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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

This month the *DN* regretfully says goodbye to Sandie Goundrey who, for the past several years, has handled our annual advertising in exemplary fashion and with completely self-effacing efficiency. Happily, Deddington has yet again come up with a volunteer in our hour of need and we welcome Pat Sedgley in Sandie's place. Thank you both.

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WHAT'S ON

September

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| Sat | 1 | Parish Show: Parish Church, 9.00am exhibits, 2.00–4.15pm public |
| Mon | 3 | Coffee Morning: Holly Tree Club: Holly Tree, 10.30am |
| Mon | 3 | Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm |
| Wed | 5 | Photographic Society: Micki Aston, 'Piers of the Realm', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 8 | Churchyard Clean Up: Lower Churchyard, 9.00am |
| Sat | 8 | Ride and Stride: Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, Parish Church, 10.00am |
| Tue | 11 | WI: Andy Howard, 'Apple: Fruit Throughout the Season', Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 13 | Film Night: Holly Tree Club, <i>Sleepless in Seattle</i> , 6.30pm |
| Thu | 13 | History Society: Liz Woolley, 'Beer, Sausages and Marmalade: Oxford Food and Drink in the 19th Century', Primary School, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 15 | Concert: Deddington Brass, 'Home of Legends', Parish Church, 7.30pm, Doors open 6.45pm |
| Sat | 15 | Chances Festival: Fundraiser for Young Stroke Victims, Windmill, 2.00pm–midnight |
| Sun | 16 | Open Day: Windmill Centre, 11.00am–4.00pm |
| Wed | 19 | PC Meeting: Primary School, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 21 | DOGS: Olton Golf Club |
| Sat | 22 | Space2Learn: <i>Into the Breach</i> , Windmill, 6.30pm |
| Sat | 22 | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm |
| Thu | 27 | Book Group: For details contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 |
| Sat | 29 | Harvest Supper: Parish Church, 6.00–9.00pm |

October

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| Mon | 1 | Coffee Morning: Holly Tree Club, Holly Tree, 10.30am |
| Mon | 1 | Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm |
| Mon | 1 | RBL: Quarterly Meeting, Deddington Arms, 6.30pm |
| Wed | 3 | Photographic Society: Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 4 | RBL: Visit to National Memorial Arboretum |
| Tue | 9 | WI: Holly Tree, 7.30pm |

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Old School Room, Hempton

Wednesday 18 July

Present: Councillors Collins, Cox, Higham, Oldfield, Reeve, Robinson, Rogers (Chair), Squires, Swadling, Timms and Wood. Also Williams (CDC) and Fatemian (OCC).

County Councillor's Report

The white lines on the A4260 south of Deddington have been repainted and OCC has allocated an extra £10 million for highway maintenance.

Planning:

Manor Farm House, Main St Clifton: Alterations to outbuilding with removal of front wall and door, re-forming with new matching materials and three garage doors. No objection.

Town Hall, Market Place, Deddington: This application has been withdrawn.

Environment and Recreation:

Funds were voted as follows: £215 plus VAT to trim vegetation obstructing the Hempton Road footpath. Up to £300 to replace the three remaining swings in the Windmill under-6 play area, £420 plus VAT to trim the hedges on the north and east sides of Welford's Piece in Clifton (volunteers are requested for additional grass-cutting), £200 to treat the weeds on paths in the war memorial cemetery, and £435 to remove iron railings at Castle Grounds.

Vacant allotments will be made available to people outside the parish provided there is no waiting-list.

Four extra 240-litre bins for the stewards' use will be located at the school and Johnson's yard. Any fly tipping in the Market Place will be investigated by OCC.

Windmill Centre

Wednesday 15 August Present: Councillors Cox, Oldfield, O'Neill, Reeve, Robinson, Rogers (Chair), Squires, Swadling, Timms, Watts and Wood.

Planning:

Objection

16 The Paddocks, Deddington: Alterations to and conversion of single dwelling to two dwellings. Objection on grounds of overdevelopment and pressure on street parking.

No objection

Shepherds House, The Lane, Hempton: Garden room extension, porch addition, roof lights in lean-to, removal of kitchen wall, removal and replacement of staircase and additional shower room on first floor landing.

The Firs, St Thomas Street, Deddington: There having been no tree management for very many years, extensive work to 30 trees in conservation area, including pollarding, crown reduction or removal, to assure health of remaining trees, avoid compromising amenity

of site and safeguarding external wall.

Castle End, Castle St, Deddington: Reduce crown of one holm oak.

The Studio, Hudson St, Deddington: Hanging sign and semi-circular advertising sign.

30 Mill Close, Deddington: Single storey extension.

Calder Cottage, Philcote St, Deddington: Pollard maple to seven feet, reduce crown of second maple to seven feet.

Ilbury Farm Bungalow, Nether Worton Road, Hempton: Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of replacement dwelling with associated access, parking and landscaping.

OCC Highways Maintenance Depot, Deddington: DPC is requesting immediate response to previous letter requesting noise mitigation measures.

CDC approval:

Manor Farm House, Main St, Clifton: Alterations to outbuilding with removal of front wall and door. Re-form with new matching materials and three garage doors.

Environment and Recreation:

OCC has agreed £215 plus VAT to trim vegetation obstructing the Hempton Road footpath and has received the application to list the footpath behind the Methodist chapel in Hempton. The expected waiting time for a decision is ten years. Other paths in the parish are to be investigated for listing.

There will be a working party at the War Memorial on Saturday 8 September at 9.00 am.

Continued concern over the fouling of playing fields at the Windmill Centre has elicited a proposal to ban dogs from the site which will be discussed at the September meeting.

Highways and Transport: Bus stops on the Banbury road outside the new development should be completed by the end of August. However, the southbound road markings have disappeared since the road was re-surfaced. Cllr Fatemian will be asked to investigate.

DPC is considering constructing a small enclosed area for wheelie bins on the grass verge at the west end of the Health Centre wall in Earl's Lane. Adjacent residents are to be consulted.

Comments on the punctuality of the S4 bus would be appreciated.

Finance and General Purposes:

A grant of £1,500 was agreed for updating the Deddington OnLine website, £400 to correct details of the Windmill Centre site at the Land Registry, and £500 as retrospective payment for a structural survey of the Windmill Centre's roof.

Next PC meeting: Wednesday 19 September at 7.30pm in Deddington Primary School.

Jean Rudge

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter, Jean Rudge, and not the official minutes, which are available at <http://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/2018.html>.

DOG BAN AT THE WINDMILL?

The Parish Council is considering a complete ban on dogs on the playing field and the proposed new children's play area at the Windmill.

Many villages around have introduced such a ban, with the result that people are now driving to the Windmill, opening their car doors and letting their dogs run free. A few local people are also guilty of not scooping their poop. As usual, it's the few who spoil it for everybody.

The playing field has been a big problem for some time for refs and players alike. With plans for the new children's play area nearly finished, now is the time to make a decision. The alternative to a ban would be

incurring unnecessary expense in fencing the area, with gates in the copse and so on. Then do we designate a dog-walking path for dogs on short leads only, say from the Windmill building, past the all-weather court and new MUGA, into the copse, then north up the path between the playing field and the cemetery to Hempton Road?

What do you think? Let us know, using social media, writing to *DN*, or talking to one of the parish councillors (<http://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/councillors.html>). We need to know before the next PC meeting on 19 September.

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TALES FROM THE PUMP



We all know that the man behind the bar is a fountain of all wisdom, given that he benefits from the ongoing remarkable insights of his erudite and voluble customers. So no surprise when Theresa walked into the bar the other day for her usual pint of Pimms and a bit of advice on Brexit. I knew it was serious when she didn't stomp out after I told her we'd run out of fresh mint.

'Look Tess', I explained gently, 'it's no good asking elected politicians to deal with unelected bureaucrats. I've dealt with enough planning, heritage and safety officers to know that you need a special type of nouse to sort them out. If you can get Tim Martin of Wetherspoons to agree, I'll go with him to Brussels and lay it down. I'll need David to come up for a couple of weeks to tend the bar – on second thoughts don't bother – he couldn't manage a booze-up in a brewery.'

The Pimms bottle was emptying fast and I was wondering how to get Tess on her way when Trump walked in and she was out like a shot. Luckily he didn't hang around after I'd slapped a 50% tariff on his Hooky.

Closer to home the GL is all in favour of more houses in Deddington, providing the admissions committee only allows in the gregarious types who enjoy a pint or two at the local. The evidence that they are succeeding is thin on the ground when we see the difficulty pubs are having finding new tenants. However, having entertained a few of our jolly new Deddingtonians, I think it's more to do with the excessive going-in cost and rent demanded by the property companies masquerading as pub landlords.

Remember the old rhyme – 'Aynho on the hill, Clifton in the clay, dirty drunken Deddington and Hempton high way' and support your pubs – we have a reputation to keep up.

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Firstly, well done to David and the Deddy Car Fest crew who, as part of the Deddington Festival, raised £1,350 for YoungMinds. The organisers said 'Thank you to everyone from Clifton who supported what we did. It was nice to see Clifton people muck in, so to speak.' I know the event wasn't to everyone's taste but the number of smiles I saw from a wide variety of people meant it was a great effort.

The Una Stubbs season will have nearly ended by the time you read this, with only the Peacock to play. It has been the usual roller-coaster ride of whitewashes, match losses with nicked beer legs, narrow defeats, narrow wins and comfortable victories while the team was out and about drinking beer with friends, meeting new people and visiting new places. This is the whole point of the game I feel and, frankly, I'm gonna miss it.

Book Club will reconvene at 8.30pm on 6 September where the Book of Wisdom will continue to collect interesting facts, more badinage will ensue and we hope to welcome Clive and the other 'new Clifton Residents' who have so far resisted the allure. Book Club managed another 'cultural tour' although most of the culture came from the brewing process so widely consumed as they strolled for 20 miles down the Thames, enjoying visiting famous pubs such as the Talbot and the Perch. I can report a Scotch egg was eaten and many talks delivered, but, as none of the participants could be bothered to supply any details, I can supply no more.

Lastly, another plea for someone willing to help out with grounds keeping at Welford's Piece. We need at least a bit of regular mowing, possibly some rolling, on top of the rolling already done and paid for (assuming we can blag the Cricket Club's roller) and reporting any wayward tree branches. All work registered (this means I have your name and intent) will be covered by the PC's insurance. The PC can't afford to keep the Piece the way some residents want so it's up to us – well you and Councillor Collins, if you will.

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PHARMACY FAQs

I've heard that after 8 October I can no longer pick up my medication from the dispensary at the Health Centre?

If you live within one mile of Hudson Street in Deddington (i.e. Deddington residents, but not Clifton or Hempton), you will no longer be able to collect medications from the Health Centre dispensary after 8 October this year. (The HC has asked for an extension to this date, but that is the date they are working to at present.)

The information that follows is for Deddington residents only. It's business as usual for Clifton and Hempton. The Health Centre dispensary is not closing and will operate as usual for all patients except those living in Deddington itself.

Deddington residents can choose to collect from the new pharmacy, Delmergate in Hudson Street, or any other pharmacy, such as Lloyds at Sainsburys, or Cox and Robinson in Banbury, or from a pharmacy near where you work. You can also choose delivery from an online service such as <https://shop.ukmeds.co.uk>.

How do I order my repeat prescription?

The same way as you do now: online using Patient Access, dropping your repeat sheet in to the dispensary or by telephoning the repeat line.

Will the HC dispensary order my repeat prescription for me?

Yes. If you take a medication regularly they will automatically process your repeat request each month ready for collection from the pharmacy of your choice. Ask any of the dispensary staff and they will set this up for you using the Electronic Prescription Service. They cannot do this for medicines that you only take when needed, such as some creams, inhalers and painkillers. You will need to request these as and when you require them.

I have auto repeat medications but I don't order them each month. I just have a text alert saying they are ready for collection. Will I have to say at the outset which pharmacy I want to collect from?

If you are ordering repeat meds, tell the dispensary which pharmacy you want to collect from. You can change pharmacy at any point. The HC dispensary will let you know when the cut-off date for the change is.

What about one-off prescriptions?

You can choose to have one-off prescriptions sent electronically to a pharmacy or ask for the green paper copy. (The white repeat medication sheet that you are given with each bag of medication is only for ordering purposes. It isn't a prescription.)

What if I don't want to have my prescription sent electronically to a pharmacy?

You can collect the green paper copy from dispensary and take it to any pharmacy.

What if I have a prescription issued after the local pharmacy has closed?

You will be given a paper copy to take to any phar-

macy, including the late night rota ones (see the NHS Choices website: (www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/out-of-hours-medicines) where there's a link to nearby pharmacies' opening hours (<https://beta.nhs.uk/find-a-pharmacy/results?location=Deddington>).

What are the opening hours of the new pharmacy?
9.00am–5.30pm Monday–Friday, although they are under review to align with HC appointment schedules.

Will Delmergate deliver?

Yes, deliveries will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday, either morning or afternoon, not at a specific time, and will be free. Some of the Banbury pharmacies also deliver – please check locally.

Will they deliver to anyone who asks for delivery?

It's primarily for the housebound or disabled.

The Delmergate premises are tiny – what happens if they don't stock my medications?

They will order them in, just as the HC dispensary does at present.

I can only collect out of pharmacy hours and I use the Pharmaself machine – what can I do?

The Pharmaself machine is no longer available to Deddingtonians under the new arrangements.

I am elderly and not very mobile, can I park near the new pharmacy?

There's limited parking in Hudson Street, and parking in the Market Place is recommended.

I've heard there are exemptions to the new arrangements.

It's very unlikely exemptions will be made, especially as some pharmacies will deliver. It's an NHS decision, on a case-by-case basis.

Why is this change being made when the existing system worked perfectly well?

The change was directed by NHS. It's nothing to do with our Health Centre which unsuccessfully opposed the opening of the new pharmacy. The HC dispensary is within a doctor's practice and isn't a pharmacy. Delmergate, a Kent-based chain of pharmacies, offers free consultations with a pharmacist for everyday ailments as well as a range of over-the-counter medications. The NHS is actively encouraging patients to go to a pharmacy first, rather than a GP, for relatively mild problems and to buy over-the-counter medications such as skin creams, antacids and mild painkillers, because the cost is far less than when dispensed from a surgery. If you want to read more, see the Health Centre website: <https://tinyurl.com/y985n7rs>.

The NHS says it is all about patient choice: under the new arrangements Deddington has more choice, but are we getting a better service, or worse? You decide.

Disclaimer: Information given here has been checked with the Health Centre dispensary and Delmergate. I believe it to be correct. If in doubt, please check for yourselves.

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL September

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

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

Sun 2 10.30am Family Service
6.00pm Evensong
Sun 9 8.00am BCP Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 16 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 23 10.30am Holy Communion, Informal Said Service with Baptisms
Sun 30 10.30am Holy Communion, Harvest Festival Service

Hempton

Sun 2 9.00am Holy Communion
Sun 16 9.00am Holy Communion
Sun 23 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Barford St Michael

Sun 2 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 16 10.30am Family Service
Sun 30 9.00am Holy Communion, Patronal Festival

Barford St John

Sun 9 9.00am Holy Communion
Sun 23 9.00am Holy Communion

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

8 July Ava Rose Bennett and Max Rhys Bennett
29 July Charlotte Kathryn Baldwyn
12 Aug Florentina Rosa Goodall

Weddings

2 June Sarah Lock and Christopher Charman
16 June Victoria and Jeremy Bolduc, renewed vows
11 Aug Kate Garrett and Joshua Romankiw
18 Aug Sarah McDougall and Joseph Davies

Funerals

1 June Stella Marmion
18 June David Coleman
21 June Dennis Freeman
9 July Mary Morris
9 July John Gaw
18 July Nina Fairns
16 Aug Margaret Woolgrove
17 Aug Monty Spencer

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or on 01869 336880. If Annie is not available, then please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (01869 338367) or Dave Hughes (01869 347294). We also have a curate, Revd Paula Smith, who can be contacted at curate@deddingtonchurch.org.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
2 September Julie
23 September Margery

Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

There is no longer a resident or full-time incumbent at Hethe. A non-resident priest will say one Mass on Sundays (no Latin Mass).

Mass is said at 9.00am on Sunday at SS Peter and Paul's Anglican church in King's Sutton.

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

Revd Robert Hughes 01869 720860

HARVEST SUPPER

Please join us to celebrate this wonderful time of year with locally harvested produce and a 'home cooked' themed menu on Saturday 29 September 6.00pm–9.00pm. Tickets are £12 per person for a two course meal, entertainment and a welcome drink. They can be bought by contacting Meriel Flux on 01869 338901. When booking please tell us if you are vegetarian or have any dietary requirements.

All money raised will go towards paying for the Christmas lunch which the church provides on Christmas Day for anyone alone over Christmas.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

To tidy up the lower churchyard by the War Memorial.

Contact: terencetimms.dpc@gmail.com, phone 01869 338456 or just turn up on the morning

SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 9.00am

DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

Phev, since I last put finger to keyboard it has been rather hot. For the first time in many years we have made hay in flaming June and put a good crop in the barn. The environmental flower meadows could not be cut until after 15 July but again we gathered a good crop which only took three days to make. Unfortunately I had an argument with the baler, which I lost, and ended up in bandages but with no lasting damage.



No sooner was the hay in the barn than the Green Goddess was let loose from her stable into the oil seed rape and her new electronics worked a treat. We have had electronics problems with her for some time, but it took the apprentice and his iPad to discover that the old girl is in fact an electronically modified hybrid, with bits added from two other models. The oil seed rape was cut late at night and in the very early morning as by 9.00am it was too dry and hot to store later. Just what the merchants will think of it remains to be seen.

No sooner was the rape done and dusted than we went in to the wheat. We have grown Skyfall, an early maturing milling wheat (bread) for the last few years, but this year all the wheat acreage was in Skyfall, a bearded wheat well-liked by the millers and one that suits this farm. We started cutting the crop on 23 July and were finished on the 28th. The yield is down but the sample looks very good although it has not as yet been assessed by the merchants.

In over 50 harvests this is the first I have cut wheat in July, the very high temperatures made for a very easy harvest with the grain coming off at 11% moisture. Last year we were cutting wheat at 16–17% and drying down to 14% for safe storage. The real problem was that the grain temperature coming off the combine was 33C and had to be cooled before it went into the storage bins – so no drying costs but high electricity bills for the cooling fans which were running 24/7. The straw was very sun bleached but has all been baled with the baler chasing the combine out of the last field. Having lost a combine to fire some years ago, the Green Goddess and all the tractors were fitted with new fire extinguishers, and a water bowser with a high pressure pump was on standby but happily has not as yet been needed.

We still have the late-planted spring barley to cut and, after a 'wet' weekend, we planted some stubble turnips and fodder rape in some of the cleared wheat stubbles in the vain hope that we may get some autumn feed to finish the spring lamb crop, but with the return of the heatwave things are not looking good. With little or no grass growth over the last few months the sheep flocks have been put together and are

'ranching' the river flood meadows, grazing standing hay. Although the Deddington brook has been reduced to a trickle, the sheep have plenty of water and there is a reasonable flow on the river. It is ironic that four months ago the valley was under three feet of water and we had to move the sheep on to higher ground.

The summer drought has attracted any number of column inches in the national press but none have noted the fact that adverse weather conditions are affecting all food producing regions of the world, something that as a net food importing nation will have a direct impact on the cost of your weekly food shop. Another simple fact that has been overlooked is that the 2018 weather event will have considerable effects on the 2019 harvest as the long range weather forecast is predicting the Big Dry well into October.

I know it is a long range forecast, but if, for once, they have got it right, there will be no point in planting oil seed rape (vegetable oil crops) or autumn planted grain crops into baked out soils. And then there is the question of our EU exit in March 2019. With some six months left to go the prospect of a no deal exit is fast becoming a reality and it now seems as if Plan B is to stockpile food and medicines, much as it was in the Cold War, but this time around, given the weather-affected food production difficulties around the world, it's a case of shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted. Will the stockpiles (if they can be found) be of the same welfare and hygiene standards that are demanded by the masters of our own producers? Ho hum, perhaps it's time to plough the golf courses and parks and turn them into allotments and dig for victory. But maybe I have been out in the sun too long.

George Fenemore
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History Corner

www.deddingtonhistory.uk

All this hot weather and reports of fires everywhere reminded me of 'The Great Fire' at Johnson's timber yard in 1941. 'Some folk said it was sabotage and some, God rest their souls, said it was the only way the man from the Ministry of Labour could move Uncle George, to send him to the Aluminium Factory in Banbury!' So who was Uncle George? Go to <http://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/buildings/johnsonstimberyfire> to find out more.

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FROM THE FIRE STATION

Over the last three months we have responded to over 98 shouts. That averages more than one a day, making it a very busy period for us at the station. The jobs have consisted of field fires, industrial unit fires, flooding, road traffic accidents and standbys. If you set your mind back to the start of the period, the country was hit by numerous thunderstorms and torrential rain. On one of the stormy nights we were out from 7.00pm until 4.00am the next day dealing with floods and rescuing residents from their homes. Flash floods occurred due to the quantity of water falling over a short period of time. It felt as though it took an eternity to reach each incident because of the atrocious road conditions.

We also attended a plane crash in which the engines failed just after take-off, causing a crash-landing onto a neighbouring chicken farm barn. Miraculously no one was severely injured (unfortunately the same cannot be said for some of the hens). Finally, as I am sure you are aware, we have recently been responding to numerous field fires due to the extreme heat over the month. A forest fire north of Banbury was particularly tricky due to the copious amounts and depth of organic matter on the forest floor which allowed the fire to spread underground even when it appeared to be out on the surface. We used a thermal imaging camera to track down the fire spreading underneath the layer of organic matter, allowing us to dig up and extinguish any hotspots.

Deddington Fire Station is a fully retained station and I thought I would explain how the retained system works. At this time we have 11 firefighters operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The station is not manned at all during the day or night. We all possess a pager and when a call comes in we respond to the station. The turnout time from receiving the pager alert to the fire engine being driven out of the doors is between five and six minutes as we all respond either from home or from work. When we arrive we are not permitted to leave the station until we have the minimum staffing requirements, which is four personnel consisting of an Officer in Charge, a Driver and two Breathing Apparatus Wearers. On average we all give around 75 hours a week cover to the station, meaning during those times we need to be within a five minute drive should the pager alert us. This obviously can be quite constraining on our lives especially with regards to days out and spending time with the family, but the nature of the job does make it worthwhile. A big thank you must go to all our families and loved ones who allow us to do the job. There wouldn't be a station in Deddington without your understanding and support.

Congratulations to FF Andy Hayward and his fiancée Holly on the arrival of their baby son Maxwell born on 16 July, weighing in at 9lbs10oz. Mother and son are both doing well.

FF Thomas Hall



Our Fabulous 2019 PARISH CALENDAR on Sale!

at Deddington Farmers Market
and Deddington Library
from Saturday 22nd September

Fabulous quality, excellent photography and local pictures makes this the 'must-have gift'!

Order yours for Christmas gifts, home and abroad

Limited number so be sure to get yours - advance orders will be taken at the library!

Only £10.00

Proceeds to Friends of Deddington Library
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RIDE AND STRIDE 2018

in aid of
Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER
10am–6pm

Support our own Parish Church
and other historic churches
in Oxfordshire

Call Jane Green on
01869 337837
for more details
and sponsorship forms

Management Committee: Open Day

Our Windmill Open Day is fast approaching – 11.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday 16 September. I hope you are all coming and I especially want to welcome those of you who have recently moved into the area and are perhaps reading the *DN* for the first time. Come on down! All our regular clubs and societies will be giving out information about what they do and how you can get involved.

Whether you are two or ninety-two there is something for everybody at the Windmill: from full-blooded sports to more gentle forms of exercise, dog training to personal training, dance to day-care, scouts to panto and much, much more. There will be a programme of free lessons and taster sessions throughout the day, with music, a licensed bar, coffee, fish and chips, pizzas and burritos from local suppliers and a giant tepee for toddlers to play in.

For those of you wondering what is going on at the all-weather court, we are planning the official opening of our brand new MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) – the first of many exciting new developments as we transform our outside space into a great new play area for children of all ages.

So why not make a day of it? Bring the whole family and find out what the Windmill can do for you. See you there.

PS Parking spaces at the Windmill are limited, so it would help us enormously if you could leave the car at home.

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Windmill Development: Progress Taking Off!

New MUGA: The last round of work is starting w/b 20 August. Sorry it wasn't ready for the beginning of the school holidays but we've been working on it as fast as we can. The £100,955.76 S106 money that has paid for it also includes benches, tables, bins, paths, and a storage area for sports kit between the MUGA and the AWC. The repainted fencing for the half-MUGA is being replaced at the same time.



Play Area: The Contract Finder posting inviting expressions of interest brought in 12 replies from interested suppliers. We've sent them detailed briefs for the two contracts, for metal and timber

pieces, and bids are to be returned by 1 September. We've also applied for a Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Development from CDC. We don't need planning permission as long as nothing exceeds 4m in height, but this is evidence that we've followed due process. It takes about eight weeks, so there will be a delay before things start to move.

We're investigating whether the old bowls pavilion can be used as a shelter for parents and carers looking after children in the play areas. It's not in great condition and would need quite a lot of money spending on it to make it accessible for the disabled. So a simple, purpose-built shelter on a spot visible from both the Under-6 and main play areas might be a better option. We hope the Cricket Club can make use of some parts of the pavilion.

Master Plan: This is not quite final but close enough to be used as a working document. There will no doubt be more tweaks as the project continues. When the play equipment is finalised, we'll show it to Mill Close residents and also display it at the 16 September Open Day.

Hall: Our survey of other facilities available for hire in the parish wasn't a great success but confirms what we already knew: what is missing is a high-spec 100-seater hall/social area, so that's what we will be concentrating on.

We've had confirmation of £25,000 S106 funding from OCC for disabled loos on the west side of the building, which is a great start. A new floor in the Studio (upstairs room) is also high on the list.

Dog ban: (see David Rogers, page 8). Dog poo really is a big problem on the playing fields which we need to tackle now when plans for the children's play area are being finalised. Monitoring may be a problem, but it's up to us to protect our children and to dog-walkers to make not scooping their poop as socially unacceptable as blowing tobacco smoke in someone's face.

Mary Robinson, Chair

Windmill Development Group

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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Thank you to all who entered this year's photo competition. You continue to excel. We had over 100 entries which were more varied than in past years. The judging took place in August with the calendar being printed in early September so that copies are available for sale at the farmers' market on 22 September.

We'll be publishing the runners-up pictures on the Friends of Deddington Library Facebook page from 1

September. They're so good they deserve to be seen by the public. We think this year's calendar is one of our best and once again would like to thank our entrants for their stunning images and our much valued and appreciated sponsors for their help in making it all possible.

Bryn Williams

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

Superiority, Divided Politics And Cruising

How time flies when you are enjoying yourself. We have been in the Land of the Free for nearly six years now, yet it seems like yesterday that (following my fairly large booking error) we were running around the baggage hall in Dallas airport looking for 16 lost bags, on our way to lovely Colorado.

I've hated Dallas ever since, but Jake and I called in there on our road trip back from N'Awlins and it is a very happening place now. Many American cities are changing to suit the younger generation, and most cities have lively bar areas. Let's hope the youngsters have changed their voting habits and react against the aging American political establishment in the coming election.

The good news is that I have managed to keep my wonderful air of English superiority. I am still one of the very few who reverse into a space in the parking lot. I still politely let cars filter in from a side road and I still shout at the ladies who speed up to block anyone taking their place.

America is becoming markedly more divided as Trump abuses people on Twitter. Yesterday he called an ex-employee a 'dog'. I have spent a bizarre summer trying to understand how my Republican neighbours can still believe in him. One lovely lady compared the situation to a reality TV show. To her the lies are entertaining and truth doesn't matter as long as he stops

immigration, sorts out China, and makes America Great Again.

In our modern internet age, all the information in the world is available for anyone to absorb, but most people simply use their chosen news feeds to confirm their prejudices. I suppose that is what has led us to Trumpism, all image and bluster with no plan, no civility, and no professionalism, all driven by the guiding hand of billionaires and lobbyists.

My dear wife took me away from all of this on an Alaskan cruise for our 25th wedding anniversary and I didn't even complain when it coincided with the World Cup. We had a great time in lovely scenery, and chased bears, moose and breaching whales. But on the way back my semi-final experience was ruined in a Vancouver airport bar when, with England winning, a stupid man changed all the TVs over to the baseball. We couldn't work out how to change it back, and the superior Englishman turned into a very angry Englishman.

The Canadians hate Trump just as much as most Europeans. I guess they didn't like their leader being called 'dishonest and weak' – or being blamed for our burning of the White House in 1814. Despite it all, I confess that I like living in America, and that isn't fake news.

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WELL REMEMBERED

Montgomery (Monty) Spencer 1944–2018

Monty Spencer, aged 73, passed away peacefully at home on 11 August after a short illness. He was born on 17 November 1944 to Florence Annie and Eric Denning Spencer at 6 Castle Street, where they lived with his two sisters, Margaret and Pauline and his brother John.

Monty attended Deddington Primary School followed by the Windmill School and as a youngster would often be seen driving his goat cart around the village – yes, goat; he kept goats on the old allotment on the Clifton Road.

When he was the Honorary Secretary of Deddington Football Club in the late 1960s, he and other members and players, erected the football pavilion on Castle Grounds. He was involved in all aspects of Deddington life as a retained fireman, a very keen footballer who played for Deddington Town Football Club and, in later years, for Deddington Cricket Club. He was a member of the Deddington branch of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, became the owner of the Deddington Bowls Club's grounds in the early 1980s and was one of the original founders of the Deddington Golf Society.

In 1970, whilst working away in Nottingham for Midland Felt Roofing, Monty met Susan Humphreys whom he married in 1973. Because of his experience with felt roofing, Monty, along with Sue, decided to set up their own company, Deddington Felt Roofing, which, due to Monty's dedication, became very successful.

Monty had very strong feelings about the sale of land on the old Windmill School site and in October 1978 applied to become a parish councillor in order to have greater input in any decisions made. There was a tie between Monty and another applicant. The casting vote lay with Donald Welford, the chairman at the time, who said, 'Mr Spencer was born here and has his heart in the village' and voted Monty in.

Monty was involved in the later negotiations over the Windmill site when a group of residents successfully established a higher value for the land than the OCC's District Valuer had advised the PC to accept. Even though not one for public speaking, he presented a powerful case, one which benefits the people of Deddington today. The PC was also in discussion about lighting on High Street and it was Monty who pushed the Council to canvass the parish which voted in favour of the lighting, and the rest, as they say, is history.

In 1981, Monty became Deddington Carnival Committee leader, and he was very proud of their achievements. He wanted to make sure the carnival was a fun day for everyone and the amount of work that went into the planning was phenomenal. Despite one or two hitches, I'm quite sure that everyone who came to the Market Place and Castle Grounds on Saturday 4 July 1981 would remember that day for a very long time. It's fair to say that, throughout his life, those who had the pleasure of meeting Monty would have lasting memories of him.

Monty was very proud of his children, Mark, Richard, Ian, Kerry, Andrew, Florence and Lauren and in his final few months took great pleasure in seeing as many of his 16 grandchildren as possible.

Unfortunately over the last few years Monty didn't go out much but he always knew what was happening in his beloved Deddington. He was born in Deddington, he never left Deddington and he will be buried in the joint grave of his parents, a couple of hundred yards from where he was born in Castle Street. As Norman Drake said in his tribute at Monty's funeral, Monty will forever have Deddington imprinted on his heart.

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LETTERS

FROM MRS DEBORRAH WILLIAMS,
DEDDINGTON

In 1911 it was decided that patients who lived more than a mile from a pharmacy could ask their doctor to prescribe and dispense their medicines directly to the patients, to help people in rural areas, so why has this swapped around? And why were we not given a choice? Effectively the owner of the pharmacy does not have to take the time to build up his business with advertisements, word of mouth and good business practice. .

We do not need a new pharmacy. The issues referred to do not exist. Our surgery has a brand new dispensary and we have a 24/7 dispensary system which allows someone to collect their medicines using a personal pin number.

As to seeing a pharmacist without an appointment, I have been able to email my doctor with medical questions and things that concern me or my husband. I usually get an answer the same day. It has never taken more than 24 hours for my doctor to reply to let me know what my options are, including making an appointment to be seen right away, maybe not my usual doctor but someone who will have access to my records and my medical history.



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and include your name and address
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Our medicines are monitored by nurses carrying out a periodic review. For someone to be sold something based on verbal information, given without knowing their medical history, can be dangerous.

This one mile rule is ridiculous. The Deddington surgery and dispensary are not broken and do not need fixing. This pharmacy offers us nothing we don't already have.

FROM SYLVIA ROSS, DEDDINGTON

I refer to Mike Ramsdale's criticism of Mike Ward in the June edition of the *Deddington News*. I think his comments totally miss the intention of Mr Ward's 'Postcard from America'.

In a very entertaining way, he gives us his actual experiences of living there with his family. Both the facts detailed and his views are entirely relevant, and his point of view can surely be expressed in a village newspaper. It is very condescending to refer to Alistair Cooke within this context, as he was of course restricted by journalistic rules.

I suggest that Mr Ramsdale be the one to raise his horizons, in allowing free speech and not display a bigoted and blinkered stance.

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LOCAL AUTHOR'S LATEST

So What Next: A Look with Hindsight at the Modern World by Sylvie Nickels

More an autobiography than a review of the modern world, Sylvie Nickels, until recently a Deddington resident and 'mother' of Daeda's Wood, provides us with glimpses into her adventurous life. Spanning the decades from WW1 to the present day, this is a frank account of the author's varied and full life. It does not focus on the advances that have occurred over the decades but references them as adjunct to narrative of her and her late husband's life and travels.

Each chapter covers a specific period of the author's life, taking the reader through the decades, starting with the imagination of a youngster growing up during the war, through the burgeoning life experience of a young woman trying to find her place in a changing world. Sylvie deals with her depression and dependence on alcohol without apology and this openness is echoed at the end as she writes of the death of her beloved husband.

This is a light read for those interested in the lives of individuals. It reminded me that this last century has been a period of momentous change and many extraordinary world occurrences, not all of them good. It demonstrates how these occurrences rarely really impinge on daily life and any one of us can lead interesting lives if we but try.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Please remember the Oxfordshire Ride and Stride Day on Saturday 8 September 10.00am–6.00pm. This is a sponsorship event and there is still time to register – I have the necessary forms if you would like to have a go. Money raised is split between the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and our church. Thank you to the people who have volunteered to welcome people to the church and offer our very good refreshments.

The new heaters for the church have been delivered and we hope to have them installed over the next month in time for winter. Talking of which, Jonathan Watts, our resident parish councillor, is looking for volunteer as snow wardens. Please call him on 01869 337135 or email wattsfamily1997@gmail.com

It would be good to have the footpath that runs from The Old Chapel to the top of The Lane cleaned up to make it pleasant to walk along. An application has been made to register it as a public right of way.

The Fernhill Club in Barford is looking for new members. It is a friendship club that meets on Wednesday afternoons in Barford Village Hall between 2.30 and 4.00pm. If anyone from this village is interested, please call Maggie Blackhall on 01869 338938.

I end with the sad news that village resident, Mr Slattery, died recently. We send our condolences to his family.

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DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

Deddington Festival 2018 ended on a high note and once more we had exceptional support from Deddington and the surrounding villages who enjoyed four days of art, music, culture and fun.

The Festival committee is thrilled to be able to donate more money than ever before from the proceeds: £1,000 to the parish church restoration fund, £1,350 to the YoungMinds mental health charity, and £500 to the primary school charity, Space2Learn.

We introduced some terrific new events for all the family. The Children's Festival was again a creative heaven for youngsters and Car Fest allowed many more delighted passengers, from 8–89yrs, to whizz through local lanes in the car of their dreams. We were honoured to host again All the King's Men from

the BBC show, *Pitch Battle*. Other popular events included: Deddy Jazz; Deddy Rocks at the Crown and Tuns; the art exhibition; the Deddington History Walk; the church tour; the children's writing competition and the Deddington treasure hunt.

This wonderful community festival could not happen without the hard work of our very small committee and our team of volunteers. Thank you to all our generous sponsors and the locals who support us. Please consider getting involved next year as we need more committee members and volunteers to continue our success. Visit us on www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you in 2019. Many thanks.

Elli Ince, Committee Chairwoman

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

We have had a terrific summer in the library with the Summer Reading Challenge, *Mischief Makers*, being very well supported. There is still time to finish the challenge, the last date is Saturday 15 September. At the end of July a group of 4–8 year olds enjoyed a story time based on *Mischief Makers*, listening to mischievous tales, followed by a craft activity.

The Adults Summer Reading Challenge, *Oxfordshire Reads*, has been well supported too, so hurry and get your book recommendation postcards back to the library for your chance to enter the prize draw.

Our Rhymetime for under-5s and families starts

again after the summer break on Monday 10 September at 2.30pm when we look forward to seeing the little ones and getting back into singing along with them on Monday afternoons.

Please remember that our digital helpers are on hand to support your computer training needs; if you're struggling to get online, learn how to use a search engine, use Word to write letters or even your memoirs, whatever your learning needs, we're here to help. Just contact me at the library. And don't forget that the library has DVD for hire, audio books, free computer use, free access to Ancestry online, Find My Past and a wealth of other research websites.

Remember to give the library a call when you see someone new moving into the village. We have welcome packs ready to deliver, giving your new neighbours all the essential information to help them integrate into our wonderful community.

Stella O'Neill, Library Manager
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HOLLY TREE CLUB

The *DN* may have taken a summer break but the Holly Tree has been as busy as ever. The July and August film nights were well attended and members were thrilled with the trip organised by Our Bus Bartons to the Ball Colegrave open garden in July. Wyatts Garden Centre at Great Rollright was the destination for our trip on Monday 13 August where we visited the farm shop, garden centre and had lunch in the lovely tea rooms, with stunning views over the countryside towards Stratford-upon-Avon.

Our September film, on Thursday 13 at 6.30pm, is *Sleepless in Seattle*, a dramatic romance starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. The final trip of the year is on 15 October to visit Stratford Garden Centre – I can't believe we are already discussing arrangements for Christmas lunch.

The Monday morning coffee club, held on the first Monday of the month at 10.30am in the Holly Tree, is now open to the over 55s. New members are welcome so why not invite new neighbours.

For Club enquiries, please contact Liz Dickinson 01869 337050 or Diana Marshall on 01869 337761. For Holly Tree bookings, please contact Hugh Blythe on 01869 338126, hughblythe@btinternet.com.

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FARMERS' MARKET

Glutbuster

The vagaries of the British summer make it hard to judge the yield from your garden. This is being written in the middle of August. The garden is dripping with tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and chillies – anything that loves the sun. I've had the best crop of sweetcorn ever – and tasted barely a kernel. The badgers have had the lot. But there is one vegetable that will reliably over-supply you every year – courgettes. There will be plenty at the market. So here's a simple way of cooking it.

Pan Grilled Courgettes from *Curry Easy* by Madhur Jaffrey serves 2–4

4 smallish courgettes – about 450g in total

4 tablespoons olive or rapeseed oil

lemon juice

salt and freshly ground black pepper

roasted and ground cumin seeds

cayenne pepper

Slice the courgettes in half lengthways. Heat the oil in a large frying-pan over a medium high heat. When hot, put in the courgettes, skin-side down, in a single layer. You can do this in batches if necessary. When



the skin is reddish brown, turn the pieces over. Brown the cut side in the same way. Arrange in a single layer on a platter, cut side up. Squeeze some lemon juice over the top, then sprinkle with salt, lots of black pepper, some cumin and cayenne pepper. You will notice no measures are given for these – go by taste. Serve immediately.

Goes well with curries or grilled or roasted meats.

Charles Newey launched Deddington farmers' market back in September 2001, so this is its 17th anniversary.

For more up to date information about the market and contact details for all the stallholders, visit the market webpage www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk.

The market is on Saturday 22 September from 9.00am–12.30pm.

If you can't wait till then, there's always the Adderbury market on the second Thursday of each month at The Institute, The Green, Adderbury, 6.00–8.00pm. Details at: www.market.adderbury.org.

Good shopping!

Ian Willox

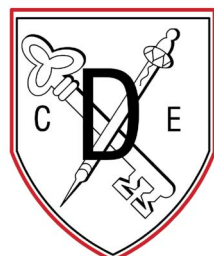
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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The end of our last term, as always, was memorable. We had the excellent performance of *Guys and Dolls*, for which we owe many thanks to Alicia and Seb. The community enjoyed watching the children sing, dance and act, during extremely hot conditions but nothing stopped our pupils from putting in more than 100%.

On the last day of term we said farewell to our terrific Year 6 children. Their Leavers Assembly was remarkably well put together and professionally delivered. The individual and group performances all gave us great enjoyment, with laughter, tears, and surprises. Each child leaving us was confident and talented and we wish them every success in their new schools this September. We are looking forward to the start of this new school year and the lovely weather that autumn brings.



On Saturday 22 September the school is very fortunate to have Mark Carey, a thirty year veteran of stage, TV and radio, come to the Windmill to perform

Into the Breach, the latest Space2Learn event, raising funds to improve the school's physical infrastructure. London's *Metro* described it as 'Dads' Army meets *The Vicar of Dibley*'. As a one-man show, Mark performs all 17 parts in theatre for everyone from nine to ninety-two. The performance starts at 7.00pm but doors open at 6.30pm with a licensed bar and refreshments. Tickets at £7 for under-16s

and £10 for adults are available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/elli-ince or on the door.

Denise Welch

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DEDDINGTON PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

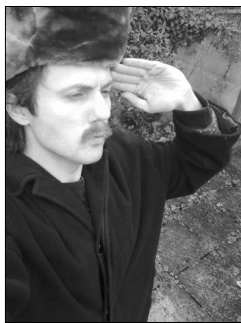
We hope you enjoyed the long summer break and had lots of fun. We would like to welcome all the new children and families joining us this term. We will be spending the first few days and weeks of term settling the children in and gradually introducing them to our

routines. Please do not hesitate to ask us if there is anything you are unsure of. We look forward to getting to know you all.

Lucy Squires

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BLISSFUL THINKING



It's been a summer of some repute, that's for sure. Around five weeks of unbroken heat and drought only ended by the sole festival I attended. Sufferers in the relentless heat; farmers pleading for rain; you need only to crowdfund my tickets to every festival of the summer to ensure future years are more climatically tolerable for all.

A nation seemed to be brought together for a few sweet weeks, as our hooligan threat in Russia never materialised, while we revelled in our underdog status and reached the World Cup semi-finals in glorious fashion. For a few minutes, we could even dream of the unthinkable. It was of course dashed on the rocks of reality, but wasn't it great to feel hope? Giddy, delirious hope of something incredible the whole nation could get behind. Then the adventure was over, and we returned to sweating through the days and tossing and turning through the nights, ending at my festival weekend, morphing into overcast skies and strangely high winds, and culminating in my gazebo being buffeted and eventually toppled following the one barbecue of the summer I held. If summer 2018 had a consistent narrative, it seemed to be that Mother Nature is always in charge and we'd damn well not forget it! What fury has she got in store for winter, I wonder. Praemonitus, praemunitus.

Aaron Bliss

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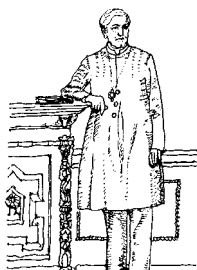
('Forewarned is forearmed', in case your Latin's gone rusty or you couldn't be bothered to look it up. CD)

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Revd Cotton Risley for the month of September 1868:

9th September – I attended the Amalgamated Agricultural Show and Dinner at Banbury. I had to return thanks for the Bishop and Clergy and afterward to propose the health of the County Members of Oxon, Northants and Warwick coupled with the MPs for Banbury and Oxford. My tenant, Z. Stilgoe got my prize of £3 for his Oxon Down sheep.

28th September – Bowen came and I went up to Mr. Churchill's office and heard in part a case of cutting two horses' tails belonging to Charles Mason, against Samuel Wheeler and F. Payne. Remanded the culprits, 14 and 12 years of age, till the Petty Sessions on Friday.



Buffy Heywood

WANT TO PERFORM?

The Oxfordshire Performers Club has recently been set up to give adult amateur musicians and singers of any level and any instrument the opportunity to perform in a friendly and supportive environment, without the pressures of a formal concert. We welcome players who want to gain experience and confidence at performing as well as experienced players who simply lack sufficient opportunities to perform or want to try out pieces before performing them in public. The Club meets at various Oxfordshire locations every six weeks or so, performing for each other, friends and family. Come and join us, either as a performer or a listener. Our next concert dates are at 3.00pm on 9 September, 21 October and there will also be a date in November. More information, including venues can be found at www.oxfordshireperformersclub.co.uk, on <https://www.facebook.com/oxfordshireperformersclub/> or email at oxfordshireperformersclub@hotmail.com.

Jude Douglass

FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

Whilst the hot weather conditions made the woodland flourish for a while, the break in the extreme heat has been a welcome relief to stressed plant and animal life. Seed in the wildflower meadow is now dispersing which should ensure a good display next year; bugs and bats are preparing winter roosts and the Friends are contemplating the regular raking of the thatch after the Woodland Trust contractors have strimmed the wild flower meadow.

Not to be missed is the BYO family picnic on Friday 7 September 3.00–6.00pm. There will be fun and activities for children and adults. A gazebo for light rain protection will be provided and a huge tarpaulin for sitting.

Looking forward to celebrating together summer's end and the start of the new school year.

Annette Murphy, Chair

Friends of Daeda's Wood

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WHAT'S ON

October

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| Thu 11 | History Society: Jan Cliffe 'The Making of Chipping Norton', Primary School, 7.30pm |
| Sat 13 | Deddington Players: <i>The Fictional Five</i> |
| Sun 14 | Deddington Players: Panto Auditions, 3.00–5.00pm |
| Wed 17 | PC Meeting: Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton, 7.30pm |
| Thu 25 | Book Group: Contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for details |

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Community Choir

The choir committee is looking to get this new group up and running in the autumn. If you are 18 or over and would like to come along and experience the sheer joy of singing in a group (no auditions or the need to read music), please register your interest by emailing alisongrmail@gmail.com so we can keep you informed as details are confirmed.

Alison Grieve

RBL Branch Report

Welcome to the half dozen or so new members who have joined us recently and those still in the process of joining. We hope they will enjoy our coming events. 8 September: The BBQ has been postponed in favour of helping the PC working party with the essential task of clearing the War Memorial churchyard.

4 October: The bus is filling up nicely for our visit to the National Memorial Arboretum. Please give your name to me or Vicar Annie if you wish to be added to the list. 27 October: Poppy Day stall and collection at the farmers' market.

11 November – Armistice Day: 100th anniversary parade and service.

17 November: The Deddington Ball. Please buy and help sell tickets for this big fundraiser. Details are in the flier in this issue.

A WWII battlefield tour is being planned for 2019.

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Deddington Bookworms

The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery is set in a wealthy apartment block in Paris. It follows events in the life of the concierge, Renée Michel, and Paloma Jesse, younger daughter of an upper-class family who live in one of the apartments. To all outward appearances, Renée is a dowdy, slow-witted concierge. Secretly, however, she listens to Mahler, reads such authors as Tolstoy and follows Japanese cinema. Paloma also has an interest in Japan. When a cultured Japanese businessman moves into the apartments, he and Paloma both recognise Renée's intelligence and make an effort to know her. Themes relating to philosophy, class consciousness and personal conflict run through the book. Some of the group struggled to engage with or even complete the book which proved to be the challenge as anticipated, but everyone agreed it was worth finishing.

We also read *Elizabeth Is Missing* by Emma Healey, a thought provoking and sensitive debut novel. Maud is slowly losing her memory and her grip on everyday life much to the frustration of her daughter and others around her. She believes her best friend Elizabeth is missing and in terrible danger and is continually trying to find her. As time progresses Maud's

investigations actually start to trigger memories of a tragedy that occurred more fifty years ago – the disappearance of her sister.

The group agreed that the difficult subject of a loved one succumbing to dementia is very well handled. The author has got into the mind of Maud with great effect, some of her behavioural traits make the reader smile and some are heart-breaking. A degree of frustration was felt by some as Maud's dementia was ignored by those around her and not acknowledged until very late in the story, but all agreed this book is well worth a read.

Deddington Library

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Women's Institute

Our July meeting featured a treasure hunt through the village which was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants and was won by our retired president and retired treasurer. We followed it with a cream tea at the Deddington Arms, slightly fraught as there had been a muddle about the day. However, the staff rallied round and gave us a good tea. Thanks to the committee for organising it.

Our meeting on 14 August comprised a talk and food tasting by Adele of Ofishial Foods, a fairly recent company in Sherington, which delivers frozen ready meals around the county in two different-sized packs. The food is all hand cooked and mostly locally sourced. Judging by the comments the food was well received. The company supply gluten free, allergen free and dairy free foods. There also is the bonus of being able to place a small order.

After the tasting we had our business meeting, mostly taken up with future plans for the rest of the year.

Our next meeting is on 11 September when Andy Howard will talk on 'Apples: Fruit throughout the Season'. Ring either Jenny Cox on 01869 337015 or Jenny Cross on 01869 337613 if you would like to join us.

Julia Hobbs

Deddington Players

Back by popular demand, the Deddington Players' autumn charity production will be on for one night only on Saturday 13 October. Our one-act play, *The Fictional Five*, is a spoof of the *Famous Five* and features spooks, Count Dwakula and the F5 in a ripping, gripping, very funny yarn. Our evening will also welcome dance and music performances from local groups including Deddington Youth Dance Company. Visit our Facebook page or see local notices for timings and box office information.

Hot on the heels of *The Fictional Five* will be auditions for our pantomime *Dick Whittington*. If you'd like to audition or get involved backstage in this season's production, please come along on Sunday 14 October

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3.00–5.00pm. Adults and children from Y1 upwards can take part. (Please note, KS1 children need to be accompanied by an adult at auditions and all rehearsals). Performances are on 17–19 January 2019. Contact me if you'd like to audition.

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Photographic Society

At our August meeting Robert Harvey returned and gave a presentation titled 'Wildlife for All Seasons'. Robert has given us presentations of excellent photographs in the past and this presentation on a wide range of wildlife subjects was of outstanding photographic quality. He concentrated on British wildlife, through all seasons of the year. Winter photographs ranged through farmland, mountains, lakes, and visitors to our gardens, including owls, woodpeckers, mountain hares in winter coat, deer, and four varieties of herons. Robert always uses manual exposure control for wildlife, rarely shooting anything below 1600th sec, and often faster. Summer subjects covered coastal areas, with photographs of many species of seabirds. He also included a wide selection of butterfly species and dragonflies. Autumn shots ranged through deer, otters, squirrels, seals and wading birds. Robert reiterated the point that Britain has a rich variety of wildlife if we have the patience to seek it out. The presentation earned a very loud round of applause.

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Book Group

We recently read *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman, which won the 2017 Costa First Novel Award. Highly praised as a portrayal of loneliness, it spent weeks on the best seller list and has already been optioned for a film. Loneliness is a problem that is becoming increasingly prevalent, a result of many factors in modern society. In this particular case, Eleanor's loneliness stems from poor mental health as a result of trauma. The book documents the mystery surrounding events in her childhood, the devastating effects on her life, and the people who try to help her. We agreed with the many reviews which found it a moving story with well-drawn main characters, told with a mixture of sadness, humour and intrigue. Although some readers thought a few episodes were protracted and occasionally unconvincing, we were impressed by a debut novel of such perceptive, engrossing and suspenseful qualities.

We meet next on 27 September, when we will be discussing *The Secret Scripture* by Sebastian Barry. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for more information.

Sian Waterman

History Society

We begin our 2018–19 season with a return visit by one of our most popular speakers, Liz Woolley, who on this occasion will talk on 'Beer, Sausages and Marmalade: Oxford Food and Drink in the 19th Century'.

We have been notifying members, and as many others as we can contact, to draw attention to a major change that we hope will prove welcome and more convenient for members. Our meetings will be held at the Primary School instead of the Windmill Centre. This has necessitated switching our meetings from Wednesday to Thursday evenings. For reasons beyond our control things will be a bit complicated until the end of the year. Please note that the meetings in September, October and December will take place on the second Thursday of the month, ie 13 September, 11 October, 13 December; the November meeting will take place on the third Thursday, ie 15 November. Beginning in the new year we shall have a regular meeting date on the third Thursday of the month, starting on 13 January. The time will remain 7.30pm. Don't worry, we will send out regular reminders.

The staple of our programme will again be talks on a range of historical topics. We also arrange other events during the year. Membership of the Society is open to all and costs £23 a year for couples, £12.50 for individuals. Anyone is welcome to come to a single lecture for a payment of £3 at the door. We look forward to welcoming old friends and new.

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SPORT

Deddington Town Football Club

What a long hot summer of dreaming it has been. There existed the narrowest window in the bleak brick wall of elite sporting despair – somewhere between watching the Kieran Trippier free-kick whiplash into the Croatian net as if it had been hurled in by some horizontal-axis trebuchet, and the opening minutes of the second-half when it was clear the impetus had been surrendered – when anything and everything seemed possible. After the dizzyingly unexpected progress to a first World Cup semi-final since Italia '90, was it really possible that this unheralded clutch of misfits (in comparison to the 'Golden Generation' only recently passed) could appear in a World Cup final? Could we even comprehend watching England in a World Cup final? England? The penalty bottlers/failed losers/heroic lions failed by one scapegoat and/or referee/overpaid wastrels (delete as applicable), running out in the biggest one-day sporting event in the world, to which they could write their names in history while galvanising the nation and potentially bringing us all together in a spirit of unified brotherhood pretty much unheard of since the Brexit vote? Of course, we could

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not quite climb through the window of opportunity and seize immortality before it closed and sealed itself, but we seized something almost as important: quiet pride in our national football team again. DTFC have taken note and will hopefully give us a similar feeling on a local level this season. Bring it on!

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

Deddington Town FC Youth

The new season starts on 8 and 9 September when we will have eight teams playing in the Witney and District Youth Football League. The under-7s/under-6s have training sessions on Saturday mornings. The under-8 team plays 5-a-side matches, the under-9s and under-10s play 7-a-side matches; and the under-11s and under-12s teams play 9-a-side. At 11-a-side, we have under-13s and under-15s teams. It is a great achievement for a village club to have so many players participating in football every week from under-6s up to the adult and veteran teams.

Find out more about Deddington Town Football Club by visiting our stand at the Windmill Open Day on 16 September and see some demonstration football sessions on the newly improved all weather court.

We are very pleased to be working in partnership with Wykham Park Academy (formerly Banbury Academy), Christopher Rawlins Primary School in Adderbury, Deddington Primary School, Fritwell Primary School, the Steeple Aston Recreation Committee and the Windmill Centre in Deddington which provide the training and match venues for our teams.

Thank you to Glyme Valley Scaffolding who is the new shirt sponsor for the under-8 team this season. We are also delighted that Wren Retirement, which manages Featherton House in Deddington, has become the new shirt sponsor for the under-12 team. Thank you to both.

If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please get in touch. Further information about the club is on our website, www.deddingtontownfc, or visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc

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YOUTH

1st Deddington Guides

We had lots of fun when the Brownies joined us for our sausage sizzle on a lovely evening in June. The Guides led each group, teaching the Brownies about safety round the fire and showing them how to light a fire. The sausages were delicious and we rounded off the evening with toasted marshmallows and games. Thank you to Tim and Bex at the Duke of Cumberland's Head for being so accommodating.

'Ready, Steady, Cook' was a special challenge, cooking a meal on an open fire from the ingredients provided. Everyone did really well with some super meals being served. Thanks to Janet and Brian Bond who also kindly let us go exploring in the woods before our cooking challenge.

Our last cooking challenge was to cook without utensils! We experimented with Camembert, sausages, burgers, chicken and sweetcorn. We used foil to cook in the ashes, not always successfully. We had fun trying and had a lovely evening in beautiful surroundings. Many thanks to Brian Fuller for being our host.

We had an excellent evening at Horley on the adventure course, in the woods and especially trying archery. We were back there in June where we joined another 60-plus Guides for our annual sleeping under the stars evening. Following campfire songs and the inevitable hot chocolate we settled into our sleeping bags and fell asleep under the stars. A beautiful bright morning greeted us, and we joined in all the challenges in the inter-patrol competition and one of our patrols won. Well done. It also meant the Guides gained their Switzerland challenge badge along the way.

It was a huge pleasure to have one evening set aside for the presentation of the Baden-Powell Award to Hannah Coull and Connie Neal by Mrs Glynnis Eastwood in front of family and friends. This is the highest award you can gain as a Guide and for the girls it was a fine achievement. They had to plan and organise various activities, take part in a variety of events and run sessions during the meetings across a wide range of topics. Congratulations Connie and Hannah.

Our last meeting of the term was stream walking at Barford, always guaranteed to provide squeals and laughter and everyone soaked from top to toe. We had the added bonus of hand-feeding alpacas. Finally, we were off to camp at our favourite site at North Aston, thanks to our hosts Clive and Trudi Busby at Dane Hill Farm. The weather was glorious and we had fun and games exploring, stream walking, rambling and a dawn adventure – up at 4.00am to watch the sunrise. We had a brilliant time, all meals cooked on an open fire – with many international dishes too, and of course our speciality chocolate steamed pudding. The end of an amazing summer.

We have a new Guide Programme for the upcoming term. Exciting times ahead.

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