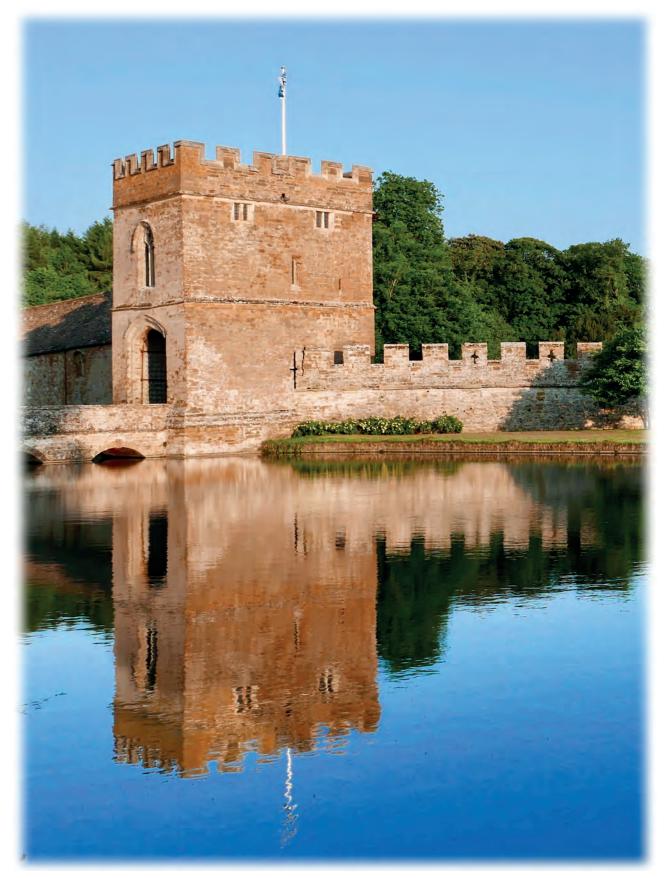
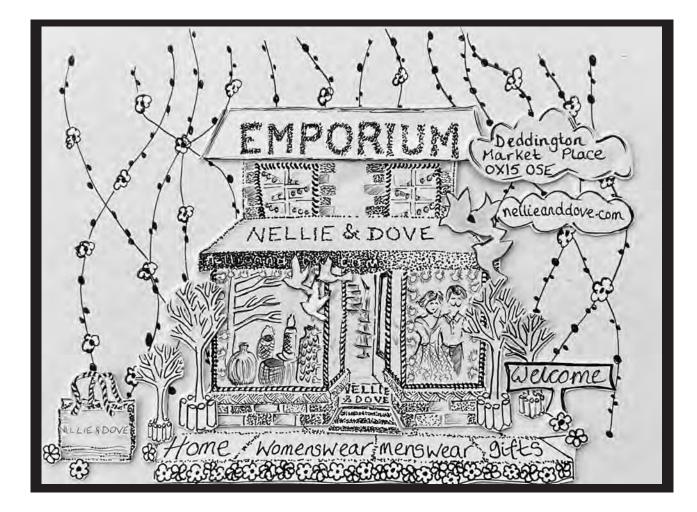
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DEDDINGTON NEWS

My apologies to all our contributors, who this month have suffered a savage slash of the editorial pruning knife, and to our readers who face pages of dense copy with no illustrations. The Jubilee triggered an outpouring of words: extra events to be covered; expanded articles from our usual contributors, and a plethora of thanks to organisers and helpers. Copy normally fits comfortably into our allotted 16 pages but this month overflowed by several pages' worth.

Recently we have been sorry to turn away several would be advertisers, who have put off booking their advert until close to deadline, because our monthly advertising space has been full. Please schedule your advert or insert with monthly@deddingtonnews.co.uk as early as you can. September is already full and some bookings are in as far ahead as December.

Don't forget that the road through Hempton is scheduled to be closed for road maintenance between 25–29 July.

Happy holidays! We return with the September edition. CD

	WHAT'S ON			
	July			
	Sat 2	Deddington Festival: Market Place, Parish Church and Holly Tree Hall		
	Tue 5	DOGS: Kirtlington		
	Wed 6	Holly Tree Club: Weekly Lunch Club starts		
ζ.	Wed 6	Photographic Society: Steven Galvin, 'I Shoot Animals – and Sometimes Cut Their Heads Off', Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm		
	Sat 9	Cherwell Choral Society: Summer Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm		
	Mon 11	DOGS: Ladbrook Park, Tamworth in Arden		
	Wed 13	WI: Holly Tree Club, 2.30pm		
	Wed 13	Brownies: 50th Anniversary Celebration, Windmill Centre, 6–7.30pm		
	Sun 17	Music in Adderbury: Adderbury Ensemble, St Mary's, Adderbury, 6.00pm		
	Wed 20	Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm		
	Thu 28	Book Group: Contact Sally Lambert for details		
	Thu 28	Deddington Bookworms: Holly Tree Club, 6.30pm		
	Sat 23	Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm		
	Sun 24	DOGS: Hill Valley Golf and Country Club, Shropshire		
	August			
k	Wed 3	Photographic Society: Andrew Marcovich, 'Movement and Motion', Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm		
	Sat 6	South Newington Flower and Produce Show, 1.30–4.30pm		
	Wed 17	Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm		
	Fri 26	DOGS: Feldon Valley		
	Sat 27	Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm		
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	Sat 3	Parish Show: Parish Church, 2.00pm		
s/	Wed 21	Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm		

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

15 June at the Windmill Community Centre

Present: Cllrs Collins, Oldfield, O'Neill, Robinson, Rogers (chair), Snashall, Swadling, Timms, Watts, District Cllr Williams, County Cllr Fatemian, the minutes clerk and two members of the public.

Jill Norton was co-opted as a councillor. One vacancy remains.

County Councillor's report

Councillor Fatemian confirmed OCC has agreed the PC can take responsibility to police local street furniture such as A-boards and confirmed OCC will bear the cost of changing street signs if the decision is made to go ahead with 20mph limits. He and his colleagues are pressing the dominant party to reduce their non-rural emphasis on local issues.

District Councillor's report

The CDC advised PC it cannot take over management of the playground at Deddington Grange without responsibility also for the balancing pond.

Highways and Transport.

Damage to the kerbs at the cemetery layby will be reported on FixMyStreet.

Planning Applications

No objection

Clifton Gate. land south of Home Farm. Clifton Road. Deddington: vary affordable housing tenure mix. Dolphin House, Market Place, Deddington: replacement door and windows to rear, replacement guttering and internal alterations including roof renovation. Stone Cottage, 2 High Street, Deddington: tree works.

Leadenporch Farm, Chapman's Lane, Deddington: construction management plan for installation of solar panels; vehicles will access the site via Earls Lane and Clifton Road.

Denmar House, Market Place, Deddington: demolition and erection of new part single, part two-storey extension to rear.

East Gate, 3 Chapel Square, Deddington: demolition of roof to existing rear porch and construction of new flat roof and internal alterations.

18 St John's Way, Hempton: single storey rear extension.

Refusals

Four Winds, Main Street, Clifton. **Neighbourhood Planning**

Thanks were expressed to those who delivered the questionnaire to every house in the parish.

Local farmers were thanked for their work in maintaining footpaths across their land.

Next meeting 20 July 7.30pm at the Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre.

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.

DEDDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – THE SURVEY

By now every household should have received a copy of the consultation document and, we hope, hundreds of you will have responded. Many thanks to those who have replied by the deadline.

In July the steering group will be collating and analysing the results. In time you'll be able to view the comments and scoring on our website. Based on the results, the steering group will move to the next stage - fine-tuning, adding or deleting policies and, crucially, allocating potential sites for development. This may be difficult if there's a wide range of selections - easier if there's some consistency in which sites score highest. The more responses received, the more representative of parishioners' views the survey will be.

CDC considers Deddington to be the most 'sustainable' of the three villages because of the array of shops, health centre, primary school, bus service, sports and community facilities there. Therefore, CDC will require most of the allocated sites to be in Deddington village rather than Clifton or Hempton, another factor we will have consider.

Armed with all the information and additional research, the draft plan including policies and potential allocated sites will be drawn up, ready for a formal consultation, Regulation 14, before the plan is submitted to CDC. At this point we would like to carry out drop-in sessions or workshops, the kind of consultation with parishioners not possible during Covid.

A couple of weeks after you received your NP booklet, a flyer from Deddington Development Watch, a lobbying group concerned with house building and conservation in the parish, may also have dropped through your letterbox. I've had a call from one of two parishioners who were confused and wondered if it was part of the consultation. It isn't. In fact it is more of a critique of our survey. One point the flyer raises is the possible designation of Local Green Spaces. There are fairly specific criteria for designating green spaces and the parish council has ruled out putting forward a number of spaces which were initially considered, as they did not appear to meet the criteria. The starting point for designating Local Green Spaces is whether there is need for more green space within the community, which is why the survey asks for your views of the matter. Designation of Local Green Spaces which meet the government guidance will be considered further in the light of the survey response.

Creating this neighbourhood plan has been a long-drawn-out process, delayed by Covid, waiting for CDC to make public the sites offered to them, and securing reports on housing need and environmental assessment of sites by independent consultants. As so often in this excellent community, many people have stepped up to the plate to help us and we are truly grateful.

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WELL REMEMBERED George Fenemore 1946–2022

George Edward Fenemore was born on 12 August 1946, the third child of George and Kathleen Fenemore and brother to Margret, Ruth, John and his baby sister, Fiona,. He spent a happy childhood on the family farm at Warkworth and farming ran through his blood.

Hand in hand with his love of farming came his passion for the countryside, spending his pocket money on *Observer* books that founded his immense knowledge of birds, insects and plants. He went to Overthorpe Hall School which he regarded as an unnecessary evil that took him off the farm. As a young man he developed a love of riding, hunting regularly with the Bicester Hunt, became a half decent shot and was not too bad at catching the odd trout. Social life revolved around Brackley Young Farmers where he was chairman and won the Northamptonshire county rose bowl for shearing on numerous occasions.

George gained a certificate in agriculture from Moulton Agricultural College where he made many lifelong friends in spite of a major distraction, Northampton General Hospital, where he met Bryony, a student nurse, and gained a further degree in drainpipe climbing. They married in July 1969 settling in to a small cottage on the farm where, two years later, I made an appearance followed a year later by Alison.

George was always very much his own man and when, out hunting, he heard of a farm up for rent and grasped the opportunity to strike out on his own. After an interview in London with Mr Goshen, armed with his hunting reference, he was offered the tenancy at Home Farm, moving in the spring of 1974 and setting out to modernise the quite dilapidated farm. The summer of '76 brought the birth of Elisabeth, known as Tizzy, and the drought.

George soon embraced village life and became an active member of the community: a parish councillor and chairman for a number of years, chairman of the Deddington Charity Estates and the Hempton Common Land Charity; member of the Deddington Players, a real family affair with Dad, Tizzy and grandson Ben all playing parts; one of the first stallholders at the farmers' market selling honey; chair of North Banbury Farming Club and the Warriner Choral Society. He served as church warden for more than 20 years, seeing in and out three vicars and their curates, whom he showed round Home Farm to give them a proper understand of a working farm, as well as being very involved with the rural chaplaincy. For nearly forty years, he sang in the choir, with practice every Friday evening and church every Sunday morning, even during harvesting, a cause of slight friction between us, but he always had his way and the combining got done.

He loved writing about the farm and the countryside for the *Deddington News* and the *Four Shires*, which gave him the opportunity to have a go at the farmer bashers. He would spend hours in the office, typing away with one finger in a haze of pipe smoke. 'What do you think to this?', he would ask, reading out a few paragraphs of his latest article When told, 'You can't say that', he would reply, 'Why not? That will stir them up!' Many people who never met him have said they felt they knew from reading his articles.

Above all he loved the farm. He knew every corner, every bird, animal, insect and plant and worked hard to farm hand in hand with nature and to enhance it. He loved his Cotswold sheep – lambing and combing were his favourite time of year. He loved listening to blackbirds singing, his workshop robin and the return of the swallows. He loved his bees, swearing he never got stung because he managed to smoke his pipe, even under his veil. Most winters saw him in the workshop making hives and his own badger-proof beehive stands. And his favourite job was driving his combine, the Green Goddess. Dad was always a big active man and he struggled as age and ill health crept up on him but never lost interest in the farm, checking daily what was on that day's agenda, always followed by, 'Anything dead?'

George was found unconscious on the steps going up to the yard, having fallen while watching the swallows and he died two weeks later at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

His Young Farmers membership card had written on the front, 'Good Farmer, Good Countryman, Good Citizen'. A fitting epitaph, I believe.

Chris Fenemore

FRIENDS OF CASTLE GROUNDS

It was lovely to see so many people at the Four Farms run at Castle Grounds. Well done to all the runners. We had a stall with lots of old photos and information about what the Grounds were used for in the past and it was gratifying to see passers-by take such an interest. We have found our mystery pothole filler – Richard Spencer. Thank you for such a good job. Tree felling has left several badger setts exposed. The stumps will start to produce saplings that will cover the area. In the path below the badger setts the spikes which have appeared are being removed. Red campion is flourishing on the left bank as you enter and oxeye daisies are also in full bloom. As the school holidays approach just a reminder that barbecues and fires are not allowed in the Castle Grounds for obvious safety reasons.

There have been a few cases of aggressive out of control dogs. Please keep you dogs under control. If an incident does happen please report it to the dog warden through Cherwell District Council. On your visit to the Grounds if you find the bins are full please take your rubbish home with you. With the lighter nights and better weather, come and have stroll around the Castle Grounds and enjoy this very special site.

WELL REMEMBERED Hugh Francis O'Donnell 1943–2022

Pillar of the community, great friend, family man and local legend are terms Hugh O'Donnell vividly embodied. He is fondly remembered by thousands of patients of his rural North Oxfordshire practice who benefited from his exceptional bedside manner. Hugh had a keen clinical mind; this, combined with his compassionate nature, meant that many patients, friends and family now live happier, healthier, and more fulfilled lives. Many remember, when talking to 'Dr Hugh', one felt like the most important person to him, at that moment, which you probably were. His care was all enveloping. In snowy conditions 'Dr Hugh' would load paving slabs into his MK III Gilbern Invader to navigate the slippery farm tracks to patients' homes. He gracefully accepted a small punnet of Christmas almonds from a gummy octogenarian, who, unable to bite, had already removed the sugar coating for him. He picked up the phone automatically in his sleep. His 'nose' would twitch at the slightest symptom and he would commonly persist in treatment being sought, often with life-saving results. He would insist on police escorts complete with blues-and-twos, to accompany pregnant mothers into hospitals when needing emergency help. For the bereaved and depressed he would walk for miles and listen for hours. 'Dr Hugh' would hatch, match and dispatch his adored patients and revel in their life cycles, in which he played a crucial caring role. He embodied the oath 'do no harm': he was there for everyone, all the time.

Driven by an English brain and an Irish heart, Hugh was funny, clever, kind and wise. He had a formidable intellect of humanitarian bent. As a 'prolapsed' Catholic he sometimes had an irascible spirit but also the empirical mind of scientist. These combined to give Hugh a holistic understanding of what it is to be human. His interests were fun, friends, family, food, wine, stories, song, art, laughter, politics, history, children, dogs, gardens, cricket, rugby, shooting and golf but his overwhelming interest was books.

The walls of his home are lined with hundreds of books. He had read them all. Some repeatedly. His conversations inevitably encouraged participants to consider the wider picture, to see humanity in all its messy interconnected glory. Yet at the same time he made you feel that your place in this world was more important than it was at the beginning of the conversation. In short, he made you think big and that you were special. This was not all one-way traffic. The night after his death, Deddington church glowed in a projected light of Irish emerald green as a gesture of love and respect by the community. During his lifetime countless smaller gestures of love and respect would appear on his table and doorstep: in spring, whole carcasses of lamb; at Christmas dozens of bottles and hundreds of cards. Because he loved, he was loved.

Hugh was born in Hackney during WWII to an Irish doctor father and an English mother, the fifth of eight rambunctious children raised in a family surgery. To set the scene, a regular and depressed patient of his father's, Giles the cartoonist, took Hugh's formidable grandmother as the inspiration for his ferocious grandma character. Hugh was one of those Blitz battered ragamuffins who would feel his grandmother's wrath via the handle of her umbrella. The competition of home life propelled him at school although enlightenment was not confined to books. Whilst attending Wimbledon College, aged 14, he met the love of his life, the beautiful Vivien Rich, under the stage in a joint school production. They lived and loved one another for 64 years until death parted them the day before his birthday.

At 18 Hugh became a medical student at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington. Being a London Irish 'Mary's man' helped forge his adult identity. At St Mary's, he formed lifelong friendships, played senior level rugby, boxed, studied hard, winning an international scholarship to New York. Newly qualified, Hugh married Viv in Kingston-upon-Thames in 1967. Their first child, a son, was born in 1969 and another in 1971. In 1972 the young family moved from London to Barford St Michael and Hugh was invited to join in the Health Centre in Deddington where he spent the rest of his working life. The family lived in South Newington for the 1970s when two daughters were born in 1974 and 1976 and moved to Deddington in 1984.

Hugh is missed by all who knew him. Nobody feels this more than Viv. We trust Deddington will hold her tight.

Dan O'Donelll

History Corner www.deddingtonhistory.uk

In these somewhat straightened financial times one benefit of inflation is that we may see a welcome return to more positive interest rates on deposits in building society accounts – which reminds me that George Coggins' scrapbooks contain a handbill from 1869 of a prospectus for the Deddington, Heyford & Aston Benefit Building Society which had been enrolled in 1854. Its official stamp is in the Parish Archive.

The solicitor named on the handbill is Charles Duffell Faulkner (1827–94). He lived at The Priory in



Hudson Street (then called Hudson's Lane) in which his father – confusingly also called Charles (1798–1871) – had established a private museum in a building on the opposite side of the street (now Cyclogical).

More about both the building society and Charles Faulkner senior's Museum of Curiosities can be seen on the History website. Go to the Home page and click on the links.

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	July		August	
Mon–Fri 8.45am	Morning Prayer	Mon–Fri 8.45am	Morning Prayer	
Wed 10.00am	Holy Communion	Wed 10.00am	Holy Communion	
Thu 9.30am	Tea + Toast and Squiggles and	Thu 9.30am	Tea + Toast and Squiggles and	
	Wiggles		Wiggles	
Sun 3 10.30am	Holy Communion	Sun 7 10.30am	Holy Communion	
3.00pm	3 O'Clock Service (informal)	3.00pm	3 O'Clock Service, (informal)	
6.00pm	Choral Evensong	6.00pm	Choral Evensong	
Sun 10 8.00am	BCP Communion	Sun 14 8.00am	BCP Communion	
10.30am	Holy Communion	10.30am	Holy Communion	
Sun 17 10.30am	Holy Communion	Sun 21 10.30am	Holy Communion	
Sun 24 10.30am	Holy Communion	Sun 28 10.30am	Holy Communion	
Sun 31 10.30am Holy Communion		Hempton		
Hempton		Sun 21 9.00am	Holy Communion	
Sun 17 9.00am	Holy Communion	Barfords		
Barfords		Sun 14 9.00am	Communion St Michael	
Sun 10 9.00am	Communion St Michael	Sun 21 10.30am	Family Service St Michael	
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From the Parish Registers

Baptism 22 MayPenelope Grace Aurora WilliamsFunerals 20 MayGeorge Edward FenemoreMemorial 17 JuneSarah Louise Best

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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.

We're now in the depths of summer which, of course, has its perks but, thanks to climate change, is now likely to have ever greater periods of misery for those of us who don't cope particularly well with hot weather. We all know the best way to avoid the worst of the weather is to stay indoors during peak daylight hours, but with most of the country's housing stock not set up to cope with Mediterranean temper-

atures, it can quickly get unbearable when the mercury hits the upper 20s and higher. If you're not fortunate enough to be able to afford air conditioning, then even a decent fan can be only mildly effective if the upper floor rooms feel like Turkish baths.

In my relentless pursuit of comfort at minimal cost, I'd like to share with you a surprisingly successful method I trialled during last year's 'tropical nights' period. As we have no chance of cooling down the air

SEMI-BLISSFUL THINKING



around us, the only other option is to cool the body. The three most sensitive areas to heat fluctuation are the head, hands, and feet, so if you can cool any of those you can trick your body into feeling comfortable enough to concentrate on a task or just to relax. Hands are tricky, and the soaking bandana on your head only provides relief for fifteen minutes or so. The best long-term solution I've found is a simple plastic washing up bowl filled with

cold water. Plunge your feet into it and within seconds you'll feel human again. An ice cube tray to replenish it now and again is ideal. Join me next time when I'll reveal the method for sleeping comfortably inside a volcano!

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JUBILEE – DEDDINGTON STYLE

Photo: Olivia Fenion

The Jubilee festivities have been a joyous celebration of the Queen's seven decades of dedicated service to our country. We will long remember the huge enthusiasm of the crowds around Buckingham Palace and down the Mall.

Here in Deddington a street party was planned for the Saturday, but this being England, the weather intervened. With due prudence the organisers moved the event into the church which was soon almost overflowing with Deddingtonians. It was packed with tables in long lines and decorated with bunting and Union Jacks.

Three hundred people of all ages came for a lunch to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee. The menu, of course, was coronation chicken together with salad and a variety of finger foods and sandwiches – but no marmalade ones – perhaps Her Majesty had cornered the market.

This event will also be remembered as an example of how valuable the church building is to our village as a whole. In the year before Covid, forty-three groups made use of the church for their activities – some of them, such as the monthly market, multiple times. This underlines the need to preserve and maintain a beautiful building that has been at the heart of our village for nearly eight centuries.

Our thanks are owed to the small group of planners who took on the organisation of the celebrations and to all those who contributed to realising it. Thanks go primarily to Revd Annie and her committee of four: Caroline Condon, Angela Faint, Olivia Fenion and Heather Nason. Adopting a sort of cascade model, the four appointed teams to carry out a whole range of tasks. Tables and seating were efficiently set up outside, then moved inside, rearranged at various points during the afternoon, and finally dismantled for the following day's services. A second team prepared and contributed delicious food, both sweet and savoury. A third team served the food, appearing in the dining area to offer platefuls of Jubilee-themed cup-cakes – in the distant past described in Her Majesty's kingdom as fairy cakes – while the Todd's barrel organ provided a popular soundtrack.

Children were well catered for with a craft table, crown-making and a fancy-dress competition, organised and judged by Wendy Burrows. After the meal, dining tables were moved to clear an area for further craft activities and more organised games like pass the parcel, with Revd Annie taking centre stage.

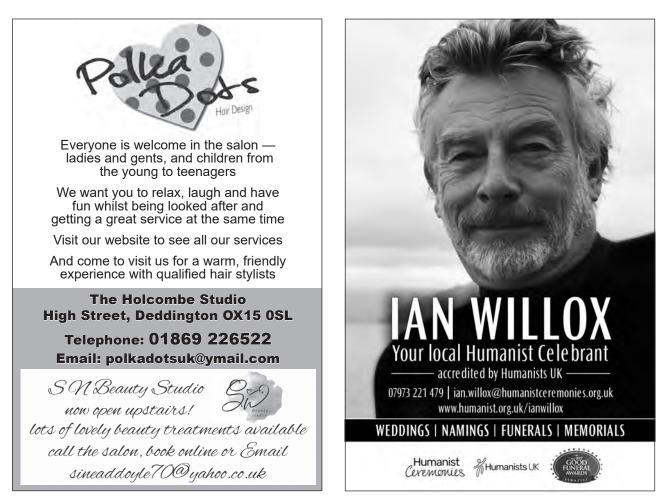
Agood number of partygoers enjoyed the exhibition held over the entire Jubilee weekend in the Living Room, featuring former Deddington celebrations, starting with Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887, through 1897, 1935, 1937, 1977 and 2002, and ending with our present Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2012. It showed Deddington at its community best – having a series of jolly good parties. This also constituted the launch exhibition of the new Parish Archive, now housed in its own room at the Windmill Centre.

While Saturday's street party was the main event, the church also hosted a 1950s-themed quiz night on the preceding Thursday, won by team Suspicious Minds who took away a Hook Norton Brewery tour for six. The third prize winners' EuroMillions lottery ticket apparently didn't pay off.

Finally, more than 80 people attended the special Festal Evensong service, with the church's choir supplemented by contingents from St Mary's Bloxham, St Mary's Adderbury, and the Wheatsheaf Consort. They sang Handel's *Zadok the Priest*, Stanford's *Evening Service in B Flat* and *Te Deum in B Flat*, as well as Thomas Hewitt Jones's *In Our Service*, written for the Platinum Jubilee.

As well as expressing our appreciation of the Deddingtonians who provided us with such a memorable Jubilee, we are grateful to Cherwell District Council for their grant of £1,125 towards the cost of the Jubilee party which was supplemented by a £1,000 grant from our own Parish Council – the pretty Jubilee mugs provided for partygoers as souvenirs were paid for from these funds.

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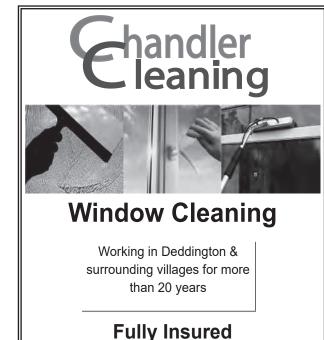


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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Back on 16 May three of our intrepid young ladies attended Buckingham Palace to receive their Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. Prince Edward bestowed the honours. Congratulations to Lydia Watts, Daisy Newton and Sophie Rumsby. The event had been delayed due to Covid restrictions.

Republicans beware! Hempton royalists were in full celebratory mood, marking the occasion of the Queen's 70 years on the throne. They gathered at the Old School Room to enjoy games, a raffle and bring your own barbecue picnic.

There was much consternation following the arrival of men in high-vis jackets surveying the main road from Hempton Lodge to the restriction. I don't know the actual purpose of their theodolitic machinations but it was widely feared they were in preparation for the intended development of the land to the south of the road. The said plot is identified as LPR-A-065 in the Deddington Parish Local Plan Review Site Submission. In September 2020 the landowners made a proposal to develop the site for domestic dwellings in response to invitation to submit new sites to the Cherwell District Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

Covering an area of 10.8 acres or 4.36 hectares, the owners suggested between 25 and 75 properties could be accommodated including affordable housing in line with planning policy. These would be completed over a period up to five years.

There was no current or previous planning application involving the land and, to my knowledge, there are no current applications. However, a developer's representative discussed a proposal for 25 dwellings at the May PC meeting.

The owners were not builders and indicated a third-party developer would likely be engaged. In their submission they indicated that there were no issues of any kind that might represent a barrier to development. The carrot of S106 financial commitments and social infrastructure was dangled, together with potential for green space. They even speculated that the bus service might be reinstated.

Section 106 agreements are drafted when it is considered that a development will have significant impacts on the local area that cannot be moderated by means of conditions attached to a planning decision. For example, a new residential development can place

DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW 2022

The Deddington Parish Show will take place on 3 September in the church. We need setters-up on Friday 2 September. On Saturday we need stewards, stall minders as well as cake-makers for teas and the cake stall and, of course lots of people entering all classes. Please contact me if you would like to be involved. Programmes will be available in the local shops and pubs throughout July and August.

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extra pressure on the social, physical and economic infrastructure which already exists. A Planning Obligation should aim to balance the pressure created by the new development with improvements to the surrounding area, ensuring that, where possible, the development would make a positive contribution to the local area and community.

It might be considered hypocritical as a resident of St Johns' Way to object to the proposed development. I imagine Hempton residents in 1960 had concerns about the proposal to double the population of the village.

I think matters relevant to the provisions of Section 106 encompass the valid issues associated with this and other significant developments in this area. Needs for healthcare, education, highways and, particularly, water and sewage infrastructure and parking space are unlikely to be offset by any commercially acceptable legal agreement as a condition of planning consent. Nor could they as they would need to be incorporated across a wider area into the infrastructure plans of public and private utilities and other bodies. Under current governmental doctrine this is unlikely to happen.

The best Hempton could expect would be a few trees, some grass and a play area (canine lavatory) and the need to wash your car every other day for the next few years. Affordable housing, in the actual, not relative, sense would be welcome.

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TALES FROM THE PUMP

It was a warm sultry lunchtime with a gaggle of outside drinkers (not sure if that's the right collective noun) being looked after by Trudy. The usual diehards were sitting around the bar. Jenny took a sip of her G&T, 'One swallow doesn't make a summer', she said thoughtfully. 'Take another one then', said Jack, 'although you can keep this heat as far as I'm concerned.' 'If you can't stand the heat stay out of the kitchen,' said Greg, eying me with a sly look. After 30 years behind the bar I get used to these games. 'OK boys and girls, today's game is to bombard me with as many stupid sayings as possible?' 'Things aren't always what they seem,' chipped in Fred, 'and don't forget - a nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse.' Dave pushed his glass across the bar to summon me to get the drinks. 'Four pints of Hooky and a G&T for Jenny, Grumpy, and at these prices don't forget, money can't buy you happiness.' I pulled the pints and mixed Jenny's drink. As I passed them across the bar a drop spilt from one of the pints. 'No good crying over spilt milk', said Roy, 'although spilt beer is a different kettle of fish.' 'Just a storm in a teacup,' I said as I wiped up the drop of beer from the bar and topped up the glass. I went on, 'Most of my customers are good eggs, but with business having good days and bad days it's a bit of a curate's egg. I have to offer a good mix of products and not have all my eggs in one basket or I'll end up with egg on my face.' This diatribe won some admiring looks from the bar as I finished off with, 'See - you can't teach your grandmother to suck eggs.' Grumpylandlord1@gmail.com

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The theme of this summer's Reading Challenge is 'Gadgeteers'. This free children's reading programme will run from 9 July–10 September and children wishing to participate can register at the library. Those who finish the challenge will receive a medal and certificate, as well as being entered into a countywide prize draw.

The Quick Picks section has been reinvigorated with the installation of a new self-service terminal and a public network computer for reading magazines and newspapers, browsing Ancestry.com, Find My Past or any of our available goodies. We have two Digital Helpers available to help you explore these resources. This is one of five computers available for public use and we hope you'll be tempted to browse digitally as well as literally. We continue to replenish the Quick Picks section with new stock for junior customers, so please check this out, too.

I am currently enjoying Jane Lovett's *The Get Ahead Cook* and will be making her parmesan and black olive soda bread for the third time. Finally, a bread recipe that doesn't cause me to produce inedible briquettes – a super power of mine. I have also loved making her show stopping beetroot and fennel cured salmon which was beautiful and delicious. We have cookery books by Yotam Ottolenghi, Mary Berry, Jamie Oliver, Rick Stein, Grace Dent – plus a variety of vegan recipe books. So, if you are looking for some culinary inspiration, please pop in. I might even have returned Jane Lovett's wonderful book by then.

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

I have to admit that I have turned into a native of America; I live a life in air conditioning. It came to a head last week when Heather and I had two weeks in Las Vegas at IT conferences. Outside it was 38C but in the conference halls it went down below 20C. I needed to wear two layers all day but if I ventured outside I was sweltering and overdressed. Vegas is indeed a picture of American excess and the immense amounts of money spent on air con is just one part of it. I spent no money in the casino; look around, I know who the winner is at that game.

We got out of the hotel one evening, to get away from the \$200 meals and onto the Strip. As you walk amongst the crowds of all kinds of American life, there are bunches of young women dressed as show girls. For some bizarre reason most of them are wearing corsets and huge wings. They want you to pay them for a photo opportunity. Two of them approached Heather, who was walking just ahead of me with some colleagues, and when I walked up one asked, 'Would you like a photo with your children?'. I am confined to old age by 18-year old angels.

The weekend between our two Vegas weeks we drove to Palm Springs, 250 miles south-west into Southern California. It is an interesting drive, if four hours in the desert interests you. Why is this oasis there, a rich person's playground literally in the middle of a desert? It was first occupied by native tribes 2,000 years ago because of the hot springs that gave them water in the Coachella Valley but in the summer it is very hot. It hit 44C while we were there. The tribes used to move up into the surrounding canyons but now the natives (and Heather) just swelter by their pools and I retreated to the bar – well that's where the air con is.

The Queen's Jubilee was a great source of conversation in the neighbourhood. It still amazes me that Americans have this fascination with the British monarchy. I can't tell you how many people have asked me what I think of the TV series The Crown. You would think that nearly 250 years after revolting against King George III they would have lost interest but they have some strange fascination in kings and dictators. As the world looks on in horror at the evidence being presented live on TV about how Trump mounted a coup against the elected government, his popularity doesn't change. Of course, Fox No-News creates a completely different story, ignoring documentary evidence that a mob urged on by the President got within 50 feet of the vice president chanting 'Hang Pence'. Thirty-five per cent of the population have completely lost their minds.

As we headed back into Vegas for our second week, we dropped off our hire car at the depot and mounted the escalator to the real world, or as real as Vegas gets. I reached the top of the ride and heard a huge crash behind me, turning round to see Heather lying in a heap amongst her bags. I have seen the red button on the London Underground; I was prepared, I hit it, twice but she was still heading up towards me, headfirst. Stop, Michael, and read: 'Lift the flap', disaster averted. What stayed in Vegas was more than Heather's pride, bruising all down one side and what looks like a brand on her shoulder, which nicely matches the pattern on the escalator steps. It's a good job I can read but perhaps better if I read before I act next time.

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is difficult to believe June and summer are now here. Much has happened since our last report. On Friday 27 May 'Fresh Start', our school meals service, prepared a special lunch for pupils, as part of their response to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was an exciting occasion with some children eating outside and others eating in the hall. We would like to thank 'Fresh Start' for their hard work in preparing this special lunch.

During the half term break, children were asked to make their own crowns to wear on our first day back in school on Wednesday 8 June for the second part of our school Platinum Jubilee celebrations. They were also encouraged to wear red, white and blue. The children looked magnificent in their crowns, made so incredibly creatively and keenly at home. Thank you to parents and relatives for their support with this task. After lunch, we wore our crowns and walked up to the top field where Revd Annie led a short tree-planting ceremony in honour of the Queen. We would like to thank Nicholsons Nursery for their generous donation of a fig and a greengage tree. We will enjoy watching these grow for many years to come as a reminder of this historic occasion. The school fête took place on the afternoon of Saturday 18 June. We had a most enjoyable time and would like to thank everyone who came for your support. We would also like to thank our PTA once more for the hard work and time they put in organising this event to raise money for the school.

The week beginning Monday 20 June saw National School Sport Week 2022 leap into action. Amongst other organised sporting events this year, such as a multi-skills event for KS1 pupils at the Warriner School and a tri-golf taster session at Tadmarton Golf Course for children in Years 3 and 4, Sports Day took place on our top field. The children took part in their school houses, with groups of pupils from F1 up to Year 6 in each one, creating a wonderful family atmosphere amongst staff and pupils alike.

Practices for our school production of *High School Musica*l are now fully underway and the children are loving their musical theatre experience. Performances will take place from 13–15 July. We hope many of you will attend the show at the Windmill Centre.

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

What a day, what a weekend, what a celebration, what a monarch. June saw the celebration of a jubilee few of us will forget. Many of us lived through the Silver Jubilee of the 70s – no doubt boring our children with photos of how you marked it (one villager marching through the streets of London from Marble Arch, past the Cenotaph in a festival of 1,000 marching bands – other better stories are available). There were, of course, the Golden and Diamond Jubilees but they were surely tempered by the expectation that Her Majesty would make the Platinum Jubilee that sadly may be her last and, hey, an Oak Jubilee sounds a lot less impressive.

For some, therefore, we're looking at what will be the last significant jubilee of our life so naturally Lower Larkrise did it in style. There were street parties on the Thursday where County View showed the way, so well done to Gemma Lewis, Jill Norton and Sharon Swadling. The big village event was planned for the Sunday and the Duck opened its doors and grounds to a multi gazebo set up where beer, booze, Russ's barbecue and traditional games attracted very many from a small village and, it has to be recorded, a few immigrants from Candleford. However, with the organising team wanting to get ahead, many of the gazebos were put up the night before when the weather, rain and wind, had a go at destroying the larger structures and left the venue looking like an earthquake zone four hours before kickoff.

Worry not, Lower Larkrise is a village where much material is kept in the 'that will be handy even if we never use it' fashion. This was fashioned with a fair degree of ingenuity by a motley crew of hoarders, mostly summonsed by the Memsahibs, into braces and supports to effect repairs that were not that obvious when the event started. And started it did. After a few drinks and nefarious burgers, hot dogs, salads and other vegetable dishes were eaten, the games started, amid many neighbourly chats and catch-ups; egg and spoon races were followed by sack races - all with old people and 'yoof' classes - and a dressing race as the finale where various items of clothing were put on when the contestant ran 10 yards, more clothes, run to the turn then return, undressing as you went. Pete Walsh, the 'Father of the Village' thanked everyone involved in a very pleasurable social event which shows why living here is so great. Particular thanks are due to brilliant organisers, Jill and Bev, and to Pippa, Russell, Sharon and everyone else who worked so hard to make it happen, Gemma and Steve for their sponsorship, Tim and Rebecca for making the pub available and all the 'Duck' staff for hosting such a fine event, including the young lady who accosted this correspondent at work the following day ...

The next quiz will be held after this year's Fenemore Farm Walk/Tractor Tour, for so many years hosted by the late George, and this correspondent, for one, is delighted to see his family picking up the torch. *Martin Bryce*

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'The new Windmill loos are fabulous. Better than some hotels I've been to', commented a mother at the recent

DTFC football presentation day. I took this as praise for our refurbished toilet block rather than a sad reflection on the type of hotel she's stayed at. We are still putting finishing touches to the loos - signage and mirrors - but I'm pleased to say reactions so far have been extremely positive. We rely on you all to keep them fabulous, please, and indeed to respect all the facilities at the Windmill inside and out. As you probably know, our community centre is unstaffed so there is a lot of trust involved. When we leave you the keys for whichever space you have hired, we trust you will leave the room, lounge, hall, studio as you found it. We also trust that you will make sure there are no taps running, the lights are all turned off and the main entrance, as well as any other exterior door, is locked. This goes for regular users too. It's not much to ask, but it makes all the difference. Thank you. Lecture over!

Finally, I'll leave you with a question: you know the old playground on the left by the tennis courts and in front of the tennis clubhouse, what shall we do with it? Any ideas and suggestions gratefully received.

Remember, you can get information about how to hire the Windmill or how to join any of the regular clubs and organisations that operate there at www. thewindmilldeddington.org or on our FB page.

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LETTERS

FROM ANNIE GOLDTHORP, OLIVIA FENION, CARO-LINE CONDON, ANGELA FAINT, HEATHER NASON, DEDDINGTON

We would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the Jubilee events and everyone who helped to make this a brilliant occasion, especially those who helped make, prepare and serve food and drinks on the Saturday as well as the Deddington Pork Pie Association for her kind donation We would also like to give special thanks our quiz host, Adam Robinson; our Pearly King and Queen, Geoff and Joan Todd; Meriel Flux for organising the children's craft activities, and our Director of Music, James Kennard for putting together a beautiful service and getting the choirs involved. Thanks too, to all the local businesses who kindly donated raffle and quiz prizes, including the Deddington Arms, the Red Lion, the Crown & Tuns, Hook Norton Brewery, Nellie & Dove, the Flower Shop, Eagles, the Co-Op, Cedars, Steve Miller, Polka Dots, Medipill, Cyclogical, Nicholsons' Nurseries and North Aston Dairy.

FROM NICKY SMITH, SOUTH NEWINGTON

South Newington Flower & Produce Show Saturday 6 August 1.30–4.30pm

The show is taking place again this year with the addition of some generous raffle prizes, as well as the usual presentation of garden flowers, produce and home crafts in the marquee.

The only time since WWII that our show has not been held was during 2020, the first year of the pandemic. The central event is a marquee with 78 categories of produce.

Amanda Blythe Smith, chair of the Flower Show Committee, welcomes exhibits from people who live outside the village and is calling especially on gardeners and crafters from Deddington and nearby villages to show their home grown or homemade produce.

The list of categories is available on the village website, www.SouthNewington.co.uk for people who want to start planning and planting now. Entries have to be delivered with the entry card to the marquee on the morning of the show from 8.00–10.00am.

There are children's games, a dog show, a popular tent with homemade cakes and refreshments, a silver band, stalls and an exhibition of pet portraits in the church.

There are two separate raffle draws this year. One is for a voucher from Dubarry for £400 to spend on any items from its range of beautifully crafted country clothing and footwear. Dubarry has an outlet in Enstone so the winner can come and choose from the shop or buy online if they prefer. The other gives the opportunity to win one of eight items including a personalised Smythson Portobello Notebook worth £200, a meal at the local pub, The Duck on the Pond, worth £50, a hair cut from local hairdresser, Charlotte Stroud, who also works at the Deddington hair salon, worth £50 and five other gifts.

Entry to the show is £2.50 for adults and £1 for

children. To exhibit in the show is £1 per category with more information about this on the South Newington village website.

FROM JULIA BENNING, CPRE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Planning Volunteers Needed – Bicester and Surrounding Villages

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FROM ALBERT HUMPHRIES, DEDDINGTON *Mike Ward's Postcard from America*

I am still not interested in what he is doing in America and I wonder how many of the parish inhabitants are of the same mind as me.

As I have said before, if Mike wants his friends to know, then he could email them instead of taking up three-quarters of a page in the *News* with something that is nothing to do with the parish which the *DN* was originally started for and I am sure could be taken up with things within the parish.

[The DN's policy is to print everything printable that it receives. Therefore no copy relating to the parish has been excluded as a result of publishing Postcard from America. *Ed*]

FROM RICHARD PRESTON, GROUP ORGANISER The Valentine Club, a seniors group based at Steeple Aston, would like to thank the Midcounties Cooperative, especially the Deddington store, for their sponsorship of £150 towards high tea for the club on Friday 3 June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the 70 years of the Valentine Club. It's a great store with wonderful staff. Thank you from the Valentine Club.

FROM BEV RYLAND AND JILL NORTON, ORGAN-ISERS

'Clifton's Great Platinum Jubilee Celebration at the Duke'

Sunday 5 June. Many Clifton residents, families and friends enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon, despite the overnight storm tearing down several of our carefully decorated gazebos. Dedicated volunteers rallied round and managed to tape, tie and otherwise manhandle the remains into some form of rain covering so that at least the show could go on.

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It was wonderful to see the village coming together to celebrate this momentous occasion. Even the cold weather and drizzle failed to put them off. Traditional games took centre stage with much competitive spirit amongst adults and children as they participated in the sack race, egg and spoon race, dressing-up race and toilet tissue mummy race – there was even a treasure hunt covering the whole UK.

The Clifton Jubilee Bake-off Competition attracted many wonderful entries. After the judging, the cakes were sliced and enthusiastically devoured with hardly a crumb left.

The raffle in aid of 'Supporting Ukraine & Ukrainian Refugees' raised £225. Thanks to those who donated prizes, the girls who sold the tickets and to everyone who bought them.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered help, time and resources before, during and after the event and to those who donated prosecco for the loyal toast to Her Majesty.

We would like to thank Banbury Aerials and Visual Control Systems Ltd for sponsoring the event.

Thanks also to Russ and Pippa at the Duke for their hard work and going the extra mile throughout, the Windmill Centre for lending us equipment and to Deddington Parish Council for their support.

We are grateful to you all for making this event the great success that it was.

FROM FIONA GILLESPIE, DEDDINGTON

I would like to thank the Fenemores for the guided tour of Home Farm at Clifton on Wednesday 15 June. They provided a trailer with bales of hay for seats so that all could climb aboard and enjoy a good view of the land as we travelled under the careful tractor driving of Ben. Chris provided informative and interesting observations and fielded questions along the route stopping at several points. We got to feel and smell the soil from different locations, Chris having waded into the crop with a spade and dug up a clod of rich, crumbly earth within which root structures and wormholes could be seen.

I now know my 'Skyfall' from my spring barley (I think). Barley is exported to Germany for their beer making industry. Working with nature, the Fenemores aim to produce good crops, not only for human consumption, but also for the birds, growing plants to feed both the birds and the land. They take seriously the protection of wildlife, the care of the soil and the trees and hedges. The evening was helped along by the lovely weather which enabled us to experience the farm probably at its best.

Many thanks to the whole team at Home Farm.

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Photographic Society

Bob Brasher gave us an impressionistic tour of the world with his 'Artistic Travel Photos'. His travelogue gave us a glimpse of familiar tourist sites but with a slant. He uses art filters in the Topaz Studio program to edit regular images and pointed out that using painterly effects can helpfully cover camera shake and less interesting compositions. Bob encouraged the use of matt and art paper when printing images for display to again enhance the more artistic effect.

Ten members went on an exhausting but fantastic four-day tour photographing the secrets of Wiltshire, beginning at 4.30am to catch the sunrise and ending with stunning sunsets.

Our next speaker is Steven Galvin on Wednesday 6 July at 7.30pm at the Adderbury Institute. Check the website for details on how to contact us.

Anne Hunsley www.addphoto.co.uk

Women's Institute

Seventeen of our members attended our Jubilee tea on Wednesday 8 June. We opened our meeting by singing *Jerusalem*. Following the business part of the afternoon members took part in a quiz about royalty. The committee provided tea and we had a guess the baby/young lady competition. Some of the members had submitted a photo of themselves from 1952, give or take a few years. Everyone was given a raffle ticket for a beautiful, crocheted blanket in the Jubilee colours handmade by our president, who had also made a



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lovely fruit cake. Each member took a slice home, along with a little crocheted jubilee mascot, again beautifully made by the president. The meeting closed with the national anthem.

Jenny Cross 07590054562

Bookworms

Our book this month was *Home Going*, a first novel by Yaa Gyasi. At first the book seems slightly daunting, but this is more to do with its 300 plus pages of small typeface. Those who persevered found this novel to be a well written and compelling portrayal of the slave trade which is unflinching in addressing Africa's role. At the end the reader is left with an understanding of both the savage realities of slavery and the emotional damage that is handed down over the centuries. If this standard is anything to go by, subsequent novels will certainly be worth a read. Our next book is *The House by the Lake* by Thomas Harding.

Janet Macey 01869 336156

Book Group

In February 1945 Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin met in conference at the Crimean resort of Yalta. They shaped the future of Europe with echoes still in more recent conflicts. *The Daughters of Yalta* by Catherine Katz charts the progress of the negotiations but with an added dimension. Churchill, Roosevelt and Harriman, the US ambassador to Russia, were each accompanied by a daughter acting as unofficial aide. Drawing on information from the diaries and letters of these young women, Caroline Katz provides a vivid picture of the bitterly cold setting, hospitality problems in the rundown Livadia palace, numerous personalities and behind the scenes consultations as well as insights into the father/daughter relationships and the invaluable support the three young women provided.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 28 July. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for details.

Sian Waterman

Deddington Players

Are you organised? Love theatre? Creative? Love your local community? Want to meet new people and be part of creating something unique and wonderful? People of Deddington, Clifton, Hempton and surrounding area – your local community theatre group needs volunteers. No experience required; we'll show you the ropes. For the annual January pantomime the Deddington Players need production and backstage help: producer (Sep–Jan), stage manager (Oct–Jan) and set design/build/props manager (Nov–Jan). Contact us for more information about what's involved. We can offer full flexibility on the scope of roles. Please contact suzieupson@mac.com.

Holly Tree Club

On 18 May, a group of Holly Tree Club members went to Yarnton Garden Centre for lunch, socialising and retail therapy. Thank you, Martin, OurBus Bartons

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wonderful driver who made stops around the village to drop people off on our return, helping take members' purchases right to the front door. We held our jubilee afternoon tea on 1 June. The Holly Tree Hall was superbly decorated with bunting, balloons, vintage china and flowers for a wonderful members tea party. There was 50s music, a quiz, raffle and fabulous food from Mrs Teas of Adderbury, all accompanied by fizz and tea.

Our AGM will be held on Monday 8 August at 10.30am in the church, followed by tea and cake. We are very excited that lunch club is up and running at last. Don't forget to pick up your lunch club menu and order form at the coffee morning. Future lunch club dates are 20 July, 3 and 17 August and 7 and 21 September.

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Local Vocals Community Choir

We meet on Mondays at 7.30pm during term time in the school hall. 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

SPORT-

Deddington Town Youth Teams

Our last face-to-face presentation was in June 2019 so it was good to be back at the Windmill Centre on 12 June to celebrate the achievements of this season as well as the resilience of players, parents and coaches and club officers over the past two years. Many thanks to Marten Sealby for designing the presentation day programme and to all our sponsors.

This year the chairman's award went to the Under 12 coaching team: Harry Adams, Gary Hawtin and Neil Madden whose players achieved a mid-season league promotion and a cup final win at the end of the season in the very competitive Oxfordshire Youth Football League.

We are grateful to Burrington Estates for sponsoring the current Under 7s, who will become Under 8s for 2022/23.

If you want to get involved with the club as a volunteer, you can help in coaching; as a safeguarding volunteer; with on the day match support; with pitch improvement work; and with marketing and fundraising. If you are interested in volunteering please get in touch, www.deddingtontownfc/ or visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc.

Roger Sykes 07899 914425

Deddington Original Golf Society

DOGS visit to Olton in June was blessed with a superb course and sunny weather. The winning team was Ralph Stewart, Shaun Jardine, Peter Curtis and me. Nearest the pins was won by Shaun and me. I also won the Stableford with Shaun runner-up – both with 37 points.

SPORT-

Our next event is on Tuesday 5 July when DOGS take on a match play game against Dorchester-on-Thames DOGS at Kirtlington. Our captain Keith Spengler has his team picked and we wish him good luck. This will be the 21st time the teams have met with us having most wins.

On Monday 11 July we visit Ladbrook Park in Tanworth-in-Arden and on Sunday 24 July the 'DOGS Tour' visits Hill Valley Golf and Country Club in Shropshire for an overnight stay and two rounds of golf and spa facilities for the non-golfers.

Nigel Oddy nigeloddy@yahoo.com

Tennis Club

We are hosting a year 3 and 4 tournament for several local primary schools during the first week of July. Since Easter, we've been running our programme of coaching with the primary school to give every child the chance to have a go at tennis. For the younger year groups, we set up nets in the school playground, and the older children come to the club

The club championship is at the quarter final stage with finals day on Sunday 18 September. Our thanks go to Nick Adams for running the competition and for keeping us up to date with scores and fixtures. There have been some close, three set matches, especially in the mixed doubles.

For information about the club please check out our website www.deddingtontennis.com.

Becky Jones

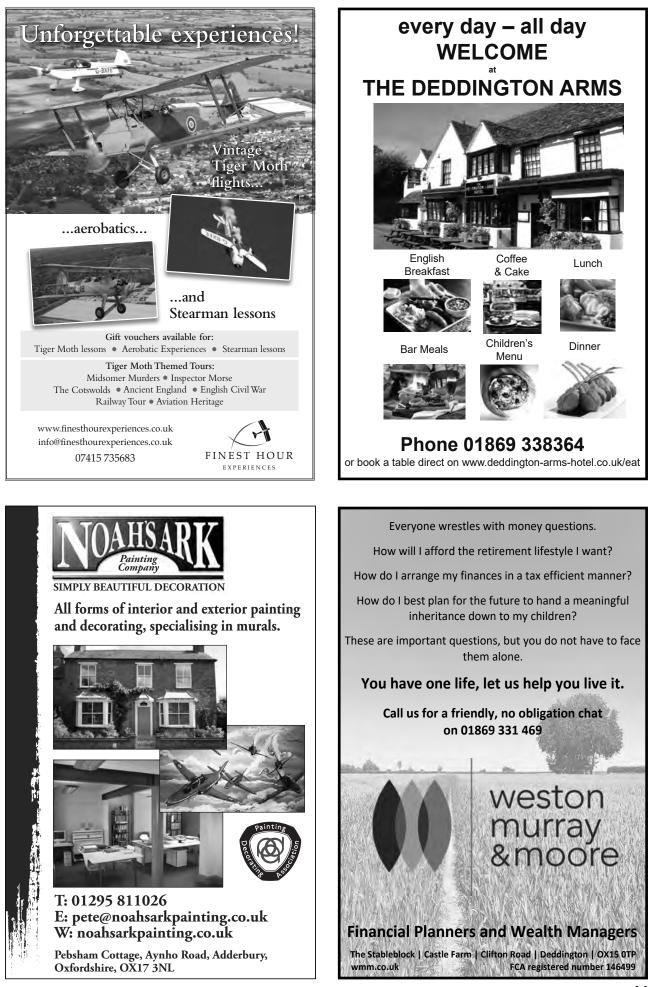
YOUTH 1st Deddington Guides

We had a lovely evening for a circular hike from Adderbury to Bodicote. One of the few occasions when we were bothered by the weather occurred when we were all set to pitch tents at Barford, and the heavens opened. With a bit of quick thinking we redirected everyone to an indoor venue and learnt how to pitch a tent there. We had the Horley Scout campsite to ourselves and a great time playing wide games and exploring the site. Deddington church was our next meeting place where, through Stan's quiz, we had fun exploring the church and learning it's history. As our community service for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we had great fun cleaning the church. Thank you to Revd Annie and Christine for the welcome and the Kit-Kats. Thanks again to Janet and Brian Bond for allowing us to use their field. The patrols chose from a range of foods and did a good job of cooking a meal - not something everyone could do on an open fire. Looking forward to camp in July!

Maggie Rampley 07957 6007550

1st Deddington Scout Group *Cubs*

Cubs have thoroughly enjoyed being outside recently, playing lots of wide games, including Capture the Flag, now established as a firm favourite. It makes good use of the Windmill's open spaces and gives the Cubs a





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good run around. Such games enable Cubs to build their teamwork skills and we have discussed different team roles and leadership. We have also enjoyed performances from Cubs finishing off their Personal Challenge badge; we had a demonstration of BMX and skateboarding skills, and a guitar performance. We are now moving on to our Skills Challenge badge, which includes Cubs' domestic skills such as making a cup of tea or coffee and laying the table, hopefully of use at home.

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Scouts

To follow up from last month, the three Scouts who walked (and bussed) to and from Horley all made it back in one piece, albeit a bit tired and wet. It proves that young people can do more than lie around with a phone – they can also walk with one. The rest of the Scouts have been finishing their Navigator Badge and are now throwing themselves into traditional scouting activities including shouting and running around and

PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

The school year has come full circle and it won't be long before our children move onwards and upwards, to their new schools and settings. We will miss them and wish them every success and happiness for the future. There is a lot to enjoy before the term ends though. This term the PFSU children have been learning about how to keep fit and healthy. They have done healthy cooking, taken part in sports day and visited the allotments and Castle Grounds. We have also been preparing for the move to school. At the Nursery the children have been finding out about pirates and summer. We also held a busy Fathers' Day breakfast for our Dads and Grandads. The Nursery sports day will be held on Tuesday 12 July at 11.00am, and there will be an end of year graduation and picnic on Thursday 21 July from 11.30am. The PFSU will hold an end of year Teddy Bears Picnic on the morning of Wednesday 20 July from 9.30 to 11.30am. We also have a number of 'move-up' events for the children and families moving on in September. Holiday club will run in the summer holidays from 25-29 July and 1-5 August, from 8.00am until 5.00pm each day. Please contact us for places.

Lucy Squires 01869 337484

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Now that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations are over and our parish celebrated in style with several street parties and the main gathering in the church. If you've captured some memorable moments during the four-day Bank Holiday weekend then please send your entries for this year's Deddington library photo competition. Images to be 5Mb+ high resolution landscape format, sent to me before the deadline of 1 August.

Bryn Williams abw@brynwilliams.com den building in Daeda's Wood and fire lighting. Camp at Horley coming soon.

Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com

1st Deddington Brownies

Brownies have mostly been outdoors this term working on their Explorers and Camping Badges. A Jubilee celebration was held with Steeple Aston Brownies and a sausage sizzle is planned with the Guides. Deddington Brownies is 50 years old this year and we would like to invite all Brownies and Leaders past and present to a celebration party on 13 July at the Windmill Centre 6–7.30pm. Please bring any old photos, uniforms etc along.

Fern Stringer

FROM THE FIRE STATION

Thirteen fire calls this month – not sure if this is considered lucky or unlucky. They were the usual mixture of standbys, alarms, hazmat and entrapment, nothing protracted, just standard shouts for the crew.

Training carries on with Garin Wilby and James Greenwood having passed their BA board and oral, with just their practical wear to pass before they can operate as BA team leaders.

SM Dave Edge and GM Mike Adcock presented long service awards to Adam Franklin and Andy Hayward and Jubilee service medals to Emma Flint, Adam Franklin, Adrian Spilsbury, Andy Hayward and Chris Fenemore.

Home Safety Week this month promotes awareness of summer bonfires and barbecues, particularly the dangers of unattended fires and fire spread, even from embers. The brigade is aso highlighting Child Safety Week underlining correct fitment of child seats and booster seats and the correct wearing of seatbelts.

James Greenwood FFD james@cyclogicalshop.co.uk

AFTER SCHOOL HELP REQUIRED FROM SEPTEMBER

We're looking for a warm and flexible person to help our family in Lower Heyford.
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Pay dependent on qualifications and experience. Accommodation can be discussed. Contact Jane on 07971 051221.

Picture by Chris Day

A star of the silver screen and television — that's Broughton Castle with its magnificent gatehouse, featured on our front cover this month as part of our series of places to visit within 30 miles of Deddington.

The castle has appeared in *The Slipper and the Rose, Shakespeare in Love, The Madness of King George, Three Men and a Little Lady, Jane Eyre and The Scarlet Pimpernel* and other films. It has featured on television in Hilary Mantel's *Wolf*

Hall, Keeping Up Appearances, Elizabeth The Virgin Queen and even a Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show. It has also been used for TV commercials and magazine photo shoots.

Broughton Castle is the family home of the 21st Lord and Lady Saye and Sele, whose family name is Fiennes. And, yes, another showbiz link is that Ralph Fiennes is a cousin of the family.

The picturesque medieval fortified manor house sits on an artificial island and is surrounded by a wide three-acre moat. It was built in 1300 and has been

DEDDINGTON ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

As the sun comes out many of us reach for the nearest bottle of sunscreen to protect us from skin cancer, without realising that we may be doing a lot of harm as well as good. Twenty thousand tons of sunscreen are believed to be washed off into the Northern Mediterranean alone every year.

Currently, sunscreens work in two different ways, giving either chemical or barrier protection. Chemical screens are the most popular – there are concerns over the impact on human health from the use of certain chemicals which we don't have room to explore here but, in 2008, evidence was found that common ingredients in sunscreen can bleach coral reefs which has led to some countries banning Oxbenzone- and Octinoxate-containing products but now other chemicals are also believed to be problematic.

As a result, sunscreen manufacturers have been creating 'reef safe' sunscreens, using alternative UV filters like zinc oxide. However, recent research shows that these options may be no safer for the environment, especially if they contain nano-sized particles of zinc oxide or titanium dioxide. Chemicals in both chemical and barrier lotions can also be absorbed through the skin and have been detected in urine within 30 minutes of application, leading to water supplies being polluted too.

It's not just coral reefs that are in danger, other marine life may be affected, including phytoplankton, small crustaceans, molluscs, sea urchins and fish, which support food webs and impact all marine life.

So, what can we do until the perfect sunscreen is invented? The advice is: stay in the shade during the hottest parts of the day to avoid the most harmful ultraviolet rays and reduce sunscreen usage; wear UV



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It was one of only 20 houses to be awarded five stars by Simon Jenkins, in his book, *England's Thousand Best Houses*.

Also worth a visit is the parish church of St Mary's, a few yards from the moat, with its elaborate family tombs of the Wykeham and Fiennes family and its medieval wall paintings.

The castle is open on certain days only, though the park is free at any time. Check on the website www. broughtoncastle.com.

John Price

protecting (UPF) swimwear; cover up with hats, sunglasses and light-coloured, light-weight loose clothing and only use sunscreen on the parts that can't avoid sun exposure; use up our old products – they're going to end up in the environment anyway; opt for lotions over sprays which are not only harmful to inhale but result in unnecessary waste; choose products that contain non-nano zinc oxide and titanium dioxide particles. Some of the best are Neal's Yard, Odylique, Green People, Ludy Bee, Badger and Shade. Nivea and Eucerin have good palm oil policies and do not contain oxybenzone but some of their products do contain nano-particles. Some to avoid, if possible, are Boot's Soltan, Superdrug's Solait and Piz Buin.

Do you have any good sunscreen tips or want to join our team of volunteers? Let us know at info@ deddingtonenvironment.net.

Fiona Smith

FARMERS' MARKET GRANTS

All clubs and societies registered with the farmers' market for its annual round of donations please keep an eye open for the 2022 application forms which should be with you early in July. If your organisation is not yet registered with us please email marketing@ deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk.

FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

The team, licensed to check the bat boxes, were very pleased to find that they are being used not only for roosting but also breeding – a family of eight or more natterers were discovered in one box. This marks the site as being especially valuable in conservation terms.

Annette Murphy Murphyannette74@gmail.com

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