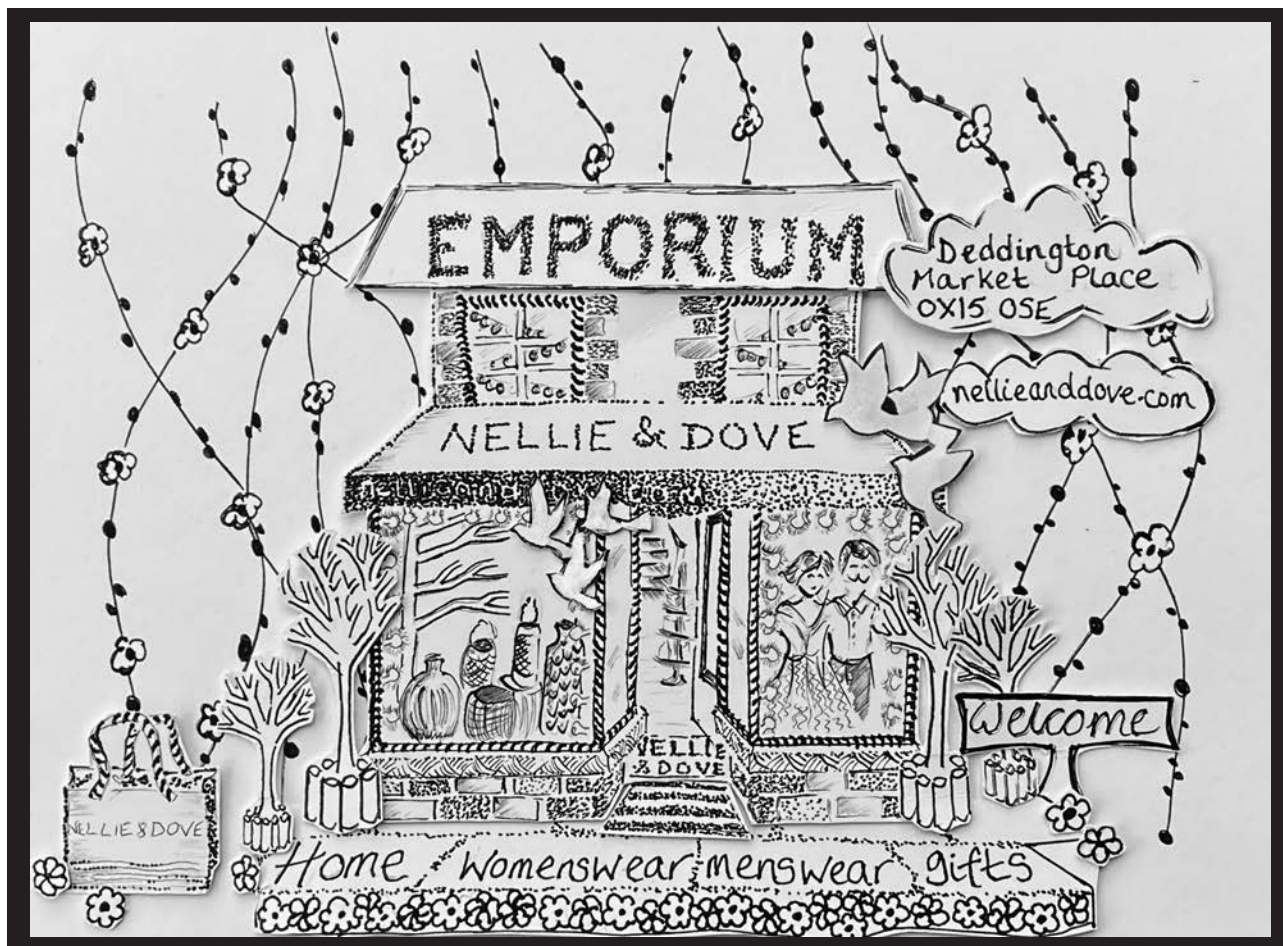


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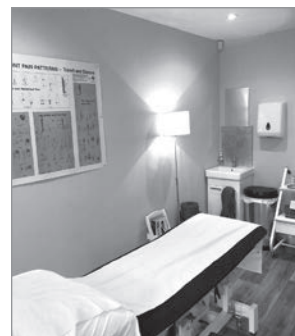
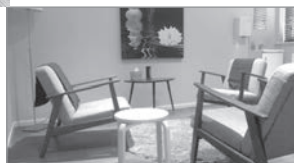
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This month we're all about football, pp18 & 21 and Ukraine, pp14 & 17, not to mention the small but perfectly formed Festival events, p14.

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What's On June

- Wed 1 Holly Tree Club: Jubilee Tea Party
- Wed 1 Photographic Society: 'Travel', Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
- Thu 2-5 Archive Group: Exhibition, Living Room, Parish Church, open all day
- Thu 2 Platinum Jubilee: 1950s Themed Quiz, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 4 Platinum Jubilee: Street Party, Church Street, 2.00-5.00pm
- Wed 8 WI: Holly Tree Club, 2.30pm
- Wed 8 Tennis Club: AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Sat 11 Summer Craft Fair: Windmill Centre, 10.00am-1.00pm
- Sun 12 Deddington Youth Football: Presentation Day, Windmill Centre, from 1.30pm
- Sun 12 Music in Adderbury: Leonore Piano Trio, Bargiel, Mendelssohn, Parish Church 6.00pm
- Wed 15 DOGS: Olton Golf Club, near Solihull
- Wed 15 DEN: Fenemore Farm Walk, 6.00pm
- Wed 15 Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm
- Thu 16 History Society: 'Alice in Waterland: Lewis Carroll and the River Thames in Oxford', Primary School, 7.30pm
- Sat 18 Primary School: Fête
- Thu 23 DEN: Village Swift Walk, 7.30pm
- Sat 25 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am-12.30pm
- Thu 30 Book Group: Contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for details
- Thu 30 Bookworms: Holly Tree Club, 6.30pm

July

- Sat 2 Deddington Festival: Market Place, Parish Church and Holly Tree Hall
- Wed 6 Holly Tree Club: Lunch Club begins
- Wed 6 Photographic Society: Steven Galvin, Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
- Wed 13 WI: Holly Tree Club, 2.30pm
- Wed 20 Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm
- Sat 23 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am-12.30pm
- Sun 24 DOGS: Hill Valley, Shropshire

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Since the May issue of DN, there have been several PC related public meetings: the annual parish meeting on 27 April followed by the monthly PC meeting, both held at the Windmill Centre. There was a full attendance of councillors at this, plus four members of the public. On 18 May, there was the annual PC meeting followed by the usual monthly PC meeting. Below I have tried to provide the essence of all these meetings.

Present for the latter two meetings at Hempton Old School Room were: Cox, Ince, Oldfield, O'Neill, Robinson, Rogers (chair), Snashall, Swadling, Timms, Watts, plus the parish clerk, the minutes clerk and two members of the public. Mr Collins was co-opted on to the council. There are still two vacancies on the council and anyone interested should contact the parish clerk.

The chair and working groups reported on their activities for the past year. Many groups in the parish were thanked for their work, particularly over the last two years.

Parishioners are asked to report highway and lighting problems on www.fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Although there are many complaints about speeding in the parish, no-one has come forward to volunteer for the Speed Watch team.

Open Forum

Mr Ince spoke on behalf of the Festival committee and advised the PC of their application for road closures on 2 July, similar to those that are in place on market days, to accommodate the CarFest and Deddy Rocks.

Finance & GP

It was agreed to continue the policy of not applying for attendance allowances although the point was made that any single parent interested in standing for the PC would be able to claim for childcare costs.

Complaints have been received regarding the poor level of postal deliveries in some parts of the parish and concern was expressed regarding the reduced opening hours at the Post Office, particularly on market days. It was resolved to write to the Post Office and Royal Mail asking for an explanation.

It was agreed to pay for additional grass cutting along the two footpaths Hempton-Deddington and Deddington-Clifton.

Planning Applications – April

The following were given CDC approval before the May meeting:

Laurel House, Bull Ring, Deddington.

Plough House, New Street.

Wynford House, New Street.

Objection

Four Winds, Main Street, Clifton: new vehicle access, including drop kerb and widening entrance. Discussed previously and considered dangerous on blind bend at brow of hill.

May:

No objection

34 Gaveston Gardens: certificate of lawfulness of proposed development for single storey rear extension

and infill front porch.

Corner House, Hudson Street: external works to fit two Uniboxes on front wall side-by-side.

The Bothy, The Grove: two storey rear extension, front porch and glazed roof over rear courtyard.

Grove Lodge, High Street, Deddington: erection of first floor addition over an existing single storey.

Objection

Pure Barn, Oxford Road: certificate of lawfulness of existing use for agricultural and B8 storage. Concern was expressed regarding the state of the structure and risk of progressing to later conversion to a dwelling.

Environment & Recreation

The Scouts asked if they could do a litter pick and clean the road signs around the parish as their contribution to the Jubilee celebrations. PC will lend their equipment. New internal toilets are being installed and EA toilets should be installed at the Windmill over the next two months.

Open Forum

A Hempton resident addressed the ongoing issue of drivers not giving way at the Hempton pinchpoint. Concern was also expressed about the footpath near the proposed new building by the allotments on Duns Tew road. Information will be provided to the resident. A developer representative discussed a proposal for building 25 houses on land at Hempton to the south of Hempton road. He indicated that communications with parishioners would be important.

Highways and Transport

A Bull Ring resident complained at the April meeting of a large vehicle parked in the area for several days. The PC pointed out that, as the vehicle in question was taxed, insured and had a current MOT certificate, it was legally parked.

Further consideration is being given as to where to install additional electric vehicle charging points in the parish.

George Fenemore was remembered as a pillar of this community, with his many years on the parish council and 47 years as a church warden.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The informal consultation document is now almost ready to be sent to the printers, ready for circulation to every household in the parish. Each paper will have an identifying serial number which can be used online on Survey Monkey. Residents will be given a range of information and asked to comment on how the parish is developed over the next 18 years.

Next meeting 15 June at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

There will be a temporary road closure and No Waiting restriction at Hempton, Hempton Road, beginning on 25 July with an anticipated completion date of 29 July to enable OCC to repair the carriageway.

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter, Jill Cheeseman, and not the official minutes. For those, go to <https://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/meetingsminutes.html>



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Never mind the impressive art though, one of the strongest after images of a tour of the house is an exotic and shimmering Art Deco bathroom fitted with the most mod of cons of that decade and with walls covered in aluminium leaf.

Upton House, not far from Alkerton, has featured in two BBC series, a 2017 episode of *Father Brown* and the 2013 *Dancing on the Edge*.

The 32 acres of garden were largely transformed for Lady Bearsted by Kitty Lloyd-Jones, one of the first professional female garden designers. There are large lawns, terraced borders, elegant stone staircases, a rose garden, orchards and a rare kitchen display garden as well as a national collection of asters.

The house, gardens and art collection were donated to the National Trust in 1948.

John Price

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

I'm sad to report that George died a few weeks ago at the ripe old age of 75. He was our 'father of farming' and the host of the famous annual farm wildlife walks where he showed his extensive knowledge but, perhaps more clearly, his passion for the natural world. He leaves behind a family dedicated to keeping farming alive and we wish them all the best fortune. He was a gentleman, wit and raconteur. We will miss him.

Just to be clear, Steve has the experience of coaching a Chelsea football captain and we hope Chris can learn from this as we all look forward to the 'head wetting'.

On the wildlife front, with the team looking for an exhibition photograph of a white member of our resident deer herd, comes the realisation that deer can hear and dislike the drone noise at a distance of about one kilometer. Back to the drawing-board then but, where there is a will ... However, Book Club photographic attention might have been distracted by a member being given custody of a proper big telescope in its own dome-shaped observatory. More news to come I'm sure.

Down here in Lower Larkrise, we are agog, waiting for a 'puff of white smoke' to tell us that the plans for our Platinum Jubilee will go ahead, assuming enough people have signed up. There will be a barbecue, marquee, bar and music, and a bake-off for adults and kids, traditional games, afternoon tea and a toast. The organising team and the team at the 'Duck' will indeed make this an event to remember indeed.

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WELL REMEMBERED DONALD LANE 1935–2022

Donald was born to Violet and Stanley Lane on 19 February 1935. Sadly, his female twin died at birth. Donald's brother, Robert, was born two years later. The family lived in Morden, Surrey. Methodism featured importantly in the boys' upbringing. In due course, Donald went to Rutlish, the local grammar school where his love of science, maths and music was developed.

Further significant factors in Donald's early years included the Second World War which affected his primary education. He was often sent to Devon to stay at his grandfather's farm to avoid the London bombing. This fostered a love of animals and an interest in trains. Donald and his daughter, Tess, returned to the hamlet, Salmon Hutch, in 2006 on a family history holiday and found his grandfather's cottage where he stayed – a simple one-room wattle and daub house. They were lucky to see it since it had a destruction notice pinned to the door and survived only one week more.

Donald started piano lessons at the age of seven. He attended Trinity College of Music in London on Saturdays and entered numerous piano competitions. His piano playing was the vehicle for him to get a scholarship to Oxford University. He came from a family which survived generations of poverty and poor education so had no idea about universities. It wasn't until much later that he understood the enormity of his choice to go to Christ Church, Oxford. He had chosen that location merely because some of his mother's family lived nearby.

His brother, Robert, was born with cystic fibrosis and was a very poorly child in and out of Great Ormond Street Hospital. Despite his affliction, Robert attended scouts with Donald. Donald was incredibly proud when Robert achieved the Cornwell Badge for 'bravery in the face of adversity' for his positive mood and perseverance. They both loved cricket and would often watch games at Lord's. Robert was well known by the cricket teams because of his illness so he and Donald often got special treatment.

Robert died from cystic fibrosis at the age of 15 and this had a profound effect on the rest of Donald's life. On entering Christ Church, Donald switched to study medicine, specialising in respiratory medicine, instead of chemistry. He did his DPhil at Manchester in 1970 on ventilator control in patients with lung diseases and was appointed a consultant in general medicine at the Radcliffe Infirmary and a respiratory consultant at the Churchill Hospital in 1971 until his retirement in 2000. He developed a particular interest in asthma and cystic fibrosis and, with Dr Anthony Storr, wrote a popular book in 1979 for patients on asthma. His contributions to respiratory medicine in the UK were considerable and he was made the annual president of the British Thoracic Society in 1994. He was involved in the creation of the National Asthma Campaign in 1990 and was vice-president from 1993 for many years.

One of the other impacts of his brother's early death was for him to express himself through music;

his first piece of serious composition was in memory of his brother. The setting of Psalm 23, *The Lord is my Shepherd*, was written in 1958 but first performed at Donald's 80th birthday celebrations in 2015 in this church.

He stumbled on Wesley Place while house-hunting in Deddington with a friend. They peered through the window and Donald made the decision to buy. He loved its quirky chimney piece and remembered the pleasure of designing the stained glass window and hung his great collection of Christ Church engravings and other pictures, not least a few of his own watercolours. Buying Wesley Place was a decision he never regretted and it proved an excellent base for pursuing his artistic interests. He moved to Deddington in 1996 and organised many musical events, especially encouraging young talent. He composed more than 75 pieces.

Donald became a patron of Music in Adderbury which provided high calibre chamber concerts just down the road. When that season ended there were Sunday Coffee Concerts in Oxford, along with treats like the annual Lieder Festival and a host of others, not least the occasional performance by Donald's own Radcliffe Orchestra. Thanks to his wonderful carer, Beatrice, who also passionately loved classical music, the Coffee Concert trips continued right up to the outbreak of Covid.

Two weeks before he died his family arranged a private concert at Chacombe Park Care Home – a string quartet led by Chris Windass – originally a birthday gift but in the end his final concert.

Donald joined several others in starting the Deddington Festival, with particular interest in its classical music component. Possibly his most notable performance was the *Four Queens*, a four movement work for orchestra and choir; Donald's music and Norman Stone's words, conducted by a young Alex Soddy. In a lighter vein he happily adapted music for the Deddington Players' annual panto.

He wrote *Musical Notes* for the *Deddington News*, providing information on musical events of all kinds around the village. At home his baby grand was put to good use accompanying local musicians, playing together for fun or preparing for music exams.

Donald was a stalwart of the Book Club where his analysis and knowledge of books was appreciated and his choice of book keenly awaited. He continued to take part in Writers in Oxford while also becoming a participant in the Deddington Writers' Group whose members met regularly to critique each other's work and set up a competition for both adults and children which received entries from across the country. It became part of Deddington Festival and continued until there were no longer group members left to manage the time-consuming assessment process.

***Contributions from Donald's family,
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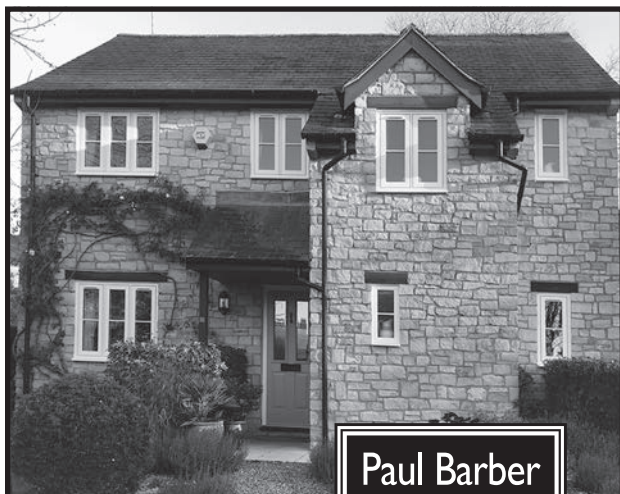
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Mon–Fri: 8.45am Morning Prayer
Wed: 10.00am Holy Communion
Thu 9.30am Tea+Toast and Squiggles and Wiggles

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Sun 5 10.30am Holy Communion for Pentecost
3.00pm 3 O'Clock Service, with a Royal theme
6.00pm Festal Choral Evensong to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee
Sun 12 8.00am BCP Communion
10.30am Holy Communion – Trinity Sunday and Music Sunday
Sun 19 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 26 10.30am Holy Communion

Hempton

Sun 19 9.00am Holy Communion

Barfords

Sun 12 9.00am Communion for Trinity Sunday, Barford St Michael

Sun 19 10.30am Family Service, BStMichael

Sun 26 9.00am Holy Communion, BStJohn

From the Parish Registers

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Wedding

Lynsey Deborah Parker and Thomas Robert Hancox

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Donald Lane

Hazel Herman

Keith Craughan

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Following the long established daily grand prix, drivers may be looking to establish Hempton as a venue for Demolition Derbies. It seems that a test run for the event took place in the evening of Saturday 7 May. The driver certainly managed to demolish part of the courtyard wall and some shrubbery belonging to Turret End Cottage at the head of the Barford Road.

Considering the point of impact and the implied direction of travel, it is difficult to imagine how the driver came into contact with the wall. They appear to have turned sharp left before reaching the junction. Perhaps they encountered a local cat on the prowl or a wild beast and tried to avoid dispatching them to the next life. Whatever the cause of the incident, they did not hang around to explain, possibly suggesting that liquid or other substances may have been a factor. It was late in the evening; perhaps they just fell asleep after a hard night on the tiles (or in this locale, on the thatch).

Whatever the cause, they limped off in the direction of Deddington, abandoning the vehicle in the Market Place in front of the Unicorn. They may or may not live in Deddington but, judging by the demolition damage wrought on their vehicle, they were unlikely to have coached it much further. It is astonishing they managed to get that far judging by the extent of the damage. The police were quick off the mark, apprehending the driver later the same day.

The net result; one partially demolished marlstone wall, dead shrubbery about to offer up its captured carbon, debris and plastics left to clear up, one resident I imagine less than impressed by the incident, one very second-hand vehicle, probably a right-off and a driver (no idea of preferred gender title) with a sobering experience of one nature or another.

I assume there were no significant injuries except, perhaps, to self esteem and the inconvenience of the injured parties. Hopefully they will not recommend Hempton as a suitable venue for future events.

In a further incident in the village the next day, a man was encountered flagging down passing vehicles and exclaiming that he had run out of diesel and his wife was in the car and pregnant, presumably in need of urgent transport to hospital. The fact that his engine was still running cast doubt on the veracity of his claim and those who encountered him wisely refused him the benefit of the doubt and drove on without stopping. I have heard no reports of an emergency DIY delivery. Perhaps it was a false alarm.

On a lighter note, villagers are holding a sunflower growing competition this summer. Entry was £2 each including four seeds. The proceeds, including any sponsorship raised, will be split equally between the church and a Ukrainian charity. A native of North and Central America, the world's tallest sunflower reached 30ft1in and was introduced to Europe by Russian royalty. Sunflower heads are made up of thousands of individual flowers arranged in a natural spiral having a Fibonacci sequence.

Beware. The dreaded Blandford Fly has claimed its first local victim of the season. It can lead to swelling, blistering, joint pain and sometimes a high temperature. It normally bites ankles and legs, flies low to the ground and is most common during May and June. The little blighters are usually to be found near water so dress appropriately if venturing near wet or marshy ground or even garden pools.

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DEDDINGTON ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

Palm Oil – What's the Issue?

Check the food products in your fridge and cupboards and, more than likely, you'll find many contain palm oil. It's in more than 50% of the packaged food that we buy in Britain. It's an incredibly versatile oil that is useful in many products. It's also a very efficient crop, producing high quantities of oil on relatively small areas of land all year round. Globally, palm oil supplies 40% of the world's vegetable oil demand on just under 6% of the land used to produce all vegetable oils. All of this makes it very attractive to growers in tropical areas.

Sadly, because it is such a profitable plant to grow, huge areas of forest habitats have been destroyed to plant palm oil plantations. It is thought to be the biggest driver of deforestation of some of the world's most biodiverse forests, destroying the habitat of endangered species like the orangutan, pygmy elephant and Sumatran rhino. This deforestation also damages carbon-rich soils throwing out millions of tonnes of greenhouse gases and contributing to climate change.

Governments, NGOs and producers around the world have been working to reduce this impact and produce palm oil in a more sustainable way. The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil has devel-

oped a set of environmental and social criteria which companies must comply with to produce Certified Sustainable Palm Oil. These criteria help to minimise the impact of palm oil cultivation on the environment and communities. In 2012, the UK government set a commitment for 100% of the palm oil used in the UK to be from sustainable sources but we are yet to achieve this goal.

Shouldn't we be looking for products that don't contain palm oil at all? It's not that simple because palm oil is such an efficient crop. To get the same amount of alternative oils like soybean or sunflower oil, you would need up to ten times more land which would just shift the problem to other parts of the world and threaten other habitats and communities. Furthermore, there are millions of smallholder farmers who depend on producing palm oil for their livelihoods.

Most experts agree that the best we can do is check that we're buying products containing sustainable palm oil when we're shopping. The WWF website also has a Palm Oil Buyers scorecard which shows which brands and retailers are committed to sustainable palm oil.

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

NextDoor, Nola, Texas and Covid

It is unfortunate that my favourite social website, NextDoor, hasn't made it into the big time in the parish. I get endless hours of fun from it. My favourite post last week was, 'We finally tried China Lee on Monday because I'd had a hard day; had to go pick up my mother's ashes and our normal place was closed.' It never ceases to amaze me what people want to share. This guy wanted to report that he liked a local Chinese restaurant and just happened to drop in his unfortunate mother's demise.

Travel for work is not back to normal here in the Land of the Free. I would say around 50% of the business workforce is refusing to stop working from home. People have discovered what many of us have known for years. Cutting out commuting creates a lot of extra time in the day. The conference circuit has started up though. We travelled to New Orleans so that I could present at an auditors' conference. My usual style at presentations is to get people involved and laughing but auditors are different. Even my oldest joke about the Texan in Leicester Square asking a policeman how to get to Edinburgh didn't get a laugh. I advise you never to present to a hall full of 80 auditors.

However, there are benefits to these things, since we then managed a weekend in New Orleans to celebrate Heather's birthday. I love the town but it isn't without its problems with severe poverty and, of course, it's crazy location. The mighty Mississippi River weaves through the city. You can look up from street level to the riverbank eight feet above you. The French Quarter is unique with old Southern European

style buildings and balconies hanging over the narrow streets. There is music everywhere and as long as you avoid the cesspit that is Bourbon Street, it is lovely. I found Heather in a jewellers: 'What do you think of this one?' I didn't offer to reach the \$500k asking price but I did buy her another three foot heron.

Unfortunately neither of us was thinking about air transportation at that point.

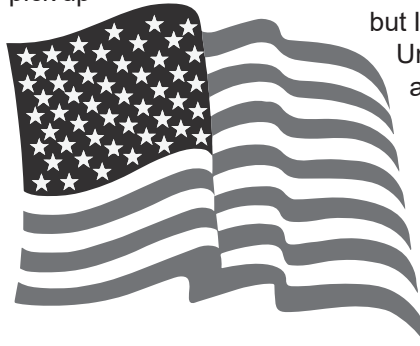
Then we moved on to Dallas for a sales conference. The local news was full of the usual craziness with courts banning hospitals from helping kids with gender issues, the ongoing battle to ban abortions and the next phase of their inability to face up to climate change. Last week the pow-

er authority was asking Texans not to use their washing-machines during the day and to increase the thermostats on their air con to 78F. Fat chance.

The prize for crazy politician of the month goes to the author, JD Vance, who is standing as a Republican in Ohio. He suggested that Biden was intentionally allowing drugs such as fentanyl to flood the US with the intention of trying to kill supporters of former president, Donald Trump, in the 'heartland' of the country. Then we arrived back from 'the best state in the country' with a special present. I tested positive for Covid. That put an end to our family celebrations for Mothers Day. We haven't all got together since our famous outdoor Christmas dinner and Ben was in the basement with Covid during that one. If you don't know it, the answer to the only Texan joke I know is 'I wouldn't start from here'. It's very apt from my view of the place.

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Tales from the Pump

I'm used to helpful business suggestions from my regulars but when Mike looked thoughtfully at me over his pint of Guinness and said, 'What you need, Grumpy, is some competitive socialising,' I looked around for help from the cluster round the bar. All looked as clueless as I felt so I nodded to Mike and said 'Go on then, what's competitive socialising if it's not trying to get through the night without buying your round?' Mike looked a bit guilty and shoved his card across the bar for a round of drinks. 'Look', he said, 'in the old days we might go to the pub for a few pints and a chat and perhaps a game of darts or dominoes. That's before the pubs had to widen their market by serving lots of food. But some pub operators are realising that the games can be crowd pullers so there are Sixes Cricket pubs and Crazy Golf Puttshack pubs. There's even an Axe Throwing venue.'

'Probably in Glasgow,' said Jack, much to Tommy's

chagrin. I chipped in before any more racial slurs could be traded across the bar. 'At least we still have a few Aunt Sally pubs left in Oxfordshire and a few darts teams but I have to say nothing like in the old days. But the sort of theme pubs you're talking about only really work where there are loads of footfall as in the cities. I can just see Doris coming in here for her port and lemon and being faced by a nine iron or cricket bat swinging round her head.'

Alfie took a deep slug of his Hooky and said, 'Do you remember Cock-a-Leggie down the Unicorn? Now that was great pub game. Two of you had to lie on the floor head to foot against each other's shoulder and then hook your legs around each other to try and flip your opponent over. Used to be a few bruises and scratches and I think a chair got broken once but that was definitely competitive socialising.'

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We are just a few weeks away from the extravaganza of fun for all the family that is Deddington Festival 2022. This year's event will be small but perfectly formed, concentrating all the excitement of the Festival into just one day – Saturday 2 July.

Family favourites, the Children's Festival, Car Fest and Deddy Rocks will make a triumphant return after a three year Covid-induced break, along with the ever popular Art Exhibition.

This year's Children's Festival offers pre-bookable workshops, involving local children's author, Sarah Mahfoudh, the award winning Muddy Feet Forest School, Mini Professors Oxford, weaving, poetry – and chocolate. There will be a host of free activities too, as well as face-painting and a children's café. The fun gets underway at 11.00am and runs until 2.00pm, so grab your grown-up and come along. Visit our Facebook page for booking details.

Deddy Car Fest roars into action at midday with a high octane collection of vehicles. Cars available for paid passenger rides include Ferraris, Porsches, Jaguars, an Aston Martin, Bentley and a Cobra. Book a ride in the car of your dreams and wander round our static display which this year features vehicles from the Prodrive Heritage Collection and a BAR Formula One car, as well as many other covetable classics. Don't forget to book your tickets in advance – you don't want to miss out.

Perennial favourite Deddy Rocks will take to the stage in the Market Place at 2.00pm. This year's headliners will be the four-piece tribute band, Queen II, who faithfully recreate the energy, excitement and emotion of a classic Queen concert. They will be joined by three other Festival favourites: Cold Blue Daze, a four-piece rock and pop covers band; The Knights of Mentis, an acoustic ten-piece that combines Americana, country, folk and roots music and the Dave Arrowsmith Band, an electric blues trio that specialises in applying a modern funky twist to old favourite blues hits.

Throughout the day, food and drink will be served in the Market Place and, just a short walk away at the Holly Tree Hall in Horsefair, the Art Exhibition and sale will showcase the impressive talents of local artists, potters and sculptors from 10.00am–5.00pm.

Finally the time has come, once again, for our parish and neighbours to come together to enjoy what has been Deddington Festival for over sixteen years. This year's Festival contains something for everyone. We hope that you will be delighted with all that is on offer.

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Help for Ukraine

Ways you can Help

Very few of us are able to get involved with the big, impactful stuff like sanctions or freezing Russian assets but there are some things you can do.

A bit of background to the local charity which is collecting donations for the military and victims of this conflict: Banbury Help for Ukraine was set up on 25 February, the day after Russia invaded Ukraine, by Magdalena Kwiecinska, a local Polish lady, who went on to negotiate with Cherwell District Council to use the old Debenhams site in Banbury, gaining a much-needed area as a depot for donations of food, medicines, initially clothing and medical supplies which get packed into boxes and driven to the Polish /Ukrainian border to be distributed to those who have lost their homes and livelihoods.

There is an amazing team of local co-ordinators and volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to ensure the help gets to those who need it, but they are always in need of more volunteers to sort and pack donated items. If you have an hour or several you can spare, please pop into Debenhams in Castle Quay Tuesday–Thursday, 11.00am–5.30pm, Friday 12.00–5.00pm, Saturday and Sunday 11.00am–2.00pm and, believe me, you will be very welcome. When you go perhaps you can take a food bag with you to donate.

If that's not possible we have food and medicine stations in the village. The church, open all day, has kindly provided a donation table in the Living Room at the back of the church. No clothes are needed at this time. In addition, the Co-op has a donation box in the Post Office area where you can place items of food, medicines, toiletries, baby items, first aid and household cleaning items. If you prefer to make a donation, all of which will go direct to the appeal, then please visit: www.ukhelpforukraine.com. Thanks in anticipation of your help.

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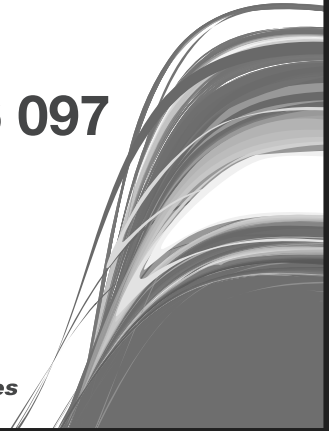
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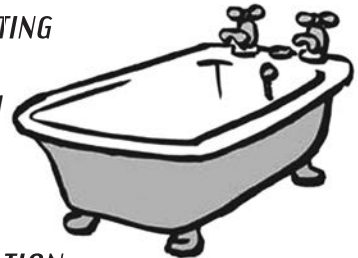
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Villages for Ukraine

I wondered how long it would take. We're barely three months into Putin's murderous unprovoked invasion of Ukraine and it's no longer headline news. As I write, UK ambulance waiting times, the cost of living crisis and, would you believe, the 'Wagatha Christie' libel trial are considered by the BBC to be more deserving of our attention.

'News fatigue' leads to 'donor fatigue'. As the war in Ukraine slips off the front pages, so people stop giving or give less. Meanwhile, this senseless war grinds on and the very real need for humanitarian aid on the ground has never been greater. I know this because I have seen it. At the end of April, Jason Komodikis and I flew out to Krakow to spend a week delivering aid in and around the Polish-Ukrainian border.

JK and I were both inspired by fellow Deddingtonian, Fynn Watt, the 21-year old son of mutual friends, Gus and Karen. Only a few days after Russian tanks rolled over the Ukrainian border, Fynn was so moved by the fast-developing humanitarian crisis that he persuaded his dad's car restoration business to lend him their Ford Transit, piled it high with aid delivered to our church and set off with another local, Jono Mullard, on the 1,250 mile journey to Ukraine.

Twelve weeks on, 'Villages for Ukraine' operates two vans in the area and Fynn is one of the key people in an interconnected web of charitable operations helping to transport aid, refugees and volunteers to where they need to be. As far as aid operations go, it couldn't be more direct, more immediate and therefore more effective. Can you take these medical supplies, sleeping bags and a generator destined for the front across the border to Lviv? Yes, we said. Can you finance this tour bus bringing 86 refugees from Eastern Ukraine into Poland? Yes, we said. Can you take pizza ingredients, some crates of fresh fruit, a gas-fired pizza oven and two volunteers to a refugee centre 20 miles away and make 425 pizzas for the residents? Yes, we said.

Basically, whatever the question, the answer, within reason, was yes. There are some amazing young people doing amazing things to help Ukraine and Fynn is one of them. It was a truly uplifting experience to play a small part in a very big operation and as I said to JK, it's one of the few times in my life I have been genuinely useful. Possibly the *only* time, JK suggested.

Joking aside, please don't stop giving. Ukrainians desperately need our help. They needed it 12 weeks ago, they need it now, they will need it for the foreseeable future. You can give money, you can give things, you can give time. If you want to get involved with Fynn's 'Villages for Ukraine', then find him on Facebook and read the story so far. You can contact Fynn directly on 07872 340212 or speaktofynn@gmail.com.

JK and I both intend to go back. Why don't you join us?

Slava Ukraini!

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BLISSFUL THINKING



My previously mentioned lamentations have been downgraded to nuisances with the passage of time and, in fact, positives have emerged from the misfortunes. As the old saying goes, when God locks himself out of the front door, he breaks in through the window (or something like that). I'm not a doctor so I've always struggled with patience, but

sometimes it is forced upon thee. When you can see incremental improvement, it can keep your impulses lashed to the mast so that's a positive.

One particular crisis where incremental improvement and patience is no longer an option is the climate emergency. With the many other issues weighing on our citizens at the moment, it's understandable that focus is divided, but the ramifications of not immediately transitioning away from fossil fuel dependence is horror movie frightening. A hugely frustrating turning point many decades past was the Beeching Report leading to many smaller railway lines in the country closing because the government felt cars would be the travelling mode of choice in the world of the future, presumably with no downsides foreseen. I only just, for instance, discovered the existence of the Aynho for Deddington railway station that was scandalously closed down in 1964, which makes me dream of a utopian future when all these rural stations are reopened and trains run all the time, connecting people who live in rural areas with work and nightlife in the cities and towns and emptying the roads (and hopefully streets) of cars.

Anyway, back to the real world, where I can spend a small fortune on getting to a gig on the rails and still have to leave the event early to avoid a night sleeping on a bench at the station.

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Holly Tree Club

The sound panels have been installed and have proven to be a very effective solution. Members and hall hirers have commented on the improvement.

Lunch club is in the final stages of organisation and we're intending to run a trial lunch for the committee and some members (on a first come first served basis) on Wednesday 15 June, so we can iron out any issues and get the timings right before we offer the first full lunch session to members on Wednesday 6 July. We will then offer lunch on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Menu choices look lovely. There will be a choice of three main courses and two dessert options each session.

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Lord Jersey Cup Final



Back row, L-R: Simon Hall, Jack Davies, Ed Arnold, Danny Reed, Luca Catania, Caleb Shepherd, Jack Radcliffe, Rob Bradford, Harry Ashworth. Front row, L-R: Ash Lowe, Mike Large, Rob Hull, Dan Reynolds, Tim Atherton, Joe Thornton, Josh McDougall

The Lord Jersey Cup is one of the oldest competitions in the country and has been fiercely contested by Deddington Town FC since its inception. The Humbugs had brought the Cup home four times ... but not since 1907. In recent years, the closest we have come were painful defeats in the 2011 and 2017 finals.

Normally, the lads are used to playing in front of a handful of people, usually family, on a bobbly Banbury council pitch. However, cup finals are a brief taste of fame, a few hundred spectators and properly maintained facilities.

Most of the game, held at Ardley United FC, was an even affair, on a dry, uneven pitch which prevented either team from playing any meaningful football or creating any firm chances. That being said, your boys in black and white battled for every 50/50, leapt for every header and gave the opposition no time to rest.

Time was running out for both teams to take the game by the scruff of the neck. Perhaps nerves crept in as a couple of individual Deddington errors handed Graven Hill golden opportunities which they spurned thankfully.

The game looked certain for extra time until, on 85 minutes, second half substitute, Ash Lowe, won a free kick on the right wing, deep in enemy territory.

Jack Davies stepped up and delivered a beautiful cross towards the back post where Ash rose like a salmon, connected and guided the ball into the far corner. I can't tell you what was more satisfying – the relief of the lead or silencing the noisy Graven Hill mob behind the goal. A chorus of 'You're not singing anymore' from the black and white army was well received.

The final minutes passed agonisingly slowly until the ref blew the full-time whistle and confirmed your Deddington Town FC as champions of the 2021/22 Lord Jersey Cup.

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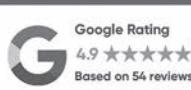
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Deddington Town Football Club Wins the Jersey Cup – Again

One hundred and sixteen years after last doing so, our football club has won the Jersey Cup, competed for in the Banbury League & Lord Jersey FA. It was instituted in 1887 by the 7th Lord Jersey (1845–1915), a keen local sportsman, one of whose family seats was at Middleton Stoney where the pub is still the Jersey Arms.



Deddington's newly created club took part in the first competition in 1888 which comprised eight teams. They reached the final but lost to Middleton Stoney, 4–2.

The photograph above is believed to date from 1887/88. Names as written on the back are: back row l–r: Dr Turner, Murrey, T Bennett, Sturch, W Franklin, D Hancox, C Ell. front row l–r*: O Bennett, W Bennett, Rev Standridge, Waters, J Holliday. *Only five people are identified but six are in the row, so who is who?

According to match reports on the website, the Club won the Cup in 1895 v Stoke Lyne, 2–0, and again in 1896 v Middleton Stoney, 1–0. They were next in the final in 1906 when their opponents were Middleton Park. The score was a nil draw with play reported to be 'of very mediocre description'. The report continues: 'It has been the custom for the teams to play an extra half-an-hour, but there is nothing in the rules governing the competition to this effect. Deddington refused to play any longer, as it was evident they could not have stayed so long as their opponents. The teams will thus have to fight another day.' A rematch was scheduled and the engraved shield on the cup plinth shows that Deddington won (there is no match report) but not the score. The same thing happened in 1907 when Deddington drew 1–1 with Middleton. The replay was a nil draw but this time an extra half-hour was played, still with no score, and so the teams agreed to share the cup for six months each. The cup plinth has two shields linked together.

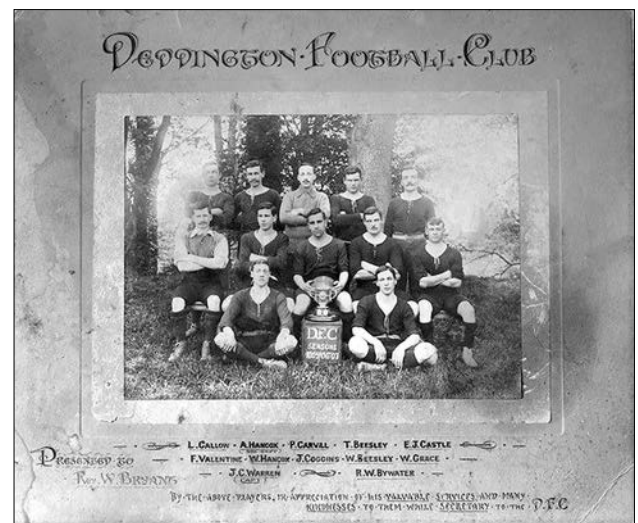
The team members who played in these matches

are shown in the photograph below with the Jersey Cup on proud display.

The Club was not to be in the finals again until 2011 and again in 2017 when it had two defeats at the hands of Highfield Old Boys, 2–1, and Kings End Association, 3–1. The Jersey Cup is the oldest competition and Deddington is believed to be one of the oldest clubs in the county.

According to a contemporary report in *The Oxon Weekly News*, the proposal to form a football club came from Revd Standage of the Cricket Club in 1886. This had much to do with a wish to continue holding their 'very convivial evenings' that the Cricket Club was accustomed to, as well as looking for a winter activity to continue to play together. Revd Standage assured people that football was 'not a dangerous game except among bad players.'

In the intervening years the Club has remained a very active part of the parish's sporting life, first playing its home matches at Castle Grounds where a thatched pavilion existed from 1860 until it was demolished in



the 1930s. It was replaced in 1967. When the Windmill Sports Centre opened in 1986, the Club moved to its present pitch and pavilion in the grounds.

In 1988 to mark its centenary, unaware that it was actually founded in 1886, the Club added Town to its title and has been DTFC ever since.

Another important part of the Club's history is the development of its Youth Section. The Colts were founded in 1995 and merged with the Club to become its Youth Section in 2006. The Colts have teams ranging from minis through to U16s. It is a vibrant and important part of the Club. So too are the Deddington Vets known as DUST, the Deddington Under Sixties, soon to become the Under 70s.

Thanks to Robin Gardner and John Plumbe for their help with research.

Rob Forsyth
www.deddingtonhistory.uk

From the Fire Station

With April being exceptionally dry, fires in the open have been high on our call-out list, with 17 shouts in total – alarms, stand-bys and RTCs also in the mix. Several nights we were called out to two or three incidents in a row, leading to some weary mornings

Deputy Chief Fire Officer Bowcock, Group Manager Swadling and Area Manager Adcock. The sun shone on both events and we managed to raise in excess of £1,000 for the charity – and we still have the Four Farms Challenge to come.



L–R: Adam Perry, Emma Flint, Chris Fenemore, Andy Hayward, Adam Franklin

on the red eye. All in the life of an on call fire fighter.

Representatives of Deddington Fire Station were invited to Blenheim Palace to receive the Oxfordshire Fire Station of the Year award, which is now proudly displayed at the station. We have also been busy with charity events promoting the Fire Fighter Charity, which benefits current and former fire fighters and their families who need extra support for whatever reason.

Deddington crew attended and ran a raffle and awareness stall at a local vintage tractor ploughing match and put on a car wash event supported by

We are entering Water Awareness week, so please be aware of the dangers of going into rivers and playing near canals as the weather turns warmer. Motorcycle safety week promotes Ride Safe and the benefits of further training for rider skills and mental awareness. On the theme of two wheels, drivers of motor vehicles should always leave sufficient space when passing cyclists.

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Many of our young customers first visited Deddington library in order to participate in a Rhymetime session. These short sessions were delivered by our community volunteers prior to the suspension of activities like these, to keep us all safe during the pandemic. It's been a while now but we are ready to bring back Rhymetime and are looking for volunteers to help us facilitate this fun activity. If you are interested or would like to know more, please either pop into the library or contact me. Training will be provided.

We also plan to offer insight sessions into the digital resources available either in the library or at home via a library account, including managing your account

to search for books, for example, but also how to access magazines, newspapers, ebooks, ancestry and archive resources (to name only a few). Our newly trained volunteer digital helpers will facilitate these sessions and help you optimise your use of our digital services, in a way that suits you.

We continue to be grateful to our team of home, digital and community library volunteers and look forward to welcoming you into the library soon.

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'Cor blimey, the Windmill's a busy place, isn't it. How big is Deddington?' Not my words but those of the contractor we have had in for the last few weeks refurbishing our downstairs loo block. On the Windmill management committee, we have a tendency to think that the Windmill doesn't get used enough, so it was reassuring to hear this from somebody who lives outside the village, albeit in the slightly frustrating context of him trying to find a parking space for his large van.

We have seen an upsurge in numbers since restrictions were removed and this is particularly true of parents or carers with babies and toddlers. Attracted by the park maybe or by the main hall or Lookout as excellent birthday party venues, we also have a growing number of regular groups dedicated to the very

youngest in our community. The Daisy Foundation, Yvonne Connolly, holds pre- and post-natal workshops on Mondays, Fridays and Sundays. Little Olives baby massage, Hannah Mason, has two sessions on Thursdays. MissFIT, Victoria Larder, runs a post-natal mum and baby/toddler exercise class on Mondays and, on Friday mornings, we have Musical Minis, Hayley Clements, and the ever-popular volunteer-run Baby and Toddler group, a true Deddington institution. The Baby and Toddler group has been running for as many years as I can remember. It's the place where so many of us, me included, first met other parents with children of a similar age and has led to many enduring friendships.

You can get information about these baby and toddler groups or any of the other clubs and organisations at the Windmill at www.thewindmillededdington.org or on our FB page.

Finally, a date for your diary. The Deddington Summer Craft Fair will take place at the Windmill on Saturday 11 June from 10.00am–1.00pm. Come and support this important local event. I hope to see you there.

Vaughan Jones

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Deddington Parish Archive

Our new room at the Windmill Centre is finished and we're busy kitting it out, moving all the documents that have been hidden in boxes for years and rediscovering treasures.

Our first exhibition will be held on 2–5 June to coincide with Jubilee weekend. On show will be photographs and reports on how Deddington celebrated jubilees and coronations from Queen Victoria's Golden in 1887 and Diamond in 1897, right through to Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond in 2012.

Highlights are the Paddocks '53 Coronation sing-along and Terry Bliss and Mike O'Brien's 2002 face painting but there are many other joyous pictures showing Deddington at its community best. We love a good party.

The exhibition will be in the Living Room of the parish church. Entry is free, but donations towards future exhibitions are very welcome.

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PFSU and Village Nursery

This term the Nursery children have been learning about the weather and the PFSU children have been finding out about the world around them. We have been on mini-beast hunts, have done lots of planting in the garden and have closely observed caterpillars and tadpoles to see how they change.

Ian Taylor visited us to take photographs of the children at play. By the time you read this we will have held our Jubilee celebrations. We are anticipating party food, sparkly crowns and lots of red, white and blue. Hopefully we can make it a day that the children will remember.

Our Easter holiday clubs were a great success with the children enjoying lots of fun activities. We will be running them again in the summer holidays from 25–29 July and 1–5 August and you can book places now. The PFSU Sports Day will be on Friday 24 June. The races will be followed by a picnic in the PFSU garden and families are welcome to join us. We will be supporting the Primary School Fête on Saturday 18 June with our ever-popular hook-a-duck stall. See you there.

Lucy Squires 01869 337484

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are enjoying the current warm weather and being able to use more of our school grounds.

This term the Year 1 class is having tennis coaching on the school playground. We are grateful to the Tennis Club for supporting the children as they develop basic tennis skills. Year 4 children are also receiving coaching but these sessions are taking place at the Windmill Centre. They are enjoying the experience.

Our Year 4 class is also looking forward to their school journey to Kingswood Residential Centre. The

leaders there work in partnership with our staff to create an outdoor education and adventure programme, with fun, well structured, daytime activities and evening sessions. It promises to be a very exciting experience.

We are preparing for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by planning a whole school celebration. Hopefully our entire community will be able to enjoy this historic event.

Denise Welch

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington and District History Society

The April speaker was Julie Ann Godson who gave an entertaining account of *Scandal in High Society Oxfordshire*. It was while researching her book, *The Water Gypsy: How a Thames Fishergirl became a Viscountess*, that Julie Ann came across, in her own words, 'many entertaining tales of real-life iniquity, misconduct and plain criminality involving the aristocracy'. This resulted in twenty tales of 'toffs in trouble' in her book *Scandal in High Society Oxfordshire*.

She used a selection of these tales for her talk. We learnt about the suspicious death of Amy Robsart, wife of Robert Dudley, at Cumnor Place in 1560. Were her head injuries the result of a brutal attack, did she commit suicide or did she trip on her long skirts on the stairs and fall to her death? There were arguments for each hypothesis. A visit to Chastleton House will take on a new interest as Julie Ann told us about a secret room above the parlour that was used to hide a fugitive in the Civil War. Arthur Jones, a Royalist who had fought at the Battle of Worcester in 1651, fled to his father's house, Chastleton, after the king lost the battle. Pursued by soldiers, he hid in the secret room. Arthur's wife, Sarah, had to put the soldiers up for the night but, by lacing the soldiers' ale with laudanum, enabled Arthur to escape while the soldiers snored. Further interesting accounts were detailed including the 'Recluse of Blenheim Palace', George, fifth Duke of Marlborough, and Edward Loveden of Buscot Park's third wife, Anne Lintall, which, because they featured Oxfordshire families and locations, were of particular interest to the History Society audience.

Our June speaker is Mark Davis on 'Alice in Wonderland: Lewis Carroll and the River Thames in Oxford'.

Jean Dipper

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Local Vocals Community Choir

Our summer term finds us harmonising to the likes of *Somewhere* from West Side Story, *Love is All Around* by Wet Wet Wet, the Sting classic *Fields of Gold* and the eternally popular *Bohemian Rhapsody* by Queen. I'm not sure we will get them all perfect by the end of term in July, but we'll have fun trying. As always, the Monday smiles and laughter are a fantastic way to start the week.

To find out more about our choir (including our Covid protocols) or to contact us, please go to our website www.localvocalscc.co.uk.

Alison Grieve

Book Group

We enjoyed reading *The Centre of the Bed*, the autobiography of broadcaster Joan Bakewell. Born in 1933, her conventional upbringing prompted a desire for a stimulating and challenging life. The first girl at her grammar school to gain a place at Cambridge, her enterprise and persistence later led to a job at the BBC. She became one of the first women to take a major role in what was a very male-dominated industry,

presenting the innovative arts programme, *Late Night Line Up*, numerous documentaries and much more. Details of Joan's career and the development of the BBC are interspersed with stories of family life, her two marriages and her seven year affair with Harold Pinter. It is a well-written, candid and fascinating account, not only because of Joan's personal and professional history but also because it highlights the changes to women's lives over the decades.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 30 June. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for details.

Sian Waterman

Photographic Society

Steve Williams gave us a whistle-stop tour of photographing sport. Giving us ideas for panning as well as the best shutter speeds for the different sports, he highlighted the problems of floodlighting too. Steve tends to photograph without permits so attends sports events in order to get up close. Official experiences often need a more formal arrangement to access the action. Steve showed us so many sports from wrestling and, yes, it is staged, speedway, weightlifting, super-bikes, polo and rugby. An outstanding set of images was of jet ski racing and tricks. The shots of the Moto GP at Silverstone really evoked the extremes of the sport and bravery of the riders. Visit www.stevewilliamsp photography.co.uk to see his work.

Our next meeting at the Adderbury Institute is on Wednesday 1 June at 7.30pm when our speaker, Bob Bracher, will give a talk about travel. Check our website for more details.

Anne Hunsley

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Bookworms

This month another shortlisted Man Booker prize (2016) novel that didn't entertain most of the group. *Hot Milk* by Deborah Levy is a story based around a visit to Spain by Sofia and her mother. Sofia has begrudgingly become her mother's carer and wants to find a reason for her lack of mobility. Dr Gomez, almost written as a Bond villain, is out to prove any illness is either psychological or a result of medication. During the stay in Almeria, Sofia meets a series of locals who she has relationships with but, it is during this time, realises she must fly the nest and rediscover her abandoned PhD in America.

Abandonment, duty, and fixations are all themes explored by the author and her writing style creates a vivid image of Sofia's life in the heat and dust of Almeria. It is an interesting read that isn't a huge tome, which suggests a good writer is at work spinning a strange and baffling story.


Our next book is *Home Going* by Yaa Gyasi.

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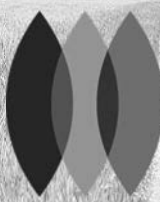
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CLUBS*Continued from p14***Women's Institute**

Our monthly meeting was held on Wednesday 11 May. Following the general business part of the meeting, Alison Grieve gave an interesting and moving talk on the Penlee Lifeboat disaster, 'The Courage of a Community.' She showed a lot of pictures and we also heard some of the emergency calls. Alison grew up in Mousehole and had connections with people who perished on that dreadful night in December 1981 when the lifeboat had been launched in hurricane strong winds to assist a mini bulk carrier, which was being swept towards the coast of Cornwall.

Our next meeting is on 8 June and we will be holding a Jubilee Tea for members only.

Our newly formed group is growing so if you would like information about joining us, please contact me.

Jenny Cross, Hon Secretary
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SPORT**Deddington Town Football Club***First Team results:*

18.04.22	Graven Hill (Lord Jersey Cup final)	W1-0	
	Lowe		
23.04.22	Bloxham (h) (CUP)		Home
	walkover		
30.04.22	Hardwick Sports Club (CUP)	D 2-2	
	(lost 0-3 on pens)		

Reserve Team results:

26.04.22	Wroxton Sports Res (h)(CUP)	D 1-1	
	Davies (Joe)		

Sorry for not paying attention, but both teams appear to have completed their league programmes already. It seems as if many teams have ceased to be, meaning a much smaller league programme.

Deddington Town has finished mid-table, but more importantly has lifted some silverware. As alluded to in last month's editorial, a superb defensive showing laid the foundations for a late Ashley Lowe winner against Graven Hill and the Humbugs lifted the Lord Jersey Cup for the first time in many years. Sadly, they lost the final of the Premier Division Supplementary cup on penalties, but the Lord Jersey Cup has far more prestige anyway. Another trophy in Deddington's impressive cabinet and more accolades for our heroes to follow.

The Latics have finished one place above bottom in Division Two. I have no idea if this means they survived relegation or not at this point. Keep an eye on this column as I try to make sense of the chaos next time.

Aaron Bliss
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Deddington Town Youth Teams

The Under 15s playing in the WDYFL B Spring League had a 1-1 draw with Hook Norton in their last game of the season and end mid-table. The Under 13s finished their campaign mid-table and will prepare over the summer for next season. The Under 12s had a 2-0 defeat to Garden City in the final of one cup com-

petition, followed by a 4-0 win over Rose Hill in the semi-final of another cup. In the final they had a 2-1 win over Abingdon Town after extra time, with goals from Jacob Adams and Harry Townsend. There was notable success for the Under 10s who won their cup final with a 5-0 victory over Witney Vikings to end a memorable season for the team.

Get involved in volunteering

If you want to get involved with the club as a volunteer, you can help in coaching, as a safeguarding volunteer, on the day match support, pitch improvement work and with marketing and fundraising. If you are interested, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. Further information about the club is on our website – www.deddingtontownfc.com or visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc.

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Deddington Original Golf Society

Following days of unbroken sunshine, DOGS first outing to Frilford Heath on 11 May was greeted with leaden skies and pouring rain. However, the weather improved as the day went on, which is more than can be said for my golf. The winner for the day was Debbie Jardine with a fantastic score of 45 points, Dave White was second with 39, and James Garrod third on 38. Nearest the pins were won by Barbara Lowe and guest Derek Craik with the team prize won by James Garrod, Debbie Jardine and Nigel Oddy (thanks team!).

Our next trip is on 15 June to Olton Golf Club near Solihull – a great golf course. New members are welcome as is anyone wishing to come along as a guest.

Nigel Oddy, Secretary
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Tennis Club

Are you thinking of joining the Tennis Club? Now might be a good moment – as well as all the usual benefits of being able to book courts, join in social club sessions, the friendly box league, get some coaching or even play for the teams, you will be able to come to the AGM at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 June at the Windmill Centre. All members are invited to enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles and express their thoughts and ideas about how the Club is run. This year we are hoping to encourage a couple of members to join the committee – if you would like to get involved in the website or be a representative for the Club's many social players, there could be a role for you.

As well as the other benefits, we will soon be starting a Tennis Welcome Session with our coach, Paul. This is where you can discuss what you'd like from the Club and he can advise on appropriate teams, coaching and social sessions. As this is a new idea, existing members not already known to Paul would also be able to attend, subject to availability.

For information about the Club, please check our website, www.deddingtontennis.com.

Becky Jones

YOUTH

1st Deddington Guides

As always in the summer term, our aim is to be outside as much as possible. We got straight into the term with a cookout – thanks to the Fenemore family for their hospitality.

We welcomed seven new Guides this term and they were soon involved in getting the fires going. Ah, the smell of the woodsmoke. Sausages and beans were the order of the day with experimental toast – most finished up like black floor tiles. Delicious toasted marshmallows were more successful.

We had a wonderful evening, thanks to Brian and Janet Bond, exploring woods, climbing trees and building shelters. The Guides were reluctant to stop although the light was fading and it was time to dismantle the shelters. It then proceeded to pour with rain. We stayed under cover for the last ten minutes with the Guides all gathered under one tree singing their heads off – that really was singing in the rain.

We have many more adventures planned for the next few weeks.

**Maggie Rampley 07957 6007550
and Marian Trinder**

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

We're busy planning a hike for Jamboree on the Trail, a day when Scouts from all round the globe hike on the same day, report next month.

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Scouts

Now the evenings are lighter we are venturing outdoors, blinking in the spring sunshine and sniffing the air as if emerging from hibernation. Navigation is our first topic, maps, compass and bearings studied in the hope they can get to the Co-op and back, to be followed by symbols and contours. We tested their skills on a hike from Adderbury to Bodicote, a nice walk easily covered in a couple of hours. Next an evening in Daeda's Wood den building – we hope to be spending a lot of our evenings there. Three of the Scouts will be attempting our unsupported 24-hour challenge, walking to Horley and back with an overnight camp – update next month as to whether they all made it back.

Congratulations to all the Scouts who received their Chief Scout Silver Award, a bit delayed by the dreaded Covid but well done all the same.

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John Cheney – The Beginnings

In April 2022 we continued with John Cheney's unfinished autobiography. Thanks to Nick Allen of Adderbury.

Chapter 3 – On up the Broughton Road

Woodgreen, the home of Joseph and Beatrice Gillett, was on the crest of Constitution Hill, the 'first hill' on our Broughton Road excursions. Joe Gillett was a Quaker and philanthropist who owned Banbury Bank, later to be taken over by Barclays. He set up a trust to provide aid for the poor and needy in and around Banbury. The trust is still in existence, chaired by the delightful Geoffrey Braithwaite. My father for many years served as Almoner, a duty I took on after his death in 1958 and, at the time of writing, continue to perform.

Woodgreen was a large, roomy (and rather ugly) house with pleasant spacious grounds bordered on the Broughton Road side by a thick holly hedge and iron spiked railings. At the western end of this hedge was a swing gate to a footpath which led across the fields to Bretch Pond. The first field had a small spinney. A notice fixed to one of the trees said 'Mowing grass, please keep to the path'. Then there was a stile into the next field and one wandered over the other fields until arriving at Bretch Pond. This was a circular, rather featureless pool, but it had frogs and newts in it. Beyond Bretch a footpath ran up the Stratford Road, and one could walk across to Hanwell, or left to Drayton and Wroxton. A bit far for me in those days and even more certainly now.

It was, I suppose, inevitable that after the war all this area would be built over. All the beloved fields are gone. There are shops, pubs, a dual carriageway ring road and houses, houses, houses, from the Southam

Road to the Oxford Road and beyond. It was pleasant undulating country, ideal for we three children to wander in, picking blackberries or mushrooms, watching out for cows and bashing our willies into crusty cowpats. It was our version of AE Houseman's poignant *Blue Remembered Hills*.

If you didn't go through the swing gate to Bretch, you carried on up the main road. My memory falters here, please forgive me, but this memoir is being written getting on for seventy years after the events described. On the left, where the road began to climb up the 'second hill' was a farm run, I think, by a Mur Turbett. There was a noisy dog who stood with his paws on the parapet of a high wall and barked at everybody, especially Mr Matthews' Brailes bus. This was a green bus with a roof rack which sallied forth betwixt Brailes and Banbury. It was well patronized, especially on market day, when the roof was piled perilously high with market purchases.

Mr Turbett did a milk round. His milk was in churns in his horse-drawn milk float, a two-wheeled small cart with a door at the back. The churns had separate pint and half-pint measures with long handles with hooks on the end which hooked on the lip of the open churn. People brought their milk jugs into the street to be filled.

On the right was a low-built farm with a muddy farmyard in front. Going up the hill on the left was a rather oddly designed house in black and white while on the right was a large advertising hoarding which exhorted the few residents of Broughton Road: 'Don't be Vague, ask for Haig', then a row of little cottages called Brickyard Cottages.

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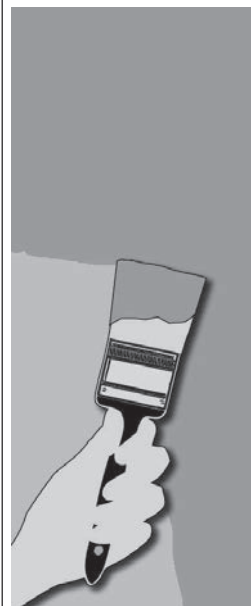
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