest fund-raising event of the year and your support will be much appreciated so that the good work that has been done to the building can be continued in the future. There will be lots of stalls with something to suit all the family, plus of course hot lunches. Any prizes, gifts etc suitable for a festive occasion will be most welcome.

The Carol Service this year will be on Friday 20 December at 6.30pm. Please bring the family along to take part in this lovely service of lessons and carols. Festive refreshments will follow after.

There will not be an Evensong this month but Christmas Day Eucharist will be at 9.00am.

Well done to everyone involved with the Oxfordshire Ride and Stride day. Five families rode for us raising a total of £323 which will be shared equally

between our church and the trust.

Our Parish Councillor, Jonathan Watts, is once again appealing for anyone who can help with salt-ing pavements and clearing snow. He now has a salt spreader which should help. Jonathan can be contacted on 337135 or email [wattsfamily1997@gmail.com](mailto:wattsfamily1997@gmail.com).

The table tennis team has now played 6 games, won 2, drawn 3 and lost 1, suffering a heavy defeat of 8-2 to Bodicote in their last match.

As this is the last edition of the year I would like to thank Sue Montague, Mavis and Bernard Barton, Ingrid Robey and Barbara Chappell for delivering the *DN* in the village, plus others who have helped when someone was away. As they say, many hands make light work.

**Les Chappell**  
**338054**



## DEDDINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

The Christmas market is always the biggest one of the year with a huge range of produce on offer. But first come, first served. When it's gone, it's gone.

As the pressures and stresses of the Yuletide season are upon us you will be grateful that you ordered your Christmas necessities at the November market. If you didn't, there may still be time to ensure you have a goose to cook. There's a contact list for stallholders on the website ([www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk)) and just enough time to ask them to reserve what you need.

Again Banbury Food Bank will be at the market with a drop-off point for contributions with a shelf life of more than a week (they prefer non-perishable items like tins, dried foods, cereals, biscuits, tea and so on). Any donations will be gratefully received.

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 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 is last minute), you can listen to the market preview one week ahead 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 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). Merry Christmas!

**Ian Willox 337940**

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan drop-in sessions held at the church in November were generally considered a success. Three hundred plus parishioners attended and each day the topic boards (Housing, Environment, Community, Transport, Business) were covered with innumerable sticky scraps of paper expressing opinions and aspirations – some wildly contrasting and some offering innovative suggestions for improvements to the villages.

Saturday was the busiest, coinciding with the Farmers' Market and a visit from our MP, Sir Tony Baldry. Some of the more contentious issues provoked lively conversations – including, unexpectedly, the choice of photographs displayed. A list of all the comments will be available soon on the Neighbourhood Plan website, [www.deddingtonneighbourhoodplan.org](http://www.deddingtonneighbourhoodplan.org), and will form the basis of a questionnaire to be distributed to everyone in the parish in the new year.

Earlier in November, Banner Homes held an open evening at the Holly Tree to explain their plans for The Poplars field on Clifton Road. By no means everyone in the village received an invitation, let alone in Hempton and Clifton, but among those who did turn up to grill

## Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

This term the Nursery children have been exploring the story of the Little Red Hen and the PFSU children finding out about celebrations. We also made our own Autumn lunch - vegetable soup and bread rolls - yum!

Thoughts are now turning towards Christmas. We will be holding Christmas parties at both settings: Nursery on 19 December and the PFSU on 18 December. The PFSU children will be taking part in a production of *Prickly Hay* with the school F1 class. This takes place in Deddington Church at 2pm on 16 December. At Nursery we will be presenting an interactive Christmas performance, *Journey to Bethlehem*. This will be a celebration including arts and crafts, costumes and fun for all the family, and it will take place on Friday 13 December. The PFSU also invites all PFSU parents to join them to make decorations and put them up on 4 and 5 December from 1.30–3.00pm. Christmas snacks will be provided. Kick-starting the Christmas celebrations will be our Christmas Fayre and Pamper Evening in Deddington Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3 December. We will have more than 35 local stallholders selling unique Christmas gifts, and therapists offering seated massage and manicures. There will also be the chance to relax with friends over a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine, whilst listening to Christmas carols. This Christmassy evening is open to everyone - an easy opportunity to support your local pre-school settings whilst having a great night out.

**Lucy Squires 337484**

the developers many were opposed to housing on the site which runs alongside the Castle Grounds.

The layout Banner is now proposing has 26 two-, three- and four-bedroom houses arranged around a circular road. Previously they proposed larger houses grouped round a horseshoe-shaped road. Both plans include a car park for 20–40 places in addition to the residents' own parking. This highlights one of the key questions that needs to be resolved: do parishioners want to see more use made of the Castle Grounds for leisure and sport? Do we need a children's playground on the Clifton Road side of Deddington? The answers to these questions may provide the answer to another question – is a car park needed for people visiting the Castle Grounds?

Looming over all talk of new development is the result of the Pegasus appeal – expected in December. One issue that attracted widespread agreement at the drop-in sessions was the need for small and affordable housing. If approved, the Pegasus development would create 30 'affordable' homes, and the Banner development nine. In both cases 50% would be earmarked for people with a Deddington connection. 'Exception' sites, namely plots unlikely to achieve approval for commercial development, accommodating 10-12 houses, would offer a higher proportion of affordable homes – none are mooted at the moment.

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