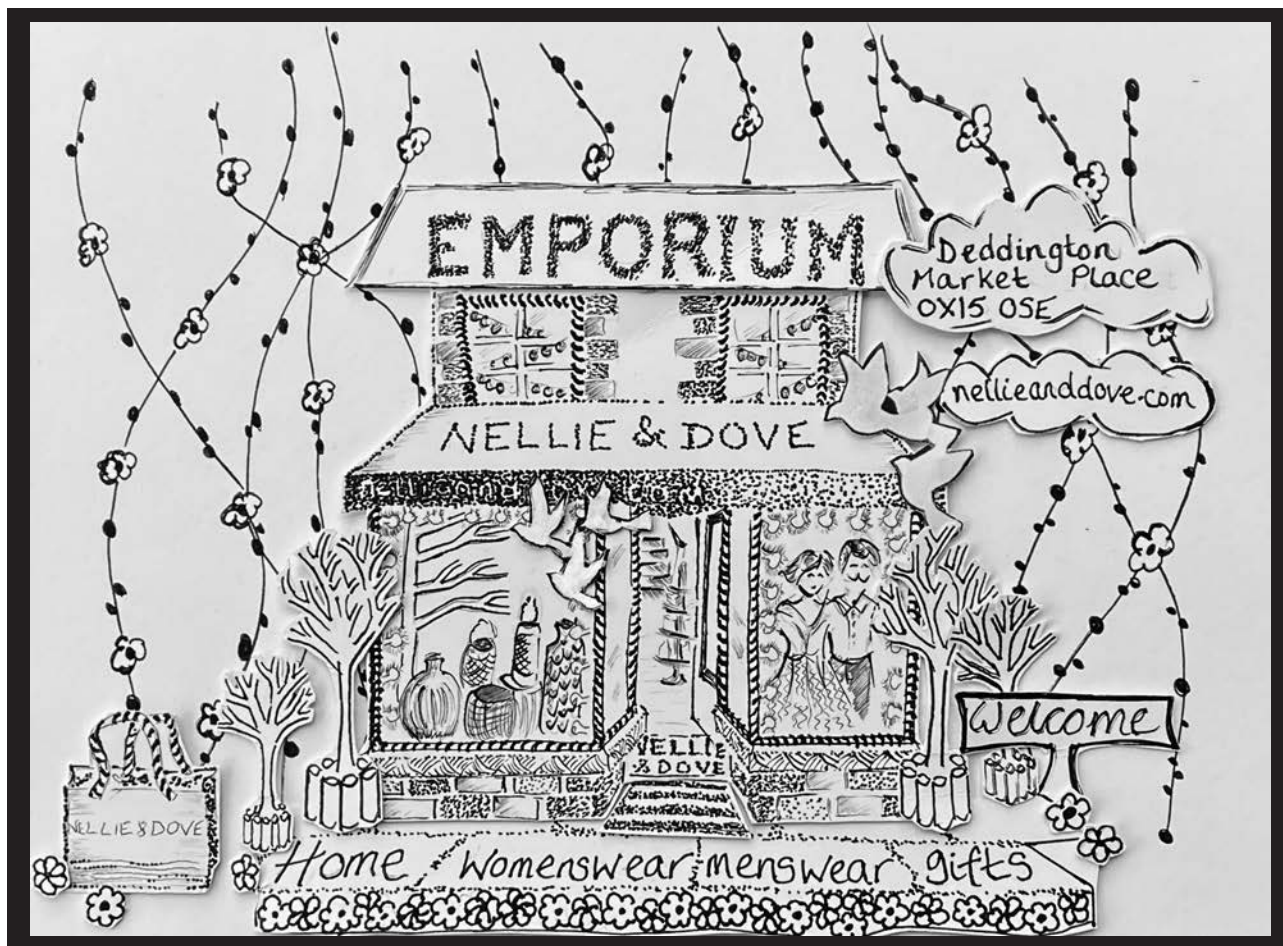


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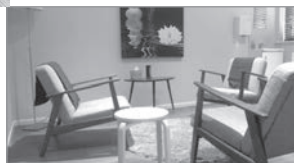
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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

Most of us now get our newsfeed from a select provider but that doesn't mean there isn't another point of view out there. We are always happy to receive and print letters, so long as they are not offensive, but there seems to be a trend in people objecting to the content in *DN*. Dare I suggest that, if you don't like a contribution that we've included, you just turn the page?

As editors, Catherine and I have never intentionally omitted an article. Occasionally something slips through the system and is forgotten but, other than some editing which should retain the essence of the content intended, nothing is left out. If one of our regular contributors chose not to send in their piece, there would likely be a gap which we then have to use our imagination to fill.

JC

What's on September

- Sat 3 Parish Show: Parish Church, 2.00pm
- Wed 7 Photographic Society: Photographs for Book Covers, Peter Greenway, Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
- Wed 7 Holly Tree Club: Lunch Club
- Sat 10 Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust: Ride and Stride
- Sat 10 Harvest Supper: Parish Church, 6.00–8.30pm, leave name at back of church for tickets
- Mon 12 Local Vocals Community Choir: Primary School, 7.30pm
- Sat 17 Autumn Craft Fayre: Windmill Centre, 10.00am–1.00pm
- Sat 17 Deddington Brass: Bowler House, New Street, 2.00–4.00pm
- Wed 21 Holly Tree Club: Lunch Club
- Wed 21 Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm, Old School Room, Hempton
- Fri 23 DOGS: Wychwood Golf Club
- Sat 24 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Thu 29 Book Group: Contact Sally Lambert for details, 01869 338094
- Thu 29 Bookworms: Holly Tree Club, 6.30pm

October

- Thu 13 Holly Tree Film Club: *Fisherman's Friends*, Holly Tree 1.30pm
- Wed 19 Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm
- Thu 20 History Society: Chris Day Memorial Lecture, *Oxfordshire People in the Spanish Civil War*, Primary School, 7.30pm
- Sat 22 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 22 Photographic Society: Annual Exhibition, Living Room, Parish Church, 9.30am

November

- Sat 26 Photographic Society: Pop-up Shop of Prints and Cards for Katharine House Hospice, Living Room, Parish Church

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting at the Windmill 20 July

Present: Collins, Cox, Higham, Ince, Norton, Oldfield (chair), O'Neill, Robinson, Swadling, Swan, Timms, Watts, and 10 members of the public.

Public Forum

One member of the public objected to the planning application for Mount Pleasant, Hempton.

Another resident spoke about tree screening of a new barn on Calcutt Farm required as part of the planning consent but not yet done. They were directed to contact CDC. Traffic calming was also raised; Councillor Fatemian is waiting for some final actions for cameras to be installed.

Environment & Recreation

Two memorial trees are to be planted at the adventure playground for those lost to Covid and volunteers.

Finance & General Purposes

It was resolved that electric vehicle (EV) charging points should be approved for the Bull Ring.

Planning applications:

No objection

Manor Farm House, Main Street, Clifton: proposed conversion of attached barn to create self-contained annexe accommodation, but defer to conservation officer.

Please see August Approvals for other applications discussed at this meeting.

Objection

Mount Pleasant, Hempton: demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two new dwellings and conversion of an existing barn to for one dwelling, on the grounds of over-development.

Refusals

The Bothy, The Grove, Deddington.

Neighbourhood Planning

The PC does not recognise Deddington Development Watch's leaflet. Policies written by the NP group were agreeable to respondents in the form they were written. The responsibility of the group is to ensure that any extreme views have not had undue influence. A note will be added to NP documentation to advise the leaflet was published by a local pressure group during the NP consultation period.

Meeting at the Windmill 17 August

Present: Cox, Higham, Ince, Norton, Oldfield (chair), O'Neill, Robinson, Snashall, Swadling, Timms, Watts and one member of the public.

Election of chair: Councillor Oldfield was elected as chair and Councillor Snashall as vice-chair. A warm vote of thanks was recorded to Councillor Rogers for his invaluable service to the council and community.

There will be a notification of a vacancy. Anyone interested should contact the clerk by 15 September.

Finance & General Purposes

The memorials at the Hempton Road cemetery are to be tested for safety.

It was agreed to allow £600 for professional security for the Remembrance Day parade. County Councillor

Fatemian has agreed to pay this from his fund.

The bench on the Market Place green will be removed as soon as possible and replaced with a suitable substitute.

The Neighbourhood Plan is at a point it needs to go to a professional consultant at a potential cost of £10,000, to be ditched or to continue with existing volunteers. Most of the cost to date has been covered by Locality, a government fund, and a much smaller donation from DN. It was agreed to move forward with professional help.

Planning

The PC has received a pre-application consultation letter regarding an intention to apply for permission to install a 15m monopole and ancillary works on land near the Fire Station.

No objection

Holcombe House, High Street: Tree works
Manor Farm House, Main Street, Clifton: Replacement of Nissan building with like-for-like structure, but defer to conservation officer.

Caris Lodge, Goose Green, Deddington: Tree works.
Land South of Home Farm, Clifton Road, Deddington: Variation of plans, change of access for one property.
St John's Way, Hempton: Single storey front and rear extension.

Laurel House, Bull Ring, Deddington: Demolition of C20th extension, alteration of window opening, new opening to existing boundary for fire escape and internal works, but defer to conservation officer.

Approval – several of these were discussed at July meeting and no objection was made by PC

Charters House, High Street, Deddington: tree works.
Stonewall, Castle Street, Deddington: Tree works.

1 Archway Court, New Street: Single storey lobby.
Clifton Gate, Land south of Home Farm, Clifton Road, Deddington: Vary affordable housing tenure mix.
Leadenporch Farm, Chapmans Lane: Solar panels installation.

Dolphin House, Market Place: Door and windows to rear.

14 houses north of Wimborn Close.

Refusal

Pure Barn, Oxford Road: Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use for the barn for agriculture and B8 storage purposes.

The PC is pursuing the issue of taking responsibility for the Grange play area although CDC wants the balancing pond to be adopted with it. Councillor Williams is investigating.

County Council report

The PC decided to survey residents of the parish on proposed 20mph limits.

Environment & Recreation

Scruffy waste bins in the parish are being considered for replacement, with some possibly sponsored by businesses.

Next meeting 21 September at 7.30pm in Hempton.

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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Doing Something is Better Than Doing Nothing

The original theme planned for this month's *DN* was 'Small Switches – Big Impact'. However, on starting to research, I was quickly reminded that we are all unique individuals, that no two persons' environmental impact or lifestyle is the same and so living an eco-friendlier life will look different for everyone; it may mean many small changes or one or two big changes or perhaps a combination of both.

Where to start?

It is easy to feel overwhelmed when considering the huge task at hand, dire predictions from climate scientists and the sheer (often competing) volume of information being thrown at us. But doing nothing is not an option.

The average UK carbon footprint is 10.5 tonnes/year (Source: WWF) but do you know how you measure up?

Creating awareness of our own carbon footprint is a great starting point to making a difference and reducing our own environmental impact. WWF have an easy-to-use carbon footprint calculator available at <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>. Having calculated your personal footprint, it's much easier to identify specific areas where changes, big and small, can be made.

There are some great resources available to help and, in addition to WWF, mentioned above, one that has been launched recently in Oxfordshire is www.climateactionoxfordshire.org.uk. The website helps to simplify things and provide lots of practical suggestions

of things we can do. It lists different measures people can take and rates them according to effort, impact and cost. One last thing I've come to realise recently is that we can all use our voices.

Remember as consumers the power is in our pockets. Every time we spend money we vote for the future. Global brands might seem as though they're in charge but their success depends on our support. Choose eco-friendly options from companies that put the planet and people first when you shop.

I've started to sign environmental petitions and to share my input whenever I can as the opportunity arises. I would encourage you to also. Together we need to make policy makers and businesses listen.

Finally, when the opportunity arises, please help spread the word.

To paraphrase a well known quote: 'We don't need a handful of people doing things perfectly, we need millions of people doing something imperfectly' and, as I started by saying, doing something is better than doing nothing.

At DEN we're about taking practical steps and doing what we can to improve the world around us. We love to share ideas and inspiration and have fun on the way. We've got some exciting events lined up in the coming months. Take a look at the flyer in this issue of *DN*. Come and join us on 15 September at our latest social at the Duke in Clifton at 7.30pm.

Nicki Burgess

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HOME ENERGY – WE WILL USE LESS IF WE LOSE LESS

When the UK's North Sea oil and gas reserves began to peak in 1999, I recall it made headlines in the American energy trade press. Five years later, the UK became a net importer of those fuels. They are sold in global commodity markets and, as long as there were others elsewhere willing to supply them in abundance, the common belief was that those same market forces would keep fuels affordable, a cornucopian fantasy taught in business schools to this very day.

Fast forward to now, when magical market thinking no longer suits and many are wondering how they will cope with astronomical energy bills this winter. The only argument I've heard so far is government market subsidy and, while that may have some immediate appeal, it is not the only tool available to deal with energy costs. We can start with using less and that may be easier to accomplish if we have a better picture of how and where energy is being lost.

When we built Middle Yard here in the Tchure, I knew from past experience that there are many unseen and unanticipated paths by which interior heat could leave a house without providing any benefits to the occupants. So, as insulation, sealants and weatherstripping materials were being installed, I used a special camera that was designed to 'see' heat energy in a building. Infrared heat energy behaves very much like visible light and the photos display varying colours to indicate differences in temperature from one part of a building to the other. These photos must be taken in colder weather, because we cannot see heat loss until there is a sufficient temperature difference between indoors and outside. Then all the tiny cracks and voids where heat escapes can be spotted. At first glance the photos look otherworldly but one can easily see where

the warmer colours show varying degrees of heat loss against a darker background of 'cold' colours.

Today the infra-red camera sits mostly idle, used only for some photos I've taken around the village of friends' houses or other buildings, mostly out of curiosity. At least with older buildings I have yet to see one that wasn't leaking heat and from places that might surprise the occupants. That got me wondering if it might be of use to identify heat loss in other parish houses. There are often low-cost DIY solutions that can stop warm air from leaving a house if only we know where to look and an infrared photo is a really good guide for that. I asked Richard Broadbent, a member of the Photographic Society, for advice on how a village photoshoot might be organised. He in turn recruited several other club members who agreed to volunteer some time for the project.

This is not to say that we can photograph every house or that it can be done instantly but that we will do our best to help as many as we can. If you are interested in having exterior house infrared photos taken, email me with your name, street address, email address and phone number. If you don't have access to email, you can drop a note to IR Photos, Middle Yard, The Tchure, Deddington OX15 0UB.

If you are interested in learning more about low cost solutions to reducing heat loss this winter, I'm giving a presentation at the Holly Tree 7.00-9.00pm on 27 September. Johnsons of Deddington has agreed to participate and will bring along and demonstrate some DIY materials that can be used to help reduce energy costs. (See the *Deddington Environmental Network* insert with this issue to sign up.)

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From The Fire Station

Sixteen shouts – a busy start, barren middle and a flurry of activity towards the end of the month kept the Deddington fire station crew on their toes.

The esteemed editor of *Deddington News* often asks for detailed write-ups of incidents, to which I usually reply that I wasn't on call when they occurred. Catherine will be pleased that I managed to be on duty when two such instances happened.

It's not a big secret that there was recently an RTC involving two vehicles on the main crossroads in Deddington. Strangely, most of the crew had to go past the incident to reach the fire station, get the pump out and mobilise back to the crossroads. This did allow us to see first-hand what was required. Fortunately, both casualties had only minor injuries consisting of shock, bruising and small cuts. On our arrival, the road was coned off, vehicle batteries disconnected, absorbent granules put down to contain any fuel leakage and the casualties treated by the roadside while the ambulance

was en route. Prior to the Fire Service arrival, several bystanders, who witnessed the accident, were able to offer support on scene to those involved.

In the small hours of the following morning, Deddington was mobilised to support Warwickshire Fire Service with a large barn fire just past Edge Hill. On arrival, a large quantity of straw was well alight with crews both fighting the fire and damping down adjacent buildings to prevent the fire from spreading. Deddington was tasked with supplying shuttle water and aiding with command support until the crew was relieved at 5.00am.

Within the wider community, Deddington crew has been carrying out Safe and Well visits, installing smoke alarms and providing an insight into the role of the Fire Service to school children as part of Warriner Year 11 careers day.

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 Thu 9.15am Tea + Toast, Squiggles and Wiggles
 Sun 4 10.30am Holy Communion
 3.00pm 3 O’Clock Family Service
 6.00pm Choral Evensong
 Sun 11 8.00am BCP Communion
 10.30am Harvest Festival Service
 Sun 18 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sun 25 10.30am Holy Communion

Hempton

Sun 18 9.00am Holy Communion

Barfords

Sun 11 9.00am Communion, BStMichael
 Sun 18 10.30am Harvest Family Service, BStM
 Sun 25 9.00am Holy Communion, BStJohn
 9–15 October is Baby Loss Awareness week. There will be a special service in Deddington Church at 6.00pm on Sunday 9 October.

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms:

24 July ZaraEloise Andrews

Weddings

7 August Katie Nicola Archer and Martin Philip Gardner

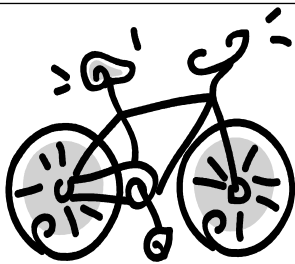
Funerals:

1 July Hugh Francis O’Donnell
 21 July George Henry Brain
 10 August Richard Adam Ferguson

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar, Reverend Annie Goldthorp at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or on 01869 336880. If Annie is not available, then please contact one of the church wardens, Iain Gillespie (01869 338367) or Stan Nelson (01869 337883).

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

A recent planning application on behalf of the RNIB proposing the demolition of the existing property called Mount Pleasant and erection of two four-bed houses and conversion of a barn on the site, has not been popular with many residents. The RNIB are the owners of Mount Pleasant, the property that sits over the south side of the restriction, overlooking the carriageway. The property was leased by the RNIB to the last resident but it fell into disrepair and became uninhabitable during his tenure. The lessee moved to alternative accommodation in 2018, leaving the property uninhabited, at least by humans. Local jackdaws have nested in the chimneys in recent years. In 2019 the lessor moved to establish a breach of the terms of the lease, requiring the tenant to maintain the building in a habitable condition and thus the lease to be forfeit. At that time the lessor failed to establish a breach because they approached authorities with no jurisdiction over the particular form of the lease. Previously the dilapidated state of the building posed a threat to the public through failure of part of the gable and the chimney falling onto the roadway. The RNIB had been informed by the Fire Brigade they were obliged to arrange and finance the reparations although it was the lessee's responsibility. I presume the lease has now become forfeit.

It is not in the RNIB's or the community's interest to allow the property to continue to deteriorate. I assume the property was gifted in legacy to the RNIB. However acquired, they are required by covenant to realise the best value for the legacy they can in the interests of their charitable function.

The most significant impact of the development would fall on those properties immediately surrounding the site. They hold practical, aesthetic and safety concerns. There are aspects of the proposal that concern many other residents.

The proposed development would have a significant impact on the character of the village. The property is shown on documents listing closure awards made in 1808 detailing Hempton properties, their owners (one John Hollier senior, in this instance) and a map

of the village showing each property, indicating the buildings originated before that date. The Protestation Return of 1642 recording those men in Deddington parish pledging allegiance to King Charles I shows an Edward Hollier living in the Deddington area, suggesting the Hollier's tenure and, by association, Mount Pleasant might be dated before 1642. The façade of the building has two distinct masonry finishes, suggesting that the part of the building nearest the road originated prior to that on the side furthest from the road. The different finishes could indicate a repair or extension of the original structure or integration with an adjacent building.

Although currently something of an eyesore, overgrown with vegetation and dilapidated, the property is evocative of a pastoral way of life with medieval and pre-historic roots. Together with properties in the village with similar provenance, it reflects the surrounding landscape featuring the visible remnants of ridge and furrow agriculture on which local inhabitants laboured to eke a meagre existence for hundreds of years.

To date the building has not been recognised as historically important and awarded listed status. Nomination of the building for listed status is being pursued and I believe initial advisory responses have been encouraging. Originating before 1850, it would be likely to be favourably considered.

The protection provided by listed status would not prevent approval of the planning proposal to demolish the residence but might perhaps lead to restoration of the property and its return to a habitable state, forestalling the proposed planning application. Estimates made in 2018 suggest the cost to return the property to habitable condition would be in excess of £100,000. Sale and restoration may not obtain the greatest financial return to the RNIB but appears to offer a compromise many village residents seem to find equitable.

Would it be a little ironic if the visual aesthetics of Hempton were sacrificed for the benefit of the visually impaired?

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The Hutt brothers

Serendipity has featured in this corner before and no doubt will again. The most recent example concerns June Hutt, a visitor from 'up north', who fortuitously met Rev Annie after viewing our war memorial on which are the names of two Hutt brothers from WWI. A military historian neighbour of June's had come across *A Parish at War* online in which the deaths of two Hutt brothers, Archie William and Frederick Rowland (Rowley), in WWI are recorded. Knowing the story of the two men from June, he realised that we had wrongly identified Frederick with another Frederick who had served at the same time (but was killed 3 months earlier) in the same Ox & Bucks regiment. Thanks to Annie giving

her my name, we now have the correct – and more complete – information about what transpires to be the three Hutt brothers and their family. Archie was captain of Deddington Football Club in 1913, a year they won several competitions. He was also a county player so no doubt his contribution was significant.

Census

The following figures may be of interest to those who worry about the village getting too large. In 1851 the population was 2,176 but, due to the Great Agricultural Depression, it declined to 1,491 by 1901. In 2011 it was back to 1851 levels at 2,146; but we now have smaller families in many more houses (courtesy David French from his article *Newspaper references 1850–59*).

All of this and much more can be read online by following the links under New Articles on the History home page.

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However, this doesn't mean that all non-organic foods are unsafe. There is a wealth of research linking repeated low-level exposure to pesticides affecting neurological and behavioural pathways and also linked to the rise in obesity, for example.

Sometimes it's difficult to source organic produce or too expensive. What can you do? Tip for washing non-organic fruit and veggies to remove pesticide

residue: soak in a large 1–2 litre bowl of water with 1–2 heaped teaspoons of bicarbonate of soda for 5–10 minutes. Always rinse thoroughly with clean water after soaking.

Support your local greengrocers and butchers: try to buy local and know where and how the food was grown and produced.

Quality over quantity: as organic produce tends to have more flavour due to the higher nutrient content, people tend to find they consume less as a result.

Box schemes online: there is a variety of companies offering good deals on veg and meat boxes delivered straight to your door.

Organic versus non-organic can be a confusing area so I hope this helps simplify things for you.

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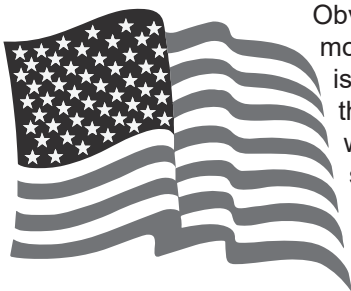
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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

Like all procedures they can charge for, American healthcare professionals are very keen on ordering a colonoscopy for old fools like me. Bearing in mind that colon cancer is the third most common male cancer, I guess it is a good thing. The procedure itself is nothing. It's having to spend the preceding 12 hours sitting on the toilet that is the problem.



Before the consultant inserted the camera where the sun doesn't shine, they gave me a mix of a sedative and fentanyl, so I can't tell you anything about the procedure. But I do have photos if you would like to see them. As they checked me out an hour after the procedure they gave me a piece of paper with instructions. The lovely nurse did read out the main points which included avoiding making any important decisions. As Heather says, it's funny how I always think these things apply to someone else. But as we got in the car, I realised that the ticket pre-sale for the 2023 Bruce Springsteen date in Denver was about to kick off. So, as I was being driven home, I bought some very expensive tickets. Does anyone want to see the Boss on a Tuesday night in February in Tulsa, Oklahoma?

The politicians in Washington are also obsessing about healthcare this week. European countries have average drug prices around 24–30% of those in the US, but the government is finally getting close to sorting these extortionate costs. A new law, being debated this week, would allow the administrators of the healthcare schemes for retirees and those on aid to actually negotiate the price of drugs. Yes, it is true, right now the drug companies charge the largest buyer of drugs in the US whatever they like.

Obviously, this change is a wildly popular move by the very unpopular Biden administration, but the other side has opposed this change for years. It makes you wonder who is running the government, which senators take money from the drug companies in perfectly legal ways, and how many other policies are driven by self interest and corporate lobbying. It's no wonder so many people voted for Trump

promising to be the outsider who would drive out these corrupt elites. The only problem was that he had far more self-interest than those in power and he is still lying about the election result.

The big news this week has been that the lunatic who occupied the White House took a lot of stuff with him when he left last year. Now we are all used to people taking the soap and little bottles of shampoo when they leave places. If they had the White House printed on the side, I would almost certainly have taken them as well. But some of the papers he took had big red letters on them – TOP SECRET. I don't think for a moment that he was trying to sell them to his mate, the butcher of Moscow. And we know he never read all the way down a single sheet briefing note, let alone a 10 page report on nuclear weapons. Did he think he was going to be short of toilet paper? Does he have a colonoscopy planned?

I am entering my eighth decade and we are having a party. Unfortunately, it appears I am now popular and Heather has invited 80 people, despite the fact that I can only remember around 20 names. In the UK, I can get away with 'mate' and 'love' but here I am going to get arrested or slapped. Happy birthday from the Land of the Free.

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Tales from the Pump

Young Kevin was almost running when he came into the bar. 'Grumpy – I'm dying for a pint', he gasped. I like Kevin. When I say young I guess he must be over 30 but that's young compared to most of my regulars and he did enjoy a pint of real ale, albeit the hoppy IPA sort. 'If you've got something worth dying for, you've got a reason to live,' says Lizzie, gazing philosophically into her half of Stella. I passed Kevin his pint of Golden and he glanced over to Lizzie, 'Certainly true where this pint is concerned,' he agreed.

I gave Lizzie an appreciative nod. 'Nice one Lizzie – I'll add that one to the best thought provoking comments of the year list.' Gary, the car dealer, chipped in, 'I hope you've got my beauties on that list.' 'Not sure I have, Gary,' I said doubting that words of wisdom had passed his lips as often as his pints of San Miguel. 'If the brakes can't be fixed, make the horn louder' and 'If a car goes at the speed of light, would the headlights work?'



Knowing Gary was a sensitive soul under that brash exterior I told him I'd think about it and that he was in a good place because half the people he knew were below average.

Then Roger, the bank manager, asked if I'd got 'Borrow money from pessimists – they don't think they'll get it back' on the list and I had to ask him if he was a pessimist as I was a bit short of cash. He replied, 'Not really but I do get a bit depressed at times.'

Lizzie passed her glass over for another half and gave Roger a sympathetic look and said, 'Depression is anger without the enthusiasm.'

I poured her half and said 'Wow! Lizzie that's a second today for the list.' She eyed me thoughtfully. 'You know Grumpy, 99% of pub landlords give the rest a bad name.'

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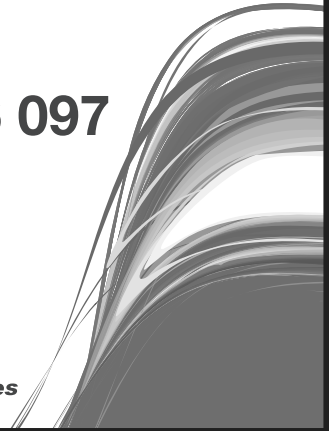
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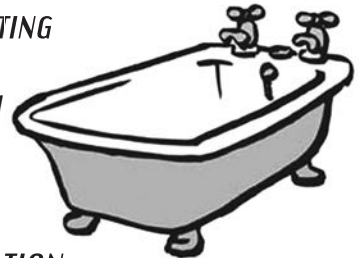
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The Festival 2022 ended on a high note and once more we had exceptional support from the people of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton who enjoyed a day of art, music, culture, and fun. (I now look back fondly at the rain we had on the day.)

The Art Exhibition started the festival off showcasing the wonderful talents of the parish's local artists – professional, amateur, young, and old. Many pieces were sold, including a painting and a drawing by two Ukrainian girls.

The church was again taken over on Saturday morning for the Children's Festival - a creative wonderland for the youngsters which included an array of fun-filled events and activities for families. Thank you to the PTA for their superb café with all the delicious goodies one could wish for.

Deddy Car Fest roared into action at noon to celebrate all things automotive – vintage, new, fast, and very very fast. Car Fest allowed many delighted passengers, ranging in age from eight to 82, to whizz through the local lanes in the car of their dreams.

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This wonderful community Festival could not exist without the hard work of our small committee and the help of a fab team of volunteers. A big thank you to them and to our generous sponsors and the local businesses who support us.

After many years of great fun and hard work organising and staging Deddington Festival, the committee has decided that this year will be our last. We would love to hand over to a 'new guard' for 2023, so ask that anyone interested in forming a new committee contact me. Many thanks.

Elli Ince, Chair
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As Deddington basks in the heatwave this summer, the Windmill continues to flourish with a range of bookings at our excellent facilities, including children's parties in the Lookout, a series of training courses for Deddington Health Centre staff in the Studio, cricket going on outside, and parties and gatherings in the Main Hall and Hempton Lounge. One highlight of the summer was again hosting Deddington Primary School and their school production – a rousing performance of *High School Musical* over three nights in considerable heat. The Windmill was delighted to work with the school to provide the venue for the event and we are grateful to our regular users for being flexible with their activities to allow this to happen.

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The Windmill Management Committee are all volunteers in helping improve your facility in your community. If you have some time on your hands and want to put something back to allow us to develop the Windmill Centre, then get in touch with me and let's see how you can get involved. The Windmill Management Committee has some emerging ideas but we are always open to fresh ideas and new faces to help us make the Windmill an even better place in your local community.

Vaughan returns to his regular *DN* slot next month after a well-deserved family holiday in August.

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LAST WORD

Peter Terry 1929–2022

Peter was born in Shipston-on-Stour on 16 April 1929, the only child of dairy farmers, Stanley Richard and Ruth Lizzie Terry, in the village of Pillerton Hersey.

Early school days were spent in Stratford but shortly after the outbreak of WW2, when his father was called up and his mother was working for the War Office, boarding school in Sutton Coldfield became his home. The only thing I remember him telling me about this period was that he used to climb out of his bedroom window to catch the bus to Birmingham to attend concerts.

He developed an enthusiasm for aviation and built model aeroplanes, travelled to watch and record as many aircraft as possible and became a first class spotter. At the age of 14 he cycled to RAF Defford, then one of the most secret places in the country, where airborne radar was being developed. Unsurprisingly he was arrested, then shown all the aircraft at close quarters before being sent on his way. When he visited us for Christmas 2019 we were able to take him to the RAF Museum at Croome Park where RAF Defford was located, the first time he had visited the site in 76 years.

On 29 April 1945 back in Shipston, he witnessed a young lady fall off her bike and was so smitten that he wrote an endearing letter to his future mother-in-law, requesting that he might take her daughter to a small entertainment at the Plaza cinema. Unsurprisingly, aircraft often featured in outings. When hop-picking together, apparently my mum did all the work whilst my dad lay on the grass with his binoculars watching aeroplanes. Their wedding in Shipston seven years later, had to be delayed as my dad was in Egypt with the RAF and they finally tied the knot on 25 August 1952.

In 1947, as soon as he escaped school, my dad joined the RAF. His new life began with a routine of advanced button and floor polishing, painting coal white, and all sorts of other strange activities which were supposed to turn an 18 year old into an efficient flying machine.

Flying training under the auspices of instructors from Bomber Command was followed by advanced training on fighters. Fighter Command was not where he wanted to be and he was very happy to head to Lincolnshire to fly heavy bombers including the massive B-29 Boeing Superfortresses, on loan from the Americans.

In 1953, whilst at Millom, Cumbria, and not known for his singing prowess, my dad took part in a revue where he and his mate Ralph performed as the Cistern Brothers in a sketch from *In Town Tonight*, a popular radio programme of the day, hence the choice of its theme tune, *Knightsbridge March for the Processional* music.

My dad considered himself lucky to have had so many opportunities to fly and rub shoulders with the finest pilots, but after 10 years and postings to 19 bases across the UK, it was decision time – either advance his career in the service, which would mean taking a desk job or move to civilian flying. His log

books show that in February 1957 he was assessed as an exceptional pilot and his determination to keep flying meant he chose the latter option.

He spent many nights acquiring the necessary qualifications and my mum even learnt Morse code, as the signallers in his squadron couldn't send it slowly enough for him to practise. Consequently, he became one of the few pilots in the RAF with the highest level of civilian qualification. All this hard work paid off and he immediately joined Silver City Airways flying regularly across the Channel with varied passengers and cargo including racehorses and even monkeys.

At this time my parents were living in Folkestone and I was born on 1 February 1961. There we stayed until a medical problem in 1964 brought my dad's flying career to an abrupt end. After a brief return to Sutton Coldfield to work for the family paper firm, we moved to Deddington, home for the next 56 years.

The ideal job had come up as a flight simulator instructor at Kidlington Airport and a few years later he became head of department which involved the selling and installation of flight simulators across Europe, Africa and the Middle East until his retirement in 1992.

As a family we had many days out and holidays driving through the UK and Europe. There are thousands of slides and prints documenting every trip he made for work or fun. His great interests were photography, military history, church architecture, classical music, current affairs, natural history and he was an avid reader.


He could turn his hand to nearly anything – DIY, drawing, fettling cars and was immensely pleased to have been able to put a super charger in his Riley 1.5 in the 1960s. One notable exception was plastering – his only attempt resulted in him uncharacteristically getting so frustrated he threw the plaster at the bathroom wall, and fell off the ladder breaking two ribs. In his retirement he made beautiful hand-painted military models and spent nearly four years as part of the local map group researching, producing and hand colouring the Deddington parish millennium map which is displayed in the centre of the village.

He loved the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and it seemed particularly serendipitous that just before he died the Red Arrows passed directly overhead.


He was tremendously supportive of me and it was an unexpected bonus when Roger and I got together and they were able to share their mutual love of aviation, regularly exchanging emails and articles. He adored Malika and was immensely proud of her achievements and loved hearing about her horse.

Completely selfless and devoted to my mum, he cared for her throughout her illness even to the detriment of his own health. Particularly in recent years after my mum died, the telephone calls, letters and visits from his dear friends and family were a source of pleasure and he was grateful for all the care and support given by Nonto and latterly the staff at Featherston House.

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FROM SUZANNE ALLAN, DEDDINGTON
THE HERMITAGE GARDEN

A big thank you to all those who came and gave so generously to the garden opening on Saturday 18 June. £450 was raised for Lawrence Home Nursing which was miraculous considering what a damp, chilly day it was.

I am most grateful to: the generosity of the visitors; the wonderful ladies from the Lawrence Home Nursing fundraising team who served the teas and baked cakes; also my gratitude to friends who baked cakes and those who offered help. Special thanks to Lesley Milroy who sat at the gate in the intermittent drizzle for most of the three hours; and importantly to Stella O'Neill who very kindly lent me the attractive teacups and saucers.

Lawrence Home Nursing was started by a Chipping Norton doctor who wanted to help terminally ill patients die at home should they wish. The charity exists entirely on voluntary donations and legacies. The professional nurses who come to care for the dying and give succour to their families are superb. The charity is trying to extend its reach to Deddington and Bloxham areas.

FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION COMMUNICATIONS TEAM, KIDLINGTON

We have launched our latest Police Officer recruitment campaign, 'Realise your Potential', aiming for people who want to make a difference in their community, are passionate about helping people and who also want to realise their own potential within a policing career.

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FROM PETER WALSH, CLIFTON

I was surprised by our esteemed correspondent, Martin Bryce, referring to me as 'the Father of the Village'. That title has a lot of hidden meaning.

That honour should really be awarded to Sid Drinkwater. He has a few years on me and I am just an immigrant from Rousham. Sid's family goes back into the mists of time or even before then. Indeed I understand that his relatives were responsible for the demise of the dinosaurs in this part of the parish. This could be true as I haven't seen any Tyrannosaurus rex but, I have it on good authority, that Drunken and Highway have a few in human form. I could be wrong.

Our redoubtable Clifton ladies who cajoled, bullied and generally pushed the Clifton community into organising a really superb day for our little part of this green and pleasant land to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee did a wonderful job. Indeed it is said that, if the hordes from Drunken and Highway were to invade our little paradise, they would woman the barricades and send the invaders fleeing back to the Oddy Arms, the Lion, Tuns and, if it ever opens again, the Uni, to lick their wounds and mutter into their glasses. We thank them for it. Seriously for a moment, I would like to thank them for their efforts: Mr Bryce for the photos from his new toy, Russ, Pippa, Tim, and all the pub staff. It really was a lovely day. It seems that Clifton can be a community after all. The village does suffer from a degree of separation between Walnut and County, plus ever-increasing traffic. This event proves it is possible to overcome this.

FROM JO DRAKE, KENT

A service to celebrate the life of Norman Drake, who died on 13 April, is to be held on 8 September at Deddington Church at 2.00pm. There will be refreshments at Deddington Arms from 3.00pm until 5.30pm.

Like many people, because of Covid Dad didn't have the full church service and wake that he had planned, so in order for his eulogy to be read and friends and family to celebrate and remember Norman, we are doing this, later than originally planned.

The date has been chosen as it would have been our parents' Diamond Wedding anniversary. We very much hope you can join us on this special day.

We are delighted to announce that the Cambrian Male Voice Choir will be performing, travelling from Norman's home town of Tonypandy, Rhondda, especially to sing at Norman's service.

FROM JULIE WESTLEY, CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES, DEDDINGTON CHARITY ESTATES

Thank you to all, especially our residents, for your patience during the refurbishment of the almshouses' listed windows, expertly carried out by Holdsworth Windows. A fresh coat of paint will see the job finished. The windows will then be in perfect condition to exclude drafts and damp for the coming winter. Drop by to have a look when you are passing.
deddingtoncharityestates@gmail.com

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LETTERS *Continued from p21*

FROM DAVID ROLLASON, BANBURY

In the July *DN* the editor apologised to all contributors subjected to the slash of the pruning knife. Elsewhere on the Letters page the editor responded to Albert Humphries who had questioned the relevance of Postcard from America. The editor stated that it is the *DN*'s policy to print everything printable that it received. Obviously not in this instance.

If any article needs to be spiked or retired for good it should be Mike's literary sketches of the USA. Over the years these snapshots of American pie have been insightful but surely the *Deddington News* should do what it says on the tin and report on news in the parish. To put it another way and, with apologies to the Proclaimers' *Letter from America*:

Nevada no more, Nebraska no more, Texas no more, Ohio no more.

FROM ROB FORSYTH, RBL BRANCH CHAIRMAN
The Falklands Remembered

The Deddington RBL Branch will be holding a Poppy Appeal fundraising event in the church on Saturday 5 November. Two then 19 year old paratroopers, Mark Hunt and Yanto Evans (now a Banbury resident), who became lifelong friends after being buddies in the Falklands War, will recall their experiences, answer questions and talk about how RBL has supported them. Fifth of November is a very appropriate night – gunpowder! Get it? So, if you are not involved with bonfires and all that, please come along for a glass (or more) of wine and a very interesting evening. Full details will be in the advertising sections of the October *DN*.

BLISSFUL THINKING



I hope you read this, having endured the long hot summer of '22 and, like me, come out of the other side with a new found wisdom and appreciation for the wonders of convection and bug shields (thanks to Dan Desmond).

One of the finer things in life in the place of Dae-da's people is encountering genuine wildlife on one's

doorstep. From the frantic badger charging towards then hurriedly away from me to the fox kipping on the compost heap, more amusing brushes unfold all the time, like the frog on my dog's foot or the local bats flying their synchronised Red Arrows formations. The sight of muntjacs bouncing merrily through the cornfields would warm the cockles of even the bitterest seadog's heart.

Finding myself outside the locale one weekend recently though, I came across something new. Well, not so much 'came across' as something new followed me: a black cat. Cats don't normally pay much attention to me except when fleeing from me chasing away their attempt to defecate in my garden, but this young feline made a beeline for my ankle and demanded some attention. It was a hot day, and its fur felt hot. I felt it would probably prefer to shelter under a jalopy, and departed after a few ear and head rubs, but a few yards down the road and it emerged again to demand more fussing. It was only after it finally went its own way that I pondered on whether this gothic puss was a good or bad omen. Can an omen ever be good? I like to think it was a portent of forty days of rain. See you after the flood.

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Cover picture — Compton Verney

Picture by Alison Day

The watery image on this month's front cover is the lake set in the 120 acres of landscaped grounds of the 18th-century country mansion that houses the Compton Verney Art Gallery.

The six permanent collections focus on 16th-century Germanic art, 17th-century Neapolitan art, British portraiture (featuring Tudor royals and paintings by Sir Joshua Reynolds), Chinese bronzes; British folk art and the work of 20th-century textile designer Enid Marx.

If none of those capture your fancy, the gallery also features temporary exhibitions such as the one devoted to wood carver Grinling Gibbons, which ran from September 2021 until this January. Showing next month (October 2022) are 70 mainly 18th-century portrait miniatures, which were a bequest from the estate of Betty, Lady Grantchester, one of Britain's richest women who helped her father build the Littlewoods empire. She died three years ago (2019).

There is also a changing calendar of events from Christmas markets and light spectaculars to interactive happenings such as Crossings by British artist Luke Jerram, which finishes this month (September) and involves 30-minute audio trips on multiple rowing boats.

If that does not float your boat, the lake itself is used for organised open water swimming. The lake, set within a landscape designed by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, is stream-fed and is regularly tested for water quality.

Compton Verney, near Kineton, also offers classes, workshops, and learning experiences for schools, families, and adults. The house was used by the Army during the Second World War, but fell into disrepair until it was bought and rescued by the Compton Verney House Trust in 1993.

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Friends of Castle Grounds

I am sure lots of people are enjoying the Castle Grounds in this wonderful weather. I have seen numerous families having picnics, taking advantage of the canopies of the magnificent trees. In this very dry weather, please remember to pick up all rubbish, especially bottles, as these are a fire hazard. If the bins are full, please take your rubbish home with you. Also a reminder that barbecues and fires are not allowed. A new dog poo bin is going to be installed in the near future; would you like to sponsor this? Plans are in place to install some owl boxes in the autumn.

A lot of dead wood has been left around the site and we're hoping this will encourage wildlife. There is a new sign for Castle Grounds by the traffic lights which is attracting visitors. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful area in the village so please help us to keep it special for all of us.

Carol Garrett
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HOLLY TREE CLUB

We held our AGM on 8 August and said a big thank you to three committee members who have now stepped down and welcomed two new members who joined us recently.

The club continues to grow in number. Coffee mornings are well supported. Lunch club is proving popular though we would love a few more attendees.

In October we have an invitation for afternoon tea at Glebefields in Banbury and to see the completed extensive renovations. More details soon.

Age UK will return to the Holly Tree Hall for film showing on the second Thursday of every month at 1.30pm, starting on 13 October, £2 entry to include tea/coffee and biscuits. This is for anyone over 50, not just Holly Tree Club members. The first film will be *Fisherman's Friends*. Please come.

We hope to have an outing in November and are already thinking about a Christmas lunch.

Julia Cork
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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

In memory of Farmer George, Chris and his family ran an excellent version of his excellent wildlife tours of the farm.

Twenty or so of us were sitting on hay bales on trailers to tour the farm while Chris explained with passion and knowledge the sustainable approach the farm is following in bringing us our 'daily bread'. A recent survey identified 41 species of bird on the farm, the second highest in the region; that will be improved surely with the planning of bird seed producing plants in a government initiative. Two-and-a-half hectares of managed grassland gives the bees a boost; the farm still keeps 70 hives. A return to 'culturable' farming methods looks to reduce the use of herbicides where possible. It was a fascinating way to spend a few hours and I recommend you attend next year.

Apart from that excitement, things are pretty quiet around here, except the Clifton Golf Club got off to a good start but has fizzled out. However, the Clifton Flying Club has re-taken off impressively but in strictly alphabetical order. Some of us can't wait until it gets back to K.

Now a medical procedure is booked, the Book Club looks forward to getting a long lost member back so, while golf is looking bad, all else is looking up.

Martin Bryce
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DAEDA'S WOOD

The Wood is looking lush and green with the River Swere fairly full. Where trees have toppled, the Woodland Trust has tidied the area, leaving the brush to be colonised by insects.

Our local community is usually brilliant at disposing of rubbish and dog poo in the bins provided. However, please would smokers put their dog-ends in the bins as well as I fear it might encourage children to take up the habit if they spot them lying around.

Annette Murphy
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THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Theft of Domestic Oil

With the rising in the cost of living, there have been recent attempts to steal domestic heating oil from tanks due to its increased value. We are asking all homeowners to remain vigilant and to offer the following crime prevention advice:

Install an alarm on your heating tank to alert you of a dip in oil levels – this can alert you from indoors or when you are out through your mobile. Make sure you display a sign above the tank to warn thieves that your tank is alarmed.

Put gravel around your tank to make the area noisy so that it deters thieves and draws attention when any attempts are made.

Try to hide the location of your tank through adding walls or putting plants around – all concealments must

comply with OFTEC fire safety recommendations. Please see: <https://www.directwatertanks.co.uk/product-guides/oil-tank-installation-oftec-requirements>.

Lock up your tank with a good quality all-weather padlock and give the code to your fuel supplier for delivery access.

Install CCTV to monitor your tank and show a visible deterrent to thieves.

Install security lighting to brighten the area as many thieves strike in the darkness of night.

If see you any suspicious activity or wish to report a theft call us on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

**Samantha West (Police, Administrator,
Cherwell LPA)**

UKRAINE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone in Deddington parish who continues to support the appeal to help the displaced people of Ukraine and the Ukrainian military. Your donations of food, toiletries, baby milk and women's sanitary products have been extremely warmly welcomed and I would ask that you keep those donations coming as the war is still raging and more and more people are being killed and being driven from their homes, a situation getting worse every day.

Our local heroes continue to distribute aid to dangerous war torn areas, helping local people, some who live just 100km from the Russian/Ukraine border and who live under the threat of missile attacks. Please give generously, leaving food, toiletries and medicines on the table in the Living Room at the back of the church. Eagles have kindly agreed to house a donation box in their shop or drop off at Maunds Farmhouse on High Street. Thank you.

Jenny Soddy 01869 338298
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<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fynn-ukraine>

Church Bell Tower Open Morning

The Church Bell Tower will be open to visitors on Saturday 24 September, farmers' market day, from 10.00am to 12.00pm, when visitors will be allowed to see the bells, watch them being rung and take in the amazing view of the village and the surrounding countryside from the tower roof.

Please bear in mind there are over 100 steps up a narrow spiral staircase to the top, so sensible footwear must be worn and, due to insurance constraints, children under eight years of age are not permitted.

The tower contains a set of eight bells, six of which are known to be some 230 years old. The original six bells were requisitioned for making weapons by King Charles I in the 1640s and were not replaced until 1791. The other two bells date from 1946 and were donated to commemorate the duties of the Deddington Home Guard during the Second World War. The bells are rung on Sundays and at practice times, as well as for weddings and funerals and other notable occasions.

Colin Cox 01869 337486
Deddington Church Bell Ringers



DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we start the new academic year, we hope you all had an enjoyable summer.

The end of last term was busy as always. Our *High School Musical* production was wonderful. The children performed to a very high

level, always being inspired by Alicia and Seb. The singing, acting and dancing were terrific. Thank you also to all who attended the performances.

On 19 July, we had a 'Dare to Dress Differently Day' organised by the PTA to raise funds for school. The children looked great in their different dresses, tops, shoes, painted nails and hair styles ... We had such a fun day and it helped us to deal with the intense heat. Thanks to the PTA for organising this.

The extremely hot weather towards the end of term 6 was tackled with a water fun run which all pupils joined in. The children cooled down and shared lots of laughter.

Denise Welch
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Deddington Parish Show – Saturday 3 September

Just a reminder that there are lots of categories available, whatever your skill base. Check out details of the programme and entry forms on the many posters throughout the village and online, <https://www.deddington.org.uk/community/parish-show>. The closing date for entries is Wednesday 31 August. On Saturday 3 September all entries should be delivered to the church between 9.00 and 10.30am.

The Show will be open to the public between 2.00 and 3.45pm when trophies will be presented and the raffle will be drawn.

Deddington businesses have been extremely generous with raffle prizes so a £1 ticket might win you a meal for two, a voucher for Cedar Therapy, the Flower Shop, Steve Miller Hair Salon and many more prizes. All proceeds from the Show go to local good causes.

Refreshments will be available with plenty of home-made cake. We look forward to seeing you.

Parish Show Committee


Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

We finished last term with parties and, at Nursery, a graduation ceremony for the children moving on. Thank you to everyone for supporting these events and for your lovely gifts and messages. We were sad to say goodbye to Deedee and Sam who are moving on to pastures new and we wish them well in their new roles. We welcome Shrene who joins us as our new Business Manager.

September brings the start of a new school year and we'd like to extend a very warm welcome to the children and families joining us this term. We hope everyone settles in quickly and encourage you to ask us if you have any questions.


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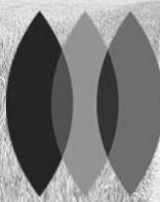
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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington and District History Society

At our June meeting Mark Davies gave us a talk on *Alice in Waterland*. When Henry Liddell, Dean of Christ Church found that Charles Dodgson, better known by his pen name Lewis Carroll, was a master of the new art of photography, he contacted him to take some college photos. A close friendship developed between Dodgson and the Liddell family. Outings on the Thames became a way of cementing this bond and Mark demonstrated this with references to Dodgson's diaries.

Dodgson and his friend, Robinson Duckworth, rowed the three Liddell girls on the Thames and he told stories and Duckworth sang to pass the time. After one of these trips Alice suggested that Dodgson write down the stories which led to *Alice in Wonderland* and later *Alice Through the Looking Glass*.

Mark looked at possible real characters and places that inspired Dodgson. It was a fascinating look at the waterways around Oxford and how they led to the writing of two children's classics.

Gareth Richard
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Photographic Society

Steven Galvin gave a fascinating talk about natural history. He focused on how he tries to enhance his composition to give a less formulaic image. We saw flora and butterflies but very few birds, except an owl manipulated with software into a more pleasing background. By passing on his techniques, Steven gave us ideas to improve our own images.

Steven uses focus-stacking to ensure pin sharp images from front to back and some of the technical data showed as many as 100 images stacked into one. Steven ended with safari shots from Southern Africa, where images of elephants were captured from a sunken hide by a waterhole.

August gave us a look at wonderful prints by Andrew Marker who spoke about his route to becoming a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society. The work that goes into making a panel of images is an interesting process. Andrew eventually settled on a set of minimalist images of Santorini buildings, proving how many shades of white there are.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7 September to listen to Peter Greenway talk about taking images for book covers. If you would like to join us, we meet at 7.30pm in the Adderbury Institute.

Our annual exhibition will be in the Adderbury Institute on Saturday 3 September from 10.00am–4.00pm. Entry is free and there will be refreshments.

Anne Hunsley
www.addphoto.co.uk

Deddington Bookworm

Our July book was *The House by the Lake* by Thomas Harding, about the lives of five families who lived in the house from it being built as a holiday home in Berlin

for Thomas Harding's grandmother. She was forced to leave in the 1930s fleeing to England as the Nazis swept to power. Harding returns in the summer of 1993 with his grandmother to see it one last time. Beautifully written, everyone agreed it was a fascinating look into the lives of the families and their experiences during the war years and beyond. We highly recommend this and many of us will be reading *Hanns and Rudolf*, the previous book by this author.

In August we read *Anatomy of a Scandal* by Sarah Vaughan, a sophisticated tale of power and status from a woman's perspective. The story centres around the Oxford colleges, law court processes and the politics of today, where privilege and background will allow you to socially climb, until you get caught taking what is not yours. The book is well written with unexpected twists and intrigue.

Most of the group enjoyed the book and found it gripping with the moral of the tale being that your secrets will come back to haunt you the higher you climb.

DeddingtonBookworms@gmail.com

Book Group

We enjoyed James Rebanks' *A Shepherd's Life* when it was our group choice a few years ago. His latest, *English Pastoral*, also draws on his own experience and is a thought-provoking plea for sustainability in farming.

Rebanks reflects on the traditional methods used on his grandfather's farm and traces the development of modern, intensive food production. His love for the land is clear from his lyrical descriptions of nature and powerful arguments. He acknowledges that the changes are a consequence of the financial interest of big business and the pressure to feed the nation at the cheapest price. However, factors such as greater use of chemicals and monoculture crops are damaging both the soil and the interdependence of farming and nature. We need to find a balance between economic needs and protecting the land, nature and wildlife. Returning to some of the old ways, crop rotation and mixed farming for example, may create a richer inheritance for future generations.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 29 September. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for details.

Sian Waterman

Local Vocals Community Choir

We meet on Mondays at 7.30pm during term time in Deddington Primary School Hall. Our choir starts again on 12 September and we are looking forward to those endorphins kicking in. Our new repertoire is yet to be revealed but it will include the legendary Bohemian Rhapsody. If there are any budding Freddy Mercurys out there do get in touch.

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

Alison Grieve

SPORT

Deddington Cricket Club

Our Firsts are currently the side in form in their division, having won their last four games and sitting third. Close wins by only a few runs have made things interesting, with some fine performances by some of our younger and newer members which bodes well for the future.

The Seconds have been on the other side of some equally close games and are not competing for promotion but, as ever, the spirit in the team remains good and it has been great to see several new players show improved performances as the season has gone on.

The Women's section has been strengthened by new members. We regularly see 15-plus at Friday training sessions. They currently sit mid-table.

The Derek Cheeseman memorial game on August Bank Holiday Monday has become a cricket festival day. The final games in early September will be followed by our awards event and then plenty of work on the cricket square which will need a lot of care after such a dry, hot summer, so that we are set to go again next April.

Simon Oldfield
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Deddington Original Golf Society

DOGS visited Hill Valley Hotel and Golf Club, Shropshire, for the last weekend of July. Everyone enjoyed it. Unfortunately, our first round on the Sapphire Course was a little damp but gamely won by Steve Brown, followed by Dave White. The team prize was won by Dave Stewart, Lyn Talbot and Ralph Stewart. Next day we played the Emerald Course in much better weather and with a similar result – Steve winning followed by Dave. The team prize was won by John

Dauphin, Lorna Brown, and Tony Herring. Our overall winner of course was Steve with Dave runner-up and nearest the pin prizes going to Dave Stewart and Steve Brown. Our Deddington émigrés, now living in Devon, returned home heavy-laden with prizes and our thanks for joining us from so far afield.

Our Texas Scramble at Feldon Valley on 26 August with the famous Alex Moss barbecue in Keith Spengler's garden in the evening will have taken place by the time this *DN* is published. DOGS final event of 2022 is at Wychwood Golf Club on 23 September and, as ever, guests are welcome to join us for the day.

Nigel Oddy
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Deddington Town Youth Teams

The Club is seeking a new Welfare Officer for the 2022/23 season. The role is to ensure managers and coaches maintain their duty of care towards children and young people, including making sure that DBS checks are up to date. More information about it and our safeguarding policies can be found on the Club website. If you would like to apply and find out what is required, please contact us via cwo@deddington-townfc.com or contact me.

Youth football returns on 3 September with teams in nine age groups, under 6 to under 16. Home matches are at the Windmill, Deddington Primary School and Fritwell School. In the next two months we will be consulting our stakeholders to produce the FA Accredited Club Development Plan. If you want to get involved to help shape our future, please contact me.

Let's hope the Lionesses Euro 2022 win acts as a springboard for greater investment in football for girls and women in the future.

Roger Sykes, Development Officer and U7/U6 Coach, 07899 914425

YOUTH

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

The fine weather meant that we were able to spend most evenings outside, lots of games including a boules tournament. We finished the term with a picnic at the Windmill – great fun!

Paul Honess deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

We finished the term with our usual summer camp at Horley. We were able to take the minimum of kit with us. The Scouts cooked all their meals on open fires and we reacquainted ourselves with the cast iron camp oven in which they cooked home-made pizzas – the first were a bit crispy but we got the hang of it. Burgers and jackets were also added. They spent much of the time up trees, playing football, having water pistol fights and also went for a hike. We would like to say goodbye to those Cubs and Scouts who have left the group, to new homes or new schools and some to Explorer units. Good luck to you all, it was a pleasure having you.

Pete Churchyard
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1st Deddington Guides

We had a successful summer camp near North Aston, thanks to Will, Christie and James Taylor.

We had super weather and a wonderful time cooking outside, collecting water from the farmhouse, playing in the woods and stream, hiking and exploring, making dream-catchers, completing challenges and playing all sorts of games.

The Guides became very good at making rope swings and even their own zipwire. Two Guides, with help from their friends, made a brilliant shelter and were brave enough to sleep out in it. Getting up to watch the sunrise is always a highlight, although the cloud rather got in the way this time. But making chocolate steamed pudding is also a highlight ... and that didn't disappoint. Thank you to everyone who helped us; see you all at the beginning of September.

Maggie Rampley 07957 600755
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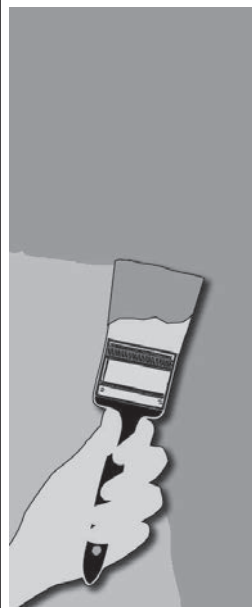
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