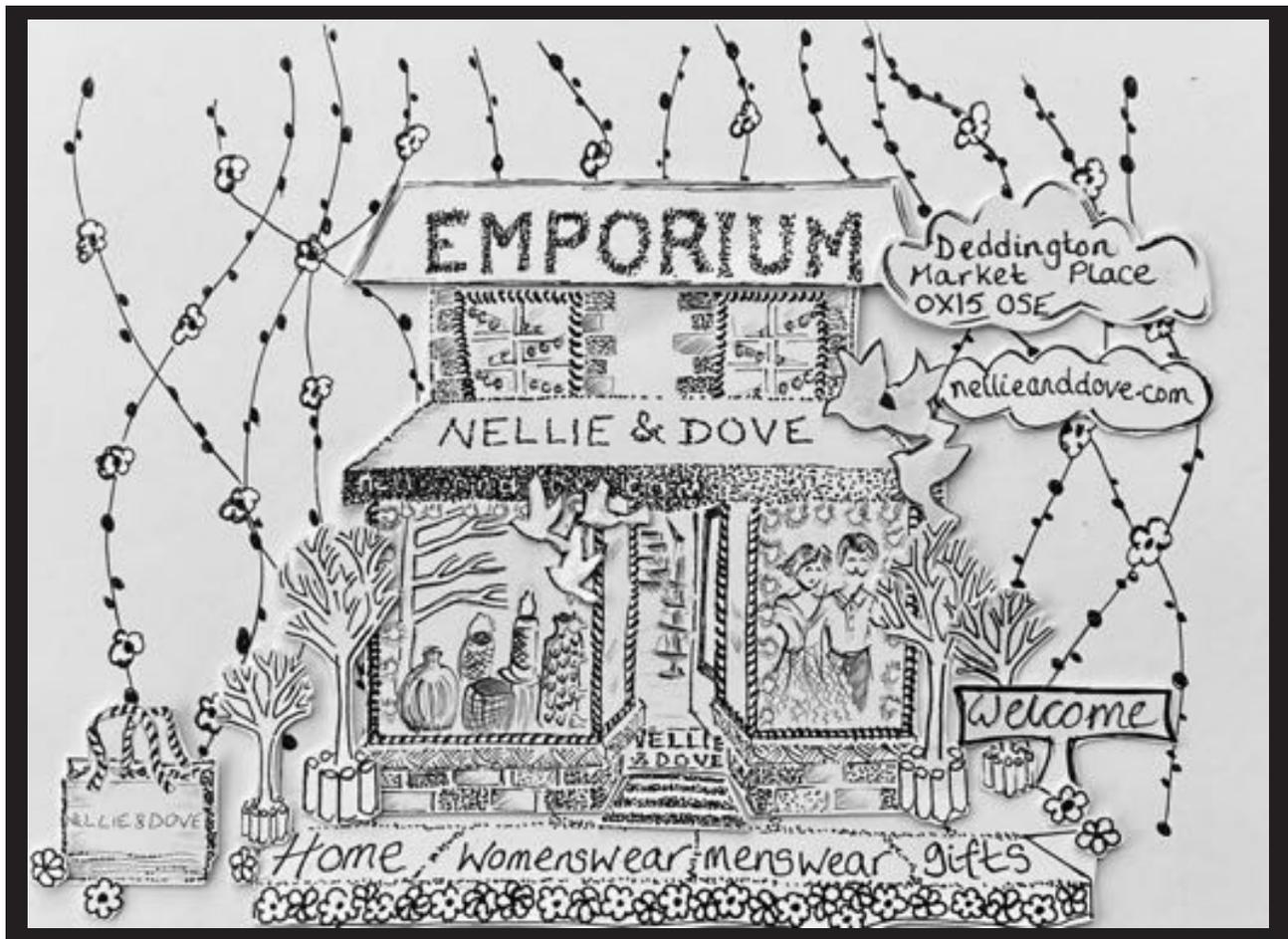


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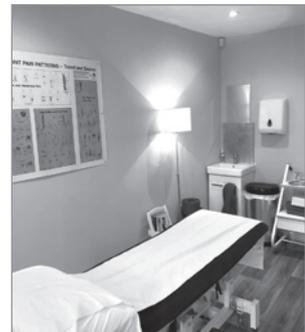
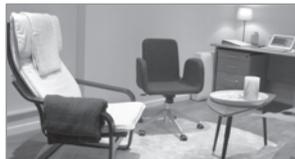
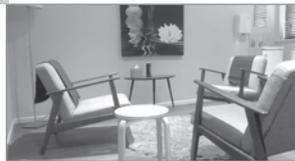
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# The DEDDINGTON NEWS

Whether monarchist or republican, it is hard to believe that any Briton will not recognise a personal loss at the death of Queen Elizabeth: the absence of a reassuringly strong, calm, positive presence, embodying a wonderful determination to get on with the job without fuss. As we face a world increasingly unstable, both climatically and politically, her unifying selflessness will be greatly missed and we are in her debt.

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## WHAT'S ON

### October

- Tue 4 Deddington Environment Network: Hedgehog talk, Deddington Arms, 7.00pm  
Wed 5 Photographic Society: The Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm  
Sat 8 Art Exhibition: Cotswold Room, Deddington Arms Hotel, 9.00am–5.00pm  
Sun 9 Art Exhibition: Cotswold Room, Deddington Arms Hotel, 10.00am–4.00pm  
Thu 13 Holly Tree Hall: Monthly Film, *Fisherman's Friends*, 1.30pm  
Sun 16 Deddington Players: Pantomime Auditions, Windmill Centre, 2.00–4.00pm  
Sun 16 Music in Adderbury: Alasdair Beatson, piano, Parish Church, 6.00pm  
Wed 19 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm  
Thu 20 History Society, 'Oxfordshire People in the Spanish Civil War', Liz Woolley, 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  
Thu 28 Book Group: Contact Sally Lambert for details, 01869 338094  
Sun 30 Music in Adderbury: Adderbury Ensemble and Viv McLean, Parish Church, 6.00pm

### November

- Wed 2 Photographic Society: The Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm  
Sat 5 RBL: Poppy Fundraiser, 'Falklands Experiences', Yanto Evans and Mark Hunt, Parish Church, 6.15pm doors open, talk 7.15pm  
Sat 5 Neil Skinner's Poppy Week Lighting in Church until 13 November  
Thu 10 Holly Tree Hall: Monthly Film, *The King's Speech*, 1.30pm  
Sun 13 Music in Adderbury: Barbican String Quartet, St Mary's Church, Adderbury, 6.00pm  
Wed 16 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm  
Thu 17 History Society: 'Corruption, Ceremony and Celebrity': The Honours System', Tom Crook, Primary School 7.30pm  
Sat 26 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm  
Sat 26 Photographic Society: Pop Up Shop for Katharine House Hospice, Living Room, Parish Church, 9.00am–12.40pm

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## IN MEMORIAM HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

### FLORAL TRIBUTE

Evening will come, however determined the late  
afternoon.  
Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearly in  
September mist.  
I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of  
thanks,  
Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant  
globes.  
A promise made and kept for life – that was your gift –  
Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to  
some,  
Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.  
The country loaded its whole self into your slender  
hands,  
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.

Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark  
Munros.  
Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower  
Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained  
Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each  
inflorescence  
A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day  
Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks,  
and  
Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots,  
This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose  
brightness  
Holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom.

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The parish formally recognised the death of Queen Elizabeth II in various ways.

On the night of Thursday 8 September a bell was tolled 96 times to mark the Queen's death. The bells were rung half muffled for the special Sunday service in memory of the Queen on 11 September.

A further special service was held on 18 September, the evening before the funeral, with the bells again rung half muffled. After the service some 80 people joined Revd Annie by the Union Flag on the Market Place green to observe the national Moment of Reflection.

On Monday 19 September the bells were rung again half muffled from 10.00–10.30am, an hour before the funeral at Westminster Abbey.

Residents of the parish were invited to sign a Book of Condolences located in the church. Flags flew at half mast on the church tower and on the Royal British Legion flagpole on the green in the Market Place.

There was one anomaly in the mourning flag protocol. While the nation mourned the death of the Queen, a new monarch succeeded her immediately on her death. To mark King Charles' accession, at 11.00am on Saturday 10 September, flags flying at half mast throughout the nation to mourn the Queen, were fully raised as the Primary Public Proclamation was being made from St James's Palace in London.

This historic event was observed in Deddington by raising the Union Flag on the Royal British Legion



flagpole on the village green to full height, with the chairman, Rob Forsyth, proclaiming 'God Save King Charles III and his Queen Consort -Camilla'. Simultaneously the flag of St George was raised to full height on the church tower.

Some have wondered why it was not the Union Flag. As a Church of England church, and while not mandatory, it flies the English flag; similarly Presbyterian Churches in Scotland – whose faith King Charles was required to pledge to the Privy Council to preserve – often fly the Saltire and as do Wales and NI with their nations' equivalents.

It was perhaps appropriate that these actions were carried out by three holders of military commissions, granted by Queen Elizabeth II; at ground level were Lord Andrew Green, a Second Lieutenant in the Army before joining the Diplomatic Service and Rob Forsyth, a former RN Commander.

Unseen behind the parapet at the top of the tower – and considerably above ground level – was Iain

Gillespie who, most appropriately, was formerly an RAF Squadron Leader.

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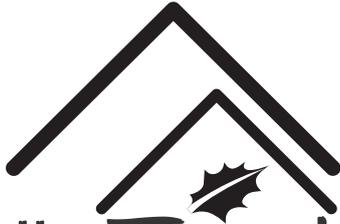
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## POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

I just got off a call with one of my American colleagues, and, as with most of these calls this week, the opening was, 'I wanted to give you my commiserations on the death of Her Majesty'.

Americans are obsessed with the monarchy, and like me, they wonder if King Charles is going to mess it all up. I don't know how many times I have been asked what I think about the TV programme *The Crown*. They never understand my reply – 'drivel'. I was presenting a webinar when the announcement of her demise came through and I got a lump in my throat for sure. It was obviously a mistake looking at my phone. I had to explain to the audience why I had paused and then the lovely American lady I was presenting with started sobbing.

So why do Americans look so positively on Her Majesty? The first issue of course is that we all know she did a great job, as a figurehead and as an emotional leader. Obviously, she didn't always get it right: some people have asked me about how Princess Diana's death was handled and, even though Megan Markle is an American TV star, I think most would take the Queen's side in that strange debacle.

One of my tennis partners hit the ball on the racket when he said that in America there would never be this kind of outpouring of grief for a President. They have been envious that we have had a great lady as our 'leader', despite the fact that 246 years ago they were desperate to get rid of King George. Meanwhile

the Trumpster is in his castle in Florida counting his mounting legal troubles and fuming that he has not been invited to the funeral. There was nothing he liked more than mixing with the rich and famous but his favourites were the dictators and ultimate rulers.

There is one thing the Queen and I had in common, an inability to retire. I just checked my calendar as I reach for my Friday evening cocktail. I had 38 meetings this week. The problem with online meetings is that they lack humanity, it is very difficult to tell what people are thinking, and nearly impossible to develop a relationship. I always ask my employees how much yard work they did over the weekend and how the kids are doing, then someone says, 'Can we get on with it?'. This is where the crazy American work ethic, overlaid with the move to home working, means that communication and motivation break down.

Tomorrow I will be searching my garage for my Union Flag and hanging it from the balcony of our house. Most Americans think that their country is the best in the world. I don't feel that way about any country, everywhere has good and bad characteristics. One of the reasons that America is in such turmoil is that they don't understand history, and reliance on facts has broken down. But right now, I do understand one thing, Elizabeth was the best Queen any of us will ever know, and most Americans are jealous of us.

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With such a difficult year weather-wise for gardeners, we expected fewer numbers and a lesser quality of flowers, vegetables and fruit. However, we still had a good showing in these sections, evidence of the time and dedication put in to produce them. The Committee was delighted at the support of this event, both from the many exhibitors and those who came to look and admire, and to enjoy the teas and stalls. Again, we are very grateful to all our helpers, furniture movers, stewards, tea teams, runners and, of course, our judges as well and to Annie for allowing us to use the church. We are pleased to report that we achieved our highest profit so far which will be donated to local charities. The trophy winners were:

*Welford Cup for Cookery* – Winner Anne Bishop, 2nd Jenny Jeffries, 3rd Jen Cox  
*Marianne Elsley Cup for Flowers* – Winner Katie Palmer, 2nd Valerie Bird, 3rd Sarah Liebrecht  
*Oliver Hawes Cup for Vegetables* – Winner Brian Palmer, 2nd Mark Ryland, 3rd Andy Wheeler  
*SS Peter and Paul Cup for Fruit* – Winner Sarah Liebrecht, 2nd Mary Holden and Peter Ayles  
3rd Wendy Burrows, Valerie Moyses, Hal Eriksen

*John Cheney Art Cup* – Winner Stephen Waterman, 2nd Ken Wilkinson, 3rd Wendy Burrows

*Stella Marmion Craft Cup* – Winner Adele Sullivan, 2nd Meriel Flux, 3rd Kate Petty and Jane Emery

*Farmers' Market Cup for Photography* – Winner Bill Jeffries, 2nd Lucy Squires, 3rd Meriel Flux and Jane Emery

*Show Champion Gardeners' Cup* – Winner Brian Palmer, 2nd Mark Ryland, 3rd Anne Bishop

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*9–11 Years* – Winner Jay Cox, 2nd Meredith Horner, 3rd Amelia Tong and Edward Eriksen

*Show Champion Maureen Forsyth Cup* – Winner Jay Cox, 2nd Constance Broadwood, 3rd Harry Tong and Isabella Horner

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## FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

It is lovely to see so many children having fun in the Castle Grounds, with the cut logs being made into circles and stools. The three bins at Castle Grounds are due to be changed soon and the Friends are looking to sponsor one or two of them. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a bin please let us know. The large metal spike down by the badger setts has been removed. Thank you to whoever made walkers aware of the hazard by placing a poo bag over the top.

The ground is still very hard but please be careful

walking the grounds when it does start to get wet, especially by the badger setts where the footpath is eroding. During autumn we will refurbish the benches and continue the battle with the saplings. Autumn seems to be early this year so come and enjoy the changing aspects of the site and the wonderful colours of the leaves. Help us keep this site safe and enjoyable for everyone who takes time to visit.

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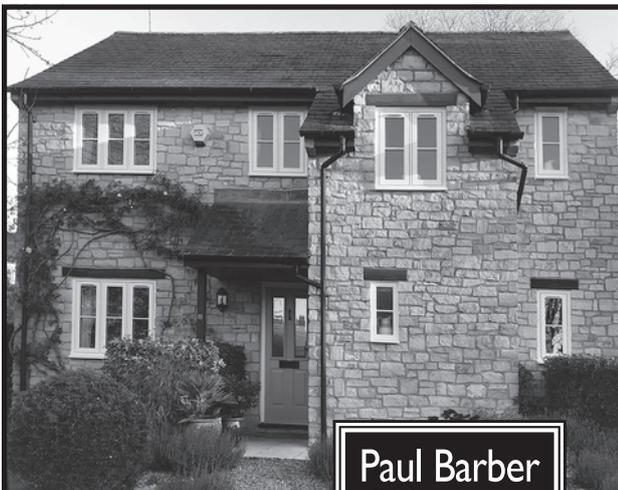
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 Wed 10.00am Holy Communion  
 Thu 9.30am Tea + Toast and Squiggles and Wiggles

Sun 2 10.30am Holy Communion  
 3.00pm 3 O’Clock Family Service  
 6.00pm Choral Evensong  
 Sun 9 8.00am BCP Communion  
 10.30am Holy Communion  
 6.30pm Baby Loss Awareness Service  
 Sun 16 10.30am Holy Communion  
 Sun 23 10.30am Holy Communion  
 Sun 30 10.30am Holy Communion (All Saints)

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Sun 16 9.00am Holy Communion

#### Barford St Michael

Sun 9 9.00am Communion, St Michael  
 Sun 16 10.30am Family Service, St Michael

#### Barford St John

Sun 23 9.00am Holy Communion, St John

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar, Revd Annie Goldthorp at [vicar@deddingtonchurch.org](mailto: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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Litter and litter bins say a lot to the outside world about whether we care what our villages look like – and a lot of ours are pretty tatty. We have 31 bins across the parish and estimate at least 14 urgently need to be replaced.

Some, like those in Horsefair and Castle Street, date back to the 1980s and carry details of businesses long gone. Some are open to the elements and prove tricky for the stewards to empty when the contents are wet and soggy. Some, especially those on the Market Place greens, are constantly full to overflowing, with contents spilling out.

So the Parish Council is on a mission to replace the grotty ones and we're looking for local businesses and organisations to help cover the cost by sponsoring a bin. The idea is that sponsors pay a one-off sum of £400, which covers the plaque, installation and maintenance, while the PC will own the bin and be responsible for routine emptying.

The dark green plastic bins will be hooded and lockable, with either fixing bolts or ballast for stability. There will be a self-adhesive A5 panel which will display the wording 'Bin sponsored by XXX' for simplicity and uniformity. We plan to install all the new bins at the same time, probably in early 2023.

We're working with two local businesses who are

behind the project and there's considerable interest already following the brief mention in last month's *DN*. If any business, organisation – or indeed individual – is interested, please contact me or the Parish Clerk by the end of November.



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### COVER PICTURE – BATSFORD ARBORETUM

Picture by Chris Day

The Mitfords keep popping up in our cover page stories about places worth visiting within 30 miles or so of Deddington. This time they appear in the story behind the 56-acre Batsford Arboretum just outside Moreton-in-Marsh.

The Mitford connection begins with the Mitford sisters' grandfather, Algernon Bertram Freeman-Mitford, who became the first Lord Redesdale in 1905. He developed the arboretum after inheriting the estate in 1886. He had travelled widely in Asia and brought to the garden the Chinese and Japanese influence that is still evident today, as seen in our cover picture showing the rill flowing below the Japanese bridge.

Mitford built the artificial watercourse which runs down the western side of the gardens as well as a hermit's cave, rockeries, a thatched cottage and the Japanese Rest House complete with rooftop dragon to ward off evil spirits.

After his death in 1916, the estate was inherited by David Mitford, the second Lord Redesdale and father of the Mitford sisters. He lived in Batsford Park along with his wife Sydney and seven children until 1919 when the expenses of running the estate forced them to sell up.

The estate was bought by Gilbert Alan Hamilton



Wills, later the 1st Lord Dulverton and chairman of Imperial Tobacco from 1924 until 1947. His son, the second Lord Dulverton, Frederick Anthony Hamilton Wills, died in 1992 and left the arboretum in the hands of Batsford Foundation, a charitable trust that owns and runs it to this day. The house that can be seen from the arboretum was bought back into the Wills family from the foundation and is the private home of the current Lord Dulverton.

The arboretum, overlooking the Evenlode Valley, contains nearly 3,000 trees representing more than 1,500 species from all over the world.

Spring offers displays of flowering bulbs, wild flowers, cherries and magnolias. In autumn the display of Japanese maples ranges from glorious gold to remarkable reds and salmon pinks. Next door to the arboretum is the Cotswold Falconry Centre.

Green-thinkers can rejoice that the arboretum's visitor centre boasts that it is made from sustainably grown and sourced timber. A ground source heat pump provides underfloor heating and used water is recycled to supply the plant centre. Best of all, British sheep's wool insulates the building.

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## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

After the Book Club says goodbye to Andy and Pauline, we welcome Peter Beament and Louise who have moved in. As an ex-construction director, Peter, has built a few of the notable modern buildings in Oxford, as well as a local supermarket and rugby club, of which he is a key member, rugby being a passion of his. This latter means Pete excludes himself from occasional football conversations but, when Alan is able to return to our ranks, he'll find Pete a fan of League too.

During his induction, tales of previous Book Club trips were reeled off, as recounted in prior issues, and tell of an upcoming cultural trip to the Cowley Road where the history and cultural diversity of the area will be fully investigated and discussed (*as well as the interiors of all the pubs, I expect – Ed*). This is planned for early October so new members will be welcome to join us.

The pages of this organ will be full of tributes to the only Queen all of us have ever known but as she died on a Book Club night, fittingly glasses were raised and tributes paid to Elizabeth the Great.

Other news is the keen support Lower Larkrise has for the upcoming PC proposal for 20mph limits through the parish, since the growing traffic nuisance is a factor for many here. The white deer still remains elusive to good photography but still graces our countryside as the army of dog and Homo sapiens walkers will testify.

The investigation into the failure of passport control for the recent beer festival has revealed the low character of the guard on duty at the key moment, who just felt so sorry for the Candleford visitors who complained, 'Nothing like this ever happens back home'. Few of us object to that finding.

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## FROM THE FIRE STATION

Pleasantly at the tail end of summer with a crispy lawn and wilting plants we found ourselves busy with more than 60 shouts over the last two months, including a number of standbys and fires, traffic collisions and humanitarian assistance events. On those two hottest days, being told by the media how to apply suntan lotion and sit in the shade, we were called out to a couple of fires in full sun and burning stubble but certainly weren't rushed off our feet. However, for the following two weeks we found ourselves attending more field and wild fires than we usually would.

Several incidents saw us fire fighting for extended time periods. Field and straw bale stack fires need constant monitoring. Field fires find us damping down and beating the flare up areas, often working in conjunction with the farmer ploughing fire breaks to prevent the flames spreading to surrounding areas and buildings.

Fires in stacks of straw bales, due to their size and intensity, often require damping down the immediate area and keeping watch until the stack can be pulled apart slowly, allowing the fire to be treated in smaller portions and the dry unburnt fuel to be removed safely before it, too, ignites. Such fires will often take several days to burn out and have to be monitored constantly. Crews are therefore rotated which obviously leads to tying up precious resources. Not all these fires are accidental, so please be careful with naked flames and make sure all incendiaries are fully out before disposing of them.

We needed to cover Bicester station on five separate occasions in a single 24-hour period, which taxed our usual good humour. Nevertheless we managed to provide valuable assistance to the ambulance service in helping move a casualty from their front room into the waiting ambulance.

The crew attended a familiarisation visit to London Oxford Airport in case we are called to provide



support at an emergency there. This offered close inspection of fuel depots, roads, RVP points and aircraft hangars. However, as we are always available, even while at drill or training, the visit was cut short by responding to a traffic collision involving leaking fuel just outside Hopcrofts Holt – working with Thames Valley Police to mop up the spill. Our visit was therefore cut slightly short.

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## GEORGE COGGINS' SCRAPBOOKS

For some time, David French has been researching and transcribing the scrapbooks of George Coggins, held in the Bodleian Library in Oxford. Coggins was born in Deddington in 1846, a carpenter's son. At 14 he was working as a solicitor's general clerk and qualified as a solicitor when he was 30. He practised in Deddington for more than 40 years until his death in 1920. His scrapbooks provide a remarkable insight into Deddington life during the second part of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th. The following article, gleaned from Coggins' scrapbooks, is included this month in recognition of the end of the local cricket season. **CD**

### Deddington Cricket Club

Apart from hunting, the preserve of the gentry, the only organised sport in the parish during the 1850s was the 'manly' game of cricket. Matches were played on the Castle Ground, courtesy of Samuel Field, the town's leading lawyer, who apparently held a long-term lease from the owners, the Dean and Canons of Windsor.

Although there are records of a cricket club in Deddington since 1835, the *North Oxfordshire Monthly Times* for August 1849 carried the following report. 'We are glad to see that the game of Cricket is not yet quite an extinct amusement at Deddington. Our players have just commenced practising in the Park Ground (Deddington House), which has been kindly lent for that purpose by the Rev W Cotton Risley. Although the season is now too far advanced to admit of a match being made with any of our neighbouring clubs, we do not despair of again seeing them in the field, and this fine and manly game again flourishing in our town'.

The press reports, with detailed scores usually subjoined, indicate that the Deddington Club had a busy schedule of fixtures during much of the 1850s. Home and away matches were played with various other clubs in the district, including Oxford, although a considerable number of the matches were between scratch teams selected by individual gentlemen for the occasion.

In several years cricket matches were organised as part of the attractions at the annual flower show, which was often held on the Castle Ground.

A popular event was the annual match between the married and the single, adjourning afterwards to a Deddington hostelry. In its report on the match in September 1851, the teams being called the Benedictines and the Bachelors, the *Oxford Journal* noted that the game 'caused a good deal of excitement among the numerous spectators – the ladies more especially appearing to take the liveliest interest, and ever and anon expressing their delight most enthusiastically'.

Samuel Field was one of the principal supporters of the Club. In the early 1850s he was its president. In November 1851, the club members presented him with a handsome engraved silver chalice, capable of holding two bottles of wine, for allowing the free use of the Castle Ground 'now for many years past' at a dinner held at the Unicorn Inn. The account of the proceedings in the *Banbury Guardian* occupied a whole column on the front page of the paper. The numerous speeches, toasts and responses, interspersed with songs, which were made after the removal of the cloth, were reported verbatim. At the invitation of Mr Field, to immense cheering, 'the cup was accordingly filled with Port, and due justice done to its contents'.

At the AGM in April 1852, the Club, which had about

30 patrons, agreed to engage a professional bowler from Nottingham, jointly with the Banbury Cricket Club. It was reported that in the centre of the Castle Ground, 'a dead level of many square yards has been laid down, the surface is of the finest quality, and the drainage perfect'.

In November 1852 the affairs of the Cricket Club were thrown into confusion by the sudden decamping of the honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr Landon, a young doctor, with the funds of the Club. To make up the loss, members agreed a levy of five shillings and upwards, but there are no further reports of cricket matches involving the Deddington Club in the Oxford and Banbury newspapers for the next three seasons.

In August 1856 the *Oxford Journal* reported: 'We understand that this manly game is likely very shortly to be revived with considerable spirit at Deddington'. By June 1857 the Club was able to report 50 members, who were drawn from the principal gentry and clergy of the neighbourhood, rather than merely from Deddington. Samuel Field was treasurer. 'The members meet for play every Monday.'

Interest in cricket was not limited to the gentlemanly class and, in March 1859, a Park Cricket Club was formed at a meeting at the Red Lion Inn. Farmers and tradesmen appear to have been well represented on the committee.

Cricket matches were not necessarily without incident. At the beginning of a match between Deddington and Souldern on the Castle Ground in September 1859, a rabid dog suddenly appeared. 'As a bite from a mad dog was anything but desirable, each one began to look out for himself, and the playing ground was in a few seconds deserted.' One of the Deddington players stunned the dog with his bat; the animal was then shot and buried on the spot. 'The escape of all from the fangs of this rabid animal was truly providential, and none can so well appreciate it as those who were in such imminent peril.'

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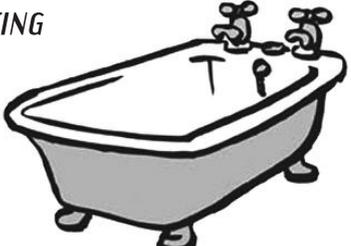
 

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## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Hempton Sun Flower competition champions 2022 are the Churchyard grandchildren with a beanstalk-like growth reaching a dizzying 160cm (5'3"). The competition raised a total of £36 towards Hempton church funds and the Red Cross Ukraine Aid appeal. Growing conditions were challenging, given the hot weather, and many entrants were unfortunate to have their plants peak too early.

The Friends of Hempton Church and Old School Room will hold their AGM on 7 November in the Old School Room. This is a public meeting and any resident with an interest in Hempton's only community amenity is welcome. There are opportunities to become a committee member, including the post of volunteer committee secretary. Meetings last an hour or so and take place three or four times each year.

Hempton's church was a popular venue on the annual Ride and Stride event of 10 September. Numerous visitors commented favourably on the quality of refreshments as compared with offerings in other venues. The cakes were made and donated by village residents. Perhaps the event should be renamed the Bake Off! Proceeds of the event are divided equally between Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and St John's church.

The eagle eyed among us may have noticed slight and intermittent dribbles of white paint along the carriageway through the village. This was not a new impressionist turn by Banksy or trail markers laid down by some obscure group. You may have deduced that the trail leads in the direction of Deddington, based on it lying close to the verge on the north side of the road.

The trail starts in Chipping Norton at the exit of the double roundabout on the A361 where the initial deposit covers half the carriageway and continues in diminishing sized splashes and longer intervals all the way through Hempton to Deddington where the trail finally goes cold. Whether the paint ran out or the vehicle completed its journey I don't know. I assume the owner was a bit miffed to discover the empty tin.

We found a partially effective traffic calming solution for reducing speeding through the village: peas! After completing more than a million miles in the service of its owner over the past eight years, a truck towing a trailer load of peas thought the junction of St John's Way and the main road was an appropriate venue to give up the ghost and grind to a halt at about 7:30 in the morning. Whatever malady affected the vehicle it needed to be towed away. The peas continued their journey towed by a replacement tractor but it was 10.15pm before recovery turned up and our driver was finally hauled back to the Devon/Cornish border at a cost of more than £7,000. He had started his journey at 2.30 that morning. I assume he was an owner driver and his income must have suffered a severe blow as a result of the episode. He may have taken some consolation from the kindness of a local resident who plied him with drinks and snacks during his 15-hour ordeal.

Peas Galore! I am quite fond of a helping of peas as I imagine are many other Hempton residents. A whole trailer load, however, is beyond our capacity for

peas and most of the load would probably rot before we could fully capitalise on the plunder. Compton MacKenzie had a much better idea; with luck, or perhaps piracy, the next vehicle to expire in Hempton will be laden with the amber nectar.

Alas, peas are probably not a realistic traffic calming solution. That same evening a village resident broadcast an SOS when confronted by a vehicle which had ignored the give way signs and blocked the way through the restriction, refusing to give way. The impasse was resolved with the help of a contingent of Hempton vigilantes, before other motorists held up by the conflict organised a lynch party.

The Watney's sign (apologies to any real ale enthusiasts) would make a handy gibbet. That would deter automotive transgressors of the law, hanging the culprits' rotting corpses at various points through the village. In a subsequent incident the offending driver exclaimed he 'just followed the car in front and did not notice the give way signs'. I think this is was a euphemism for, 'I was driving without due care and attention'. Note: my copy of the OED describes a vigilante as 'a member of a self-appointed group which undertakes law enforcement in their community without legal authority, typically because the legal authorities are thought to be inadequate'. When are we going to get the promised traffic monitoring programme?

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I go on, 'Running a pub needs a lot of multitasking including cellar work, food prep, cleaning, accounts, staff management, and remembering names. Having managed to build my grumpiness to a fine art I can get away with forgetting names. Customers think it's just part of my grumpiness. Being grumpy allows me to get away with lots, John'.

He smiles at me, 'Another pint of Guinness, Grumpy, and my name's not John'. He continues, 'Still I bet you are happy that you have less competition with The Unicorn and Deddington restaurants closed'. I give him my steely look, 'Absolutely not – people



often think that pubs in the same neighbourhood are at each other's throats. It's simply not true. We know how tough this business is and help each other out when needed. Also if all the businesses are well run and successful it attracts more people to Deddington and everyone benefits. There are too many closed pubs right now, Kevin, and if the energy price rises aren't sorted out there will be a lot more.'

'My name's not Kevin and I've been thinking about ideas for you to get round the energy price rises, Grumpy. No lights – just candles would give a really nice romantic atmosphere along with log fires for heating, perhaps with a stand for kettles and charcoal barbecues for food'. 'You know what, Roger I think you might have the germ of a really good idea there', I say, 'and with no chillers I guess your warm pint of Guinness would go down really well?' 'Hmm', he says, 'Perhaps not ... and my name's not Roger.'

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## LOCAL BOY DONE GOOD

For years we've been tracking the meteoric rise in the musical world of local boy, Alex Soddy, from fundraiser for the local church, to head chorister at Magdalen School, through Cambridge and years of opera house apprenticeship to return guest conducting in the major European houses and the New York Met.

His UK debut was in 2018 when he conducted Britten's *Midsummer Night's Dream* at ENO. After several delays due to Covid, last week he made his Royal Opera House debut conducting Richard Strauss's *Salome* – the Old Testament tale of Salome who took mad, bitter revenge on John the Baptist for rejecting her amorous advances by demanding – and then lusting over – his head on a silver platter.

So there we were, the mostly septuagenarian Deddington groupies, some with walking sticks and wondering where the nearest loo was. In memory of the royal patron, Queen Elizabeth II, the audience was invited to observe a minute's silence and then sing 'God Save the King', with the EIIR monograph on the heavy stage curtains blacked out.

*Sound of Music* it was not, the music is difficult, tightly wound but building to an ecstatic, erotic, swirling climax which left us all in stunned amazement. And what did the press make of it? The principals usually hog all the coverage and the Swedish soprano, Malin Byström justifiably had the headlines.

But what of our local boy? Just as at Alex's debut conducting *Salome* in Vienna in 2020, when critics likened him to the legendary opera conductor, Carlos Kleiber, the 2022 press were equally ecstatic:

*The Guardian*: 'When he [Soddy] reached the final scene, he allowed the pace to slow, and the dissonant lyricism and searing nostalgia that surged out of the pit were simply breathtaking. This is wonderful Strauss conducting, and a most auspicious debut.'

*Daily Express*: '... the unusual combination of instruments ... gloriously brought out by Soddy's thoughtful interpretation and the orchestra's commitment .... The overall effect was outstanding.'

*Bachtrack*: 'The Orchestra of the Royal Opera House was on imposing form, and so too was Alexander Soddy, a British conductor making his house debut, having conducted almost everywhere else. ... His return to Covent Garden should not be too long delayed.'

We've waited patiently for Alex to return to conducting in the UK. Let's hope we don't have to wait too long again. Though to judge by his appointment diary, we'll have to be patient again ...

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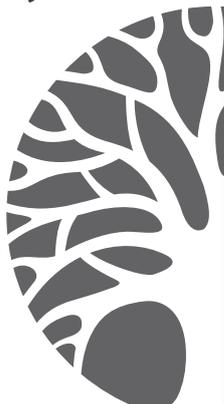
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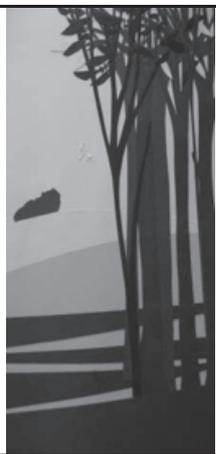
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## LETTERS

FROM BRIAN AND ANTHEA WOOD, DEDDINGTON

For balance, can we say how much we appreciate and look forward to Mike Ward's 'Postcard from America'? Mike, a school governor, and Heather, a parish councillor, were both active in Deddington before they went to the States. It is interesting to hear how people we knew react to a different environment. Please continue the articles.

FROM LESLEY MILROY, DEDDINGTON

The inclusive editorial policy of our excellent monthly magazine is very clearly stated, not for the first time, in the September issue. While contributions are not censored unless they are offensive, the editors note a fairly recent but persistent tendency to object to particular content.

I suspect I am similar to many readers in not being equally enthusiastic about all contributions. Indeed, I find myself skipping particular pages on a regular basis and moving on to items which interest me, exactly as recommended by last month's editor. Since not everyone agrees on what is interesting/uninteresting it seems much better than censorship.

Such an editorial policy has the potential to engage readers in the culture wars we hear so much about. A great many people of all kinds – writers, politicians, voters, teachers, academics, and just ordinary folk – are caught up in a process where division is created and spreads, opposing groups becoming larger and more vocal. People are forced to come down on one side or another of a conflict, the nature and purpose of which is often unclear. Consequences can be serious, particularly in our universities where calm debate of contentious issues has become difficult and sometimes frightening. The rather splendid term 'schismogenesis' (only recently discovered, by me at least) describes this process.

We have been here before. In the middle of the nineteenth century Matthew Arnold produced a series of political discourses under the title *Culture and Anarchy*. Debate on the issues he raised there is of a kind familiar to observers of the culture wars and continued at least until the 1950s. But what is different now is of course the development of digital communication systems such as social media. In a general way, these systems encourage people to write and react quickly and unreflectively. Divisiveness is reinforced as people rapidly group together in 'liking' (or not liking) particular contributions.

I certainly don't expect all readers to agree with these comments. Some readers may think I am talking rubbish or that this letter should not have been published and has nothing of interest for anyone in Deddington. But remember – there is nothing to stop any one of us simply turning the page.



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FROM SIR FRANK DAVIES,  
DEDDINGTON

According to the minutes of the July parish council meeting, the leaflet circulated by Deddington Development Watch in connection with the recent Neighbourhood Plan consultation was criticised as containing 'extreme views'.

The leaflet itself made a number of constructive comments, emphasising the need to protect local open spaces from the prospect of development. This is in line with DDW's aim of supporting sustainable development and discouraging inappropriate unsustainable development.

It is questionable whether advocating the protection of valued green spaces or our heritage can reasonably be characterised as representing 'extreme views'. The apparent lack of tolerance of differing views, typical of the 'cancel culture', even on green issues, is unfortunate.

FROM THE PARISH CLERK  
*In response to a letter from David Macey asking why the PC is funding security for the Remembrance Parade*

Essentially the RBL is no longer allowing its clubs to take on the responsibility of running a Remembrance Parade nationwide. I believe this was down to a number of serious injuries to people attending the events and the liability was too much for the individual clubs to cover.

Last year the PC took the decision to carry out this function and was able to get a grant from the County Council for £1,000 for training, road closure mapping, street furniture and manpower to be at the road closure points which is a stipulation of our insurers.

We are intending to pay less this year as we have purchased the street furniture and now have two qualified people within the parish who hold the correct qualifications to organise the event. I have asked for a quote for manpower for the road closure points (St Thomas Street, Hudson Street, Horsefair, Castle Street and Tays Gateway) to be considered as it would only be our second year of doing this and was unsure if we could use our own personnel. The £600 is therefore the money that I have potentially available should there be no other option.

I hope that this answers your question and you are assured that we are taking every responsibility to look after our parishioners for this important event.

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What do ballet, Pilates, phonics, AgeUK and martial arts all have in common? They are new classes now regularly available at the Windmill. After the nightmare that was successive lockdowns, it's great to see nearly all our pre-Covid groups back up and running, together with these new and very welcome additions.

Senshi Martial Arts Kids' Classes are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5–6pm, Phonics Bear – a fun introduction to letters and sounds for pre-school children – holds classes on Tuesdays at 9.30am. Also on Tuesdays, AgeUK meet for 'Strength and Balance' sessions at midday. On Wednesdays from 9–11am there are two new Pilates classes run by Gisela Payne.

Last but not least, we are delighted to announce that the Oxford School of Ballet, established in 1978, has chosen the Windmill as its new home for lessons in North Oxfordshire. Classes for all ages and levels are held on Fridays from 3–8pm.

There is no doubt that these five new groups are wonderful additions to the already extensive range of activities available at the Windmill but we want more. In fact, we want much more. So get in touch if you need a venue for your club, society or organisation. Bring us your ideas. I'm sure we can help. Let's make the Windmill an even more vibrant hive for social and community activity than it already is.

As always, you can get information about how to hire the Windmill for your private use as well as how to join any of the regular clubs and activities that operate from there, including the new ones mentioned above, at [www.thewindmillededdington.org](http://www.thewindmillededdington.org) or on our FB page. Happy October!

**Vaughan Jones**  
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## DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

As we bid summer farewell, I would like to thank all the Community Volunteers who have worked with me to keep Deddington Library not just running smoothly but thriving, as we hosted the annual Summer Reading Challenge – a reading-based activity for children – to encourage not just reading but reflection and assessment of the books they read. Participation in the challenge saw a ten-fold increase on 2021 and generated a real buzz.

This year, we have also welcomed two new Digital Volunteers to help with digital offerings such as e-books, PressReader, the British Newspaper Archive

and Ancestry and we also welcomed a further Home Library volunteer to the team. In so doing, we have boosted our capacity to interpret what the library has to offer. So, if you have been thinking about embarking on an Ancestry project during the autumn and winter or would like to learn how to access e-books or use our IT equipment for research purposes, please pay us a visit or book a dedicated insight session with one of our volunteers.

Looking forward to seeing you in the library soon.

**Louise Willis**  
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## ASK THE NUTRITIONIST

### **Confused about sugar?**

As the nights draw in and we embrace autumn and winter, you may find you are tempted towards making more sugary food choices.

You're probably already aware that sugar isn't beneficial for health and studies show that it is a major contributing factor to many serious diseases including cancer, heart disease, autoimmune conditions and Type 2 diabetes, to name a few.

It's common to feel confused by sugar as we know excessive consumption has negative effects on our health. Where the confusion lies is that the effects of sugar depend on the context.

For example, fruits have become demonised because of the blanket belief that sugars are bad and so the same must apply to fruits, which contain fructose. However, this isn't the whole picture. While research shows that fructose can cause harm when consumed in excess, there is not enough fructose in fruits, and vegetables, to cause concern.

I personally don't advocate removing all sugars as there are different types. Fruits, vegetables and rice produce a certain amount of sugar in the form of carbohydrates which doesn't make them 'bad'. Carbohydrates are an important food group which the body needs for various key functions and they should form part of a balanced diet, in appropriate proportions.

The sugars to be mindful of are the highly processed sugars: white sugar, high fructose corn syrup, corn syrup and corn sweetener, maltodextrin and rice syrup, dextrose and sucrose.

You don't need to worry so much about fresh produce. It's the ingredients in processed products you need to keep an eye on.

If you're concerned about sugar intake, a good place to start is to eat primarily natural produce with processed foods only making up a very small part of daily food consumption.

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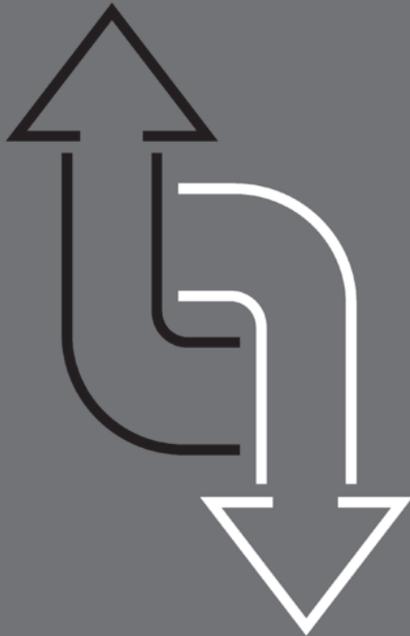
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## BLISSFUL THINKING

As the spirit of autumn emerges from the mist of late-afternoon twilight on horseback, apparently tipping its hat to passing strangers but actually removing its entire head (consisting of a pumpkin with carved arch eyes and rictus grin), we can look back on a summer eventually encapsulated by the British people's very favourite obsessions: the weather and queuing.

The staggering waiting in line in the capital was probably to be expected, given the death of a monarch the overwhelming majority of us alive in the country have only ever known to be on the throne. Aside from the personal loss many feel, new money, stamps,

the national anthem, almost anything that has some kind of royal crest or seal being amended to reflect the new head of state, one would think there will also have to emerge a new collective narrative in the teeth of multiple crises.

As for the extreme weather, the rains did finally come but the drought has not become drench just yet. Right now the Clifton flood plains may seem like a distant memory but I'm sure the Dedderglades will return in time for Santa. Happy Hallowe'en spooks!

**Aaron Bliss**  
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## PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are now back in school enjoying the beginning of Term 1, as we welcome new F1 children starting their school life with us. They are already getting used to daily routines and making us smile as they settle into school life so quickly and positively.

All classes are starting new exciting topics of work and the pupils are enthusiastic and fresh in their approach to new learning. The children have been enjoying the playground and the school field, with all year groups now playing outside together at the same time.

We are looking forward to these special autumn terms, with our Harvest Service taking place in the church very soon.

**Denise Welch**  
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## 'ROXY' AT THE HOLLY TREE HALL

Film screenings are back at the Holly Tree Hall, thanks to AgeUK. All over 50s are welcome to attend. Films will be screened every second Thursday of the month from October to March in the Holly Tree Hall at 1.30pm. They cost £2 for an afternoon out, including a cuppa and biscuits. (That's probably cheaper than an afternoon at home over this winter!)

The programme is as follows:

13 October – *Fisherman's Friends*

10 November – *The King's Speech*

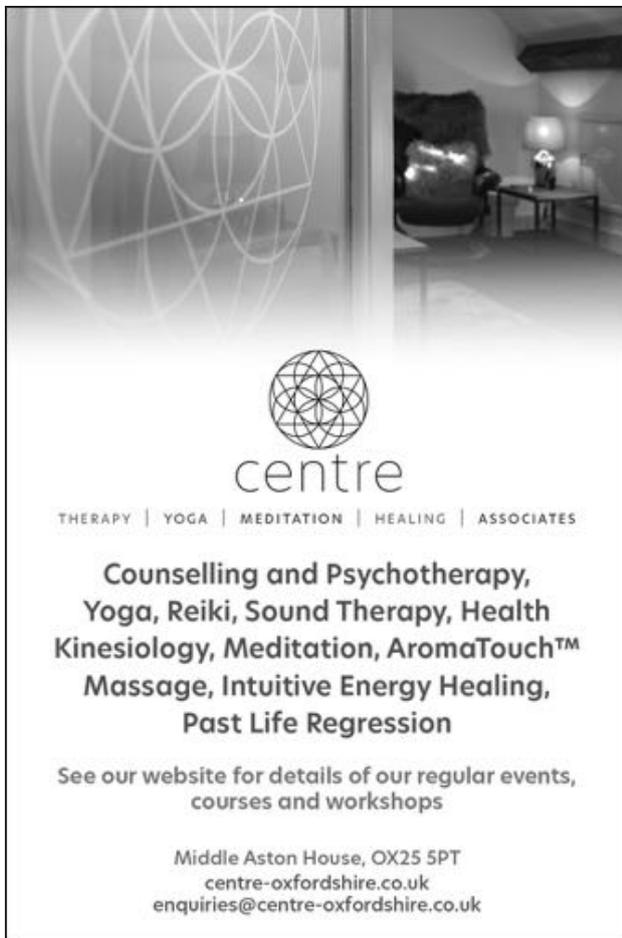
8 December – *Elf*

12 January – *Ladies in Lavender*

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As we mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II, our longest reigning monarch, our heritage is very much foremost in our minds. I am therefore very pleased to say that the British Library has accepted Deddington Parish Archive's application for an up-to-date version of the History website to be harvested regularly and archived in the local history section of the Library's digital UK Web Archive in perpetuity.

This is a source of great relief to the Parish Archive team who have been concerned for some time that the hundreds of articles – amounting to well over a thousand pages of our history created over the last 21 years – might just fade away from public awareness over time, along with the online register of physical documents stored in our Windmill Centre facility. For those who wish to find out more about the UK Web Archive please see the link on the History website's Home Page.

In celebration of this important happening the website has a new logo, as you can see, and a new email address should now be used to contact me and for all website, archive and general history queries.

**Rob Forsyth**  
editor@deddingtonhistory.uk

## CALLING ALL CLUBS

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### Royal British Legion

The committee's efforts are focused on preparing for Poppy Weeks which now encompass collecting in Adderbury, following closure of their branch. We would welcome more help with this. Please contact me if you would like to do so.

We will have our usual poppy stall on the Co-op green at the farmers' market on 22 October and will also be selling tickets for our poppy fundraiser event on 5 November in the church, when ex-paratroopers, Yanto Evans and Mark 'Zip' Hunt, will talk about their Falklands experiences and being members of the Red Devils parachute team. Full details for this can be found in the advertisement in this edition.

**Rob Forsyth, Chairman**  
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### Photographic Society

Peter Greenway talked about his journey into the world of image libraries and how this led to specialising in book cover work. It happened by a chance meeting with a very well-known photographer, Tony Worobiec, who asked, 'Have you sold your images to an agency?'

The agency business has several sections, 'Stock photography', for the supply of specific images with a plethora of agencies. Next are the likes of Adobe and then the 'big boys' such as Getty Images, Trevillian and Arcangel. You hand over management rights to them, they exclusively market and promote and limit use to one per licence with a 50/50 royalty split. It's a brutal process with an acceptance rate of only 13–15%. Peter finds he can sell rejected images to Getty on a non-exclusive basis and some have sold well. His greatest success to date is his full-page image of St Mark's, Venice. You get paid for every country in which the book is published. Variety is key to image libraries so you could well have something to sell. On average Peter submits five images per week and freely admits it's a hard and sometimes challenging process.

Do join us for our next presentation evening on Wednesday 5 October at 7.30pm at The Adderbury Institute. Details can be found on our website.

**Anne Hunsley**  
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### Deddington Players

Auditions for this season's Deddington Players pantomime will be held at the Windmill on Sunday 16 October 2.00–4.00pm. If you would like to be involved in this season's production of *The Wizard of Oz*, either on stage or behind the scenes, please come. Auditions are fun and informal, and usually include some group songs, dances and acting, with the opportunity to try out for solos or bigger roles for those who want to. If you're interested in a backstage role please come along, introduce yourself and leave your contact details. We welcome adults and children from Yr1 up and all experience levels.

**Suzie Upton [suzieupson@mac.com](mailto:suzieupson@mac.com)**

### Deddington and District History Society

Our first meeting of the 2022/3 season is on Thursday 20 October. It is dedicated to the memory of Chris Day who was one of the founders of the History Society and for many years our inspirational chairman, nurturing the study of local history. The Spanish Civil War was a subject he was keenly interested in. Liz Woolley, whose meticulously researched and interesting talks have made her a valued regular contributor to our meetings, will tell us about 'Oxfordshire People in the Spanish Civil War'. This was a brutal episode in the latter half of the 1930s, when divisions of the Spanish army, led by General Franco, successfully overthrew the elected national government after a long and vicious conflict.

The war was made more brutal by external intervention, even after an agreement had been drawn up supposedly banning this. Hitler sent troops and a section of the reformed Luftwaffe who bombed towns, notably Guernica. Mussolini also sent troops and arms. Stalin supported the government, mainly through political advisers whose job it was to crack down on those in the government who were not orthodox communists. The UK and France resolutely stuck by non-intervention as part of the general policy of appeasement. Individuals volunteered to fight, mainly on the side of the government, and Liz will look at the motives and experiences of folk from Oxfordshire who took the plunge.

We meet at 7.30pm in the primary school hall. You can pay £4.50 at the door or take out a season ticket at £34 for couple and £18 for single membership. If you want more information or the full programme, contact me.

**Gareth Richard**  
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### Local Vocals Community Choir

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

Despite a long summer break our voices were in relatively good shape as we returned to our rehearsals and took on the beautiful 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow', where we all take turns at singing the part of a ukulele. It was good to reconnect with existing members and meet new ones and, I hesitate to say it, but ... we'll be starting on those Christmas carols soon.

To find out more about our choir or to contact us please go to [www.localvocalscc.co.uk](http://www.localvocalscc.co.uk).

**Alison Grieve**

### Book Group

Sarah Wingman's novel, *Still Life*, spans four decades, beginning with a chance meeting in Italy during WWII. Ulysses Temper, a young British soldier, and Evelyn Skinner, a sexagenarian art historian, spend only a brief time together but their conversation introduces the book's themes of art, beauty and love. After the

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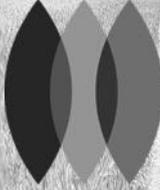
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war Ulysses returns to the East End and, later, an unexpected inheritance enables him to make a new life in Florence, accompanied by several old friends. Winman creates an unconventional family of delightful characters who support each other through good times and bad in the vividly conveyed atmosphere of Florence. Although some of us found this a very enjoyable read, others thought it was too long and meandering.

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

*Sian Waterman*

**SPORT****Deddington Original Golf Society**

The Texas Scramble at Feldon Valley on 26 August, with the famous 'Barbecue Blacksmith' in Keith Spengler's garden in the evening, was a great success and many thanks to all who contributed. The winners were Barbara Lowe's team (Keith Spengler, Jason Gould and Tony Walton) and over 50 people came along to Keith's in the evening for great food and bonhomie.

Our final event of 2022 took place at The Wychwood Golf Club on 23 September. We look forward to an eventful 2023 with new venues and good attendances.

*Nigel Oddy, Secretary  
nigeloddy@yahoo.com*

**Deddington Town Football Club***First Team results*

3.9.22 Graven Hill (a) L 1-2 Thornton, J

*Reserve Team results*

3.9.22 Banbury Ath (a) D 0-0

It's foolish to derive much from one match, particularly as DTFC teams have a habit of starting slowly, so let me instead break the news of the comprehensive restructuring of divisions. God knows what exactly had caused the spate of clubs folding, but there are no longer four divisions comprising 8-10 teams. Instead, we have three divisions with varying number of teams, as only 27 clubs are still operating. Three divisions of 9 teams each was apparently too straightforward for the Banbury District and Lord Jersey bureaucrats, who have instead left Division 2 with 10 teams, Division 1 with 8 and the Premier Division with 9. Surely it would have made more sense to have 10-9-8 in ascending order, but what do I know? We'll see how this mess unfolds in the weeks to come.

*Aaron Bliss  
07909 64288*

**Deddington Town Youth Teams**

This month we are after your help: two volunteer positions are available and your chance to help us develop girls football in Deddington.

*Club Welfare Officer.* We are seeking a new Club Welfare Officer for the 2022/23 season. The role of

**SPORT** *Continued*

the CWO is to make sure that managers and coaches understand their duty of care towards children and young people. This includes making sure they have an up-to-date DBS check, have attended a Safeguarding Children course and Emergency First Aid. This role is integral to the running of the Club. More information about the role and our safeguarding policies can be found on the Club website. If you would like to apply please contact us via [cwo@deddingtontownfc.com](mailto:cwo@deddingtontownfc.com).

*Marketing and Communications Officer.* We are seeking to recruit a volunteer Marketing and Communications Officer to generate positive awareness of Deddington Town Football Club and what it offers, and actively encourage people to join or take part in the club's activities. This will strengthen our FA Accredited Club Development Plan to support the local community and market and communicate our work to all our stakeholders. If you would like to apply please contact us via [mracharman@gmail.com](mailto:mracharman@gmail.com).

*Developing girls' football in Deddington.* After the success of the Lionesses in Euro 2022, we have a real opportunity for the Club to develop girls' football. We would like your ideas on what you think we can do to attract girls and female coaches as well as recruit women to help run the Club and support the overall development of girls' football. If you have ideas and want to get involved email [secretarydtfc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretarydtfc@yahoo.com).

Further information about the club is on our website, <http://www.deddingtontownfc/> or visit us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc>.

*Roger Sykes, Development Officer  
07899 914425*

**Deddington Cricket Club**

Another successful cricket season concluded in September, with the Club's First team gaining promotion for the second year in succession, the Seconds ending the season more competitive than at the start. The Women performed strongly in the Home Counties League, with competition for places, thanks to a squad of well over 20 players.

August Bank holiday Monday saw us hold the second Derek Cheeseman memorial game between the Club and a Club Legends team. Fortunately, for current members, the Club side prevailed in a competitive game enjoyed by everyone, including Gary Ward, publican at The Red Lion, our shirt sponsors, who showed that he can bowl in-swingers as quickly as he can pull pints. Match fees, a raffle and donations for teas raised over £300, divided equally between the Club and the Chance to Shine charity.

We held an end-of-season dinner and awards evening on Friday 17 September. Around 40 members attended at Voujons in Banbury where numerous awards were presented. Congratulations to all winners.

*Firsts Batting:* Mike Naylor

*Firsts Bowling:* Harry Beardsley

*Seconds Batting:* Adrian Bletchly

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*Seconds Bowling:* Tahir Khan

*Women's Batting:* Kate Williamson

*Women's Bowling:* Sarah Cox

*Jedi Moment:* David Webb

*Dave Barnhill 'Pants' Award:* Rob Preston

*Newcomer Award:* Alan Inskip

*The Leslie Plant Young Player Award:*

Lottie Atkinson

*Most Improved:* Biswajit Neog

*Clubperson Award:* Georgia Adams

*Woman's Players Player:* Karen White

*Men's Players Player:* Mike Naylor

The season may have ended, but there is lots still going on in the Club. Work to repair and renew the cricket square is underway. We plan some repairs to the scoreboard and we will service all our machinery and other items of equipment. Both men's and women's teams are planned for respective indoor leagues over the winter and indoor practice nets and games for both squads. Fundraising is also a feature of the off-season and the Club would like to extend thanks to all our Vice Presidents, sponsors and supporters for their continued support.

**Simon Oldfield**  
07771 997358

## YOUTH

### 1st Deddington Scout Group

A message from the Chief Scout Bear Grylls:

'As Scouts we are united in sorrow for the loss of our Patron, HM The Queen. She leaves a bright legacy

## YOUTH Continued

of hope and promise for future generations.

We will remember her, and give thanks for her kindness, her service, and the unwavering support she showed our movement over many decades. She was truly a friend to Scouts everywhere. For seventy years, HM The Queen has stood at our side, encouraging our volunteers and inspiring our young people to learn new skills, help others and shine brightly.

Her sense of duty was an outstanding example to every single Scout.'

We couldn't have put it better; thank you, Ma'am.

**Paul Honess deddingtoncubs@gmail.com**

**Pete Churchyard deddingtonscouts@gmail.com**

**Jo Churchyard deddingtonsl@gmail.com**

### 1st Deddington Guides

We start the term with a birthday celebration – we are 51 years old! Hurrah! Cake is called for of course.

We're back in action and get outside as much as we can, with plenty of games and challenges and time to learn new skills. Of all the indoor activities so far this term, I think arm pit fudge has to be mentioned. Very tasty and not as messy as it sounds.

We paid tribute to HM the Queen and talked about her being a Brownie and a Guide and going on to be our Patron. We all signed a card of condolence for King Charles and other members of the royal family.

New Patrols and badges are being planned and we're looking forward to the next Guides being the first to address the King in their Promise ceremony.

**Maggie Rampley 07957 600755**

**Marian Trinder 07786 001641**

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## DEDDINGTON ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

DEN is now into its third year of selling eco-friendly detergents in recycled bottles at the markets in Deddington and the Barfords and, most recently on summer Saturdays mornings, at the Windmill playgrounds through Bloom Coffee Roasters.

This is a not-for-profit venture, which is fortunate because we've yet to make to profit, but we, or I should say you, have saved over 2,145 plastic bottles being bought from supermarkets, having chosen to make a permanent switch from your usual brands. You tell us you support the sustainability aspect of these products, that it is great to be able to buy as much as you want at a fair price and you enjoy the social aspect of buying from the market. A few residents buy off-market and it's worth knowing that you can buy the same products in Banbury from Nothing But Footprints and the Village Refill at Yarnton Garden Centre.

Whilst this feedback has been encouraging, we've had to ask the question about what we hope to achieve in the long run. We only reach a small percentage of potential customers in the parish and if we did reach more, how would we service the demand from the markets alone? We've thought about pop-up shops, offering a self-service option from the church or library

and house-to-house deliveries. There is clearly work to do but I think we can judge our success in other ways.

Firstly, we are trying to change buying habits, not necessarily divert people from their favourite retailer. If our efforts give people cause to make more eco-friendly choices about the brands they buy, then that is a success too. If people are more conscious of how much plastic they buy in total, then that makes our efforts worthwhile. If our presence at the markets helps engage people with the DEN message and events, then we're doing something right.

Secondly, this mission is not about seeing residents as consumers. Rather it's about recognising that everyone can, in some way, be part of a world wide web of citizen-led activity that will accelerate the shift to a sustainable way of us all living on this planet.

Thank you for your support so far and we look forward to working with more of you. Success will be measured by new friendships, ideas, collaborations and projects. You can find more information on [www.deddingtonenvironment.net](http://www.deddingtonenvironment.net) and via the Facebook group, [deddingtonenvironmentnetwork](https://www.facebook.com/deddingtonenvironmentnetwork).

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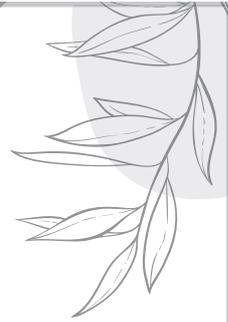
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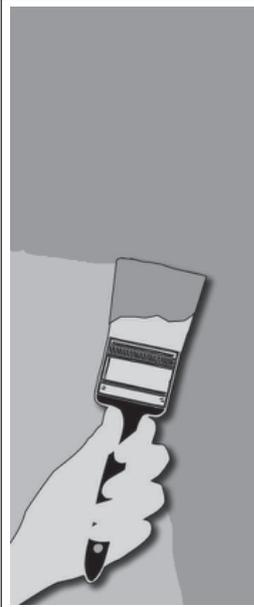
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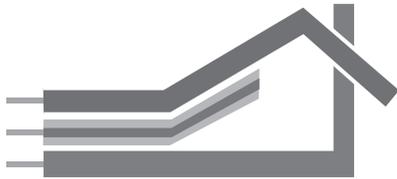
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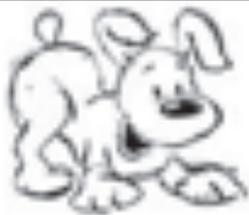


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