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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

While Candleford residents may enjoy the view of the Clifton Sea from their lofty ridgeline, for clay-bound Larkrise residents flooding is an annual annoyance. Please heed the pleas on pages 3 and 8 for concerted action on how to hold Thames Water's and OCC's feet to the fire in finally resolving the problem.

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WHAT'S ON

November

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| Sun | 3 | Litter Pick: Town Hall, 8.00am |
| Mon | 4 | Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am |
| Mon | 4 | Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm |
| Wed | 6 | Photographic Society: Bob Bracher, Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 7 | Knit and Natter: Holly Tree, 7.00pm |
| Sat | 9 | Warriner Choral Society: <i>Carmina Burana</i> , Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 10 | Remembrance Sunday: Parade assembles in the Bull Ring, 10.15am: March off, 10.45am |
| Tue | 12 | WI: 'Paul the Pud', Cotswold Baking, Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 13 | Fun Fair: Market Place |
| Sat | 16 | Fun Fair: Market Place |
| Thu | 14 | Holly Tree Club: Film Night, <i>The Imitation Game</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm |
| Sat | 16 | Church Christmas Fair: Parish Church, 10.30am–3.00pm |
| Sat | 16 | CHANCES: Night at the Races, Windmill, 7.00pm |
| Wed | 20 | PC Meeting: Old School Room, Hempton, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 20 | Photographic Society: Photoshop Editing, Jim Muller, Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 21 | History Society: 'Stranger in the House', Julie Summers, Primary School, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 23 | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm |
| Sat | 23 | Banbury Symphony Orchestra: 'Sounds of Autumn', Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Tue | 26 | RBL: Pub Social Evening, Red Lion, 7.00pm |
| Thu | 28 | Book Group: Sally Lambert, 01869 338094, for details |
| Thu | 28 | Skittles: Parish Church, 7.00pm |
| Sat | 30 | Talk: 'How To Be a Bad Christian and a Better Human Being', Dave Tomlinson, Parish Church, 7.00pm |

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Deddington Circular Walk

This month's cover shows Chapman's Lane as you walk towards Leadenporch Farm. See www.cherwell.gov.uk/downloads/file/7931/deddington-circular-walk to download a map of the walk and also *Walking Around Deddington* www.deddingtonhistory.uk/guides/countryside/ralphswalks.

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Windmill Centre, Wednesday 16 October

Present: Councillors Cox, Eames, Oldfield, Robinson, Rogers (Chair), Squires, Swadling, Timms and Watts. The new minutes' secretary was welcomed.

Planning

No objection

Post Office Cottage, Main Street, Clifton: erection of replacement garden room.

Laurel House, Bullring, Deddington: change of use to single dwelling.

8 Castle Street, Deddington: removal of rear window and fitting of glazed doors.

Ashley House, Chapel Close, Deddington: infill of existing recess.

Agricultural building, Clifton Road, Deddington: change of use to flexible commercial use.

Land to rear of St James' Farm, Main Street, Clifton: construction of three new dwellings and garages.

Grove Lodge, High St, Deddington: convert window in external wall into doorway.

Wells Yard, Hudson St, Deddington: Demolition of ten garages and masonry barn – erection of three detached dwellings with off-road parking.

Approved by CDC

63 St John's Way, Hempton.

Various tree works in Deddington.

Withdrawn

Deddington Housing Association, Holly Tree Cottages, Earls Lane. Erection of two affordable two-bed cottages based on CDC conservation officer's concerns.

Environment and Recreation

Up to £2,500 was agreed to buy container for storing stewards' tools.

The outer moat path at Castle Grounds will be closed until made safe.

A parish litter pick will take place on Sunday 3 November, meeting at the Town Hall at 8.00am. There will be an additional clear-up on Saturday 10 November if needed.

Up to £1,000 was agreed for the purchase and installation of a Christmas tree.

The Hempton Road planter will be repaired and a youth organisation will maintain it.

The annual fair will arrive on Wednesday 13 November and depart on Sunday 17th.

Finance and General Purposes

A grant of £1,500 was agreed for refurbishing the Church lavatories.

A total of £1,100 was agreed for repairing and painting the outside of the former bowls pavilion at the Windmill Centre.

A budget of up to £3,000 was agreed for tree works recommended by a recent survey.

Highways and Transport

The management of the firm whose employee was reported for driving agricultural vehicles irresponsibly is keen to ensure safe practices and maintain a good relationship with the community. Residents are therefore encouraged to report vehicles being driven irresponsibly, supplying photographic evidence or registration numbers.

The main road through Clifton will be closed on 5 November from 7.00am–7.00pm while 'Swere cover replacement works' are carried out.

Windmill Development Group

Mary Robinson is retiring as chair of the group. The PC thanked her for her dedicated work to date.

The owner of a property on Mill Close is unwilling to re-instate a permanent fence between his land and the pocket park.

A grant of £200 has been gratefully received from the farmers' market for planting wildflowers.

Wooden sleepers will be installed on the bank by the all weather court for spectators to sit on.

Current development plans at the Windmill Centre are being put on hold while the group considers the composition of its committee.

Deddington Charity Estates

The PC will advise maintaining two representatives of the council's choosing on the Deddington Charity Estates' board.

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 20 November in the Old School Room, Hempton.

Jean Rudge

These notes are the view of our reporter, Jean Rudge, and not the official minutes, which are available at <http://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/2019.html>.

HGVs AND WEIGHT RESTRICTION ENFORCEMENT

We have recently been receiving complaints about HGVs breaching weight limits on roads across the parish. The police and the Trading Standards service can enforce weight restriction orders and routine inspections are made across Oxfordshire to ensure that vehicles are not breaking these orders.

However, if you witness a breach, please report it online at the following:

<https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/reporhighwaysbreach>

Very many thanks,

David Rogers, PC Chair
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BUSES, CARS, TIMETABLES AND THE FAIR

Funfair: The fair is coming to Deddington from Wednesday 13 November until Sunday 17 November. This year they're planning to arrive earlier than usual – at about 8.00am on Wednesday. This is because last year they had great difficulty setting up the rides in the Market Place as there were so many cars parked there.

Diversion: During the fair, from noon on Wednesday until Saturday evening, the S4 bus will be diverted out of the Market Place and Horsefair and will instead stop at the junction of Hudson Street and High Street. Whether the buses will be diverted on Wednesday morning and on Sunday morning, when the fair is setting up and closing down, is unclear. The parish clerk has been in touch with Stagecoach but at the time of going to press has received no response explaining their plans.

The bus stops at Deddington Manor and Deddington Grange should be unaffected.

S4 timetable changes: Sadly there's no sign yet of a half-hourly service from Deddington resuming but, at least, Stagecoach has nearly doubled the number of Sunday buses. The timings have changed too. Deddington to Banbury buses leave on Sunday at 9.27 and 10.47am, and 12.17, 1.47, 3.17, 4.47, 6.17 and 7.46pm. Deddington to Oxford buses leave at 8.53, 10.23, and 11.53am, and 1.23, 2.53, 4.23, and 5.53pm. The Sunday service now calls at Rousham

and Tackley as it does the rest of the week.

The weekday timetable is improved with an additional 'fast' X4 each way in the afternoons: 5.32pm from Deddington to Banbury and 3.51pm Deddington to Oxford. There is no change on Saturdays.

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The Duck has continued its intellectual stretching of Candleford, Lower Larkrise and outsiders' mental capacities with quizzes both won by the 'Golden Fleece' team assisted by a newly graduated 'yoof' passed over by his mother and gleefully accepted by the winners. Quiz Master Dave 'the septic' Darst means it's all great fun and to be recommended, with cash prizes usually donated to charity (it was Macmillan Nurses last time). Well done the winners and all who took part but mostly the organisers who made this a great night out on a school night.

Clifton sur Mer is back in more ways than one. As usual it's a splendid spectacle, especially cycling past it at night when it's almost eerie. A return to the Lower Larkrise rapids is less welcome as we entertain the annual game of 'I blame you, not me' played between OCC, which is responsible for highways, and Thames Water, which owns the water mains and some aspects of the drainage.

Many of us don't care who is to blame as long as someone steps up and puts it right. To help these organisations face up to their responsibilities we, the residents, need to carpet bomb them with reports each and every time it floods. Every single time will you please lodge a complaint with Thames Water using this link to customer.feedback@thameswater.co.uk or see here <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/-/media/Site-Content/Thames-Water/Help-and-Advice/Customer-Commitment/Codes-of-practice/If-you-are-unhappy-with-our-service.pdf> as well as calling 0800 316 9800 option 2 then option 2. It would help if Candleford residents complained as well.

Book Club is back up and running although missing the captain who is still manfully dealing with a type of unwellness none of us wants (best wishes, Ronaldo) but still discussing the nine protected characteristics of the 2010 Discrimination Act as they were addressing where the line should be, who were Roger Bannister's pacemakers and who had Dick Turpin as a neighbour. The review of last season's Una Stubbs averages is still awaiting the skipper's return.

Santa plans are afoot, some to be given a law enforcement role.

As usual if you have any real news then it's martinbryce@gmail.com.

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DEDDINGTON FARMERS' MARKET

Anticipating Christmas

If you're the kind of person who plans ahead this is the market for placing your Christmas orders. If, like me, this is far too soon, you can contact the stallholders direct before the Christmas market on Saturday 21 December. Details are on the market website, address below.

Being a bit of a Grinch, my Christmas market recipes tend to be about how to use leftovers rather than celebratory dishes. By leftovers I often mean Brussels sprouts but, in a fit of waywardness, I've decided to devote this column to the sprout in its own right, rather than as unavoidable greenery that needs recycling. If you have apprehensions about Brussels sprouts you can stop reading here.

This recipe has a bit of a back story, as told in Jane Grigson's *Vegetable Book*. In 1818, Jean-Baptiste Van Mons, Professor of Chemistry and Rural Economy at Louvain, addressed the Royal Horticultural Society on the subject of the Brussels sprout, then a fairly new vegetable to his audience. This is his recipe:

Professor Van Mons' Brussels Sprouts

Serves about 4

500g Brussels sprouts, trimmed

50g butter



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1½–2 tablespoons white wine or cider vinegar

Handful of chopped green herbs – parsley, chives, tarragon, fennel, thyme
Salt and pepper

Boil or steam the sprouts until cooked. Drain and keep warm in a hot serving dish. Cook the butter in a frying pan until it turns a delicious nut brown (not dark brown or black which is burnt butter). The

nutty scent from the butter will help steer you. Quickly stir in the vinegar (keeping your face out of the way in case it spits) so that it sizzles for a few seconds. Take off the heat and add the chopped herbs to this *beurre noisette*. Pour over the Brussels sprouts. Check seasoning and serve. This is a nice side dish for chicken, and a sensational one for game. It might even persuade a sprout denier.

The market is on Saturday 23 November from 9.00am–12.30pm. The webpage is www.deddington-farmersmarket.co.uk.

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

Good shopping!

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

November

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Mon–Fri	8.45am	Morning Prayer (also on the first Saturday of the month)
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion (with prayers for healing on the fourth Wednesday of the month)
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thu	10.30–noon	Squiggles & Wiggles – for mums-to-be, parents or childminders of pre-school age children
Sun	3 10.30am	Family Service
	6.00pm	All Souls Service
Sun	10 8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.15am	Remembrance Day Parade Assemble in Bull Ring
	11.00am	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial followed by Church Service
Sun	17 10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun	24 10.30am	Holy Communion – Informal Said Service

Hempton

Sun	3 9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun	17 9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun	24 5.00pm	Eat, Pray, Live

Barford St Michael

Sun	3 10.30am	All Saints
	4.00–5.00pm	All Souls – An opportunity to light a candle and spend quiet time remembering loved ones
Sun	10 9.00am	Remembrance Sunday Service
Sun	17 10.30am	Family Service
Sun	24 9.00am	Holy Communion

From the Parish Register

Baptisms

22 Sept Hugh Robert Andrew Lytton Williams

Funerals

23 Sept Betty Baker

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or on 01869 336880. If Annie is not available, then please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (01869 338367) or Meriel Flux (01869 338901). We also have a curate, Revd Paula Smith, who can be contacted at curate@deddingtonchurch.org.

RC Parish of Hethe

Revd Robert Hughes 01295 720869 or 07766 711969

There is no longer a resident or full-time incumbent at Hethe. A non-resident priest will say one Mass on Sundays at 10.00am.

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. There are also Masses said at 8.45am and 11.15am on Sundays at St John's. There are also services at St Joseph's on Sundays at 10.00am and 5.30pm.

FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

The Wood is in good shape and has many visitors.

During the summer it formed part of a fundraising walk by a man in memory of his wife, during which some Friends met up with him and talked about the Wood's origins. A litter picking event resulted in a tidier parking area and the wide pathway leading to the wild flower meadow has been renewed, making disabled access easier.

Monitoring of the bat boxes showed significant use by pipistrelle's which is good news. The wires attaching the boxes will be encased in hose piping, which might look out of place but is necessary to avoid damage to the trees.

The Friends no longer perform active maintenance as the trees have become too tall for anything but simple pruning of low branches and the Woodland Trust now uses specialist contractors. Our present role therefore is to keep a watching brief. A sale of our now redundant tools at the farmers' market resulted in the sum of £230 being sent to the Woodland Trust.

Our AGM will be in April 2020 and is open to all Friends of the Wood. If you are interested in joining, please contact me and I will send you details. Subscriptions remain at £5.

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DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

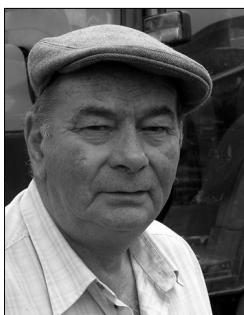
Where's Willy?

So what happened to October, the month of mellow fruitfulness? As I bash this out it's water, water everywhere and, as it's come out of the river downstream of Banbury, you wouldn't want to drink it. On the second Sunday of the month I ducked the church service and went with the boy, swimming sheep out of the floodwater.

As normal, October is something of an ovine month. Both flocks have been sorted out and replacements bought in from the North of England sales. The boys then disappeared to the Rugby ram sales and came back with seven new rams. As last year, the Farm Student was sent off to select and bid for a ram of his choosing and bought Willy the Pink, a rather good ram. It is traditional to colour-dip show rams and Willy had a distinct pink tinge. He had not been on the farm for more than five days when he went missing, so it was all hands on deck to find Willy. Every field, ditch and hedgerow was searched but no trace of Willy. Then I realised that the wind was blowing from the ewe flock to the ram paddock. After a quick inspection of the ewe flock, there was Willy, on with the job. He had travelled one and a half miles across two farms and swum the river to reach his goal. Although we will start lambing earlier than anticipated, I did not have the heart to shut him up in the stable so left him to his fun and we turned out his companions the next day.

I was born in the valley and have farmed in it for the last 60 years but I can't remember an October as difficult as this one. To date we have not been able to plant any wheat as the ground is too wet. We have already lost one field of oilseed rape to the cabbage stem flea beetle and the other is on 'watchful waiting'. We plant part of the arable acreage in cover crops which feed sheep before going into spring cropping, using a rotation that would have been familiar to my grandfather, who himself was born and farmed in the valley, but did not grow oilseed rape or have to contend with the beetle.

This year the beetles have appeared in huge numbers and wiped out our sheep-feed brassica crops. The reason for the devastation to our food supply is simply the well-fed UK and EU environmental lobbies who have persuaded our masters to remove the only effective chemical from our spray stores with an EU-wide ban. Our more enlightened EU states on the other side of the ditch allow a 'variation' for their growers to use the chemicals on oilseed rape and brassica crops. The odd thing is that these banned farm chemicals can still be bought in the local garden centre for use in the garden and on the allotment, with the gardeners not being asked for a copy of their Defra training certificate. Oh well, as much as I grumble, the situation will not



change until we have a hungry world which, given the growing populations and increasing weather events, may not be as far away as you think.

Well, that's it for another season. The last of the swallows have gone south. We had eleven pairs in the buildings, with three pairs bringing off three broods. The house martins and swifts left the village in early September. I wish them a safe trip to Africa and look forward to their return, if Boris and the new landlords have not disposed of me. What with the wet and no wheat planted, October has been a rather dismal month but we will get it planted, although with each day of delay the yield potential drops away.

But it's not all doom and gloom. One much anticipated event will happen in the next day or two with the arrival of Otter, an eight-week old Black Labrador puppy. He was born in the village and I have known his mother since she was a pup. She always greets me on the farm with a woof and a tail wag so I just had to have one of her sons. I have always had working dogs and Otter will become one of the family, learning the tricks of the trade from Teal, to become my companion in the field.

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FROM THE FIRE STATION



For August and September, the station attended 20 call outs, but suffered from the usual problems of providing full cover during the school holiday period. We provided standby cover to Banbury and Bicester on nine occasions, attended seven fire incidents,

three alarms and made one rescue. Happily we were not called out to any road traffic collisions.

For those not in the know, 'standby cover' takes the fire crew to a larger station to cover their area if both their appliances are already attending incidents. Not surprisingly, both Banbury and Bicester have higher incident occurrences than Deddington. 'Fire incidents' are what they say they are and include house, bin and car fires, whilst 'alarms' covers those triggered in public buildings, care homes and schools.

The Fire Service is always looking for new recruits to join Deddington's on call crew. If you fancy learning more and becoming an On Call Firefighter, come and find out more at the station on drill nights, every Tuesday 7.00pm–9.00pm.

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WINE TIME

As fires start to be lit and embarrassment at having the heating on has vanished, curling up on the sofa with a blood-warming red is an excellent way to end the day. There are not many wines better at providing the comfort needed for a dark Halloween or chilly Bonfire Night than red Zinfandel, a grape variety that is a wonder of Californian wine making with a curious history.

For years the origins of Zinfandel remained a mystery. The USA did not have any usable grape varieties of its own when the Europeans moved in and many brought grapes with them. However, there was no record of any variety called Zinfandel anywhere else in the world. DNA testing in 1994 put the confusion to bed. It is the same as Tribidrag, an ancient Croatian grape also known as Crljenak Kastelanski and, as Primitivo in Italy, grown mainly in Puglia.

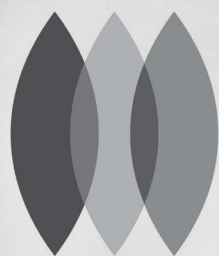
This came as a huge surprise. Primitivo's reputation was for being a fairly rough, rustic, and not always high quality, wine. That reputation was shared with the wines from Croatia. The idea that the glorious, rich, smooth and deep flavoured reds coming out of California were the same grape was proof that it is not just the grape variety that determines quality. The vast majority of wines labelled Zinfandel are grown in California although Italian producers in the EU, aiming at export markets, are now allowed to call their Primitivo 'Zinfandel' if they want to, and some do.

Well made and aged red Zinfandel bursts with ripe plums, cherries, blueberries and strawberries, as well as pepper and spice. It is rich and warming and often high in alcohol but has modest tannins which makes it very easy drinking. It works very well with meat – venison, roast chicken or barbecue – and mushrooms. Tomato-based pasta sauces and pizza also pair well, but it's one of those wines that is great on its own.

What to try? Brazil Lodi old vine Zinfandel (Wine Society at £12.50) is fabulous and rather too easy to drink, given its 14.5% alcohol. Look out for Ravenswood Lodi Zinfandel (Majestic at £14.99 and other outlets) which is rich and juicy. (Lodi is a region in California famous for quality Zinfandel from old vines.) Almost all the major supermarkets have their own range of Zinfandels (eg Sainsbury's Taste the Difference at £9.50) and these can be a good place to start.

If you want to push the boat out, Ridge vineyards in California, one of the most famous, highest quality and expensive, produces two amazing wines, one entirely from Zinfandel (Geyserville – about £50 a bottle) and one predominantly Zinfandel (Lytton Springs – about £40). Prices will vary a bit but both are stunning. Try Primitivo as well, the quality has improved enormously as, not ones to miss a business opportunity, the Californian winemakers have been helping their Italian friends in the production of Zinfandel/Primitivo.

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A HOUSE FOR ALL CLIMATES?

In 1956 the American architect Frank Lloyd Wright proposed to construct a mile-high building on an island off the shores of Lake Michigan in Chicago. It would house 100,000 people, 15,000 cars and 100 helicopters. Its 528 floors would be serviced by five-deck elevators that traveled at 60 miles an hour and required so much electric power that the building would have its own nuclear power plant. What could possibly go wrong? Had it been built, it might have become a folly for the ages because subsequent engineering studies found Wright had underestimated the elevator requirements alone by a factor of three.

It's a cautionary tale for anyone building something out of the ordinary, although the house Catherine and I have underway in the Tchure is not quite two storeys, with only a single stairwell and nothing that is even slightly radioactive. On the other hand it is technologically challenging in that we hope it is designed to better cope with climate change. No one knows for sure how to do that but we have some ideas and are going to give it a go. Wasn't it Robert Browning who said 'Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?'

It isn't the first time we've been involved with things new and untested; Catherine once headed a government agency that was an advocate for green architecture back when the discipline was in its infancy and I have spent much of my life in applied research and commercialisation of environmentally beneficial technology. Today, although energy efficient and eco-friendly architecture is becoming more common, principles of climate adaptive design are as yet undefined and implicitly experimental.

Now for the scary part: if climate models could provide certainty as to how much hotter, colder, wetter or drier the weather might be 50 years hence, then we



could build for those conditions. The problem is, in some parts of our planet the pace of climate change is accelerating. For example, the Greenland ice sheet is now melting six times faster than it was only 40 years ago. No one really knows what this means but exponential data coming out of climate models built on incremental rates of change do not inspire confidence. What we're left with is the prospect of building for the unexpected and that makes a nuclear powered elevator sound reasonable in comparison.

We are kept grounded in this madcap venture with the support of both a great architect and builder. They have been most patient with us and have eed the house will be durable and finished well, even if we don't yet know what climate challenges it may face. What we do know is that the performance of the house will be carefully measured – infrared thermography of the building shell, thermal performance, smart metered electricity and gas consumption, groundwater retention, indoor air quality, and especially how the house and its components fare in episodes of extreme weather.

In future columns I'll go into some detail about the climate-adaptive technologies and materials built into the house. I'll report on what works as planned, on what did not and on the inevitable surprises that come along with attempts at innovation. If life has taught me nothing else, it is that what we know or what we think we know is little compared with what there is yet to be learned.

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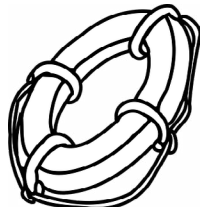
FLOODING IN CLIFTON

For very many years there has been a problem with surface water flooding in Clifton. The only way we'll ever get anything done is if there is enough evidence to make Thames Water take notice and fix it.

When it happens again would you please call Thames Water immediately on 0800 316 9800 to report any leaks, blockages or overflowing drains, <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/help-and-advice/drains-and-sewers/reporting-pollution>.

If they get enough calls they will have to take it seriously. Very many thanks.

David Rogers, Chair, Parish Council
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PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

We're pleased to announce that our Christmas Fayre will be held in the parish church on Tuesday 3 December from 7.30pm. With a tempting array of stalls, the festive aroma of mince pies and mulled wine, and seasonal music from Deddington Brass, we can't think of a better way to start your Christmas. This event is open to everyone, so please put the date in your diary and come along to give us your support.

The first term has flown by quickly and our 'new' children are now old hands. We have been doing lots of autumnal walks and craft work, the PFSU children have been finding out about shapes and Diwali, and the Nursery children have begun regular library visits and finished the term with a Halloween party. We held a successful AGM in October and would like to welcome our new committee members as well as saying thank you to everyone who has served on the committee during the past year.

Lucy Squires
01869 337484

BLISSFUL THINKING

I returned intact from dragon country, clutching photographs and artefacts from the Old World. Out of all the unfamiliar locales and stations I happened to pass through on the voyage, the only one to sabotage my journey was, in fact, our very own smog-enveloped capital.

Two-and-a-half hours into a journey that normally takes ninety minutes, I took evasive action, only to find the Tube station I charged down was closed because of course it was. I then flagged down a taxi and mindlessly asked him to drop me at the station I needed. It's funny how your mind works in a crisis. Needless to say, we got stuck in the same kind of traffic problems as the Oxford Tube, and I arrived at St Pancras International five minutes before the train's scheduled departure. As a result, I effectively relinquished all three train tickets purchased for that day and night but, some emergency accommodation in Brussels and a whole day's travel later, I'd only lost a day in Vienna after which events took a brighter turn.

After basking in a little of the Habsburg Empire's opulence, I travelled west down to Klagenfurt to see Mum's birthplace. It is a delightful city, with their crazy little Lindwurm mascot setting the tone, and my pleasure was only slightly stymied by the initial rain and then, the next morning, losing the umbrella I had only bought a few hours previously.



Southward I ventured to Slovenia; the crossroads between the Alps, Mediterranean and Balkan regions, on a train that had an old-school narrow corridor with tiny compartments, and no announcements or visible station names.

Ljubljana was another splendid capital, and I was soon completing the circuit back to Vienna, where I finally managed to see the United Nations Building on the Danube and run into the after-party of an Extinction Rebellion protest. So long, Europe! I hope I can return soon in similar circumstances, maybe in a balloon next time.

Aaron Bliss

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HOLLY TREE CLUB

Firstly a couple of 'parish notices' to all hall users; would you please be considerate to other users and fold up and put away all tables when you've finished your session? It's taking too long for the next users to clear the hall before they can even consider starting their sessions, by which time, they've lost the first 1/4 hour of the time they are paying for. Thank you for your co-operation.

As reported previously, we submitted our planning application to CDC and have subsequently withdrawn it following discussion with the planning officer. A revised plan will be resubmitted in due course.

And now for more fun things. Our next trip will be to Millets Farm on Monday 11 November. Millets, near Abingdon, incorporates a farm shop, garden centre, farmhouse kitchen, gift shop, cafe and even a falconry.

The next film, on Thursday 14 November, is the *Imitation Game*. In 1939, newly created British intelligence agency MI6 recruits Cambridge mathematics alumnus, Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch), to crack Nazi codes, including Enigma, which cryptanalysts had thought unbreakable. Turing's team, including Joan Clarke (Keira Knightley), analyse Enigma messages while he builds a machine to decipher them.

Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 3 December at the Deddington Arms; please make sure you have your menu choices and payment made at or before the next coffee morning for the over 55s which will be held as usual on the first Monday of the month at 10.30am in the Holly Tree Club. Do join us, you would be most welcome.

For all Club enquiries, please contact Diana Marshall on 01869 337761 or email info@TheHollyTreeClub.org. For booking enquiries, please contact Hugh Blythe on 07907 020486 or Bookings@TheHollyTreeClub.org.

Revd Annie Goldthorp
Chair, Management Committee

Male Support Worker

required for a gentleman living in Deddington

The successful applicant will enable our client to increase his participation in leisure activities, independent living skills and assist him with securing a job. He also requires support with practising his theory exam towards learning to drive.

The support worker must be willing to take guidance from the Occupational Therapist and Speech and Language Therapist. This is likely to entail two sessions a week, either in evenings or at weekends.

The successful applicant needs to be able to relate to a young man and previous experience working with people with a learning disability is desirable.

Working hours: 25 hours per month.

Our client seeks someone who is well organised, patient, professional, has a good sense of humour and is flexible.

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All posts are subject to an Enhanced DBS Disclosure. Full training will be provided. A full driving licence is essential.

NB: Community Case Management Services Ltd are not the Employer.

Please refer to our website to view the job description and complete an application form:
<http://www.ccmservices.co.uk/jobs-notice-board.asp>
Job reference: TR/MK

POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

While in the shire last week I was reminded that things really do not change too much. When I was a governor at the school, I was known as 'Judith's enforcer'. She was the lovely head back then and when I started the job I thought she worked for us governors but soon enough I got to understand my role. I remember chasing a lady across the staff car park as she claimed she had to park there because she had a bad leg. I shouted 'It seems to be working pretty well right now'. People who abuse the rules of society have always annoyed me and living in America now I feel more angry than ever before.

In the age of social media and 24-hour news, science appears to be an ugly word and people simply don't search for facts. I tried to discuss Trump's inability to stick to facts with several folks on a California business trip last month. An intelligent lady I know said to me that it was all made up by the 'liberal media' and she didn't back off when I pulled out my phone and showed her the three things he had lied about the day before. People today merely want confirmation that their world view is correct. The result in America is an explosion in fact-checking websites. Thank goodness they aren't needed in the UK.

Yesterday was a big one for Trump's Chief of Staff as he admitted that they had withheld aid to Ukraine in order to pressure them to investigate interference in the last US election. Six hours later they were using all means possible to deny he said it. You can watch the film clip on YouTube if you like, though I doubt the intelligent lady in California will bother.



One commentator has described this approach as a 'dead chicken strategy'. Apparently if you tie a smelly dead chicken around a dog's neck, eventually it stops chasing chickens. Yes, we have come to this; let's ignore facts and truth, just throw so much smelly stuff at an issue that it becomes associated with the smell. The believers just recognise

the smell and forget the facts.

People ask me why I still write this piece in the *DN*, and the answer is easy. I enjoy it and it keeps me in touch with the village and the people I love. When I rush through the Unicorn or Deddington Arms I get great feedback and, occasionally, I also get emails straightening out my 'reporting'. This month's email did provide some perspective on the key issues in funding education and I agree with my correspondent that a degree course is not the only way forward. In America this is a very hard argument to put over; in Middle America they push their kids very hard. One result is that the teenage suicide rate is disturbing, but there again, mental health is not properly addressed on either side of the pond.

I'm back off to the US, having been on ten flights in the last five weeks. That's around 40 queues. And I still don't understand why people stand up in the gangway as soon as the plane reaches the stand. I need to stop getting in the car on the wrong side (four times this trip), but at least I have followed the rules and parked in the right car park. Please keep chasing those folks without me.

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TALES FROM THE PUMP

'Would you like a cherry with it?', I asked Frank who used to be a pint of bitter man but had developed a new taste in exotic drinks. He eyed his Manhattan suspiciously and said, 'Talking about cherry picking, did you see the headlines last week about the drop in alcohol related deaths in Glasgow since the introduction of Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) of alcohol in Scotland?' I had seen the news. 'Twenty percent drop wasn't it?' I said.

'Blatant cherry picking by Public Health Scotland', responded Frank. 'The National Records of Scotland support the Glasgow figures but in Aberdeen deaths were up 54%, in Dumfries and Glasgow 40% and Falkirk 71%. In fact, over Scotland as a whole, alcohol-related deaths actually rose from 1,120 to 1,136 – an increase of 1.4% since the introduction of MUP. OK, no-one wants any alcohol related deaths but MUP is not the answer'.

Impressed by Frank's data, I added that the groups



who pushed for MUP now had to find data to support their case. 'For instance', I went on, 'the *British Medical Journal* reports that alcohol consumption in Scotland has dropped 7.6% since the introduction of MUP. This data was arrived at through researching 0.2% of households from 2015 to 2018 to measure self-reported changes to alcohol purchases – with their purchases compared year on year after MUP was introduced. Interestingly, actual alcohol purchases in Scotland, as reported by the International Research Institute, actually rose by 25.2 million units in the first nine months since the introduction of MUP – another example of pressure groups being selective in their choice of data. Now Frank, can I get you another?'

'OK Grumpy, I'll move on to a dry Martini – and pick me a nice cherry'.

Grumpy Landlord

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LETTERS

FROM ROSIE BARKER,
DEDDINGTON

Last year I saw a short article in the newsletter about a wonderful friendly club for adult musicians and thought that other people might like to hear about it. If you are learning an instrument it can be quite difficult to find occasions where you can perform so, when you do get the chance, you are overcome with nerves. The club is called the Oxfordshire Performers' Club, and every six weeks or so there are informal concerts where any adult amateur musician who has a piece of music to offer can perform, without the pressures of a formal concert.

The sessions are really friendly and relaxed: those of us who have chosen to play at a particular session perform to each other, friends and family, followed by an excellent socialising session, fuelled with tea and cake. An added bonus for me is that I have been able to meet people who are learning other instruments and who want to team up to play duets or ensemble pieces. For more experienced players, it is also a useful forum for trying out pieces before performing them in public.

If there is anyone out there who enjoys playing any instrument at an amateur level and wants to meet other musicians, I would encourage you very strongly to give it a try.

The website and facebook details are www.oxfordshireperformersclub.co.uk and <https://www.facebook.com/oxfordshireperformersclub/>

FROM JANE GREEN, DEDDINGTON

The Ride and Stride event in September raised £939 for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. Half of this amount will be returned to our own Deddington parish church, so very many thanks indeed to those villagers who took part and to their generous sponsors.



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letters@deddingtonnews.co.uk
and include your name and address
even if they are not for publication

FROM JO CROSS, CLIFTON

Following the first year of CHANCES which was open to the public, we want to thank everyone who came along, especially those who fully embraced the Mexican theme and the sunshine to make this year's CHANCES a success. As we are still waiting for some pledges to come in we don't have the final total yet.

We tried to go up a few levels and it was hard work but the feedback we are getting is lovely. Once again we had no security issues, no first aid requirements, other than queries on existing health issues, and no health and safety issues which is fantastic. We have a date already for 2020 – 12 September – and can't wait to welcome more of you to the tipis next year.

We want to say a huge thank you to our CHANCES 2019 sponsors, Newman Event Services, Oxford Cheese Company, Puddingface the Pie Place, Cherry Lets, the Deddington Arms, Website Wizards, UK Sports Warehouse, Lokee Silent Disco and to the crew who made it possible. Our 2020 fundraising has already begun with the Night at the Races on 16 November at the Windmill. We hope to see lots of friendly faces there.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Regrouping For the Neighbourhood Plan

Here we go again. As reported in September, the government-appointed examiner made substantial and unwelcome changes to Deddington's completed Neighbourhood Plan. The steering group met and came to the conclusion that the examiner's version of the plan did not, by a long chalk, represent the wishes of the community as expressed in numerous consultations. Therefore we have decided to call a lull while we carry out more research to provide further evidence that would support the original framework of the plan.

Helen Oldfield

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BLUE LIGHT OF DEDDINGTON

Our next Rural Community Forum will be held on 4 December at 6.30pm at Deddington Fire Station. Please come and meet the team and discuss any concerns. .

'No Trick or Treat' leaflets are available from both the Health Centre and the Co-op in Deddington.

This month our team brought in four burglary suspects. Please be mindful of your security, lock up and do not keep your car keys in obvious places. We have been experiencing burglaries where offenders break into houses, take car keys and then steal the car from the driveway.

We have been dealing with reports from the Epwell and Milton areas of horses being ridden in the early hours and tack being damaged and stolen. If you notice any suspicious activity please report it to us on 101.

We are again receiving reports of parents parking dangerously and speeding when dropping off and collecting children from school. Please obey the rules.

Please call us if you see anyone making unscheduled scrap metal collections. We recently seized an unlicensed, uninsured scrap metal van which had failed its MOT and was being operated without a waste collection licence.


PCSOs Jayne Langford, Lana Smith and Claire Brennan Gatescan be contacted at BanburyRural-NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101.

WHAT'S ON

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December

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| Mon | 2 | Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am |
| Mon | 2 | Bookworms: Library, 6.30pm |
| Tue | 3 | PFSU and Nursery: Christmas Fayre, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 4 | Photographic Society: Peter Greenway, Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 5 | Knit and Natter: Holly Tree, 7.00pm |
| Sat | 7 | Hempton Bazaar: Old School Room, 11.00am |
| Tue | 10 | WI: Christmas and birthday lunch, Duke at Clifton, 12.00 for 12.30pm, must pre-book |
| Thu | 12 | Holly Tree Club: Film Night, <i>Holiday Inn</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm |
| Fri | 13 | DOGS: 9 hole Texas Scramble, Tadmarton Heath, 1.00pm |
| Wed | 18 | PC Meeting: Holly Tree Club, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 18 | Photographic Society: 'Restoring Old Photographs', Dianne Berridge, Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 19 | History Society: Christmas Social, Primary School, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 21 | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm |




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CALLING ALL CLUBS

RBL Branch

The next pub social evening is on Tuesday 26 November in the Red Lion at 7.00pm. The Branch outing to the Imperial War Museum was cancelled with regret for lack of support.

The RBL carries out valuable support work for injured ex-service people and their families in the community. Please be generous with your Poppy Appeal donations and many thanks to all the collectors. The Remembrance Sunday Parade will assemble in the Bull Ring from 10.15am onwards and march off at 10.45am. The service at the War Memorial will be audio-relayed to the church again this year, thanks to David Rogers, Sid Mallet and Rob Heywood.

The AGM will be held in December followed by a Christmas dinner. The date, time, agenda and menu, with details of how to pay, will be emailed to members shortly. Last year's dinner was a great success and we hope even more of you will join us this year.

Tickets for the RBL's fundraising Burns Supper on 23 January are £35 which includes a wee dram for the traditional toast. There will be a piper to welcome guests and to bring in the haggis, as well as a cash bar and raffle. Tickets can be obtained from committee members or by emailing rbl076@gmail.com. The event is open to members and non-members.

Rob Forsyth, Chairman 01869 338384
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Photographic Society

We could see straight away, from the cameras and equipment Adderbury's Laura Walker brought to her October presentation, that her photography – large format and mirrorless – is quite different from what most of us are used to. She classes herself as a heritage and rural life photographer and is greatly influenced by James Ravilious, an English landscape photographer.

For composition and perspective, Laura's cameras of choice are the Seagull Medium Format, the Horseman and the Wista 45. Her large format cameras consist simply of a back plate, a front plate and the bellows which connect the two. Rather than SD cards or film, these cameras are loaded with individual plates, using 4x5" sheet film to give an approximate 100 MP resolution.

The Seagull, with twin lens, is compact and lightweight. The heavier Horseman 4x5" L-series view camera, mirrorless and supported on a monorail, is good for a studio environment. The portable, collapsible, Wista 45 camera is supported on a baseboard. Being mirrorless, the composition is shown upside down. It is less flexible as there is no monorail but is good to carry for landscape and portrait photography. The monthly photo topic, 'Strange Signs', did indeed produce a variety of effective and amusing images. Next month's topic is 'Shadows'.

The next presentation by Bob Bracher is on Wednesday 6 November at 7.30pm in the Apricot Room of the Cartwright Hotel in Aynho. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wendy Meagher 01869 336216
www.addphoto.co.uk

Local Vocals Community Choir

We meet on Mondays at 7.30pm during term time in Deddington Primary School hall. Our third term has got off to a great start and we are delighted to have so many returning choristers as well as new members. We are learning *Happy* by Pharrell Williams, which is much harder to sing than anything we've done so far, and the classic *Oh, What a Night* by the Four Seasons. Members have been supplied with folders to keep their words in, the colour of our polo shirts has been voted on and sizes selected. We hope to be wearing these at our Family and Friends evening on 9 December which will be the final session for this term. To find out more and to contact us you can now go to our website www.localvocalscc.co.uk.

Alison Grieve
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Deddington Bookworms

This month the read was a Costa Award winner but the group, overall, was less than impressed. *Reservoir 13* by Jon McGregor revolves around a missing teenage girl and the passage of time in a small rural village. The initial effect of the disappearance on the community is described well and uses the seasons and the minutiae of the village to describe how life continues over the 13 years of the book. The writing style is unusual and emphasises the repetitiveness of life and how mundane detail can be. If you enjoy an exciting page turner this book isn't for you but if you look for interesting prose, then give it a go. It might frustrate to the end but does remain with you to make you think about life.

Our next book is *New Boy* by American author, Tracy Chevalier.

Deddington Library
01869 338391

Deddington Players

The script is written, the cast is cast, the panto horse is saddled up and rehearsals are underway for this season's Deddington Players' family panto *Robin Hood of Daeda's Wood*. Join Robin and his band of Merry Men as they take on the evil Sheriff of Deddington and thwart his plans to marry Marian, with a little help from some friends along the way. This season's panto promises to be even more energetic, fun and frothy than past years so don't miss out on the silliness. Get the dates in your diaries now, 16–18 January 2020.

CALLING ALL CLUBS

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Keep your eye out for our panto trailer being aired soon and follow us at [Facebook.com/DeddingtonPlayers](https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonPlayers) for ticket sales, news and the latest panto shenanigans.

Suzy Upson
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Book Group

The Shepherd's Hut is a novel by Australian author, Tim Winton. Set in Western Australia, it is the story of Jaxie, a young lad damaged by a childhood filled with abuse, deprivation and loss. Afraid that he will be blamed for a terrible event, Jaxie takes flight across the vast salt lands, hoping to reach the one person whom he trusts. Initially Jaxie is an unsympathetic character, guilty of bad actions in the past. Flashbacks reveal him to be more complex and capable of tenderness as well as violence. Now he has to survive alone in brutal conditions until he eventually stumbles across an isolated dwelling where he is given refuge by Fintan, a defrocked priest but this is only a temporary respite from danger.

The writing is explicit with strong language and graphic details. There are wonderful descriptions of the landscape and some thought-provoking discussions between Jaxie and Fintan but it is often uncomfortable reading. The group was split between those who decided to abandon the book and those who found the narrative compelling and moving.

Our next meeting is on 28 November. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for more information.

Sian Waterman

Deddington and District History Society

Our first talk of the season was an outstanding account of 'The Air Transport Auxiliary' by Bill King. During World War II flying planes from factories to air bases was mostly undertaken by women, including Deddington's own Peggy Pacey. There had been many prominent women flyers in the 1920s and 30s, Amy Johnson being the best known.

When war broke out, RAF pilots who had been delivering aircraft to bases were needed in a combat role; women pilots took over their jobs, recruited to the newly formed Air Transport Auxiliary between 1939 and 1945. They initially delivered Tiger Moth training aircraft but later flew Hurricanes and Spitfires and, as aircraft production switched to long-range bombers, they flew those monster aircraft also. In total over 300,000 aircraft were delivered by the ATA. Recruited from a host of countries, over 400 of these remarkable women, including Amy Johnson, lost their lives, shot down or, more commonly, through accident. They flew without radios or navigational aids.

Bill's talk was enlivened by contemporary photographs and life stories drawn from his seemingly encyclopaedic knowledge of the flyers and their aircraft.

Amongst many fascinating revelations was the fact that the women demanded equal pay with their male colleagues – and got it, perhaps the first group of women to achieve equality. This was an eye opening and, indeed, a humbling lecture.

At our next meeting on Thursday 21 November at the Primary School, author and broadcaster Julie Summers will continue our WWII theme by discussing the issues faced by families when menfolk returned at the end of the war. They had to renew relationships with partners while suffering with frightening memories and injuries.

Enquiries to Barrie Smith, Chairman, smithinsight@btinternet.com, 01869 337813.

Chris Day

SPORT

Deddington Original Golf Society – DOGS

Following our day at Chipping Norton we had a barbecue in Deddington attended by 65 people. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening and the raffle raised £400 for Katharine House Hospice. Many thanks to all who contributed to this very worthy charity.

Our final DOGS day is on Friday 13 December at Tadmorton Heath where we will play a fun 9-hole Texas Scramble from 1.00pm followed by Christmas dinner in the clubhouse. Guests are welcome as usual.

Nigel Oddy, Secretary
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Deddington Tennis Club

We have both junior and adult teams competing in local leagues and competitions. This summer the juniors have done particularly well. We entered three teams in the Oxfordshire Summer League – under 12, under 14 and under 16. The U12s were semi-finalists, the U16s were runners-up, and the U14s were the winners of their competition. All our teams exceeded last year's position in this county-wide competition. As a club we are very proud of our juniors' success and would like to thank all the players, Paul Taylor, our coach, and the parents who made it possible.

We are actively trying to promote tennis to youngsters. Every child at Deddington Primary School will have the chance to try tennis this year in a programme set up with the school. We'd like to encourage others to try it too – we run junior coaching for all age groups all year round. There is now a session for pre-school children too, a chance for under-5s to develop their hand-eye coordination and ball skills.

And it's not just for kids. There is a vibrant adult section. We have seven adult teams competing in local and county summer and winter leagues. This summer season has seen particular success for our B team which has been promoted. Adult tennis is not just for those who want to play competitively. There are social

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sessions and friendly club competitions all year round on our floodlit courts. Don't worry if you think you have room for improvement – coaching is readily available for adults too. Recently we have also started running cardio tennis, a fun workout session appropriate for tennis players and non-tennis players alike.

We would love to see more people coming to make use of the club. We welcomed several new members after our successful open day in July but summer is not the only time you can start tennis. If you think tennis might be for you, be it social tennis, coaching, cardio, junior tennis or teams, have a look at our website and find out more about us.

Becky Jones

www.deddingtontennis.com

Deddington Town Football Club*First Team results:*

14.09.19 Halse United (a)	W 3–2 L Thornton 3
21.09.19 Charlton (h)	W 3–0 J Thornton 3
12.10.19 B Itchington (h)	D 2–2 Arnold, Sawala

Reserve Team results:

14.09.19 Banbury Sports 1st (h)	L 2–3
21.09.19 Sinclair Utd Res (a)	L 2–3
28.09.19 Charlton 2nd (h)	W 4–1
05.10.19 Hanwell 1st (h)	D 1–1
12.10.19 B Itchington Res (a)	L 1–5

There are some slightly unreliable-looking goal scorer stats on the FA website but I think I'm correct in reporting that the Thornton family has done Deddington proud, as brothers Luc and Joe both scored hat-tricks to fire the First team to excellent wins to close September, before a close-fought draw against the always strong Bishops Itchington left them hovering around the top of the division. Meanwhile, the Reserves continue to struggle, though their goal scoring has improved considerably. A thumping win against Charlton and District has lifted them above the danger zone but putting some results together is crucial to avoid another season of crossed fingers as the climax nears.

Aaron Bliss

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Deddington Town Youth

The Under 16s are playing in a strong league and have had heavy defeats to Hook Norton, Banbury Irish and Brackley Athletic. They came closer in a 2–5 home defeat to Tower Hill, with Adam Court and Will Gates the scorers. The Under 13s had a heavy defeat to Launton, followed by a thrilling 6–4 win over Bampton Town with a hat trick from Ben Jones. However, this was followed by a 6–2 home defeat to Charlbury and 7–2 away defeat at Viking Warriors. The Under 12s have had three 4–2 defeats in the league to Brackley Town, Moreton Rangers, and Middleton Cheney but

a 2–1 win in the cup over Charlbury and a 6–2 win in the league at Banbury Irish.

The football club has received funding from Deddington farmers' market, which we have matched, to put wooden sleeper seats into the bank by the all-weather court so play can be viewed by spectators. We are looking for local contractors to support us in the installation. If you can help please contact me.

If you want to get involved with the club as player, volunteer, sponsor or fundraiser, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further information about the club is on our website www.deddingtontownfc/ or you can visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc

Roger Sykes, Development Officer

and U7/U6 Coach

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1st Deddington Scouts*Cubs*

Our new Cubs have settled in very nicely. It's as though they've always been there and I have even managed to learn all their names, although I don't always direct them at the correct person.

We have crashed into the new term with three activity badges, Road Safety (or hedgehog club), Emergency Aid – they all know the basics, and Home Help, sewing, ironing and tea-making, so they got to use the knowledge from Emergency Aid practically.

Jo Churchyard

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Scouts

After our foray into plastic reduction and a look at electric cars, the Scouts used scrap items to make panpipes with straws and battery-operated cars using drinks cans, cardboard and hope. The two successful builds raced, albeit at a stately pace, the length of the room and the winner was presented with a handsome trophy. Emergency Aid followed. If you have an accident don't be surprised to find yourself put enthusiastically into the recovery position.

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Explorers

The Unit has been very active in the past months, from completing the Bloxham circular walk to rifle shooting at Horley and the start of both the Chef's badge and the international part of the Chief Scout's Awards. We have sampled bread, fudge, made craft items to sell at the November farmers' market and cooked drop scones over open fires. This year we are supporting the charity Street Child United and are going to sleep out at Northamptonshire Cricket Club to raise awareness of the plight of children who have no permanent

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home. If you feel able to sponsor the Unit, please e-mail the Spartans address. We would be pleased to see any extra support for this great cause – www.streetchildunited.org. If you are interested in joining the Unit contact any of the leaders.

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1st Deddington Brownies

This term the Brownies have been doing their Communication badge, learning morse code, semaphore and the phonetic alphabet and have also had an introduction to British sign language.

We had a visit from Deddington Guides to talk about the exciting things the girls can do when they move up to Guides. Plans for after half term include a torch-lit walk and a talk on road safety from the police.

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1st Deddington Guides

As ever we made the best use of the remaining light in the evenings and spent time outside, enjoying toasted marshmallows on a campfire and playing wide games.

We also showed the Rainbows how to light a fire and toast marshmallows. As a team we went along to a Brownie meeting and told them all about the activities we get up to at Guides. The Brownies really launched themselves into playing the energetic games led by the Guides and everyone had a great time. We also

found out about Rangers and Young Leaders, which the girls can move on to after age 14.

With our new patrols and patrol leaders settled, we are embracing the new programme. We've also completed artwork connected with autumn and found out about lots of seeds, nuts and berries. Skipping is a good way to keep fit and everyone mastered the almost forgotten art of jumping in and out of a big rope and trying for a record number of Guides skipping together. The Guides also made some stunning fashion creations – all from recycled materials.

Continuing our theme of looking at some more unusual career opportunities for girls, we loved the talk from Formula 1 engineer Kate who explained how she began her career and why she loves it so much.

All girls over 10 are very welcome to come and make new friends, joining us in our adventures on Tuesdays 7.00–9.00pm at the Windmill Centre.

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1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

Rainbows is the youngest section of the Girl Guide Association aged between 5 and 7. We meet at Barford St Michael village hall on Friday in term time, 4.15–5.15 pm.

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THERE IS PLENTY GOING ON AT DEDDINGTON CHURCH...

Dave Tomlinson, vicar author of *How to be a Bad Christian...and a Better Human Being* is coming to speak to us at 7.00pm on Saturday 30 November. Dave was a house-church leader for many years before founding Holy Joe's, a church in a pub in Clapham for disaffected churchgoers. If you would describe yourself as spiritual but not religious and would like to think with your soul rather than trying to follow rules, then you should definitely come and listen to Dave speak. There will be refreshments, including beer and wine, as well as an opportunity to chat with Dave after the talk.

Advent will soon be upon us – this is the time when we wait expectantly for the celebrations surrounding the birth of Jesus at Christmas. We will be holding our Advent Light event, 'Making Sense of Christmas', again in church from 17–19 December. This is a space where you can escape from the usual Christmas rush and take time to just sit and allow the special lighting, sounds and tastes to wash over your senses, helping you to relax and reflect on what the season means to you.

Also in Advent we are organising a Living Advent

Calendar. This will involve 24 windows being decorated with a Christmas theme (reindeers and snowmen all perfectly acceptable), and appearing on a map so that people can walk round the village and see them. Every evening at 6.30pm, a new window will be 'revealed' and it is hoped that those who come to watch can bring and share mince pies, mulled wine, or whatever else you care to bring. As we get closer to Christmas, carols may also be sung. If you would like to take part and decorate a window, please either call 01869 336880 and speak to Annie or email me.

Finally, if you would like some company on Christmas Day, then please join us for a full Christmas lunch in the church. This is, of course, open to those of you who are going to be on your own but is also extended to couples or families for whom Christmas might not be such fun this year. Obviously we need to know numbers for catering, so please either call or email me as above, or drop into the library and leave your details there.

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Have you been down to the Windmill today?

The new season and academic year bring renewed energies. So with that in mind, have you dropped by the Windmill or visited the website recently? You'll find it chock full of clubs and groups that will satisfy the most demanding of tastes. Want to get fit? Try pilates, football, Dance to Heath, tennis, yoga, netball, BarreFit or badminton. Want to meet other new parents? Try the Baby & Toddler Group, Little Olives Baby Massage or One Fit Mama. Want to entertain the kids? Try Brownies, Scouts, Cubs, Guides, March & Twirl, Beavers or Explorers. Want to connect with your inner thespian? Join the Deddington Players in their annual pantomime. Want to teach your new dog old tricks? Let Patty from Canine Paradise Dog Training show you – and Rover – the way. And the list goes on.

Suffice it to say, if you are looking for a new interest the Windmill is on your doorstep and has something for everyone. You'll find activity information in the Windmill lobby and on the website, . Come down and take a look.

If you run a club or group and are looking for a new venue, get in touch. We have a large main hall with a stage, plus three further rooms for smaller groups, two kitchens and extensive outdoor space. As you can see, we have a packed schedule but there is availability and an amazing local community that loves to get involved. Contact our Bookings Secretary for venue availability enquiries@thewindmillededdington.org.

Suzie Upson

www.thewindmillededdington.org

Windmill Playgrounds

The days are getting shorter and the weather colder but the ground is still warm so we're getting on with the final touches to the Adventure Playground.

We're very grateful to the farmers' market for granting us £200 for Woodland Edge wildflower seeds for the southwest corner, behind the multi-play piece. Ground preparation should happen in early November. We'll also sow more grass seed in the bare patches and extra shrubs will be planted to continue the buffer zone into the southeast corner.

The water fountain is awaiting installation and we're grateful to local business, Auteur, for funding it and helping us do our bit to reduce single-use plastic bottles.

We're still working on the slide mound problem, along with the contractors. Is it wear and tear? Is it erosion? Answers on a postcard please...

The pavilion will be painted and the veranda floorboards repaired. It's a lovely little building and it would be a shame not to find a good use for it. Anyone interested in running outdoor activities for children? We have ideas and support from Little Wild Things



Forest School.

Work on the Pocket Park has stalled while we await new fencing and gates which, we're told, are now on their way. We've just heard that the Trust for Oxfordshire Environment has granted us £500 to

plant shrubs and a native hedge on the eastern side. They request holes be left for hedgehogs which ties in nicely with a plan for a hedgehog hotel. Hopefully the new Under-6 play area will be open for business towards the end of the year – not the best time to try it out, but seasons come and go – which is where we came in.

Mary Robinson

Chair, Windmill Development Group

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Unfortunately I need to report that a 10-year old Hempton boy, cycling home between Barford St Michael and Hempton, was stopped by two 20-year olds in a silver VW, maybe a Golf or a Polo. They overtook him and stopped in front of him on the roadside. One got out and asked where he lived and then offered to take him home. Fortunately, the boy had his wits about him, thanked them but declined, after which they got in the car and drove away. It might have been nothing but, please, make sure all your children are aware of this.

On a more positive note, we are exploring a different way of doing church at Hempton, which we are calling 'Eat, Pray, Live!' Every fourth Sunday we will meet to sing, pray and eat together in a very informal and relaxed way. The format will be appropriate for all ages, including children – who will almost certainly know the songs better than we do. Rather than a sermon being preached, we will have a short discussion over afternoon tea, about the relevance of particular Bible stories in today's world. We will be meeting this month on Sunday 24 November at 5.00pm in Hempton Church and we would love to see you there.

We also need good quality unwanted gifts, raffle prizes, bottles and cakes for the stalls for the Hempton Bazaar on 7 December. If anyone can help with selling raffle tickets please contact 01869 337135.

As I'm sure you know by now, Pub Night is every second Friday in the Old School Room at 7.30pm. Bring your own drinks, snacks and £1 per person to cover the costs of the Old School Room. It's a great way of meeting new and old residents of the village.

If you have anything you want to put in our write-up, please let me know by the 10th of each month. Thank you.

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Who are the school governors? We are a group of multi-skilled individuals whose primary aim is to uphold the school's values, and work closely with all stakeholders to set appropriate aims, agree policies, contribute to the school development plan and hold the school to account for meeting these objectives.

In the last few months the Teaching and Learning Committee has been focusing on raising our, already high, standards in maths across the school. This has involved identifying development opportunities within the different year groups and included the introduction of interactive work boards and enhancing general awareness of the subject in recreational time. The Finance, Premises and Personnel committee is currently looking at methods of improving security and safe access to the school site and has recently overseen the installation of an excellent new outdoor classroom space and new gym equipment on the playing field for which we would like to acknowledge the generous donations and support from the PTA and others.

Committee members have been working closely with key stakeholders to ensure the school is ready for the impending OFSTED inspection which we anticipate will take place before Christmas 2019.

Watch this space for updates on what is happening in our amazing, innovative school.

The governor's role is both challenging and rewarding in many ways and we would welcome new members. If you would like to discuss this further please contact us via the school website: <https://www.deddingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/>.

Julie Hewish, Foundation Governor
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October has flown by. Our Harvest Community Communion service, led by Revd Annie, went beautifully. The children brought in lots of offerings in the form of tins and packets, ready to go to the Food Bank in Banbury.

Over the last few years we have gained the Gold Award Mark for PE. This term we are very proud to announce we have been awarded the Platinum Award Mark. This prestigious award is given in recognition of our having an extremely active playground, all pupils being fully involved in weekly PE lessons and PE-based after school clubs, their taking part in physical activities both at school and in the Warriner partnership sports events and much more. Well done to everyone who has contributed to this achievement.

To enhance their history curriculum, Year 1 has been to the Woodstock Museum, Year 2 to Warwick Castle and Year 5 went to the Ashmolean in the last couple of weeks. The whole school took part in our annual cross-country event with every child running



a set number of circuits around the school field with the rest of their class. This was great fun and other sporting events are up and running. Children having already taken part in Tag Rugby and Netball tournaments. At a recent presentation ceremony many of our pupils received certificates for taking part in Deddington library's Summer Reading Challenge during the school holidays.

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DoL History Corner

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Karen Rose contacted me recently for help in researching her

family. Karen is a descendant of Robert Gardner who she believed was

transported from the parish to Australia in 1839. Our parish registers include a statement from Robert's wife, Mary, née Fletcher, that he was transported but there is other evidence that he served a month in prison and then just disappeared. So, was Mary being economical with the truth and why?

Karen also found that her great grandfather, Private Charles Fletcher, Ox and Bucks, was one of the Deddington-born soldiers not recorded on our War Memorial but now remembered in *A Parish at War* and on the memorial plaque in the church. Furthermore, she discovered that her ancestors are related to another branch of the Deddington Gardners with whom she is now in touch. There is a link to these serendipitous discoveries and stories on the Deddington History home page. It would seem that it is increasingly becoming the 'find your rellie' go-to site!

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