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# the Deddington news

The swifts are back, football has finished, except for a special match on 6 July (see p18), the PTA Fête (p6) and Deddington Festival (p3) are nearly here, the cricketers are shivering in their boots – but carry on regardless – it must be summer! With the cricketers' fourth Summer Ball on 15 June and so many other events, make a note of all the important dates. Don't miss some great opportunities to join in.

## JUNE

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|-----|-------|---|
| Mon | 3     | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon   |
| Tue | 4     | Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm  |
| Tue | 4     | History Society: Syresham History Society visit   |
| Tue | 4     | Windmill Management Committee: AGM, Windmill CC, 7.30pm   |
| Wed | 5     | Photographic Society: Steve Brabner, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm  |
| Fri | 7     | Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 6.30pm   |
| Sat | 8–9   | Exhibition of N Oxon Quaker Clocks: Adderbury Parish Institute, 10.30am–5.30pm                              |
| Sat | 8     | RBL: Bingo, RBL Hall, 8pm   |
| Sun | 9     | Deddington Town Colts: Presentation Day, Windmill Centre, 3pm   |
| Sun | 9     | Concert: Adderbury Ensemble, Schubert's <i>Trout Quintet</i> , Parish Church, 7.45pm                        |
| Mon | 10    | DOGS: Burford Golf Club, Burford GC, 9.30am   |
| Tue | 11    | WI: Stephen Melhuish, 'Trees', Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm  |
| Thu | 13    | Monday Morning Film Club: <i>Les Misérables</i> , Holly Tree Club, 6.30pm                                   |
| Sat | 15    | Cricket Club Summer Charity Ball: Windmill CC, 7pm  |
| Sat | 15    | Children's Photographic Workshop: Holly Tree, 2–4pm   |
| Sun | 16    | RBL: Dedication of War Memorial plaque, Parish Church, 12 noon  |
| Tue | 18    | Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm  |
| Wed | 19    | Photographic Society: Skills Workshop, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm                                      |
| Thu | 20    | Friends of Deddington Festival Reception: The Old Post House, 6.30pm  |
| Fri | 21    | Deddington Festival: See <a href="http://www.deddington-festival.org.uk">www.deddington-festival.org.uk</a> |
| Sat | 22    | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9am–12.30pm  |
| Sat | 22–23 | Open Gardens, Satin Lane Allotments and Castle Grounds: 2–6pm   |
| Sat | 22    | RBL: 'Sapphire' Live Music, RBL Hall, 9pm   |
| Thu | 27    | Book Club meeting: call 338094 for details, 7.30pm  |
| Sat | 29    | PTA: Village Fête, Primary School, 12.30–4.30pm   |
| Sat | 29    | RBL: Skittles, RBL Hall, 8.30pm   |

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting 15 May 2013 at the Windmill Community Centre

The May meeting of DPC coincided with the Annual General Meeting which preceded the usual monthly meeting. Alan Collins was re-elected as chairman, with Cllrs Wood and Anderson elected as joint vice-chairmen. Details of working group members, representation on outside bodies, appointment of auditors, insurers, standing orders and financial regulations can be found in the full DPC published minutes.

#### Planning:

Neighbourhood plan – DPC is to form a new working group to explore the process and cost of developing a neighbourhood plan. This is conditional on the result of the CDC planning meeting to be held on 16 May when the Pegasus 85-house planning application will be discussed. The DPC will be represented by the chairman who proposes pointing out that an approval by CDC would be contrary to CDC's own development plan.

#### New Planning applications:

2 Windmill Street, rear extension and demolition of front canopy to be replaced by a new porch, no objection with conditions.

Home Farm, Main Street, Clifton, barn stabilising, no objection.

2 Council House, Duns Tew Road, Hempton, amendment to previous application, window in north elevation, increase in garage door pier and increase in size of kitchen window. No objection.

The planning application from the Tennis Club to erect floodlights has been refused by CDC. The Tennis Club is considering challenging the decision.

#### Environment & Recreation:

The Satin Lane allotment committee is to be asked to make recommendations concerning public access to the allotments following recent vandalism.

#### Highways & Transport :

Everyone is invited to complete an online survey for the local Police to identify local priorities. The survey should only take a couple of minutes and can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/22ZY7DD](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/22ZY7DD).

The problem of speeding through Hempton was discussed again. Traffic calming gates were recognised not to be an ideal solution but nevertheless at a cost of £2,260 they were approved as a contribution.

There will be a new last bus from Banbury to Deddington, leaving Banbury at 6.45pm. There will also be a new bus from Deddington to Bicester on Saturday mornings at 9am. The last Saturday bus from Bicester leaves at 12pm. This is an improvement on the existing service where the bus used to turn around and return immediately. You now have two hours in Bicester!

Invoices of £3,724 were agreed for payment in May. Investments of £549,156 were with Barclays, Santander and NatWest Banks.

**Next Meeting: 19 June at 7.30pm in the Holly Tree Club.**

*These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter, Charles Barker, and not the official minutes, for which see <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/minutes>.*

### ECHOES OF WALTER

Many of you will remember Walter Meagher who died in July 2010 and did so much in our community to nurture an interest in wildlife. Wendy is revisiting El Charco del Ingenio, Mexico, not least because on 11 May she was present at the inauguration of the Walter L Meagher Science Research Centre. The following is an edited version of her speech:

'Thank you all for coming here today. This is such a special honour to bestow upon my late husband, Walter. He would have been so thrilled to know that this delightful science research centre was to be dedicated to him.

The centre will enable students and researchers to have a place to carry out their studies in peaceful surroundings, and have not only access to its herbarium and reference books (both of which Walter felt were very important as study aids), but also to the entire area with diverse habitats which make El Charco del Ingenio so unique a place of biodiversity. Freddie and I, and all the family, would like to thank everyone



concerned in this magnificent gesture.

Since first coming here in 1986 the bio-reserve of El Charco del Ingenio was to become an area of very special meaning to Walter. He spent several years here studying the plants, the natural history, the geography and the history of the area. His good friend Ruhi Rouholah was instrumental in the study of the geology of the area.

From the beginning, Dr Jerzy Rzedowski, Director of the Instituto de Ecologia in Patzcuaro, generously shared his knowledge and wisdom. Throughout our time here in San Miguel, Walter and Cesar established a long friendship, and Cesar always gave tremendous encouragement in all that Walter did.

El Charco del Ingenio can be proud of all its achievements, the latest being this wonderful research centre, a perfect place for the study of the astounding – as Walter described it – biodiversity of an area greatly appealing both to adults and to children.' JC

# 2013 festival deddington

## 11th Year of the Annual Community Arts Event

Returning for its 11th year, the 2013 Deddington Festival will take place from 21 June to 13 July 2013. The annual summer festival offers an innovative programme of music, performing and visual arts, appealing to all ages and interests. With music from jazz, to rock to choral, to a writer's competition, to story-telling, art workshops, children's dance, a farm walk and a photography exhibition – most cultural leanings are catered for over the three week event. Programme highlights include:

**CreativeKIDZ** – Saturday morning activities at the Unicorn in the Market Place, including art, music, story-time and story-telling:

**Art4Kidz** – Saturday 22 June 10am–12pm: messy art fun with local art teachers and artists suitable for pre-school and school age children;

**Children's Story-time** – Saturday 29 June 10am–12pm: actress Juliet Glazebrook, actor David Yip, and author Linda Newbery (*Barney the Boat Dog*) will read a selection of stories for children 3–7years old;

**Mr Myles Music** – Saturday 6 July 10am–12pm: Mr Myles Music will take children aged 3–5 and 6–9 on a musical adventure, using rap, chants, song and movement;

**Fiona Eadie Story-teller** – Saturday 13 July 10am–12pm: Stories for children aged 4 upwards to entertain, illuminate, engage and inspire using traditional story-telling, rather than reading from a book.

**Deddington Rocks** – Friday 28 June, Market Place 4.30pm – featuring Indigo Child, the Breakfast Men, the Blue Meanies, with the George Michael Tribute Band as the finale.

**Deddington Jazz** – Saturday 29 June, Deddington Church 7.30–10.30pm: a selection of music from Sweet Chorus, a tribute to Stefane Grappelli and the Hot Club of France, and Stekpanna and Friends.

**History Walk** – Saturday 22 June, Castle Grounds 2pm: explore Deddington's rich history with a guided walk around the village and Castle Grounds.

**Art Exhibition** – Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June, Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 June, The Studio, Hermitage, Market Square, 10am–5pm: a chance to view and purchase the artistic talent of the local area

To buy tickets and for further programme information please see enclosed flyer or visit [www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk). Follow on us Facebook and Twitter @DeddyFest. For information on how to get involved please contact: Emma Noon [emmanoon1@gmail.com](mailto:emmanoon1@gmail.com); for sponsorship opportunities please contact Suzie Upson [suzieupson@mac.com](mailto:suzieupson@mac.com); for media enquiries please contact Amalie Craig [amalie@amaliecraigpr.co.uk](mailto:amalie@amaliecraigpr.co.uk).



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## Musical Notes

The last Saturday in April was lit up by a truly magnificent rendition by the North Cotswold Chamber Choir and Baroque orchestra of Handel's oratorio *Israel in Egypt*. Conductor, Sarah Tenant-Flowers, coaxed exquisite sounds from the double choir ranging from ferocious anger to eloquent pleading, in bringing alive this well known biblical story. The packed audience was delighted, making this a fitting celebration for the choir's twenty-first anniversary.

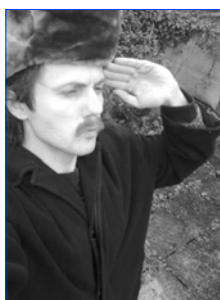
More choral music with orchestra is in the offing. Amongst well-known English pastoral favourites, the Chipping Norton Choral Society and the Cheltenham Chamber Orchestra Strings will have given the first performance of a new work by Colin Touchin titled *Adelstrop* (18 May). I'll report on that later.

June brings the return of the ever-popular Adderbury Ensemble with their fantastic guest pianist, Viv McLean. He will be playing Beethoven's *Pathétique* Sonata and Chopin Nocturnes and joining the ensemble in Schubert's divine *Trout Piano Quintet*. Mozart gets a look in too with his string *Divertimento* in F. It promises to be a memorable evening; do your best to be there. Please note that it is on Sunday 9 June at 7.45 pm in Deddington Parish Church.

Look out too for separate adverts for the musical events of the annual Deddington Festival at the end of June and early July.

Donald Lane, [donald199@btinternet.com](mailto:donald199@btinternet.com)

## BLISSFUL THINKING



Picking through the ruins of lost civilisations is one of the most rewarding endeavours afforded to anyone. As a child, who didn't fantasise about being king of their own castle? No doubt every young Deddingtonian spawned now fights to pretend they are William de Chesney, repelling the Crown with wave after wave of trebuchet-hurled flaming excrement and dashing curs and malcontents against the bailey wall via the mighty cannon. Imagine the thrill of those nineteenth century archaeologists first discovering the bones of unimagined monsters beneath their feet, and imagine the future thrill of the indestructible cyborgs and floating brains in oxygenated artificial cerebrospinal fluid excavating the first tins of Tesco Value mandarin slices and shattered smart-phones.

Will their offspring mimic being supermodels, footballers or winning Candy Crush saga? Or perhaps they will be mock kings of industry; bribing their friends, pretending to be president or prime minister to invade their other friends' pretend country to steal their resources and enslave their people under the guise of freedom? Today's atrocity is tomorrow's play fight. Let's keep it clean.

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

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## 2013 festival deddington

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Handing in date:  
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*Entry by gates in Horsefair*

Application forms and enquiries:

**Maureen Dew: 338951**

**Julie Wigg: 337433**

**Suzanne Allan: 338528**

or Festival website and the Library

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### Services for June

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Sun	2	10.30am	First Sunday
		6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Wed	5	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	6	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	9	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Tue	11	6.00pm	Eucharist St Barnabas
Wed	12	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	13	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	16	10.30am	Eucharist
Wed	19	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	20	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	23	9.30am	Fourth Sunday Eucharist,
		10.15am	followed by Interactive Café
Mon	24	6.00pm	Eucharist
			Birth of John the Baptist
Wed	25	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	26	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	30	10.30am	Patronal Festival Eucharist

#### St John's Hempton

Sun	2	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	16	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	23	6.00pm	Evensong
Sun	30	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)

#### The Barfords

Sun	2	10.30am	Eucharist (BfdStM)
Sun	9	10.30am	Family Service (BfdStM)
Sun	23	4.00pm	Evensong (BfdStM)
Sun	30	4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) (BfdStJ)

#### From the Parish Registers

##### Baptism

19 May Martha Kate Connie Levene

##### Wedding

11 May Daniel Jee and Michelle Colley

##### Funerals

1 May John Healey

17 May Richard Dashwood

##### Strewing of Ashes

14 April Brenda Evans

##### Interment of Ashes

27 April Simon Pleydell-Bouverie

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

#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton  
16 June John Goulder

**Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

#### RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

**Fr John Burns 277396**

**Parish Deacon Rev R Hughes 01295 720869**

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

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

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

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

As the Feast of SS Peter and Paul falls on a Saturday, the celebration has been transferred to the following Sunday and the 29th will therefore not be a Holy Day of Obligation.

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

### Cardinal Newman Pilgrimage

On 22 and 23 June a pilgrimage commemorating Cardinal Newman's associations with North Oxfordshire (first sermon in Over Worton, first public address in Deddington) will be inaugurated.

The pilgrimage begins on the Saturday at 9.00am at the University Church in Oxford, where Newman was Vicar, and ends on the Sunday evening in Deddington after a service at Over Worton with the Bishop of Oxford present (7.30pm refreshments). The overnight stop on the Saturday is at the Guesthouse of the Community of St Clare at Freeland.

The route for the inaugural pilgrimage with further details is available at [www.newmanpilgrimage.org](http://www.newmanpilgrimage.org), where it is noted that people might like to do a bit of the pilgrimage rather than the whole journey. Perhaps some Deddingtonians would like to be involved in this celebration of part of our history.

Please do get in touch if you'd like to know more, either via the website or more directly at [vicarhugo@gmail.com](mailto:vicarhugo@gmail.com).

**Hugh White**

## PTA

Firstly, a big thank you to Steve Miller who has generously supported the PTA through his music events, giving us a percentage from tickets we have sold.

Preparations are well under way for this year's fête – Saturday 29 June, gates open at 12.30pm. Please come along and enjoy it with us. The barbecue will be under way as you arrive – just in time for lunch – enjoy a delicious burger with a beer or a glass of Pimms. This year the fête has been opened to clubs, organisations and businesses from around the parish, so we will have an even bigger array of stalls and games. There will be a bouncy castle, kids café and play corner, face painting and tattoos, footie shoot out, tug-of-war competition, egg throwing, cake stalls, and one of the highlights of this year's fête – a giant 28ft climbing wall.

Throughout the fête, there will be entertainment in the centre ring, a fabulous dance display and the cast of *Joseph* will give a special performance, plus a few extra surprises.

During the afternoon, you could enjoy a cream tea or an ice-cream or maybe a return visit to the barbecue, whilst listening to some music.

We also have some great prizes to be won, both in the raffle and on some of the stalls. We can't promise that the sun will shine, but we do promise that you'll have a great time.

**Lucie Sydenham and Jo Watt, Co-Chairs**  
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## Deddington PFSU and Nursery

We have spent much of the term outdoors – digging, gardening, making bird feeders, looking for minibeasts, and beginning to practise for our forthcoming Sports Day on 21 June. The weather hasn't always cooperated but we try not to let that stop us.

A busy parents' evening was held at the PFSU on 15 May and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to view your child's profiles and catch up on all they have done at the PFSU this year.

Next term we will be thinking about keeping fit and healthy, and preparing the children for their moves up from Nursery to the PFSU and from the PFSU to School.


Don't forget our summer ball which will be held at the Windmill Centre on Saturday 13 July – tickets will be available soon.

**Lucy Squires 337484**

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## Deddington Village Fete


In support of Deddington Primary School PTA

### Saturday 29th June 2013


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## ON GEORGE'S FARM



'Oak before the ash there will be a splash, ash before the oak it will be a soak.' On my daily pilgrimage to Oxford by the scenic route, it seems that both the ash and oak are neck and neck in the race to be the first out in full leaf, so perhaps we are heading for a mixture of soak and splash.

After one of the most difficult years I can remember and the coldest March for 50 years, the spring crops were finally planted with the dust flying in late April and got off to a good start. As I put finger to keyboard we have had a welcome soak, which will really get them going. That's the upside. The downside is that it is very cold for mid-May and we are back on 'river watch' as the water table is very high and a heavy night's rain will bring the tide back into the Clifton sea.

After a difficult year, the better weather in April brought the bees 'on' with the strongest hives expanding their brood nests. By the second week of May it was all change. They are now struggling to cope with the low spring temperatures, making it difficult for them to forage for pollen and nectar to feed the expanding brood, so it seems that the bee-keeping year is set to be a very difficult one, with little if any honey to extract. This is simply down to the changing weather patterns and not, as the 'green Taliban' would have it, with their hysterical jihad against the farming community and the agro chemical industry, the use of modern seed dressings and insecticides. The ban on the use of three of the neonicotinoid compounds will do little to help the diminishing wild bee populations, as we food producers will now be obliged to revert to much older technology and use a lot more of it. After all, we are growing crops to feed people and they will only buy the best, rejecting anything that has been chewed by this or that bug.

Sadly, these same people can, and do, buy these banned compounds from the garden centres for use in their gardens to keep their lawns and flowers bug free. Unlike the arable farmers, they are not subject to strict record-keeping and regulations on how, when and where the compounds can be used. It would be a very interesting exercise to work out just how much of our green and pleasant land is managed for gardening and recreational purposes, as against the amount of land that is under food crop production. All the farm and crop production chemicals that we use have to be recorded and the records can be inspected by the man from DEFRA at any time. These records must include time of day, date, weather conditions, wind direction, amount of chemical used, start and finish time, name of sprayer operator, name of the agronomist and a copy of the agronomist's recommendation sheet stating the reasons for use. All the spraying equipment

has to undergo an annual MOT and be certified fit for use. Even the driver has to have training and be on the national register of sprayer operators, and his registration is monitored and upgraded each year and that includes the use of the knapsack sprayer for the nettles in the yard.

So perhaps it's time that our well-fed critics took a look in their own garden sheds, and remembered that the diminishing bees visit their gardens and recreational spaces just as much as they visit food producing crop land. After all, we are continually being told by the experts that we will have to produce more from less and it seems that with the antics of the green Taliban, perhaps it's time to look at another way of managing our land and produce less for more. I wonder what colour the food rationing card will be? I still have mine from the last war, but there are a lot more mouths to feed than then.

**George Fenemore 338203**

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## Postcard from America – Guns

Ben was very excited when he got home. There had been dogs in school. Unfortunately, they were sniffer dogs and the policemen with them were armed. They found a gun in a 14 year old kid's locker. But, according to the principal, it was okay as 'it was unloaded'.

This country has a very strange fascination with guns, and Heather and I have spent large amounts of effort trying to get our heads round it. It is a hugely emotive issue and in places like Texas there are a lot of people who think that gun control is a conspiracy. They actually believe they need their guns in order to ward off another invasion by the Brits, like we did in 1776.

The continuing massacres, such as Newtown school where 28 people died in December, do nothing to bring logical controls into place. The Senate actually voted against a proposed law which would have made it illegal for someone to buy a gun for a mate who had been deemed inappropriate to buy a gun himself.

The linked factor is undoubtedly the huge investment in 'defence' that America makes. Their annual budget is greater than the next ten biggest spenders all added together. The military is massive and the number of ex-servicemen is vast. There are 21 million vets in the US – everyone knows one.

But back at Ben's school, the focus moved on. After the dog had gone on to find drugs in several lockers, someone thought to question why it had found a gun. So they went back to the original locker and of course found the drugs that the dog had sniffed out.

No news where the gun came from; probably given to him by his parents, like the five year old who shot his two year old sister dead the week after his birthday with a killing machine branded as 'My First Rifle'.

As I say, many Americans have a strange fascination with guns and the absolute conviction that the only way to stop people with guns from killing people is to have more guns.

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<http://mikeaward.com>

## WELL REMEMBERED

### Bryan Humphries 1948–2013

Bryan was born in Banbury on 10 September 1948, the fourth of the five children of Percy and Edith Humphries who survived early infancy.

Bryan lived in Deddington all his life. He was a member of that early Paddocks community which is looked back on so fondly by those who were part of it. There was a strong, supportive community spirit and the children were able to roam freely through the surrounding countryside in a way impossible today. Nigger or Nig as Bryan came to be universally known (an incident with the family dog thus named), went both to the primary school in the village and the Windmill School.

From a boy he was passionate about sport and games – football, cricket, golf, snooker, dominoes – where his will to win led to a trademark robustness of performance. Losing was not on Nig's agenda and, when it happened, he tended to demonstrate his displeasure in no uncertain terms. (It was risky, also, to say anything derogatory about Manchester United in his presence.)

Nig showed a different kind of commitment in his working life as a builder, first with Franklins and then with Stepnells of Rugby. Here he was disciplined and hard-working, never late and good at the job.

He was also a committed family member. He was unmarried and lived for many years with his mother to whom he was a great help. He was himself supported loyally by his family, who assisted with domestic chores, and then looked out for him in the health difficulties he experienced over the last three years.

He will be much missed by them and by the community in which he was so firmly rooted.

HW



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## ‘The Tchure’ – Another Mystery?

An unusual name such as ‘The Tchure’ is guaranteed to arouse curiosity. What does it mean? Where has it come from? Visitors and newcomers to Deddington alike are intrigued; questions and letters to various publications debate the matter, presenting various hypotheses. How much can we say for sure and how much is speculation?

The Tchure in Deddington connects High Street to Market Place, the entry and exit passing beneath buildings. The *Victoria History of the County of Oxford* refers to it as ‘a small passage ... which bears a name commonly used in the Midlands for narrow lanes’. Other local ‘Tchures’ for example are to be found in Steeple Aston, Charlton-on-Otmoor, Souldern and Banbury,

Alleys and ‘cut-throughs’ are characteristic of old towns and villages: a life on foot demanded them. But what is remarkable is the range of names they bear, most likely reflecting local history and dialects. Examples of these variants are:



Pic: Colin Robinson 1973

Chewer, Chure, Tewer or Tuer. Did these names derive from an old English word for ‘narrow lane’ or are they more figurative? This is where speculation enters the debate.

In 1847 Canon Risley wrote in his diary of a strip of land he was considering as a possible place to erect a coal shed for the parish. The strip was sited in the ‘Sewer or Tewer’. What did he mean by this? Was the Tchure actually an open sewer, something which was not uncommon before the era of drainage? There do not appear to be any earlier references to one. In the early 1800s, there had been repeated complaints in the village about the foul state of the village pond in Market Place, which in 1861 was finally filled in. No sewer was mentioned. Perhaps one had existed in medieval times but had since fallen into disuse? However Risley may just have been using colloquial language with no special connotation.

Margaret Gelling, a leading expert on English place

names suggested that ‘tewer’ might have come from the old French word ‘tuyère’ meaning pipe, the sort used in blast furnaces to introduce air into a fire. Perhaps a blacksmith’s forge did once exist in the vicinity. Did ‘tewer’ become corrupted over time to ‘Tchure’? Or could ‘tewer’ have simply meant an airy passage way?

The Steeple Aston Village Archive suggests the definition of ‘narrow alley’ came from a Church word ‘tuer’ meaning the aisle where the children were ‘catechised’. A further and different theory, based on the time when there were small Jewish communities in many towns and villages in the Middle Ages, claims that ‘Tchure’ might be a corruption of ‘Jewry’. There is no clear evidence however for this linguistic leap or for the existence of a Jewish community in Deddington at that time.

Moving on from linguistic theories to looking at function opens up a further scenario. Because ‘Tchures’ are predominantly found in sheep country it suggests that the alleys could have been used to guide sheep

from the drovers’ road at one end, through the funnel at the other, to emerge in a manageable fashion into the market. In addition the alley provided space for walled pens where sheep could be kept overnight.

Perhaps after all we can never be sure, which leaves us with another Deddington mystery that will continue to stimulate interest and speculation. What we can see and value is the Tchure itself. As we walk through its quiet passage of old houses and historic buildings we can imagine ourselves at one with those who have gone before. Much of the shape and colour of the buildings, the roofs and stone, will have stayed the same, as has the view of the church at the approach of Market Place. In the interest of historic verisimilitude though, do you think we might encourage some of the residents to install a pig or two in their gardens to root about and make snuffling noises?

**Hilary Smith**

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**W**e have had a busy few months and have a number of new programmes on the website, [www.deddingtononair.org](http://www.deddingtononair.org).

Firstly, Fat Lil's in Witney have agreed to Ade Phillips recording Oxford-based guitarist Phil McMinn

with support from Oxford shoe-gaze rock band Traps and we are hoping that this will become a regular feature on the station. Fat Lil's Club hosts many amazing live music acts every week, tributes to our favourite bands and covers of a variety of genres. What could possibly go wrong?

Ade also hosts his monthly show, TunA the Day, a round-up of the latest new talent in and around Oxfordshire.

Rob Smitten, chairman of the Chipping Norton Astronomical Group, has asked if we would like to carry the radio show he makes for Witney Radio. Starwatch is a regular show mixing music and local astronomy news and events in the local area. With comet Panstarrs a fading wonder, comet ISON due later in the year, together with Saturn in opposition and the Perseids meteor shower, Rob will be able to keep us informed of what to look for and when.

Banbury Talking Newspapers offer an audio recording of the *Banbury Guardian* and Deddington OnAir are getting this every week.

Jake Simpson is making a brilliant series of musical shows and is well worth tuning in to on a Friday evening. Well done Jake, keep them coming as you are a star in the making.

Late Night Large recently billed itself as 'Ruthless and toothless, dripping honey and dispensing acid, never trust a man who keeps his trousers up with string'. What else can I say? It's bound to uncover all kinds of insight and revelations.

We have also got preview shows for the Wychwood and Lechlade Festivals. We are going to try to cover both of these but that leads me to the closing plea ...

We need your help. Deddington OnAir is looking for people to join the team. Could you help out as a business development manager, marketing manager, oral history project manager, oral history project volunteer or as a webmaster? If you want to lend a hand please email [studio@deddingtononair.org](mailto:studio@deddingtononair.org).

**David Rogers**  
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## Police News

The local Police team was responsible for the arrest and remand of four burglars this month. A burglary took place at an address in Barford St Michael during the day. The offender entered the house by an unlocked door and came face to face with the owner before stealing a gold chain and making off. The team launched an investigation and during the course of the

## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of June 1863:

**15th June** – Went to Oxford by the last train to be ready for Commemoration and its doings tomorrow.

**16th June** – After breakfast walked about and saw the Prince & Princess of Wales make their entrance into Oxford from Magdalen Bridge. Holford escorted them into Oxford as a Lieutenant in the Yeomanry. In the evening he had the honour of dancing in the same quadrille with their Royal Highnesses at the Masonic Ball in the Corn Exchange, an imposing spectacle. Their Royal personages took up their abode at the Deanery, Christ Church. Honours Degree conferred on the Prince at the Theatre by Lord Derby, the Chancellor, in the presence of numerous celebrities, including Mr. Disraeli, M.P. for Buckingham. The Princess was certainly a most interesting personage – and looked more like an English woman than a foreigner – natural, easy and pleasing in her manners and movements. I was nearly exhausted in resisting the press of persons in the area for 3 or 4 hours – in keeping a place I had selected for viewing the entrance of the Prince & Princess and procession into the theatre.

**17th June** – The Royal party went to a grand luncheon at All Souls College Library, the Princess opened the bazaar in St. John's College gardens, and lastly appeared at the Horticultural Show in Trinity College gardens, and dined at Exeter College Hall. They attended two Balls, Holford was at both Balls and Robert at one.

They attended the usual Boat Race procession on the banks of the Isis, appearing in a handsome boat especially built and rowed by the crew of the 1st boat on the river (Trinity, I believe), and landed at Folly Bridge at a large handsome barge especially fitted up for the occasion, from whence they viewed divers racing boats coming in from Iffley. This was altogether a most imposing sight, it was supposed that from 40 to 50 thousand persons were present.

**Buffy Heywood**

evening received two further reports from members of the public in Hook Norton and Adderbury that a suspicious male had been seen trying to enter their homes. Sgt Richard Miller and PC Jen Culley persued the matter and located a suspicious car with four males known for crime and burglary. Sgt Miller was able to link the males to the burglary and all four were arrested. They have been remanded awaiting trial.

You can contact the team by emailing us at: [BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) or you can call us on 101, our non-emergency number. Please dial 999 in an emergency.



## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

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

FROM PAUL M EURELL,  
WORDSLEY, W MIDLANDS

I would be grateful if any of your readers are able to help with information regarding my great grandmother, Sophia Callow, born 06/01/1867, daughter of James Callow and Ellen (née Penn).

In the 1891 Census Sophia, aged 23 years, was living with her two children and her mother Ellen, in Market Place, Deddington. The occupation of Ellen is shown as 'greengrocer'.

In 1892 Sophia was married in West Bromwich, Staffordshire, and in the 1901 Census she, along with the two children and her husband were still living there.

Sophia, her parents James and Ellen, and grandparents William and Maria (née Harris) were long time residents of Deddington, and over the years of the middle to late 1800s lived in various locations throughout the village.

My contact details are 01384 78675, email: [eurellp@lineone.net](mailto:eurellp@lineone.net).

FROM ELIZABETH BURAK, NEW STREET

Does anyone have any pictures of my house, The Old Bakery, New Street (the one next to the former Congregational Church) they would be willing to share? Am trying to piece together the history of the shape/use of my house from its birth.

I would be interested in any elevation, any age. I can be contacted on [lizburak@me.com](mailto:lizburak@me.com).

FROM JILL ADAMS, BY EMAIL

**Saturday 8 June and Sunday 9 June at Adderbury Parish Institute**

Adderbury History Association is hosting an exhibition of approximately sixty locally made Quaker clocks. In the eighteenth century the village was at the heart of North Oxfordshire Quaker clock-making tradition of iron-posted hoop and spike clocks, with a distinctive ring and zig-zag engraved dials. Adderbury was the home of the most prolific maker of Quaker clocks in the eighteenth century – Richard Gilkes.

The Exhibition will have on display many examples of hoop and spike clocks from each of the main Quaker clock-making villages of Sibford Gower, Adderbury, Deddington, Milton-under-Wychwood, and the market towns of Charlbury and Shipston-on-Stour. There will also be clocks made by the early eighteenth century clockmaker Thomas Gilkes Sr of Sibford, John Fardon Sr of Deddington and later members of the Gilkes family, as well as lesser-known makers such as Thomas



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Harris of Deddington and Wm Green of Milton.

In conjunction with this exhibition, Adderbury's Quaker Meeting House will be open on both days – this beautiful, historic building was erected in 1675 and is one of only a handful of Quaker Meeting Houses left in England still in its original state with some of its original furniture, and still in use: its atmosphere is magical.

Do put these dates in your diary – and come and learn all about 'posted hoop and spike clocks'. This exhibition will be a unique occasion – to have so many, treasured and historic, local Quaker clocks gathered together into one village hall is most unlikely to ever happen again. The Exhibition is open from 10.30am to 5.30 pm on both days, admission £5.

FROM JANE TOMLINSON, WHEATLEY  
**Countryside campaigners seek secretary**

The Campaign to Protect Rural England's Oxfordshire branch (CPRE Oxfordshire) is looking for a local volunteer to become secretary for their Banbury district group. CPRE is a charity which relies on volunteers and local support. With increasing pressure locally from inappropriate development, it's more important than ever for us to act together and act swiftly. If you're passionate about the countryside and like to get things organised, please join us. Phone 01865 874780 or email [campaign@cprexon.org.uk](mailto:campaign@cprexon.org.uk).

FROM THERESA HEALEY, THE DAEDINGS

Theresa Healey and family from The Daedings would like to extend their sincere thanks to neighbours and friends from the village for their support and good wishes following the recent bereavement of John, a loving husband, father and grandpa. His illness was sudden and a huge shock to the family. Theresa would like to especially thank Canon Hugh Marshall for his assistance to the family during the preparation for the funeral and to those who attended the service.

FROM ELEN SQUIRES, KATIE RICHARDS AND SOPHIE TAYLOR

Thank you to everyone who has donated and supported us through our 50-mile challenge for our school farm. We have recently completed our walk. The weather was fantastic and all three of us completed the course. We have raised over £2,500 so far and are still collecting. If you want to sponsor us, please visit our Virgin Money Giving account at: [www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/farmwalk](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/farmwalk). Thank you.



## DEDDINGTON DEVELOPMENT WATCH

A really big thank you to the approximately 70 residents who found the time to attend the afternoon CDC Planning Committee meeting on 16 May at Bodicote House when the application by Pegasus (on behalf of Prudential Pensions) to build 85 houses was refused.

Although the planning officers had recommended that the application be approved, and explained their reasons to the committee, a good number of committee members spoke firmly against the proposals and in favour of the principle of 'localism'. The newly re-elected chairman of the parish council, Alan Collins, also addressed the meeting.

Pegasus will almost certainly appeal against the refusal, perhaps in a matter of weeks. If so, the appeal could be heard before a planning inspector as early as September.

Apart from the mooted developments on The Poplars and the 'ridge and furrow' field in Earl's Lane, it should not be forgotten that there are 14 other sites encircling the village which have been put forward by landowners and developers as potential development sites.

**Deddington Development Watch**  
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## Dedication of the War Memorial Plaque

The service is at 12.00pm on Sunday 16 June. All are welcome to attend.

For those who cannot attend, the service will be available to view on [www.deddingtonchurch.org](http://www.deddingtonchurch.org). On that page you will see a 'Church TV' icon, please click on that. A new window will open and after a few moments the live video feed from the church will appear. If you get a message asking you to install Flash Player, please follow the on-screen instructions to install the required software. Please make sure you have your computer speaker turned on and turned up.

Light refreshments after the service will now be in the church as the numbers attending are likely to exceed the capacity of the RBL Club.

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

## Ready Steady Eco Retrofit

Of the homes we'll inhabit in 2050, 80% are already standing. On the whole these are not energy efficient. They need improving. Meanwhile, energy prices have rocketed.

The government expects Green Deal finance, ECO subsidy, and the market to drive change. Insulation work on solid walls will now attract subsidies. In theory, retrofitting an older home with insulation, efficient heating and energy generation will get cheaper as demand rises. It happened with solar PV.

So investing in the fabric of your home is making increasing sense. And, for those approaching retirement, the possibility of a snug, cheap to heat house is bound to have particular appeal.

## Love ... Natural ... Food

*What's good to eat right now and inspiring you to eat with the seasons.*

**In June I am eating ... strawberries.** Strawberries are what summer is all about. Fragrant, bright and juicy, there is nothing more joyful than eating strawberries for dessert on a long summer evening. Like the familiar 'thwack' of the tennis ball at Wimbledon, what could be more quintessentially British than a bowl of strawberries topped with a generous dollop of clotted cream?

**About:** Strawberries are a member of the *Fragaria* family. There are lots of different varieties of strawberries, however they are typically red in colour and heart-shaped, their skins peppered with little black seeds. Amongst their numerous nutritional properties, strawberries are packed with antioxidants, phytonutrients, vitamins C and K, manganese and folic acid. About four or five medium sized strawberries count as one of your five-a-day.

**Season:** Although available in our supermarkets all year round, there is nothing quite like the British strawberry. They are at the height of their season in June and July, just in time for Wimbledon and the summer holidays.

**How to choose:** When picking your strawberries, make sure that they are plump, vibrant in colour and unblemished. They should also smell fresh and fragrant (strawberries are not a member of the *Fragaria* family for nothing). Although they are easy to find in the supermarket, picking your own at the local PYO will ensure that your strawberries are fresh from plant to plate.

**How to prepare:** Strawberries will keep longer in the fridge, but they are far more flavoursome when served at room temperature. Try them in summer pudding, served with ice cream, (clotted) cream or with just a sprinkling of sugar. Have as a garnish in salads, with a glass of bubbly or sliced into Pimms. Chop over your breakfast cereal, add to smoothies or just eat directly from the punnet.

For a classic **Summer Pudding**, visit Delia Smith online.

If a relaxed, 'throw-it-together-and-let-everyone-dig-in' dessert is what you are after, have a look at Nigel Slater's **Strawberry and Raspberry Sundae** recipe available on the *Guardian* website.

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160 pioneering homeowners (some retired) have already taken radical action. They will host a free SuperHome Open Day in September to share what they've learned. To find out more, or to download a free Eco retrofit beginner's guide, visit [www.superhomes.org.uk/news](http://www.superhomes.org.uk/news).

For more information, please phone Gordon Glass on 01908 256 922 or email Gordon using firstname@superhomes.org.uk format.

## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Deddington Original Golf Society

Our first event of the 2013 season got off to a great start. Thirty-four golfers turned out at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club for a nice easy 18 holes to ease into the season. The weather even co-operated, which is a bonus compared to last year. Our overall winner was Jim Pickering with 37 points. Well done Jim. Full gruesome details are available at Deddington OnLine Forum, [www.deddington.org.uk](http://www.deddington.org.uk).

Our next golf day is the ever-popular gathering at Burford Golf Club on Monday 10 June. This is a full day with 27 holes to be played.

The DOGS weekend away has been announced for the 28–29 July at Greetham Manor in Lincolnshire.

**David Darst 338589**

### Deddington Players

We held our AGM at the end of April and made plans for the coming year. These include a pantomime (16–18 January 2014). We also discussed holding another social event in the autumn and our possible future involvement in the Deddington Festival. We will be holding a committee meeting in the summer to progress plans for the pantomime. Please let me know if you have any ideas for scripts that you would like to see us perform. We recruited several new committee members and thanks were extended to Barbara Upton who has resigned from the committee after keeping our players costumed for many years. Thank you Barbara for all your hard work.

**Lucy Squires 338442**

### Deddington Town Colts

Another season has come to an end for Deddington Town Colts with just a handful of games this month and only a few victories to report. Eight teams played in the Witney and District Youth League (from Under 8s to Under 15s), as well as the Under 7s and Under 6s who trained at the Windmill Centre and played friendlies at the end of the season.

#### Mini football

The Under 9s suffered a heavy 6–1 defeat to Carterton in their last game of the season. The Under 10 Sharks drew 1–1 with Bourton Rovers and 1–1 with Carterton, but suffered a comprehensive 5–1 defeat to Bloxham. The Under 10 Cobras had a 5–0 victory against Grendon Rangers and drew their last game of the season 2–2 with Middleton Cheney. The Under 11s lost 6–3 to Bloxham in their final game in the Supplementary Cup.

#### Junior football

The Under 12 Sharks reached the final of the Knock-Out Cup for the first time after winning the semi-final on penalties. Unfortunately they could not repeat the heroics and went down 2–0 to Ducklington, who also won the league title. Nonetheless this was a great performance for the team to reach their first cup final. In their last game of the season, the Sharks went down

to a narrow 2–1 defeat to Tower Hill. After six weeks without a league fixture, the Under 13s suffered a heavy 8–2 defeat to Grendon Rangers who demonstrated clinical finishing and played some fine flowing football. The Under 15s ended the season with a 4–3 victory over local rivals Bloxham.

The club would like to thank all the managers and coaches for all the hours they have put in on a voluntary basis to guide the children and young people for the last nine months. We would also like to thank all the parents who have helped out during the season. Finally, and most importantly, we would like to thank all the players who have shown great commitment to turn out in all weather conditions and improve their game as the season progressed. Our presentation day is on Sunday 9 June at 3pm at the Windmill Centre where we will be able to celebrate our success.

We are already preparing for the 2013–14 season and welcoming new players and coaches to the club. If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Further information about the club is on our website – <http://www.deddingtontownfc.com/>.

**Roger Sykes, Club Welfare Officer  
and Under 13 Manager, 337034**

### 1st Deddington Guides

It has been great to get outside again after the long winter. Some challenging questions found us exploring the Market Place to begin with. We learnt a lot and it made us realise that we are not always as observant as we think we are.

Aah! the smell of the wood smoke – that's what it's all about – as we enjoyed our first cookout of the year. Thanks as ever to Mrs Bouverie for the use of her garden. A delightful evening in every way – and those toasted marshmallows!

A hike through our beautiful countryside from Steeple Aston to Lower Heyford was wonderful – there was so much to appreciate on another fine evening. It was warmer than we'd been used to so the welcome at The Bell, Lower Heyford – after the surprise order of 20 fizzy drinks – was appreciated.

We have been preparing for future outdoor activities, including camping and looking forward to our annual bat walk at Wroxton.

The senior Guides have been invited to meet and learn all about Rangers at an open evening in Kidlington. Girls can join Rangers, if they wish, after they are 14, so exciting times ahead.

**Maggie Rampley 01295 810069**

**Marian Trinder 340806**

**Catherine Blackburn 01295 258008**

### 1st Deddington Scout Group

#### Cubs

Fifteen of the Cubs attended District Cub Camp at

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

Horley in the middle of May. It was windy with showers but all the activities went ahead. The weekend started with a wide game that involved running around the site trying to solve clues. It was, after all, a detective's camp. Saturday started with a six-mile hike (where we encountered a lot of cattle) which was followed by an afternoon of games, puzzles and the campfire. Sunday was filled with climbing, shooting, archery and a brilliant laser tag game. Best of all, the tents came down dry. Everyone went home tired and grubby – success!

Coming next – naturalist badge, athletics, local history and fire-lighting.

**Jo Churchyard CSL**  
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### Scouts

The hike planned by the older Scouts went well although only five boys were available due to various school commitments. They completed a circular walk from the village to North Aston but they had to take a big shortcut due to them talking too much and walking too slowly. Is it a rule that boys can't walk without a big stick to whack undergrowth with?

The troop went to Horley the night before the Cub camp to erect the tents, which they did very well.

Coming next – the 24-hour camp and hiking from Deddington to Horley.

**Pete Churchyard SL**  
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### Deddington Town Football Club

#### First Team results:

20.04.13	Cropredy (h)	W 3–1	Hall (2), Thornton L
27.04.13	KEA (a)	W 6–1	Carter D, Thornton L (4), England

#### Reserve Results:

20.04.13	Bodicote Sports Res (a) (CUP)	W 3–2	Dugdale, Kaye (Jordan) (2)
04.05.13	Bloxham Reserves (n) (CUP)	L 1–2	

With everything at stake, your Deddington teams have once again seized the moment and claimed the glory: the Reserves are safe, and the First Team are Premier Division champions! Just when the doubts may have been inculcated into lesser mortals, DTFC First Team swatted them away like horseflies and stole the show. An excellent win against Cropredy was followed by a controlled demolition at KEA, as Luc Thornton capped a spectacular season with a last-day match ball, and manager Andy Morris capped his with a dubious club tattoo on his rump. Sing your hearts out, for Deddington are the finest side in all four Banbury District and Lord Jersey divisions once more.

The Reserves retained their place in Division 1 at the last, but lamented a fall at the last hurdle in the

Supplementary Cup. The pre-season will surely be a time for new strategy and fresh blood; will you be among them?

The season may have ended in ultimate glory, but it was already a time for celebration, with DTFC's 125th year of existence. We invite all of you along to an exhibition match against an Oxford United XI on Saturday 6 July at the Windmill Centre at 2pm. More details to follow on food and revelry, but pencil in the date, and have a great summer.

**Aaron Bliss**  
 07909 642882

### Adderbury, Deddington and District Photographic Society

In April, member Martyn Pearse led a Skills Workshop on 'Table Top' photography, demonstrating how images of various objects could be achieved using only simple props and Anglepoise lighting. Six tables were set up and members experimented with their own cameras and equipment using these techniques, closely mentored and encouraged by Martyn.

At May's club night, Alan Fretton gave a presentation entitled 'A Little Bit of This, That and the Other'. Alan covers a broad range of photography, including events, travel, motor sport, wildlife, rock bands and studio fashion/glamour work. He proceeded to show members a large selection of his work. Although he has now accumulated a wide client base, a major interest is photographing rock bands. Once an aspiring and not too successful guitarist in his younger years, Alan confessed to finding the atmosphere of a live stage performance to be both a challenging and invigorating photographic experience. His work in this area has been recognised by commissions to provide photographs of bands for their CD and DVD releases and, in addition, he also supplies images for a number of music magazines. Alan is also the official photographer for Wishbone Ash when they go on tour. This was a most interesting presentation by a versatile and experienced photographer, which was much appreciated by an attentive audience.

The next club night is on 5 June when Steve Brabner will give a presentation entitled 'Printing, Colour Management and Advanced Layers', and at the club night on 3 July six members will present photographs from their own portfolios. Both events are at 7.30pm at the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Everyone is welcome – just come along and you will find us there.

**Wendy Meagher 336216**  
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### Book Club

Our last book, *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel, was met with widely diverging views. This is a well-written book that is challenging in parts and may be initially confusing. However, it is well worth persevering through the early



## ... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

parts as, once you get used to Mantel's style, it can become totally absorbing and the majority of the group could not put it down. Others, on the other hand, found it a real struggle to read and gave up well before the end. We mostly agreed that it is a well-researched account of a fascinating period of English history and that the author's descriptive skills are vivid and powerful. Marks out of ten for this book: 8

The next book is *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and the next meeting 25 July. Please note there is no meeting in June.

**Sally Lambert 338094**

### Deddington Tennis Club

Mix-in sessions run every Tuesday morning from 10.00am, Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm and Sunday mornings from 10.00am. Non-members are welcome to come along and give it a try.

The club runs teams in the local Banbury and Thames Valley league.

Adult beginners wanting to play can arrange with one of our coaches for either individual lessons or to join a group session. We will help you develop your play and give confidence in joining the club.

There are weekly coaching sessions for children aged three and upwards on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings. Rackets can be provided.

Junior summer camp starts on Monday 22 July for four days and on Tuesday 27 August for four days. Please contact Wayne Ellis on 340386 or email [wellis99@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wellis99@yahoo.co.uk) to book a place.

For more details about the club and coaching, please go to: [www.deddingtontennis.com](http://www.deddingtontennis.com).

**Steve Ashby 01295 263855**

### Women's Institute

At our meeting on 14 May the national resolution – to try and halt the demise of High Streets – was approved. Alison Nicholson from Springhill Farm and Gardens then entertained us. She and her colleague, Tracey, have built a thriving garden in the old walled gardens helped by ten prisoners from Grendon Prison. They worked up to their shoulders in thistles and weeds and then had to hack into solid clay with hand tools. Their lottery funding runs out this year. Some of their labour force have gone on to take City and Guilds and found a job on release.

Our next meeting is on 11 June when Stephen Melhuish will talk on trees. Visitors are very welcome. Please contact the secretary, Angela Sones on 338027.

### 1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

This month we had fun making rolled beeswax candles and trying different types of honey – a very popular activity. Whilst we were thinking about bees, we planted nasturtium seeds in plant pots which we

decorated with 'mosaic' shapes. Hopefully these will attract bees when they're planted out in the garden, and the Rainbows are keen to try tasting the flowers when they appear too. Pickling the seeds as a caper alternative was a less appealing idea ...

Our first aid evening was a big success – the girls learnt how to treat burns and scalds and how to call for an ambulance, practised putting on plasters and were taught how to put an unconscious person in the recovery position by our visiting first aid instructor, Alan Rampley, assisted by Tilly.

We made the most of a sunny afternoon playing dodge-ball, French cricket and rounders in the village hall garden (the grass was a bit too long in West Close) and look forward to ending this term with a tour of the Warriner School Farm.

**Hazel Neal 337822**

### Deddington and District History Society

Our May talk was given by the ever-popular Liz Woolley, on 'Leisure and Entertainment in Victorian and Edwardian Oxford'. She outlined the background: new types of jobs, shorter working days and formalised time off, including half-days, allied to better transport (bikes, trams, trains) and rising wages meant more leisure time, a growing demand for entertainment of all sorts, and an ability to pay for it. There grew up sports facilities, working men's clubs and a host of activities of all sorts including, from the early 20th century, the cinema. Classic examples were the rise of Salter's Steamers, plying their leisure trade along the length of the Thames from their base at Folly Bridge, and the tumultuous heyday of St Giles's Fair in September. Working class preferences were to a greater or lesser extent moderated by middle class pressure for leisure activities that were 'rational', 'improving' and above all temperate. This was a great talk to round off our 2012–13 season.

On 4 June we shall host the Syresham Historical Society, offering them a tour of Deddington followed by refreshments and the chance to meet our members. We shall make a return visit to Syresham in 2014.

Our 2013–14 season will commence on Wednesday 11 September. As ever, all will be welcome at our monthly meetings which take place at 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre.

**Chris Day (Chairman) 337204**  
**Moiria Byast (Secretary) 338637**

### Deddington OnAir

Calling all clubs! Would you like to communicate with the parish in more ways? Deddington OnAir is looking to give members of local groups the skills to record and post regular podcasts to be broadcast regularly on the station. Keep more people updated with your group's activities and accomplishments: contact us at [studio@deddingtononair.org](mailto:studio@deddingtononair.org).

**Aaron Bliss**

## DEDDINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

### Picnic Weather?

British weather is ... well ... British. Whatever the jet-stream throws at us, the Deddington Farmers' Market will have a cornucopia of delights to offer in June.

If the weather is good there may be some very particular pleasures for the discerning shopper. My own favourite is never certain – so when I see it I buy it on the spot. It's the little pink prawns from Selsey. All it takes is some stormy weather to prevent the boats setting sail and there's nothing. But if it's a lucky market then a bag or two of prawns, a bowl of mayonnaise, and a glass of white wine makes a sublime lunch. Because you spend so much time peeling the prawns it's hard to over-indulge (though I try).

For something more substantial, the meat stalls and the vegetable stalls will keep you well supplied with local ingredients at their very peak (and don't forget to choose a mustard to go with the Red Poll beef if that's what you're buying). It's well worth asking the stall holders for advice on cooking or recipes. Some even have recipe leaflets.

However, if market day proves to be a gloriously sunny one, who wants to cook? Have an instant picnic instead. There's a wide choice of made foods, usually Italian, Indian and Japanese, as well as breads and an impressive array of pies. For afters you could go for some very seasonal strawberries or cherries – or indulge in extreme patisserie. Chocolate and chilli biscuits are proving very popular. And there are plenty of beers, ciders and juices to accompany the sunshine or compensate for the lack thereof.

Unfortunately the extremely more-ish gin has, due to popular demand (not just me), sold out.

If you want to be the first to find out when the gin is back in stock or what else is new, email [marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk](mailto:marketing@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk) to get yourself on the Farmers' Market mailing list. They'll email you ahead of each market with what's on offer and give you a chance to win a voucher to spend at the market. There is also a market update available a week before every market at <http://www.deddingtononair.org/>. Good shopping!

**Ian Willox 337940**

## GEEK DAD

Dan Brown's *Inferno* came out last week. It is now the first book I have ever read cover to cover as an eBook. It downloaded to my reading device at a minute past midnight on the day of release and I finished it before Waterstones opened in the morning. The experience of it was not the same as a printed book. There was no gratifying feel of paper in hand or bend in the spine, no smell of wood fibres. I turned the pages by pressing a button. There was no need for a bookmark – the reader remembered where I had got to when I turned it off. I don't regret it. Airport novels are the literary equivalent of the newspapers around your fish and chips. You're happy to devour their contents once and do so quickly, but it's unlikely you'll want to use them again once you're done. It was also cheaper – which made me feel less bad for buying the latest Dan Brown in the first place.

eBook readers still get a lot of flak for trying to replace paper books but the truth is that eBooks and pBooks are complementary formats, and not mutually exclusive. You may still buy each new novel in a series for your bookshelf but it's a lot simpler to take the digital equivalent of that entire bookshelf on holiday and a lot lighter too. You'll regularly find quality reprints of many books in stores (for example the Everyman Library, Penguin English Library, and Subterranean Books) but the idea of a collectible edition of an eBook is anathema. It's a pleasure to browse through bookshelves to see what might take your reader's fancy today or to rediscover tomes you'd forgotten you had, but it's a pain to search or browse through those same bookshelves as digital entities on a device. And so on.

The point is that eBooks are here to stay but unlike music downloads, they won't destroy the market for their current physical equivalent because the two offer sufficiently distinct experiences to co-exist. Don't be put off trying an eBook because it's not a physical thing. A news website isn't a newspaper and the BBC iPlayer isn't a television but that hasn't stopped you using them, has it?

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## News from Hempton

The new windows have now been fitted in the church and should make a big difference, both in appearance and keeping out draughts. Two well-attended church services during May were the Rogation Day service at College Farm, which included a tour of the farm and a look at the impressive new drying unit, and Ascension Day Eucharist in the church, which celebrated 162 years of worship in the building. Following the service the Deddington Church Council held their regular meeting and will also meet in St John's during June. They are trying to move round the community more, having almost always met in Deddington previously.

As reported last month, it is hoped to hold a summer event on 27 July from 2.00pm in the church and

grounds, with something to suit all the family. Any money raised will help the Friends of the Church pay for maintenance of the building. More detailed information at the end of June.

The Church Hall is in dire need of a lick of paint, something that needs to be addressed as the building is used by different organisations.

The social evening continues on the first Friday of each month from 6.30pm. Please look out for the advertising board on the green.

I end with thanks to Mavis and Bernard Barton for delivering *DN* in the St John's Way area over many years. Ingrid Robey and her family are taking over and my thanks to her.

**Les Chappell 338054**

## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The summer term is, as always, busy and enjoyable, especially if the weather is kind and we can enjoy our wonderful outdoor facilities. We have the summer fête on 29 June to look forward to, plus sports day on 27 June and trips out and about for many of our classes.

Two of our classes have been on residential trips. Year 6 ventured down to Yenworthy Lodge in the south-west for five nights, where they enjoyed long walks on Exmoor, rope courses, zip wires and even surfing in the sea. They had a thoroughly marvellous time and the staff who accompanied them, Mrs Sargent and Mrs Stevens, were extremely impressed with their positive attitude, determination and the support they gave each other. Year 4 also had a great time on their two night residential at Grendon Hall in Northamptonshire. Below is a report written by some Year 4 pupils on their return.

**Jane Cross, Deputy Head  
338430**

Year 4 had a fantastic time when we recently visited Grendon Hall. The journey there was by bus and took about an hour. When we arrived, a man called Michael told us all about the centre and also told us about a cat called Joey.

Our favourite activity was called 'Swamp Rope

Course'. The courses were quite easy with a small chance of falling in. However some people jumped and managed to fall in! Another part was a bridge made up of wooden planks.

Our most challenging activity was the zip wire. To get to the top of the very tall tower we had to climb quite a long way. Our hands became very cold very quickly as we climbed the metal ladders. Once we reached the top, we were a little bit nervous but we showed courage and discovered just how much fun the amazing zip wire is. It was very fast! The bosun's chair was equally challenging but required good teamwork.

The quad bikes were great. It was quite muddy on the small track but great fun and very exciting.

At lunchtime and dinnertime the food was very nice. Lovely main meals and great puddings! Our bedrooms were comfortable and it was great to share rooms with bunk beds and our friends.

In conclusion our trip was brilliant and we all hope that when other children go they have a great time too. We presented our work and photos to parents in an assembly. Thank you to all the adults who helped us with this unforgettable trip.

**Report written by Billy,  
Theo and Malachy**

## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Oh, do you remember the happiest day of your life (you're supposed to remember your wedding day guys)? Wedding bells were heard this month for a daughter from our little corner of happiness. Ron Colley belied his Essex boy roots and gave his daughter Michelle a fabulous day when she married Daniel. The ceremony was in Candleford with neighbours ferrying bridesmaids in nice cars and the reception was in a grand marquee at the Duck. Rumours that Lee was going to be held down and shaved proved unfounded but a fabulous day was had by all and we fondly remember our special day as we wish them all the very best.

More TV stardom for our canine neighbours. Jill has trained another cute looking dog, Gizmo, that has been fostered by Myrtle. You will have seen him in *Doc Martin* and he also starred with Paul O'Grady in his Battersea Dogs Home feature (Gizmo is a Battersea *alma mater*).

Our Una Stubbs' heroes have played two and won four (legs – two of them beer-legs!). Those of you familiar with this rural pastime may realise we have won our first game – admittedly against only six players from the White Horse – but Clinkard blobbed out and Cllr Collins struck out on two legs, but spirits are high and ales are downed.

I wonder how many of you saw this column featured in 'Square Eyes' in a recent *Private Eye*? Thought not ...

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## MEN IN WHITE COATS

Health professionals have long been aware of the impact of a white coat on the blood pressure of a patient. I wonder whether a cricket umpire's white coat can sometimes provoke a similar reaction amongst batsmen and spectators. After two seasons of 'amateur' umpiring for Deddington, I decided that the least I could do to help reduce this pressure would be to become qualified. After playing cricket 'man and boy', I imagined this would be a relatively easy transition.

February found me sitting with 20 other aspiring umpires in a rain lashed pavilion in Tiddington to begin the first of a three-day course. Our ages ranged from 16 to over 70, dispelling the myth that all umpires are 'retired' players. As we introduced ourselves, other surprises emerged: two were from non-traditional cricket playing cultures, there were ex-players from Singapore and Hong Kong, and one person who introduced himself by saying 'I'm here because I failed the exam last year so want to get through this time'. Oh dear, the stakes had gone up – this was not going to be the 'walk in the park' I had expected! How could I coach and umpire the under 15s if I didn't pass the umpire's exam?

As we ploughed through the 28 reasons for calling dead ball, the 24 characteristics of an effective umpire, and the decision tree for LBW, I began to wonder what I had let myself in for. Despite all my years playing cricket it dawned on me that there were huge gaps in my knowledge. No wonder players grumble about decisions: they just don't know some of the rules. The weather too played its part in preparing us for the upcoming season: during my three training Saturdays, rain, freezing temperatures and snow ensured we were suitably toughened up.

By week three I had had the benefit of many new insights: distinctions between dead balls and no balls, what to do about oak trees that encroached on the boundary, and how to calculate time adjustments after rain breaks. There were a number of surprises too. As I gazed at the table full of items an umpire is supposed to carry, I began to wonder why handbags had not become essential equipment. How else to manage the 'heavy' bails, the towel to dry the ball, the spare ball, the run counter, the ECB List of Directives and the book of rules for the under 15s, 16s and 17s?

Examination day arrived. There was palpable tension in the room which even another tasty cricket lunch was unable to dispel. I was surprised at how nervous I was. Standards were quite high: we had to achieve at least 40 correct answers out of 50 and meet the tough challenge of the 'red questions' where at least 10 out of the 12 needed to be correct. We all stared intently at the screen as typical umpiring situations were shown and questions asked: was the bowler's foot totally over the line, was the fielder's hand encroaching on the pitch, would that ball have hit the wicket if it had not first hit the batsman's pad?

Afterwards, jokes and nervous tension flew around the room whilst we waited for the examiners to mark our papers. As the results were introduced the obligatory English humour emerged: 'Sorry to say this but ...' (long pause as in *Strictly*) 'you all passed'. There followed high fives all round with congratulations, particularly for the Dutchman who had passed this time.

Was it worth doing? So far, an adamant 'Yes'. I feel more confident that I understand more about the rules and am likely to have a stronger base for my decisions, even if now and again I get one wrong. One thing I found particularly striking was the similarity between the development of common law and the laws of cricket. Both are based on precedent and are constantly being updated as new situations emerge: the English bowler, Stephen Finn, whose repeated removal of the bails whilst bowling in the 2012 Test, has led to an amendment to the rules.

I am reassured that the laws and spirit of the game support umpires in what is a more complex role than I had realised. That has also motivated me because I can see how much more I need to observe and thus get more involved. There is one particular dimension in which cricket has a strong sporting ethic. Disagreement with an umpire's decision is unacceptable: if you argue, you are in trouble. A range of sanctions can be applied, from penalty runs to a ban on playing lasting several matches. The spirit of the game transcends individual disagreements.

So why do so many ex-cricketers become umpires? There is something about this game that once you are hooked, you're hooked for life. Umpiring is an intellectual challenge but it's also a positive way to pass on experience and share your enthusiasm for this great game. Now, where's my white coat?

**Barrie Smith**

### DIARY JULY

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Mon	1	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
Wed	3	Photo Society: Members' presentation, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
Fri	5	Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 6.30pm
Sat	6	Exhibition Football Match: Deddington Town v Oxford United XI, Windmill, 2pm
Sat	6	Warriner Choral Society: 'Broadway Baby', Parish Church, 7.30pm

**The Windmill Community Centre** is still looking for someone to take over Joyce Minnear's job as Bookings Secretary. This is a straightforward admin job – it's not complicated! As Delia said, 'Come on, you lot! Let's be having you!' Please contact Jim Flux on [fluxjim@btinternet.com](mailto:fluxjim@btinternet.com) or 338153.