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Our Parish Council and the Town Hall are both in need of interest and support. Where's that renowned Deddington community spirit? See pp2 & 10 to see how you can get involved. The Farmers' Market is also looking for helpers (p11).

## November

- Mon 1 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am-noon
- Tues 2 Parish Church: Internet Café, Living Room, 2.00pm–5.00pm
- Wed 3 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8.00pm
- Wed 3 Photographic Society: Phil Binks, 'Big Boys' Prints – Digital Prints to Inspire Photographers', Cartwright Hotel, Ayhno, 7.30pm
- Thu 4 Primary School: Firework Display, from 6.00pm
- Thu 4 Friends of Deddington Festival: AGM, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 6 Church Bazaar: Deddington Parish Church, 11.00am–2.00pm
- Tue 9 WI: 'Talbot House and Veterans' Aid', Steve Flinders, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 10 History Society: Martin Way, 'Cotswold Sheep and Shepherding', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 11 Monday Morning Club: Film night, *Bright Star*, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Sat 13 Deddington Players: Workday to discuss stage and technical matters for pantomime, Windmill Centre, 10.00am–4.00pm
- Sun 14 Remembrance Day: Parade, Bull Ring 10.30am, Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, 11.00am
- Wed 17 Parish Council Meeting: Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Wed 17–
- Sat 20 Funfair in Deddington Market Place
- Tues 23 Primary School: 'Meet the Governors', 7.30pm
- Thu 25 Book Club meeting: Ring 338094 for venue
- Sat 27 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.00am–12.30pm

## December

- Wed 1 Tennis Club: AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 1 Photographic Society: 'Travels in Botswana, Namibia and S Africa', Micki Aston 7.30pm, venue to be announced
- Sat 4 Hempton Bazaar: Hempton Church, 11.00am–2.00pm
- Sun 5 Choros Advent Carols, Parish Church
- Mon 6 Monday Morning Club: Christmas lunch, 12.00pm for 12.30pm
- Wed 8 History Society: Christmas Party with the Vale Islanders, Dances of the 17th century, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 9 Monday Morning Club: Film evening, *An Education*, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Sat 11 Children's Activities: Deddington Parish Church, 10.00am–12.30pm

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting in Town Hall 20 October 2010

The meeting was chaired by Jim Flux and was well attended but unfortunately by no members of the public. The PC still needs to co-opt a further member and it is hoped someone who cares about the interests of the parish will make him or herself known to Lorraine Watling. The main issue of interest was the expiry of the Town Hall lease and what is to become of this rather neglected building at the heart of the Parish.

#### Planning:

##### *New Applications*

*1 Park View, New St*, felling a eucalyptus tree, no objection. *Land to rear of End Cottage, The Stile*, second application for a single-storey residence and PC will make the same objections as before. *Old Farmhouse, New St*, installation of Velux roof lights, various windows and internal works, no objection with qualification. *Ilbury House, New St*, conversion of existing outbuilding to self-contained residential accommodation, no objection with qualification. *Hempton House, Snake Hill Lane, Hempton*, canopy to front and side of the house, no objection.

*Approvals*, details previously published in *DN*:

*Stable End, St Thomas St; Priory Dene, Hudson St; the Antique Centre; Orchard Bank, Goose Green; The Retreat, Chapel Sq; 1 Park View, New St; Hamisaren, 2 Castle End, Castle St.*

#### Finance & General Purposes

Support is urged for the connection of fibre optic high-speed broadband; your registered votes count – please go to Deddington OnLine Forum>Deddington Matters>Deddington Discussions.

The Local Government Boundary Commission is considering the Oxford County Council (OCC) composition and constituency boundaries; if you wish to make your opinion known, please contact Lorraine.

Consideration is being given to investing PC funds in a solar electric generating array at the Windmill Centre.

#### Environment & Recreation

The wildflower project has now begun at the cemetery

and seeds, plug plants and bulbs have been planted.

The dilemma of security for the all-weather court has been raised again. The chain-link fencing which had been cut to enable unauthorised access has been repaired again. Cycling on the courts destroys the playing surface and to prevent this, the gate is locked; the damage caused is not widely appreciated.

#### Highways

Speeding and intrusive parking are persistent causes of concern. The Highways group is constrained by the limits to their delegated powers. Responsibility rests with OCC and the Highways group has a frustrating time getting attention paid to our Parish concerns. If you would like to help, volunteers are being recruited for speed monitoring. Those selected will be trained to operate a radar speed 'gun' and become part of a local team. Volunteers should contact Lorraine.

#### Town Hall

The Town Hall is a sorry tale. To repair the structure, install modern lighting, heating and to redecorate will cost an estimated £150,000. Deddington Charity Estates (DCE) do not have such money and are reluctant to launch an appeal at a time of financial stringency. The plan is to delay the main works and to undertake only emergency works to maintain the structure with some superficial cleaning and maintenance. The consequence is that the future of the hall is unclear. It is obvious that DCE need help and anyone who has the time and initiative to drive this project forward should step forward. In future the Council will only meet in the Town Hall in the summer; other meetings will be held in Hempton, the Holly Tree Club and the Windmill Centre. PC has agreed with DCE to hand over their current responsibilities at the end of the lease.

#### Parish Finances

Invoices agreed for payment £5,383.00.

Investments of £560,082.00 at Barclays, West Bromwich BS, Santander and Anglo Irish Bank.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 17 November, Hempton**

## The Taste Buddies Eat at Wild Thyme Restaurant

We are the Taste Buddies. We lunch out every two months to assess local pubs and restaurants within a 20 mile radius of Deddington. We hope you find our observations useful.

*Where?* Wild Thyme Restaurant, New Street, Chipping Norton OX7 5LJ, tel: 01608 645060.

*Opening Times:* lunch and dinner Tuesday – Saturday.

*Average Cost:* starter £7, main course £13, dessert £6.

*Are They Pleased to See You?* Sally and Nick jointly own and manage the restaurant and Sally, who takes care of front of house, provides a friendly welcome.

*Is the Restaurant Attractive?* Housed in a listed building with open fireplace and window seat, the restaurant feels warm and intimate.

*Was the Cooking Good?* Nick, the chef, uses seasonal and locally sourced ingredients wherever possible and creates varied, imaginative and well presented dishes. Our starters included a foie gras and pistachio terrine, lamb sweetbreads and a smoked fish plate. All were first-rate. Among our main courses were roasted belly of pork with black pudding, a Mediterranean fish stew and an artichoke and goats cheese dish, which were all beautifully cooked. We finished by sharing some indulgent and delicious desserts.

*Would a Vegetarian Starve?* The menu is well balanced with several choices for vegetarians.

*Would You Go Again?*

No hesitation.

## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of November 1860:

**9th November** – Holford and I went to the Police Station to hear two assault cases – against Thos. Wilkins and William Kilby. Convicted them both. Wilkins was fined £1 and 10s.6d. costs and bound over in his own recognisance of £10 to keep the peace for 12 months towards all persons, especially towards Mary Ann Gardner the woman with whom he had co-habited for several years and by whom he has a family of 5 children. Kilby was fined in like sum and to be bound over as Wilkins was should he strike his wife again. Both to go to House of Correction for 3 weeks if the fines were not paid tonight – Wilkins paid his money, Kilby did not appear – on proof of summons the case was heard in his absence.

**12th November** – After luncheon Susan and I walked to the other side of Adderbury Bridge and back. *[I reckon this is about a three mile round trip.]*

**17th November** – A rainy morning which turned to snow which continued throughout the day till nearly 5pm., the ground being 2ins. deep at least, the first fall of the season.



**20th November** – Saw Kilby and his wife and persuaded them to try and live more peaceably together in the future. Called at E. Bennetts to order some Pudding Pies. J. Hopcraft at work here stopping out the rats.

**22nd November** – Wrote to Isaac Smith forgiving him his debt to me with interest, his wife having besought me to do so for the family's sake, 7 children, and her own. Holford and I went up to the Police Station and heard a case, 'Drunk and Disorderly' and of wilful damage against B. Sykes, committed him to House of Correction for 7 days and 14 days additional unless 10s. damage and costs were paid. This was his 4th conviction for drunkenness and riotous conduct. Our Annual Fair took place.

**24th November** – G. Ford met with an accident in the farmyard whilst helping to repair the pump there, he jumped off a ladder which was giving way and sprained his ankle. Dr. Morris attended him as his Club Doctor, who said there were no bones broken.

*[WCR visited him daily for over a week as he had internal pain and periodically after that, he did not return to work until the New Year.]*

**Buffy Heywood 338212**



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## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

#### November

Wed	3	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	4	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	7	10.30am	First Sunday
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	10	10.0am	Eucharist
Thu	11	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	14	10.45am	Service of Remembrance
Wed	17	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	18	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	21	10.30am	Eucharist with Baptism Christ the King
Wed	24	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	25	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	28	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Service of the Word
Tue	30	6.30pm	Eucharist St Andrew

### St John's Hempton

Suns	7 and 21	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	28	6.00pm	Evensong

### The Barfords

Sun	7	4.00pm	Eucharist (Bfd StM)
Sun	14	9.00am	Service of Remembrance (BfdStM)
Sun	21	4.00pm	All Age Worship (Bfd StM)
Sun	28	4.00pm	Eucharist (BfdStJ)

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

### From the Parish Registers

*Baptism:* 17 October Samuel Denning Smith

*Wedding:* 2 October Alan Smith and Nicola Keats

*Service of Thanksgiving* (Hempton): 5 October John Temple-Smith

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev. Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), the curate, Revd Dr Dan Inman (338582) [curatedan@gmail.com](mailto:curatedan@gmail.com), or one of the church wardens, Glynne Bianchi (337743) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to [www.deddingtonchurch.org](http://www.deddingtonchurch.org).

### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

**Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

Sunday mornings at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton except 28 November John Neale

### Congregational Chapel, New Street

**Joyce Minnear 338529**

This Chapel has been closed as from the end of September. The congregation will continue to worship on Sunday mornings with the Wesleyan Reform Church.

### RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

**Fr John Burns 277396**

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

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

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

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

Monday 1 November is the Feast of All Saints. The celebration of this Solemnity has been transferred to the previous Sunday (31 October) so there is no separate Holiday of Obligation.

## PTA

We are keeping our fingers crossed for clear skies for our Fireworks Night on Thursday 4 November, to be held on the school field as usual. We have again invested in a fabulous firework display which we hope will delight both young and old! Gates will open from 6.00pm when a tantalising aroma will be wafting from our sizzling BBQ to tempt you. There will be children's entertainment and lots of 'glow in the dark' products. We have toffee apples (thanks to the Co-op), and a licensed bar selling mulled wine and beer. This is an 'all weather' event – we will not be rained off! We look forward to seeing you all. Our thanks to the Farmers' Market Committee for lending their market stalls for this event, as they do every year; it is much appreciated.

Our children have again designed a wonderful range of Christmas cards. Many thanks to Mike Homer and Multiflow Print Ltd for assisting with their production. Cards will be on sale at the November Farmers' Market or they can be ordered from Janet Watts on 337135 or email [janet@janetwatts6.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:janet@janetwatts6.wanadoo.co.uk).

We are supporting another live music gig at the Windmill on Saturday 4 December. Pete Boss and his Blues band will be supported by Indigo Child playing more contemporary songs. See posters nearer the time for ticket information or email me and put the date in your diaries.

**Janet Watts, Chair  
337135**



## FROM THE FIRE STATION

The last two months have been varied, with this month being quieter than usual and last month almost as busy as the rest of the year. Last month's 20 firecalls included a house fire in Hempton, an animal rescue, two caravan fires, a field fire, a road traffic collision, a car fire, and three false alarms along with a handful of standbys to Bicester and Banbury (as normal) but also three calls in as many days to stand by at Chipping Norton.

The housefire in Hempton was caused by a pile of DVDs and some blankets that had fallen onto an electric heater which was plugged into a 2-in-1 adapter, which was itself plugged into an extension lead. This in turn was plugged into an unswitched socket. I believe that the heater had an over-temperature sensor which cut out once the heater got too hot, but then reset itself once it had cooled and allowed the heater to operate again. This cycle of heating and cutting out would have happened many times, and eventually the heat melted the DVDs and set the blanket smouldering. We found that the first floor of the property was heavily smoke-logged but with no visible flames. After locating and rescuing the owner's dog, we searched the first floor using our hands and a thermal imaging camera. As we entered the rear bedroom for the second time, the flames leapt up from underneath the desk but were quickly dealt with using a high pressure hose. After ventilating the property, we were able to make it safe, and remove the damaged equipment. Luckily, the owner was out at the time of the incident, but did return whilst we were in attendance. The brigade was able to offer some additional assistance by calling on our Red Cross Response Unit who looked after the owner and his immediate welfare needs.

This month's 12 firecalls included a kitchen fire, a car fire, a road traffic collision, a lady locked inside her house, and a handful of false alarms.

Sometimes Control will send an officer rather than commit us, so that it keeps us available for other incidents. What I would say to you all is if you have had a fire that has extinguished itself naturally, or you have dealt with it yourself, still call it in – play it safe!

This month, we say a fond farewell to our station manager, Paul Debling, who is retiring after some 30-plus years in the fire service. We wish him and his wife all the best and are truly going to miss him. Also, we say farewell to Watch Manager Anne Waters, who after 14 years in the service has decided to pursue a different direction in life. Anne has had such a positive influence in the brigade by supporting women in the fire service and has been chair of the networking for women group. We'll be having a leaving bash for both Paul and Anne in the near future, where current and past firefighters will be able to say goodbye. At the same time, we also wish to welcome our new Station Manager, Gary Mattingley, who takes over at the end of September. I think we're in for a different style of management in the future! Gary has served both at Rewley Road and The Slade in Oxford, before transferring to the Fire Service College at Moreton-in-Marsh where he has worked on the development of things like the High Volume Pumps that the government have purchased for the whole country as part of the 'New Dimension' programme.

Well, it's now the time of year again when we all start to light fires and wood burners, so don't forget to have your chimney swept and get rid of all of the soot and carbon deposits that were left from previous years. In particular, pay attention to ridges and shelves that some older chimneys have, as the build-up of soot here can cause a chimney fire, and check your smoke detectors whilst you are at it!

**A/CM Graham Harding**  
**Deddington Fire Station**



### Christmas Activities

for Primary School children aged 5–11  
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Janet Watts 337135

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM ANGELA STONE,  
MARKET PLACE, DEDDINGTON

I would like to thank everyone who supported Norman and me during his long illness and who continue to help me following his death. His thanksgiving service on 28 September was a strengthening occasion, especially as it was shared with so many of his friends and colleagues.



and personal data will automatically be erased from our PCs. Do come along and see what we have to offer.

FROM SUE LANE, FUNDRAISING MAN-  
AGER, KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

Once again, our Deddington supporters have done us proud! We were thrilled by

the success of the Bengal Spice Charity Buffet in September where supporters enjoyed delicious Bengali cuisine. The evening raised a magnificent £940 and we are so grateful to Hamid Choudhury and his courteous team for their continued dedication. This is the fourth year this event has been held, raising over £4,000 towards specialist nursing care.

I was so pleased to attend the presentation at last month's Farmers' Market and to receive a generous cheque for £300, which Geoff Todd kindly agreed we could use towards our first Santa Fun Run on Sunday 5 December. To date, we have received over 200 applications, with more arriving daily! Please see [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk) to download an application form or alternatively, call Sarah or Valerie on 01295 812161. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

FROM GEORGE & SYLVIE SPENCELEY,  
THE DAEDINGS

We felt privileged to attend the memorial service for Norman Stone on 28 September. In conjunction with Sylvie's obituary in the DN, it gave us an opportunity to share with his friends and the community the great respect, as well as affection, we felt for him.

FROM BILL DRAKE, CLIFTON ROAD

I am past my sell-by date so the walks I take are short and I often walk round the outer bailey of the castle.

I wish to thank those responsible for clearing the surrounding banks, it now gives a much clearer impression of what was there in 1100. One can sit and let imagination course back through the centuries. I just hope the nettles and grass are cut regularly as from next spring.

FROM REVD DR HUGH WHITE

An Internet Café will be opening in the Parish Church's Living Room on 2 November. This service will enhance the public provision of internet access in the village, supplementing that offered by the Library. The Café's times of operation initially will be Tuesdays and Fridays, 2.00pm – 5.00pm. Should there be demand, we may be able to open at other times also.

We hope that this facility will be useful for villagers of all ages. The sessions will be supervised, with CRB checked personnel present. Several people have kindly offered to help those nervous of computers and the internet. Inappropriate internet sites will be blocked

FROM STEPHEN NASH, STEEPLE ASTON

Singing and non-singing parts are still available in the Steeple Aston Players' new musical play, *Wind in the Roses*. Rehearsals will be mainly on Sunday afternoons in Steeple Aston Village Hall and we hope to put on the play either late Feb (half-term) or April.

The play is set in the East End, during the Blitz, thus most characters speak with a Cockney accent. We particularly need two sisters, both in their twenties, one romantic, one flirty. Both have solo songs as well as joining in the choruses. Most songs are from the Second World War, plus some original music. In addition, we need a few other adult actors, with or without singing ability. If interested, contact Stephen Nash asap on 340812, 07909 518451 or [stephennash48@hotmail.com](mailto:stephennash48@hotmail.com).

## A GRAND PIANO FOR DEDDINGTON CHURCH?

The Parish Church has been offered the gift of a grand piano of excellent quality, in memory of someone who has died. It will be for the use of local and visiting musicians, both amateur and professional, now and in the future. Such an instrument would enhance our making and enjoyment of music. It is an extraordinarily generous and imaginative legacy.

However, no-one lightly takes on custodianship of such a gift. Security, upkeep, insurance costs and hire terms have to be considered. The PCC has debated all these issues and in conclusion has decided that, as the piano is intended for the benefit of the whole

community, it is right to ask for the community's views. Please let the PCC know what you think about such an acquisition. In particular, would you wish to play the piano yourself (for a reasonable fee and with certain conditions attached), do you know people who would, or might you wish to sponsor a concert at which the instrument would be used? You can send your views to the Church Secretary, Sue Addison ([susan.addison@virgin.net](mailto:susan.addison@virgin.net)), or leave your written opinion by Sunday 21 November in the folder marked 'Grand Piano' on the table at the back of the Church.

**Kristin Thompson 337052**

## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Twenty-eight people sat down for a very nice Harvest Supper on Saturday 25 September. A lovely meal was followed by an evening of bingo with Barbara Chappell calling the numbers. Many thanks to the three families who supplied the food. The following evening was the Harvest Festival Service with about 40 in the congregation, which was more than recent years. Following the service, tea was served and the produce auctioned. £122 was made and donated to the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust. Well done to everybody who stayed and purchased produce so generously given by people in the village.

Monday 27th was the AGM of the Friends of the Church. Not many in attendance but perhaps that is a sign that people are happy with things. Sean Parsons was elected to the committee and our thanks go to Leah Calcutt who stepped down after many years of service. The builders have been to measure up for the new doors, so the start date will be in the near future.

Once again a reminder about the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 4 December from 11.00am. All the usual stalls will be there; any gifts suitable for a Christmas occasion will be most welcome, but please no bric-à-brac or books, thank you!

The Parish Council will be holding their monthly meeting in St John's Church Hall on Wednesday 17 November at 7.30pm. There will be a 10-minute participation period for the public at the start of the

meeting, so if you have any concerns, go along and tell your Council members about them.

**Les Chappell**  
338054

### YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED!

for

#### DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Mondays 6.30–9.30pm  
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## UP THE ALLOTMENT ...

You may be one of the organised ones whose allotment is ready for mulch. If this is the case you may be pondering why use mulch and which one should you use.

Mulch is not only used for suppressing weeds but also for retaining water. It is also useful for conserving warmth in the soil and therefore encourages earthworm activity which helps to improve soil structure. Mulch also adds nutrients to feed your plants. You need to mulch before it gets too cold to seal in the warmth rather than the cold.

So if you've decided to mulch your allotment, the question now is, which mulch? Garden compost, farmyard manure, mushroom compost or green manure or plastic?

Garden compost tends to be low in nutrients but is excellent for improving the humus of the soil and is free!

Farmyard manure will contain straw or other bedding material, so the quality can vary. This is great for

the vegetable plot but ensure it is well rotted. It can be hard to handle.

Mushroom compost is a by-product from mushroom growers and is made from the composting straw and casing used to grow mushrooms. The casing is often made of soil and lime and often has a high pH. It is a good soil conditioner supplying some plant nutrients. If you can get hold of it this is fabulous stuff.

Green manure is a living mulch. It helps to hold on to nutrients that would otherwise be washed away from the soil, while its roots aerate the soil and prevent erosion. Grazing rye, forage peas or winter tares are ideal for autumn sowing and can be dug into the ground for spring.

When you've decided which mulch to use, cover the soil four inches deep to suppress weed growth.

Then sit back and enjoy the quiet time.

**Samantha Willis**

**samantha.willis@gmail.com**

## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

They just can't stop themselves! The Great North Run is one thing – but one of our doctors knocks off a quick triathlon in October! Kindly supported by our resident iron man, Cath Rose goes and does a triathlon in Stratford, cheered on by Doug, Olivier and James and finished in the top half. This proud achievement, she tells me is merely a sighter for the Blenheim Triathlon next year. We'll need our wallets out for that.

Apart from that it's been a quiet month, so I'd like to tell you of the Book Club going nomadic but not as a bunch of cyclists as suggested last month – but via public transport. With two of the club members being Oxford born and bred a tour of literary and cultural highlights of the dreaming spires came to pass for six of the members. With the educational ethos of book club being paramount such matters as bumps, head of the river and matriculation were all explained by the guides of the Mai Bee Tour Company\*. Tours of Magdalen College listening to John Rutter beautifully rehearsing his performance that night, tales were regaled of living-in, porters and bedders (mostly supplied to be fair by the Cambridge man on the tour), sights of the Rollers for punts, and the deer in the parks, plus the spectacular view of the dreaming spires from the banks of the Cherwell (pronounced Charwell as we were drilled) all made this a very special day. Oxford prison was visited as an infamous member of the tour found his rightful place on a steel bunk in a 12ft by 6ft

cell and the 8th-century crypt sent a chill down a few spines after ascent to the fabulous view up top. The birthplace of MG cars was visited to bring tears to the eyes of the British Car Club members present as the walking miles were racked up.

Refreshments taken in the footsteps of JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis, capped off with a Chinese meal never bettered, as one of the group ordered in his best Szechuan off the back pages of the menu – all this made a day never to be forgotten. Unfortunately no one was able to explain what a Pre-Raphaelite muse was and they didn't get close to the more than three miles of bookshelves on offer in one establishment, but the bar has been set very high for further tours being planned in Bristol, Brighton and Stoke!

Down-sides of the trip was a local hostelry not being open for the transfer from the Clifton bus to the Oxford bus, some of the group proving to the world they can't manage more than six hours without the help of their wives as spouses were involved in the final repatriation and one of the group not being able to find the White Horse from Kings Sutton Station without committing trespass, but there has never been a better time to join this august bunch of residents to better your soul.

\*So called because many of their answers to so many questions were 'oh yes - it may be down there'.

**Martin Bryce**

**MartinDNBryce@aol.com**

**Deddington District History Society** invites you to join our Christmas event at the Windmill Centre on 8 December at 7.30pm.

We have arranged for a group of musicians to perform English country dances from the 17th century in costume.

We are including a buffet supper, but you may bring along your own wine.

Tickets, costing £3 for members and £6 for non-members, are available until early December from Moira Byast on 338637.

**Chris Day (Chairman) 337204**



## ... AND DOWN ON THE FARM

The farming year has once again turned full circle. The seed for next year's harvest has all been sown and, as I write, the last of the planted wheat is showing through in drill. The oil seed rape which was planted at the end of August is now well established and will soon be entering its winter dormancy period. The bees have all been fed with sugar syrup and treated for the dreaded Varroa mite and are now making good use of the ivy crop to top up their winter food stores. A good crop of ivy at this time of the year will give the bees a good start next spring. The ivy pollen is collected and stored to feed any early brood which, given a mild winter, will be appearing long before the spring flowers get going. With the exception of two colonies which were hit very hard by wasps, the bees at Home Farm seem to be in good shape and well set up for the winter. It will soon be time for me to start making yet more hives for next spring. If things go according to plan all the colonies that survive the winter will be given new brood boxes which have been fitted out with new wax foundation and frames, with the best of the old woodwork being

cleaned and sterilized before going into store for use another year. It is a lot of work making the hives and involves shaking the bees from the old frames into a new hive (shook swarming). It is a method we use as part of our integrated pest and disease control strategy to reduce the numbers of Varroa mite and other diseases that can build up in the old wax, propolis and other general detritus that collects in the cracks and crevices of the hive. Anyway, that's my excuse for disappearing into a nice warm carpentry shop in the depths of winter.

Big Fred, our hired-in Cotswold ram, arrived at the beginning of October, so assuming Fred is up to the job next March we should see the first Cotswold lambs to be born in the parish for 150 years. The Charollais rams went out with the main Mule flock in mid-October, so we should see them start to drop their lambs in mid-March. So what with the bees and the sheep it seems there could be a lot of buzzing and bleating come next spring down on the farm.

**George Fenemore**  
338203

## Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

Coming to Pre-School or Nursery is always lots of fun! In the last few weeks just a few of our activities have included cooking muffins, painting with our feet, mixing a variety of materials with paint to make texture paintings, and playing parachute games. We have visited the park and library, taken the PFSU children to the school Harvest Festival, and taken autumn walks where we collected beautiful leaves, sticks and crab apples, and made 'snow angels' in the leaves!

Thank you to all the parents who attended the AGM on 27 September. We were pleased to elect a strong committee for the coming year and welcome you all

on board. For those who don't know, we are a parent-managed setting and a charity, and rely heavily on the dedication and fund-raising of our parent volunteers. We held parents' evenings at both settings during October and we hope you found it useful to hear more about us and to discuss how your child has settled in. We currently have some places available at both settings. Please contact the Nursery (for age 2+) on 337383, or the PFSU (for children in their pre-school year) on 337484 to find out more, or to come and see what we do.

**Lucy Squires**  
337484

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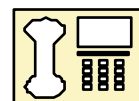
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## Deddington Charity Estates

We now have a new Chairman, George Fenemore, who I am sure is known to you as a farmer, chorister, journalist and purveyor of honey at the Farmers' Market.

The Almshouses continue to demand our attention this year with a fire, burst cold-water tank and, by coincidence, we have had the chance to offer an almshouse to a new resident. The notice of the vacancy was posted around the Parish asking for interested parties to apply and we expect to have a new resident soon.

The Pest House Field raises my first question. Does anybody have a photograph or any printed material, rosettes or anything similar, which relate to the time in the 1940s, 1950s and perhaps 1960s when it was used for scrambling? At the moment it is a fond memory for a few but it would be great to include some detail on our website - perhaps the details of a winner or two!

The Town Hall will be returned to us at the end of October. The Parish Council is surrendering the lease after 44 years and we are looking forward to the day when we can start giving it a new lease of life. Is anyone willing to help us clean and paint it any time between 3 and 15 November? We would really appreciate your help.

We are in an interesting situation. We are responsible for a unique building in the heart of the community that has changed very little in the two centuries since it was built. It is one of the Deddington, even Banburyshire's, icons. On financial grounds we would make money by converting it into shops and offices, some have even suggested a public lavatory, others a couple of almshouses. The Trustees are of the view that it should be restored and allowed to continue as a hall, available to the public, equipped as far as is practical for the disabled, but they also recognise that their decision is a balance between our heritage and the need to generate an income. Please tell us your views. Now is the moment.

It has also been suggested that we could use the Town Hall for regular evening film shows and some people have expressed an interest in a wine group, an investment club, a gardening club and a floristry group. Again please let me know so that we can arrange a meeting for each.

If you would like to help us as a Trustee, a fundraiser or as someone interested in one of the groups please tell us. You can phone us on 338374, write to us at the Town Hall or email [bookings@deddington-townhall.com](mailto:bookings@deddington-townhall.com).

**Michael Allbrook 338374**



Public meetings (a chat with a pint) are held every quarter where those interested in Deddington OnLine can get together and discuss how our village website is going. All are welcome, and if you want to join in, look out for the announcement of the next meeting here: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/forum/index.php?topic=206.0>.

The DOL Forum now has a section for advertisements. Got something to sell, or desperate to buy?

Place a free ad on the forum: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/forum/index.php#4>.

There are a large number of applications to register on the Forum; most of them are from 'scammers' wishing to advertise their wares and services. All Forum applications need to be approved; if your application gets rejected in error please let us know, and we will correct the error.

**Paul Drawmer**  
[paul@drawmer.net](mailto:paul@drawmer.net)

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## FARMERS' MARKET

At the September Farmers' Market, cheques totalling £4,200 were presented to a number of local organisations operating in or benefiting the village. The Market Place was in party mood as a jazz band entertained shoppers and stallholders while Farmers' Market celebrated its ninth anniversary.

Organisations benefiting were the village Toddlers' Group, Boys' Brigade, Brownies, St Peter and St Paul church, Cub Scouts, Deddington Nursery, Friendship Club, Girl Guides, Rainbows, Scouts, Tuesday/Thursday Club, Deddington Youth Club and Katharine House Hospice. The Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust will be receiving its cheque at a later date.

The November market will be on 27 November. Our spirits will be lifted by music from the Jug Band and, with getting on for 60 stalls offering their wares,

there will be plenty to buy. This will also be the market to place your Christmas orders with producers for collection in December.

At the November market there will be an inspection by the National Farmers' Retail & Markets Association. Deddington was the first certified Farmers' Market in

Oxfordshire. FARMA inspects farmers' markets periodically to ensure that they are 'the real thing'.

A plea for help: the team that works so hard each month to erect and dismantle the market could do with a little extra help. It's interesting to note that a disproportionate number of helpers come from Clifton. If you're fit and can offer help on a regular basis please come and introduce

yourself at the next market.

**Paul Drawmer**  
paul@drawmer.net



*Representatives of groups receiving their cheques from the market committee*

## Worldwide Christmas in Deddington

Gifts, garments, and goodies from many parts of the world appear in the 100+ pages of the Traidcraft Christmas catalogue. All are fairly traded and make a difference to the life of a producer or craftsman in a less affluent part of the world. Those who were able to come to last month's Fairtrade Christmas Preview or to the stall during the Farmers' Market were so impressed with the variety, quality and value offered that a record amount has already been bought or ordered. So for an Advent calendar or candle, go no further than the Traidcraft catalogue available in the Church or by a phone call to Deddington Fair Traders. If what you want is not in stock it can usually be delivered in a few days. Help to bring trade justice into this Christmas through Fairtrade.

**Hugh Marshall 337761**

### DEDDINGTON CHURCH BAZAAR

**Saturday 6 November**

**11.00am – 2.00pm**

**RAFFLE, BOTTLE and CAKE STALLS**  
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## PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last term the school celebrated Harvest at the Church; the children were wonderful as ever and the support from their parents (plus grandparents, aunts and uncles etc) made it a very special occasion. Also at the end of last term Year 5 enjoyed a successful trip to the British Museum as part of their Ancient Greece Project.

As we enter November we are looking forward to the PTA's fireworks night on 4 November; hopefully the weather will kind to us and the crowds turn out!

This month Years 5 and 6 are attending Oxfordshire Book Feast and will meet the award-winning author of the *Mr Gum* books, Andy Stanton. Year 6 will be out again towards the end of the month, this time visiting Bletchley Park as part of their Second World War project. This promises to be a fascinating and informative trip.

In November we shall be saying a goodbye to Mrs Fane who will be starting her maternity leave; hopefully she will have lots of time to rest and get her energy levels up before the baby arrives! Mr Collings will teach her Year 2 class whilst she is away. He worked in Year 5 last summer and the staff and children are pleased he has been able to rejoin us.

A date for your diaries: 'Meet the Governors' on 23 November at 7.30pm in the school hall. The governors play a vital role in the smooth running of our school but are aware that not everyone understands their areas of responsibility and how their role fits in the day-to-day running of the school. They would really like as many to attend as possible, either for a general chat or to give guidance and answer any questions you may have.

**Jane Cross, Acting Headteacher**  
**338430**



## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### 1st Deddington Scout Group

Many thanks to the Farmers' Market for their donations; we hope to buy some GPS handsets, cooking equipment and intend to set up a hardship fund.

### Cubs

We are pleased to welcome Oliver, Jamie, Patrick, Harry and Joe to the pack. They increase our numbers to 24 and so we are full until January. Please put your child's name on our waiting list if you would like them to join in the future.

We are very busy this term. At the moment we are building a model of Deddington Castle as it would have looked in Bishop Odo's day and this has included a visit to Castle Grounds (what a great improvement) for a look round and a quick measure before the more important job of conker collecting. We hope to have this finished soon and will be looking for somewhere to exhibit it.

Next will be guy making for our annual collection in the Market Square. Last year we collected enough for one 'Shelterbox' (with the help of the market management) and hopefully we can match that this year. Then comes a visit from Blue Cross to help with the animal carers' badge, then Road Safety Week, more castle building and preparations for Christmas, phew!

**Jo Churchyard, CSL 338071**  
[jochurchyard@hotmail.com](mailto:jochurchyard@hotmail.com)

### Scouts

Welcome to Jack, Angus and Monty who with Ollie, Chris, Tom, Nick and William from Cubs have swelled our numbers to 23.

As well as the usual daft games this term, half the Scouts are working for the Guide badge. Look out for 'The Dangerous Guide to Deddington – Scouts Edition'. You will not be surprised that they know the best places to scrump, pick conkers, hide from girls (and the opposite) and be scared witless. The other half of the troop is looking at the weather with the view to gaining the Meteorologist badge.

We were horrified to find out that several Scouts had never played conkers! We soon changed that with a rowdy tournament of disputed matches and bruised knuckles.

We have been invited to join with the annual JOTI (Jamboree on the Air/Internet) being held in Banbury when we can contact Scout groups around the world.

**Pete Churchyard, SL 338071**  
[pete.churchyard@btinternet.com](mailto:pete.churchyard@btinternet.com)

### Deddington Youth Club

We have had a very busy first few weeks and it is great to see so many familiar and new faces. There are still places available on a Monday evening for 9–15 year olds so do come and join us from 7.00–9.00pm.

On an unhappy note, we are losing our Youth Leader, Dawn Franklin, at the end of October and need to replace her as a matter of urgency. We need two enthusiastic Youth Leaders to work from 6:30–9:30pm every Monday evening, term time only. These are paid positions and if anyone is interested please contact Helen Spencer on 337373 or email [Helen@spencerbuilders.co.uk](mailto:Helen@spencerbuilders.co.uk) for more details.

**Jill Radini 336133**  
[jillmunson250@hotmail.com](mailto:jillmunson250@hotmail.com)

### 1st Deddington Brownies

There was great fun at Warriner School on 2 October when Brownies from Deddington joined their friends from around the Cherwell Division for a Brownie Adventure Day. The theme was '100 years of Guiding' and the Brownies took part in activities representing each decade of the last 100 years. These included making flags, singing, an obstacle course, writing raps and making bracelets! My Brownie had a fantastic time!

**Lucy Squires 338442**

### Deddington Players

By the time you read this we hope to have cast the pantomime and be ready to start rehearsals. We are still looking for help with costumes and backstage, so please give me a ring if you think you could help. Don't forget our action day on Saturday 13 November when we hope as many members as possible will come along to the Windmill Centre to help us sort out the stage and other matters prior to the pantomime. We expect to be there from 10.00am to 4.00pm so please join us when you can. And so to the show... Will Puss earn his boots? Come and find out on 20–22 January 2011.

**Lucy Squires**  
**338442**

### Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

Our final DOGS golf day was held on Friday 15 October at Copt Heath Golf Club. This course has a very high rating and is one of the best in the Birmingham area. Thirty-one DOGS and guests turned out for a day that measured up to Autumn Classic standards. The course was immaculate in terms of presentation and proved to be a difficult test for everyone. I thought some of the golfers felt they were playing in the Ryder Cup!

When play came to an end the overall winner for the day was Bill Brown, closely followed by Peter Blackburn. The final and ultimate DOGS prize is the annual presentation of the 2010 'Top DOG' Big Ears Trophy for Golfer of the Year. This year Peter Blackburn walked off with Big Ears (not for the first time), but it will be all to play for in 2011.

Full details and photos are on Deddington OnLine.

**David Darst 338589**



## CALLING MORE CLUBS

### Photographic Society

At the meeting last month members Glynne Bianchi and Bob Bell gave a workshop entitled 'An Introduction to Photoshop Elements'. Introducing the subject, Bob explained his interest in editing photographs by photo-processing arose initially from the need to crop and adjust the light balance of his digital images. Progressing from Picasa to Photoshop Elements he became an enthusiastic advocate of computer editing of images. He gave his audience a practical demonstration of the ability of Elements to correct and improve photographs in a variety of situations, sometimes dramatically. Glynne followed with an overview of the uses and special effects available in Elements, demonstrating the creativity that can be achieved by the software in producing message cards, bookmarks, CD and DVD labels, logos, compliment slips, communication messages and photographic collages. Overall, an absorbing and most interesting workshop by two of the Society's members, which was very well received by their audience.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 3 November at the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, when there will be a presentation by Phil Binks entitled 'Big Boys' Prints – digital prints to inspire photographers'. All are welcome.

**John Branton**  
01295 811079

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### 1st team results:

18/09/10 Bishops Itchington (h) W 3–2  
25/09/10 Sinclair United (h) W 5–2  
02/10/10 Steeple Aston (h) L 1–3  
09/10/10 Bodicote Sports (h) D 0–0  
16/10/10 Banbury Town (a) (CUP) W 4–1

#### Reserve team results:

18/09/10 Priors United (a) L 2–5  
25/09/10 Sinclair Utd Res (a) L 0–3  
02/10/10 Kings Sutton Res (a) W 4–0  
09/10/10 Paragon United (a) W 7–0  
16/10/10 Abba Athletic (h) L 0–5

At a time when the key talking points in the football world have been disreputable benefactors damaging football clubs and 'robust' tackling, we thank Richard Spencer for being such a relentlessly generous sponsor. Unfortunately, despicable tackles are not so much rarefied as a regular fixture in the amateur game, but your local warriors ride into battle nonetheless, risking all for the greater glory of a Saturday afternoon's jocular boasting in the boozier.

The First team's new-look management team have guided the players to new heights, though their unfortunate bogey team has proved to be arch rivals Steeple Aston, whose home and away defeats are the only losses so far for Deddington. The comfortable

Sinclair win was embellished by a magnificent Luc Thornton free kick late on.

The Reserves have been nothing if not erratic, either winning or losing heavily. A glut of away games started badly, but an emphatic recovery seemed in the offing when 11 goals without reply were notched up before a humiliating 5-0 home defeat to Abba Athletic. Keep faith devoted patrons, for gilded prizes lie dormant until the buds of spring stretch for the sun.

**Aaron Bliss 07909 642882**

### Deddington Tennis Club

Tennis at the club continues throughout the winter with Tuesday and Sunday club mornings and league matches in the Banbury and District floodlit league and the weekend winter leagues.

Junior coaching takes place indoors in the Windmill Centre on Tuesdays from 4.00pm and Fridays from 3.30pm for ages 3 and over. Saturday morning coaching starts at 10.30am for minis aged 5 and over, and juniors at 11.30am. Contact Steve on 01295 263855 for details or see our website [www.deddingtontennis.com](http://www.deddingtontennis.com). The club's AGM is at the Windmill Centre on Wednesday 1 December at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

**Steve Ashby, LTA Club Coach**  
01295 263855

### Book Club

At our last meeting we discussed John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, a story of the hardship suffered by farmers forced to migrate during the Great Depression from the Oklahoma dustbowl to California. This beautifully written work with memorable characters focuses on the dignity and generosity of these people who have so little to give. We all agreed that it was quite a challenging book, but we were glad to have taken the time to read it.

The book for November is *The Road Home* by Rose Tremain and the next meeting 25 November.

**Sally Lambert 338094**

### Deddington Cricket Club

A highly successful presentation evening, organised by David Webb, was held on Saturday 16 October at the Windmill. Approximately 100 people attended the annual event, including a pleasing and enthusiastic number of young playing members and families.

The following well-deserved awards were presented by Jim Turburfield and James Ransom.

*Under 9s*: batting – Alfie Barbeary, bowling – George Welch, clubman – Sam Nelson; *Under 11s*: batting – Dan Brady, bowling – Mica Catonia, clubman – Felix Clarke; *Under 13s*: batting – George Welch, bowling – Lewis Bletchly, clubman – Jack Nielan. Josh Rowe won overall Junior Clubman of the Year.

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

Adult awards were also presented, full details of which will be on our website [www.deddingtoncc.co.uk](http://www.deddingtoncc.co.uk).

**James Ransom**  
07769 264446

### Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

This is our busiest time of the year as we approach Remembrance and the Poppy Collection. Poppies will be on sale from Saturday 30 October until Sunday 14 November. They will be available in most shops and many business premises in the village and our volunteers will be making door-to-door collections during this period. Please support the collection as much as you are able. The Royal British Legion needs your help more than ever at the present time. Any matters relating to the Poppy Appeal or offers of help please to our Poppy Appeal Organiser, Norman West on 340368 or 0798 573 4839.

Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday 14 November. All are welcome to join us in the parade. We meet in the Bull Ring at 10.30am and process to the War Memorial in the lower churchyard for the Act of Remembrance at 11.00am. We then go to the church for the Remembrance Service.

We are fast approaching our AGM and are making an urgent appeal for help in running the branch. We need a Secretary and a Treasurer in particular, although one person could do both jobs. Neither of these posts is onerous – we only have a very few committee meetings in the year. These posts have nothing to do with the running of the Club, which is a completely different entity. You do not need to be a member of the Royal British Legion at the present time to volunteer to help.

**Albert Humphries MBE, Chairman**  
338943

### Deddington Royal British Legion Club

We hosted a Charity Race Night on 25 September in aid of Help for Heroes. Thanks to the publicity kindly given to us by *DN* and the excellent support given by the villagers we had a terrific evening and just under £900 was raised on the evening. This was due in part to the generosity of many of our business contacts who gave prizes for the raffle and donations.

The saga of our new front windows continues. We have installed two of the three but need the electricity authority to re-route our mains supply before we can finish the job.

In October's *DN* I made a strong appeal for new capable people to take up the helm in running the Club. I am sorry to say that, at the present time, I have had no response. The Club has been running for 85 years – it would be sad if it had to close as a result of there being no-one to run it. I have been heavily involved in all aspects of running the Club for over 10 years and have been trying to retire for the last three, but I will

no longer be involved after the AGM in early December. We need a Secretary and maybe a Treasurer. If anyone is interested in helping to keep the Club alive, irrespective of whether they are a current members, they can contact me on the telephone or by email and I can tell them what is involved.

**Raymond R Morris, Chairman 338143**  
[DeddingtonRBL@aol.com](mailto:DeddingtonRBL@aol.com)

### Deddington and District History Society

Our October speaker, Liz Young, gave a wide-ranging talk on 'Churchyards and their Monuments'. Christian burials were originally placed around a stone cross, the area later becoming an enclosed churchyard. She told us about constant threats from animals and grave-robbers, and about various ingenious forms of protection. The familiar yew trees had the dual purpose of warding off evil spirits and, of course, of providing a supply of wood for longbows. One unexpected statistic: tombstones in a churchyard are likely to represent only 10–15% of the total population. Liz showed us various types of tombs, memorials and monuments. They featured a remarkable range of materials, from wood through to stone (local stone is best, marble unsuitable and bordering on the vulgar), brick, slate, and cast iron. Liz was especially interesting when explaining the symbolism of the decorative work on tombs.

The Oxfordshire Family History Society, which is recording all the county's churchyards, has reached Deddington. The survey of Deddington's churchyard will begin shortly. If anyone would like to take part in this fascinating and important project, let us know and we will put you in touch with the organisers.

Our speaker on 10 November will be an old favourite, Martin Way, on 'Cotswold Sheep and Shepherd-ing'. We are always delighted to see new members. Just turn up at the Windmill Centre on the second Wednesday of any month to be assured of a warm welcome.

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

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### FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

The AGM is on Thursday 4 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. The agenda was sent out to all Friends at the beginning of October. We look forward to welcoming you all, our new members and particularly anyone who is thinking of joining. It is a good social evening with a glass of wine before the main meeting which will give you an opportunity to meet everyone.

**Althea Wood**  
337904  
[altheawood@aol.com](mailto:altheawood@aol.com)

## WELL REMEMBERED

### GROUP CAPTAIN DENYS HEYWOOD 1926–2010

Denys and I shared many common interests from our respective service careers and I feel very privileged to be writing this 'salute' to someone for whom I had the utmost personal and professional respect.

Denys was born in India but lived with relations in the UK during the war years. In 1944 he was allowed out of school to sign up for the Fleet Air Arm but was unable to find the RN recruiting office. He was about to give up when he saw the RAF office; the rest is history and the Navy lost a great flier.

In 1945 he was sent to the Middle East where aircraft and desert landings strips were often unreliable so accidents were common: in one he lost a couple of fingers, in another he had to bribe some Bedouins to guard the aircraft, rather than remove parts of it, while he went for help.

The 1950s included time flying with the Royal Navy from aircraft carriers, so achieving his schoolboy ambition. Cold war operations based in Germany – where his Soviet opposite numbers patrolled within sight just the other side of the border – also meant he was close to ski slopes. This was a sport he pursued all his life achieving the distinction of a free ski pass at 75. More importantly though, it was on the ski slopes that he met Buffy whom he married in 1957.

In 1964 he was promoted Wing Commander and appointed CO of the Dambusters squadron. His task was to maintain the Blue Steel nuclear deterrent mounted on Vulcan aircraft at full alert 24 hours a day. This tour was followed by three years in America, working largely underground with Strategic Air Command, interspersed with family caravan holidays exploring the States.

In 1971 he was promoted again and appointed Group Captain Flying at Akrotiri in Cyprus, then the biggest RAF flying base in the world; so a perfect posting for Denys to complete a career in which he flew so many different aircraft that his peers called him '57 varieties'. The family, now including Rob, Annabel, Carol and Simon, found life on a Mediterranean island pretty perfect too!

The Heywoods moved to Deddington in 1977 just after Denys retired. For 10 years he was Bursar at Tudor Hall School, then retired again to look after the grounds of Deddington Manor and enjoy playing sport. He was a lead player in the Deddington Tennis Club at which he excelled with deceptively casual expertise – along with squash and later golf – and skiing of course.

Deddington will remember Denys as a quietly courteous and enormously supportive member of the community with a mischievous sense of humour and always a twinkle in his eye.

**Rob Forsyth 338384**

[A full account of Denys' flying career with photographs can be found at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/worldwars/thesecondworldwar1939-1945/personal-stories/denysheywood>. Ed].

### JOHN GRAFTON TEMPLE-SMITH 1923–2010

John was born in London, the eldest of two boys. After prep school he went to Bryanston School in Dorset. On leaving he joined the RAF, and went to Oxford University where he completed his studies in half the time it normally took. He became a test pilot in Canada during the Second World War and on returning to civilian life his aim was to get into the film industry. This was not easy to do as a union card was needed. So to obtain this, John acted in, produced and edited his first film. This got him started and he went on to produce documentaries and later feature films. He married Maureen Anne in January 1948 in Marylebone Church and they had two children, Nicholas and Sarah, followed by three grandchildren. They celebrated 62 years of married life earlier this year.

They moved to Hempton in 1985 and John particularly enjoyed the country life, which was perhaps surprising as he was a city man. He enjoyed holidays in France, where he went many times. He joined the village Church and became a member, committee man and secretary of the Friends of the Church, positions he only gave up during the last year. It was mainly his idea to restore the proposed new doors to the Gothic arches. John had strong views about things but he always put them over in a nice way. A Thanksgiving Service was held recently in St John's Church with a full congregation of family and friends. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

**Les Chappell 338054**

### PETER CHARLES 1924–2010

Peter was born in 1924 in the Cowley barracks, his father being in the army, and at the age of 14 went to work at Pressed Steel, where he first met Doris. During the War, Peter was called up into the Signals, later transferring to the Royal Engineers and served in North Africa, Italy and Greece. He and Doris married in 1948 and Heather, their one child, was born in 1951. Peter had returned to Pressed Steel, where he worked until retirement at 65, after which he joined the domestic staff at the Plant Sciences Department of Oxford University. Peter and Doris moved to Mill Close in the early 90s and enjoyed life in Deddington. They liked to walk around the village and Peter was involved in the planting of Daeda's Wood. They were central members of the Duns Tew Monday Club and Peter drove for Age Concern. He delighted in his garden and the birds that visited; born to the sound of an army band, he grew up to love military bands and had a fine collection of CDs; he had been from childhood an avid stamp-collector; he was a woodworker, enjoyed crosswords and autobiographies, especially those relating to the war, and a swimmer. He was a good neighbour, searching out things he might do for those around him. He contributed much to the village and it is good that in his latter years, he received much kind support from his neighbours and friends here.

**HW**



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