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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

We're on the map! Cycling's AJ Bell Women's Tour 2021 will pass through both Deddington and Hempton on 4 October. Stuart Oldham gives details on page 13. Then on 7 October Spanish environmentalists will be passing through Deddington as they walk, yes, walk, from the south coast to the critical COP26 environment meeting in Glasgow. For details on supporting them see the last paragraph of the DEN article on page 9. (And, incidentally, the church tower is a frequent turning home landmark for Birmingham's glider pilots.)

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WHAT'S ON

October

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| Sun | 3 | Deddington Players: Pantomime Auditions, Windmill Centre, 2.00–4.00pm |
| Mon | 4 | Holly Tree Club: AGM and Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.00am |
| Mon | 4 | Local Vocals Community Choir: Primary School, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 6 | Photographic Society: 'The Yorkshire Dales in the 1950s', Paul Brewerton, Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 10 | Adderbury Ensemble piano trios with Simon Watterton, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 16 | DEN: Community Orchard Planting, Welford's Piece, 10.30am–1.00pm |
| Wed | 20 | Parish Council meeting: 7.30pm |
| Thu | 21 | History Society: 'What Granny did in World War I', Dan Allen, Primary School, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 23 | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm |
| Sat | 23 | Photographic Society: Annual Exhibition, Living Room, Parish Church, 9.00am–12.30pm |
| Sun | 24 | Petr Limonov/Ljubica Stojanovic (piano four hands), Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 28 | Bookworms: Holly Tree, 6.30pm |
| Thu | 28 | Book Group: Contact Sally Lambert 01869 338094 for details |
| Fri | 29 | Royal British Legion: Poppy Appeal Evening, Parish Church, 7.00pm–9.30pm |

November

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| Mon | 1 | Holly Tree Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am |
| Mon | 1 | Local Vocals Community Choir: Primary School, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 6 | Cherwell Choral Society: Parish Church, 7.30 pm |
| Sun | 7 | Adderbury Ensemble: Quartet Concert, St Mary's, Adderbury, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 17 | Parish council meeting: 7.30pm |
| Sun | 21 | Viv Mclean (piano), Parish Church, 7.30pm |

Cover

Steve Waterman's painting this month is of fields near Clifton.

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held in the Parish Church on 15 September

Present: Cox, Eames, Oldfield, Reeve, Robinson, Rogers (chair), Squires, Swadling, Timms, District Councillor Williams, County Councillor Fatemian and the parish clerk.

District Council report

District Councillor Williams is still waiting for a reply to his enquiry about the contaminated soil at the Wimborn Close development. Several planning officers have left CDC and the council is experiencing difficulty in getting people to return to their offices.

OCC and CDC will be taking responsibility for local civil parking enforcement from 1 November.

A question was raised regarding future practice for residents using brown bags for their garden waste.

County Council report

County Councillor Fatemian is liaising with the PC regarding issues at the Hempton pinchpoint. The road has now been patched and inspected by OCC and a representative of the 2021 Women's Cycle Tour. Traffic monitoring equipment is to be repositioned and trees need to be cut back.

Finance and General Purposes

All assets and PC responsibilities at the Windmill are to be reviewed at a separate meeting for councillors.

The ongoing contract with Survey Monkey is to be cancelled until or unless it is needed in the future.

Recent power cuts affecting people on emergency oxygen cylinders and some alarms are to be investigated by SSE. Although cuts have been generally brief, they have caused considerable inconvenience and concern. Residents are asked to call 105 if they experience such problems. If many people complain, some action may be taken.

Charges for Satin Lane allotments and water rates will be discussed at the October PC meeting.

Expenditure of £1,100 was agreed for the supply, installation and removal of a Christmas tree in the Market Place.

There was a long-winded discussion about the planned internal and external lavatories at the Windmill without a decision being reached.

On the basis of the financial allocation made for the Christmas tree, Councillor Eames, on behalf of Deddington Environment Network, asked that the PC consider paying the costs invoiced by Heritage Fruit Tree Co for the community orchard in Clifton and not

covered by the Trust for Oxford Environment grant of £2,167. The amount being sought is £938 and will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Planning

No objection

Castle End, Castle Street: tree works.

Caris Lodge, Goose Green: tree works.

Midhill, Philcote Street: tree works.

Oak Lodge, Clifton Road: side and rear extension. This is well within the grounds of the property and does not overlook neighbours. Matter of bat colony was raised but no objection subject to bats being protected.

Approval

Deddington Health Centre: meeting room.

Windmill Community Centre: internal reconfiguration. Stone Pits, Hempton Road: erection of 21 dwellings, reserved matters.

Greystones, Banbury Road: on appeal, two-bay framed garage.

Withdrawal

28 The Daedings: two storey and part single rear extension.

Highways and Transport

There is ongoing concern regarding the PC's wheelie bins in the Market Place which are repeatedly being used by others. CDC is to be asked to supply replacement lockable bins.

Following a vehicle collision at the traffic lights, County Councillor Fatemian was asked to request that the direction arrows and traffic light cameras be reinstated.

The Daedings street light has been ordered and should be installed soon.

Environment and Recreation

The gate locking protocol for the Windmill has been agreed with the management committee.

Some anti-social behavior and minor vandalism has occurred at both the Windmill and the cemetery. The police have been asked to visit routinely.

Next meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20 October at the Windmill Community Centre.

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter, Jill Cheeseman, and not the official minutes. For those, go to deddingtonparishcouncil.org/2021.html.

FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

We are back on track again after the lay-off for Covid. Plans are in place to cut back the brambles, saplings and nettles as well as refurbishing the benches. Fallen wood will be gathered and left for wildlife to inhabit. Ideas for the future include repairing the footpath by the badger setts, placement of bird-

and bat-boxes and reseeding the wildflower area. Come and enjoy this wonderful area. The leaves will start to turn very soon which makes the Castle Grounds a magical place to visit.

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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

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We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their fantastic photo competition entries. Yet again you produced some wonderful images from all corners of the parish and this year we've had entries from several new entrants who've captured some unique angles. The calendar is now for sale and will be available at all the remaining farmers' markets from now until Christmas. It is also available at Nellie & Dove in the Market Place.

The calendar wouldn't be possible without the support of our loyal sponsors, our entrants and of course our community who buys it. Thanks to you all for your continued and much appreciated support for the calendar which is one of the major sources of raising the necessary funds to keep our local library open.

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CEMETERY VANDALISM

There has been quite a lot of vandalism at the Hempton Road cemetery recently which is very distressing for relatives. Vases have broken and stolen, shrubs uprooted and stones thrown about. Stupid mindlessness is one thing; lack of respect is quite another.

The PC has taken swift action: with temporary CCTV coverage and the police carrying out sweeping visits.

We will take action against anyone found taking part in any such activity.

**David Rogers, Chair
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PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

It has been an enjoyable start to the new school year and the children have settled in quickly. We have been busy getting to know one another and introducing the children to the new routines and activities. Our AGM will be held on the evening of Tuesday 5 October on Zoom. Please contact us if you have not received an invitation and wish to attend.

There will be an information meeting for PFSU parents on Wednesday 13 October at 7.00pm during which we will explain our approach to teaching literacy and numeracy and offer the opportunity for an informal chat about how your child has settled in.

Lucy Squires

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An Evening in aid of the Poppy Appeal

Deddington's War Memorial and Crosses

Rob Forsyth

Work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Dick Richards

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Email rbl0746@gmail.com for further information or to reserve tickets

Deddington Church

29 October 2021, 7–9.30pm

See Neil Skinner's lighting of the nine crosses and church memorials, 29 October – 11 November

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VIGIL – A PERISCOPE VIEW

Four episodes in to the BBC Sunday night drama *Vigil* and my friends are wondering if I am throwing things at the TV. I have to admit that, as a member of the 'silent service', I watched the first episode with considerable trepidation. Could the BBC realistically portray what it is like to be on patrol in a Trident missile-carrying submarine which, despite its size, is still referred to as a 'boat', thanks to supercilious admirals in battleships?

The incidents that punctuate the story are genuine enough. The British fishing trawler, *Antares*, was sunk and all four crew drowned when its nets were snagged in 1990. There have been several collisions with merchant ships over the years. I had a too-close encounter myself with a super-tanker coasting silently up channel with its engines stopped. Iain Ballantyne, in his telling of the submarine Cold War, *Hunter Killers*, recounts how my Polaris submarine, *HMS Repulse*, was chased by a Soviet ship and I had to conduct a high speed emergency dive to avoid a dangerous close quarters encounter. No one has been murdered but, in 2011, a disaffected and drunk sailor on board *HMS Astute* shot and killed an officer while alongside in Southampton. In 2017 nine crew members from *HMS Vigilant* were discharged the service for drugs use. All of us have experienced emergencies such as fire, flood and reactor scrams – although the idea of refuelling with diesel from a tanker to keep the emergency propulsion going is a credibility stretch too far. So these things do happen, just not to one boat in such short order. I was concerned that this might lead non-naval viewers to form a poor opinion of our service but apparently not. It seems they recognise dramatic licence when they see it.

If a real death had occurred while on patrol space would have been created in a fridge; torpedo tubes are good for storing beer but are not cold enough for corpses. Furthermore, the boat would have remained on patrol until relieved by another one. Under no circumstances would the police be embarked until the boat was well off patrol and on the surface back in home waters. Embarkation could well be by being lowered on a wire from a helicopter onto the submarine with a belt on the end of the wire looped under your arms and kept in place by keeping them very firmly by your side. I recall frequently repeating out loud the crewman's critical advice, 'Don't raise your arms'.

However, shame on the BBC for a serious factual error. The CO tells DCI Sylva in episode 1 that *Vigil's* missiles are at 15 minutes notice to fire, whereas the government states on its website 'Our submarines on patrol are at several days' notice to fire and, since 1994, we do not target our missiles at any state.' I appreciate this is a far less dramatic statement but the BBC has seriously misled viewers because, contrary to what some may think from this and media reports,

there are, and have been, no nuclear threats that would justify high alert status since the Cold War ended.

Where *Vigil* departs furthest from onboard reality is the way in which the crew interact. CPO Burke openly and angrily demanding that the CO breaks off patrol to help the stricken trawler or the XO furiously telling the CO to his face he is not up to his job or the CO himself criticising officers in front of the crew just would not happen. The crew of a submarine bond very tightly and authority must be earned and respected up and down the chain. As a former 'Teacher', with the hands-on task of first training and then deciding on who was competent to command, neither officer would have passed the course called, for self-evident reasons, the 'Perisher'. They both lack personal communication skills and management qualities. The plot, of course, requires mystery, suspicion, character weaknesses and, above all, personal feuds.

Last but not least, I can only be jealous of the very generous living and working spaces. Trident submarines may be as big as a six-storey block of flats with rounded corners but they are so densely packed with equipment that there is very little room left for the crew. You could hold a dance in *Vigil's* 'bomb shop'. Perhaps that is still to come.

From the foregoing you can conclude that *Vigil* is no more true to life than, some would argue, *The Queen* is on Netflix. The question really is whether it works as a TV drama in its unusual setting. For me it does. I am as gripped by the plot as much as any of my civilian friends. Imagination is stretched, there is a welcome lack of gun battles, sirens and car chases while, in good *Line of Duty* tradition, nothing is as it first seems, other than it has been clear from the start that CPO Burke has big secrets to reveal; thereby echoing Able Seaman McNeilly who, in 2015, publicly alleged that *HMS Victorious's* nuclear weapon safety was being compromised.

So – who 'dunnit' and why? The reason circulating on our submariner's social media is that Burke cheated during a Scalextric car race on the track snaking round the missile compartment; this being quite enough to cause a severe loss of authority and respect for a Chief Petty Officer, never mind him whistleblowing. However, viewers will need to observe a submariner's creed and the boat's motto 'Vigilant and Resolute' to find the answer as another body heads for the torpedo tubes and *Vigil* loses touch with base, despite the fact that there are several backups to preserve continuous communications at all times. But let's not quibble over facts. Finally, to heighten the tension, and to quote the 1966 film – 'The Russians are coming'!

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CHURCH October

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Please see the church website or FaceBook page for updates www.deddingtonchurch.org and <https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonChurch>

Mon–Fri	8.45am	Morning Prayer
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thu	9.30am	Tea and Toast and Squiggles and Wiggles

Sun	3	10.30am	Holy Communion
		3.00pm	3 O'clock Service, informal
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Sun	10	8.00am	BCP Communion
		10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun	17	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun	24	10.30am	Holy Communion

Hempton

Sun	17	9.00am	Holy Communion
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Barford St Michael

Sun	10	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sun	17	10.30am	Family Service

Barford St John

Sun	24	9.00am	Holy Communion
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From the Parish Register

Baptisms,

14 August	Rebecca Anne Diana Skinner and Joseph Douglas Richard Skinner
15 August	Ruth Wendy Fenion

Weddings,

21 August	Sophie Francine Lewis and Sam Elliott White
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Funerals

23 August	Rebecca Tuckey (née Moyce)
31 August	John Osborough

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar, Reverend Annie Goldthorp 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).

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St John's Church in Banbury will be streaming Mass daily at 9.30am, Mondays to Fridays; at 10.00am on Saturdays; and 11.15am on Sundays on <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-john-the-evangelist-banbury>. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be streamed for 30 minutes at the end of each weekday Mass.

BLISSFUL THINKING

On my way to the Post Office a little while back, I noticed a car drive past me to the Co-op with a small knotted black bag on its roof and a dog in the passenger seat. Putting two and two together, I immediately recognised the narrative and watched on as they eased forward, apparently oblivious, with the bag inevitably sliding off the car roof and landing in the middle of the tarmac behind the vehicle. I meandered over to the open passenger side window to notify the driver of their dropped cargo, only for them to pull away before I got there. Now did they pull away because I was just a stranger they didn't clock was approaching, or did they flee in full knowledge of their dirty deed?

DL Moody once said that character is what we are in the dark, which happens to be one of my very favourite aphorisms. We can talk and preach and



proselytise all we want, but our true moral compass is only visible when there is nobody else around to witness our actions. It's an existential question: do we avoid transgression because of our inherent goodness, or simply to avoid the social and/or economic costs of being caught in the act? Conversely, do we perform virtuous acts because we know them to be right or because of the positive attention it affords us? Clearly, there is a wide spectrum of motivations unique to each individual, aptly demonstrated by those who continue to wear face masks and those who won't because it is no longer mandated. The real question is do you know who *you* truly are in the dark? And do you remember what's on the roof of your vehicle?

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



We continue to celebrate how lucky we are to be back together. Our new academic year has begun smoothly for all concerned, with the F1 children fitting in well.

Following the current government advice, pupils can now come into school together and

leave at similar times at the end of the school day. The children are now able to have common playtimes where pupils from different year groups can actually see each other playing in different parts of the playground and field. It is wonderful to have this in place and once more makes us increasingly happy to have old systems and schedules back in place.

The weather has enabled us to use the whole of the school grounds and we are celebrating a greater sense of 'normality' all round, looking forward to the weeks ahead as we move towards autumn.

We anticipate being able to report more exciting things, events and achievements in our next report but for now, send our best wishes.

Denise Welch

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FUN WEDNESDAY NIGHT ANYONE?

Or actually once a month? Perhaps 'fun' is pushing it a bit. Maybe 'interesting'? Certainly giving you the inside scoop on how and where your share of the parish precept is being spent and what hot issues there may be in the offing.

The *Deddington News* thinks it is important to provide, what we hope, is a timely and readable digest of the major issues discussed at the parish council's meetings. Our trusty reporter, Jean Rudge, had to resign a while ago and Jill Cheeseman, as one of the two editors, has been filling the slot on an interim basis. However, given the amount of time she already gives to the *DN* not just as editor but also in undertaking a myriad of the 'backroom' activities involved, as well as her other volunteer activities and, incidentally, having a life. It is past time for her to relinquish this duty.

Consequently, we are looking for someone to attend the parish council meetings on the third Wednesday of the month and prepare a summary of the important issues and decisions. This is not so daunting as it may sound. The parish clerk provides the reporter with a full set of the materials provided to the councillors to act as an anchor and the chair and members are very helpful, especially to new kids on the job.

If you think you might be interested please email either editor or call us – contact details on the front page, top left.

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FARMERS' MARKET

Behind the Scenes – Annual Donations
Running the farmers' market is not a cost-free operation. There are a number of outgoings and running costs that have to be covered, including insurance, equipment maintenance and publicity material. To cover these outgoings, stallholders are charged a fee.

Once expenses have been taken care of, however, there is usually a surplus which the market committee is keen to plough back into the community. Grants are made to Deddington parish organisations and those serving our community who could do with a little financial help. This has been happening almost as long as there has been a market which is 20 years this September. Unfortunately a donation round was not possible last year because so few markets were held because of the pandemic while overheads still needed to be paid, leading to depleted funds.

This year is a different story. Thirteen local organisations applied for grants and all were successful with most of them receiving the full amount they requested. Grants ranged between £150 and £200 and covered a variety of capital projects from a new slimline phlebectomy chair for the Health Centre to three sessions



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at an outdoor activity centre for the Explorer Scout unit. Other beneficiaries included the Royal British Legion which wants to erect a structure to stop memorial wreaths being blown away, the Parish Archive Group which needs a dehumidifier and the Deddington Housing Association whose residents have requested a bird bath-cum-water feature. A full list of grant recipients and the amounts awarded can be

found at <https://www.deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk/grants--donations.html>.

The grant cheques, totalling almost £3,000, will be presented at the 23 October market with photographs taken to record the event for posterity. Please come along to lend your support.

Since 2013, the market has given away close to £31,000 which is an amazing amount and a real asset to the community. Organisations are free to apply as often as they like and, over the years, many have benefitted more than once – including the Holly Tree Club, the Friends of Deddington Library and the Guides. The amounts given, though not huge, have really made a difference to many people.

Jenny Snashall

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HOLLY TREE CLUB

The Holly Tree Club weekly coffee mornings have been well supported and it is lovely for everyone to be able to catch up and socialise again. Many Covid-safe measures have been put in place and everyone seems reassured by this and are happy to attend regularly.

On 11 September we held an afternoon tea party to officially launch the refurbished hall, thank all those who helped make the renovation happen, show guests how fabulous the hall looks now and encourage them to return to the Holly Tree to host their regular clubs and meetings. We had gazebos, bunting and delicious home-made cakes with our tea. The weather was kind to us, so after a look at the delightful hall, most people sat outside in the sunshine to enjoy their tea. All in all, we had a lovely time.

Our AGM will be held at 10:00am on Monday 4 October in the Hall. All members are welcome to attend. Tea and biscuits will be served and you are all welcome to stay for your usual coffee morning after the meeting.

We are still awaiting news about the return of the film nights, provided by Age UK. We will keep you informed as soon as there is any more information to share.

Meanwhile we are looking into organising our first trip out and the possibility of a Christmas lunch, more news to follow shortly.

For all members' club enquiries, email info@The-HollyTreeClub.org.

Revd Annie Goldthorp

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The Home Library Service is run by Oxfordshire County Council and serves 700 customers county-wide by offering access, via trained volunteers, to library resources including large print and audio books. Home deliveries and collections are made every three weeks, free of charge with the additional bonus of no charges levied for ordering books from other libraries or for late returns.

Deddington has a small number of active home library volunteers who support local residents by choosing and delivering books. It's a hugely rewarding experience for both parties and helps keep the library relevant to the whole community. If you are interested in either using the service or becoming a volunteer, please contact the Home Library Service on 01865 810259 or email homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

In August our large print and audio collections were boosted by the significant addition of new stock and, overall, the library continues to benefit from a

continuous flow of new books. Keen borrowers had, by mid-August, placed over 50 pre-orders for Richard Osman's up-coming publication, *The Man Who Died Twice*. Please make the most of our service by ordering titles that you are looking forward to reading in the future, as well as our current selection. As a library member you can do this via your online account, using your borrower number and pin or by visiting the library in person.

The library has now returned to its original opening hours:

Monday 2.00–7.00pm

Wednesday 9.30am–1.00pm

Thursday 1.00–5.00pm

Saturday 9.30am–1.00pm

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DEDDINGTON ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

The September farmers' market is the first anniversary of Refill DEN. Thank you to everyone who has supported our stall which we hoped would raise environmental awareness and provide a range of sustainable household products. The Barfords' Environment Network is now selling our products and we will also be showcasing in Bloxham this month. We did our best to price products at a competitive and pocket-friendly level, hoping to break even. The market kindly gave us the stall free for the first three months but now, paying full rent, we have lost a few hundred pounds and must increase our prices this month, fixed until September 2023.

Thanks to those who attended the Bee Friendly Gardens talk with Ed Mundy. Ed packed in loads of information about making gardens attractive to wildlife and the room buzzed with discussion afterwards.

Community orchard planting day will be on Saturday 16 October, at Welford's Piece in Clifton, 10.30am–1.00pm. Everyone is welcome – bring your tools and help us plant trees and bulbs, or simply come and watch us do the hard work.

As we have already secured funding to buy the 15 trees we are asking those who were interested in sponsoring a tree to make a one-off donation of £10, £30 or £50 instead. Funds raised will go into a pot for

maintaining the orchard. Details can be found on our website www.deddingtonenvironment.net/orchard.

The COP26 climate change summit will be held in Glasgow between 31 October to 12 November. This is the 26th annual 'Conference of Parties', the 195 nations that make up the United Nations Framework on Climate Change. These meetings assess progress in meeting goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions that are the primary drivers of climate change and negotiate new further agreements. Detailed information can be found at ukcop26.org.

As well as the official UN meetings there will be a host of events and exhibitions put on by NGOs, youth groups, businesses and academics. A group of Spanish environmentalists, arriving on 28 September, are planning to walk from their arrival point on the south coast to the meeting site in Glasgow, to raise awareness of the catastrophic effects of climate change on the way. On the evening of 7 October they will be walking through Deddington on their way from Oxford to Banbury. If you would like to walk part or all of this leg with the group, or welcome them at a 'bring and share' dinner that evening, please contact Paul or Nicki Burgess, nickicraddock@hotmail.com.

Nick and Fiona Smith

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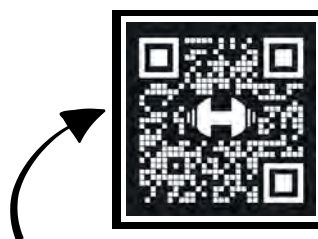


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DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW



Wendy Burrows and Joan Wright, show organising stalwarts, receiving flowers on stepping down from the committee
photo Revd Annie Goldthorp

After a challenging 18 months the Deddington Parish Show took place on 4 September. The committee was amazed at the volume of entries and it was good to see how many people attended. All in all it was a very successful event.

Wendy is retiring from the role of secretary and handing over to me. I am sure everyone would want to thank Wendy for all her hard work over the years. Next year's show will be held on Saturday 3 September.

The results are as follows:

Cookery: Welford Cup

1st Mrs V Moysee; 2nd Melanie Warren & Anne Bishop; 3rd Sue Ayles

Flowers: Marianne Elsley Cup

1st Melanie Warren & Valerie Bird; 2nd Terry Timms; 3rd Sue Ayles

Vegetables: Oliver Hawes Cup

1st Brian Palmer; 2nd Bev & Mark Ryland; 3rd Stan Nelson

Fruit: SS Peter & Paul Cup

1st Bev & Mark Ryland; 2nd Melanie Warren/Sue Ayles/Louise Ayles/Rebecca Deeley; 3rd Wendy Burrows/Valerie Betty/Chloe Eriksen

Art: John Cheney Art Cup

1st Steve Waterman; 2nd Ken Wilkinson & Peter Condon; 3rd David Jefferies/Wendy Burrows/Angela

Faint/Jen Cox

Craft: Stella Marmion Cup

1st Meriel Flux; 2nd Adele Sullivan; 3rd Kate Petty & Rosie Phillips

Photography: Farmers Market Cup

1st Melanie Warren; 2nd Lucy Squires & Terry Timms; 3rd Wendy Burrows

Show Champion Gardeners Cup

1st Melanie Warren/Bev & Mark Ryland; 2nd Brian Palmer; 3rd Sue Ayles

Children's Results

5 and under

1st Lilly Dowling; 2nd Harvey Cooke & Elliott Warren; 3rd Charlie O'Hara & Maddison Warren

6–8

1st Jay Cox; 2nd Isabella Horner; 3rd Isabella Russell

9–11

1st Polly Banks; 2nd Ellen Bird & Meredith Horner

Show Champion Maureen Forsyth Cup

1st Jay Cox; 2nd Polly Bank & Isabella Horner; 3rd Isabella Russell & Lilly Dowling

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LETTERS

FROM ROB FORSYTH,
DEDDINGTON

The Deddington RBL Branch is holding an open evening in the church on Friday 29 October 7.00–9.30pm to raise much needed funds for the Poppy Appeal. There will be two talks about our own war memorials and the history and work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Full



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details can be found in our advert on page 3, as well as on all Deddington Facebook groups, noticeboards and some telegraph poles. Tickets are £5 which includes the first drink and are available from Nellie & Dove in the Market Place or the Cyclogical Shop on Hudson Street. Do please support us.

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

A big Lower Larkrise welcome to Mark and Alexandra Stapley who moved in March from Golden Cross (goats cheese available in Eagles) in East Sussex. They came here to be closer to their daughters who live in Buckinghamshire, Wiltshire and Northern Ireland respectively. Mark has just retired from HSBC after 38 years working mainly in London but latterly spent just over five years in Dubai. Alex is a maths teacher currently just finishing a short-term cover at her old school in East Sussex which will mark the end of her teaching career. However, she would be available for tuition. And some of us welcome more people who know the words to *Sussex by the Sea* ...

Local news is a bit thin with Book Club preparing a traditional Hook Norton visit to finally give Mr Clinkard the traditional send off he deserves. This is ironic as he missed the trip very early in his days in Clifton when there was no room in the charabanc, booked by our Iron Man who proved he could organise an event (*this section has been edited for good family values taste – Ed*) in a brewery. This tradition first started when we said goodbye to Mr Baines many years ago and repeated often since.

On the sports front we had one of our number returning from an outing with Candleford folk clutching a trophy. You might not be able to teach an old dog new tricks but here we have a young DOG 'driving' home his advantage over older members.

On the non-sporting front, a local hunt was heard in our vicinity a few Thursdays ago and it is known to this correspondent that this dismays a few down here. News of any resultant event would be happily reported here so please see the link below and let me know.

Unfortunately, red crosses have been appearing on doors down here as the plague doesn't appear to have finished with us just yet and we have a Covid case. Wishing a swift recovery and, more importantly, an effective isolation.

All updates, including introductions, corrections or family additions, please send to me.

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TALES FROM THE PUMP



It was a pretty quiet mid-morning so I decided to clear the blocked gutter at the front of the pub. Of course as soon as I got up the ladder with my bucket Reg arrives and shouts up to me, 'Any chance of a pint?' 'You'll have to wait', I grumped down to him. 'I need to clean the moss out of this gutter.' He sat at one of the tables and looked even grumpier than me so I told him to go inside and pull his own pint.

He sat back down with his pint, looking a lot happier, and shouted up, 'Have you read a book called *Drunk* by an American guy called Slingerland? He says that alcohol enhances creativity, alleviates stress, builds trust and helps people cooperate. He even reckons alcohol has been a core driver in the rise of civilisation, turning us selfish primates into communal creatures.' By this time communal creatures, Fred and George, have turned up, probably attracted by the shouting and Reg goes and pulls them a couple of pints. Reg's shouts now start to get technical. 'Alcohol disarms the brain's prefrontal cortex – the bit that provides control and focus – so, once disabled, alcohol can encourage lateral thinking, play, and the embrace of new ideas. Like the US philosopher, William James, said "Sobriety diminishes, discriminates and says 'no' – drunkenness expands, unites and says 'yes'".

'Did you know,' he shouts, 'the human race has been drinking alcohol since 7,000BC and brewing beer existed before baking bread.' Reg is getting a bit hoarse by this time so I begin my descent with the bucket of slimy moss. Unfortunately the bucket slips out of my grip and plummets to the ground where it splatters the boys' trousers with slimy moss. Before they have a chance to pour their wrath on me, I said, 'Well thank goodness you guys are enjoying a pint and losing all that control and objectivity. What's a bit of muck on your trousers when we are all enjoying this great alcohol-induced public spirit and cooperation. I don't suppose you could help me clean up this mess?'

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

Texas, Ted Lasso and the Constitution

I was on a video call with a man in Texas last week when I made a mistake and asked him how things were around him right now. I was referring to Covid of course; the pandemic has replaced the weather as the main conversation opener these days. 'The movement to secede from the Union is gathering pace,' was his response. I said, 'Where do I sign to let you go'? I am living in a very un-United States of America.

The big news I bring you from Colorado is that a series on Apple TV has finally done something that several World Cups and various attempts at American-based leagues has failed to do. Football is now a talking point amongst the American population. If you haven't watched Ted Lasso, please find a way to sneak a look on a friend's subscription. Rarely does an American series capture English life like this one certainly does. It is charming, sad and uplifting.

Until this new development, one of the main American TV obsessions has been with the Royal Family. I have been asked what I thought of the *Crown* continuously and they don't understand it when I say I don't know and I don't care. Today they ask about Ted Lasso and, of course, Prince Andrew.

In the last month Texas has introduced crazy laws to outlaw abortion, to enable anyone over 18 to walk down the street with a gun, and to limit voting rights. This will all end up in front of the Supreme Court justices, nine people who are politically appointed and who will use their own interpretation of words in their 232 year-old Constitution to determine whether these laws will stand. There is nothing representative about

this legal body, three are female, one is non-white, seven went to Yale or Harvard and the majority are conservative and declared Republicans.

Americans are obsessed with an unelected head of state, despite having dropped their allegiance to King George in 1776 and then creating their beloved Constitution. The first in the world, of course, unless you read history and understand something about the Magna Carta. The problem today is how this old document rules their lives and crucial decisions on millions of people's lives are made on the interpretation of a phrase such as the 'right to bear arms', rather than on what a recent law actually says. None of this seems very democratic to me.

This new-found American interest in football gave me a big problem a couple of weeks ago. We were at our neighbourhood happy hour, basically an excuse to sit beside the pool with 24 of our fine neighbors and get pissed. (We were having a few drinks and being happy, not getting mad). If you haven't been to a football game and haven't watched Ted Lasso, this story hinges on what the fans chant about the referee.

A lovely elderly lady asked me to explain what a 'wanker' was. I remember having this problem when I took my six year-old to Leicester City. I told him to ask his mother. This elderly lady's mother was not around so I tried to explain and then looked up to see 20 ageing Americans in fits of laughter. I thought I might have to leap in the pool.

Mike Ward

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We enjoyed a lovely sunny Open Morning on Saturday 18 September at the Windmill. I won't say we were overrun with people but there were enough to make it worthwhile. It was really good to spend time chatting with some of the

newer residents in the village, telling them about what the Windmill has to offer while enjoying the delicious coffee (and doughnuts if you were quick enough) from Bloom Coffee Roasters at the Lookout.

Many of our pre-Covid regular groups are back at the Windmill: MissFITT fitness, Pilates, yoga, Zumba, dance, Canine Paradise, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, Spartans, Beavers, Little Olives baby massage, Musical Minis and Deddington Babies and Toddlers. Adult and youth football and tennis are in full swing as are netball and the many 5-a-side football teams on the all-weather court. Some clubs, including the Deddington Badminton Club, are just about to start



up again. We are receiving an increasing number of enquiries from new groups and organisations as well as individual residents wanting to hire our facilities for parties and the like. After so many months of nothingness, it's a welcome shock to the system.

As always, you can find details about what is going on at www.thewindmilleddington.org or on our Facebook page.

Last, but not least, we need your help. The Windmill is managed by a small team of well-meaning volunteers from the village and we want you to join us. We are currently looking for a new minutes secretary and a development officer to join our committee. I'll be frank, there is absolutely no money in it, but apart from that, it's all positives! Please, please consider joining us and get in touch.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The event may precede your reading this item but, if there are any cycle fans out there, you may be interested in the 2021 Women's Tour of Britain. The field will consist of world-class riders comprising Olympic, world and national champions. The first stage of the six-day event is scheduled for 4 October starting in Bicester and finishing in Banbury after 147.6 km. The race will pass through Hempton westward from Deddington, following the B4031 to the Swerford T-junction. Iron Down Hill will be a categorised climb with points awarded for the Queen of the Mountains competition.

If the peloton is in a sizeable bunch they will hit the Hempton narrows at some speed but will need to slow down to squeeze through, making a good vantage point. Iron Down Hill will also be an excellent viewpoint where you can watch these amazing athletes power up the hill at what is, for those who have tried getting up it on a bike, a surreal pace.

The race is anticipated to reach Hempton between 1.15 and 1.45pm. In Tour de France fashion there will be an entourage of police and official vehicles preceding and following the riders, including support vehicles with spare bikes, wheels etc. A rolling road closure system will be in operation so the road will be closed to all traffic for a period. We may even be treated to an aerial view of Hempton on television if the race camera helicopter swoops by.

The Deddington Development Watch's article in last month's *DN* reminded me of my lack of faith in the government's housing policy. The Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal, from a housing point of view, may be building a stable before the evolution of the horse. It is an aphorism that we must 'speculate to accumulate', but do we need to? How long can we afford to keep accumulating and maintain a sustainable environment? When do we stop before the need for high rise housing in Hempton?

The process for providing new affordable housing' seems particularly absurd. The free market dogma of provision by private enterprise probably ensures that the supply of affordable properties is constrained both in quantity, quality and affordability by the developers'

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Anne Robson Trust is a pre-bereavement charity which has recently opened a free, national helpline for anyone who is struggling to cope with a terminal diagnosis or with the imminent death of someone they care about, whether family members, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, or even member of care staff.

The helpline number is 08088 010688 and operates Monday to Friday between noon and 6.00pm. For support outside these hours a request on the helpline contact form at <https://annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service/> will be answered within 24 hours or 48 hours if sent over the weekend.

profit aspirations. Appropriately funded and resourced public authorities ought, in theory, to be in a position to optimise all aspects of cost to the community, reduce outstanding social and general market needs at lower cost to residents, the public purse and in appropriate locations. Even if this approach was found to be beneficial, it likely would be forsaken through politics, bureaucracy, vested interest, economic dogma or incompetence. The algorithm used to calculate the Standard Method Adjusted for housing targets appears to have scant correspondence with local needs. Building isolated commuter enclaves in the countryside in the absence of an integrated plan for supporting infrastructure and resources seems a recipe for social misery and environmental degradation.

Talking of environmental degradation, OCC Highways contractors have finally carried out some remedial work on the B4031. They appear to have patched the worst areas in the same manner as last year. The immediate effect is generally an improvement but left large quantities of loose chippings over the carriage-way. There appears to be insufficient drainage on some sections, likely to result in water pooling and further hydraulic damage to the surface. Last year's work lasted not much more than a month before it broke up leaving the road in as bad or worse state than before the work was carried out. Time will tell.

The method of repair used results in an uncomfortable jarring ride for cyclists. Flat or smooth it ain't, as those participating in the Ride and Stride event on 11 September and calling in at St John's may have discovered. Hope they held on to the goodies served up courtesy of our generous village residents.

Stuart Oldham

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The Wood is looking splendid at this time of the year and I am very pleased to say that it is well used by walkers and dog walkers. It's really cheering that there is no litter or dog mess lying around. It shows how much everyone regards this asset to the locality. You will probably be aware that this year is the 25th anniversary of the Wood. The Friends are holding a perennial garden plant sale at the October farmers' market. Please contribute any plants you have divided and come along to buy (cheaply) any that others have donated. All proceeds will go towards an event to mark the anniversary.

For information about the Friends please contact me.

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

At our first meeting together after all those months of Zooming, we welcomed Andreas Klatt, ARPS, who gave a visual trip to Yunnan Province, China. In true Andreas style there was an eclectic mix of genres from street and portrait photography to a few wildlife images, not normally a choice for him. Andreas is an enthusiast of architecture, especially walls, which give very abstract images because of the colours and contrast.

Photos covered local people with a view of their life, evocative buildings showing a level of decline as well as those with intricate decorations and detail. A stunning set of shots featured the Tiger Leaping Gorge on the Yangtze River, where the tributary runs fast and furious. The mountains created heavenly images of dramatic clouds and almost unreal sunsets, the true beauty of which Andreas agreed it was almost impossible to capture in a photograph. He finished the evening with a series of images showing bird nest collectors in a vast cave complex. These bare-foot, agile young men would give an Olympic climber a run for their money. Astounding.

It was great to see members back together even if it was wearing masks and with the traffic thundering past the open door for ventilation. As autumn approaches remember to bring your coat; it could get cold.

Our next big event is the annual exhibition of members' photographs in the Living Room in Deddington church on Saturday 23 October, 9.00am–12.30pm. If you would like to join us for the next talk, we will be transported back to 'The Yorkshire Dales in the 1950s' by Paul Brewerton on 6 October at 7.30pm at the Adderbury Institute.

Anne Hunsley

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Deddington and District History Society

At last! We have a full programme of talks running every month from October through to June 2022 – both speakers and members heartily relieved. The first is on Thursday 21 October when Dan Allen will be looking at 'What Granny Did in World War I'. Dan visited us a couple of years ago to tell us about the position of women related to soldiers in the 19th century. He is a very good speaker and came up with some fascinating and shocking details based on his research. When a regiment was posted overseas, often for many years, only a tenth of the wives went with their husbands. Those left behind had no support and were left destitute.

This time he will be looking at the new roles women undertook in World War I with the wholesale conscription of men into the army. You will know about those who worked filling shells and whose skin turned yellow. What other unheard of positions did they also fill?

The subsequent talks are varied and interesting, including social unrest in Otmoor, naughty goings-on

in Oxfordshire high society and how conscientious objectors were treated in the county in World War I. If you want to find out more, keep an eye out for posters before each meeting or come along to Deddington School on the third Thursday of the month starting at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Jean Dipper

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Bookworms

The Bookworms took a break so we have no review this month. However, we are looking forward to our first actual meeting on Thursday 29 October at the Holly Tree Club. If you would like to join us please contact me, Janet Macey, on 01869 336156.

Book Group

Our latest book is *Here's the Story: A Memoir* by Mary McAleese, the first president of Ireland to have come from Northern Ireland.

Born in Belfast to a Catholic family, Mary McAleese experienced at first hand the horrors of the Troubles. Intelligence, energy, and determination carried her through qualification as a barrister, a professorship, TV journalism and two terms as president. Her presidency was dedicated to building bridges between Nationalists and Unionists, with much of this work taking place discreetly. Despite her strong faith and involvement with the Catholic Church, she is critical of its process in dealing with sexual abuse and its stance on issues such as the ordination of women and gay rights. It is typical of her drive and conviction that following her presidency she completed a doctorate in canon law.

Our group found this a fascinating account, both on a personal level and as a view behind the scenes of national events. Many family anecdotes are interspersed with the political and religious narrative and the number of names mentioned can be a little daunting. Otherwise, *Here's the Story* is compelling and illuminating. As it is written from the author's perspective, it may not always chime with everyone's assessment. However, one cannot fail to be impressed by the strength, commitment, and formidable networking ability of an exceptional woman.

Our next meeting is on 28 October, when we will be discussing *The Great Fortune* by Olivia Manning. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for more information.

Sian Waterman

Local Vocals Community Choir

We meet on Mondays at 7.30pm during term time in Deddington Primary School's hall. What a joy to be singing again. Happy faces on a Monday seemed a far-off dream at one point. Members have spent September getting used to the changes since we last met, namely a new choir leader and Covid-19 compliance

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protocols but we are now able to welcome anyone who would like to see if the choir is for them. No experience is required and no need to be able to read music as we learn by ear.

To find out more about our choir please go to our website www.localvocalscc.co.uk

Alison Grieve

Deddington Players

We are delighted to say that our annual pantomime will return this season 20–22 January 2022. Auditions for *Peter Pan* will be held on Sunday 3 October 2.00–4.00pm at the Windmill. Information on some Covid-related safety measures will be emailed to all members in advance.

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Deddington Cricket Club

It was great for our three teams to complete a full season on 5 September. The dry April weather encouraged us to get training earlier than normal. The men's teams were playing in a newly amalgamated Cherwell Cricket League for the first time, with some new rules and formats and some new clubs to play against adding to the novelty. It felt like a fresh start after last season and no league cricket. The Women also had a new structure and opposition teams in the Home Counties League.

The start coincided with one of the wettest Mays on record with only three completed games in the month. However both the First team and Women got off to a great start, with the women reaching the final of their Super 8s Tournament after an unbeaten run in the round-robin matches. Playing Luton, they narrowly lost in the final to a contentious run-out.

The First team won their opening games and saw good performances including an innings of 126 for newcomer Paul Smith and the outstanding bowling of 7 wickets for 11 runs by opening bowler Stu Leece. The Seconds kept coming second in some very close games and probably deserved more than the single win in the season. The spirit remained high throughout, attested to by the excellent turn-out at nets right through the season.

The Firsts lost some momentum mid-season and dropped out of the promotion places before coming storming back with five wins on the bounce late on that saw the team home for the last promotion spot.

In their League games the women continued the good form. However they just failed to get their promotion after losing to a strong Ampthill side on the last day of the season.

August Bank Holiday Monday was a memorable day when we played an 'All Stars' team of Deddington alumni in the inaugural Derek Cheeseman Memorial game. Derek's son, Will, played as well as some 40 players across both sides, and a similar number of supporters watching. A traditional cricket tea was served thanks to Jill and many of the players brought cakes and other refreshments for the crowd and the new Bloom Coffee Roasters in the Lookout did good trade. The game had two 20-over innings a side, with the current Deddington team running out winners and receiving a wonderful cup presented by Jill. Funds

raised on the day went towards the Club's fund for new mobile covers that we hope will be in place next season and will avoid some of the cancelled games we faced this May.

The Club thanks the Windmill Committee, sponsors, vice-presidents and supporters for all the assistance they give.

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Deddington Tennis Club

We want to report on a very active area of the tennis club; our teams. In the summer 2021 season, we had four mixed teams in the Banbury tennis leagues and a men's and a women's team in the Dunlop Oxfordshire Leagues. The mixed teams, A, B, C and D, each consist of three men and three women, meaning we have been fielding an impressive twenty-four players almost every week throughout the summer.

Results have been mixed for our two top teams, with fewer wins than previously – some great tennis but plenty of room for improvement as both A and B teams have been relegated. This was particularly disappointing after last year, which saw a promotion and a stay. Our C and D teams competed against each other in the same division. The C team had great success, winning the division and gaining promotion to Division 3 for next season.

The Dunlop Oxfordshire Leagues stretch county-wide and our teams play their away matches from Goring and Benson to Blewbury and Chinnor. The women's team has had a highly successful season in Division 5. Eight players across the seven matches, have won five and drawn two to finish top of the division and be promoted to Division 4.

The men's team also had a successful season, thirteen men playing across eight matches. They won six and lost two, leaving them third in Division 8. This may not be quite enough to secure promotion next season but is still excellent against tough opposition.

As the winter season begins, we have four teams playing in the Banbury leagues, a men's and a women's team in the Oxfordshire Dunlop and a men's and a mixed team in the Oxfordshire Mid-week league, a new competition for the club.

We must mention all the team captains who work hard to put the teams together each week, which can

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be difficult when you are considering different pairings, injuries, working patterns and, of course, the weather. We also want to thank our match secretary, June Ward, who supplied all this information and manages all the team admin for the club.

Becky Jones

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Deddington Town Football Club

First Team results:

None at time of writing

Reserve Team results:

4.9.21 Newly Weds Food (a) W 4–1 Hardy (2),
Bradford, Catania

11.9.21 Arncott Athletic (h) W 5–0

Finally, we feast on football once more, with a rather peculiar opening to the season. To this reporter's surprise, there are now a full five divisions in the Banbury District and Lord Jersey pyramid, with some ridiculously named clubs filling many slots. This rather makes one wonder where all these new pitches are being discovered. Given the state of some of the more notorious dog-mess-addled bogs within the leagues, you would not be too surprised to see the odd team's home surface being a car park with chalk markings. Anyway, the Humbugs have yet to kick-off after a postponement, whilst the Latics have soared to the top of the league after demolishing Silly Name FC and Arncott by fours and fives. Hats off to the reserves for proving 'Athletic' is not merely a name for them but a way of life.

Aaron Bliss

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Deddington Town Youth Teams

This month marks an anniversary for me – 10 years since I first wrote my report for the *Deddington News*. Fabio Capello was the England manager, Manchester United were Premier League holders, Chris Wilder was the Oxford United manager, and I was the Under 11 Deddington Town FC coach. How time flies!

All our teams have started their new season and playing in fine autumn days is great to get going again. The Under 15s playing in the B League had a fine 11–0 win over new team SWIS with goals coming from six different players. This was followed by a disappointing 5–2 defeat at Witney Vikings. The Under 13s playing in the B League started their campaign with an entertaining 4–4 draw with Chipping Norton Swifts, Theo Flint scoring all four goals. This was followed by a crushing 0–6 home defeat to Bicester Town Colts. Our Under 12 team, now playing in the Oxfordshire Youth Football League, had a 3–1 victory at St Edmunds with Jack Thomas scoring two goals. A special welcome to all the new players who have joined the club this season and to the Under 6 players who train on Saturday mornings at the Windmill as they begin their football journey.

If you want to get involved with the club as player,

volunteer, sponsor, or fundraiser, please get in touch. Information about the club is on our website, www.deddingtontownfc/ and on www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc.

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

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Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

DOGS had its final regular outing of the year at the Robin Hood Golf Club in Solihull on Monday 20 September. The course is in beautiful parkland and the club was very welcoming. Weather fantastic! The winning team for the day was Tony Round, Keith Spengler and Ian Spann. The nearest the pin prize went to Dave White, who for once didn't win the day. Coming third with 34 points was Ralph Stewart, second was Nigel Oddy and the winner was Tony Round with 37 points. We look forward to a special golf day and seasonal lunch around Christmas if all goes well, and, hopefully a completely normal golfing year in 2022.

Nigel Oddy, Secretary
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YOUTH

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

Hey! We're back in our proper place, the Deddington Studio, surrounded by the familiar things that make Cubs special. It's great to be able to do flag break and grand howl again (not quite the same using a mini-travelling flagpole). The pack is pretty well full again. If you have a child who is interested, we can add them to our waiting list.

We are concentrating on the Communicator Badge this term, looking at the different ways we interact with each other including signing, Morse and secret codes.

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Scouts

We're back and there's a lot of us! The troop is most definitely full, so anyone interested in joining should contact us to go on the waiting list. Scouts are also looking at communication, albeit in a different way from the Cubs and as usual a bit off piste.

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Explorers

After a good summer break we're back with caution but able to be indoors. We've moved to The Lookout, the old bowls pavilion. Last week's planning meeting resulted in our scheduling a talk by one of the Unit about WW2, a visit to Scramm, the escape room in Banbury, and a sports evening.

If you are interested in joining the Unit contact any of the leaders at spartansexplorers@gmail.com.