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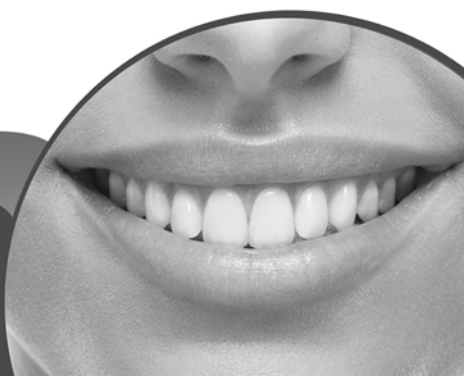
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## The DEDDINGTON NEWS

There have been some recent reports of hand sanitiser causing fires when left in vehicles in hot weather. Apparently the alcohol releases flammable vapours which reach flashpoint and ignite.

There have also been several reports of 'Nottingham Knockers' locally with some intimidating behaviour. If anyone is concerned, you should not answer the door but phone Thames Valley Police on 101 or contact the Community Safety Team:

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/120/community-safety/301/anti-social-behaviour> **JC**

### BLISSFULLY SOCIALLY DISTANCED

Ten ways to cope with the lack of physical contact with loved ones under the continuing social distancing regulations:

1. Set up a tree house in your garden for a loved one who lives elsewhere to sleep in from time to time so you can have a socially distanced slumber party. Set up a zipline from the tree to their bedroom window so you can pass appropriately sanitised items back and forth to each other, and of course the obligatory tin can telephone line for discreet communication.
2. Master deep meditation and astral transit to visit loved ones in their homes without breaking the law.
3. Don motorcycle helmets and sumo suits so you can actually hug and play fight safely in your garden.
4. Alternatively, learn to Jedi hug when appropriately socially distanced. Assume a pose somewhere between the 'warrior' yoga pose and Ryu's 'hadouken' thrust in *Street Fighter* to channel your energy to them without touching.
5. Post a loved one an old photograph of the two of you embracing to get them into the moment mentally. Post is more personal than digital and you are at least providing some physical exchange to counter the lack of physical touch.
6. Build a scarecrow and dress it in your loved one's old clothes or clothes that mimic their style, then order a mask with their face printed onto it. There you have a ready-made mannequin imbued with their spirit to be close to when you need it.
7. Order a jigsaw puzzle print of a fond photograph of the two (or more) of you together so you can symbolically piece that currently lost closeness together again over time.
8. Write a heartfelt piece about the aspects of being in close contact with them that you miss the most and ask them to do the same, and then send to each other.
9. Role play with someone you currently live with, and get them to mimic all of the body language and traits of the person you miss most, then do the same for them and hug it out.
10. Remember this will all be over eventually and it's a test of will like any other adversity that will forge our characters. Show those you've missed how highly you regard them when you can be close to them again.

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### 17 June by Skype

Present: Collins, Cox, Eames, Higham, Oldfield, O'Neill, Robinson, Reeve, Rogers - chair, Squires, Swadling, Timms, Watts and the parish clerk.

Clive Snashall was co-opted to the PC. County Councillor Fatemian was in attendance as was a member of the public, from Over Norton PC wishing to sit in on a much larger meeting.

Councillor Bryn Williams sent his apologies as he has been very busy with some difficult planning applications in other parishes where he has responsibilities.

#### **Finance and General Purposes**

£727,000 is held in PC accounts and £1,400 has been paid in interest.

A thank you letter has been received from Deddington Media CIC for the PC financially supporting DOL History to record the effects of Covid-19 during the next year.

The Duke at Clifton has now been re-registered as an Asset of Community Value.

#### **County Councillor's report**

A question was raised last month as to whether local pubs could use the area outside their establishments to provide space for customers to drink. Councillor Fatemian said that each business would need to apply to OCC Highways authority for use of the public space and also to CDC to vary their alcohol licence. The PC is inviting comments from local residents, addressed by email to [deddingtonparishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:deddingtonparishcouncil@googlemail.com).

Councillor Fatemian has asked for the Clifton-Hempton footpath to be cleared and will apply for funding for the Adderbury-Deddington path to be widened, the cost would come from the government funding towards active travel which has to be used over the whole county.

#### **Planning**

##### *No objections*

5 St John's Way, Hempton – two storey side extension and conversion of conservatory and garage conversion. Co-operative shop – tree works, fell holly tree.

Deddington Highways Maintenance depot – amendments, PC has no comments.

##### *Approvals*

Windmill Centre

Land to rear of the Chestnuts, Clifton  
Agricultural building, Clifton road, Deddington  
3 South View, Goose Green, Deddington  
5 Chapmans Lane, Deddington

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The group is making a street by street assessment of the number of bedrooms in each area and any trees with preservation orders.

#### **Environment and Recreation**

Deddington Environment Network (DEN) has proposed a community orchard and the working group suggested that the best option is the green at Gaveston Gardens. Residents' views are not being sought at present but when a decision is made on whether this is a viable project, residents will be invited to sponsor trees as a community project and it is proposed that the school should be involved.

The eight planters on the outskirts of each village in the parish have now been tidied and planted with funds provided by PC. Thanks were expressed to the resident in Hempton who has taken care of those in Hempton.

The CCTV link from the Windmill Centre to the all weather court is not working consistently because of an intermittent signal.

Someone to carry out work required for water supply to new water fountain is still being sought.

The PC unanimously expressed their thanks to those local hostellers which are using their staff and kitchens to serve the NHS and charities.

A number of bonfires have been lit at Castle Grounds, using wood left from trees that came down in earlier storms. On two occasions at least fires have been left smouldering overnight.

The floor in the upstairs room at the Windmill Centre is being replaced.

#### **Highways and Transport**

Thames Valley Police has been checking the speed of vehicles travelling through the parish.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 15 July at 7.30pm, either by Skype or in one of our larger venues.**

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter, Jill Cheeseman, and not the official minutes. To see those, go to [http://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/uploads/7/2/0/6/72062771/may\\_2020.pdf](http://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/uploads/7/2/0/6/72062771/may_2020.pdf)

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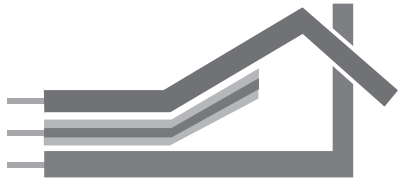
Your village environment group now has a name. Many thanks to all the children from local schools for their entries in the naming competition. The judges were particularly impressed with the two prize winning, runners-up from Millie Friday and Kitty Catling: Planet Protectors – WE MEAN GREEN' and Deddington HEROES (Help energise r own environment safely)

Initiatives for the group include renewable energy developments, a community orchard, a repair network, an item borrowing network and a car sharing club. Contact us to let us know what aspects of sustainability are important to you or if you are able to lend a hand.

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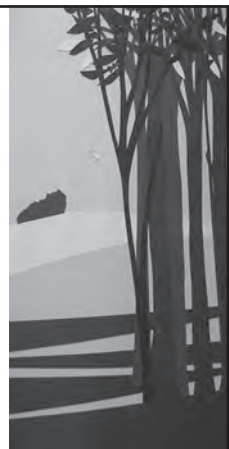
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### HIGH SUMMER

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If you haven't tried the service (which is proving very popular) simply go to the market website for details:

<http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk/stallholders-on-line-ordering.html>.

The intention is that July's market will be back to its normal location and operation (but I am writing this five weeks before the event).

Let's hope the sun keeps shining and the Covid-19 figures keep dropping because July is the ultimate summer market, packed with the best local produce picked and prepared at its peak. It would be a shame to lose this asset.

In honour of summer (and if, by the time you read this, British weather has turned wayward, I apologise) here is a light summer salad, if a somewhat unusual one. Keep reading to the end of the recipe to see why I chose it. It's from Nigel Slater's useful *Eat*.

### *Strawberry and Cucumber Salad Serves 4–6*

3 tablespoons honey  
10 mint leaves  
5 tablespoons of elderflower cordial  
2 medium cucumbers  
450g strawberries

Put the honey, mint and cordial into a blender and blitz to a thick, fragrant syrup. If you don't have a blender, chop the mint finely, mix it with the honey and the cordial and leave to steep for an hour. Strain through muslin or a fine sieve to remove the mint.

Peel the cucumbers, slice them in half down their length and scrape out the seeds with a teaspoon. Dice the flesh finely and put in a large bowl. Hull the strawberries, slice each fruit in half and toss gently with the cucumbers.

Pour the mint and elderflower syrup over the fruit, stir very gently, then cover and leave in the fridge for about 30 minutes before serving.

The essence of summer, like Pimm's on perfectly mown grass.

The salad might go well with poached salmon.

The July market is scheduled for Saturday 25 July. Check the market website <http://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk/> for location and details.

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## LEGACY OF SLAVE OWNERSHIP IN DEDDINGTON

In 1833, the year in which the Abolition of Slavery Act was given royal assent, slave ownership was widespread amongst the gentry and professional moneyed classes in much the same way that investment in equities is today. Many well-off farmers, doctors, country parsons and shop owners had a share of plantation 'livestock' as slaves were called.

One of the facts about the history of slavery to emerge in recent weeks has been the surprising revelation that the £20m (40% of then national income) the government borrowed, with which to pay compensation to the owners of slaves, was not paid off until 2015. Not so surprising was that this compensation, more than £2bn today, was big enough to quell any real opposition to abolition. Politics never change.

It was interesting to discover that a family in Deddington, always a microcosm of the larger world, received compensation for their slaves. Discovering this is entirely due to our eldest granddaughter researching the subject at Sussex University for an essay. She entered Deddington into an extensive database of slave owners compiled by University College London (UCL). Three names appeared which she passed to me and I probed deeper.

Thomas Hayle (32), surgeon, and his wife Sarah (28), were recorded in the 1841 parish census as living on New Street together with Thomas's half-sister Anna and the Hayle's two children. Further research on the UCL website and elsewhere revealed that Thomas and Sarah were both born in Jamaica as children of plantation owners. At some stage Sarah had inherited from her grandfather a large share in a plantation called Dunbarton and Thomas and his half-sister both owned slaves on another plantation called Clarendon.

Between the three of them they owned 276 slaves and received compensation in total of £5,137 8s 5d. This is the equivalent of £615,500 today. Sixty per cent of this sum was Sarah's due to her inheritance from her grandfather. It must have been akin to winning a lottery jackpot. Possibly as a consequence of this sudden wealth, the family moved to Jesmond, a well-off suburb of Newcastle, before the 1851 census.

With very large sums like this involved, it is no wonder that such a vast amount of money had to be borrowed by government and became part of the national debt. One hundred and eighty-three years seems an overlong time to pay it off but an HM Treasury 'Freedom of Information' statement last year explained that this is not unusual because of the nature of the borrowing which was in the form of undated gilts paying interest of 4%.

The Revd Cotton Risley is not recorded as having been a slave owner and his diaries, which start in 1835, make no reference to the subject other than on 29 October 1853, some 20 years after the Act but while slavery still existed with other nations, '... a black man named Benson came ...' '... the black gent for the use of the new Schools which I could not grant to lecture in against slavery ...' '... he came just as I was washing for dinner – sent a message to him but did not see him'. One can only speculate why he 'could not grant'.

More detail including links to the UCL Database and HM Treasury's explanation as to why it took 183 years to repay the £20m loan, can be found via a link on the History website home page at

<http://www.deddingtonhistory.uk>.

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## A Swift Walk with a Difference

I had planned a walk in Deddington for Swift Awareness Week from 27 June. That was not possible but here's a suggestion on how you could enjoy one of the best sights and sounds of summer.

Choose a warm evening before the end of July; take a stroll through the centre of the village; keep an eye on the skies and your ears open for screaming swifts as you go.

Ideally start at about 7.30pm or a little later. Perhaps begin near the church and walk through the Market Place, along Castle Street and head for Hopcraft Lane. There are still swifts nesting in and near the Market Place and once you get to Hopcraft Lane you can often see up to 25 or 30 birds screaming low over the rooftops and up to their nests. It's an amazing sight.

Some of the birds will be parents taking food to the



*Photo: Roger Wyatt*

young in the nest. Before the end of July these chicks will be fledging and heading off to Africa. Apart from the parent birds there will be younger birds, a few years old, looking for nest places for next summer. You can also enjoy swifts in both Clifton and Hempton.

I hope you enjoy watching these birds, but I have a further reason for suggesting this. Swift numbers in Britain are nearly 60% lower than they were 25 years ago. They need all the help they can get, so I try to discover where our remaining swifts are and use the information for looking after nest sites and lobbying for new ones in new developments.

You are welcome to contact me with interesting sightings or for more information.

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## FROM THE FIRE STATION

Strange times seem to be a recurring theme at the moment, so much so that I am running out of alternatives.

It has been an understandably quiet month with only four callouts for the Deddington crew: one standby at Banbury; one fire in the open that had been brought under control whilst the crew was en route so was stood down; one callout for a road traffic collision on the M40; and one assistance call to help the ambulance service move an elderly gentleman who had become trapped.

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to two firefighters, George Williamson has moved to Banbury and transferred to their on call crew, whilst new recruit Oli Malpass is hoping to join the Parachute regiment. Adrian Spilsbury has secured a position with the whole time crew at Rewley Road, Oxford, so he will be provid-

ing limited cover at Deddington for the next six months.

On a lighter note, the Fire Station could practise socially distanced clapping for the final Thursday key worker eight o'clock clap, even though they were probably only heard by people in Deddington Grange. As previously commented on, Deddington crew is now wearing its new helmets and fire kit, which is lighter weight and has a more tailored fit which should make the job a little easier. All things being

equal, there will be a return to Tuesday drill nights and organised training – evening Power Point training may become a distant memory.

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## DOWN ON GEORGE'S FARM

Having just returned from my daily rounds of the sheep flocks (it keeps the Old Man exercised and gainfully employed), the phrase 'give us our daily grass' comes to mind. In all the years I have farmed in Clifton I have not seen the river valley meadows so short of grass. We will now have to start buying in supplementary feed for the flock with the 'lamb creeps' being recovered from the nettles so that the lambs can have their own high protein feed, in the hope that we can get them away to market and ease the grazing pressure. It is ironic that, after the wettest autumn, winter and spring for seventy years, according to the experts, we are now in drought conditions and are still under the cosh of prosecution for a dribbling silty drain that has not dribbled for some months.

After an unprecedented wet planting season the world wheat crops are rated as poor to very poor. We have shut the gates on our winter planted wheat crops and will just take what is there at harvest. The spring planted crops look well but could do with a good drink and with little possibility of a hay crop the spring barley straw will be needed as winter feed.

The girls are in the buff – the sheep that is. I have shorn sheep for the last sixty years but not this year; it's a young man's job. The boys decided to do it themselves. When I was contract shearing the charge per sheep was half-a-crown and for those who don't know what half-a-crown was, in today's money it is 12-and-a-half pence, although today we have lost the half penny. The contract charge to shear a sheep is £1.65 with the wool worth 27p per fleece, so it has become a loss-making animal welfare operation. Perhaps it's time to change to a woolless breed. I would shear sheep from the time the dew was off until late afternoon and then walk the cows home, riding bareback on my pony mare, Silver, who lived with the cows, to do the milking. Happy carefree days.



The wildlife on the farm has had a good summer so far with many of our summer visitors on with the job and at least two litters of fox cubs, one of which was born in the detritus of the garage. I am always up before dawn to take Otter out for a run and he often played with one of the cubs on the lawn. The vixen has moved them to an earth in the middle of the farm so we won't see them again until we harvest the crops.

The farmyard birds have also had a good season. I was rather surprised to see that the house sparrow and tree sparrow are now on the red list of endangered species, since we have

a number of pairs nesting in the farm buildings. As the name suggests the house sparrow needs nesting sites in old buildings and eaves but sadly today many of the old barns have been bought up and converted into sparrow proof housing for the incomers and all of the many new builds that are despoiling our villages are hermetically sealed against them. Ho tweet.

With harvest just around the corner the Green Goddess is all spruced up and ready to go and it will be all hands on deck to get the harvest in with the Old Man at the controls of the combine (if he can remember which button does what) and then it will be a mad dash to get next year's crops planted. With all the uncertainty around our trading future with Europe just what those crops will be is open to question and also poses the why questions: why was our fully assured flour wheat trucked to the east coast and exported when we have one of the largest flour mills in this country less than 20 miles from the farm, and why are our high welfare assured lambs exported on the 'hook' to France, Spain, and Germany when my fellow countrymen are fobbed off with substandard rubbish from around the world? Ho, I'm off to kick a few bee hives – at least you know where you are with them.

**George Fenemore**  
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## Deddington Pre-school and Village Nursery

We are back! Both settings reopened at the start of June and are currently open for a limited number of children, with the appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures in place. We are impressed how quickly the children have settled back in. We have been playing outdoors as much as possible, making Fathers' Day cards, and doing lots of crafts. We will be preparing the children who are leaving us in July for the move into their new schools and settings but are sad to be missing some of the other activities and events that we usually enjoy in the summer.

We have been keeping in touch with many of our families via our Tapestry online system and it has been great to see what everyone has been getting up to at home. We would like to thank all our families for their understanding and support at this time.

It seems odd to be writing this when we've barely returned to Preschool and Nursery, but we would like to wish all our children moving to school or new preschool settings in September every happiness and success. We will miss you.

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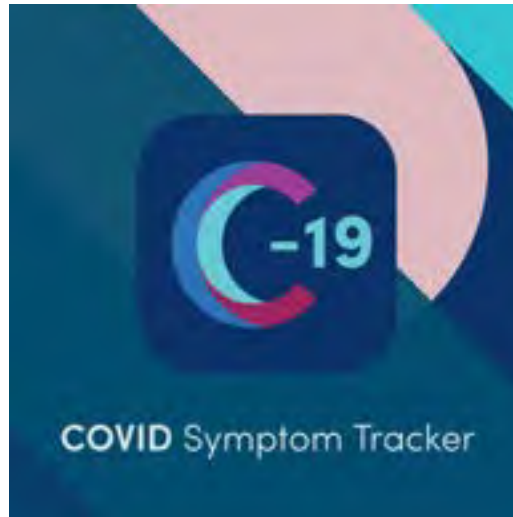
After eight weeks of isolation, any outing was to be welcomed. I was less sure about going for a drive-in Covid test. Early in the pandemic I agreed to join the Covid-19 symptom study and was logging in each day to report how I was feeling. After several weeks of ‘I’m feeling perfectly normal’, I answered the question with ‘I’m not feeling quite right’, having had a sore throat over a few days. There then followed lots of other questions as to whether I had a persistent cough, temperature, a rash, and quite a few other things, none of which I had.

This continued for three days and then, first thing in the morning, I had an email inviting me to have a PCR swab test to confirm whether I currently had the virus. The options were either to go to Silverstone or Thorn Hill Park and Ride. Since the latter is like my second home, I opted for that. Mistake number one. I could select a time of my choosing, so opted for 2.30–3.00pm, the same day as the invitation arrived. I received a confirming email from the Department of Health.

I left myself three-quarters of an hour to get there, knowing it takes just over half an hour. Mistake number two. No, of course I didn’t use a sat-nav because I knew exactly where to go, that is until I got as far as the Summertown roundabout and found the A40 was closed. My mind went completely blank as to any alternative to get to my destination (clearly I shouldn’t have been allowed out on my own). I followed the diversion signs and, heading out to the Pear Tree Park and Ride, was directed south-west onto the A34. There was definitely a lack of ‘alert’ on my part. Turning off at the Botley junction and being directed to turn right there, I knew that couldn’t be right so went right round the roundabout and returned to the A34 heading north. I pulled into a layby to get help from Mildred (the female voice on Google maps named when I first started using her several years ago).

After a detour round Islip and Forest Hill, I finally arrived at Thorn Hill P & R within my time slot but feeling rather more anxious than I had when I set out. It was very well organised with someone directing operations at every turn. I had to show the QR code on my phone to two people, then had a testing kit tucked in to my windscreen wiper and drove on to a cabin where someone in PPE came to carry out the test.

Obviously one look at my date of birth was enough for someone to decide I wasn’t capable of carrying out the test effectively myself. After she asked a few questions through a slightly opened car window she



explained what she was going to do and I was given a card with an identifying barcode and phone number to call if I didn’t get a result in around three days. I submitted to the somewhat unpleasant experience of being tested. A swab was taken from right at the back of my throat then the same swab was poked into my nose until it felt as if it was disappearing into my sinuses. Yes, dear reader, it does make your eyes water.

Then I headed home, of course using Mildred. This hadn’t been such a fun outing as I’d anticipated as my first out of lockdown. I was glad to get home for a cuppa and later thought I had definitely earned my gin and tonic.

The good news, dear reader, was that within 30 hours, I received an email telling me that the result of the test was negative.

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## POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

### Pandemic, BLM and Navajo

Great news! It's official, the pandemic is over. At least that is what Trump would have you believe but of course this is about one issue. If his team thinks it will help Trump win the election on 7 November, they will say it, no matter how many people die as a result.

Around 750 people a day are still dying in America. Despite the science, the individual states are opening up and the result is that ten have increasing numbers of cases. The majority of Americans are like us and still being very careful, but in the supermarket today around 30% of the shoppers were not wearing masks. I am tempted to follow them out to the car park and reassure myself that they are indeed climbing into big gas guzzling trucks with Trump 2020 stickers on the back. Americans call it freedom. Heather calls it a lack of responsibility and respect.

'The rise in cases is only due to increased testing' says Trump who is a snake oil salesman. The problem is that a significant minority in this huge country believes him. His core base of 35–40% doesn't read the facts. Earlier in the week I read an article in the *Wall Street Journal* about a book with disturbing stories of Trump's behaviour and character. I am not too much of a hypocrite, I believe in facts and certainly have no belief in John Bolton as a 'security advisor', let alone as a purveyor of truth. The Trump response was 'he's a liar, no-one in the White House liked him.'

Meanwhile Murdoch's other big foghorn, foxnews.com had very little on this subject which is top of page on all the other outlets, I guess Rupert can't have one of his outlets accusing another of fake news.

Policing in America is undoubtedly a difficult job. The number of guns in circulation makes this a very different job from that in Europe. It is estimated that around 1,000 people are killed by police every year but there are no federal figures. There are more than 15,000 independent local police forces. Trump removed earlier attempts to impose some federal standards and the role of the police unions makes imposing discipline very difficult. The majority of my neighbours understand and agree with the Black Lives Matters demos, but many Americans just don't want to believe that the experience of the minorities in this country is an issue they should worry about. Racism is much worse in the US than the UK, reflecting the impact of slavery, years of poverty and a lack of empowerment. A black mother is three times as likely to die in childbirth and twice as likely to die from Covid-19.

The worst outbreak of the virus is almost completely unreported in any of the media outlets. The Navajo nation is the largest native self-governing area in the US, situated between Arizona and Utah. The slaughter of the indigenous peoples in the US is the largest genocide in world history, one estimate is that 56 million people were killed. And now they suffer further extreme hardship with the highest Covid-19 death rate and very little help.

I am sorry, this month I have no jokes, nothing enjoyable to say. The country I live in which I love a lot, is in very big trouble. Divided by a bully who will say anything to win an election, he lies while America burns.

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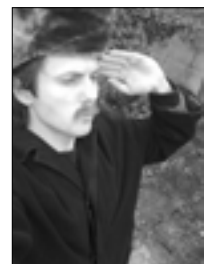
## BLISSFUL THINKING

I hope everyone reading this has stayed virus-free, even if not anxiety-free. Perception is a peculiar thing. Our perception of risk is generally based either on our immediate senses or on what the general news consensus communicates to us. The public, for instance, genuinely fears death by terrorism rather than the far more plausible fatal car accident. If the newspapers covered car accident statistics on their front page every day, our conditioning to this risk would be entirely different (which some argue would be a good thing in terms of road safety).

The sense perception issue is why the virus became a problem in the first place, as we cannot see, smell, taste, hear or detect it by touch. Our eyes detect less than 1% of the electromagnetic spectrum (not to mention creatures and bacteria that are exceptionally small) and our ears cannot hear much outside the middle range of auditory frequencies, so all around us at all times are invisible waves, bacteria and unheard sounds, including of course the current threat. It is only really due to relentless public information campaigns

that we have been made aware of how previously thoughtless actions and inactions can be rendered irresponsible by current circumstance.

If only there were some form of spectacles that allowed us to visualise viral microorganisms in all their morbid glory, perhaps it would be easier for things to open up again. Of course this formerly excellent public communication has become somewhat less specific and memorable recently, which is problematic when we cannot rely on our senses any more – even the obvious symptoms of sickness cannot be our guide to risk management right now. Still we inch forward to a semblance of the previous orthodoxy, wondering if some of the inadvertent positives of this crisis: better air quality, safer roads, less traffic and people congestion, an end to homelessness, can be part of this new, tentatively emerging world. Dare we dream?



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## WINE TIME

Lebanon is probably not the first place that springs to mind when you think about wine. The Middle East, with a large number of non-drinkers, regular wars, and political instability is not a place famous for alcohol in general. However, Lebanon has produced wine for a very long time – over 2,000 years – and even though the religious majority (it's about 54% Muslim) does not drink, Christian groups (about 40% of the population) produce wine, and spirits, especially arak, and it is a flourishing industry. Lebanon produces some fantastic wines – red, white, pink and even sparkling. (I admit, I've not tried any fizzy Lebanese ... yet.)

The greatest focus for grape growing is along the Bekaa Valley – more of a long, highly elevated plateau (it's over 3,000 feet above sea level) between two mountain ranges which, during the civil war, saw plenty of military action and made grape growing and picking a risky occupation. The climate is ideal for grapes, with low but consistent rainfall and a lot of sun in summer but with the height providing cool nights. Grapes are also grown for wine in northern and southern Lebanon as well as on Mount Lebanon, although these are harder to get hold of in the UK.

The one Lebanese wine many people know about is Chateau Musar, rightly so. It is certainly the most famous and the benchmark for all wine not only from that country but also the whole eastern side of the Mediterranean. In addition to the classic Musar, which ages amazingly and has complex, rich, fruity and spice flavours, there is the Musar Jeune range; young, fresh, fruity wines that come as red, white or rosé. For

barbecue drinking they are perfect.

There is also the mid-range Hochar which is cheaper than the full Musar and offers a similar, wonderful, rich red cherries, spice and cinnamon experience of its big brother. The Chateau itself is over an hour's drive from their vineyards due to the political uncertainties in the region when it was established, and making picking in the very early mornings essential to keep the grapes as fresh as possible before pressing.

Many wine producers keep French style names for their wineries, so you see chateau and domaine used, as France ran Lebanon from 1922 to 1943 and the influence and wine links remain. The many other (non-Musar) Lebanese wines available in the UK you are most likely to come across are Chateau Ksara, Chateau Kefreya, Massaya le Columbier, and Domaine de Tourelles. All of these are worth trying and give big, bold, bramble fruits and eastern spicy flavours as well quite a wallop of alcohol.

Where to buy? Slurp usually stocks one or two, as does the Oxford Wine Company, The Wine Society and Waitrose. Other independent wine merchants will also often have examples. Musar is about £25 to £40 depending on vintage, others usually cheaper but expect to pay more than £10. Additionally, the Cinnamon Stick restaurant in Middle Barton offers a nice selection of Lebanese wines to match their delicious Lebanese food and have a takeaway service available until they can open fully again.

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## Holly Tree Club

Thanks to all members for returning their voting slips for the AGM to re-appoint all current officers and supporting our proposed changes to the constitution, necessary to allow us to hold virtual meetings and vary the date by which we must have the AGM, to allow for extraordinary situations, much as we're experiencing at present. There was a unanimous vote in favour of all proposals, the constitution has been updated and the changes now passed to the Charity Commission.

Regretfully, our treasurer, Philip Allan, has found it necessary to retire from the committee. Philip has done an amazing job keeping our finances in order and supporting the HTC during his tenure as trustee and treasurer. We shall miss his objective and considered input at our meetings, as well as his dry humour. The HTC members and committee send Philip our very grateful thanks and best wishes.

Although the hall is closed to the public, we have a local care firm, Home Instead using it for socially distant training and interviewing carers to help support the sick and vulnerable in our parish and the wider community. Not only is this helpful to Home Instead

but it saves us a problem with the building insurers; if the hall is unused for more than 45 days the insurers start to reduce the amount of cover under our policy. Consequently we are able to remain fully insured, which is a huge plus for us.

Plans for the work at the Holly Tree are progressing well. By the time you read this the builders we are inviting to tender for the work will have had the Description of Works and should be sending back their quotes for the work before the end of July.

Before you receive your July copy of the *DN* you will have noticed that there has been some work done to the trees at the entrance. This was necessary due to the condition of the trees as well as helping us to widen the entrance to the HTC and, while I expect it will look a bit different for a while, I'm sure it will soon blend in and look as though it's always been so.

We hope all our members and club users are staying safe and well and we look forward to seeing you all when it's safe to open the hall again – all being well, in the not too distant future.

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Another month goes by and a few more restrictions are lifted. The Tennis Club is now open and members can book courts on the club website at [www.deddingtontennis.com](http://www.deddingtontennis.com). The Cricket Club has begun to hold socially distanced sessions in their newly refurbished nets – check their website at [www.deddingtoncricket.co.uk](http://www.deddingtoncricket.co.uk) if you want to get involved. I believe Deddington Town FC adults are also about to begin training, although due to the strict FA guidelines currently in force, I don't expect the sessions will resemble football as we know it. I could say 'no change there then' but that would be cruel. Information about all things football is at [www.deddingtontownfc.com](http://www.deddingtontownfc.com).

Sadly, although there are some encouraging signs that we will be able to open soon, at the time of writing, the Windmill building remains closed as do the all weather court (aka the astro), the adventure play-

ground and the new Pocket Park. The new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), by the all weather court, has remained open throughout lockdown but users are urged to check and follow the current government guidelines at all times.

Regarding our ongoing programme of repairs and improvements, I am delighted to announce that we now have a brand new wooden floor upstairs in the Deddington Studio. It looks stunning and has transformed the space. We can't wait to welcome all our regular users back.

If you would like to help us run this valuable community space and join our volunteer management committee please contact me. We are particularly interested in somebody who could help us with marketing, not a very onerous task at this time sadly, but we have ambitious plans for the future.

Our AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 July. In all likelihood this will be a Zoom affair although we would love to meet in person. A final decision will be made nearer the time. If you would like to attend, please check the latest information on our website or on our Facebook page. Stay well everyone.

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## LETTERS

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL AND  
DIANA MARSHALL, DEDDINGTON  
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and send your best wishes. I've been overwhelmed with your kindness and support.

I am recovering well from my most recent surgery – at last. I hope they've fixed me up properly this time – I'm working on the third time lucky principle. That said, I still have a heart problem which is quite debilitating, but again, I hope that will be remedied in the not too distant future too.

Finally, a huge thank you to one particular very kind friend who, I'm sure would prefer to remain nameless, (sorry Julia, I can't do that!) who has been helping and supporting us through my recovery, lockdown and 'shielding' – I really don't know how we would have managed without you. You're a total star. Thank you for everything you do to support us. We appreciate it more than you will ever know.

Grateful thanks and good wishes to you all.

FROM STELLA O'NEILL,  
DEDDINGTON

Just a note to thank you all for your very kind messages, emails, cards, flowers and the myriad of other thoughtful gifts I've received over the last several months while I've been unwell. I truly appreciate every one of your very kind gestures, not least of all, the messages that have been passed on to me by others, when you've been kind enough to ask how I am

## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

We're having a quieter time down here. Still no notice from the Una Stubbs luminaries as to the start of the season despite football being up and running. This is of little worry to those talented lads down in Lower Larkrise who have got social distancing down to a fine art at a nomadic Book Club as it travels round to members' gardens. We've had a very smart newly constructed bar in one garden and a superb pizza oven in another that led to one member bringing the ingredients and made his then and there. Bring your own beer (BYOB) is the byword to get you in but there was no shortage of the usual persiflage (Google it ...) and it was great to touch base with more of the gang than just close neighbours. Two more have volunteered to be hosts before BOOM! the pub opens.

Many of us have been delighted by the Fenemore Outreach project that not only includes informative and educational scripts around 'George's Loop' about the crops being grown but also quizzes to test your agricultural knowledge. Some of us can't wait for the sweetcorn and other goodies in the market garden corner. It has brought an enjoyable element to the spectacular views and animal encounters of this walk. Well done the Fenemores for making the effort. Their shop has also remained an important source of sustenance.

Many of you may have seen Councillor Collins walking around with a clipboard. There is, unusually, a productive reason for this seeming nosiness. Neighbourhood Plan 2 has taken off with a more integrated approach to presenting, and thus preserving, the important bits of our corner of heaven, be it a building, a community asset, wildlife habitat, view or any other tangible element of our neighbourhood. If you have a

view on this or want to get involved rattle his cage or contact me and I'll make sure he gets your input. We need local people with local input to make this the best we can.

Lastly, by the time you read this column again, the Victory in Japan anniversary will be close. It seems unlikely we'll be able to reprise the VE day plans by then but we will be thinking hard how we celebrate and commemorate the end of the bloodiest war this world had ever seen. Some of our neighbours lost siblings in the Far East – so we'll do the very best we can.

As usual if you have more news then it's saving me the bother of making this all up which I'm happy to do if it entertains anyone for five minutes of the loneliness of the current strange times.

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**Wendy Burrows**  
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## Do You Remember?

I was born in thirty-four  
The post office stood right next door,  
Over the road there was a shop  
Where I could buy a lollipop.

Mr Doddswell baked the bread  
But only half the village feed  
The cakes he made were rather sticky  
For his nickname, we called him Dicky.

Haywards shop it still stands there  
Selling veggie or peach and pear  
Near narrow passage Tchure called  
On either side were gardens walled.

Who remembers Ticky Wells?  
Sold clothes and shoes and prams with bells  
Travelled villages far and near.  
Pay next week you can my dear.

Co-op service was very slow  
No one rushed just to and fro  
Time it seemed to stand quite still  
While they totted up the bill.

Tuckers Stores, a quaint old place  
Standing in the Market Place  
In that large window I did spoon  
And I remember the manager, Mr Boon.

The forces men they came to stay  
In the house we called Wychway  
They said it's because the war is on  
It seemed so quiet when they were gone

Smith was the butcher in High Street  
Selling steaks to the rich, to us sticky pigs' feet  
Hopcrafts the other a much bigger place  
Sandy we called him he had a red face.

A grocer named Lewis his first name was Jack  
To those out of work he paid dole round the back

Bill Holliday kept the motorists store  
All sorts of parts scattered the floor.

At the Priory lived Saunders, his first name was Walt  
In the war time a shortage but it was not his fault  
Selling of sweets to earn him a bob  
Sorting out coupons a terrible job.

Cannings sold oil and things for the sink  
I did not like that shop, my, how it did stink  
Weavers a grocer in Chapel Square  
A wee bit expensive, we did not shop there.

In New Street a chemist, a nice looking place.  
A barber behind it who would lather your face,  
A real shop of oddments was Runnicles  
For nails and screws I think he sold rules.

Then there was Fowlers sold not much at all  
A very frail lady and not very tall,  
And Comptons. the greengrocers, their son's name  
was Bill.  
Can't think how they managed and never will.

The blacksmith named Tibbets where horses were  
shod  
He mended the traces or straightened a rod,  
Served people with petrol from a hand pump  
Then back to the anvil where he did just thump.

The other baker was named Bill Course,  
Delivered with hand cart which he pulled with much  
force,  
He cooked Sunday puddings for half a p  
Now people of Deddington, that's history.

**Don Walker**

[Don's poem was written some years ago which explains some differences – Ed]

The following link will take you to all his memories:  
<http://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/people/donwalkers-memoriesofdeddington>



Deddington has had its share of plagues and pestilence including the Spanish flu which actually originated in the USA and spread to Europe via soldiers arriving in France. News about it was deliberately suppressed by the Allied Nations to avoid affecting troops and public morale. It was independent Spain's newspapers which first widely reported it, hence the name. Barbara Hodges, a Deddington doctor's wife,

in her novel *Hostages to Fortune*, written in 1933 under the pseudonym of Elizabeth Cambridge and based in Deddington, includes a chapter about the effect of Spanish flu locally, including her husband contracting it.

In 1832, more than 100 emigrants to the USA died of cholera on the ship *Brutus*. Cartwright family records list the names of 72 from Deddington. Between seventeen and twenty-one of them died.

Earlier still was the Black Death which led to two Oxfordshire villages being abandoned. More on all of these can be read at:

[www.deddingtonhistory.uk/plaguesandpestilence](http://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/plaguesandpestilence)

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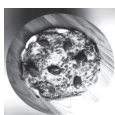
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## Grumpy Landlord

I bumped into Giles the other day – obviously not at the bar. We sat on the bench outside, suitably distanced from each other, and gazed wistfully at the shut-up pub.

I remembered Giles moaning about Public Health England (PHE) last autumn – now he was about to give me a big dose of ‘I told you so’.

He started, ‘I told you last year that PHE had for many years decided that the public needed to be protected from lifestyle factors such as alcohol and bad diet and that society did not need protection from infectious diseases. I remember this quote in February 2016 from Professor Kevin Fenton of PHE, national director for health and well-being: ‘In high-income countries such as the UK, non-communicable diseases and chronic disability are responsible for a much greater proportion of the burden of disease than infectious diseases and much of our work at PHE is aimed at tackling related risk such as alcohol intake, physical activity and high salt intake.’

I was quite impressed by Giles remembering a quote from 2016 and added my two-penn’orth. ‘And



now Covid-19 comes along and, rather than putting all their resources into giving guidance on the number of units of alcohol we drink or how much salt is in the Tesco spaghetti bolognese, PHE has to deal with a major pandemic.’

‘Exactly’, said Giles. ‘Given the preoccupation of its leadership with NCDs, is it any wonder we didn’t have sufficient stocks of personal protective equipment or an infrastructure to engage in track and trace? After all, how many hidden teaspoons of salt there are in a microwave lasagne is clearly so much more important, isn’t it?’

I wanted to bring the conversation closer to home, ‘OK Giles, you’ve made your point. Now with a bit of luck we will be opening the pub some time in July, albeit with some restrictions to maintain safety. For instance it’s unlikely you’ll be able to sit at the bar and you may have to be outside.’ He gave me his winsome look, ‘I’ll sit on the bloody roof if you like for a couple of pints of real ale, even at 14 units a week I’ve got a great lockdown store of units to get through.’

**Grumpy Landlord**

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## Deddington Library

There’s very little library news at the time of writing. There is no date given yet for libraries to be allowed to re-open. That said, when libraries are allowed to re-open, OCC will open the large town libraries first. Not only is their footfall greater and they cover a larger area, and often areas of great social deprivation, but it’s easier with more space to arrange a one way system, social distancing and space to quarantine returned books etc than in small branch libraries, which will have to be opened on a more individual basis and reorganised according to the space available. Watch our Facebook page for updates as we have them.

This year the Summer Reading Challenge Silly Squad is going digital due to Covid-19. The theme for the 2020 challenge is funny books, having a laugh and happiness. You may wish to look at the following link which gives you some information about the challenge and the characters. The Reading Agency

will be running the challenge from June to September. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/silly-squad-coming-soon>. Look out for further information on the Oxfordshire Libraries Facebook page and Twitter.

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Have a lovely summer, stay safe and keep reading.

**Stella O’Neill**

**Library Manager**

## Friends of Deddington Library

### Photo Competition

Thank you to all who have already sent in some spectacular shots from around the parish, some wonderful dawn shots, sunsets, lockdown scenes around the villages, clear blue skies, pets on country walks and the usual array of rapeseed, barley and wheat fields. Our deadline is 24 August so there are another two

months of shooting time and I hope some more stunning weather.

Send your entries to me, landscape format, 5Mb JPGs and taken within our parish and surrounding countryside. Thank you.

**Bryn Williams**

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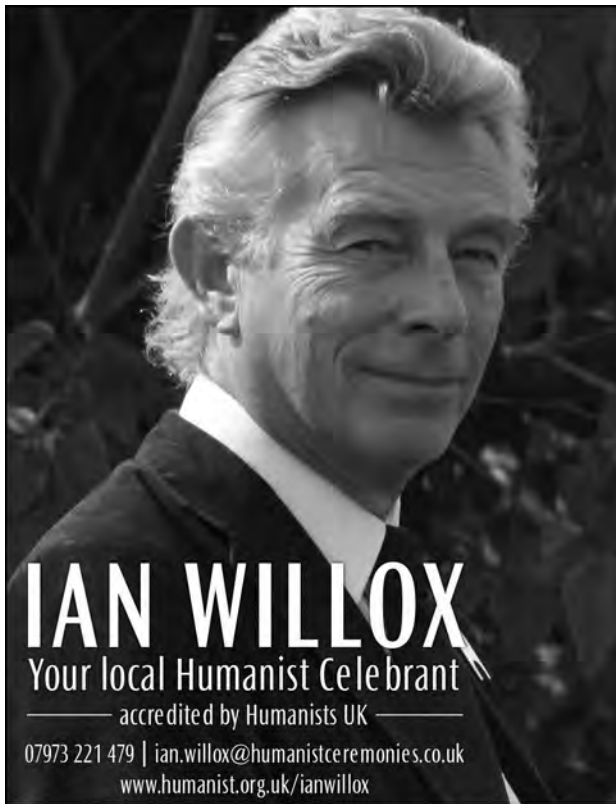
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The woods are looking great at present. There have been some vandalism but after putting up posters this appears to have stopped. The woods have also been strimmed and therefore feel more open.

With lockdown easing up it's a great place to go for a walk, run or a picnic, especially since large areas of grass have been cut.

Unfortunately, some people are leaving dog poo bags hanging from trees or under benches so if you walk your dog in the wood, please be sure to dispose of the bags in the bin provided. Furthermore, bonfires

are not allowed as they could cause a wildfire.

**Jess Halsey, aged 14**

The third Sunday in July and August, 19 July and 16 August, are going to be Family Fun Evenings 7.00–9.00pm. Children and parents can dress up as fairies, monsters, princesses or knights. Please bring your own picnic and we cannot have any unaccompanied children. It will be expected that families will observe appropriate social distancing.

**Annette Murphy**

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## DEDDINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Finally, we re-opened the school to our pupils in years F1, 1 and 6, in addition to key workers' children, on 1 June, after a good deal of preparation.

Our classrooms have been rearranged to allow for appropriate social distancing between the children when working in class. The playground has also been suitably organised for groups of children to play during break times, still allowing for safe social distancing. All groups of children in their hubs and 'bubbles' have PE sessions, using their own equipment which is labelled and cleaned each day. The children are working and playing together beautifully, even though they are being kept further apart than they are used to. They are happy being back in school, having been away



from their friends and teachers for so long. Equally, the staff are pleased to be back with the children.

Despite the change in weather, we have been able to enjoy our school grounds and field space and the children had the freedom of being together, even though this is at a two metre distance. We hope over the coming weeks we will be able to have all year groups back in school so that we can return to our full community.

We miss the children who are currently at home but are keeping in frequent contact with them through daily work, via our home learning system.

We send our very best wishes to you all.

**Denise Welch**

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## PARISH COUNCIL SEEKING YOUR VIEWS

The parish council would like to ask your opinion on pubs and maybe the other businesses in the village using some of the parking area in the Market Place as an extension of their premises to allow people to socially distance and to enjoy the services offered whilst ensuring that those who live in the Market Place are considered and can still park near their homes.

The businesses will have to apply to the County Council for permission to use the highway and to the District Council for a modification to the alcohol serving licence and these arrangements will be reviewed.

Our County Councillor has asked us to find out what residents in the parish think and to judge whether there is an appetite for this.

Post lockdown, people will behave differently and may or may not venture out. If they do, they may not

choose to go into confined spaces such as small shops. Equally, they may or may not wish to remain in confined spaces, such as pubs for a long period of time. Fewer people are also going to be travelling for work. Some may feel intimidated by a street café culture and some may welcome it, weather permitting.

There is a likely to be a different way of living, commuting, shopping and pubbing and we would like to hear your view on how this might work in Deddington.

If you have an opinion on the use of the Market Place, please contact the parish clerk at [deddington-parishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:deddington-parishcouncil@googlemail.com) or 01869 337447 and leave a message on the answerphone.

**David Rogers, Chair**

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## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Photographic Society

Lockdown has affected the photo opportunities for many members but it has given more time for those at home to practise techniques. Our website has many new images and the latest slideshow entitled the *Wow Factor* shows members' level of commitment whatever their photographic experience. Have a look at the News page.

Our June Zoom club night was a presentation by Stuart Wall, ARPS on 'Urban/Street and Social Documentary Photography'. Stuart, previously a press photographer, is now a photography lecturer. He enjoys 'wandering around looking for stories' and these have been printed in books, the first of which was submitted as an associate panel to the Royal Photographic Society. *The Stonemason* was centred around a craftsman in Caistor, Lincolnshire. The monochrome images of the man at work and his tools were very atmospheric as well as an historic record of a vanishing skill. Next came *Park Hill; Street in the Sky*, a 2015 curated record of listed flats in Sheffield by a group of twelve photographers. The brutalist architecture was represented in a series of slides as Stuart explained his choice of images. The area was revisited in February 2020 and a new book has now been produced documenting changes to the buildings. Stuart finished with an explanation of images entitled *From the Kasbah to Central Hall* based in the East Marsh area of Grimsby. Once again, a collection of photographs that relay a bygone era and decay as well as a heritage site used by a multitude of different groups.

Our next Zoom club night is at 7.15pm on 1 July. The subject will be confirmed on our website. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please check the website for details and a link to our YouTube channel where you can see our Zoom presentations. Finally, congratulations to Miggy Wild and John Cavana who received a third place and highly commended respectively, in the International Garden Photographer of the Year Special Award division: *Beautiful Blenheim*.

**Anne Hunsley**  
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### Royal British Legion

VJ Day is on Saturday 15 August. There is no August edition of the *DN* so this report is written two months prior to the 75th anniversary with no absolute certainty of what the situation will be by then. While lockdown restrictions are easing, it is unlikely there will be a full parade.

However, it is possible that a simple ceremony involving piper and bugler will be held at 11.00am at the flagpole in the Market Place at which Revd Annie will say prayers for peace and remembrance. If some

form of church service is allowed on Sunday 16 August the branch standard will be displayed. Details will be emailed to members at the end of July and posted on <https://www.deddington.org.uk/> and on the various parish Facebook accounts.

**Rob Forsyth, Branch Chairman**

### Bookworms

Our latest book was *The Birthday Boys* by award winning author, Beryl Bainbridge. The book is a fictionalised account of the doomed Antarctic expedition led by Captain Scott in 1912. The birthday boys of the title are Scott and four members of his team, each of whom narrates a section of the book. The three-year trip was designed as a scientific expedition as well as a conquest of the Pole. But in fact, the group endure uncomplainingly the Antarctic cold, treacherous terrain and round-the-clock midwinter dark only to find, after a hellish final trek, a Norwegian flag at the Pole.

There were mixed feelings about the book amongst the group. Some of us really enjoyed it whilst others found it hard going.

Our next meeting will be in July via Zoom when we will be discussing *The Lido* by Libby Page.

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### Book Group

The broadcaster Jenni Murray's *A History of Britain in 21 Women* was a good choice for the later stages of lockdown. At a time when many of us were feeling rather restless, the format of 21 short biographies was perfect for dipping into without the need for sustained concentration.

Jenni's aim is to spread the word that history has been made by great men *and* great women. Her book comprises a selection of women 'who rose above the low expectations of their gender' and she readily acknowledges that the choice is subjective. Spanning the centuries from Roman Britain to the present, these are the stories of remarkable women who have made important contributions to science, medicine, mathematics, culture, politics and women's rights. Biographical details are interspersed with amusing anecdotes, often revealing Jenni's own reactions to those whom she has long regarded as role models.

*A History of the World in 21 Women*, by the same author, follows a similar format. Those of us who read this found it informative but somehow less engaging, except in the case of those women whom Jenni had actually interviewed.

Our next book is *The Girl on the Landing* by Paul Torday.

**Sian Waterman**



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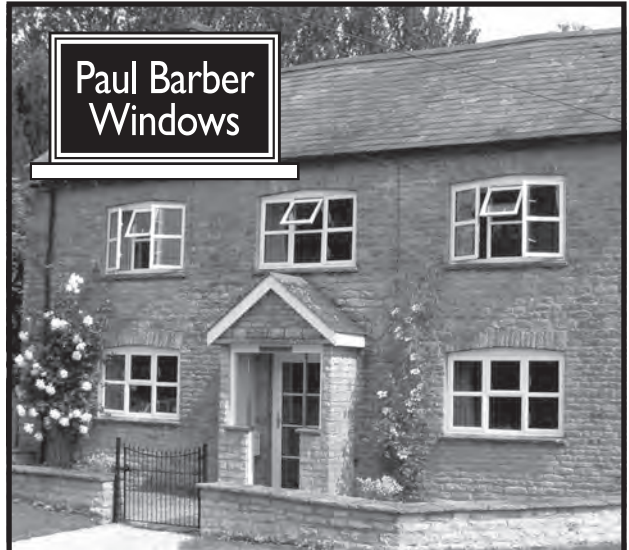
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## SPORT

### Deddington Cricket Club

Like most sports, cricket at all levels of the game, has not been played so far this spring and summer. While there is talk of some international games taking place from July in empty grounds, at the time of writing there are no clear plans for village cricket to resume.

Adding to the frustration for all local clubs has been the fantastic early season weather. Despite that, we have been keeping the cricket square at the Windmill in a condition that will enable us to get games going quite quickly, should a start be announced.

Before the pandemic struck, the Club had been enjoying indoor nets at Sibford School and had welcomed a few newcomers to our ranks. Since then we have held an online Club quiz event that was well attended and we have received much generous support from Vice-Presidents, members and friends, either in the form of donations, or by joining our 49 Club fundraiser. As sponsorship and advertising income has naturally dried up and with no match day income, these gifts have been most welcome.

One positive piece of news is that we have had our nets refurbished, with new netting and a good clean of the matting. This was done with the help of a match-funding grant from the Parish Council, in recognition that the nets are a general village amenity. The Club is very grateful for this support. Currently only one of the nets is in operation and can only be used by Club members in accordance with ECB and UK government regulations. We hope to open up their use in the near future.

**Simon Oldfield 07771 997358**

<http://deddingtoncricket.co.uk/>

### Deddington Tennis Club

In line with advice from the government and the LTA, and after discussion with the committee, we're happy to announce that two of the courts at the Tennis Club are now open for restricted use. Courts can be used for singles and doubles play, providing the guidelines and restrictions are observed. Full information on the restrictions is available on our website and, if you book a court, you will receive an email with the full guidelines. Two key points to note are that you will need to bring your own balls and, as at time of writing the Windmill is still closed, you must bring hand sanitiser as there are no hand washing facilities on site.

Tennis Club members can book a court through the website. Members of the public can book a court for £5 an hour by emailing [chairman@deddingtontennis.com](mailto:chairman@deddingtontennis.com).

Our coach, Paul Taylor, is also now able to offer individual coaching sessions. Currently we are not offering group coaching, but we hope to restart our junior programme in September, providing we can do so safely in line with government guidelines. For more information about coaching or to enquire about individual sessions, please contact [paultaylor@deddingtontennis.com](mailto:paultaylor@deddingtontennis.com)

[hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hotmail.co.uk).

For current information on the Tennis Club's policy on coronavirus, guidelines on restricted play, information about becoming a member and everything else about the club, please see our website, [www.deddingtontennis.com/](http://www.deddingtontennis.com/)

**Becky Jones**

### Deddington Town FC Youth

Not to be defeated by the coronavirus pandemic, we held our annual presentation day on 7 June virtually via Zoom. We presented the awards as each age group Zoomed in for a ten-minute slot. The medals and trophies will be delivered to players in the weeks ahead. A big thank you to Marten Sealby for designing the presentation day programme and to our programme sponsors – County Insurance Services, Cox's Garage, Deddington Dental, Featherton House and Trade Secret. This year the chairman's award went to Kevin McCrobie, Richard Court and Carol Fox for their outstanding contributions to running the Under 16s for the past two seasons. The player awards for the 2019-20 season are:

#### *Most Improved Player*

U8s Harry Brock; U9s Jack Jenkins; U10s Samuel Harding; U11s Jenny Marsden; U12s Jack Buckland; U13s Talia Cadd; U16s Lewis Harding.

#### *Sportsperson*

U8s Charlie Gruber; U9s Zac Godfrey and Toby Bellinger; U10s Tommy O'Donnell; U11s Luc Brooke-Little; U12s Charlie Duffy; U13s Harvey Baggailey; U16s Euan McRobie.

#### *Player's Player*

U8s Cooper Arlett; U9s Vincent Holliday; U10s Aidan Corner; U11s Thomas Pilbeam; U12s Alex Dahlman and Tommy McCardle; U13s Ben Jones and Leo Sansom; U16s Lewis Harding.

#### *Manager's Player*

U8s Cooper Arlett; U9s Harry Belcher; U10s Harry Robey; U11s Bailey Hamblet-Bowes and Anthony Pouyanne; U12s Max Fuller; U13s Ben Jones; U16s Harry Ware.

#### *Fair Play Award in Memory of Frank McCusker*

For the third year the Club gave an award at the U7 age group for fair play. This was in memory of Frank McCusker. Frank died suddenly in 2017, having coached for several years. This year it was awarded to Max Hockley for his attitude towards training with a desire to learn and improve and for taking advice on board and listening carefully in practices and matches.

Put a date in your diary for next year: Sunday 6 June 2021 at 2.00pm at the Windmill Centre Presentation Day 2021, celebrating 25 years of youth football in the village.

**Roger Sykes, Development Officer  
and U7/U6 Coach  
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