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# the Deddington news

Whitehall now sits in judgement on the efforts made by the Deddington Development Watch volunteers to defeat the proposed Pegasus development along the Banbury Road. The Parish Council is taking the next step towards a rational growth strategy for the village with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. Everyone is encouraged to give their opinions through the consultation process beginning this month (p16).

## NOVEMBER

- Fri 1 Deddington Development Watch: Pegasus Appeal, Bodicote House, last day, 8.30am–4pm
- Fri 1 Hempton Social Night: Church Hall, 6.30pm
- Sat 2 RBL: Live Music with Miss Vicky, RBL Hall, 9pm
- Mon 4 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10.30am
- Tue 5 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm
- Wed 6 Photo Society: Gordon Roberts retrospective, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 7 Friends of Deddington Festival: AGM, Holly Tree, 7pm
- Fri 8 Primary School PTA: Fireworks Display, Playing Field, 6pm
- Sat 9 Deddington Brass: Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 9 RBL: Cash Prize Bingo, RBL Hall, 8pm
- Sun 10 Remembrance Sunday: Parade, Bull Ring, 10.30am, Act of Remembrance, War Memorial, 10.45am; Short service, Parish Church, 11.00am
- Sun 10 Carducci String Quartet: Parish Church, 4pm
- Tue 12 WI: Bess Harris, 'All About Bears', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 13 History Society: Muriel Pilkington, 'The Burford Riot', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 14 Monday Morning Film Club: *The Piano*, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Wed 20 Parish Council Meeting: Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Wed 20 Photo Society: Simon Lutter, Skills Workshop, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Thu 21 1st Deddington Scout Group: AGM, Windmill, 7.30pm
- Sat 23 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9am–12.30pm
- Sat 23 Banbury Symphony Orchestra: Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Wed 27 DN: Collating, Windmill Centre, 10am
- Thu 28 Book Club: call 338094 for details
- Sat 30 RBL: Live Music with Ronnie, RBL Hall, 9pm

## DECEMBER

- Mon 2 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10.30am
- Tue 3 Hempton Ladies: Church Hall, 2pm
- Tue 3 PFSU & Nursery: Christmas Fayre and Pamper Evening, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Wed 4 Photo Society: Philip Rigby, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm

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## From the Fire Station

We were called out 31 times in September which is looking like one of our highest call rates as far back as I can remember. One of the reasons for this is the availability we are offering. Deddington has always delivered a very consistent service, but with our recent crew additions, we are now giving an average 99% cover to our community. We have had the usual mixed bag of incidents. We have been to some quite large structure fires but have managed to save them before they have been lost. We had a large agricultural spill in Barford St Michael which took most of the day and half the night to clean up causing a lot of disruption to the residents of the village to whom we say 'Thank you for your understanding'.

Our kit for putting out chimney fires has been lying dormant on our fire engine for about the last six months and we never mention the words 'chimney fire'. You see, once they start we seem to have our fair share of them. Well, someone mentioned it the other day and sure enough here we go again. Chimney fires can be incredibly tricky to deal with and can quite easily and rapidly turn into a full house fire. The trouble is chimneys run right through the house terminating at the roof. They can quite often have beams and joists set into them and have cracks in them where cinders heat and smoke can get through and start to smoulder away at the fabric of your building. The heat from a roaring chimney fire can crack your flue too. Our advice is if you use wood then use well-seasoned hard woods. I would recommend never using pine as it has a very high resin content which can line your chimney with resin and if you use non smokeless coal then the resin and thick black soot start to line your flue and they burn incredibly hot. We recommend getting your chimney cleaned at the very least once a year or twice if you use it regularly.

Congratulations to FF Emma Flint (formally Glover) and FF Nicky Isted on successfully completing their breathing apparatus training with both passing with flying colours. It's a two week, very intensive, training environment, working in heat and smoke, learning all the skills necessary to rescue people from a burning building. Make sure all your smoke alarms are checked once a week and you should have at least one on each floor of your property.

**Tim Parker, Crew Manager**

## Sport in America

There aren't many things that unite Americans, but sport is certainly one. They are mad about sport. It is probably the only way right now that they forget about their real problems – the debt ceiling, and the close down of government in the greatest country in the world. Yes, they are a very troubled and deluded nation right now.

Ben and I just got back from a great afternoon out at the Broncos. For those who don't know, this is what they call 'football', but we know it is really 'American football'. An hour's play, 30 minutes of referring and medical interruptions, and 12 minutes of team time outs, but somehow it lasted over three hours. Television has a great influence on sport here. Fifty years ago they didn't have these breaks; now a televised game takes twice as long as it should. But honestly, it is a great game, 78,000 people screaming and yelling, almost all in the club colours. And the Broncos are 6 and 0, in other words they haven't lost, and everyone around here is looking to the Super Bowl.

Next week is soccer, yes, I mean 'football'. The local team, the Rapids, has won the MLS Cup, but are not one of the big clubs. When New York played here a few weeks ago, there was the sight of Thierry Henry being paid \$4m a year shooting at our goalie, Clint Irwin, on \$36,000 a year. And on Sunday morning, instead of being appalled by John Terry's exploits on the front pages of the *Mirror*, I wake up to soothing tweets from the Rapids' captain quoting passages from the Bible.

The real revelation has been hockey, known to us English as ice hockey. Now I have to tell you that on TV this game is not very interesting, but live it is fantastic. No TV breaks, lots of screaming, and always a couple of fights. But the one sport I have to warn you off is baseball. It goes on forever, and nothing happens. And while the football season is 16 games, over exactly 16 weeks, the baseball season lasts 162 games per team. It's as if they take the excitement and stretch it out.

Above all else, the live sport experience in America is so much more relaxed. Good food, always a drink, as long as you don't want to buy for more than one other person. And they always ask me for age identification, which always makes an old man very happy.

**Mike Ward**

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## COMMUNITY CARES

We held a very well attended meeting of Community Cares volunteers on 15 October which began with Ben Simpson giving an update on 'Neighbourhood Return', the organisation which has volunteers helping to find missing dementia patients, followed by discussion on how we might improve our voluntary work helping those who need assistance with lifts to hospital and doctors' appointments, collecting prescriptions, shopping, and relief for carers or visits to people who would like someone to talk to.

It would be good if more people would use us and if we could recruit more volunteers. Recently retired people would be especially welcome.

For further information on this valuable service to our community in Deddington, Hempton and Clifton, or if you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Wendy Burrows on 338082 or Brian Bushell on 338715.

**Wendy Burrows**

## The Taste Buddies Eat at Killingworth Castle Inn

We are the Taste Buddies. We lunch out every two months to assess local pubs and restaurants. We hope you will find our observations useful.

### Where?

Killingworth Castle Inn, Glympton Rd, Wootton, OX20 1EJ  
Tel 01993 811401

### Food served:

Every day: Lunch 12.00–2.30pm (3.30 Sun), Dinner 6.00pm–9.00pm (9.30 Fri and Sat), Sunday evening: fish and chips and pizzas only, usually with some entertainment such as quizzes or music.

### Average cost:

Starters £ 5.50–£7.00  
Mains £11.00–£22.00  
Desserts £5.00–£7.50

### Were they pleased to see you?

We received an immediate greeting and welcome from a member of the staff who are mostly French, asked what we would like to drink and shown to our table. Service was fast and professional.

### Was the cooking good?

Yes, innovative, using some unusual ingredients, perfectly combined and well presented. They also do a choice of sandwiches and home baked bread. There is a Specials Board changing each day. The lunch menu is the same as the dinner menu, but you will be spoilt for choice. The menu is also changed regularly with emphasis on seasonal food.



For starters we had: Potted Roquefort cheese and pear with rosemary digestives: a purée of pears under a roquefort cream topped by pears. Pan roasted local pigeon breast, pickled red cabbage, pearl barley and hay cream. (Hay cream we were told is cream infused with hay and then sieved.)

Rilletto of smoked mackerel, lemon and dill cured fillet, horseradish mayonnaise and pickled beetroot.

Mains were: Braised belly of Old Spot pork, sage black pudding, seared scallops and beetroot. Grilled Cornish plaice, roasted celeriac, autumn greens, cockle popcorn, hazelnut and white truffle pesto. Onion squash, leek and Appleby Cheshire Strudel, sprouting broccoli, sweet corn and mustard velouté.

Desserts: Buttermilk panna cotta, honey poached plums and gingerbread. Elderberry, apple and white chocolate sponge trifle with green apple sorbet. Chocolate and hazelnut brownie, vanilla 99 and salted caramel.

### Value for Money?

Good value for money with excellent ingredients, all beautifully cooked.

### Would you go again?

Most definitely. Only 15 minutes from Deddington we consider this restaurant a real find.

There is a nice garden to the rear with tables and plenty of space for children to run around.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

The AGM was held on 2 October. It was well attended and a new committee successfully formed. Again this year, we are lucky to have some new people joining us but also to retain some of last year's committee, a good mix of old and new to take us into the next fundraising year.

We discussed full details of the many different and exciting things that the PTA helped the school to fund last year. The biggest investment of PTA funds was to provide a tyre park in the playground at school. It was installed over the summer holidays and has proved a very popular feature of playtimes.

I would like to thank my co-chair of last year, Jo Watt, for all her hard work. Jo has decided to step down as co-chair, but mercifully to remain on the committee. It was a great pleasure to work with her and I am going to miss her this year. Chris Kaye remains as treasurer, and we are all grateful to him for the hard work that he does.

The annual fireworks display will take place on Friday 8 November, fingers crossed that the weather will remain dry. The display will take place on the school field as usual and we invite everyone to come along from 6pm in plenty of time to enjoy something delicious

to eat and drink before the fabulous fireworks blast off at 7pm. The barbecue will be in action, as well as a licensed bar, hot drinks and homemade cakes, toffee apples, with thanks to the Co-op, and the children's bar selling drinks and sweets. The glow products will be out in force and our new popcorn machine will be out and about for the first time at an event – a delicious treat not to be missed.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Farmers' Market team who very kindly provide us with both stalls and manpower for the fireworks event.

This year tickets will be available to buy in advance. A family ticket costs £10 and all tickets bought before the event will include a free drinks voucher. They will be available from Hamptons in the Market Place or via email at [deddingtonpta@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonpta@gmail.com).

With thanks again to all committee members, both old and new, all helpers, and everyone for their continued support, we are looking forward to another successful and entertaining year.

**Lucie Sydenham**  
PTA Chair

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## JOYCE'S TEA PARTY



*Pic Richard Broadbent*

Joyce receiving her gifts from Mark Tyler

A small but select group of family and friends gathered together for afternoon tea on Sunday 29 September to say thank you to Joyce Minnear who has looked after the reservations and invoicing for the Windmill Centre for the last 32 years. She has done this in her usual calm and quiet practical way, helping people when there was a problem and soothing a few ruffled feathers at the same time.

Jim Flux, ex-chairman of the Windmill Centre, welcomed us and gave his thanks to Joyce. Mark Tyler, current chairman, also made a speech and presented Joyce with a card, gift and a plant from users of the Windmill, together with a special gift from the Badminton Club with which Mark (and therefore Joyce) have been closely connected for many years.

A beautiful tea was provided by Stella O'Neill and Joyce clearly enjoyed herself, not least since she has now been able to pass on her duties to John Brockett.

**JC**

## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

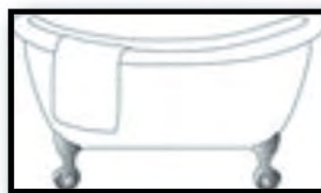
Oh so very quiet in Larkrise this past month. So quiet in fact that the wildlife is taking full advantage. Clifton has adopted our very own Fabulous Mr Fox who is now regularly seen strutting around in a very relaxed, almost arrogant kind of way.

There is a traffic related matter that has come to my attention but in the interest of the greater good it must remain under embargo for the present. When it can be revealed, however, it will make an interesting discussion point.

I was remiss last month in not congratulating Bev and Mark Ryland for their big wins at the Parish Show

**Martin Bryce**  
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## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### Services for November

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Sun	3	10.30am	First Sunday
		3.00pm	Commemoration of the Departed
		6.30pm	Solemn Requiem Mass
Wed	6	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	7	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	10	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11.00am	Service of Remembrance
Wed	13	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	14	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	17	10.30am	Eucharist with Baptism
Wed	20	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	21	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	24	9.30am	Eucharist followed by
		10.15am	Interactive Café Church
Wed	27	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	28	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sat	30	10.00am	Eucharist

#### St John's Hempton

Sun	3	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	17	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	24	6.00pm	Evensong

#### The Barfords

Sun	3	4.00pm	Commemoration of the Departed (BfdStJ)
Sun	10	9.00pm	Service of Remembrance (BfdStM)
Sun	17	10.30am	Morning Service (BfdStM)
Sun	24	4.00pm	Evensong (BfdStM)

#### From the Parish Registers

##### Baptism

Oct	6	Alfie Smith
Oct	20	Holly Caitlin Grimwade

##### Service of Thanksgiving

Oct	19	Alfie Shaw
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For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), or one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to [www.deddingtonchurch.org](http://www.deddingtonchurch.org).

#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton  
24 November

**Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

George Pearce

#### RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

**Fr John Burns 277396**

**Parish Deacon Rev R Hughes 01295 720869**

Fri	1	November	Feast of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation
Sat	2	November	Commemoration of the Departed
Sun	24	November	Feast of Christ the King

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.

**The Mass Centre of St George will close on 25 November and the parish will revert to being the Parish of Hethe. Any changes to the timetable there will be announced in due course.**

Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00pm and at Adderbury before Mass until 24 November.

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.

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

#### BETTY'S BOX

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

##### **Americans in Deddington**

(or at least an American).

Sergeant Jonathan Bates on his march from Gretna Green to Guildhall, London – 'On the morning of Tuesday, 26th November 1873, I left Banbury for Oxford, my colours flying and crowds of townspeople huzzaing.

For it was the first star-spangled banner that had been carried afoot through England.

Near Deddington I was met by a mounted messenger who presented me with a letter from C. Duffell Faulkener Esq., Coroner for North Oxfordshire. I entered the village amid cheers from the school children and villagers and went to Mr. Faulkener's house (in Hudson Street) and thereafter to the Unicorn Hotel where a party of tradesmen drank success to the journey.'

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term One has flown by, with October being particularly busy. A lot of very well attended after-school clubs are up and running now, including Choir, Musical Theatre, Art and Crafts, Football and Tag Rugby. Year 4 enjoyed their trip to the Harry Potter Tour at Warner Brothers Studios which supported them with ideas for their creative writing. They spent time in the educational classroom as well as seeing all of the different parts of the studio tour. Year 1 also enjoyed their day at Woodstock Museum in the dinosaur park. They came back very animated and with lots of ideas to support them in their class topic about dinosaurs. Both classes worked perfectly and represented our school extremely well.

On the sporting front a group of Years 1 and 2 pupils took part in a multi-skills activities afternoon designed to test their agility, balance and coordination. Sibford School hosted a Years 5 and 6 triathlon competition, comprising swimming, cycling and running. Milly Foster, Tom Bruce and Joe Sydenham represented Deddington, competing against other primary schools in the Warriner partnership. All three enjoyed their day and special congratulations go to Milly Foster and Tom Bruce who came second in their categories. Mrs Lynch, our PE coordinator, recently organised a cross country event, involving every single child in the school. It was a wonderful morning and heart-warming to see the support our children offered each other, as well as their determination to complete the course. All managed it! Those who did particularly well will go forward to represent the school at a Warriner Partnership Cross Country event later this term.

This month we are looking forward to our Fireworks Evening on 8 November organised by our hard working and enthusiastic PTA. Mrs Sharland and I will be hosting a maths and literacy afternoon for parents. Our choir will be performing in St Mary's on 11 November for the annual Children Singing for Children concert organised by the Rotary Club. I have a feeling this term will be as busy as last.

Lastly, I would like to mention three boys who are members of the Deddington Colts Under 10s football team: Dominik Bagot, James Duffy and Joe Sydenham, who were presented with an award, with the rest of the team, for fair play last year. Jeremy Finch who, with Ian Churchill, coaches and manages the team, thought the fair play virtues displayed by some of our Year 6 pupils throughout last season were worth everyone knowing about. Joe also received the individual player award for fair play. The school is very proud of the boys and, as they are members of my class, I know the accolade is well deserved.

One final note: the school is collecting vouchers from Morrison's to support the school allotment and will be grateful for all contributions thereof.

**Jane Cross, Deputy Head  
338430**



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

**Bring your children  
to this candlelit service  
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## Fireworks Night Friday 2nd November 2012 At Deddington Primary School

**Gates open: 6pm. Blast off: 7pm**

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## DEDDINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

### Last of the Summer Wine

Well more likely apples, nuts, jams, preserves and chutney. But there's nothing like the on-set of winter to give edge to the appetite and a preference for substance over salad.

You might have seen a warning in the national press last month of a looming shortage of goat's cheese. Apparently this is the consequence of a cull of 50,000 goats and sheep across Europe in 2010 to control an outbreak of Q fever, a bacterial disease that can spread to humans. Demand for goat's cheese always goes up as we approach the festive season. Large cheese manufacturers are predicting shortages and price rises. The Deddington Farmers' Market Management Group is working hard to ensure that there will be a local goat's cheese supplier at the market to meet that demand. Yet another reason to shop locally.

You might also have seen stories in the papers about a massive increase in the uptake from food banks. The Banbury Food Bank will be at all the markets up to and including Christmas with a drop off point for any contributions with a shelf life of more than a week. They prefer non-perishable items like tins, dried foods, cereals, biscuits, tea, coffee and so on. Any donations will be gratefully received.

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

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

Good Shopping!



**Ian Willox 337940**

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There is no report this month on the Parish Council meeting. After years of loyal service Charles Barker has stepped down as the *DN* reporter. Jean Rudge has volunteered to take over the reporting role, starting with next month's issue. She would, however, be grateful for someone to volunteer to provide her with occasional backup. Anyone interested in reporting on the Council's monthly meeting should contact either Jean on 338110, [jeanrudge@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanrudge@hotmail.com), or the *DN* editors.

## News From Hempton

Over the first weekend in October weekend the Friends of the Church celebrated the 25 year anniversary of their founding with a Harvest Supper on the Saturday and a Eucharist Service on the Sunday. Twenty four people sat down to a nice meal followed by a true or false quiz which people seemed to enjoy. Congratulations were made to Pam Dodd who had been one of the pioneers of the Friends and also a committee member for the whole 25 years. She was presented with a flower vase to mark the occasion. Many thanks are due to everyone who helped with the meal. There was a good congregation the following morning for the special service, with the Vicar preaching about the achievements of the Friends and looking to the future.

The Parish Council will be holding their monthly meeting in the Church Hall on Wednesday 20 November at 7.30pm. If you have any concerns please go along. Congratulations to Simon Boulter of Top Thatch on being co-opted on to the Council. Please once again remember the Christmas Bazaar which this year is on Saturday 7 December from 11.00am with lots of stalls for all the family plus hot lunches. Gifts and prizes suitable for a festive occasion will be most welcome. Please give me a call if you have anything since this is the Friends' largest event of the year and your support will be appreciated.

The table tennis team has started the season with two wins and a draw, so an encouraging start. I end with the sad news of the death of Gladys Hammond from St John's Way. She had been a talented artist and designer over the years and designed cards and tapestry for St John's Church. She was a member of the Ladies' Tuesday Club and a good friend and neighbour. Our condolences to Ian and family at this sad time.

**Les Chappell  
338054**

## Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

A well-attended AGM was held on 3 October. A new committee were elected and thanks were extended to the out-going committee, particularly Alex Elvin who has served as our treasurer for the past two years.

We were delighted to receive a donation for each setting from the Deddington Farmers' Market. Amongst other things, this has been spent on a fantastic set of wooden diggers and cranes, and some coloured sand. Both are being enjoyed by the children so we'd like to say a huge thanks to the Farmers' Market for their generosity.

We recently we held a First Aid course for parents, which was attended by ten families. We hope you all found it useful and interesting.

**Lucy Squires  
337484**

## Musical Notes

With the excitement of Graffiti Classics still ringing in my ears, I am writing up my Notes for November. Those who came on 12 October were rewarded with an evening of high skills, hilarious choreography and unique musicianship. Those who weren't, well we will try to get them back again next year.

In keeping with our aim to present a wide range of fine musical events, November brings two concerts. On Sunday 9 November at 4pm the literally world-renowned Carducci String Quartet visits Deddington as part of the Music in Adderbury autumn series. This talented Anglo-Irish group have played in prestigious venues across America, Venice, Denmark and Poland, as well as their home countries. They won the 2011 Royal Philharmonic Society Award for their family concert, 'Getting the Quartet Bug', so come and get the bug with them in Deddington, no immunisation needed! They will be playing quartets by Haydn, Shostakovich and Beethoven.

Then on Saturday 23 November at 7.30pm, the Banbury Symphony Orchestra leave their cosy home venue to revel in the delights of Deddington's Steinway piano on which Ffinian Jones will be playing the ever-popular Grieg *Piano Concerto*. Wagner's *Faust* Overture and Tchaikovsky's dramatic *Pathétique* Symphony fill out the rest of a programme of luscious romantic music. And if you would like an email reminder of concerts in Deddington Church some ten days before these events, send me your address.

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## Snow Wardens

Deddington Parish Council has applied for funding to start a Snow Wardens scheme across the Parish. We are looking for 20 volunteers who would be interested in helping to keep the key pavements across the parish clear and to assist the vulnerable and elderly by clearing paths to their doors.

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

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

We have a good supply of salt, four pavement gritters and have applied for funding to buy twenty sets of snow shovels, gloves, high visibility jackets, bucket of salt and a plastic trowel to spread the salt.

If you would be willing to join Deddington Snow Wardens then please contact David Rogers on [david@blueskyday.biz](mailto:david@blueskyday.biz) or 337065, or contact the Parish Clerk.

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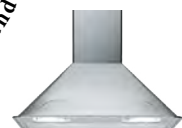
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## ON GEORGE'S FARM

As I sit down to bash this out, the wheat planted for next year's harvest is already showing up in drill and with any luck by the time the *DN* lands on the door mat, the winter beans will also be in the ground, something that is a very welcome change from last year. The oil seed rape that we planted during the first week of September is now romping away and has received a crop spray to control the ever present grass weeds and volunteers (shed grain from the previous crop).

For some years now we have used minimal cultivation methods (no ploughing) to get the crops established with a big saving in time and fuel. After last season's very difficult conditions we were left with a cultivator 'pan', caused by the tines used to break up the soil, leaving a smeared slot in the very wet soil a few inches below the surface, something that then left the planted seed sitting in water and causing it to rot. So, for the first time in many years, the plough came out of hibernation and I deep ploughed (8 inches) the worst of the affected fields. Not only did this get below the pan but it also put the freshly chitted grass weed seeds down-under out of harm's way. Another unexpected bonus of ploughing at that depth was exposing masses of slug eggs that were made short work of by the ever hungry flocks of birds that always follow the tractor. And any that they missed were killed off by the sun. During hot dry weather the slugs will dig themselves deep into the ground to lay their eggs where they sit in a large glutinous mass until the conditions are right for hatching. Warm, freshly cultivated soil with a nice crop of sprouting wheat is just the right trigger to kick off a mass hatch which, after the recent rain is happening big time, so a constant watch has to be kept, with the slug pelletier kept in a state of readiness, as once they start they can destroy a crop before it has time to get established.

The farming community is regularly being 'got at' for its use of agro chemicals. These products are very expensive and with the low farm-gate prices, we only use what is needed to get the crop to harvest. If we did not use modern agricultural science to protect what at the end of the day is your daily bread, crop



yields and the quality that is demanded by the buyers would drop and the new food banks would be very hard pushed to source what they need to help counteract the ever growing food poverty. After all, it all comes from down on the farm.

The fact that there is a need for food banks is a damning indictment of our government's agricultural food production policies and the green Taliban's anti-farming rhetoric. The experts tell us that the cause of this so called food poverty is the down turn in the national economy, the poor harvest of the last two years and the ever rising costs of the weekly shopping basket. Yes, the problems with the economy have given us all a considerable drubbing, the poor harvests are down to the weather, or climate change if you must, but the ever-increasing cost of the weekly shop is purely down to the shareholders and management teams of the large conglomerates that control the price of food in the western world. Certainly the year-on-year farm gate value of the raw commodities from which all of your food is produced is falling. Bread wheat is down on the year by 20 percent, and oil seed rape, a major constituent of all manufactured foods, is down 18 percent.

We are told by the experts that we need to double food output by 2030 to feed the expected rise in this country's population. We are then told that, under the new look CAP, we must take seven per cent of our food producing land out of production for environmental needs. Confused? Then join the club. As a young farmer I would earn some extra cash by contract sheep shearing. One old farmer, who like me now was well past his sell by date, commented that he could not understand why I was working away so hard or why I wanted to farm in my own right as, by the time I fell off my perch, the farmers of this country would all be given park keepers' caps and pointed sticks to pick up the rubbish left by the week-enders. But he was wrong on one count as today the pointed sticks would be offensive weapons.

**George Fenemore**  
338203

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## What an Ostrich Might Find Under Your Home?

The crowded Sustainability Forum in Banbury last month learnt much about the shape of the future we may expect – very relevant in the context of current discussions about fracking (hydrological fracture of rock to free trapped gas) and whether the next generation will be worse off than its parents.

One of the speakers was Paul Mobbs, a member of the Ideas for a Change group in the Banbury area. If you thought that the possibilities for fracking were just in Sussex and Lancashire, Paul is giving a round-up

of what's happening with the proposals for shale gas fracking in North Oxfordshire and underground coal gasification (UCG) in mid-Warwickshire, as well as covering the situation nationally, on Wednesday 13 November at 7.30pm in the Friends Meeting House, Horsefair, Banbury – in the corner beyond the Whately Hotel. Entry is free, but donations towards the costs of the evening will be welcome.

**Christopher Hall**  
[achall@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:achall@globalnet.co.uk)

## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO



There are no entries in the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for November 1863 until the 28th as he and his wife, Susan, spent the month in Brighton. I am, therefore, including the entries for December:

**28th November** – We stopped in Oxford to see Symonds again on Susan's account – who pronounced my dearest one's malady to be, I grieved to learn, incurable. (He had written in October (in Latin!) a moving passage about Susan.)

**30th November** – An Irish tramp pleaded guilty to setting fire to a rick of barley at Middle Aston – he received 7 years penal servitude.

**1st December** – I attended the Bishop's Visitation in the Cathedral at Christ Church – he delivered a most able charge lasting 4 hours which was followed by Holy Communion. We entered the Cathedral at 11am and left it soon after 4pm.

**10th December** – Susan was drawn out in her hired Chair by Holford in the garden for the first time.

**11th December** – Received due notice of a new line of railway from Banbury to Chipping Norton being about to come through our property at Adderbury West.

**23rd December** – I was busied giving away meat, tea and money to the widows and others here.

**26th December** – The Ringers came but I gave them nothing – a drinking set, with the Sexton at their head.

*Buffy Heywood*

## CHERWELL DISTRICT'S NEW LOCAL PLAN

While volunteers are working on a neighbourhood development plan for the parish of Deddington, Cherwell District Council has just completed a new Local Plan outlining the preferred sites for building 16,750 houses in Cherwell until 2031. The document now goes to the Secretary of State for approval with adoption expected in mid 2014.

The existing Plan dates back to 1996 and the lack of a more current plan, together with an apparent housing shortage, has seen a rise in speculative planning applications and developers appealing against council decisions, a situation from which Deddington has not been immune.

The new plan identifies sites already approved and outlines where Cherwell proposes the siting of further housing. Approximately 2,900 houses have already been built, leaving the remaining 13,850 to be supplied over the next 18 years. Banbury is slated to add 5,954 houses, Bicester 6,894, with the remaining 3,902 spread across the rest of the district. Perhaps with a new Cherwell plan in place and a neighbourhood plan for Deddington, a more considered and rational approach to development may be possible, providing needed housing where it is welcome.

**CD**

## BLISSFUL THINKING

To paraphrase John Powell: 'When Marconi suggested the possibility of wireless transmission of sound, he was committed to a mental institution. But people like Marconi were strongly motivated. So they didn't give up. They somehow knew that the only real failure is the one from which we learn nothing. They seemed to go on the assumption that there is no failure greater than the failure of not trying, and so they continued to try in the face of repeated failures.'

Rather than using this as a grand metaphor for life, we can use it as a literal statement of motivation to seize the airwaves and broadcast oneself. Or rather, the fibres, if you will. Our very own Deddington OnAir offers even the most amateur and shambling mess among us the chance to announce ourselves in whatever manner we see fit. A discussion of Medieval antiquities, a verbal diary of the life of your cabbages, or just a weekly rant about everything that makes your life so stressful; the wonder is in the lack of limits to your possible platforms. Find the station on Facebook, as well as the greatest online radio show in the world: Late Night Large. The station and all shows are free and streamed online and as archives, so get involved. Contact the team (which includes me) on [studio@deddingtononair.org](mailto:studio@deddingtononair.org) to help us build an autonomous cross-sectional network of virtual village magnificence!

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

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

*May I remind correspondents that we are unable to print communications unless we have a contact name, and phone number or address. If the person who wrote the letter about car parking in Hempton would like to contact me direct, we may be able to include it in the December issue.*



### FROM MOIRA BYAST, HEMPTON

What a lovely friendly place, both Deddington and Hempton. I'm due to go into hospital on Thursday 17 October and have been very touched by all the cards and offers of help that have come my way. I'm truly overwhelmed and can only say 'Thank you' to all. It has made such a difference to my planning for what looks like a long recovery.

Thank you friends in Deddington and Hempton.

### FROM REVD DR HUGH WHITE

In the present economic climate many households find it difficult to make ends meet and there can be problems about having enough food to eat. When this happens, food banks are a resource on which people can draw. Vouchers which allow clients to benefit from food boxes for a brief period only (to avoid dependency) are issued by frontline care professionals such as doctors and social workers to those in crisis. To help clients break out of poverty, food banks signpost clients to organisations able to help them deal with underlying problems.

The People's Church in Banbury runs a food bank and seeks donations of non-perishable food. Deddington Parish Church would like to contribute to this work by offering a drop-point in the Church for donations from people who live in our villages. We'll then make sure the food gets to the People's Church for distribution to those in need. If you'd like to join in, please bring along the food you can offer.

### FROM ALAN COLLINS, CHAIRMAN, DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

May I clearly say a big thank you to Deddington Charity Estates (DCE) as Christmas is safe?

The traditional Christmas tree will be lit via the very kind permission of DCE who once again have extended the use of the power outlet on the Town Hall that they own and maintain (more of that later) against some conservation advice from Cherwell District Council. I for one am very grateful – thank you.

DCE, as you will have seen, has just spent £25,000 on replacing the roof on the 18th century village icon. 'Why', you ask? Well, because they own it, with, of course, the four almshouses that shelter some of the less fortunate members of our community. I know some people think the Parish Council owns the Town Hall

but they don't and never have. The almshouses are, of course, DCE's main *raison d'être* but they also have responsibility for the Town Hall. For reasons of financial probity and dedication to the almshouses, they have had to rent out the Town Hall on a commercial basis to help pay for its restoration. This way they can afford the roof replacement and, as importantly, the specialist rendering on the upper storey

walls that is due to start as soon as financially possible. This will mean the removal of all of the current fixtures and fittings and will prevent any risk of rendering falling off and the building looking unsightly. The cost of this work has yet to be finalised, but when completed it will preserve this well-loved building for many years to come and prevent it from going the same way as many other similar buildings across the country which are being allowed to fall into dilapidation prior to demolition.

DCE has raised all this money from its own efforts while contributing on many fronts to the wider community. Despite what you might have read, DCE hasn't received any money from Deddington Parish Council since 2011, when the DPC did spend some of your money to make good its obligations on the lease the Parish Council held until 2010. No other monies have so far changed hands and DCE is to be applauded on this great success.

### FROM JOHN AND DELPHINE SAMPSON, HEMPTON

Inspired by a recent flyer in the *Deddington News* we celebrated a special family occasion at the Masons Arms, Swerford. Forty of us, including twelve children, sat down to a lunch. We have only praise for the skills of the chef in producing a varied and delicious hot meal for both children and adults. The cheerful and efficient way it was presented added to a most agreeable atmosphere. Thank you Masons Arms and thank you DN.

Nearly 2000 pictures of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton are now available on the Deddington OnLine Gallery. Explore the rich heritage on our doorstep by going to [www.deddington.org.uk/gallery/main/php/](http://www.deddington.org.uk/gallery/main/php/)



## WELL REMEMBERED

### Colin Robinson 1941–2013

Colin was born in central London, in the middle of the Blitz. The family was very soon bombed out and took shelter in the back of his grandfather's sweet shop. From Marylebone Primary School, he won a scholarship to Mercers' and then City of London Schools. His Mechanical Engineering course at University College London failed to rouse the slightest interest, but there he discovered, and developed, a life-long love of photography. He also met Mary, a student in the French Department; they married three weeks after their final exams in 1964.

Photography landed him a job as a trainee with the BBC, the start of a 32-year career that took him from film editor, director, and both radio and TV producer at the nascent Open University studios at Alexandra Palace, to Head of the OU Production Centre in Milton Keynes. He believed in the power of communication, especially through pictures, both moving and still. Some of the 1970s OU programmes were not the greatest television – but they were the forerunner of today's series like 'Coast'.

Colin found great satisfaction in teaching others how to direct TV programmes, running courses for overseas students and travelling to China to help set up studios there. But by 1996 he'd had enough of budgets, schedules, HR and trades union problems, and jumped at the chance of early retirement and a return to his first love – photography.

Described by a former senior BBC colleague as a 'polymath', he was one of the founders of Deddington OnLine and was instrumental in setting up the now 1,000 strong Gallery of pictures on DoL; he created a model Deddington Junction and Hempton Halt railway; was passionate about all matters 'green' – and the Great Western Railway; he exhibited computer generated prints based on his 10,000+ collection of images; he loved his family, his garden, and this village which was his home for 40 years. His belief in the Reithian traditions of inform and educate also extended to entertain – who can forget his Elton John and drag queen at the 1970s New Year parties?

As Colin said: 'I've led mock infantry attacks, laid bricks and stone, made a few things in wood, done engineering drawings, chaired meetings, given speeches, organised exhibitions, built and painted models and edited websites. I've photographed weddings, aspiring models, peasants in Peru and an orchestra in the Albert Hall.' As an old QC friend said, 'not bad for a boy from the buildings'.

For a little fella he had enormous presence, easily recognisable by his signature red silk hanky and red socks as he marched around the village. He leaves a big gap in our lives.

**Mary, Matt and Jamie Robinson**

### Peggy Pacey 1918–2013

Peggy Pacey had lived in Deddington for around 70 years when she died in August this year. She was born in 1918 near Rugby, to Cyril and May. May was accomplished in the world of dog showing, and still holds the world record for breeding the greatest number of champion West Highland Terriers. May and Peggy were very close, and May, having also a brilliant eye for horses, inspired and enabled Peggy to enter the world of horse showing. Peggy was unstoppable; winning from the age of four, at increasingly high-level competition. By the age of 10, she was selected for the English team and went to compete in France. In classes most similar today as showing hacks, hunters and show jumping, she won at Horse of the Year Show, Olympia, Royal Highland, Bath and West, Richmond and the Three Counties.

One pony was a 14.2 named Snap Dragon, bought from Banbury Market under guidance of family friend Jack Bletsoe, of Deddington. Snap Dragon and Peggy went on to play polo together outside the show ring, and in 1938 Peggy and three Balding sisters won the British Ladies Open Polo Championship.

Peggy joined the war-effort and in 1939 became a dispatch rider for the WAAFs. Peggy received personal thanks from Mr Churchill having driven her bike nearly the length of the country on a vile February night to deliver a package. Peggy also tested machinery, including amphibious personnel carriers on the river Severn.

After the war, she came to Park Farm, Deddington to work for Jack Bletsoe, a prolific horse dealer, supplying hunters to the (then) Prince of Wales, amongst many others. On Jack's death, Peggy bought the farm in 1961 and began her independent career with 'one large mortgage and one small cow'.

She frequently judged throughout the world at all the shows she had previously won, Royal Dublin, and the dog show, Crufts. Her talents brought her attention despite her modesty; the Queen invited Peggy to Balmoral to her Highland Pony Stud. The Queen asked Peggy to consider whether she might stand one of her stallions here in Deddington, to help promote and make accessible the breed. After much consideration, however, Peggy had to decline.

She successfully bred racehorses and was awarded 'Leading National Hunt Breeder' in 1983. She also won Best Pen of Cattle in Banbury Market – an accomplishment that almost gave her more pleasure than any other, considering what a male-dominated industry it was.

Peggy continued to farm in Deddington for the rest of her life; her warmth, charm and quick wit remained with her, and are as sorely missed as her expert guidance.

**Beatrice Bathe**

## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Deddington Players

It was fantastic that so many people turned up to our auditions on 13th October. Auditionees took part in an afternoon of games, singing, and dancing, after which we were able to successfully cast the show. We begin rehearsals during November, and *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* promises to be amazing. It is still not too late to be involved in building and painting scenery, front of house, or backstage, so please give me a call if you would like to help. Put the dates in your diary: 16–18 January 2014.

**Lucy Squires**  
338442

### 1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

We had a lovely walk from Adderbury to the windmill in Bloxham Grove on a gorgeous sunny afternoon. There was a lot to see, elderberries and other plants to identify and not too many hills to walk up. Flapjack and a drink halfway kept everyone going.

There is still a lot of fruit in the hedgerows this year, but we made feeders for our gardens to help birds over the winter. Very messy, sticking bird seed to peanut butter, so it was lucky the weather was nice again and we could make these in the village hall garden.

The girls spent a meeting giant junk modelling and made a bus together. It was Eloise's brainwave although the initial ambitious plan was to make a double-decker. It was fabulous anyway, with seats for everyone and Paige was especially good as a bus stop... They spent the rest of the meeting happily making various vehicles and houses from the boxes (as per the truism) and then played 'squash the box' so we could fit everything in the recycling bin. Possibly even more fun than the junk modelling in the first place.

**Hazel Neal**  
337822

### Book Club

September's book was *Hotel du Lac* by Anita Brookner. Everyone enjoyed this book, in varying degrees, about a group of characters who find themselves in a genteel Swiss hotel at the end of the summer season. It was agreed that, while the plot is a bit thin, the writing is elegant though rather lacking in passion. Most of the group were compelled to read on to the end in spite of the slow pace and it certainly gave rise to a very animated discussion. We gave the book a rating of 5.5 out of 10.

The next book is *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins and the next meeting 28 November.

**Sally Lambert**  
338094

### Women's Institute

Our October meeting was a very pleasant get together. After the business agenda we held an auction to

raise money for the poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday. We raised a good sum with quite a bit over which goes to the Royal British Legion. We then had a delicious bring and share Harvest Supper.

Our next meeting on 12 November and is *All About Bears* by Bess Harris. Visitors are always welcome: ring Beryl Suckling 337385.

**Julia Hobbs**

### 1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

The pack has two new members, Ben and Noah, who we hope will enjoy being at Cubs. We finished the Scientist badge by making towers with spaghetti and marshmallows. It's amazing how many marshmallows a Cub can eat and how far a packet of spaghetti can be spread.

For our next topic we are making guys for the annual Shelterbox collection at Deddington Market. This year's theme is 'Historical Deddington' starring Odo, Gaveston and Daeda among others.

Also coming up is the White Sheet Walk around Bloxham – lots of small boys with sheets over their heads wandering around the streets being entertained by ghastly tales.

**Jo Churchyard C.S.L.**  
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### Scouts

The Scouts have been joining in with the Fire and Ice programme compiled by a group visiting Iceland. This involved Vikings, earthquakes, geysers, sagas, foraged foods and chocolate. We then moved on to the Communicator badge and have so far looked into sign language with a visit from Moira Byast and a session of charades followed by a topic on mobile phones. Morse code will be coming shortly.

The boys have also rewritten our code of conduct and established contact with an Australian group in Evandale, Tasmania, the nearest place to Deddington, Tasmania, with a scout group.

Our group AGM will be held at the Windmill on 21 November where we will be announcing exciting news regarding the development of the group.

**Pete Churchyard S.L.**  
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### Royal British Legion

Remembrance Sunday is on 10 November 2013. As usual there will be a parade through the village to the War Memorial in the lower churchyard where the Act of Remembrance will take place at 11.00am. This will be followed by a short service in the parish church. Everyone is invited to join the parade which will assemble in the Bull Ring at 10.30am and depart for the War Memorial at 10.45am.

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

The Annual Poppy Collection that began at the Farmers' Market on Saturday 26 October continues until Monday 11 November with door-to-door collections and collection points at local shops and offices. We appeal to all to give generously to this collection.

Membership of the Royal British Legion is open to all over the age of 18. No previous military service is required. The annual fee is £19 (£14 for pensioners) and includes membership of the Deddington Royal British Legion Club on the High Street in Deddington. The Club opens on Friday evenings from 7.00pm until midnight and Saturdays from 11.00am until midnight and Sundays from noon until 4.00pm. Anyone contemplating membership is invited to visit the Club during opening hours or contact the Branch Secretary.

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

#### First Team

21.09.13 Highfield Old Boys (h) W 6–1 Thornton L (3), Cook, Hall (2)  
 28.09.13 Chesterton (h) (CUP) W 6–2 Hall, Thornton L (3), England (2)  
 05.10.13 Abba Athletic (a) L 3–2 David B, Thornton L  
 12.10.13 Cropredy (a) L 0–1

#### Reserve Team

21.09.13 Bodicote Sports (a) W 3–2 Kaye (Jordan), Gamage, Charles  
 05.10.13 Sinclair Utd Res (h) W 2–1 Gamage, Staples

Once more unto the breach, dear fans, once more; or move the line up with our offside trap. Where were you when the First Team claimed the greatest prize, and where are you now? The First Team's velvet revolution under Robin Gardner is mixed at the moment, but full of hope for another glorious springtime fiesta. Luc Thornton bagged back-to-back hat-tricks in two home demolitions, while away day blues seem to have struck the black-and-whites at the moment. Their faltering start sees them in the bottom strata of the division, but with plenty of time to kick into high gear. Jason Tustain's Reserves meanwhile have blazed a trail, despite numerous postponements already, which may not bode well for the run-in. Four wins out of four see them topping the league and playfully goading the First Team to match their form. Ask not what your teams can do for you; ask what you can do for your teams.

**Aaron Bliss 07909 642882**

### Deddington Town Colts

#### Mini football

Training for the Under 6 and Under 7 squad is going well, with lots of enthusiastic players. We have spaces available for the Under 6 age group, so if you interested please pop along to the Windmill Centre

on Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 12. Our training schedule is available on the club website. We had our first friendly match against Hook Norton on Saturday 19 October. The Under 8s have played a few friendlies with promising results – a couple of draws, a win and a few defeats. Mees Cameonie has scored some compelling goals and Charlie Macrae is beginning to dominate the left flank.

#### Junior football

The Under 11 Cobras started with a rusty performance at home to Highfield Juniors, losing 5–1 and conceding some sloppy goals. They then had a 4–2 victory over Banbury United Youth with a brace from Tom Haynes. It was 0–0 at the beginning of the second half at Kidlington when Jack Roberts placed a perfect free kick into the roof of the net, and suddenly the floodgates opened. Lucas Lluna bagged a hat-trick, another two from Tom Haynes and one from Sebastian Finch for a 7–0 victory. Goals from Tom Haynes and Harvey Machin gave a 2–2 draw with league leaders Bloxham.

The Under 13 Sharks had a convincing 6–2 win over Redditch Utd with Nick Dawkins scoring four of the goals. This was followed by a 1–3 defeat to Stratford Town Juniors and then an excellent 3–2 win over Worcester Olympic, with two goals coming from Nick Dawkins and a headed goal from Harry Gardner.

The Under 14s had a close 2–0 defeat to Tower Hill in the league, followed by a 2–1 victory over Bampton with Ethan Stevens scoring both goals. In the KO cup the team had a heavy defeat to A League side Kingston Colts.

The Under 16s have had a tough start to the season, and after four games are still without a win. Their most recent game was against Newbury AFC in the KO Cup in which they took the A League title challengers to extra time. A last minute goal dashed their hopes but it was a great team performance.

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

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

### Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The DOGS' final event of 2013 was held on the 18 October at Badgemore Park. This is our autumn classic and we enjoyed some very good weather and above average temperatures. Sue Oddy walked away with the Champions Trophy scoring a fantastic 39 points. Details are on Deddington On-Line.

**David Darst 338589**

### Photographic Society

October's club night presentation was an in-house event open to all club members, the subject being 'Street Photography'. Participants presented an in-



## ...AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

teresting and varied array of their interpretation of the topic. John Prentice opened with a short photographic medley, taken with his compact camera held low, showing a jumble of shoppers along a busy Banbury street. There then followed the screening of images taken by 16 members. George Sainsbury fronted the critique, with members adding their own comments. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening with an insight into members' travel to different corners of the world, punctuated with many an entertaining anecdote.

The next club night on 6 November will be a presentation by Gordon Roberts, CPAGB, entitled 'Fifty Years of Printing and Still Going Strong: a Retrospective of My Work in Darkroom Printing, Shellback Mounting and Going Digital'. The next workshop is on 20 November, 'Camera Controls and Composing Photographs', a discussion of camera controls, rule of thirds, diminishing subject lines, live view, image cropping, RAW and JPEG images. Everyone is welcome to attend either event, held at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho.

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### Deddington and District History Society

A large attendance of members and guests came along to hear our October speaker, Colin Cohen. The subject of Colin's talk was his father Kenneth, a quietly remarkable man. What began as a routine piece of family history research developed into something altogether more significant when Colin discovered what his father had never told him, viz that he had escaped from France in 1940 just ahead of the invading German army and that he then became second in command of SIS, running secret networks and liaising with Free French forces.

It was dangerous, relentless work. A crucial agent was Marie-Madeleine Fourcade (later to be Colin's godmother), who ran a group of 3,000 resistance fighters, almost 500 of whom were killed. There were some lighter moments: accounts of bruising encounters with the impossible General de Gaulle, and the souvenir champagne bottle marked 'Only to be drunk by German officers' whose label had been signed by leaders of the Resistance celebrating with Kenneth the liberation of wine cellars that was a patriotic duty during the Liberation of Paris. After the war Kenneth served as Controller of MI6 Europe. What astonishing people Colin revealed to us. It was a fascinating and, in many ways, a humbling talk.

On Wednesday 13 November Muriel Pilkington will speak on the 'Burford Mutiny'. In 1649 a mutiny led by the Levellers, a democratic movement that developed in Cromwell's New Model Army, was ruthlessly suppressed when three ringleaders were shot in Burford churchyard. Muriel makes a welcome return. Members will remember her very successful talk on the Mitford sisters.

As ever, all will be welcome at our monthly meet-

ings, which take place at 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre.

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### 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

Firstly, a very big thanks to the Deddington Farmers' Market team who have generously granted us some money. We will be using the funds to buy new equipment and to support Youth Leader Training.

This time of year is often one of hellos and good-byes; we've welcomed George, Noah and Jake to the Anchor Section and Tom has joined as new, in the Juniors. In October we said a final farewell to Will who after 11 years with 1st Deddington, has gone to university. We wish him every success in his studies. As most of the village knows, Sarah Green, our Youth Worker, has moved to a new parish with husband Eddie and she has a new role herself in St Albans. Sarah has had a massive input into the Boys' Brigade in the village and she will be greatly missed by boys in both the Junior and Company sections and by the leadership team.

The Battalion completion season has started well for us with the Company section winning the Master Team competition for the 7th successive year. Well done Ed, Lewis, James and especially Toby, as this was his first competition at this level. Meanwhile the Juniors fielded a large team at the Ten Pin Bowling and finished a creditable 3rd from 5 teams. Thank you to Jack and Joey for gallantly agreeing to play for Kings Sutton who came in second.

If any boys and/or parents are interested in finding out more about Boys' Brigade please don't hesitate to contact me in the first instance.

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### Deddington Baby and Toddler Group

After enjoying some spooky fun at our annual Hallowe'en party, Deddington Baby and Toddler group members are now counting down the weeks until our next excuse to dress up – Christmas.

This year, Father Christmas will be visiting us at the Windmill Centre on 20 December and we would like to extend a warm welcome to babies and toddlers in Deddington and surrounding villages to join us for some festive fun – and their mums and dads too, of course. As well as Santa, we'll have a bouncy castle to get us in the party mood, and some festive fare as well.

Of course, you don't have to wait until Christmas to come along and join in the fun. The group meets every Friday from 10am to noon and newcomers are welcome. Besides a range of toys for children to play with, there is a craft table and each session ends with a sing-along. Admission, which includes snacks and juice for little ones and tea or coffee for grown-ups,

is £2 for families with one child and £2.50 for those with more.

The first Friday of every month is a 'messy play' session and on 15 November we'll be having a coffee morning to raise funds for Children in Need. Our craft focus in the run-up to Christmas will be on designing a festive wreath, so get out your glitter and glue and come along.

For more information, please contact Janet Bird on 01869 337428.

## Neighbourhood Plan

Everyone in the parish is invited to the public launch of Deddington's neighbourhood plan – a three-day event at the church from November 21–23. There'll be a drop-in session from 1pm–7pm on Thursday 21st, 3pm–9pm on Friday 22 and 9am–1pm on Saturday 23. Visitors can stop by for as long or as briefly as they wish – tea, coffee and maybe biscuits and cake will be available; we're hoping hundreds from every corner of the three villages will turn out.

The various topic groups – focusing on housing, transport, business, community and environment – have been plotting what they should display at the sessions to inspire the most varied and useful responses from parishioners. A flurry of photography is going on around the parish capturing key locations, views, buildings, highways and byways. We're also seeking out the clearest maps and drawing up posters listing, hopefully, provocative discussion points.

The task of visitors to the sessions will be to give us your ideas, your likes, your dislikes – whether with a Post-it slapped on the display boards or in conversation with a volunteer. Originally the steering group intended to circulate a detailed questionnaire *before* the drop-in sessions. Now the order has been reversed to give parishioners more of a chance to set the agenda.

At this stage we want blue sky thinking; practical considerations such as funds available, or more likely unavailable, for prized projects and the detail of what Cherwell District Council's Local Plan requires of us can come later. The steering group has also been looking further afield, notably at neighbourhood plans being created by villages all over the country, picking up tips on what to copy and what to avoid. At least one neighbourhood plan has been rejected by the authorities.

Close to home, Adderbury has racked up an impressive response of 59% to its neighbourhood plan consultation. Their secret seems to be street captains – volunteers who deliver and collect flyers and questionnaires in their immediate locality and keep their neighbours informed. We'd like to try this too. Clearly the greater the involvement of people in Deddington, Hempton and Clifton, the more representative the final plan will be. And for this we need yet more volunteers, so if you'd like to join in please go to [www.deddington-neighbourhoodplan.org](http://www.deddington-neighbourhoodplan.org).

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