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the Deddington news

The clocks have gone back which means the Armistice Day parade, the annual funfair in the Market Place and the beginning of the commercial Christmas season. Why not support your local organisations' fundraising activities from the PTAs Fireworks Night, the football club's online kit-selling shop to the Hempton bazaar and placing your Christmas orders at the November farmers' market.

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What's On November

- Wed 2 Photographic Society: Club Night, Viveca Koh, 'Urban Exploration of Fine Art: A Photographic Journey', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Mon 7 Deddington Town FC Ladies: Taster session for interested players, Windmill, 7.00pm
- Tue 8 WI: 'Digging for Victory', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 History Society: Trevor Rowley, 'Odo of Bayeux, builder of Deddington Castle', Windmill, 7.00pm
- Sat 12 Concert: Warriner Choral Society and Oxford Sinfonia, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sun 13 Armistice Day: Parade assembles in the Bullring 10.30, March off 10.45, War Memorial 11.00am
- Tue 15 Friends of Deddington Church: AGM, Deddington Arms, Upstairs Room, 7.30pm
- Wed 16 Funfair: Setting up: noon
- Wed 16 Photographic Society: Simon Lutter, Workshop on 'Camera Controls, Light Sensitivity and White Balance', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 17– Funfair: Market Place
- Sun 20 Funfair: leaves by noon
- Sun 20 Concert: Leonore String Trio, Parish Church, 7.00pm
- Thu 24 Book Club: contact Sally Lambert, 338094, for details
- Sat 26 Farmers' Market, Market Place 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 26 Concert: Banbury Symphony, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Wed 30 DN collating, Windmill, 10.30am

December

- Sat 3 Christmas Bazaar: Old School Room, Hempton, 11.00am
- Tue 6 PFSU and Nursery: Christmas Fayre, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Wed 7 Photographic Society: Gail Girvan 'From the Shadows Back to Light: Pastels to Camera', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Wed 14 History Society: Christmas social and quiz, Windmill, 7.30pm

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<http://deddingtonnews.co.uk/whatson>.

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

at the Windmill Centre, Deddington, Wednesday 19 October

Present: Councillors Anderson, Collins, Cox, Flux, Higham, Oldham, O'Neill, Rogers (Chair), Squires, Watts and Wood. Also Councillor Williams (CDC). James Reeve was co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.

District Councillor Bryn Williams reported that Part 2 of the Local Plan will be presented to CDC at its next meeting in November at which the rural villages learn of the proposed number of new dwellings allocated to their communities.

CDC has introduced fixed penalty notices and fines for those caught fly-tipping.

CDC has no intention of increasing its proportion of the Council tax in the coming year.

Environment and Recreation

PC will not maintain the Bowls Club green since the £10,000 per annum cost is prohibitively expensive. £500 was voted to cover the cost of equipment needed for the Christmas tree lights.

The phone boxes in Hempton and Clifton are to be de-commissioned and the PC plans to contact the Community Heartbeat Trust to ask them to convert the kiosks as sites for defibrillators.

Planning

Following correspondence from Fibre Networks, a letter has been sent maintaining DPC's objection to the proposed siting of a Telecoms Cabinet.

No objection

Homelands, Chapel Close, Clifton: Extension to roof to increase pitch and height, to form a two-storey dwelling.

Robert Franklin Studio, Clifton Mill, Main St. Clifton : Erection of new porch and glazed link. Insertion of new window to East and North elevation and construction of associated balcony. Removal of 1960s gable. Relocation of one metal flue and insertion of a second.

4, The Paddocks, Deddington : Demolition of existing single-storey attached side storage area; erection of two storey extension to same footprint including extension to form enlarged front porch; formation of two parking spaces within front garden and new vehicular access onto Hempton Road. Request that material used for parking area be permeable.

Folly Cottage, The Lane, Hempton: Single-storey rear extension, replacement of rear door and posts to entrance porch. Request that Conservation Officer ensures materials are in keeping with existing ones.

63, St. John's Way, Hempton: two storey side extension with utility room and garden room.

The Stile House, New St. Deddington: Fell one chestnut tree. Reminder of council policy to plant replacement tree.

CDC Approvals:

Shed at Park Farm House, Deddington.

1, The Daedings, Deddington: New dwelling with parking area. DPC had objected.

Tennis courts, Windmill Community Centre: Replacement of existing light design to include LED bulbs. Approved with height of columns reduced to 10m.

Stonewall, Castle Street, Deddington: Fell one sycamore and two prunus and reduce 12 other trees by 25-30%.

Highways and Transport

The PC accepted the kind offer from the owner of Clifton Mill to cover the total cost (£199 + VAT) of a traffic volume and speed monitoring strip to be placed on the bridge. Traffic speed box erected in the wrong site will be re-sited and a 'SLOW' sign painted on the road. In response to a letter from a resident, the PC re-stated its policy of not marking out parking bays in the Market Place, as advised by TVP and OCC.

There was an accident at the traffic lights on 15 October, involving a private car and an emergency vehicle responding to a call.

Next meeting: Wednesday 16 November at 7.30 pm in the Old School Room, Hempton.

Jean Rudge

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

FESTIVAL HELPERS NEEDED

We're back! And we're raring to make Deddington Festival 2017 the best yet.

As well as the welcome return of some old favourites we've got plans for many exciting new events. We can guarantee that there'll be something to delight all members of the community. More information on the proposed programme will follow soon but, as all of the thousands of you who have enjoyed the Deddington Festival in the past know, these things don't happen by accident – a lot of hard work is involved. To deliver all the fantastic events and activities we have planned we need your help.

If, like us, you love being creative, enjoy meeting and working with new people and want to bring together the residents of Deddington and the surrounding villages in a celebration of local talent and culture, then please contact me. We look forward to hearing from you.

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FROM THE FIRE STATION

Deddington has attended thirty-two incidents in the past month. There was a call to a hazardous material incident at the swimming pool at Bloxham school. Somebody had mistakenly added an acid used to lower the pH of the water to the chlorine tank. These two chemicals mixed together make chlorine gas. The swimming pool was quickly evacuated but not before eight children had come into contact with the gas. They were taken to hospital to get checked as a precautionary measure. On our arrival the main task was to evacuate the area and set up cordons. Luckily Crew Manager Lewis Mahony was with us that day and he has extensive knowledge of swimming pool maintenance. A breathing apparatus team was assembled to neutralise the gas. The team quickly assessed the severity of the situation and managed to find a neutralising chemical which they added to the gas. Once the gas was neutralised it was dispersed using large fans.

Other incidents that the Deddington crew has attended were road traffic collisions on the M40, two car fires and a tumble dryer fire in Deddington. Tumble dryers are a particular fire risk because they have heating elements and gather lots of dust and fabric fibres. There has been a nationwide recall of tumble dryers including Hotpoint, Indesit, Creda, Swan and Proline and we would recommend that you check with your manufacturer that yours is safe. I would also recommend that you never leave any electrical appliance on whilst you are away from your home.

The Deddington crew also attended a sheltered housing complex in Milton where an older lady had fallen in front of her entrance door and broken her hip. The only way to gain access to the property was to remove a window pane so the paramedics could climb through to treat her.

So far this month there have already been three chimney fires. One in particular is worth a note of caution. Whenever we attend a chimney fire we always

question the home owner to try to find the cause of the fire and be able to give advice so that it does not happen again. When I talked to the occupier he told me that he had become lax in having his chimney swept because, every time it had been swept in the past, the sweep told him that very little soot had come out of his chimney. I detailed the crew to extinguish the fire in the flue and discovered the cause was a bird that had made a nest in the top of his chimney underneath the cowl. A chimney sweep will clean the soot and resin build-up in your chimney flue, but it is just as important that you check for any blockages such as fallen masonry and birds' nests.

Training this month has been focused on our core skills and lots of technical development. The crew has been outside putting up ladders and pumping water. The technical development has focused on breathing apparatus procedures and fire science. The crew also spent two days down at Home Farm in Clifton, which is Watch Manager Chris Fenemore's farm. He also invited the rescue tender crew from Kidlington so we could all practise large animal rescue. This type of training is very important to us, so a big thank you to Chris Fenemore for organising that.

Congratulations to Adrian Spilsbury who has now completed his ERD (Emergency Response Driving) and is now driving the fire engine on blue lights. One of the reasons for lots of drills in the yard has been to prepare Fire Fighter Tom Hall and Nikki Istead for their end-of-development assessment, which they both passed with flying colours, so huge congratulations to them as well.

In view of the number of chimney fires that we have attended this month I will reiterate last month's safety message. At this time of year, as the season changes and it starts to get colder, it is a good time to book in the chimney sweep and arrange for your chimneys and flues to be swept.

Tim Parker, Crew Manager

PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

We held a successful AGM on 11 October at which we were pleased to elect a strong new committee to take us forward into the coming year. We are looking forward to a busy Christmas term when our older children will be finding out about celebrations including Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. Christmas will be with us before we know it and once again we are holding our Christmas Fayre in the parish church on Tuesday 6 December from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Join us for a festive evening of unique crafts and gifts, mulled wine, mince pies and the sounds of Christmas with Deddington Brass. Everyone is very welcome.

Lucy Squires
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FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

The banks are due to be cleared in the next few weeks, to prepare for winter. Most members have now renewed their membership – thank you. If you would like to continue your support or become a new member, please contact Jean Welford on 01869 338539 or download a membership form from the Deddington OnLine website where you can find us under Friends of the Castle Grounds, listed under clubs.

May we remind dog walkers to clean up after their dogs, especially at the moment as the grass is very long, to keep the Castle Grounds a safe and beautiful place to visit.

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THE DN 2002–2007

For 16 years Viviane and I had appreciated the contribution the *DN* makes to this community, so in 2002 I volunteered to relieve Kristin Thomson of the editor's role – with Viviane's support as a keen-eyed proof-reader. The old guard was unsure whether, with my professed faith and presumed politics, I would preserve the *DN*'s non-partisan ethos.

I brought to the role the amateur experience of publishing a daily newssheet at the Church of England General Synod's annual July sessions in York. The production of *SYNEWS* had progressed over 22 years from scissors, paste, Letraset and electronic stencils to desktop publishing using Pagemaker and Photoshop, originating laser-printed hard copies. Goodbye to pink corrector fluid, as well as to 'golf-ball' and 'daisy wheel' electric typewriters which had made possible spacing letters in proportion to their width.

Computer hardware and software enabled *DN* to move into the electronic 21st century, both to format copy for the printed editions and, from 2005, to upload each issue, embellished with spot colour and coloured photos, onto a stand-alone *DN* website, from which 29 worldwide readers, alerted by email, read or downloaded the content.

Desktop publishing removes the need for team work in the formatting of copy; the editor is on his or her own each month. Typists keying or re-keying content and hands to create headlines in Letraset are redundant; software provides instant access to a wide range of fonts, type sizes and styles, 'leading' and dropped caps, which can all be finely adjusted to fit, with headings and sub-headings and text-wrapped graphics, on every page. Just because you can, there is a temptation to spend too much time fine-tuning the layout.

The *DN* team takes a rest in January and August, but not an editor tasked with formatting adverts for the 'yellow pages'. In 2006 Fay Hand took over formatting the pages on a laptop which interfaced with the Risograph printer, thus superseding printing from paper originals.

The *DN* editor is a lonely figure at his or her desktop, but the task is impossible without the team which feeds in the content. Covers were designed by Maureen Dew, Jo Mace and Bill Dickinson, Colin Robinson, Amanda Gray, John Cheney, Wendy Meagher – the editor by default. Jean Flux kept the Diary up to date. Frank Steiner was the channel for church information. Kristin Thomson continued as letters editor. Molly Nield was features editor, with doyen contributor George Fenemore. Alison Day took on the role of clubs editor from Liz Handley. Norman Stone continued to report on meetings of the Parish Council, until that role defaulted to the editor – with the monthly deadline looming. Responsibility for the monthly ad-



verts passed from Roy Berridge, Annette Murphy and Jane Plummer to Rosemary Clark. John Sampson took over from Kate Lane the task of recruiting advertisers to keep the annual 'yellow pages' full, the income from which provides the lifeblood of the *DN*, with the funds still managed self-effacingly by Buffy Heywood. Those

funds are subsidised immeasurably by the investment each month of hours of unsung voluntary labour: the printers led by Ruth Johnson, the collators, the staplers, the inserters and the distributors ably managed by Pat Brittain, all delivering for four decades a free village magazine possibly unparalleled as a voluntary community project.

To facilitate communication in the villages, in 2003 the *DN* was able from its surplus income to fund public notice boards, oak in the conservation area; those with man-made materials elsewhere did not weather well. The bound copies of 30 years from 1976 to 2005 were deposited in Deddington Library in 2007. Now in the 21st century every issue, after all the pre-electronic issues have been scanned, is available to be searched at Deddington OnLine. In 2008 the *DN* was handed back to its birth mothers, Mary Robinson and Jill Cheeseman.

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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

**Bring your children
to a candlelit service**
 at Barford St Michael Church
 on Sunday, 4 December, at 4pm
 and
 at Deddington Parish Church
 on Christmas Eve at 4pm



**The
Children's
Society**

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

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

November

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Mon–Fri: 8.45am Morning Prayer
 Wed 10.00am Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on the 4th Wednesday of the month)
 Thu 2.00pm Squeals & Wheels parent and toddler group
 Sun 6 9.30am Little Saints (an informal service for babies, toddlers, young children and parents)
 10.30am Café Church (an informal gathering, preceded by breakfast at 10.00am with a talk, craft activities for the children and singing)
 6.00pm Choral Evensong
 Sun 13 8.00am BCP Communion
 10.45am Remembrance Sunday
 Sun 20 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 27 10.30am Holy Communion (informal said service)
 6.00pm Advent Carol Service

Barford St Michael

Sun 6 10.30am Family Service
 Sun 13 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 20 4.00pm Evening Prayer
 Sun 27 9.00am Holy Communion

Hempton

Sun 6 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 20 9.00am Holy Communion
 Sun 27 6.00pm Evening Prayer

From the Parish Register

Baptism

16 October Ronnie Smith

Funerals

29 September Raymond Morris

11 October John Wallin

19 October William Cowley

Memorial Service

21 October Christine Blennet

28 October Canon Hugh Marshall

For baptisms and weddings please speak to the Vicar, the Revd Annie Goldthorp, after a service. For funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or on 01869 336880 except on Fridays, her day off, or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to www.deddingtonchurch.org.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

6 November John Williams

27 November Margery Richley

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

Fr Paul Lester 01869 277630

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe, is said at 9.30am every weekday except Thursday. There are two Masses on Saturday, at 9.30am in the Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Latin Extraordinary Rite. There are two Masses on Sunday, at 10.00am in the Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Extraordinary Rite. Mass is said at 9.00am on Sunday at SS Peter and Paul's Anglican church in King's Sutton. The Vigil Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport. Confessions are heard at Hethe during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday between 5.00–6.00pm. Autumn Fayre, Saturday 19 November in St Philips Hall, Hethe, from 2.00 to 4.00pm – secondhand books, DVDs, Captain Tortue Ladies clothing sale, natural skin care. Christmas gifts, raffle, refreshments and more.

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

Extra Time

A new features page on DN OnLine with supplementary stories and pictures

November highlights:

- Hopcrofts Holt Antiques Fair
- F-101 plane crash, 1969

- CPRE Chairman wanted
- What's new in DOL History:
 - The Course family of bakers in the 19th and 20th c
 - Lt Col Jack Churchill talks to the IWM

Make Time for Extra Time – visit www.deddington.org.uk/news/extratime

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Once again we are delighted with the results our children achieved in the end-of-year national tests.

Foundation Stage children (age 5) achieved the highest results ever seen at our school.

The results of the year 1 phonics screening check were again much higher this year than the national average, with the vast majority of children reaching the required standard. This shows the impact of our commitment towards the teaching of reading, which is a continued focus for the school this year.

2016 test results for children in year 2 are significantly higher than the county and national average for the fourth year in a row.

Our results for the Key Stage 2 tests in year 6 also show above average results and, most importantly, very good progress made by all our children. It should be noted that our results compare very favourably with the national picture this year.

After being judged as a 'good' school by Ofsted in November 2014, school improvement has continued at a rapid pace. We have a clear plan to become an outstanding school. Improvements in the quality of teaching have resulted in these consistently strong test results. Our development plans ensure that we are constantly getting better and working towards achieving an outstanding grade during our next school inspection. Governors and staff are committed to providing the highest quality of education and school experience for all of our children. Deddington should be proud of its village primary school.

Clive Evans, Head Teacher 01869 338430

Becky Jones, Chair of Governors
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We are on the count down to our October holiday but have already achieved so much that a rest is much deserved. History seems to be at the fore and this is what has happened in just one term. In Year 6 the children have been examining the evocative descriptions of WW1 in *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo, describing a most awful, destructive time in history. Everyone tried hard to use phrases, metaphors and similes to write their own poems. Year 5 has been concentrating on the English Civil War, visiting Sulgrave Manor to find out about making choices —whether to side with the Parliamentarians or follow the King and become a Royalist – and fitting in a pike drill and sword fight too.

Years 3 and 4 became detectives and archaeologists. Before the summer holiday they buried two trays with a variety of contents including paper, fruit, string and metal, they have now unearthed the trays to check how the items had changed. They could see how decay in the earth might affect something that had been buried for hundreds of years. Year 3 then had a mysterious suitcase appear which they had to



investigate to find out who might have owned it. Using enquiring minds they realised that many pieces of evidence are needed to build up a picture and that archaeologists have a very difficult job because often the evidence is damaged or worn away. Stone Age work begins with a dig!

Year 2 had an 'amazing', 'awesome' and 'terrific' visit to Warwick Castle (all their own words) to look at the mighty trebuchet used as a massive weapon with which to conquer a castle. Questioning the trebuchet team provided the children with lots of excellent information to use in recounting the day when they got back to school. Year 1 has spent weeks thinking all things pirate. They even became pirates for a day; fortunately no one had to walk the plank. Singing pirate songs, making treasure maps and pirate galleons have made their first term in Year 1 exciting. Last but not least, F1 has been thinking about Magical Me; examining their features by creating self-portraits, thinking about how bodies work, move and change as they grow, but most of all knowing they are all special with extraordinary talents.

Parents will be welcome to check just how busy we have been when they attend parents' evening for the first look at books and chat with teachers about settling in to new classes. Autumn days are here.

Anne Hunsley, HLTA



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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

The Donald and Free Trade

Sometimes I think that living in the United States is bizarre; there are crucially important issues that the average citizen simply doesn't understand, such as why buying another gun as the solution to a gun atrocity is not sane, accepting hugely inflated prices for all legal drugs, or paying more tax than a multi-billionaire. At least they have finally seen through Trump.

Trump's candidacy is, of course, a reflection of worldwide issues. People are fed up with the political elite lying to them, promising so much, and delivering so little. Immigration and the loss of jobs to lower-cost economies are common concerns across the developed world. I am pleased to report that, in the US, common sense and civility have come out in front, and The Donald is left flailing about, now turning on his own party. He has an unbelievable track record of insulting people and a sexually predatory approach to women.

So an election process which has lasted around 15 months comes to an end, with about \$10 billion spent. Is anyone better off? I try telling every American I meet that it is a terrible indictment of their proud country that these two candidates are the best they could find. Then I explain that Mrs May became PM in around two hours and no one can work out if 50p was spent. Good value, or a case of you get what you pay for?

A trip north to Canada recently reminded me of the strangeness that is Quebec. If you weren't aware, unlike the wise people in the rest of this fine member of

the Commonwealth, they generally don't speak English. My previous visit to Montreal was at the request of a software business which wanted me to sell their products in the UK. The director started off by saying that he would be making his presentation in French, at which point I explained I had flown a long way to not understand a word. Much argument followed, and, needless to say, I didn't make a fortune out of those software tools – and I didn't go back for 30 years.

At least those Canadians keep some of their historic culture while there are provinces like Alberta where it is hard to believe you are not in the US, apart from the distances being in kilometers, the policemen being Mounties and the banknotes looking as though they are borrowed from a monopoly set.

One thing Trump has taught me is the meaning of NAFTA. I now know it is the free trade agreement between the US, Mexico and Canada. It seems like a good way to get on with your neighbours, but, guess what, people in the US worry about jobs getting exported and immigration. In January I wanted to buy an American car. I thought this was important. I bought a Dodge Charger, which is about as American as you can get – think state troopers and Daisy Duke. Now I know: it is American but wasn't built in Detroit, it was assembled in Mexico. Seems like Trump and I are striking a chord after all. Something else the Brits can teach the US? It will be US-exit next, I suspect.

Mike Ward

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FARMERS' MARKET

The November market is a big one. All the stallholders will be there – not least because this is the market for placing your Christmas order although a visit to the farmers' market website (see below) will allow you to contact stallholders direct if you miss the boat, as I often do.

Given that Christmas and all the excess it involves is on the horizon, this month's recipe is plain and simple, apart from the cheese and cream.

Baked Onions

There is a simple version and a smarter version.

The simple version allows one medium sized onion per person. Brush off any dirt and loose skin and, if you have the time, wrap the onions in foil but you can get away without it. Put the onions in a roasting tin and place in a hot oven until cooked through – perhaps as long as an hour. The old trick of pushing a metal skewer through each onion speeds up cooking time. Serve together with a plate for the discarded skins.

The smart version serves 4.

4 medium onions
300ml cream



Good handful of freshly grated Parmesan, Pecorino or similar hard cheese. Peel the onions. Boil them whole until tender – about half an hour. Lift out and drain. Slice each onion in half from root to tip. Arrange, cut side down, in an oven proof dish. Pour over the cream. Season with cheese, pepper and perhaps a little salt. Bake in a medium oven for about half an hour until golden.

This works well with some decent bread and a salad of bitter leaves if you want to be austere. It works brilliantly with a roast or with cold roast leftovers.

For more up-to-date information about the market you can visit the market webpage www.deddington-farmersmarket.co.uk.

The market is on Saturday 26 November from 9.00am–12.30pm. If you can't wait till then, there's always the Adderbury market on the second Thursday of each month at The Institute, The Green, Adderbury, 18.00–20.00. More details at: www.market.adderbury.org. Good shopping!

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ON GEORGE'S FARM

So that's it then. The Article 50 button will be hit in the spring of next year. Just where that will leave us down on the farm, is a matter of some trepidation and, more to the point, just how much homegrown produce it will leave in your shopping basket is a matter for some considerable conjecture. It seems as if our masters who have been charged with sorting out our 'bright new future' are more interested in doing trade deals beyond the EEC for our uneatable exports in exchange for their eatable imports. This is nothing new: the Iron Lady did exactly the same thing during her time in Number 10 but at least she was elected.

As you would expect, I leave the domestic shopping arrangements to the senior household management team but from time to time get instructions to purchase X, Y or Z from the village shop when I get my morning paper. This morning it was a two litre container of full cream milk. It is a very long time since I gave up being a 'tit attendant' to Father's well-known pedigree British Friesian herd, the Pinklow herd, sold in the late 60s when pre-EEC government regulations made milk production untenable, even though we had been TB free for many years. Shortly thereafter we arrived in Clifton, vowing never to milk another cow again but I did relent and hand milked a house cow. The milk I bought this morning cost some 80p per litre. It cost the producer 20p per litre to produce but he was paid only 19p by the processor.

The same equations can be made across every agricultural commodity, with the simple fact that the CAP payments or loss of them post-Brexit mean production or no production of your safe British food supply, as once we are out of the EEC our supermarkets and food processors will be free to scour the world for cheap food commodities produced with agricultural technology that has been banned in this country as damaging the human health and the environment. Once out of the protection of the EEC the question of GM production will come to the fore. As a point of interest or otherwise it seems as if Greenpeace has upped the ante by demanding that the repatriated CAP funds should be used only for the environmental good. They have published a 'name and shame' list of the top ten recipients of 2015 CAP payments – somewhat of an own goal as the list is headed by the National Trust at £8.06million, followed by the RSPB at 3.58million. Ho hum, perhaps I have spent too long on the tractor planting your next year's food crops.

By the time this hits the door mat, our winter-planted crops will, with any luck, be well established. The oilseed rape has survived the valiant attempts of the cabbage stem flea beetle to eat it and we may get a viable crop providing we can keep the local wood pigeon population at bay. The winter wheat is in the ground so we are now on slug watch. The remainder of our arable land, in other words all the fields with the worst grass weed problems, have been put under



cover crops of either green manure, mustard or forage rape for the sheep flock. The mustard will be mulched-off in late December or early January, weather permitting, with the ewes and the late-fattening lambs grazing the forage rape. If we get an 'open' winter the ewes will stay out until late January before coming in for lambing. Having them strip grazing behind electric fencing

means lots of extra work but will help the ground and cut overwintering costs. That's the theory. Both forage rape and mustard land will then go into spring cropping whatever that will consist of. The bees are now in bed but after a very difficult year and even their future is up for discussion, but they do have one redeeming factor in their favour as they keep the old man out of the way until it's time to get the Green Goddess out of the barn.

Our summer visitors are long gone but, as we planted the winter crops, the machinery was followed by any number of our resident farmland birds foraging for anything they can find and it is pleasing to report that the numbers of farmland birds has been swelled by a large contingent of lapwings and golden plover. They are early so perhaps they know something that we don't, but it's still good to see them.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Play's the Thing

We thought we were pretty much finished with drawing up policies on the neighbourhood plan group, but, 'no' – fresh issues keep arising. News reached us from two different Cherwell villages that playgrounds on new developments have been provoking bad feeling – to the point in one instance where the police were called.

The trouble stems from a recent money-saving wheeze by developers. Where the number of houses on a new estate reaches a certain level, developers are expected to build a play area. Traditionally, these playgrounds were handed over to the local district council together with a lump sum to cover the maintenance for a period of, say, 15 years ahead.

That was then. Nowadays some developers are providing the play area as required – but then handing it over to a management company instead of the local authority. The upshot is that the new residents are in effect responsible for the play areas themselves. This leads to friction when children from outside the estate come to the playground and use, and perhaps cause wear and tear to, the equipment the parents from the estate will pay for.

The Community sub-group of the neighbourhood plan is now considering drawing up a new policy intended to forestall these kind of ructions – perhaps insisting that play areas on new estates should be adopted by the local authority. In practice this means the parish council would become responsible for them and therein lies a potential problem. Deddington's parish council currently has the parish's four existing play areas in its care. Some councillors have been reluctant to take on responsibility for playgrounds on new estates because, when the commuted sum for maintenance runs out, the council would have to cover the ongoing costs. On the other hand, it's true to say that new residents will pay their council tax,

including their share of Deddington's precept, like everybody else.

This question is not simply theoretical. David Wilson Homes, who are currently applying for permission to build 99 homes on the School Field site north of Gaveston Gardens, intend that the play area should be run by a management company – along with the roads, which under current plans will not be built to a standard where they could be adopted by the highways authority.

Cherwell District Council foresaw the problem two years ago: in November 2014 the council's Executive passed a resolution that 'the Council's strong preference is that public open space, outdoor sports pitches and play areas on new developments continue to be adopted by the Council in conjunction with the relevant town or parish council with a commuted sum ...'. The resolution was prompted by Bicester Town Council which objected to a management company taking over the play area on one of their new estates, on the grounds that it would mean double taxation for the incoming residents and the equipment in the play area might be inferior to that on playgrounds run by the town council.

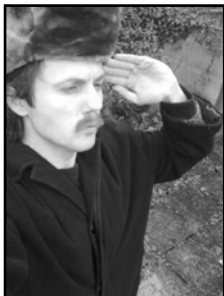
Oddly, this 'strong preference' has not so far found its way into the planning obligations required of David Wilson Homes, should they get planning permission for their latest application.

Who should be responsible for play areas? This is a dilemma both the neighbourhood plan steering group and the parish council will have to ponder. What's your view? The steering group – and very likely the parish council too (deddingtonparishcouncil@googlemail.com) would like to hear from you.

Helen Oldfield

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BLISSFUL THINKING



The raging stallion thundered forth as though the crack of the seventh seal splitting were a starting pistol and vaulted a hedgerow as if it were a croquet hoop. A sinister nomad clad in the robes of a desert sorcerer wrenched the reins to retain control, as the fiend shook the very marrow of his bones in its frothing stride. Finally,

the goal was in sight, and the stranger restrained the wild beast enough to make his dismount and leap the chasm into the small silver receptacle; just in time to cease the infernal dissonance by answering the call. 'Speak!' demanded the cloaked figure but all he received was howling laughter: he was too late.

This is how I like to think the scandalous decision to review the future of the Windmill Close telephone box was ultimately decided. That compact, lonely Tardis in the shadow of houses and shrouded by trees must have been privy to innumerable breakdowns, break-ups, infidelities, premium rate filth and scam hotlines down the years. If booths could talk, this could blackmail generations. So, barring a divine intervention, please pray silence and give thanks, for a welcome relic of a time not so long ago, where it was both sanctuary and salvation for many. Ring In Peace good buddy, we'll miss ya.

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

A quiet month as we all hunker down for Christmas. There is another run of the Clifton oil-buying group getting together for those of you who don't have a two tonne tank and can't do with only a summer fill up. Of course Brexit is hitting home here as oil transactions are in US dollars and the exchange rate will cost us all dearly. That is of course until we convert our cars to LPG and get fracking – but that's a whole load of other letters.

Speaking of letters we have had a real letter writing fest here. Clifton's saviours, Tim and Rebecca, have been denied planning permission to alter an internal wall of the 'Duck' to make more room for customers and bring the side room, an excellent venue for private events but so seldom used, into the body of the main bar area. This is key to making the pub a viable business as shown by other pubs in the area and therefore key to keeping the pub open and the classic village pub building part of our community. We realise conservation officers have their job to do but as very many letters from the community pointed out this is a wall that can't be seen from outside, and as *Nooks and Corners* (a regular column from a sister publication of this column) points out, many a listed building where the owner cannot deliver their ultimate objective finds the roof gets vandalised mysteriously or it just 'catches fire'. The damaged building then has to be pulled down for safety reasons and is lost for ever. So we hope these letters make clear the community support for the measures that return the pub to the heart of the community. More letters would be appreciated – if you haven't written, please get in touch to provide the planning officer with evidence to overrule the conservation officer's verdict.

Many of us Cliftonites enjoyed an evening out at the Unicorn as the Deddington farmers' market held its annual thank-you dinner for all the people who make the market what it is. Interestingly the majority of attendees is no longer us as more of the Parish have stepped up to the plate – but we still punch above our weight and we would encourage anyone with a hankering after a magnificent fried breakfast once a month, a liking for meeting new people, completely acceptable banter and the self-righteous glow of going home knowing you've done a good thing to please come along and get involved. There are stalls to be put up for the PTA firework display and some of those younger dads could do their bit.

A recent speed watch event in Clifton, arranged by the parish council, showed the benefit of the recently installed vehicle activated speed sign. Measured speeds are indeed down. Not only do I get to see a lot more brake lights as I follow speeders down the hill who, when reminded of their speed, slow down and many take pride in not lighting it up in the first place. There are still drivers with the social responsibility

of Donald Trump for whom no amount of lights will persuade them to slow down. One of them drives a silver Golf. He tried to speed on the Clifton Road in Deddington and overtook me as I braked to keep the VAS dim as we got to the 30mph sign in Clifton. That makes me soooo angry and a big shout to Deddington's very own Keith Tong who is another speed limit campaigner.

Any news – please keep it coming.

Martin Bryce

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GERARD SULLIVAN

We are sad to report the very recent death of Gerard Sullivan, the 'father' of *DN*, who, in 1976, relentlessly pursued his idea of a village newssheet for the parish, recruiting Mary Robinson, Jill Cheeseman and his wife, Mary, to make the idea into a 40-year reality. He reminisced about its founding in the March 2016 issue. Current readers of *DN* are deeply indebted to him for his foresight and zeal in creating a forum for recording the wide-ranging interests and activities of the parish's three villages. A fuller tribute will appear in the December issue.

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RHYMETIME

Parents and their under-five children are invited to Rhymetime to join in singing rhymes and meeting new people. The interactive sessions are held every Monday between 2.30 and 3.00pm at Deddington library.

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LETTERS

PHILIP ALLAN, FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON CHURCH

On 1 October a highly successful autumn ceilidh (or barn dance) was held in Deddington Church. The food was delicious, the band was lively and the dancing was terrific. As one reveller remarked, it was great to see all ages dancing together from five to 85.

The event was organised jointly by Deddington Primary School PTA and the Friends of Deddington Church (FoDC). The combination worked well. However, the PTA has a committee of about 10 people; FoDC has three. We really need some more people to get involved.

FoDC exists solely to raise funds for the maintenance and repair of the stunning Grade I listed building which is our parish church. The church hosts many village events as well as being a place of worship and it truly is an asset for the whole community.

The Friends are low-key; we organise just a few events each year. If you would like to join the committee we anticipate you would be committing about two hours per month to help plan our programme.

Our AGM will be held in the upstairs room of the Deddington Arms on Tuesday 15 November, so do come along and find out more. We also very much welcome new Friends. The subscription is just £10 a



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year – or whatever you want to give. If you could help or want to join, please contact Lesley Milroy (amilroy@umich.edu) on 337614 or Philip Allan (philip@philipallan.net) on 338528.

SUZANNE ALLAN, MARKET PLACE, DEDDINGTON

The coffee morning held on 14th October in aid of the British Heart Foundation with a display of Frank

Palmer's paintings raised a wonderful £310. Very many thanks to the generosity of all those who came and those who donated but couldn't be there. I am grateful also for the treasured paintings that were lent for the morning.

JEAN RUDGE, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

I have been asked by the handful of people who attended the Neil Colledge piano concerts to express our enjoyment and appreciation of these two events. The playing was superb, the programmes very well-chosen and the commentary between pieces both enlightening and entertaining. We would like to thank Neil Colledge for his generosity in coming to play for such a small audience at such a modest ticket price and also for even supplying interval refreshments. It was a pity more people were not able to share this musical treat.

MUSIC MATTERS

This month brings more evenings of wonderful music from local groups. This includes two religious choral masterpieces, exquisite chamber music, two twentieth century symphonies and a final popular tone poem.

On Saturday 12 November at 7.30pm the Warriner Choral Society, accompanied by the Oxford Sinfonia, will perform Mozart's *Coronation Mass* in C Major of 1779 followed by Haydn's *St. Nicholas Mass*. The 'Coronation' label for the Mozart was added at the imperial court in Vienna in the early nineteenth century, after becoming the preferred music for royal and imperial coronations. The Haydn *St. Nicholas Mass* was an early vocal work of 1772, shorter but no less rewarding than his late Mass masterpieces.

The following weekend on Sunday 20 November at 7.00pm brings back the Leonore Piano Trio, through Music in Adderbury's autumn series. They will perform works by Haydn, Lalo, and Schubert. The combination of violin, cello and piano produces an intimate sound which is a joy to hear. Edouard Lalo, the least known of these composers was French, active in the second half of the eighteenth century, and best known for his orchestral *Symphonie Espagnole*.

On Saturday 26 November at 7.30 the Banbury Symphony Orchestra will perform three works by

Scandinavian composers: Stenhammar's, *Symphony No.2*, Nielsen's *Symphony No 2* and Sibelius' *Finlandia*. Stenhammar, a fine pianist and composer, produced most of his varied works in the first half of the 20th century, his many string quartets being popular in Europe. He was not pleased with his first symphony, but No. 2, which we will hear, is rightly popular. Danish composer, Carl Nielsen, has been called 'very great and very quirky'. There is much beauty and mystery in his music. Look out for this in the second of his six symphonies which we will be hearing. Sibelius and his *Finlandia* which closes the evening surely needs no introduction.

The music that was performed last month and is to follow during November shows what musical gems there are available within and around Deddington. Every visiting group of musicians comments on what a superb venue our church is. Yet, looking at the audiences that we attract, it seems that the message is not getting through. Two piano recitals earlier this year were each heard by no more than 20 people. The big vocal events fare better but many others do not.

Perhaps you could help? Offers and comments please to Donald Lane at donald199@btinternet.com

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY



Calendar competition winners and highly commended entrants

Back Row L-R, Ellie Williams collecting on behalf of her sister Lucy, Mike Higgins, Becky Jones, Tei Williams, Simon Lutter, Ben Nicholson.

Middle Row - Lily Catling

Front Row L-R, Isabella Murphy (Winner 5-10 Category), Megan Squires (Winner 11-17 Category), Amy Forster-Brain (Winner 18-59 Category), Judy Ward (Winner 60+ Category).

The main activity this month has been the launch and sales of our much anticipated 2017 Deddington Parish Calendar. A prize giving and launch reception was held on Friday 23 September where each category winner in our photo competition was awarded a large canvas of their winning entry and a complimentary calendar, and all finalists whose entries were published also received a complimentary copy. The evening was very well attended with over 50 in attendance, ranging from the entrants and their guests to our much valued supporters who sponsored each month. The calendar was then on sale the following day at the farmers' market and the library where sales were very brisk.

The calendar can be bought from the library and we'll also have a stall within the church at the next two farmers' markets - on 22 October and 26 November. The calendar is in A3 format and printed on high quality glossy art paper, making it an excellent Christmas present with the added bonus of stunning local photography to grace your office or home throughout 2017. All proceeds go towards keeping our library open. We're grateful for your continued support, get one before we sell out by emailing

books@friendsofdeddingtonlibrary.org.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

As I mentioned in my last column, the Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 3 December from 11.00am in the church and the Old Schoolroom. I would like to thank the new younger families who have come forward to help run things. I know they have already had one meeting which came up with some new ideas and plan to have another shortly. Gifts and prizes for a festive occasion are always welcome.

There will be a raffle, tombola, cake and gift stalls, as well as a hot lunch and children's activities. Please come along to make this another happy family event.

The harvest service was held recently and a good collection of donated tinned food was sent to the local food bank. It was a different harvest service from what I had known in the past but everything went to a good cause.

The parish council will once again be holding its monthly meeting in the Old Schoolroom at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16 November. Please go along if you have issues for them.

As I write I am still waiting to find out how much our sponsored striders made on the Oxfordshire Ride and Stride day in September but should have the details for the December issue.

I would like to give a warm welcome to two dog-owning families who have recently moved into the village; one in the Old Chapel, the other in Langton House on the main road.

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Bookworms

Children of the Jacaranda Tree by Sahar Delijani tells the stories of imprisoned political activists, their children and other relatives during post-revolutionary Iran from 1983 to 2011. At the start of the book, characters are linked to a prison cell in Evin Prison, Tehran from where torture and assassination unfold. By the end of the book, the children born in the 1980s are making decisions about their futures, be it as second-generation activists or making new beginnings inside or outside Iran.

The Bookworms found the subject matter extremely enlightening. The opening was gripping and the reader was easily transported to the pain and oppression of the situation. However, the group also felt that the number of indirectly-linked characters introduced sometimes created confusion making the book feel 'patched together'. Additionally, some found the time-hopping frustrating.

Overall, the group felt that the book really conveyed the pain of loss and highlighted the cruelty of the Iranian system at that time with uncompromising realism, yet somehow still managed to depict snippets of beauty from daily life. The group scored the book 7 out of 10 and would recommend it.

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Women's Institute

In September we had an excellent talk by Liz Woolley entitled 'Beer, Sausages and Marmalade'. This took in town rather than gown in Oxford. It ran through the history of the breweries and the charitable works of the brewing kings. We then heard about the Oxford sausage, pork and veal, widely sold in the Covered Market followed, naturally, by Cooper's Oxford Marmalade.

Our October meeting was a bring and share harvest supper with drinks provided by the committee. This was followed by our annual auction to raise money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This pays for our wreath for Remembrance Sunday and any remaining funds go to the RBL. We raised a sum of £75.

Also in October some of us had lunch at Otters and in November some of us are going to Oxford Operatic Society's performance of 'Oliver'.

At our November meeting we will have a talk by Colin Oakes entitled 'Digging for Victory'. We will also be looking at the menu for our Christmas lunch. How time flies. Visitors are always welcome, please contact Beryl Suckling on 337385 or Jenny Cross on 337613.

Julia Hobbs

Photographic Society, Peter Preece, presented 'Wildlife and Nature Photographs: Every Picture Tells a Story'. Peter took up photography on his retirement but resisted transferring to digital format until three years ago. His main interest is photographing wildlife

and is deeply involved in the Heart of England Forest project which has acquired 6,000 acres of farmland in Warwickshire where wildlife habitats have been created and 1.4 million trees planted. Peter has free access to the estate where he has set up nest boxes and hides so he can indulge his passion for bird photography, perfecting a technique for attracting his favourite subject – the kingfisher – and showing many action shots.

Peter uses pop-up hides and his car, painted in camouflage colours, to get near his subjects. He told us how he attracts birds or mammals to the spot where his camera is pre-focused, sometimes using animal carcasses as bait.

Peter does not like to adjust his wildlife photos by using Photoshop, other than cropping them, but he finished by showing a few amusing manipulations that he uses for Christmas cards and calendars. This was a most interesting presentation by a very experienced wildlife photographer.

The photographic exhibition at The Institute, Adderbury, in September, was very successful, and brought new members to the Society.

The next club night is on 2 November, when Viveca Koh, FRPS, will give a presentation on 'An Urban Exploration of Fine Art: A Photographic Journey'. This will be followed by a presentation on 7 December from member Gail Girvan, entitled 'From the Shadows Back to Light: Pastels to Camera'. In addition, a workshop will be held on 16 November, when member Simon Lutter will discuss 'Camera Controls, Light Sensitivity and White Balance'. Meetings start at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Please come along – you will be warmly welcomed.

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Deddington Town Football Club

First Team results:

17.09.16	Middleton Cheney (a)	L 1–3 Thornton (Joe)
24.09.16	Diverse (h)	W 1–0 Hall, S.
01.10.16	B Itchington (a)	W 4–2 Large, Hall, S.(2), Kaye (Jordan)
08.10.16	Steeple Aston (h) (CUP)	W 3–1 Hall, S. (3)

Reserve Team results:

17.09.16	Charlton & District (h)	L 1–5 Stratford
01.10.16	Heyford Athletic (h)	D 2–2 Paroussis, C., Hayward
08.10.16	Wroxton Sports (a)	L 1–2

After the traditional underwhelming start, both teams are now starting to give us an idea of what kind of season they may have. The First Team followed another early loss with three straight wins, propelling them into the top half of the table and progressing in the Lord Jersey Cup against the old enemies, Steeple, thanks in no small part to a Simon Hall hat-trick.

CALLING MORE CLUBS

The Reserves seem to struggle to put out a full team right now, but with their backs against the wall, they have fought admirably to glean at least a draw from this month's fixtures. You, the spectator, can help to drive them on to yet greater feats of resistance, so don't be slow to roar them on, while deriding the opposition.

Please check out www.deddingtontownfc.com for more match reports and stats.

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Ladies team

After over 125 years as a football club, we are pleased to announce that we are looking to establish our first ladies team. This is a great development for the club that has two men's teams, a veteran men's team and 11 youth teams.

We are looking for players from 16 years and above to join and be part of the Deddington Town FC ladies team. We plan to do fun and enjoyable fitness-themed football training sessions on Monday evenings at the Windmill Centre from 7.00 to 8.00pm. As the season progresses we will look to arrange some friendlies against local teams. If you would like further information, then please contact Jodie Perry, 07917 860119 or jodieperry2008@hotmail.co.uk. The first taster session for interested players will take place on Monday 7 November 2016 from 7.00 to 8.00pm at the Windmill Centre. Contact Jodie if you would like to attend.

Youth section

The Under 16s playing in the Midland Junior Premier had a 6-1 win at Coventry Sky Blues, a 5-1 win over Central Ajax Rovers, a 5-0 defeat at Brackley Town and a 4-1 win over Coton Green. In the Witney and District Youth Football League, the Under 15s playing in the A League had a 3-0 win at Yarnton Blues, followed by a 7-2 defeat at Garden City and 4-1 home defeat to Banbury Irish. The Under 14s playing in the A League lost heavily at home and away to Middleton Cheney but beat Bicester Town Colts 8-4 in the Oxfordshire County Cup. The Under 13s playing in the C League lost 4-2 at home to Freeland, followed by a 5-3 defeat at Banbury Irish and then by a 16-2 win over Launton Blues with Josh Silvester scoring six goals and Sam Godfrey a hat-trick. In the Under 13 knockout cup, despite Sam Godfrey scoring a hat-trick in a 5-5 draw, they lost the game 4-3 on penalties. The Under 12 Cobras, playing the C League, had a 15-0 win over Bloxham – Mateo Lluna scored four goals, and there were hat-tricks for Xavier Petrasidis, Lewis Harding and Brodie Hammond. However, this was followed up by a 9-0 defeat at Carterton and a 7-0 defeat at Ducklington. The Under 12 Sharks, playing in the B League, had a 7-1 win at Witney Vikings with Freddie Murfitt scoring a hat-trick, followed by a 3-1 defeat to Banbury Irish and a 1-1 draw with Banbury

United Youth. In the Under 12 knockout cup the team won 6-4 over Bure Park Rangers, with Freddie Murfitt scoring another hat-trick.

Assistant Club Secretary

We are seeking an Assistant Club Secretary to help the current Club Secretary with the week-to-week running of the Youth Section of the club. Duties would involve supporting the Club Secretary by liaising with the league, club managers and coaches, and performing administrative tasks. Full training would be provided. If you are interested in the role or require more information, please email martin.hovard@btinternet.com or deddingtontownfootballclub@gmail.com.

Coaching

As an ambitious club looking to continue to develop the coaches who volunteer for the club and encourage new coaches to get involved with the club we support you by paying for you to do your Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Football. Oxfordshire FA runs regular courses locally. If you would like to get involved, or would like an informal chat about becoming a coach for your local team, then please contact me.

Don't forget we have a dedicated online club web shop too. For information: www.deddingtontownfc.com/, www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc or contact me.

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Deddington Ladies Netball Club

The club continues to thrive with new and established members enjoying a good game and great run around every week. If you have been thinking about it, why not give it go? We welcome new members of all abilities and experience to our fun, friendly club. We meet on Wednesdays, 6.30-7.30pm at the Windmill Centre all weather court, £3 per session.

We would also love to hear from anyone with some coaching experience who could attend some sessions to help us improve our skills.

Contact suzieupson@mac.com or take a look at our Deddington Ladies Netball Club Facebook page.

Suzie Upson

Deddington Players

Deddington Players' pantomime this season is *Aladdin*. It has been cast already and is set to be one of our best yet. Performances will be 19-21 January 2017, so get it in your diaries. Ticket information will be available soon.

If you didn't make it to auditions but would like to be involved, there are plenty of backstage opportunities. Do get in touch if you would like to volunteer.

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... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

Book Club

In September we read *The Finkler Question* by Howard Jacobson. The novel centres around the friendship between Sam Finkler, Julian Treslove and their former teacher, Libor Sevcik. Treslove is the only non-Jew in the trio, but is obsessed with anything Jewish.

This is not a book that our group particularly enjoyed. While well written, the content is uninteresting and it fails to live up to the reviews. It is meant to be a humorous examination of what it means to be Jewish but unfortunately it doesn't quite work.

For our next meeting on 24 November we are reading *Love, Nina: Despatches from Family Life* by Nina Stibbe.

Sally Lambert 01869 338094

1st Deddington Guides

The annual marshmallow toasting (and eating) was great fun, thank you to Hannah, Connie and Jess M for sharing their expertise and using their leadership skills.

We had some great fun with the wide games outdoors before the evenings became too dark – it was lovely one evening to see the sun set from the track above Daeda's wood.

Towards the end of September, we took part in the Cherwell Division Patrol Competition followed by a very lively campfire and singing. Our Guides took centre stage on a number of occasions to lead the singing. We didn't quite sleep out under the stars as planned since heavy rain and a thunder storm were forecast. We did sleep out under an open shelter. Well done, girls.

Our pet evening was very popular; we had assorted pets, including chickens and stick insects, as well as some imaginary ones, and stories of others who couldn't come – it would have been difficult to get a horse up to the first floor of the Windmill building.

We have re-formed our patrols and all the Guides are happily settled. They voted for their patrol leader and the name of the new patrol. Now they are having fun organising their own activities, involving everything from indoor camping to fashion shows and making different chocolate recipes. We are now working towards our Response badge so that the guides can help in an emergency.

All girls over 10 are welcome. Out Guides come from at least 12 villages around Deddington so there's a good chance they will know some of the girls and, of course, make new friends.

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Catherine Blackburn

Deddington Original Golf Society

Where did the year go? Friday 30 September saw the last DOGS day outing for 2016 take place at Blackwell

Golf Club near Bromsgrove, A beautifully presented, mature course in superb condition. A field of 30 golfers competed in a fiercely fought contest the results of which were:

Team event	Ralph Stewart, Sue Oddy and Phil Goodman
Longest drive	Nigel Oddy
Nearest the pin	Kevin Darke
Best guest	Tom Clayton
3rd Place	Steve Brown 33 Points (on count back)
2nd Place	Ralph Stewart 34 Points
1st Place	Barry Pawley 38 Points (playing off 6 handicap)

The highlight of the day saw our past hard-working Secretary, David Darst, score his first hole in one. Generous to a fault, David supplied copious amounts of a very nice red wine for the assembled DOGS to partake of over dinner. Thanks again Dave.

Plans for the 2017 programme are already being developed with a few suggestions from members being considered. This is your society and your input is valued, so please let us know of any courses you would like us to contemplate, changes in format, prizes, and so on.

On your behalf I would like to thank Keith Spengler for his hard work as Secretary, Ron Colley, our current Captain, for organizing the weekend event, Ralph Stewart, Treasurer, for controlling expenditure and Rob and Maureen Forsyth for allowing the DOGS to use their gardens this year and again in 2017. Last but not least, all of you, our members, for your amazing support.

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 6 January. As the first drink is free we hope to see a good attendance. A little premature but, on behalf of your committee, we hope you all have a peaceful, healthy and happy Christmas.

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1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

October has seen loads of outdoor action with the fine weather. Anchors did a litter pick around the Windmill Centre; the Juniors were down in Castle Grounds looking at the various plants growing there and enjoyed playing conkers. The Company section has been looking at Braille and celebrated national chocolate week.

Well done to Barney from 1st Bloxham who was the individual winner of the Junior ten pin bowling competition on 15 October. He beat our Felix by points in a high scoring event. Not to be deterred, 1st Deddington retained the team competition for the second year running. Well done, Felix, Will, Jake and Alfie.

The Company section begins its Battalion events this month with competitions scheduled for Saturday

... AND STILL MORE CLUBS

12 November – Company Masterteam – and Friday 18 November – Company table tennis. So general knowledge and table tennis will be the themes for the next few meetings.

In November all sections will be focusing on Remembrance Sunday and joining other youth groups, the British Legion and members of our community for the annual parade and service on Sunday 13 November.

Finally, many thanks to Deddington Farmers' Market for their generous donation to 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade.

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1st Deddington Scout Group

Reminder to all sections that Remembrance Day Parade is on Sunday 13 November, 10.15 in the Bullring, Deddington. Please make sure you are as smart as possible.

Cubs

Bailey has joined us at Cubs and Sam and Will have been invested, taking our numbers to 14. We have been very busy; the boys have worked towards both their Local Knowledge and Disability Awareness activity badges. They've designed their dream village (PC note there need to be more chocolate-filled ponds), made coats of arms and taken on a survey of local playgrounds to see how 'friendly' they are for disabled children.

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Scouts

The Scouts had a great success with their 'Meals in a Mug'. They cooked a two-course meal in mugs in a microwave, everything from macaroni cheese to spaghetti carbonara and chocolate pudding, which had to be served from a beautifully laid table, flowers and all. One patrol even included a classical music accompaniment!

The next few meetings covered drugs, a collage to illustrate the Scout law and a visit from a leader encouraging them to attend the Jamboree on the Air event.

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Spartans Explorer Scout Unit

After some of us had a relaxing summer and others attending an International Jamboree in Iceland, we're back to activities in and around Deddington.

To start the autumn, we had a fire lighting session at Horley as we had proved totally unable to light a fire in the summer. This time we were much better.

A group of us have been to Oxford, camping for the weekend. The headquarters of 22nd Oxford are on the

Thames and we spent a lot of time walking in and out of the city centre, firstly, to do a Monopoly challenge, then to go to a disco ice skating session and finally for a look around the Ashmolean Museum. Everybody agreed it was a great weekend.

Recently we've hiked to Adderbury in the dark. No one got lost and we even completed it in under two hours, which surprised the leaders.

Now we're starting our next International Charity challenge, to knit at least one blanket between us. This will be one of the hardest tasks as hardly any of us can knit yet. It might inspire some of us for our Duke of Edinburgh's skills as well.

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Royal British Legion

It is with regret that we register the death of Raymond Morris. As many will recall Jean, Ray's wife, died only a few months ago. For many years Ray and Jean worked tirelessly for the British Legion, for both the club and for the branch, Ray having been chairman of both at different times and Jean, secretary of the branch. The work done behind the scenes was exceptional. They gave their all to the Poppy Appeal, delivering the boxes, collecting them and helping to count the money. Their passing will be a great loss to the British Legion and their many friends in the village.

Our condolences go to Hugh, Giles and the family.

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Deddington and District History Society

Our October speaker, Deborah Hayter, chose as her subject the impact of enclosure on the Oxfordshire landscape. She concentrated on two periods: the later Middle Ages and the 18th–19th centuries. The earlier period witnessed severe depopulation, especially after the Black Death. Arable land was taken out of cultivation, enclosed and converted to sheep pasture. The result is familiar to all of us: the 'corrugated' appearance of a landscape created by medieval ploughing and then fossilised by being put down to grass. There is plenty to be seen from the train window as you journey north from Banbury. However, the greatest impact in this area was created by parliamentary enclosure in the later period. Because enclosures of the old open fields affected enshrined custom, they required private acts of parliament to implement. The result was the landscape that we still have today, characterised by regular geometrical fields. Farmhouses, which traditionally had been in the village (equidistant from scattered strips in the open fields), migrated out into the newly enclosed fields. In this part of the world, if you see a farmhouse out in the fields, the likelihood is that it is a post-enclosure farm; in the case of Deddington,

... AND FINALLY

post 1808. Villagers, who had relied on their customary right to graze one or two animals on the open fields and to gather fuel, were allocated small pieces of land in exchange, but few could afford the costs of hedging, ditching and maintaining them. They sold up. The result was the replacement of a mixed and still largely communal agrarian economy by one of large capitalist farms and a dependent agricultural proletariat.

On Wednesday 9 November we mark the 900th anniversary of the Norman Conquest with a talk by Trevor Rowley on Odo of Bayeux, builder of Deddington Castle. We meet at the Windmill Centre at 7.30 and all are welcome.

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LOCAL RESIDENT HONOURED

Professor Emerita of Sociolinguistics at the University of Michigan, Lesley Milroy, and her husband, Professor Jim Milroy, recently attended a ceremony in London at which Lesley was awarded an honorary fellowship by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists. Although not herself a speech therapist, Lesley was nominated for the award by her erstwhile students 'for carrying out work of special value to the profession'. The citation focused on her pioneering work in developing applications of phonetics and linguistics to treatment programmes which addressed the everyday communicative needs of patients.

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FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

The Wood continues to change with the seasons, now taking on autumn colours and undergrowth dying back. The Woodland Trust has been coppicing the willows on the river's edge and Reg Tipping inspected the bat boxes at the beginning of October. To the delight of some passing walkers he revealed that the boxes were being used – eight brown long-eared bats in one box and a pipistrelle in another.

If you would like to become a friend of the Wood, please contact me.

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CORRECTION

We apologise for the incorrect email address for A Grossi Ltd which appeared in the September and October issues. The correct address, as appeared prior to September, is: a.grossi@btinternet.com.

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of November 1866:

5th November – Heard from the Inland Revenue Office in reply to mine – a satisfactory letter. Holford went to dine at the Rectory, Aynho, again.

10th November – Bowen, the Inspector of Police, called and I signed 3 sum-

mons made against T. Austin at the Kings Arms for assaulting his servant in his stable and the yard.

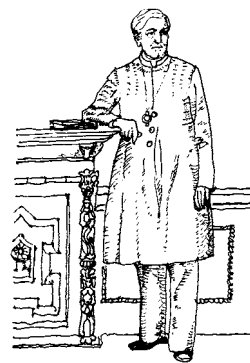
14th November – Holford went to the Thornhills for 2 or 3 days to be present at a private Ball at Blenheim.

17th November – I signed summons against Alfred Castle of the Paper Mill for poaching on Z. Stilgoe's farm by snaring.

19th November – I attended a Committee Meeting on the subject of proceeding with the organ chamber as suggested by Mr. Street on his plan for the restoration of the Church – agreed that the work should be done immediately. The sub-committee, Holford, Messrs. Kinch & Churchill, tendered their resignation on account of difference of opinion as to what should be done with the old organ – not a very satisfactory meeting as usual.

22nd November – Our Annual Fair took place.

Buffy Heywood



PTA

We have kicked off 2016-17 with a great start. The Kids Mud Run saw the biggest number of entrants so far and a lot of fun was had by all. Thank you to Kat Onions and the team for organising the event.

For the first time this year we joined forces with the Friends of Deddington Church for a Harvest Ceilidh (barn dance) at the Church. It was a great success with people from across our community coming together for a good knees up or spin around. We raised over £1,000, which will be split equally between the two charities. Thank you to our FODC partners, Neil Skinner for the lighting, Bryony Fenemore and her helpers from the church for supper, and the committee members and helpers who as always put on a great event.

We have more events coming up so please keep your eyes open for dates. Our next one is the fireworks event at the school, gates open at 6pm, blast off at 7pm. Tickets on sale the week after half term and at the gate on the night.

We look forward to seeing you at our events.

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WELL REMEMBERED

Raymond Morris 1937–2016

Born in Bolton in 1937, Raymond Morris learned the values of honesty, integrity and hard work, helping his father fire the ovens up at the family bakery where there were always potatoes to be peeled for the pies, errands to run and cleaning up to be done. From Bolton School he went on to gain a degree in engineering from Loughborough University and began work in the petrol industry.

Through his job as an Esso rep he met his future wife, Jean, and, soon after marrying her in 1965, began a series of businesses, starting with a chain of petrol stations but expanding into whatever field looked promising, from car washes to cOnstruction and aviation. He was a wonderful employer who picked good staff, was always there to help them and treated them with respect. In return he gained their loyalty, virtually all his staff staying with him for over 30 years until he sold his businesses in the North before coming to Deddington.

At the age of 57 he was faced with starting again but none of his old business ideas provided the challenge he was looking for. Whilst continuing to do some airline consultancy work, he began driving a lorry for a local agency and decided to take his heavy goods test. In typical fashion he aced it and drove for Fine Lady Bakeries locally until his eventual retirement.

His desire to help led him to the British Legion where he served on club and branch committees, sometimes controversially but always with its best interests at heart, for 18 years.

In addition to his love of rugby, he loved cars, eventually buying a Rolls Royce as a companion to the family Granada. He was an accomplished pilot who would occasionally take a day out of the office to pilot one of his charter flights and checked the pilots' weather daily forecast for the rest of his life.

During his many years' airlines consultancy, he and Jean saw much of the Middle and Far East, although turning down offers to work over there. Being a sun worshipper at heart, for 20 years the family spent summer in Bermuda where Ray and Jean honeymooned and made friends for whose children at school in Britain they acted as guardians. They kept an open house for anyone in need, so long as they obeyed the house rule: if you want something go and get it.

Ray was diagnosed with cancer the day before Jean died and he refused treatment, not wishing to delay the inevitable. Throughout his short brave fight he remained one of the most humble and dignified of men and, whilst he may have needed more help than before, he never once complained.

Hugh Morris

John Wallin 1928–2016

John was born in Adderbury on 18 December 1928 to Bernard and Dorothy, before the family moved to the bakery in Deddington's Market Place which he and brother, Lawrence, inherited and ran together, with wives Peggy and Mary. John proudly enlisted in February 1947 for his National Service, becoming a Lance Corporal in the Parachute Regiment. Although he served for only two years, being forced to return to continue the family business, he remembered fondly the 12 months he spent in Hildesheim, Germany, the long trek home from Aldershot to Deddington for weekend leave, and training with the actor Bernard Cribbins with whom he exchanged Christmas cards for many years.

In 1955, John married Peggy Hayward, whose parents ran the greengrocers next to the Wallin bakery. They settled in a small cottage in Council Street (now Hopcraft Lane), convenient for John to walk to his brother's house at the far end of the street to wake him up for their early morning start. It was very hard work over long hours, making bread of various shapes and sizes, rolls, donuts, cakes (particularly the very popular lardy cake), jam sponges and macaroons, sold in the shop and from the van serving Aynho, Clifton, Duns Tew, North Aston and Worton six days a week.

Daughters Kate and Lauretta arrived in 1958 and 1959. Summer Sundays were spent travelling to and from Sandbanks near Bournemouth, sometimes with the Powell's, family friends, or with cousins Rodney and Martin Hayward. Regular trips were made to Reading to visit the Rose family and to Bournemouth with John's mother to visit her sister Lil and husband Bill and summer holidays were spent in Woolacombe.

Eventually they moved from the cottage, remembered for having no bathroom, to Hempton. Here John spent many hours tending his beloved garden, lawns edged to perfection and regularly mown, vegetables growing, flowers blooming and tomatoes and cucumbers so lovingly tended in the greenhouse that the excess was sold in the shop. John was very proud of all of the vehicles he owned over the years, taking great care of each and every one, regularly washing and polishing them.

John and Peggy retired in 1988 and moved to Banbury in 1995 to be nearer the girls and their families. Their retirement was spent helping with their four grandchildren, making trips to Chipping Warden on the school run and entertaining the younger ones.

He was a much loved, hardworking, conscientious, proud family man and will be sadly missed.

The Wallin Family