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the Deddington news

Happy 40th, *Deddington News*! Not bad in the 21st century for an old-fashioned print publication.

It has only reached this milestone thanks to the contributors, without whom there would be no readers, without whom there would be no advertisers, without whom we could not cover publication costs (or make donations to parish causes) and, of course, the 60 plus team of volunteers who deliver each issue, rain or shine.

So here's to the next 40 years.

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WHAT'S ON September

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| Sat | 3 | Parish Show: Exhibits to church 9.00–10.30am, open to public 2.00pm |
| Sun | 4 | Youth Dance Company: recommences, Windmill, 10.00am, Juniors 11.30am |
| Mon | 5 | Rhymetime: recommences, Deddington Library, 2.30pm |
| Wed | 7 | Photographic Society: Andreas Klatt, 'Rajasthan and Sri Lanka', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 10 | Adult Reading Challenge ends |
| Sat | 10 | Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust: Ride and Stride, 10.00am–6.00pm |
| Sat | 10 | Deddington Royal British Legion: Bingo, 8.00pm |
| Sat | 10 | Concert: Neil Colledge, piano, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Tue | 13 | WI: Liz Woolley on 'Beer, Sausages and Marmalade', Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 14 | History Society: Barrie Trinder, 'Industry in Banbury, 1700–1960: An Overview', Windmill, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 14 | 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade meetings start |
| Sat | 17 | Children's Summer Reading Challenge ends |
| Wed | 21 | Photographic Society: Workshop on 'High Speed Photography', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 24 | Farmers' Market, Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm |
| Sat | 24 | PTA: Kids' Mud Run, Eynsham Hall, 2.00–4.00pm |
| Sat | 24 | Concert: Neil Colledge, piano, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Mon | 26 | Weekday flu clinics start: Deddington Health Centre |
| Thu | 29 | Book Club: Contact Sally Lambert, 338094, for details |
| Fri | 30 | DOGS: Final meeting of season, Blackwell Golf Club, |

October

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| Sat | 1 | PTA and Friends of Deddington Church: Harvest Ceilidh, Parish Church, 6.00pm |
| Thu | 6 | PTA: Bags to School, drop off unwanted clothes for charity |
| Sun | 16 | Auditions for <i>Aladdin</i> , Windmill Centre, time tbc |

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CATS – VIEWS FROM STAGE AND AUDITORIUM



There was a clutter of cats meandering up the Hempton Road to the Windmill Centre: it could only be Deddington Primary School's ambitious production of the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical. They were on their way to perform a Friday matinée, much to the amusement of passing drivers. The cast performed five times in three days, including a dress rehearsal, showing the most outstanding commitment and maturity for an ensemble ranging in age from five to eleven.

There are many people to thank, in particular the production team, including many staff members and parents backstage, but especially Alicia Rumsby and Seb our outstanding directors; we couldn't do it without them.

Finally, a big thank you must go to the audiences who made all the hard work worthwhile and gave the children standing ovations each night. We were overwhelmed by the donations for the Performing Arts Fund that enables us to enhance our productions with top class equipment such as staging and lighting, as well as paying for license fees. The search is now on for the next amazing show.

From the stage:

An illuminated moon and stars glistening over a rubbish tip, including a spooky doll's golden head, worn-out boots and broken wheels, was the first impression when entering the venue. Within minutes of taking their seats, dramatic music started as the audience was submerged into darkness, followed by smoke filling the air with a smoky haze ... the scene was set. The cats slowly crept onto the stage and began singing. The make-up was amazing, the costumes were brilliant, the singing beautiful, the dancing fantastic and the set creepy. All this added up to make you feel as if you were watching real cats.

Everybody was just purrfect so nobody could be singled out. It was just so marvellous that so many people participated in this annual phenomenon and once again stunned audiences (we have quite a reputation now). The timeless songs, the breath-taking dancing and faultless acting have made this year's show the best Deddington performance yet.

From the auditorium:

As a member of the audience on the last night of the production, and having no family bias, I was asked to give my impressions of this year's show.

Take one primary school, 120 children, one stage, the enthusiastic cooperation of teachers, support staff, parents for the costumes, make-up and chaperoning while participants were not on stage, inspired direction by Alicia and Heather Rumsby and you had – *Cats*.

Those who attended saw a very polished performance with all the participants maintaining their feline movements throughout their appearances. The quality of the technical provision of lights and sound in the Windmill and the simple, dramatic stage setting supported the players beautifully and enhanced the experience for those watching. (Raked seating would also help.)

My only reservation was a slight imbalance between the music and some of the children's voices making it difficult to hear all of the words. The choreography, including set piece dance routines, acrobatics and stilt walking, was simple but effective given the constraints of space, with cats appearing and exiting to maintain a smooth flow of action. Throughout, the children were the stars, obviously enjoying the show.

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FROM THE FIRE STATION

June brought thirty-five call-outs which, to my knowledge, is a record for Deddington, and July brought 31. Granted there was an unusually high number of standbys. A standby is when crews in larger towns and cities are called out and need coverage from elsewhere. There was a call onto the M40 at junction 12 where someone had entered the slip road to join the motorway in the wrong direction, causing a collision of five cars and a lorry. There was only one casualty who was taken to hospital by ambulance and we wish him a speedy recovery. This is not the first such incident here and we hope that the layout is changed as part of the improvements that are being carried out there.

The Deddington crew was sent to Bloxham where heavy rain started flooding houses in Greens Garth. A pump was set to pump out the close into the centre of a nearby field. There was also a fire in a flat above the Co-op in Bloxham which was quickly dealt with and no-one hurt. We rescued someone from a lift in Banbury. We do this by turning off the power, hand winching them to floor level and opening the lift doors with a key. We have attended several industrial fires that all turned out to be minor incidents. Someone in Banbury decided to cook themselves a pizza, putting it in the oven and then going out for the day. Luckily they had left a window open so we did not have to force an entry. In another incident, a van left the motorway and completely snapped a pylon carrying high voltage

cables. Thankfully the three people in the van were rescued and walked away with no injuries but it is worth reminding people that if they are involved in an accident of this type they should stay in their vehicle as this is the safest place to wait for rescue.

This month saw us doing a water training exercise at the Old Mill at Barford St John where the crew had to bridge the canal with our 13.5 metre ladder and use the light portable pump to get jets working using water from the canal. A very big thank you to Mark Lovell at Manor Farm who allowed us to use his land. There were breathing apparatus drills at the Horton Hospital in a large unused building with a very complicated layout which is perfect for training.

Congratulations to Fire Fighter Tom Hall who has just passed his breathing apparatus team leader's training. This means he can now lead his own team into burning buildings. He also passed his HGV driving so now can drive the fire engine, but only back from incidents. He will have to do his emergency response driving before he can drive on blue lights. Congratulations to Fire Fighter Nicky Istead who has passed the HGV theory test.

The fête season is upon us and we have attended the Deddington school fête and the Bloxham steam rally.

Please check your smoke alarms every week.

Tim Parker Crew Manager



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FAST FORWARD TO ... 2012

'Looking for a new co-editor' they said. 'Three or four issues a year and some proofing of the other three or four,' they said. 'Should be easier than Medical Research Council research unit reports, technical paper-manufacturing presentations or Pennsylvania state government papers', I thought. 'Could do this by email when I am in the US', I thought, at that point resident on both sides of the Atlantic.

So I showed up at Quinque House one spring afternoon to be grilled by Mary Robinson and Jilll Cheeseman. My editing history seemed to pass muster, the distance-editing idea gained only an 'hmmm', my computer skills, mostly Word, were touched on very lightly apart from my needing to learn a publishing program called InDesign, and I left with, 'Thanks. We'll be in touch'. Indeed they were a few days later, possibly because I was the only foolhardy applicant.

They were right that distance editing was not realistic and my premonitions were right about the new software. Mary was a professional editor and in her early life Jill had done a lot of secretarial work. I, on the other hand, had resisted learning to type, entered the workforce in the days of the invaluable secretary, and, when she disappeared, inherited a succession of geeks from the IT department. As to easier editing, 'Hm'.

My struggle with InDesign has seemed epic to me and probably to Jill, who has coaxed me through this highly sophisticated professional program to the point of approximately adequate functionality, though she is still called on occasionally to sort out my inadvert-



ent demolition of crucial screens. My long-suffering husband has, willy-nilly, become the in-house IT guru, not least spending a literal week re-installing the program on my replacement computer and occasionally solving Deddington crises via Bluetooth while driving along US interstate highways. Whilst agreeing

with each other that I am not safe to be left unattended in control of a computer, they are gamely hanging in.

Utter frustration with hardware, software and internet signals notwithstanding, overall editing the *DN* has been a great experience. My previous editing life involved a single writer's voice. Each month in the *DN* there are usually more than 40, varying from the formal to the highly colloquial, the quixotic to a veritable Virginia Woolf stream of consciousness. You know pretty much everything there is to know about what is going on in the village, sometimes needing to remember what it is you don't yet 'know'. You also know who is who, or at least, who is involved in what, even though you would not be able to name them if you were queuing behind them in the Co-op. You resist creeping mental decay, playing three-dimensional chess every other month, by stuffing an uncontrolled quantity of copy and adverts into 18 unrelenting pages. And you are the gleeful possessor of a huge virtual bag of confiscated exclamation marks!

So here's to the continued vibrancy of the Deddington community whose wide range of interests, activities and knowledge provides the grist for our mill and our *raison d'être*.

Catherine Desmond

CHURCH BELL ROPES APPEAL

Earlier this year the church Bell Ringers started an appeal to raise funds to replace the ageing bell ropes which are now very worn. Funding for new ropes is independent of church finances. The cost of replacement is somewhere in the region of £1,600. To date we have received generous donations from individuals totalling £698.

On farmers' market day in June we held a Tower Open Morning which attracted 90 visitors and raised a further £165 in the donations bucket. On the same day one of our ringers organised a bric-a-brac stall in the church which yielded a further £221 and £106 was raised the following week at a car boot sale. This gives us a running total so far of £1,190. Our fundraising continues and we hope to reach our target in the near future.

The Bell Ringers would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generous support which will enable the bells to continue to 'ring out' and be appreciated by everyone for many years to come.

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MUSICAL NOTES

On Saturday 10 September and Saturday 24 South-African born pianist Neil Hilgrove Colledge will perform two piano recitals to begin the autumn series of concerts in Deddington church.

The first recital will include lyric pieces by the Norwegian composer, Edvard Grieg. These will include some of his most celebrated compositions for the piano: *Papillons*, *To the Spring*, *Dance of the Trolls*, *Nocturne* and *Wedding Day at Trolldhaugen*.

The second concert features a group of keyboard sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti, the English Sonata by Joseph Haydn and pieces from *The Years of Pilgrimage* by Franz Liszt. The pieces will be given a brief introduction. Each recital has two intervals, when soft drinks and refreshments will be served. Neil has been performing in Oxfordshire and the Cotswolds for thirty years. He established Carousel Music in 1992, dedicated to providing music for senior citizens until 2012. Both concerts begin at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 available at the door.

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

September

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Mon–Fri:	8.45am	Morning Prayer
Wed:	10.00am	Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on Wed 28)
Thu:	2.00pm	Squeals & Wheels parent and toddler group
Sun 4	9.30am	Little Saints (an informal service for babies, toddlers, young children and parents)
	10.30am	Café Church (an informal gathering, preceded by breakfast at 10.00am with a talk, craft activities for the children and singing)
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Sun 11	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 18	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 25	10.30am	Holy Communion (informal said service)

Barford St Michael

Sun 4	10.30am	Family Service
Sun 11	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 18	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 25	9.00am	Holy Communion

St John's, Hempton

Sun 4	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 18	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun 25	6.00pm	Evening Prayer

From the Parish Register

Wedding

6 August Laura Cox and Mark East

Baptisms

3 July	Constance Neal
24 July	Lillian Baldwin
31 July	Theodore Cordwell
21 August	Olivia Webber
	Harry Tong

Funeral

18 July Eileen (Joan) Fowler

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

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton
25 September Julie Hutchins

Pastor Isabel Walton 01869 337157

RC Parish of Hethe

Fr Paul Lester 01869 277630

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe, is said at 9.30am every weekday except Thursday. There are two Masses on Saturday, at 9.30am in the Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Latin Extraordinary Rite. There are two Masses on Sunday, at 10.00am in the Ordinary Rite and at noon in the Extraordinary Rite. Mass is said at 9.00am on Sunday at SS Peter and Paul's Anglican church in King's Sutton. The Vigil Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport. Confessions are heard at Hethe during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday between 5.00–6.00pm.

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

Extra Time

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

September highlights:

- Results of Parish Show (after 3.9.)
- New buses – Our Bus Bartons and Comet
- Results of DOGS Golf Day at Feldon

- What's new in DOL History:
 - Primary School Records from 1854
 - Remembering Norman Sykes
 - Major-General Tom Churchill's WWII Diary
 - Machine gun loophole in Castle St.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Some Like It Small

One indisputable finding of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire is the need for smaller homes suitable for older parishioners looking to downsize and for young people looking for somewhere they can afford to buy. Notoriously, big construction companies do not favour these more modest homes – there's less profit in them. The various plans put forward for the School Field, for example, have included very few two- and three-bedroom houses for sale on the open market.

This is where smaller companies see their opportunity, suggesting schemes more tailored to the housing needs revealed in the questionnaire. Recently members of the parish council and the Neighbourhood Plan steering group have met representatives of two such companies: Blue Cedar Homes and Village Foundations.

Simon Tofts of Blue Cedar made clear that his company had no particular sites in Deddington parish in mind; they were simply testing the water. His company has several developments across the south-west and specialises in fairly luxurious houses, occasionally bungalows, for the over-55s. Mostly they build 10–12 houses on a plot of about an acre, scaled up if they are required to provide affordable housing as they would be in Deddington. The houses are often grouped round a communal lawn with a summerhouse and are built to Lifetime Standards, which means they can accommodate people if they become less mobile as the years go by – wheelchair-friendly doorways, downstairs dining-room and shower which can be converted to an en suite bedroom. The fittings are pretty upmarket, and with a visiting site manager taking out the bins and possibly gates at the entrance, you could expect a purchase price to match and a fairly steep annual charge. On the other hand, if you're trading in a four- or five-bedroom family home, cost may not be an issue.

Village Foundations is a smaller outfit which designs developments and negotiates with landowners, rather than actually building houses themselves. They concentrate on developments in rural areas, catering for the older generation downsizing and younger people starting out. Their man, Jonathan Harbottle, kicked off by showing us a sketch of a scheme for Marsh Gibbon, a smallish village in Aylesbury Vale. This consisted of nine dwellings on one site, four maisonettes in a large country house style building, and a terrace which he likened to almshouses in what looked like a built-from-scratch elongated barn conversion with most of the accommodation downstairs but with an extra bedroom upstairs. All very pretty, but what they had in mind for Deddington was on a larger scale.

Unlike Blue Cedar, Village Foundations has had tentative discussions with a local landowner, focusing on a couple of relatively small sites which Harbottle thought might together accommodate up to 80 dwellings. That looked like a stretch.

What distinguishes local landowners from a large

conglomerate such as David Wilson Homes (part of Barratt Developments and the new owners of the School Field site) is that, knowing the need for more sports fields, they sometimes offer an extra piece of land for recreation as a gift.

So far the Neighbourhood Plan steering group has resolved to lay down criteria to guide future planning decisions, rather than state preferences for individual sites. It will be interesting to see if the locally-attuned elements offered by small companies and local landowners will make the difference when – and if – planning applications are finally submitted. That becomes more problematic when you consider the shenanigans on the School Field site, where Cherwell District Council has rejected David Wilson's most recent application for 99 houses. Whether David Wilson Homes will appeal against that decision or settle for the earlier approved plan for 85 houses or go back to the drawing board is unknown at press time.

Still, if you were one of the 55 who stated in the questionnaire that you were looking to downsize (not to mention the 183 who thought they might in the future) or the 53 who said they were hoping for a starter home, maybe, just maybe, some of you, at least, will find something to suit you before too long.

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Deddington Health Centre

2016 Flu Clinics

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1st, 8th and 15th October and 12th November

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- Anyone 65 years old and over on 31st March 2017
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- Anyone who has an organ transplant, or is on immunosuppression drugs or on chemotherapy
- Anyone who has had a stroke • Carers
- Nursing home residents • Pregnant women

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FIRST YOUR FAULT, NOW OURS

It seems not a fortnight passes that I do not read another overwrought article in the British press about guns in America. If their argument was simply that, today, gun violence is a serious threat to political and social stability in the US, I might agree. However, all too often these articles go on to imply this is due to a peculiar gun-loving flaw in the American character. This is a state of mind possibly brought on by watching too many old cowboy movies.

For the record, the number of gun-owning households in America has been steadily declining for many years. However, the total number of guns has increased and that poses a problem for reasons that may not at first be obvious – namely that firearms are very long-lived implements. Even my American Revolutionary War flintlock could fire if needs be and the several more modern guns I left behind in my American home, though all more than 50 years old, would remain lethal in the wrong hands 50 years hence. Given the vast number of guns and the grey market potential for resale, even a total ban would not stop guns falling into the wrong hands.

The philosopher, Wittgenstein, argued that context is the key to understanding, so let's begin by blaming the British. It starts with the founding of a Virginia colony in 1607. Some of my British ancestors arrived there as early as 1610 so I have, as we Americans would say, 'a dog in this fight'. Charles II liked us so much that he granted Virginia dominion status, equal to that of Scotland and Wales. So there we were, loyal subjects all, living with our guns for over a century and a half when another one of your sovereigns, George III, overplayed his hand a bit by taxing us to pay for the Seven Years War and the maintenance of a standing army in our midst -- which he then quartered in our homes without so much as a by-your-leave. As we all now know, that didn't sit too well with us and in the process guns, which heretofore had been simple everyday tools, morphed into a symbol for nationhood:

By the rude bridge that arched the flood
Their flags to April's Breeze unfurled
There once embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard round the world.

Emerson

As to some of those embattled farmers, we can blame another British institution for its excesses, when the Church of England decided to impose Tithe Laws upon the Ulster Scots. You see, whereas my Desmond Irish Catholic forbears were not allowed to own guns, my Scots-Irish Presbyterian kin were and knew jolly well how to use them. By the middle of the 18th century they were fleeing the aforementioned religious oppression by immigrating to America in the thousands. Perhaps you can see where this is going, because Ulster Scots comprised a goodly portion of

George Washington's Continental Army and frankly, without them, we'd still be playing cricket. Britannia, is even the slightest vapour of historic regret wafting your way?

After Amerexit in 1783 our Congress wanted to ensure that we would be able to repel any further incursion on our liberties but knew that to tax our newly emancipated citizens for a standing army would find those same politicians hanging from the nearest tree. Their solution was the Militia Act of 1792 which mandated gun ownership and service in the militia for all men aged 18–45. This is the foundation of our British inspired gun obsession and it remained a legal statute until 1903 although by then we had a standing army. Even so, the tradition of righteous and necessary gun ownership was firmly embedded in the American psyche. That psyche manifested itself a few decades later in a private citizen initiative called the 'American Committee for the Defense of British Homes'. It was one thing for Churchill to say in 1940 that you would fight them on the beaches, but that was before your armaments industry was fit for purpose and the prospect of Weiner Schnitzel for dinner was real. So if you were going to fight, one might then ask 'with what'? Notwithstanding you lot having led us down the path to gun perdition, our committee rounded up thousands of firearms from American donors and sent them to England. Not that it turned the tide of war but, as they say, it's the thought that counts. Brits and their views on guns were different then, as were ours. We had them in our homes but did not use them to shoot up public places. Nor did we look upon them as a threat to ourselves or law-abiding others.

Of course, then is not now and we are not as we were. If I had to pick a time in history when the last bastion of responsible gun ownership fell in America, it was on 30 March 1989 when William Ruger, president of a prominent gun works bearing his name, sent a letter to every member of Congress recommending a ban on high capacity gun magazines. These, plus the proliferation of military grade weapons in civilian hands are what have enabled terrorists and other criminals to commit such horrific gun crimes. Predictably, Congress did not listen, not because Mr Ruger's idea was unsound but because we have been unable to decouple money and special interest influence from politics. Until we do, the agenda of the international gun lobby will prevail in Washington even though it does not represent my interests or those of most other gun owners. I can only hope that we find a better way to deal with present day gun problems but we cannot do so without at least some understanding of how we got there.

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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

Only 10 More Years for the DN to Get It Right!

'A farmer has 50 harvests to get it right'. This is a quote from a book written more than 10 years ago by a well-known Wiltshire farmer and agricultural commentator, so that doesn't give me many more chances at Home Farm and 2016 will not be the year, although I have helped gather well over fifty harvests. I was just 14, the same age as my grandson Ben who is this year driving the grain cart (just how many gate posts will need replacing after he has gone back to school is anyone's guess) when I took the wheel of the combine, a small (by today's standards) 8ft 6in cut Massey Harris 726 bagger. It had been a late wet harvest and there were a few acres of oats left to cut at the end of October. Father was in the north of England at the sheep sales, there was a break in the weather and the farm foreman and I decided to go for it. Just as we finished it started to snow, the start of a very long cold winter – the following spring we were digging some of the sheep that came down from the northern sales out of snow drifts.

Over the years I have driven many different makes of combine, Massey Harris, Massey Ferguson, Allis Chalmers, Fahr, Ransome and John Deere. The Massey Harris was the only bagger and it took a minimum of five men to carry the harvest, two on the combine and three on the 'sack cart'. The hundredweight (50kg) hessian sacks were dropped in rows across the field to be collected and taken back to the granary and stacked three high, or, if the grain was damp, set out on the barn floor with the tops rolled back with a dry wooden stick pushed in to wick out the moisture. Hard physical work for man and boy but that was how things were done. Most of the grain was fed to the livestock and all the straw was baled, being hand-pitched onto trailers with two-tined pitchforks and taken to the rickyard for winter bedding. Sadly, today the granary, the pig pens, the cow house and cattle yards are all gone, only the stone barns and the stables where I kept my two hunters are left, but they have been converted and now house two-legged livestock, with the old rickyard turned into a landscaped garden. From the outside the old farmhouse looks very much as it did in my boyhood although I have not been inside since the For Sale notice went up. Perhaps I should, but then again perhaps not ... too many memories of the men and the farm animals and horses that I grew up with.

Things move on. Today the harvest at Home Farm can be done by two men, with most of the physical work being done by mechanical and hydraulic power. Today's machines are a very far cry from that little Massey Harris which you drove by ear and when the note or 'voice' changed it was time to get off and investi-



Clay shooting 1983

gate. Today's combines are arrayed with all manner of electronic gizmos, giving a constant readout of what's going on, even down to a constant read-out of the crop yield, although perhaps this is one harvest, when that particular gadget is best switched off. But old habits die hard and I still drive the Green Goddess by her voice and feel. In hot dusty harvest conditions fire was and still is a very real risk and sadly I lost a John Deere 1085 to just such an event and had a very near go with her replacement. After losing the 1085 we keep a 'fire engine' on standby, which consists of a large trailer-mounted water bowser and a high pressure water pump which can be deployed in a few

minutes. On one occasion I put out a call on the CB radio to 'Otter' (Chris) of 'fire, fire, fire'. We had been working all day with a tail wind, dust and chaff had built up around the engine and had begun to smoulder, the 'fire engine' arrived at such speed I don't think the trailer wheels had touched the ground. The first jet of water hit me in the rear end. After a few 'quiet words', I was informed that in the excitement I had stuffed my pipe into the back pocket of my jeans and I was on fire. The engine was washed off and apart from singed paintwork no damage was done. Of course, the Green Goddess is fitted with three fire extinguishers.

That was a look at harvests past but with Brexit what of harvests future? As a family-run tenanted farm, we now face a game changer, which may well result in the old girl and her driver being relegated to the scrap heap. Ho hum, but that's what the country voted for.

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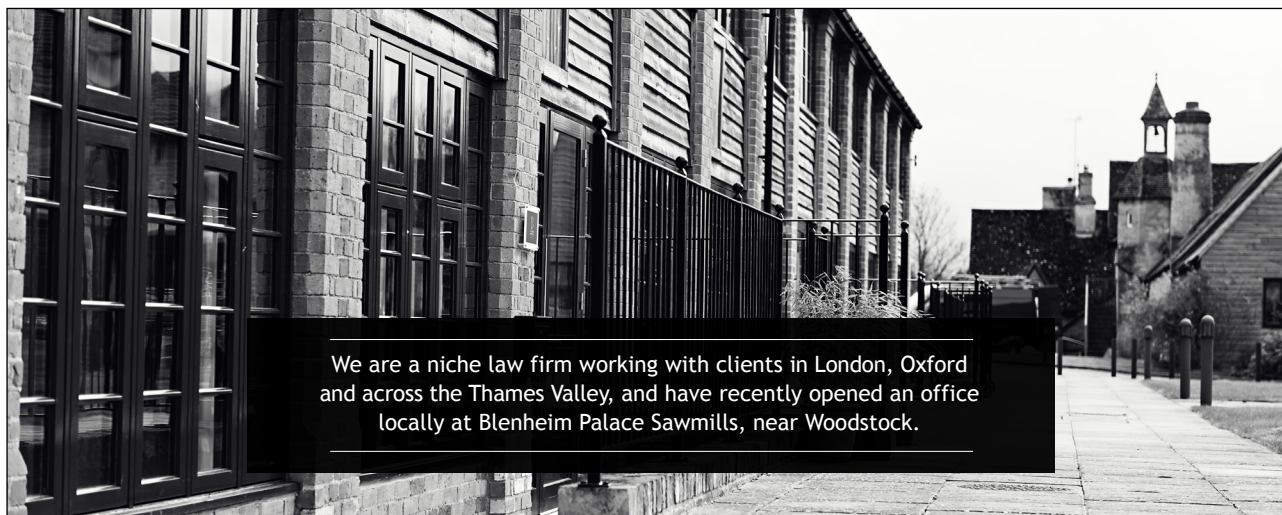
Trades and Places

We've noticed that, in addition to patronymics, many surnames are the names for occupations and trades, and many others are the names of locations. Not surprisingly, they're derived from different languages. The Anglo-Saxon and Celtic inhabitants of Britain were intruded upon by others – chiefly Scandinavians (speakers of Old Danish and Norwegian) and Norman French (also of Scandinavian origin, but speakers of Norman French). Of course the Anglo-Saxons themselves had been intruders, from northern Europe. Smith and Wright are amongst the commonest trade-names based on Anglo-Saxon, and they give rise to compounds like Shearsmith, Arrowsmith, Cartwright, Arkwright. The Normans also practised these trades, so the Anglo-Saxon 'Wright' is roughly equivalent to the Norman French 'Carpenter', and 'Arrowsmith' is 'Fletcher', a maker of arrows. 'Smith' itself is equivalent to 'Faber', which although Latin in form, was probably introduced through French. You must admit that the upmarket publisher's name, 'Faber and Faber', sounds a lot posher than 'Smith and Smith'.

Now let's look at place-names. Many of the ordinary names of geographical features, such as 'hill', 'hurst' (wooded slope), 'wood' are English, some like 'river' are French, but many, such as 'dale', 'thwaite' (a clearing), 'beck' (stream) are Scandinavian. Thus, the place-name 'Beckwith' is entirely Norse, equivalent

to English 'Brookwood', as is the surname 'Asquith' (actually ask-with, 'ash-wood', and also a place-name). And while we're mentioning politicians, 'Gaitskell' is also Norse, probably meaning 'goat's well'. Apart from patronymics ending in -son, like 'Anderson', many of which must have originally been Scandinavian, Norse surnames are mainly based on place-names, and Norse place-names are extremely numerous. This is not surprising, as the Danes ran much of England for almost two centuries: the area north and east of Watling Street, the Roman road corresponding roughly to the modern A5, formed the 'Danelaw', including 'the five boroughs of the Danelaw': Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln, Stamford and Peterborough. York, farther north, was mainly Norwegian. In part of the eleventh century England was ruled by Danish kings, including the famous Cnut (Canute). Because of the overwhelming importance of the Normans, the Scandinavian influence on English language and history is often understated, but in some areas, such as the Yorkshire Dales, Norse place-names, probably Norwegian, are around 80%. Scandinavians had settled in England in large numbers, become Christian and learnt Old English: the idea that they were merely coastal marauders raping and pillaging is romanticised nonsense. So, the language was deeply influenced by them and many of us have partly Scandinavian ancestry.

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

I have to report a startling fact, they can't measure properly in the US. It all came about because we got sacked by our doctor, or as they call them here, our Primary Care Physician. Actually, we weren't so much sacked as priced out of the market. On top of the \$2,500 per month I already pay for health insurance, my doc suddenly decided he wasn't making enough money and wanted another \$1,200 a year to look after me. All very bizarre. US healthcare is so incredibly messed up, it is very hard to believe. The care you get is generally great but the cost is enormous and the companies in the sector spend huge amounts of money buying public opinion.

In total, Healthcare amounts to an astounding 17.5% of the US economy, in the UK it is 9%, France and Germany around 11%. Yet the average US male lives nearly three years less which reflects a very divided country, with hugely disparate health provision. The population needs to play more sport rather than sit on the sofa watching it.

However, the Olympics were hard to watch on our TV here in Colorado. There were three or four NBC channels covering it but some of the commentaries were appalling and it was all very focused on US success. Bolt's triumphs in the 100 and 200 metres were not even shown live.

Perhaps this reflects the emphasis right now amongst many US citizens on being the best; as Trump says, 'making America great again'. In many ways this is a nation struggling to come to terms with whether it wants to be the world's biggest and best or to accept that it can't make everything turn out the way it wants.

The Trump campaign has veered way off track, even my neighbours are giving up on him, and the bizarre nature of the primary process means his party doesn't agree with him either. He exercises very little self-control, loves ad-libs, and enjoys throwing out outrageous points of view. Some of his policy stances are absurd, such as destroying ISIS and promising steelworkers their jobs back. And then he gets into an argument with the family of a US Moslem soldier killed in action, turning even more of the middle classes against him.

His appeal is as an outsider, particularly to the vast uneducated white population that I never ever meet. But bearing in mind how much money is spent buying political power and influencing opinion, there is something significant in his independent stance. The man is still in the race, and since Clinton has so many skeletons in her cupboard, President Trump is still a remote, but frightening possibility.

Some of you will be aware that my long-suffering wife once ran an exercise business in Deddington and when she measured me as part of my induction she told me I was 5ft 11ins. Of course, I made her send the expensive measuring implement back. I have always been six feet. I guess the good news is my new US

doctor thinks I am half a inch taller than that. He didn't seem to think that sending back his tape measure was an option. Americans, you have to love them.

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

It's all rubbish this month. Firstly, as advertised in July, many of our parish took part in Ron Colley's excellent Action AT Big 60 Sportive cycle ride when people rolled down the hill to Clifton, then on to Aynho, Souldern, Bicester and off to Thame and a drink supplied by Hamish Stoddard before riding home. Stan Nelson started the day with a solid pumping performance that put many to shame and brought him home further up the order than many would have thought possible.

This was a heartening collection of serious cyclists, enthusiastic amateurs, people who don't cycle but thought 'how hard can it be' and some people who thought they could but clearly couldn't after Councillor Collins missed a route sign and made his own sweet way to Thame – rubbish signs he says – rubbish navigation says everyone else. You can be the judge of this next time you drive south out of Aynho. Look for the yellow arrow on the Fox sign at Souldern. Another bit of rubbish from Collins was his collision with a Ford Focus with still 15 miles to go that bent his bike so out of shape he couldn't continue. This is the same 35-year old bike he did London-Brighton on six days earlier and the effort clearly had an effect on the old man. More rubbish riding.

It was, however, a truly magnificent event raising money for Cancer Research and finding a cure for AT (ataxia telangiectasia), a rare, genetic degenerative disease of childhood, which affects multiple systems of the human body. Well done Ron Colley and all who took part and finished. Next time these people ride through Clifton they may be glad to hear the current redundant phone box will soon be housing a defibrillator, one of four being deployed in the parish. More on this to follow. And lastly a warning to the keen gardener who thought it OK to put grass cuttings in Deddington Parish Council's waste bin, kept by the old bus stop. Well it isn't OK at all and may well lead to the bin being removed, so please no more. This may not be rubbish but that is the problem. This bin is the only place rubbish should be – not grass cuttings.

Lastly we have new neighbours who have resisted my call for some brief details to pad out this rubbish but Terri, Tony, son Jon Tomassi and dog Max have joined us here and we wish them all the best and say a big hello. Tony is a keen cyclist and is looking forward to joining the Clifton pedal pushers, now without Collins. Vince and Norma incarnate in many ways.

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LETTERS

FROM JACKIE ADKINS, WINDMILL STREET, DEDDINGTON

My dad is buried in the Hempton Road cemetery and has been since 1982.

A few years ago we planted some miniature daffodils on the grave and of course they multiplied. This year they looked particularly good. Friends who saw them even commented on them. A couple of weeks ago we went up to clean the headstone and put flowers on it and we couldn't believe our eyes. Where the daffs should have been, someone had dug a big hole and stolen them. It had obviously been dug with a spade or similar.

There's a sign on the gate saying, 'You are being watched'. Was anyone watching that day? I don't think so. I just despair as to how people can behave. Stealing from a grave, they can't get much lower. It really was very upsetting. We hope to plant some more in the autumn. Let's hope they don't go the same way.

FROM ANNE AND KEVIN ADKINS, HEMPTON

We live in Hempton and have three pet sheep, Barbie, Bessie and Blodwyn. Our usual shearer could not come this year as he has just had a hernia operation – fancy having that done during shearing time (get well soon Rex). We were wracking our brains thinking who we could ask to shear them, then through the door came the *Deddington News* and the answer



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was obvious – George Fenemore. I spoke to him and he said he would ask his son, Chris, to give me a ring. Chris arrived one Sunday morning with his son, Ben, and the shearing was soon done, a great relief to us and we're sure an even greater relief for the sheep. Farmer, fireman, sheepshearer, and goodness knows what other talents Chris has. A big thank you to George, Chris and Ben

for making three sheep and their owners very happy.

FROM ROBERT FRANKLIN AND CLARE TAYLOR, CLIFTON MILL

On the river in Clifton, we have a veg patch measuring roughly 20x70 feet. 'Veg patch' is used in a hopeful sense of the term, as we don't have the time to work it. The patch runs alongside the river, has been raised enough not to flood, is in the process of being de-weeded and well-manured, further levelled with topsoil and is currently under weed-suppressing polythene sheets. It would be great to find someone who would love to help develop and work this patch organically, in return for sharing a little of the crops with us. We will provide manure, somewhere to keep tools, materials for building pathways and beds – a sort of co-operative if you like. Anyone interested should email us on the_chicken_whisperer@hotmail.co.uk with a brief bio, including experience in veg and allotment gardening if possible.

DEDDINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are all ready to start a new school year, welcoming our new pupils in F1, beginning their first year of school life. We also say hello to Miss Fagg, our new Year 1 teacher and Mrs Burrell as a teaching assistant in Year 4 while saying a big thank you to Mrs Rowe who has left us to take up a new job in Banbury. Good luck from us all.

New beginnings are always exciting and we look forward to challenges over the coming months. We will be working hard to put our Christian values into action in all that we do. Our revamped website, www.deddingtonprimaryschool.co.uk, will soon reveal more about what we are up to during term 1.

Rolling back to July, we held an Arts Day based around the BBC's 'Ten Pieces', using classical music to inspire creativity. There was music, drama, poetry and art for an audience of parents. It was exciting to see such a diversity of talent in all its different forms. On a sunny morning 120 Year 1 children hosted the partnership schools with great friendliness to compete in a multi-skills competition. Of course we are always busy in summer with our whole-school production but this year *Cats* was outstanding. We are looking to expand our premises to include a performing arts space.

Finally our school is always grateful to the community that supports us in so many ways; our parents, the governors, the church, the Warriner School, the library, the farmers' market and all the clubs in school and the parish just to mention a few. So thank you.

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

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

5th September – Our Annual Flower Show took place.

10th September – I started for Sandgate, Kent, by the mid-day train, left Sandgate for Brighton on the 14th to stay until the 21st.

24th September – The Vicar called and told me that they had got a School master and mistress, a man and his wife, above 50 years of age, for £50 per annum and the pence. I called at Whetton's, who is to succeed Calcutt in the Post Office here, a very proper person, I had recommended him to Sir H. Dashwood.

28th September – I attended a Magistrates' Meeting at the Town Hall to receive Jury Lists, etc.

Buffy Heywood

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Our author event with Linda Newbery and Joanna Rossiter was a lively and informative evening. Jointly they created a novel and beautifully integrated presentation, especially notable as they'd only met for the first time over coffee that same afternoon. Thanks to all those who supported this enjoyable event which raised some much needed funds.

Many children have been enjoying the Summer Reading Challenge, 'The Big Friendly Read', based around a Roald Dahl-based theme. We had a well attended 'Big Friendly Read' Storytime in August, which included the children making their own BFG dream catchers. The six book challenge ends on 17 September so get your books finished to collect your medals and certificates. 'A Midsummer Night's Read', the adult reading challenge, has also been very well received. Please submit your entries by Saturday 10 September to be in with a chance of winning one of many great prizes.

Rhymetime for under 5s starts again on Monday 5 September at 2.30pm. We now have enough volunteers to run this event every week so do come along. As you will see, our Bookworms are going from strength to strength and are now providing their own book review in the Clubs section. We still have a couple of spaces available.

Sadly September sees the end of the Mobile Library service. However, a new Home Library Service has

been set up for people in rural communities and those unable to get to a branch library. We have a band of volunteers who are DBS checked, trained, ready and willing to deliver books to the housebound, elderly and even those temporarily indisposed through accident or illness. Please contact the library for more information or if you know of anyone in the area who would benefit from this service.

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WINDMILL REFURBISHMENT

We have made good progress. All the doors and windows on the south, east, and north sides have been replaced and the double-glazed windows will help improve our energy usage. Much of the ageing guttering has been replaced and all the external woodwork repainted. All the internal areas have been redecorated and the flooring in the entrance and committee room replaced with Karndean flooring which is easier to keep clean and hard wearing. The ageing radiators in the toilets have been replaced and we will power steam the floors at the beginning of September. A new energy efficient boiler was installed last December, along with new radiators in the upstairs and committee rooms.

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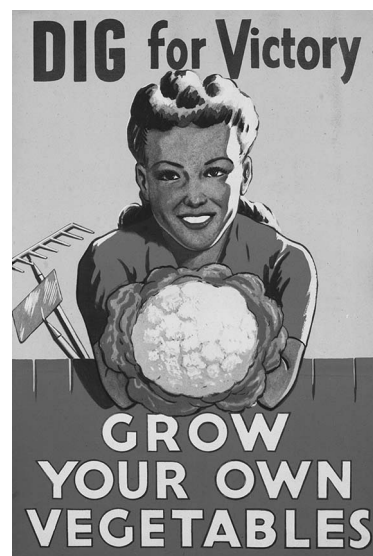
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Deddington Bookworms

A Street Cat Named Bob by James Bowen describes the relationship between a homeless young man dependent on drugs and a cat he befriends. Together they form a bond which helps the young man turn his life around, aided by the Big Issue and drug rehabilitation programmes. The group felt the book was repetitious and poorly edited. Whilst it was easy to read, it failed to captivate the reader but did offer a unique insight into the workings of the Big Issue and the interaction of its sellers. It also explained the methods of coming off hard drugs and the use of methadone. The group scored the book five-and-a-half out of ten and would be unlikely to read the sequels – it wasn't as good as the hype.

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Deddington Players

Planning has already started on the script for this season's pantomime, *Aladdin*. We are looking for:

An adult to be a trainee in sound and lighting for this season and head of sound and lighting next season when our current head will step down.

Volunteers to be part of our band, particularly drums, percussion and guitar.

Head of costumes, which involves co-ordination of costumes, rather than sewing them.

Head of make-up and volunteers to help with make-up

Head of props

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above or get more information about what's involved, contact me.

Auditions for actors will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 16 October (time tbc) at the Windmill Centre. Performances will be 19-21 January 2017.

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Deddington Ladies Netball Club

The club has taken a break over August but will be back to our regular sessions from Wednesday 7 September at the Windmill Centre all-weather court. We welcome new members of all abilities and experience and would also love to hear from any netball coaches who could attend some sessions to help us improve our skills and knowledge of the game.

Contact suzieupson@mac.com or take a look at our Facebook page.

DOGS

The summer has, generally, been kind to DOGS, with the society well supported and the weather, for the UK, pretty good. Our penultimate day out on 12 August saw 34 golfers take on the vastly improved Feldon Valley golf course near Brailes. If you haven't played it for a while, it's well worth a visit. Winners on the day:

Team Event Barry Pawley, Lyn Talbot, Gary Fisher

Longest Drive	Maureen Colley
Nearest the Pin	Lyn Talbot
Guest Winner	Richard Deadman
3rd Place	Phil Wilks
2nd Place	Tony Lowe
Overall winner	Lyn Talbot

DOGS are immensely grateful to Rob and Maureen Forsyth who yet again hosted our now legendary evening event in their garden. In a complete departure from the normal barbecue and pig roast, Ron Colley organised a mobile fish and chip vendor to drop in to provide excellent cuisine. Unusually, although I am getting a little hard of hearing, there were no complaints. Perhaps another first for DOGS. Our one and only honorary member, Geoff Hillman, graced us with his presence at the sprightly age of 96. There is hope for us all.

Over the years Deddington Original Golf Society has supported Katharine House Hospice. 2016 being its 25th anniversary, we dedicated the day and evening to this amazing organisation. The raffle, with prizes donated from many local businesses, including Tadmorton Heath Golf Club, Deddington Arms, Feldon Valley and Wrag Barn Golf Clubs, and Jaybee Motors, enabled us to present Katharine House Hospice with £631.

Our last outing for 2016 takes place on 30 September with a visit to Blackwell Golf Club near Bromsgrove. We hope as many as possible will be able to come.

Thanks to everyone involved with the DOGS and to everyone who has supported the society over the years.

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Deddington Town Football Club

With it still being cricket season at the time of writing, there has been no competitive action at DTFC but you can be certain that the players' bodies have been almost completely fine-tuned from their summer of running up cliff sides and playing head tennis with medicine balls. Rumours of intoxicants and sofa-bound *Game of Thrones* marathons will be thoroughly dispelled come the curtain-raiser in September.

Don't forget to check out www.deddingtontownfc.com for more match reports and stats.

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

Youth section

The new season starts on 9 and 10 September with 11 teams. The under 7s/under 6s have training sessions on Saturday mornings. The under 8 team plays 5-a-side matches, the under 9s and under 10s play 7-a-side matches; and the under 11 and two under 12 teams play 9-a-side. At 11-a-side football, we have teams at under 13s, under 14s, under 15s, and under 16s. It is a great achievement for a village club to have so many players participating in football every week from under 6s up to the adult teams.

CALLING MORE CLUBS

We are very pleased to be working in partnership with Banbury Academy, Christopher Rawlins, Deddington and Fritwell Primary Schools, the Steeple Aston Recreation Committee and the Windmill Centre to provide the training and match venues for our teams.

We now have a dedicated online club web shop at www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/deddingtontownfc. This is a great time to buy branded Nike kit, training wear, and club wear before the 2016–17 season starts.

We have opportunities for individuals or local businesses to become club sponsors. If you would like to help your local team and raise the profile of your business for the next two to three seasons, contact me.

If you want to get involved as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please get in touch – www.deddingtontownfc.com or www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc.

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Women's Institute

Our June outing to Oxford was cancelled due to lack of take up. However, some members enjoyed lunch at Otters instead.

In July we had an excellent talk from Pam Nixon on 'Writing my First Novel'. She touched on the difficulties in trying to find a publisher, firstly as a woman, secondly as women seem to become invisible after the age of forty. Eventually several people got together to found their own printing group. It was an evening of wry amusement, and her book struck a chord with many of us of a certain age when we read it.

In August we had a short meeting where Bernadette Ross, the head nursing officer at Katharine House, spoke. Many of us did not realise how much outreach they perform in the community. As it is the Hospice's 25th anniversary there was a lot of backward looking as well as talking about future projects. It takes £3.6 million a year to run and not much comes from government. We had a light-hearted quiz and a raffle which raised a good sum for Katharine House.

Our next meeting is on 13 September when Liz Woolley will talk on 'Beer, Sausages and Marmalade'. New faces are always welcome

Julia Hobbs

Deddington and District History Society

During the glorious summer evening of 10 August a dozen or so of us travelled to Fringford where we were treated to a fascinating tour of the village by Martin Greenwood, author of a number of works about the village and its role in Flora Thompson's *Lark Rise to Candleford* trilogy. Several key buildings survive, each described by Martin and accompanied with appropriate readings. Even those of us who thought they knew Fringford were surprised at the extent of our ignorance as revealed by Martin. We concluded by visiting the smart new village hall, where we had a private viewing

of the exhibition on Fringford as it was in the *Lark Rise* era. A visit to this exhibition is highly recommended.

Our 2016–17 lecture series begins on Wednesday 14 September, when Barrie Trinder, one of the best, and best-known, historians of the Industrial Revolution, will speak on 'Industry in Banbury, 1700–1960'. Our meetings take place at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing old members again and to welcoming newcomers. Membership is a mere £11pa (£20 for couples) and includes admission to eleven lectures and special events. Individual lectures are charged at £2.50.

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Book Club

The July book was *High Society* by Ben Elton. The principal character, backbencher Peter Paget, puts forward a Private Members' Bill to legalise all drugs. Interwoven with this are the stories of other characters whose lives are affected one way or another by drugs; a heroin-addicted prostitute, a drug-using rock star, a drugs' mule and corrupt police. This was a difficult subject that provoked a very interesting discussion about addiction of all kinds and left us with a lot to think about. The language is very strong from the start.

The next book is *The Finkler Question* by Howard Jacobson and the next meeting 29 September.

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Photographic Society

In July Dan Evans, a freelance professional photographer, gave a presentation on 'Lens Lore: Using The Lens For Best Creative Effect'. In reviewing the characteristics of telephoto and wide angle lenses, he commented that modern digital lenses are now so good that aesthetic qualities predominate, rather than technical issues and any corrected through post-production software. Dan's preference is landscape photography using ambient light and shooting in RAW at ISO 1600, which is generally noise-free on modern sensors. He contrasted the full-frame sensors found on more expensive cameras with the smaller APS-C sensor format of lower-priced models, commenting on the latter's weight advantage. The high quality of modern sensors means that prints up to A3 size are now virtually indistinguishable between the two formats. He demonstrated the extraordinary Canon rectilinear fish-eye lens, in which all distortion characteristics are eliminated, and concluded by showing a wide range of his work. This was an excellent presentation by an extremely knowledgeable photographer.

In August, the Society's own Team Namibia presented 'The Tropic of Capricorn and Beyond,' based on the experiences of six members who visited Namibia in 2015 at the invitation of Scott Hurd, a one-time

... AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

member of the Society, now resident there. They each gave an account of their photographic journey, starting in the Namib Desert near Windhoek, including a boat trip and travel along the Skeleton Coast, and ending in a safari camp at Etosha National Park. The Society's next meetings are on 7 September, when Andreas Klatt will talk on 'Rajasthan and Sri Lanka' and 21 September when John Cavana and Dave Govier will lead a workshop on 'High Speed Photography: Photographing Water Droplets and Water Crowns'. Both meetings are at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho. Everyone is most welcome.

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1st Deddington Guides

We completed the summer term with the ever-popular stream walking. The evening was warm and still and the Guides had a brilliant noisy time, getting thoroughly soaked and muddy. Drinks afterwards went down well.

Twenty-three Guides, three senior Guides and leaders came to our annual summer camp at Shutford. Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Taylor for allowing us not only to camp on the farm but also to use the beautiful pool and straw-strewn barn which was ideal for sheltering from sun, wind and rain, (we had all three) and handy for sleeping if required. The weather was fine enough for a number of Guides to sleep in shelters they had built, quite an achievement as it rained during the night.

The Guides' County Pioneering team came and showed the Guides how to make sizeable catapults. A contest then ensued, firing tea bags against each other. One morning we rose at 4.00am and hiked to a nearby hill where we sat in a corn field and experienced the lovely golden glow as the sun came up, then back to camp for bacon butties.

The Guides loved the range of activities and achievement, being with friends and making new ones. They enjoyed working in groups to help run the camp, collecting wood and water, cooking over wood fires, and of course the food, the chocolate steamed pudding as always a firm favourite.

Now we look forward to next term, for fresh challenges and activities and, of course, fun.

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1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

We went to camp! Yes, a group of Cubs attended the county Cub Camp to celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouts. It was a huge site at Cornbury with the main arena divided into three zones, past, present and future with games and activities in each. The camp started with a fancy dress parade to the arena. Each

pack had chosen something that reflected their chosen decade; ours was the 1960s and, as we had 11 boys, of course we went as the triumphant England World Cup winners of '66. The weather was very kind and as we were catered for we all had a great time and will remember it for a long time to come.

We say goodbye to Dylan, Ben, Mees, Harry, Olly and Riven who leave us for Scouts.

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Scouts

The Scouts have been to camp too. A group attended the county Aqua Camp, all things on, and sometimes in, water. They kayaked, canoed, sailed, rafted and even paddled a dragon boat. This is always a marvellous camp and a great opportunity to try out a number of new skills we couldn't offer them in Deddington. We have also, geocached, made pea-shooters (every boy should have one) and spent an evening with Deddington Bowls Club. This was a great success and the boys really enjoyed themselves. We are hoping to have another go soon.

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Spartans Explorer Scout Unit

Over the past month we have done some very exciting things. We went trampolining at the indoor centre in Banbury. Next, we raised 130 bikes for the charity Recycle – well done everyone. Those of us doing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award have completed the Bronze expedition. Last week we went geocaching and had a lot of fun.

Many thanks to everyone who collected Sainsbury's vouchers for us, we have received a new Trangia, some skipping ropes and 5 litres of meths, either for the stove or to make leaders a well-earned cocktail.

Oli Betteridge SEU
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1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

We had great fun at our end of term parties in July and thanks to everyone who helped. We said a very sad farewell to Dave Sawyer, leader with the Company section, who has moved on to pastures new. But we hope everyone has had a lovely summer break and is raring to go.

Our weekly Wednesday meetings start again on Wednesday 14 September. Look out for our newsletter which will be sent to parents before this date which will have lots of useful information on forthcoming events.

Jen Childs, Leader
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BLISSFUL THINKING

We live in the most unpredictable times since the Cold War, but, like a traffic jam on the A34, there are still some things that we can rely on, living in Oxfordshire. Any time there is a power cut across swathes of the village, expect 'Old Deddington' to be unaffected. Legend has it that Oxfordshire County Council actually has a dusty contingency plan for nuclear war that includes seeking refuge in Old Deddington. Driving to Oxford, pressed for time, is akin to playing 'deadline roulette', as one must cross one's fingers that one's chosen route is not the major arterial road closed off by roadworks this month. Anybody who regularly commutes to Britain's most gloriously unaffordable city will know that its parking arrangements make Deddington's pale into relative insignificance. Then again, at least Oxford has active parking enforcement officials. Any would-be county councillor would surely agree that the answer to a problem like Deddington's parking issue is clearly tyre-shredding spikes to replace the yellow painted lines. Not only are they practical, but permanent. None of these wishy-washy painted 'please don't park here' markings that have to be retouched every few years; a no-nonsense single-investment solution that literally destroys any vessels which dare to transgress. What could possibly go wrong? So in a tempestuous world, whether it's the flood plains of Clifton, or inappropriate and unaffordable housing developments joining up townships to bring us all closer together, it's time to give thanks for those local happenings that we can all be certain will never change.

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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The Friends met on 22 July to review progress and discuss our latest fundraising initiative, the 2017 Parish Calendar. Subscriptions continue to hover at around 110 despite our best efforts to achieve the 200 required to ensure sustainability. So if you haven't filled in a form yet to join the Friends supporting our library, please find a membership form in the library or on our website at www.friendsofdeddingtonlibrary.org and help us maintain this valuable facility in our community.

The photo competition for the 2017 parish calendar was very well supported. We received some excellent entries and have now chosen the photos to place in the calendar which is at the printers as I write. We have been fortunate to receive huge support from local businesses whose sponsorship is essential to this project and we are most grateful to them all. The successful photo entrants and our sponsors will be invited to a launch and presentation evening at the library to celebrate this lovely calendar which will be on sale on our stall at the farmers' market on 24 September. Thereafter it can be bought from the library. It will make a great Christmas gift for friends and relatives, or to send abroad to all those loved ones living on distant shores.

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CRICKET CLUB GROUNDSMAN

Deddington Cricket Club is looking for a groundsman to maintain the cricket square at the Windmill Centre in both the playing and off-seasons. Previous experience is not essential as the Club will provide any necessary training and equipment, as well as all equipment and materials necessary for pitch preparation and maintenance. Depending on experience and time commitment the Club would consider payment if required. Anyone interested please contact Simon Oldfield on 07771 997358, 01295 812305 or simon.oldfield0@gmail.com.

FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

A wine, cheese and paté fundraiser at Jean Welford's raised £345 towards ongoing work. The wild flower mats have taken well, the path along the ramparts has been strimmed, one dangerous tree has been felled, and plans are being made to have the banks cleared for autumn and winter.

Subscription renewals are now due. Please contact Jean Welford, our membership secretary, on 01869 338539.

It is really lovely to see people enjoying this beautiful area; just a reminder that fires and barbecues are not permitted. And please could all dog walkers clean up after their dogs to keep Castle Grounds safe and enjoyable for visitors to this stunning area.

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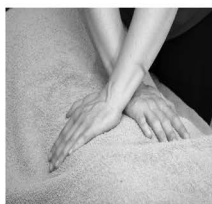


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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Old School Room, Hempton, 20 July

Work on the Windmill Street car park in Deddington is rescheduled for the autumn. Incidents of fly tipping on the Windmill Street car park, Cosy Lane and Castle Grounds have been reported to CDC. A dropped kerb in the Tchure, identified by several residents as a safety hazard, is to be investigated. A working group is to be set up by CDC to prepare the case for protecting services at the Horton Hospital.

Environment and Recreation: Dog fouling continues to be an issue on the sports pitches, Hempton Road cemetery and verges, the war memorial cemetery and outside the Holly Tree Club. More signage reminding owners that this is an offence will be erected. A connection to the Town Hall lamp post will be installed for lighting the Christmas tree. The Village Steward will be employed for an extra hour a week to maintain the cemetery garden.

Planning

David Wilson Homes: CDC has refused planning permission for 99 dwellings on this site.

A large unsafe tree is to be felled at Castle Grounds.

Highways and Transport

The owner of Clifton Mill has offered to contribute towards a traffic volume and speed monitoring strip on the bridge. Thames Valley Police sent a letter to parents of children at the primary school about dangerous and inconsiderate parking. The Neighbourhood Team will patrol round the school and issue fines of £30 for such offences.

The Oxfordshire Comet minibus service will operate Monday to Friday between 10.15am and 2.30pm. It costs £3 to register with the service which must be booked at least 24 hours in advance.

Planning

No objection

Charters House, High Street, Deddington: replacement of two dormer windows.

1 Windmill Street, Deddington: demolition of side elevation porch and erection of new utility room.

Hilary's Hat Hire, Market Place, Deddington: Internal and external alterations and change of use of 1st floor from residential to Class A1 retail.

Refusal

David Wilson Homes: CDC has refused planning permission for 99 dwellings on this site.

Finance and General Purposes

The £281.25 balance from the now defunct Gardening Club is to be shared between Castle Grounds and the cemetery to buy wild flowers. The PC has agreed to a grant-funded scheme to install four defibrillators in the parish, one each in the Market Place, Windmill Centre, Clifton and Hempton.

Jean Rudge

Windmill Centre, Wednesday 17 August

The OCC and CDC reorganisation is on hold. OCC

will not introduce weight limits for HGVs on A361 since this would divert the traffic to other villages.

Highways and Transport:

Police carried out speeding enforcement in the Hempton Road at the beginning of the month. OCC will be asked to check the phasing of the traffic lights on the High Street where a serious collision occurred recently. DPC is seeking repair of the damaged road signs caused by it. A new local mini bus service is now available for booking and leaflets will be distributed within the community.

Planning:

Approved

1 Windmill Street, Deddington: side extension.

Castle End House, Deddington: tree work.

Castle Grounds: single tree removal.

No objection

Wynford House, New Street, Deddington: retrospective permission for erection of tree house.

7 St Johns Way, Hempton: two storey side and rear extension.

Park Farm House, New Street, Deddington: erection of corner shed.

Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton: alterations and single storey rear extension.

Stonecrop Guest House, Hempton Road, Deddington: alterations to forecourt and erection of an outbuilding store.

The Unicorn Hotel, Market Place, Deddington: single storey side extension (new flue), no objection but defer to the conservation officer.

No comment

1 Philcote Street, Deddington: external alterations, defer to conservation officer.

7 Castle Street, Deddington: discharge of condition on dormer windows.

Philip Allan Publishers Deddington Sale Rooms, Market Place, Deddington: discharge of condition.

Objection

1 The Daedings, Deddington: new dwelling with parking area, over development.

Refused

Land at Hempton Lodge, Snakehill Lane.

Finance and General Purposes

The Council approved in principle the Wesleyan Chapel's request for a loan of £500 for urgent repairs. The PC has been granted funds for a fitness trail at the Windmill Centre and is dealing with repairs to the Windmill Centre's all weather court due to vandalism. Friends of Castle Grounds are arranging cutting of grass at the grounds at their own cost.

Gemma Nicholls

Next meeting: Wednesday 21 September at 7.30pm in the Primary School, Deddington.

These notes are not the official Minutes. To see those, go to <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/pc-minutes>

FARMERS' MARKET

This is the 16th anniversary of the founding of Deddington Farmers' Market so the volunteers who run it will be raising a glass to the founders at their annual dinner (new volunteers always needed).

To celebrate, the Deddington Brass Band will be playing at the market on Saturday 24 September. It's also one of the best markets of the year for local produce but rather than list all the delights on offer I'm going to focus on just one – sweetcorn. It looks like a good year and when sweetcorn is in season there tends to be a lot of it so the appeal of simple roasted or boiled cobs can start to fade. This recipe, which comes from Sarah Raven's *Garden Cookbook*, makes a nice change and, whisper who dares, works quite well with tinned or frozen corn too.

Sweetcorn Blinis – serves 6

100g ricotta cheese

2 eggs, beaten

Kernels of 2 corn cobs, removed with a sharp knife (or 250g if using frozen or tinned)

50g self-raising flour, sieved

1 red chilli, finely chopped (optional)

2 good handfuls of chopped coriander

Salt and black pepper

Butter or olive oil for frying

Put the ricotta into a bowl with the eggs, corn, flour, chilli, coriander, salt and pepper. Mix well and leave to stand for 15–20 minutes. Melt the butter or oil in a heavy based pan and, when hot, add a spoonful of the mixture to the pan. Turn when the blinis are browned and cook the other side. Try not to eat blinis faster than you can cook them. They go well with smoked fish, caviar, sour cream or a blob of chilli jam. I'd be tempted to serve frozen vodka with them.

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BEN AND HIS LION



Aspiring third generation farmer, Ben Fenemore, grandson of George and son of Chris, showed one of Appletree Farm's Cotswold Lion sheep at the 100-year old Blakesley show in Northamptonshire at the beginning of August. Not only did he win his age group class as young livestock handler of the year but went on to win the overall show championship for sheep, being award-

ed a silver cup, along with a dressed show crook and prize money.

CD

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

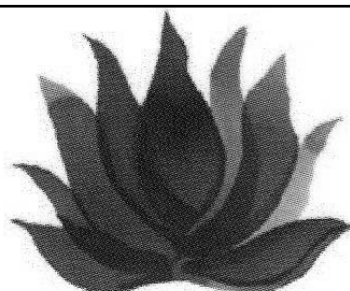
The concert in the church on 23 July, when the Saltarello Ensemble, an early music group, came to entertain us, was a great success with about 30 people in the audience. I had never been to a concert when this style of music was played and did not realise what I had been missing. I thought they were fantastic and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Many thanks to those who laid on refreshments.

On 31 July the church saw the christening of Theodore William James Cordwell. It was a lovely service with 55 people in the congregation and was followed by a party in the garden of the family's home.

The annual Oxfordshire Historic Sponsored Churches Ride and Stride fundraiser is on Saturday 10 September between 10.00am and 6.00pm. Despite my putting up a number of posters round the village, as I write, nobody has come forward to take part for St John's although I know quite a lot of people in the village do cycle. Volunteers are also needed in the church on the day to sign visitors in and offer refreshments.

This year's Harvest Service will be held on Sunday 2 October at 9.00am as part of the Holy Communion service. Gifts of non-perishable items, such as tinned and dried foods will be welcome and can be left at the church at any time. This year all suitable items will be donated to the local food bank.

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