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# the Deddington news

September – a time of change. George's summer visitors have gone, a new academic year begins, Deddington welcomes a new curate, the Revd Paula Smith and, with great regret, we lose Elsa Williams, our faithful church correspondent, and Tim Parker, author of the always interesting fire station report. We wish them both a very happy retirement. Happily, Martin Bryce, after baffling us for ten years, is staying on.

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### WHAT'S ON

#### September

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|------|---------|---|
| Sat  | 2       | Parish Show, Parish Church, 2.00–4.00pm   |
| Sat  | 2       | Age UK: Coffee Morning, for Dementia Oxford, Duns Tew Village Hall, 10.00am–12.00pm                       |
| Mon  | 4       | Monday Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am  |
| Tues | 5       | 1st Deddington Guides: restart after summer break, 7.00–9.00pm  |
| Wed  | 6       | Photographic Society: David Boag, 'Photographing Nature More Creatively', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Fri  | 9       | Deddington Town Football Club: Season starts  |
|      | –Sat 10 |   |
| Tue  | 12      | WI: 'Every Picture Tells a Story', Holly Tree, 7.30pm   |
| Wed  | 13      | History Society: 'Memories of Deddington in the 1940s and 50s', Jan Warner, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm       |
| Thu  | 14      | Monday Club: Film Evening, <i>Another Mother's Son</i> , Holly Tree, 7.30pm                               |
| Sat  | 16      | Concert: Neil Colledge, Pianist, Schumann, Chopin, Schubert, Parish Church, 7.30pm                        |
| Wed  | 20      | PC meeting: Primary School, 7.30pm  |
| Fri  | 22      | DOGS: final 2017 outing, Naunton Downs GC   |
| Sat  | 23      | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm   |
| Sat  | 23      | Church Craft Market, Parish Church, 9.00am–12.30pm  |

#### October

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| Wed | 4  | Photographic Society: Viveca Kon 'Phoneography to Fellowship', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 7  | Deddington Players: 'Licensed to Thrill', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm                              |
| Tue | 10 | WI: Bring & Share Harvest Supper, Holly Tree, 7.30pm   |
| Thu | 12 | Monday Club: Film Evening: <i>The Other Boleyn Girl</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm                   |
| Wed | 18 | PC meeting: Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton, 7.30pm   |

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### The Old School Room, Hempton, 19 July Open Forum

Lynne Nicholson and Celia Fauchs from the PFSU and Village Nursery addressed the meeting about funds to repair and maintain the school. The S106 funding from the Deddington Grange development has all gone to Adderbury schools under OCC's planning across larger areas than parishes with money being distributed according to need. Alternative funding sources will be sought and OCC's support enlisted.

#### Planning

Across all the wards of Cherwell District Council, Deddington applied for more household planning approvals than any other ward, 115 applications out of a total of 1072. In remembrance of those in our towns and villages who fell in the Great War and conflicts since then, CDC will name new roads and streets after fallen individuals.

#### New Applications – no objections

Grove Barn, The Grove, Deddington: tree trimming.  
Land adjacent to the Tchure, Deddington: tidy up overgrown garden trees.

Deddington Health Centre: fell Scots pine.

Land to rear of St James Park, Main St, Clifton: erection of house and garage.

38 Mill Close, Deddington: single storey garden room extension.

#### Environment and Recreation

An Italian street market will take place on Friday 6 July and Saturday 7 July 2018. All four defibrillators are now live. The gully around the Bowls Club does not contain asbestos. Grass cutting along the complete length of the Deddington, Hempton, Clifton footpaths is required urgently. OCC is responsible but failing to carry out the work. DPC will undertake emergency cutting. The hedge trimming at the Mount on St Thomas Street is not adequate to enable pedestrians to use the footpath safely.

#### Finance and General Purposes

The Thursday Club has had its £5,000 OCC funding withdrawn. It has funds for another year but is unsustainable beyond that. Emergency funding was discussed and alternative funding streams will be investigated.

DPC funds at 30 June, £543,976.

### Windmill Centre, Deddington, 16 August

There was a good turnout of parish councillors and one member of the public who did not speak.

#### Planning Applications

##### No Objections

Chatterley House, Main Street, Clifton: single storey side and rear extension.

Geggs Lodge, Hempton Road, Deddington: clearing scrub and trimming yew and sycamore trees.

Park Farm House, New Street, Deddington: replacing tiles on north and south elevations and front porch but tiles need to be UV stable.

The Knowle, Philcote St, Deddington: felling holly and sycamore trees.

Holly Tree Cottages, Earls Lane, Deddington: felling various hawthorn, holly and laburnum trees.

#### David Wilson/Barratt homes

A Deddington resident has applied to get on the affordable housing list administered by OCC. Parish residents are encouraged to make individual applications now.

PC is concerned that the first residents have arrived and the various access and safety arrangements agreed are not in place. Footpaths, pavements, street lights, and a safe crossing point should all have been installed. Between January and March work will begin to connect the site to mains drainage. In the meantime sewage is being tanked and removed by road. The 30mph signs should have been moved beyond the main site access road.

#### Parish Document Archive

An archive of parish documents dating from 1946 to 1972 has been recovered from the Town Hall and will be passed to the library for examination. It will first be offered to the Deddington Archive Group, with the county archive in reserve.

DPC funds at 31 July 30, £539,048.

**Next meeting :7.30pm on Wednesday 20 September, at Deddington Primary School.**

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter, Charles Barker, and not the official minutes. To see those, go to <http://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/2017.html>.

## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust's Ride and Stride day is coming up on 9 September. Three families are taking part for St John's but if you would like to join them please let me know – there is still time. The sponsorship funds raised will be split between the Trust and St John's. The church will be manned all day by volunteers to sign visitors in and offer refreshments. The church grounds recently hosted an Oxford charity cycle event, using it as a feeding station for some 150 cyclists. The side of the church now sports a defibrillator, thanks to the parish council.

Congratulations to Catherine and Henry White of the Old Chapel on the birth of Felicity Molly Alma on 1 July. There is a lot of activity in the housing market here so we say goodbye to some old friends and welcome those who have moved in recently. Several residents have complained to me about long grass growing over the footpath to Deddington which is very unpleasant in wet weather and has caused a couple of dog walkers to go elsewhere. I guess financial cutbacks have caused OCC to neglect their responsibility. (It has now been cut by the PC.)

**Les Chappell 01869 338054**

## YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Due to natural turnover in our governors' terms of service, over the coming six months Deddington Primary School will be seeking to recruit three new governors to its board, one of whom will be a parent governor.

It's an exciting and challenging time to join the team at the school. We have just become an academy as part of the Oxfordshire Diocesan Schools Trust, and we have a plan in place to achieve Outstanding status at our next OFSTED inspection. We need strong governance in place to ensure that we make the most of our new status and can achieve our goals, not forgetting the day-to-day work of ensuring that the school provides a safe, stimulating and challenging learning environment for the area's children.

We need governors who bring skills and experience to the school and have the personal commitment to seeing the school succeed. It's not just about teaching, although obviously that is a key function and we would welcome any new governors who can add to our already strong team in this area. Governors hold the school to account, both scrutinising and supporting its leadership, so we need people who can think and act across a wide range of issues.

Specifically, we are seeking governors who can provide legal, commercial and communications experience, to ensure that the school is strong and resilient in an uncertain political future.

We also want to ensure that the villages of Clifton, Hempton and the Barfords have a strong voice in the school's leadership and governance.

### *We ask:*

Participation in six full governing board meetings a year and a joint planning session with school staff.

Support for one of our sub-committees: Finance and Premises, Teaching and Learning, and SIAMS (covering our responsibilities as a Church of England school) – generally four meetings annually.

One school visit a year.

Above all, an uncompromising ambition to make Deddington Primary School the best it can possibly be for its pupils and the community it serves.

### *We offer:*

Full induction, supported by relevant training.

Peer support as part of a close-knit governance team.

A unique personal development opportunity to build skills and experience at board level.

Where possible, governors' meetings take place in the evenings. Governors are typically appointed for a four-year term. All governors will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

For further information or to arrange an informal discussion please contact the school's clerk: [deddingtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonclerk@gmail.com).

**Ben Williams**

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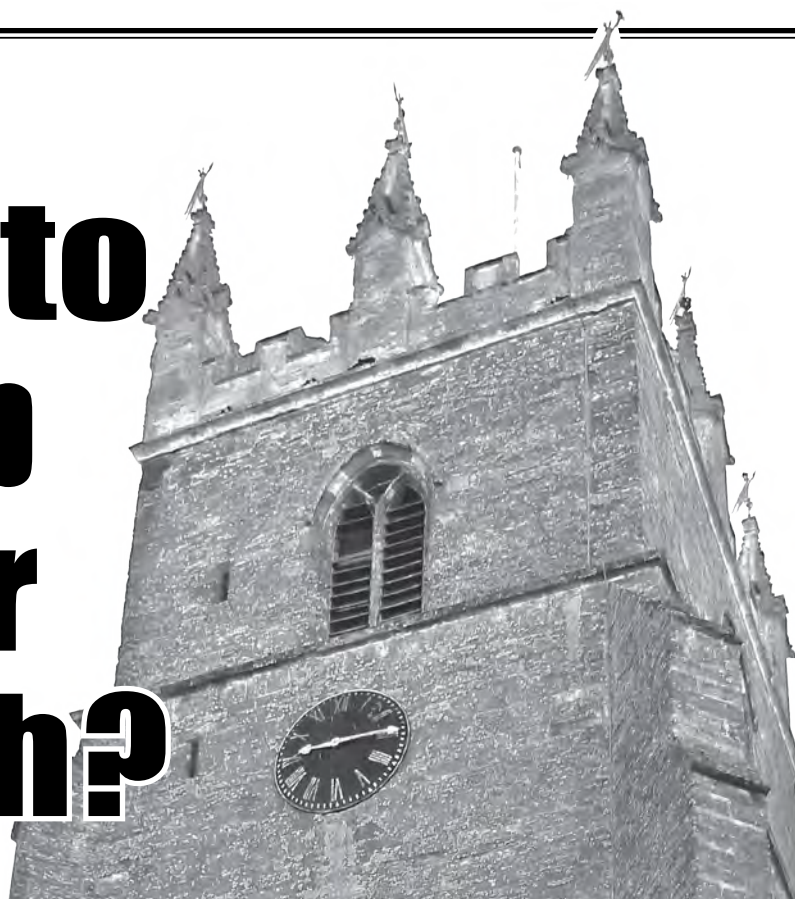
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# Time to help your church?



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Funding and pledges have already come from many directions, even from abroad. But more is needed.

Give your support either by a one-off transfer or through a regular standing order.  
Perhaps consider a legacy in your will.

There are more than 2,000 people in the parish.  
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## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### September

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Mon–Fri 8.45am Morning Prayer (also on the first Saturday of the month)  
 Wed 10.00am Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on the fourth Wednesday of the month)  
 Thu 2.00pm Squeals and Wheels

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Sun 3 10.30am Family Service  
                   6.00pm Choral Evensong  
 Sun 10 8.00am BCP Communion  
                   10.30am Holy Communion  
                   6.00pm Informal Service with Gospel Bell  
 Sun 17 10.30am Holy Communion with Baptism and Visiting Speaker  
 Sun 24 10.30am Holy Communion (said service)

#### St John's, Hempton

Sun 3 9.00am Holy Communion  
 Sun 17 9.00am Holy Communion  
 Sun 24 6.00pm Evening Prayer

#### Barford St Michael

Sun 3 10.30am Family Service  
 Sun 10 9.00am Holy Communion  
 Sun 17 6.00pm Evening Prayer  
 Sun 24 9.00am Holy Communion

#### From the Parish Register

##### Baptisms

2 July Henry Winsor

##### Blessing and Renewal of Wedding Vows

18 August Claire and Hugh Morris

##### Funerals

4 July Doris Tarling  
 18 July Nancy Stirling  
 2 August Sally Williams  
 16 August Gillian Barlow

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar at [vicar@deddingtonchurch.org](mailto:vicar@deddingtonchurch.org) or on 01869 336880. If Annie is not available, then please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). We also have a curate, Paula Smith who can be contacted on [curate@deddingtonchurch.org](mailto:curate@deddingtonchurch.org).

#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am  
 3 September George Pearce

**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. Confessions are heard at Hethe during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday between 5.00–6.00pm.

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.

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

### PASSCHENDAELE HEROES

Radio Oxford parked its van outside Foodies for three hours on 31 July while presenting the daily 7.00–10.00am breakfast programme on the 100th anniversary of Passchendaele, the battle that has largely come to define WWI. The programme featured the stories of the Chislett and Hancox brothers from Deddington, three of whom, along with four other Deddington men, were killed in the battle. At 10.00am Colin Cox, Deddington's bell tower captain, tolled a single peal in their memory to close the programme. If you wish to listen to the Radio Oxford programme or see BBC South's videos, go to the DOL Home Page and follow the link.

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

### WELCOME PACKS

Please note that Joan Wright is no longer in charge of handing out welcome packs to the parish. This has now been taken on by the Friends of Deddington Library.

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## DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

With apologies to my elocution teacher (yes, I really did have one), would the rain in the Clifton Plain, please return to Spain where it is more needed and allow me to get on with salvaging the harvest. As I sit and bash this out in the middle of August, the Green Goddess is once again parked up in the barn awaiting the next weather window. To date we have cut the oil seed rape and about 30% of the wheat and burnt a tank full of LPG gas through the grain dryer, but with the continual wet weather the grain quality is falling and with it its value at the farm gate. It had become a 'bachelors harvest' – get it when you can – so far this season. Most of the combining has been done on a Sunday afternoon after a few words with the boss man during Sunday service. The Green Goddess has been playing up with a few problems in the electronics department but some rewiring of the circuit boards, done by the younger generation, and the threat of a younger model by the older generation, she is working well, but with all the rain, the ground is now so 'tender' it is easy to ship soil into the header.

We have some very good wheat crops this year but it is extremely sad to note that for some 15–20 metres into the crops beside the footpaths, the crop has been trampled down by dogs and people walking in the crop. Even with a modern combine fitted with crop lifters, it is impossible to pick up the trodden corn, so it is really a case of farming on the urban fringe even though this is rural north Oxfordshire.

The ewe flocks have been weaned to give the old dears some respite and a chance to put some condition on before the rams go out again. The weaned lambs are enjoying a good late summer flush of grass on the meadows before going onto the cover crops of fodder rape to 'finish' by the new year and the fields planted in cover crops being rested before going into spring barley for next year's harvest. Well, that is the plan: first the straw must be removed but it has to be dry before it can be baled.

The bees have had a difficult year, both with the weather and predation. Despite my best efforts, we have lost five hives to the badger population during the last few weeks. But the difficult summer weather has been the biggest problem and the old dears have given up and shut down for winter, with most of the queens going off lay by late August. Once the harvest is in the barn, we will take what honey is in the supers and prepare the hives for winter by feeding them with sugar syrup, giving them a treatment for Varroa mite and fitting mouse guards to keep out the long tailed field



mouse. I have been keeping bees for almost 40 years and selling a well-received product in the local market within a 10-mile radius of where it is produced, a niche business providing a small but important income for a local family farm, with the added bonus of keeping the old man out of the way until he is needed to drive the combine or a tractor and do the shepherding when the boys are out on a fire or emergency shout.

The times are a-changing; we arrived at Home Farm, Clifton, in the spring of 1974 with all our goods and chattels loaded in the back of a local cattle lorry and a tractor and trailer, with the then two children being collected from their grandparents after the move and given free run of the farmhouse to choose their bedrooms. When we came to Clifton most of the farmland in the parish was tenanted, owned by the Prudential Insurance Company, the Church of England and the Oxford colleges, with a few owner occupiers. Today we are the only tenants left on the old Deddington estate with all the other land that has not been built on being in private hands. In 1974 most farms milked cows and had beef cattle and sheep. Today all the milking cows and beef cattle are gone and we have the only resident sheep flock grazing the flood meadows or historic ridge and furrow grassland that cannot be used for arable production.

Our summer visitors are beginning to get set for their long flight south. The swifts, house martins and hobbies have already gone and it will soon be time to wave farewell to the swallows. This year we have had 11 pairs nesting in the farm buildings with most bringing off two broods, but they are getting restless and beginning to congregate on the electric cables that cross the farmyard, a sure sign that the day of the big exodus is approaching. Ho hum, I wish them a safe journey and a safe return, but it won't be long before our winter visitors return. The vanguard will be led by the birds that made a brief stopover in the valley last spring on their way to their northern breeding grounds and are now heading south for the winter, making a short stop on the farm to rest and feed up by following the cultivators as we get the ground ready to plant next year's crops. Then it will be the turn of the visitors that spend the winter in the valley. You never know just what will turn up. Last year it was whimbrel, not a rare bird but unusual this far inland as they are a coastal bird. Well, after three days of almost continual rain the sun is shining and I am off to crank up the Green Goddess.

**George Fenemore 01869 338203**

### TEAS IN CHURCH

By popular demand, there will be Teas in Church again on Sundays in September from 3.00–5.00pm. Please come and join us.

## DEFIBRILLATORS

I am delighted to announce that the parish council has had the Community HeartBeat Trust install four defibrillators for use by the public on victims of sudden cardiac arrest (heart attacks) in all three villages, thanks to a generous grant from Scottish and Southern Energy.

**Important:** In the event of an emergency dial 999 and ask for an ambulance before you do anything else. The operator will confirm the location of the nearest defibrillator and give you the code to unlock the defibrillator cabinet door and access the equipment.

**What are they?** A defibrillator is a potentially life-saving device which delivers an electrical current that shocks the heart back into a normal rhythm following a sudden cardiac arrest. They are safe and easy to use.

**Where are they?** There are four defibrillator units owned and managed by the parish council that are publicly accessible 24 hours a day. They are mounted in bright yellow metal boxes on the front wall of the Duke of Cumberland's Head in Clifton, the west side wall of the church in Hempton, the west outside wall of the Windmill Centre and by the front door of the Co-op in Deddington.

**Why are they there?** They have been installed around the villages amid concerns that ambulance response times for rural locations like Deddington, Clifton and Hempton can sometimes be lengthy, and may get longer. The PC decided in 2016 that the community needed to help itself and so applied for a grant.

**Training:** Training sessions run by the Community HeartBeat Trust are available to demonstrate how to use the equipment and what to do in an emergency. Formal first aid training for residents is also available. Please contact me for more information or to request a place on a training course.

**David Rogers, Chairman  
Deddington Parish Council  
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## PARISH ARCHIVE GROUP

After a slow start, we are now the proud possessors of a scanner that allows us to scan anything, including books, very quickly, without squashing them. As a result, we have now scanned five of the fifteen or so logbooks and minutes relating to Deddington School dating back to when it was first opened. These books are handwritten in beautiful copper plate script and record the work of the managers and the teachers through time. Unfortunately, they cannot be searched digitally but they are still a valuable source for family historians or those interested in the issues in 19th century education. I hope to provide a monthly update to let people know what is available and how to access it.

Our thanks to the History Society and DN who donated the funds for the scanner.

**Gareth Richard, Chairman  
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## FROM THE FIRE STATION

In the last six months we have been to 150 call-outs and last month was one of our busiest. The Deddington crew has attended four road traffic collisions, a car fire and several house fires. Luckily none of these became fully developed fires. One night in Banbury a van was set on fire, as well as a block of garages. This was suspected to be arson. The crew also attended a call-out in North Aston where someone had managed to lock themselves in.

After the recent fire at Grenfell Tower our brigade has made some changes in tackling high rise buildings. For every type of incident there is a pre-determined number of pumps in attendance. This has now been changed for high rise events to ten fire engines and two aerial platforms with a multitude of other support vehicles, regardless of the severity.

Training this month has seen the last of the crew doing their training days for road traffic collisions and breathing apparatus. Everyone has passed with flying colours. The crew attended the Deddington school fête which is always a good opportunity for us to get out and meet the community.

Sadly, this is the last report I will be writing from the fire station due to my retirement from the Fire Service at the end of the month. I'm now fifty-five and the oldest person at the station and, even though the new retirement age for a firefighter is sixty, I feel that it's time

to step down. When I first started back in 2006 we only had a skeleton crew and it is really heartening to see so many young people joining our station. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the crew for making my time at the station an enjoyable experience. I would also like to thank Watch Manager, Chris Fenemore, who was my mentor when I first joined the station and remains my mentor to this day. He is a true leader and makes the station a great environment to work in.


Please remember to check your smoke alarms every week. And for the last time, get your chimneys swept!

**Tim Parker, Crew Manager**

## PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

Welcome to the new school year. We look forward to meeting all of our new children and families and hope everyone settles in quickly. Please ask us if you have any questions and we will do our best to help. During the next few weeks we will focus on getting to know the children and introducing them to the routines of their new settings. We will be holding an Annual General Meeting shortly – please look out for the date and come along if you can. We are a parent-managed pre-school and nursery and rely on your support for our success.

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## FARMERS' MARKET

### MUTTON

I don't often provide meat recipes for this column but this month is the exception because I'm hoping that the new season's mutton will be on sale. Most people are happy to eat lamb but baulk at mutton. Mutton, if properly reared, hung and butchered (all things which the market stallholders do extremely well) is a much more interesting meat. Sheep have created much of the wealth that has made the Cotswolds. You could say that Cotswold mutton is some of the best in Britain. It is certainly a local delicacy worthy of attention. And this is a very easy way to cook it.

**Baker's Oven Shoulder of Mutton** serves 6–10  
(from Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's *The River Cottage Meat Book*)

This is a big dish for entertaining but very little work, especially if you have an Aga, provided you allow enough cooking time.

1 large shoulder of mutton    2 tablespoons olive oil  
(or hogget or mature lamb)    1kg onions  
1kg potatoes    6 garlic cloves  
1 large glass white wine    salt and pepper  
500ml water or lamb stock

Put mutton in large, high-sided roasting tin, massage with some of oil and pour rest over. Put in centre of hot oven (220C/Gas Mark 7) for half hour, sizzle. Finely slice onions, thickly slice potatoes, and cut garlic cloves into three or four pieces.

Remove mutton from oven and pour off fat if too much (though market mutton tends to be lean). Deglaze pan with glass of wine. Scatter garlic and arrange potatoes and onions around meat in rough layers, seasoning with salt and pepper. Pour over water or stock sufficient to not quite cover potatoes. Cover whole tin with large piece of foil loosely tucked over edges of roasting tin. Return to cool oven (140C/Gas Mark 1) and leave for about four hours.

Remove mutton from roasting tin and set aside to rest, covered with foil. Toss potatoes around in cooking juices and spread evenly in tin. Put back in a hot oven (200C/Gas Mark 7) to crisp top of potatoes. Serve meat, which should be tender enough to scoop with spoon, with spoonfuls of potatoes. Steamed vegetables are all you need as an accompaniment.

For up to date information about the market and contact details for all the stallholders visit the market webpage, [www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk).

The market is on Saturday 23 September 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, 6.00–8.00pm. More details at [www.market.adderbury.org](http://www.market.adderbury.org).

Good shopping!

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## DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL 2017



Deddington Festival 2017 ended on a high this year. Once more we had exceptional support from our local communities who enjoyed four days of art and culture. The Festival committee is thrilled to announce that we have been able to donate £1,000 from the proceeds to the church restoration fund, £400 to the Day Centre at the Windmill, and £560 to the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The committee was keen to encompass all ages and we introduced some wonderful new events. The Children's Festival was a creative heaven for the youngsters; the Car Fest allowed many delighted passengers, aged eight to eighty-two, to whizz through the local lanes in the car of their dreams and we were honoured to host All the King's Men from the BBC show

'Pitch Battle'. Our consistently popular annual events included Deddy Jazz, Deddy Rocks, the Art Exhibition, the George Fennemore and sons 'Walk on the Wild Side', Chris Day's Deddington History Walk, Vicar Annie's Church Tour, Poetry Please and the Children's Writing Competition. This great festival would not take place without the help and hard work of our committee, our volunteers and all of you who came to our events. To see all that we have done and how you could get involved, visit us on [www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk). See you next year and many thanks.

**Elli Ince, Committee Chair**  
[elligarnett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elligarnett@hotmail.co.uk)

## THE KROKS 2017

The Krokodiloes, Harvard University's premier a capella singing group, returned to Deddington on 8 August for a fourth visit as part of their 35th World Tour, exchanging the 40C heat of Italy for the 13C and rain of the UK. Although the weather meant changing the venue from the Forsyth's beautiful garden to the church, it did not dampen the party spirit and enthusiasm of the audience or the quality of the Kroks' performance. Once again Kroks fans and audience first timers were wowed by the quality of the solos, the harmonies and choreography.

A number of people asked how they keep up this standard year after year. The answer is lots of testing auditions to select the best singers, then practise, practise, practise. In term time they sing together for around two hours every night, either at a concert or in rehearsal.

When the Kroks have so many great places they could visit on their World Tour, why do they love coming back to Deddington? In their own words:

'This was the best reception we have had on tour.'  
 (new Krok)

'The performance was wonderfully intimate. I hope to be back soon.'  
 (returning Krok)

'We had a fantastic time in Deddington. Wonderful hosts, great audience.'  
 (tour manager)

'It was an incredible pleasure to be part of the community.'  
 (new Krok)

'The church concert was truly remarkable and something I will always treasure.'  
 (new Krok)

The Kroks' visit could not happen without the support of many wonderful and flexible people: first and foremost, the host families who always provide such generous hospitality and care, whatever time of day or night the Kroks arrive or leave (5.00am on this occasion!); the team who helped set out the chairs and tables in the church, collected the donations, guided people to their seats, and then made sure everything was cleared up and put away afterwards; and Iain Gillespie, who reacted to every request with 'of course' and was there whenever we needed him.

For those who want to re-live the magic of the night of 8 August or for those who want to find out what they missed, pictures of the concert are available on the 'DN Extra Time' website page and a web link is being created on <http://www.deddington.org.uk/news/extratime>.

**Barrie and Hilary Smith**

## LETTERS

FROM JEAN WELFORD,  
DEDDINGTON  
Festival of Flowers

A very big thank you to all those clubs who produced such amazing displays for the Flower Festival. The imagination used to demonstrate what they represented was quite remarkable. It was very much a community event representing the whole parish.

There are so many I want to thank who contributed in so many ways: the kitchen team, the cake bakers, those who were on the door or sold raffle tickets, the Boys Brigade who moved furniture for us, the Explorers who tidied up outside, the Deddington Brass Band who played on Sunday afternoon and many others working behind the scene. Everyone's contribution was valued.

I would also like to acknowledge with gratitude some village businesses and Friends who sponsored the event so generously.

Many people from Deddington and around the area attended the two days with great enjoyment. This has made it possible for us to raise £3,138, a considerable amount of money for the upkeep of our beautiful church and to help preserve it for future generations. Thank you all.

FROM JANE GREEN, CHURCH STREET  
NB All Cyclists and Walkers

For a fun day out in September cycling or walking with family or friends, why not take part in the Ride and Stride on Saturday 9 September? Joining in this



sponsored event in aid of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust involves riding a bike (or a horse!) or walking round some of our village churches.

Here is the route we suggest and it can be shortened or lengthened. First of all a nice flat ride or stride to Hempton, then downhill to the Barfords, up a bit to Bloxham and then back along the

flat road to Adderbury stopping at Milton and the Friends' Meeting House on the way, before returning to Deddington by the gated road. This takes you to 12 churches or chapels. At each church stop friendly faces will supply you with drinks and other goodies. Hempton is known throughout the county for its scrumptious spread, so you can aim to lunch there or you can take a picnic or call in at a pub. Alternatively you could spend an interesting hour or so striding round Oxford or Banbury churches, or cycling a route round churches of your choice.

This is an excellent way of contributing to the maintenance of our beautiful historic churches and, in particular, of our own parish church where we all enjoy so many different events. Half of the money raised will go to our church and half to the Trust, which has a fund to respond to special maintenance needs of any Oxfordshire church or chapel.

So do seriously consider joining in this year's Ride and Stride and contact Jane Green on 01869 337837 or [green-jane@btconnect.com](mailto:green-jane@btconnect.com) for more details and sponsorship forms.

## PLANS FOR THE NEW WINDMILL

A better play area, a refurbished or extended all-weather court/multi-use games area, and an extension and improvements to the hall – these are the three strands of the master plan.

**Play Area:** The primary school children told us what they would like to see, so thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation. We hope to achieve a substantial play area. Based on installations in other villages, we're looking at a budget of £100K for our equipment wish list and are extremely grateful to a parish resident who has made an amazingly generous private donation towards it. We're talking to CDC Planning and Landscape departments to see if there are any constraints around what we would like to achieve – we don't want anything to come up and bite us later on! We'll be keeping nearby residents in Mill Close in touch with our plans, and of course the PC, as the landowners, has to approve everything.

**All Weather Court:** We're looking at options for refurbishing the existing court with secure fencing and floodlighting, or extending it. Much depends on cost and demand.

**New Extension:** We're starting to think about what might be in the new building, as well as improvements to the existing building. Our starting point is the 2015 parish questionnaire which told us what you wanted – your comments made sober reading. The wish list includes a classy hall or meeting room that can be hired out for events; a bar or social room with a viewing area overlooking the sports field; more showers and loos, accessible from outside, for sports teams and children using the play area. It's early days, but comments are always welcome.

We have a wonderful facility in our Windmill Centre. It's been highly successful as a sports and community centre over the years but the social facilities have been sadly lacking. It's showing its age and needs a good injection of capital and effort to make it fit for purpose for the 21st century. We're looking at a five-year schedule for this work, so stick with us and we'll keep you up-to-date.

**Mary Robinson, Chair,  
Windmill Development Group**  
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## PARK FARM: 22 HECTARES

**D**uring the late spring and early summer, a lot of hunting yards use the gap between seasons to 'break' the youngsters. Training a horse or pony to accept, obey and trust a halter, tack, and eventually a rider's aids, takes time and often a bespoke approach. Like people, horses all have personalities: part intrinsic and part resulting from their position in the herd in the field, or with previous handlers. Even by the age of three some horses have become arrogant and bolshie, whilst others are timid and skittish; some are lazy; others tense; some are rational, others overthink; some are brave, others gutless. The trick is not only to recognise the behaviour you are presented with but also to respond according to what you believe is the underlying cause.

Essentially there are four reasons why a horse will fail to do what is being asked of him: 1) he is afraid, 2) he doesn't understand, 3) it causes pain, or 4) he chooses to disobey. As regards reason 4), horses have no sense of equality: the hierarchy of a herd is linear, not egalitarian. Each horse is either dominant or subordinate to each other member of the herd. They demonstrate dominance over each other by controlling one another's speed, gait and direction of movement using body language cues, threats and, if challenged, aggression. Therefore, if you are not in control of a horse's speed, gait and direction, (where you have eliminated reasons 1, 2 and 3) then he believes he is dominant of you.

When a horse, for whichever of these four reasons fails to do what you ask him to do, you must react appropriately, based on previous and current body language and demeanour. However, you must react immediately; a horse has an approximate two to three second window of association. If you react outside this window, he doesn't understand the reasoning behind your behaviour, and cannot build an association from which to learn. So you must judge the behaviour, the cause of the behaviour and react almost on reflex. If your horse tries to bolt because he is afraid and you venture to scold him, you of course will make him more afraid. If you assume he is afraid when he is actually arrogant and attempt to comfort him, he will assume you are fawning to a superior.

Fortunately, by spending enough time around a range of horse personalities, one becomes quick enough at reading the more 'heart on sleeve' individuals, and they can be handled accordingly. However, we all know somebody who disguises their insecurities behind apparent arrogance or is only obedient to an employer who makes allowances for them. Animals like these take a little longer to read and understand.

A horse has manifold instincts and we ask them to overcome many of them. For example, a flight animal does not wish to become trapped in a confined space, such as a stable. He does not wish anything to control

his head, such as a halter or bridle. His legs are crucial for fleeing, yet we ask him to concede his feet for hoof picking and the attachment of shoes. Anything on his back, such as a saddle or rider, could most likely be perceived initially as a pouncing lion. Furthermore, he is an 'interpressure' species; when pressure is applied to an untrained horse, he leans upon the pressure rather than giving way to it, thus leaning on or crushing a predator, rather than pulling away maimed. Yet we ask him to learn to be led, to move away from our legs when ridden, and to stop when the reins are engaged. Frankly it is staggering that such an animal can be trained into a happy, confident and safe carriage.

On the whole, older animals, more established in their behavioural habits take longer to nurture. Therefore halter breaking is often done in foals, and horses often accept tack or are even lightly 'backed' (lain across, or sat on in walk and trot in a small area) at three or even two years of age. (NB: two year old flat racehorses are a fast maturing strain, although it is a contentious issue whether they are skeletally mature enough for the work even so). By four years old they usually start gentle ridden work, unless the breed or physical maturity of the individual demands a later start. If handled in described way as youngsters, this is normally a less challenging transition for them as well as us. You can imagine therefore, Jason's consternation when I bought a lorry load of wild New Forest ponies, utterly unhandled which (after I sustained an accident in the spring) he has had to 'back' on my behalf. How lucky I am to be able to delegate.

**Beatrice Maloney**  
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## FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

We made a contribution to the Flower Festival held in July, an adaptation of a photograph taken of a flower show held in the Castle Grounds in 1920. We were very pleased with the result and hope you all had a chance to see the wonderful displays in the church.

English Heritage has now erected a new sign replacing the old fire damaged one on the northern side of the mound. They will also be installing a Guardianship Panel, which will welcome visitors and explain the history of the site.

The undergrowth in the wildflower corner has been strimmed to encourage the wildflowers to spread. When the banks die back after this year's growth, they will be cut ready for the winter season.

It is lovely to see many families using the Castle Grounds during the summer holiday. Just a polite reminder, will all dog walkers please clean up after their dogs and help us to keep the site a clean and safe area for everyone who visits this beautiful site.

**Carol Garrett**  
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## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### 1st Deddington Guides

Congratulations to Hannah and Connie who ran successful Patrol Permit Camps with three Guides each, aged 10–13. They looked after themselves, had lots of fun as well as passing their assessments. Well done.

We had a second attempt at our ready steady cook evening. The Guides cooked some very tasty meals on open fires with surprise ingredients. Thank you to Janet and Brian Bond. It was great to be able to show off these cooking and fire-lighting skills to the Brownies who joined us for a sausage sizzle. A great experience for everyone. Thank you to the Catling family for their hospitality.

On a lovely evening we hiked a circular route from Adderbury to Bodicote. However, instead of following the map, the Guides drew their own map filling in the features on the way and a very good effort they made.

As always, we concluded the term with stream walking and then there was camp to look forward to. We are back on 5 September, 7.00–9.00pm.

**Maggie Rampley 01295 810069**

**Marian Trinder 01869 340806**

**Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008**

### Deddington Women's Institute

On 14 June, 19 members and friends travelled to Stratford-upon-Avon to visit the 1940s Tea Room. When we arrived, we had around an hour to 'do our own thing', shopping, sitting and relaxing by the river or strolling around the very attractive parks on a lovely sunny but not too hot day.

We then enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, complete with dainty sandwiches and homemade cakes, served by friendly, attentive staff wearing 1940's overalls at the Fourteas which has been designed to replicate 1940s life with memorabilia adorning the walls and garden. Even the menus were designed as a replica copy of a ration book. Those who couldn't manage to eat all their tea were welcome to take the remnants home in a brown box with string – strikingly like the gas mask holders issued in the 1940s. In the attractive rear garden there was a very realistic copy of an Anderson shelter, complete with corrugated iron sheets.

**Sue Lane**

We had a very good attendance at our meeting on 11 July. After the business was complete, we were treated to an excellent talk by Sallie Connery entitled 'Monte Carlo or Bust'. This has become an annual event of various amateur or rally drivers who must drive old bangers to Monte Carlo from Reims via Switzerland and Italy. Unfortunately, her co-driver, Liz Linford, was unable to be with us. They had halts in Dijon, Geneva and Turin. At these stops they had an old-fashioned

form of treasure hunt, collecting weird and wonderful things – a chef's hat, a Turkish lira note – gathering points for the finish in Monte Carlo. All the teams had some form of sponsorship. Sallie and Liz between them raised £10,000 for Katharine House. Sallie was warmly applauded at the end of the meeting.

At our August meeting we had a talk from Ed Frost of Frost and Daughters entitled 'Where Caring Comes First'. Some members were not quite sure how the evening would turn out. Ed gave us a talk on how the company was set up and how they handle various situations. We were shown pictures of how some wished to be transported to their service and also various wreaths and coffins. All of us felt that the subject had been treated extremely sympathetically.

Our next meeting is on 12 September. The talk will be 'Every Picture Tells a Story'. We always welcome visitors so if you would like to come, please phone either Beryl Suckling on 01869 337385 or Jenny Cross on 01869 337613.

**Julia Hobbs**

### Deddington Bookworms

We are a small, friendly group of bookworms who meet on the first Monday of each month. New members are always welcome. If you love reading and would like to join us, please contact the library for more information. Two reviews this month as there was no *DN* in August but the Bookworms continued to do what they do best: read.

*Do No Harm* by Henry Marsh divided the reading group. If you could get past the graphic opening four chapters, the insights into brain surgery and the workings of a consultant neurosurgeon proved very interesting. The book was a candid collection of 25 short stories and cases illustrating humour, mistakes, management bureaucracy, human emotions and computer frustrations. It is well written, without too much 'doctor speak'.

We also read *Slade House* by David Mitchell (author not comedian), a short but compelling book, centering on the unusual inhabitants of Slade House and those drawn to it. Not all is as it seems and the story unfolds, with twists and turns, as time passes. The characters, both good and evil, are well portrayed. Written in an episodic way, the story would lend itself to the small screen.

**Deddington Library 01869 338391**

### Deddington Players

Deddington Players is delighted to bring you an evening of 007-themed performances on Saturday 7 October at 7.30pm in the Windmill Centre. There'll be Bond music from Deddington Brass and friends, performances from Deddington Youth Dance Company, and you'll laugh your socks off at the hilarious one-act Bond

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spoof from the Deddington Players. Simon Davis's pun-loaded script follows special agent Jimmy Blond on a deadly mission to the Scottish Glens, with a motley assortment of villains, exploding cakes and bomb-proof underpants. Relax at your table with a drink from the bar, test out your Bond knowledge in the quiz and enjoy an evening of great entertainment. Tickets £5 from The Flower Shop or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/deddington-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/deddington-players) with all profits to Katharine House Hospice. For information contact Suzie 07717 205051.

**Suzie Upson**

### Photographic Society

Those who attended the August meeting were treated to the creativity of Philip Joyce who presented a varied collection of his photographs arranged as stories. Each group of pictures had a theme which had caught his attention and sparked a photographic response to record the moment. He grouped the pictures into various themes (stories) ranging from café society to cattle markets.

The subjects captured by his camera were: tattoo enthusiasts; gay pride events; poultry shows; dog shows; gypsies; cattle auctions; and poignant shots of Remembrance Day parades. The stories on poultry shows and dog shows raised many laughs, especially his rule of inverse proportions showing very small dogs owning very large handlers. His series of stories was rounded off with creative pictures of zoo animals watching people paying to see them. The creative approach throughout all the short stories was humorous and refreshing, showing Philip's insight and the ability of a good photographer to capture the moment.

Our next meeting is on 6 September in the Apricot Room at the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, and will be a talk by David Boag titled 'Photographing Nature More Creatively'. All are welcome to attend.

**Paul Brewerton**

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### Holly Tree Club

The Holly Tree Club is managed by a small committee of dedicated volunteers for the benefit of its over-60s members. There is a coffee meeting at 10.30am on the first Monday of the month, and a film show at 6.30pm on the second Thursday for £2, including refreshments. September's film is a WW2 drama, *Another Mother's Son*, starring Jenny Seagrove, John Hannah and Susan Hampshire – no need to book. There are also trips to local venues at a very reasonable cost. The Club welcomes new members so please contact Liz Dickinson 01869 337050 or Diana Marshall on 01869 337761 if you would like to join.

To raise funds for supporting and maintaining the building and grounds, the club room and grounds are available for hire at a very reasonable cost for small parties, meetings, and other activities. We have free wi-fi, a kitchenette for refreshments, some on-site parking, and comfortable and flexible seating and tables to let you arrange the room to suit your needs. The grounds can accommodate small marquees for parties and an alcohol and entertainment licence can be arranged. We welcome new business. Please contact Hugh Blythe on 01869 338126 for bookings.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Holly Tree Club.

**John Finnigan, Chair**  
**01869 337143**

### Deddington Town Football Club

No football action right now with it allegedly being summertime, but some appalling news was received with news of the death of former DTFC First Team and Reserve captain, Mike Ayckbourn. Having worked with Mike as both a fellow player and manager not so long ago, it was bewildering to hear of his untimely passing. Mike was always a popular figure in any dressing-room he went into; a warrior in the trenches on the pitch; and a witty, generous bloke in the pub afterwards. Thoughts are always most with his family, but I'm sure there will be plenty of drinks raised to him at DTFC, remembering the most memorable games, laughs, and catchphrases from his years with the club.

Rest in peace, big man.

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

### Youth section

The new season starts on 9 and 10 September when we will have nine teams. The Under 7s/Under 6s have training sessions on Saturday mornings. The Under 8 team plays 5-a-side matches, the Under 9s and Under 10s play 7-a-side matches, and the Under 11 and Under 12 teams play 9-a-side. At 11-a-side, we have teams at Under 13s and Under 14s. It is a great achievement for a village club to have so many players participating in football every week from Under 6s up to the adult teams.

We are very pleased to be working in partnership with Banbury Academy, Christopher Rawlins Primary School in Adderbury, Deddington Primary School, Fritwell Primary School, the Steeple Aston Recreation Committee and the Windmill Centre in Deddington to provide the training and match venues for our teams. Thank you in advance for your support for the season ahead.

If you have ever wanted to get more involved in helping your local football club, then Oxfordshire FA

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have produced an excellent booklet that will help inform you about what is involved. You can download this at [www.oxfordshirefa.com](http://www.oxfordshirefa.com). If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please get in touch. Information about the club is on our website, [www.deddingtontownfc/](http://www.deddingtontownfc/) or visit us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc](http://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc).

**Roger Sykes**  
01869 337034

### Deddington Original Golf Society

The annual gala evening followed an 18-hole Stableford competition at Buckingham Golf Club on 18 August. Despite monsoon rain, thunder and lightning 36 DOGS completed the course relatively unscathed. A gathering of 64 damp DOGS, partners and guests congregated at Rob and Maureen Forsyth's to enjoy fish and chips – for the second year a move away from the traditional pig roast.

Team prize		Mark Adams, Mike Higgins	
		Allan Carter	80 points
Longest Drive Men		Mark Ryland	
Longest Drive Ladies		Christine Pickering	
Nearest the Pin		Peter Curtis	
Guest Winner		Richard Deadman	
4th Place		Ralph Stewart	33 points
3rd Place		Steve Westley	33 points
		(on countback)	
2nd Place		Tony Lowe	34 points
Overall Winner		Dave Darst	35 points

Our final outing of the year is a trip to Naunton Downs GC on the 22 September.

**Tony Lowe**  
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### Book Club

At our last meeting we discussed Sofka Zinovieff's *The House on Paradise Street*, set in the Greek Civil War, a period of Greek history little known to most of us, but which has clearly had a traumatic and lasting effect on the population of Greece. The story moves backwards and forwards in time, covering a period of 60 years, starting in Nazi-occupied Athens. The young protagonist, Antigone, gets caught up in Civil War politics and joins the communist Freedom Fighters against the occupying forces, eventually being forced to leave Greece, abandoning her young son. After 60 years in exile, she returns to her homeland and her family for her son's funeral and gradually her story is revealed. It is well written with a good mix of fact and fiction. We were interested to learn something of that period in modern Greek history, especially in light of British involvement.

On 28 September we discuss Ian McEwan's *Nutshell*.

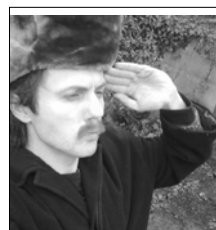
**Sally Lambert 01869 338094**

### Deddington and District History Society

Our 2017–18 season begins on Wednesday 13 September with a talk by Jan Warner on 'Memories of Deddington in the 1940s and 50s'. Jan's father was one of Deddington's GPs in that period, the family living for a time at Ilbury House. Our second talk, on Wednesday 11 October, will be by Julie Ann Godson, whose subject will be 'The Water Gypsy: How a Thames Fisher-girl Became a Viscountess'. It is the story of Betty Ridge, whose granddaughter married the Duke of Marlborough.

The staple of our programme is the talks on a range of historical topics on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm. We also arrange other events during the year. Membership is open to all and costs £23 a year for couples, £12.50 for individuals. Anyone is welcome to come to a single lecture for £3 at the door. We look forward to welcoming old friends and new.

**Chris Day (Chairman) 01869 337204**  
**Moir Byast (Secretary) 01869 338637**



### BLISSFUL THINKING

In the internet snow-globe in which the ocean of information swirls around, our little avatars bob around in their fortified cruise liner, the SS Search Engine, pluckily steering around the fraud sharks' gaping maws opening wide for sensitive data, and battenning down the hatches against a potential malware typhoon. You're dipping your net into the depths, perhaps searching for some juicy fortune fish, when you're asked to consider some more pertinent grand questions plaguing humanity: What great PPI trick in your area are you missing that banks don't want you to know about? Did that photographer really not know of the 'wardrobe malfunction' he was capturing and disseminating? Oh, and that actress everyone fancied in the 1980s, you won't BELIEVE how she's aged! Between all the hyperbolic 'listicles' and stock pictures that seemingly have nothing to do with their tagline, clickbait is a scourge akin to the swathes of plastic waste clogging up the seas. We thought email spam was bad, but then the fifth wave of advertising decided to plunder our data and lurk on every browser page we frequented like a voyeur steaming up our (browser) window, tempting us with scandal, smut and swag. Just what kind of indefatigably irritating genie have we let out of the (ship in a) bottle? Outrageous.

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

If you are hoping to influence future development in the parish, as the Neighbourhood Plan steering group is, it's useful to learn from developments already under way, specifically the David Wilson Homes on School Ground.

It was reassuring that Catherine Senior's letter on behalf of David Wilson Homes, in July's *DN*, confirmed that the company intends to honour its £600,000 obligation for parish infrastructure. Both OCC and CDC have been making encouraging noises about this too.

From the parish's point of view there are one or two serious hitches: the sewage work is not scheduled until next January so sewage is being tanked out by lorry and some of the essential path and roadworks are unfinished, in breach of agreed deadlines.

The most disappointing element is the lack of a contribution towards Deddington's nursery because the relevant deed of covenant signed in 2013 only stipulated a sum of around £400,000 for primary education, with no mention of pre-school. In fact, the agreed amount is to go to Adderbury's primary school which is planning to expand its pupil intake, and not to Deddington primary school, which has improvements in mind but not expansion. David Wilson Homes rejected a request for a voluntary contribution towards the nursery.

The affordable housing on the estate seems to be well in hand and with luck some Deddington people,

who have priority, will be accommodated there. The first hurdle if you are seeking rental property is to get on Cherwell District Council's housing register. You can download an application form from CDC's website ([www.cherwell.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk)) – a CDC officer who is keeping an eye on affordable housing in Deddington suggests you mark your completed application for her attention: [Teresa.Chapman@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk](mailto:Teresa.Chapman@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk). But hurry, because there are only a limited number of homes available.

The other 'affordable' option is shared ownership, for which you don't have to be on the housing register. If you're interested, look on the website of Stonewater Homes, the housing association that's handling the affordable housing on Deddington Grange, [www.stonewaterhomes.co.uk](http://www.stonewaterhomes.co.uk). They're offering a 40% share of a two-bedroom house for £112,000, available off-plan in September. (You pay affordable rent on the remaining 60% and can increase your share of the house over time.)

Turning to future development in the parish, the draft Neighbourhood Plan is now virtually complete and should go out for consultation to the whole of the parish in October.

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## POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

The house move was nearly a disaster. I tried to burn down the rental house. When we moved out of the UK, we had an army of helpers and all our stuff made the trip down to a container (or three) in a field in Heyford. They seem very nice people. I hope they are looking after all our lovely belongings. We thought we were coming for two years, maybe three, but it seems we got ourselves stuck in the American dream.

We moved to the US with 16 suitcases, four for each of us. This current move involved two 25-foot trucks and five very hefty blokes. Yes, we have indulged ourselves in the number one American pastime, shopping.

Now we have a very large two car garage, half full of furniture we are not using. Last month's ice storm caused panic – which of the three cars could we save from huge dents? Then we realised Heather's car still had every panel covered in dents, apart from the one dinged by Jake backing into the post box. The truck went in fine, then the Charger, providing great merri-ment for Heather as I crawled out of the car window to avoid being stuck there all night.

Our new neighbours are very interesting. The old house was surrounded by families with kids. This one is a mile west but Heather is the youngest owner, and even I don't figure as old. And they like a party. We invited all 26 houses to our moving-in pool party. It was a good night but I haven't done politics yet. I don't suppose that many of them think Trump is the lunatic who escaped from the asylum. Since I am totally unable to keep my mouth shut, it will all undoubtedly unravel fairly shortly.

By contrast, I have recently recruited a younger set of employees. There are now four under 30 in our Denver office and it is interesting to see how they view the political situation. It is the job of our



children to reject our values. These kids have Republican parents and liberal values; they all hate Trump. But there are also few believers left amongst the Republicans I know. The rest have given up on his bizarre rhetoric and are embarrassed that he is representing them. They want to lead the free world and ask me continually what the Europeans think of their quandary.

The good news is I didn't actually burn the house down. I was packing up the kitchen utensils and left the wrapping paper on the hob, while accidentally switching it on. A toilet break later and the kitchen was full of smoke, which I made worse by pulling the flaming paper off the cooker where it melted into the wooden floor wax. Maybe I am not as intelligent as the President, but I can put out fires. He just seems to make more of them every day.

**Mike Ward**

## TEAM MEMBER WANTED

Unlike many village newsletters, *DN* is a wholly volunteer publication, from copy to delivery.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated band of people who post a copy through every door in the parish's three villages come rain or shine – and very often on the day the copies are collated. Each of our current delivery team members has his or her own route. With houses in the new development on School Ground being occupied, there is a new delivery route and we are looking for a volunteer to take on this task once a month except for January and August. If you would like to get to know this new area of Deddington, why not join the 60 plus *DN* team.

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## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The Parish Council is seeking to busy itself in our midst by improving the felicities at Welford's Piece and has been meeting with residents keen to see it made more usable for our growing army of youngsters. If you have any views or needs please let me know and I'll put you in touch with Nicky who has been the focal point for Clifton. Related to this, would anyone with a trailer and tow car that could bring the Cricket Club's roller down to give the field a good roll please get in touch. It really needs one and when the wetter weather is here a few sessions will do no end of good. Then we can see about grass cutting.

The Sally boys are having a season that is going to plan as they remain steadfastly one off the bottom, thus eliminating the risk of promotion and meeting teams that start to take it seriously, but we still have our Yorkshire Terrier Alan in the top 20 top doll list and he is being chased by Cllr Collins. By the next edition of this august publication the season will be done and you'll be safe to return to the Duck of a Thursday night.

Finally, like our neighbours at Castle Grounds, some down here are getting really fed up with not only a profusion of dog mess but the mindless way the dogs' owners reject any responsibility for the actions of their charges. If there isn't an improvement action will be planned – so these people must be warned.

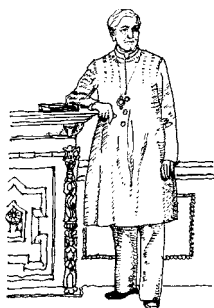
Next month I could write an A level, university places, GCSE results round up if you all let me know.

Now, thin as this column is this month, I really cannot let a little milestone pass. This is the 10th anniversary of my first *News from Clifton* – and I've not been sued (although perhaps this means I'm not pushing enough boundaries ...). [What do you think editors are for? Ed]

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## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO



The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of September 1867:

**3rd September** – A poor labourer from Hempton named Simons working at Mr. Slater's of Ilbury Farm was struck dead by the lightning whilst unloading wheat to the rick. I started for London.

**14th September** – I spoke to Cook about her cooking and said that we must part soon.

**24th September** – Engaged to be at the Agricultural Dinner at Banbury today. The usual Ploughing Match took place on our lands rented by N. Stilgoe – and then the prizes were distributed by Col. North, the President.

**Buffy Heywood**  
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## DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

We've had a very busy summer. The Summer Reading Challenge has been really well supported and the children have had lots of fun solving the mystery. It finishes on 16 September, so encourage the little ones to read their six books before then to qualify for their medal and certificate. If you've not started, there's still time – you can still read six books in two weeks! There has been a good take-up for the adults' Oxfordshire Reads. Get your book reviews in before 9 September to enter the prize draw. I have plenty of postcards for you to make your entries, so call in for one and recommend a book today. It's really as simple as that. Our Oxford Science event on 2 August was very well attended and enjoyed by the older children and adults alike. Likewise, the Animal Agents story time for the younger children on 14 August was a success with stories and craft activities. Thank you all for supporting these events.

We are beginning our weekly Rhyme Times for under 5s and families on Monday 11 September at 2.30pm. Please come along, support our team of willing volunteers who deliver this each week and join in the fun too.

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## FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The photo competition for entries to the 2018 Parish Calendar has closed and we are now reviewing the many excellent entries to choose the best 12. We intend to launch the 2018 calendar at the farmers' market on 23 September so look out for us there. As last year, the competition winners and our sponsors will be invited to a launch event at the library on Friday 22 September where they will see their photos in print for the first time. Based on your comments last year about the cost of posting them abroad, the format has been changed slightly, making the calendar smaller and lighter while maintaining the same great quality.

The July meeting of the Friends was our AGM at which we welcomed Meriel Flux as a trustee, completing our team, and we look forward to another great year supporting our great parish library.

Angela Clarke and Harry Sidebottom will be signing books at Church House in Adderbury on 13 September from 1:00–1:30 pm. Tickets £8.00 including a drink; accompanied children free.

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## DAY CENTRE TREASURE HUNT

Fifty or so people entered a car treasure hunt in July to raise funds for the Deddington Day Centre which will shortly be totally dependent on voluntary contributions. The event raised £550 and was organised to thank the volunteers who have supported my father, Richard Walton, who attends the group each week.

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