

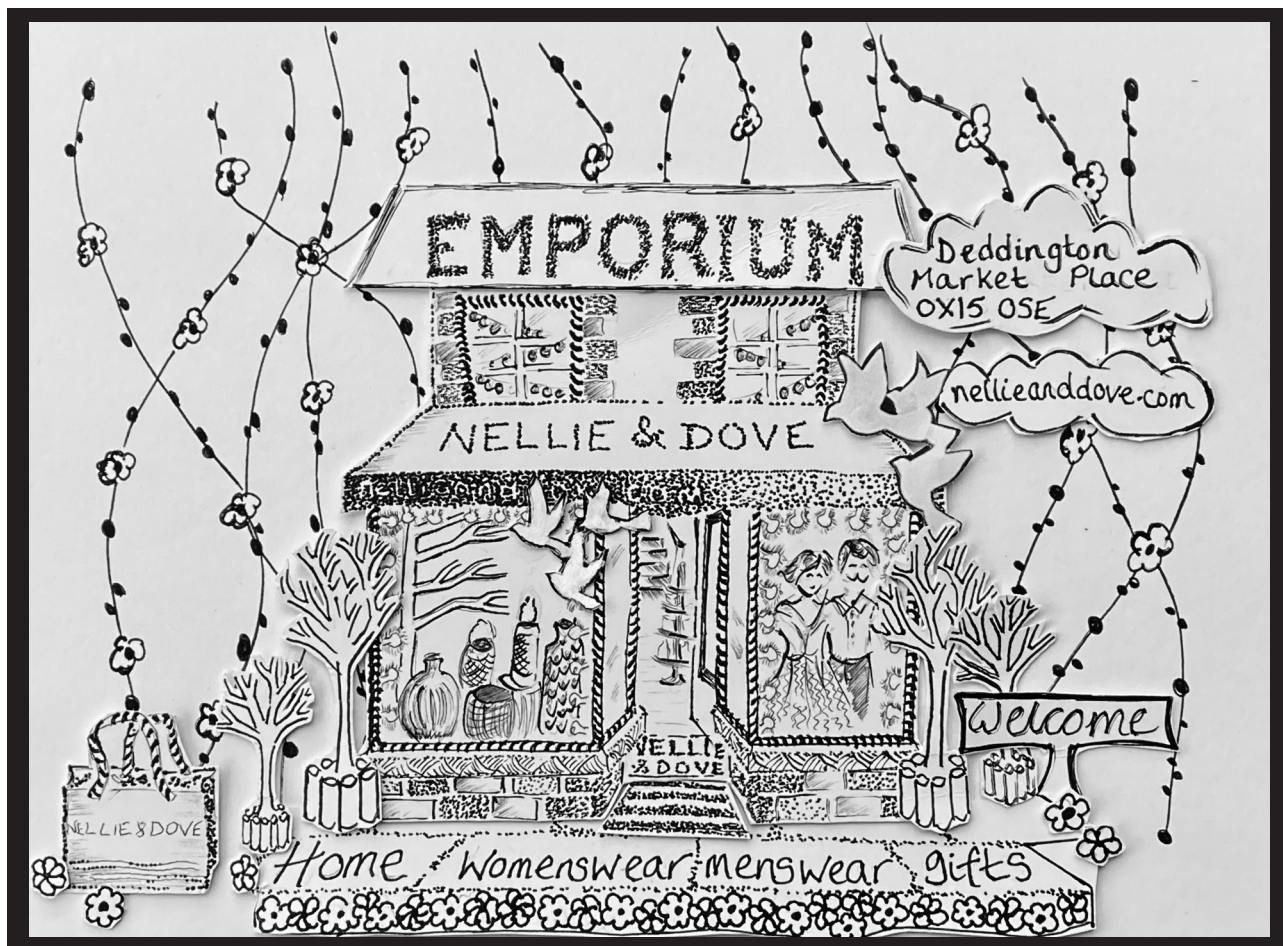
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## The DEDDINGTON NEWS

While we may be living in turbulent and uncertain times, the parish's traditional holiday landmarks are back; the Scouts card delivery, the Tractor Run, the church Christmas card with its listing of services, carols round the tree, Christmas lunch in the church, the *Messiah*, of course, and, to cheer up the post-Christmas blues, the panto is back at its proper time.

Best wishes for 2023 from the *DN* team who will provide you with another issue in February.

**CD**

### WHAT'S ON December

- Wed 7 Holly Tree Club: Christmas Lunch, Deddington Arms
- Wed 7 Photographic Society: Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
- Thu 8 Film Club: *Elf*, Holly Tree, 1.30pm
- Mon 12 Windmill Centre: Mince Pies and Mulled Wine, 8.00pm
- Mon 12 Local Vocals: Concert, primary school, 8.30pm
- Wed 14 WI: Christmas Lunch for members only
- Wed 14 Parish Council Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm,
- Thu 15 History Society: 'The Battle of Cropredy Bridge', Stephen Barker, Primary School, 7.30pm
- Sat 17 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 17 Katharine House Hospice: RC Baker Tractor Run, Clifton, 7.00pm; Deddington, 7.10pm; Hempton, 7.20pm, timings approximate
- Sat 24 Deddington Brass: Carols, Market Place, 6.00pm,

### January

- Wed 4 Photographic Society: Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
- Wed 11 WI: 'Alpacas and Their Fabulous Fluff', Jane Abbott, Holly Tree, 2.30pm
- Thu 12 Film Club: *Ladies in Lavender*, Holly Tree, 1.30pm
- Wed 18 Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm
- Thu 19 History Society: 'Oxford Z-A: 1000 Years of History in 26 Letters', Richard O Smith, Primary School, 7.30pm
- Thu 19 Deddington Players: *Wizard of Oz*, Windmill, 7.00pm
- Fri 20 Deddington Players: *Wizard of Oz*, Windmill, 7.00pm
- Sat 21 Deddington Players: *Wizard of Oz*, Windmill, 2.30pm and 6.30pm
- Thu 26 Book Group: Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for details
- Sat 28 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting at the Windmill Community Centre, 16 November

*Present:* Cllrs Collins, Cox, Higham, Ince, Norton, Oldfield (chair), Robinson, Swadling, Swan, Timms, Watts, County Councillor Fatemian, District Councillor Williams, the parish clerk and eleven members of the public.

#### Open Forum

The Tennis Club expressed the Club's wish to use the redundant over-6s play area to build a padel court. This is being considered by the PC.

Deddington Players and the Deddington Festival asked for consent to present a Shakespearean production at Castle Grounds next July. Approval was given.

A resident of New Street spoke in support of the proposed 20mph village limit.

Other members of the public were interested in the large scale planning application for 135 houses on land west of the A4260 and south of the OCC depot.

#### Neighbourhood Plan

This is now due to be submitted to CDC for approval. The steering group suggested the PC recommend the CDC refuse the following large scale planning application.

#### Large Scale Developments

Application by Bloor Homes to build 135 houses on land west of the A4260 and south of the OCC depot. The proposal is considered excessively large and, based on the DNP housing needs survey, exceeds the likely number of homes needed in Deddington by 2040. The development would increase the population of Deddington by more than 15%, the Health Centre and primary school would be unlikely to accommodate the additional population, the development would extend the boundary of Deddington village unacceptably to the north creating ribbon development and the proposed density is too high, it would impede views across the Swere valley, and there is already traffic congestion particularly at peak times at the junction with the B4031 at the village traffic lights.

The PC voted unanimously to recommending CDC Planning refuse the application. If the application were ultimately successful the PC proposed that any S106 money should benefit parish residents.

#### Planning Applications

##### *No objections*

35 Gaveston Gardens: extension over existing garage and replacement single storey rear extension.

Jocys Fashion, 8 High Street, Deddington: tree works . Deddington Manor, New Street: alterations to five fireplaces to return to the original. Defer to the conservation officer.

1 New Street (previously May Fu 2): Certificate of Lawfulness of proposed use of restaurant and ancillary first floor residential and other accommodation as Wellness Centre.

Wells Yard, Garage Courtyard, Hudson Street: amended plans to demolish two-storey barn and lock-up garages and erect two three-bedroom 'mews' cottages

*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>*

with parking, erection of stone wall. Unit 1 amended plans, north elevation fenestrations, boundary wall: Unit 2, garden room changes to boundary walls, proposed materials.

#### CDC Approvals

Deddington Manor, New Street: replacement of brick wall extension.

Old Corner House, Market Place: change of use.

1 Police Houses, Hempton Road: Certificate of Lawfulness for single storey rear extension.

Rose Dene New Street: replacement of existing rear windows, doors.

Castle Barns, Castle Street: tree works.

37 St John's Way, Hempton: single storey front and rear extension.

Laurel House, Bull Ring: demolition of 20C extension.

#### CDC Refusal

Land on A4260: Proposed monopole.

#### County Councillor Update

Councillor Fatemian confirmed that £600 will come to Deddington as a contribution towards the cost of security for the Remembrance Day parade. He also confirmed that £1,000 will be made available for the church's Christmas lunch event.

#### Finance & General Purposes

The PC will incur £100 excess on its insurance claim for the cost of replacing the glass in the Hempton Road bus shelter.

An improved quote has been received for less £5,000 for repairing paving at the Windmill.

#### Highways and Transport

The results from the parish-wide survey on the proposed 20mph limit was in favour in all three villages. The PC has applied to OCC to include the A4260 New Street/High Street/Banbury Road element with a request for an additional 50mph limit on the roads between the three villages.

A more visible school warning sign for vehicles travelling north has been requested.

There will be a £2 flat bus fare during January and February and a reduced youth fare (16-18 years) will be introduced in 2023.

#### Environment & Recreation

Further information is needed before grass-cutting contracts are agreed.

A replacement bench has been ordered for the Market Place with stone slab base to be installed.

The Christmas tree will be erected by the Town Hall on 28 November with assistance from parish councillors.

**Correction:** Information supplied to us indicated that an application for tree works, reported last month, as being made by the resident of 5 Castle Street, was actually made by the resident at 6 Castle Street.

**Next meeting Wednesday 14 December at 7.30pm in the Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre.**





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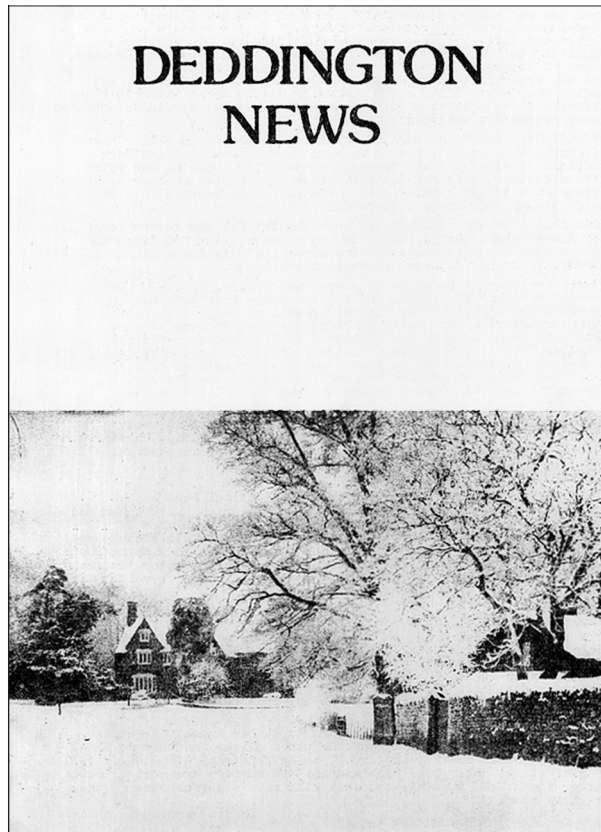
Since the first issue of *DN* appeared in September 1976, every issue has been recorded in the *DN* Back Issues section of Deddington OnLine. Until 2001 pages were individually scanned but, despite the best high-quality scanning available at the time, they were quite faint and difficult to read without further enhancement. (Later issues fared better and have always been easy to read and navigate.)

With more powerful computing power available today, our indefatigable first webmaster, Martin Reed, has recently spent many hours re-processing all 7,213 *DN* pages and the 21,639 resulting images, all 9,890,489,344 bytes of it – that's 10GB in round numbers. We are very grateful to Martin for his continued support of *DN* despite his having decamped to Cornwall many years ago. Now when you look at a page from an early issue, it's much easier to read. Click on a link to an issue, and click again on the page thumbnails to navigate. There's also a button to view the scanned page at the full 300dpi resolution.

Going a step further, those early issues are now on the Internet Archive. For example, you can see the September 1976 issue at <https://archive.org/details/deddington-news-1976-09/mode/2up>. This makes them a great resource for social history researchers looking at life in a rural north Oxfordshire parish in the second half of the twentieth century – an updated version of David French's research of late 19th-century Deddington parish magazines.

Trawling again through the first issue, I thought it would be interesting to see how life has changed in the 46 years since its first appearance – or not. Ten local businesses advertised in that modest 14-page issue – now all gone. But only three local groups have gone, while seven are still active, with Maggie Rampley incredibly still Guiding now as she did in 1976. Then, we had 25 clubs and societies; now we have nearly 40.

A few snippets from September 1976, a year of high temperatures, drought and water shortages, reflected in some of the reports: an Adult Education Centre offered classes at the old Windmill School hall in pottery, bridge and German conversation; Geoffrey Hindley, a local historian and writer, told of the 'Great Deddington Skirmish' of 1430; Clifton Church was sold to two businessmen who went on to run a jewellery manufacturing



*December 1976 cover – how far we've come!*

company, Solar Designs, for many years; jumble sales featured heavily as fundraisers, and items for sale or wanted were popular – a simpler, pre-internet equivalent of our social media websites. One report started with: 'I mistrust politicians' and ended with 'I wonder if Conservatives will find the real egg for the next election' – I couldn't possibly comment!

The PC stumped up a £4 grant for three months to help launch the *DN*. But that deal nearly fell apart when, despite a generally favourable reaction to our appearance, there were purple-faced mutterings from Councillors about a waste of ratepayers' money, and suggestions copy should be sent to the PC to vet before publication. Local businesses and the church, which complained about being left out of the first issue, were duly approached

and the *DN* went from strength to strength to the professionally printed version you see today. And despite social media there's still a huge demand for both advertising and copy space – you need to get in quick these days, folks!

So have we changed much in the intervening years that have seen seismic changes across the planet? Does 'time only amble in enchanting Deddington'? Are we still, in the words of an overseas contributor in 2010, a 'sleepy and lovely village, sadly criss-crossed and surrounded by a spider's web of main roads. Here lies the England we foreigners all dream about and hardly ever see. The pub with the beer garden, the mighty old church, the little Co-op shop...'? Or, if you scratch beneath the surface, do you see a lively, active, growing and flourishing community that looks out for and cares for its own?

**Mary Robinson**  
*Founding editor 1976–79*

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Deddington parish church is hosting its traditional lunch on Christmas Day. It is a warm friendly event serving roast turkey and all the trimmings – vegetarian options available. There is no charge for this festive meal and, if you are unable to get to the church, volunteers will deliver it to you. If you would like to come, please let us know as soon as possible so we know how many turkeys are needed! You can reserve a place either by emailing [bookings@deddingtonchurch.org](mailto:bookings@deddingtonchurch.org) or calling 01869 336880.

## FARMERS' MARKET

Forge House Bakery is run by Sue Brown, a passionate baker with many years' experience in the food industry, including running a successful wedding cake business.

She now runs an artisan sourdough bakery from a purpose-built kitchen in her garden in Lower Heyford. In the past bakeries would have been present in most villages but sadly they are now few and far between. However, Sue's aim is to bring real bread to her local community by offering a delivery service to villagers, providing collection points for those further afield, and supporting local farmers' markets.

Sue specialises in naturally slow fermented sourdough breads. The process of a long fermentation using wild yeasts not only enhances the flavour and texture of bread but also improves digestibility and produces a loaf that is just better for you. Her fundamental belief is that everyone should be able to eat good quality, nutritious and great tasting bread, free from unnecessary additives. There is pleasure to be had in creating something wonderful from just three ingredients: flour, water and salt.

Sue spends time to source good quality ingredients and uses organic, unbleached and additive free flours milled in the UK. Where possible her ingredients are bought from local suppliers including honey, ales, eggs, cheese and milk and she uses herbs, fruit and vegetables from her garden.



Sue had a good month at the World Bread Awards where her Heyford Sourdough, made with artisan white flour and a blend of regenerative stone milled rye and wholemeal won a Gold award, as did her Italian Rosemary Pan Marino. Her deep dark caramelised onion sourdough won a silver.

She has recently taken time away from her oven to learn the skills needed to make panettone. Oh lucky us!

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Are you feeling festive? I would hope so by now. For a second year, we were de-

lighted to host the Deddington Festive Craft Fayre, at the Windmill. Did you go? There were more than 30 stalls, ranging from unique crafts to original art, cards and prints, clothing, accessories, decorations, jewellery and more. I hope you took the kids along because there was a festive children's trail with a treat at the end and photos with Santa – all for free! And thanks to those of you who didn't bring your cars. The Windmill really isn't that far away ... As in previous years, this event was organised by local resident, Jo Cross, and all the money raised will fund rehab activity packs for younger and working age stroke survivors provided by her charity, CHANCES.

A second, smaller, event is taking place on Monday 12 December at 8:00pm. If you are a regular Windmill user, a potential user, or would like to find out how you can help us run this important village asset, then the Windmill management committee would love to see you for a mince pie, mulled wine and an informal chat in the Hempton Lounge. By then, the new accessible loo block might be finished ... surely!

Finally, what could be more festive than advance notice of the village panto – *The Wizard of Oz* – at the Windmill. 'It's in front of you!' (No, that doesn't work, does it.) Anyway, performances on 19, 20 and 21 January. I hope to see you all there. Happy Christmas everyone!

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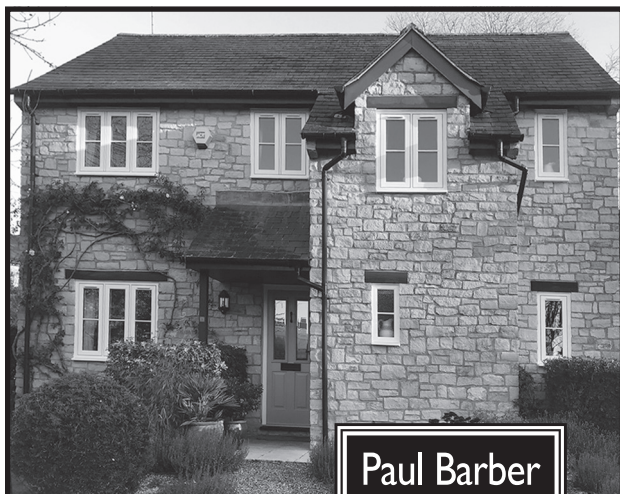
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The church will continue to be a 'warm space' on Mondays 10.00am–4.00pm. Hot drinks, company and a light hot lunch will be available – all are welcome – and there is no charge.

For December services see the Christmas card insert.

### JANUARY

Mon–Fri	8.45am	Morning Prayer
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thu	9.30am	Tea + Toast and Squiggles and Wiggles
Sun 1	10.30am	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	3 O'Clock Family Service
Sun 8	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion Epiphany
Sun 15	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 22	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 29	10.30am	Holy Communion

### Hempton

Sun 15 9.00am Holy Communion

### Barfords

Sun 8 9.00am Holy Communion, St Michael

Sun 15 10.30am Family Service, St Michael

Sun 22 9.00am Holy Communion, St John

### From the Parish Registers

#### Funeral

14 Nov

Rosemary Taylor

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## POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

### **Why are Americans on holiday so loud?**

I have counselled before of the risks of treating America as one nation; it's vast and certainly isn't homogeneous. It is comprised of many peoples of different backgrounds and beliefs, which is what makes it so interesting to me.

I should explain we are away on a well-earned holiday in Costa Rica, a wonderful place with great national parks, lots of weird animals and birds to entertain my wife and lovely people. The only problem is that it is only a four hour flight from Denver, or much worse, Houston, and Americans on holiday have this strange idea that you want to talk to them, loudly. When we arrived it was beautifully quiet: it was the end of the rainy season. Now they are all piling in to spend Thanksgiving in the sun at the beach. Being loud.

The key benefit to me of Thanksgiving is that we can have the obligatory turkey and thus not have to have it at the real holiday, ie Christmas. I have learnt a fabulous way to cook it by injecting it with Cajun sauce and deep fat frying it. It can be a bit hairy when you drop the turkey into the bubbling oil. It's a practice you don't want to do close to any part of the house you are fond of.

Happily, the mid-term elections are over and my fears of riots on the streets seem to have been averted for now. The Trumpster announced he is running for President again. His ego is such that he doesn't believe the nation rejected a large proportion of his picks this time round – it was someone else's fault. With the Republicans taking over the House, the lower

chamber, it means even less will get done. The system is broken but nothing will be done about it.

One prominent loser, a well known TV news anchor called Kari Lake, who was running for Governor of Arizona has refused to admit defeat and is calling it all a fix. Despite losing by 17,000 votes she is still echoing the unbelievable claims that Trump won the last one. They reckon the amount spent on these elections was \$16 billion. A man who became a billionaire selling cardboard boxes spent \$81m. Sam Bankman-Fried apparently spent \$40m, which is interesting since his crypto exchange went bust this week. I wonder what all these rich people want in return?

I was interested in this piece of research from Yale University stating 'excess deaths during the pandemic were 76% higher among Republicans than Democrats'. This will only get worse as one of the key people responsible, Ron DeSantis, the Governor of Florida starts his bid to beat Trump for the Republican nomination. This is the man who introduced legislation to outlaw the teaching of the history of racism and sexism. He will probably be the next President.

I am plugging in my headphones and returning to the beach. I miss the gentility of the English way but I am afraid it is snowing in Denver and raining hard in the parish so I am going to sit out the revolution by the Pacific – and ignore loud Americans praising another bunch of lunatic politicians.

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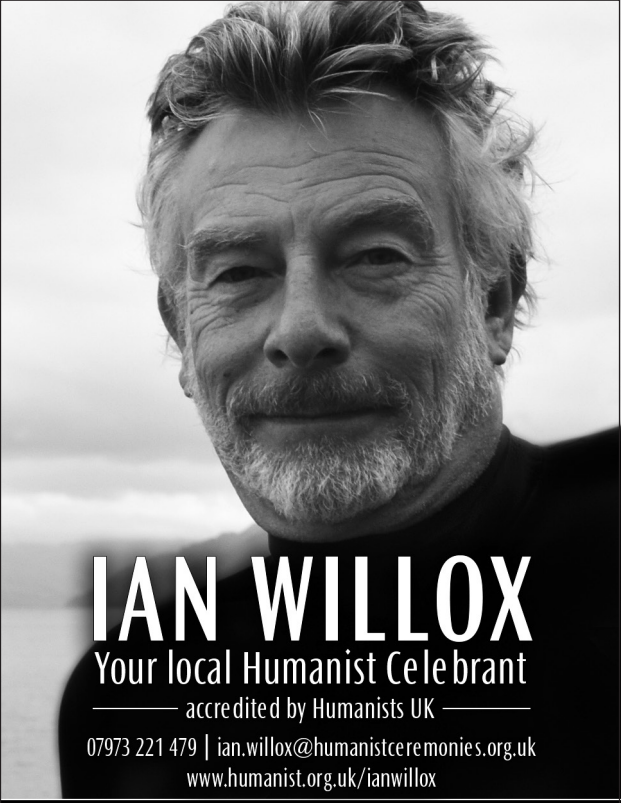
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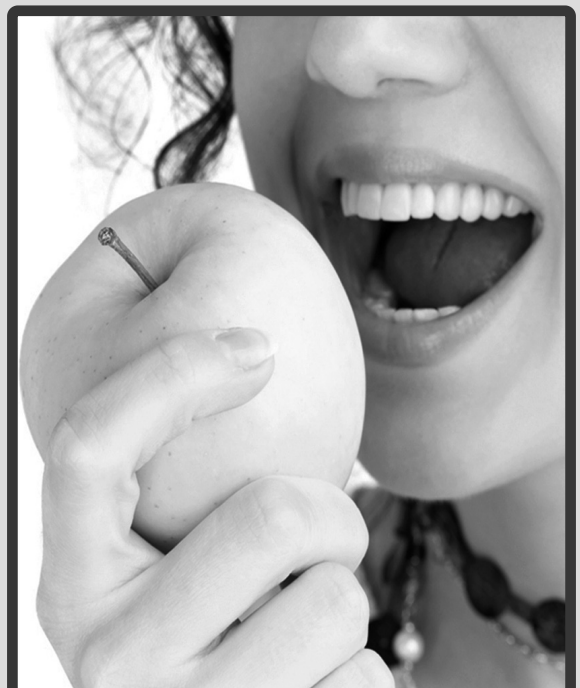
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## TALES FROM THE PUMP

'I had a pint in the Bucket of Blood last weekend', said George as he knocked back his pint of Hooky. 'It's in Cornwall and apparently got its name from the water in the well which had a large iron content making it go red'. 'Och aye', said Tommy, 'There's a pub in Glasgy called Poosie Nansie. Rabbie Burns drank there and it was named after the owner's wife.'

I pulled another pint for Tommy. 'There was an outcry in Scotland recently when the brewery decided to change the name of the Black Bitch to the Willow Tree. It had been called the Black Bitch after a famous hound in the village over 300 years ago. Eleven thousand people signed a petition to keep the name, claiming it wasn't racist and the brewery weren't changing the names of Black Bull or Black Horse pubs.'

Our resident historian, Desmond, looked up from his pint of Guinness. 'Pub names have been used to reflect changes in politics or patronage over many centuries. Take Deddington's pubs – the Unicorn is featured in Scottish heraldry, the Red Lion is the most



common English pub name and features in the heraldic badge of over 150 families, the Deddington Arms was the Kings Arms until it celebrated the award in 1994 of the Coat of Arms to the village, the Crown and Tuns combines allegiance to the King and its barrels of beer, and the Duke of Cumberland's Head has strong royalist connections with support for Charles I in the Civil War. Interestingly Stalybridge near Manchester is famous for having the pub with the shortest name in England, the

Q Inn and the longest, the Old Thirteenth Cheshire Astley Volunteer Rifleman Corps Inn.'

George was wishing he'd never mentioned the Bucket of Blood. 'Anyway, Grumpy', he said, 'People can get very upset when pubs change their names but I don't suppose anyone would be bothered if you changed the name of this one to 'The Grumpy Landlord.'

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## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Christmas Tractor Run takes place on 17 December and Hempton church will be open to all comers again for refreshments, including hot mulled wine and mince pies, teas and coffees in the church porch. Proceeds will go towards upkeep of the Old School Room.

Wanted – Snow Patrol. Those looking forward to the spending winter in bikini or budgie smugglers with the heating off, courtesy of global warming, are likely to be disappointed. The signals are pointing towards a cooler La Niña-based autumn and winter. The winter of 2010/11 when much of the United Kingdom experienced disruptive snowfall and record breaking low temperatures occurred during a La Niña event.

We have grit: the green boxes opposite St Johns' Way and either side of the crossroads. They bear a notice stating the contents are provided for use only on the highway. Public rights of way – including footpaths and byways – are 'highways' in law. We have hi-vis tabards and a salt spreader which makes salt go much further than shovelling from a wheel barrow and reduces the negative environmental effects from spreading too much.

We need volunteers who will benefit from healthy exercise without the need to pay membership fees or burn the planet by driving to and from the gym (not that you will get off the drive without clearing the snow) and stay very warm at zero cost while snubbing comrade Putin. Joining the Patrol will also ensure it isn't your drive the cleared snow is deposited on.

Hempton residents can volunteer either through Clive Snashall at [clive.snashall.dpc@gmail.com](mailto:clive.snashall.dpc@gmail.com) or Jonathan Watts on 07818 697752.

Whilst driving towards Deddington at midday on 3 November I noticed vehicles parked on the roadside and a number of individuals peering out over the Swere valley. I assumed they were following 'the unspeak-

able in full pursuit of the uneatable', as Oscar Wilde would have it. I may have made a false assumption but the event occurred at about the time hoof prints appeared along the length of the Deddington to Hempton footpath. Mr Wilde would be pleased to note that, according to the Hunting Act of 2004, the hunt should have turned vegetarian and be in pursuit of aniseed rather than the uneatable.

I picked up nothing on the village jungle drums and assume there was no 'accidental' trespass within the village as there was last year. Assuming participants in this rural cultural ritual are law abiding citizens and able to constrain the instincts of their four-legged non-citizens adequately, then whatever turns you on.

Opinion is highly polarised on the matter. Those against blood sports argue that, amongst other concerns, even with the best of intentions, the pack can pose a significant risk to wildlife, livestock and domestic pets. Without rehearsing the pros and cons you might reflect that the Hunting Act was notable in that it was passed through the use of the Parliament Acts of 1911 and 1949, after the House of Lords refused to pass the legislation, despite the Commons willing it by a majority of 356 to 166. In Germany, hunting with hounds was first banned as inhumane on the initiative of Hermann Göring in 1934.

Prior to the UK fox hunting ban, hounds killed 6.3% of the 400,000 annual death toll. Road traffic is far more effective as a method of pest control, completely obviating the need for hunting with dogs.

Thanks to those whose sky rockets chose my garden in which to emulate Newton's apple and succumb to gravity. They all missed my car, but not by much.

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## DEDDINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

### *Is your home leaking heat?*

Deddington Environment Network, in partnership with Dan Desmond, held an event in the church on 27 September to help individuals cope with the impact of rapidly increasing heating costs – and the environmental impact of fossil fuels on the environment. Critically, reducing heat loss depends upon identifying where the leakages are – step forward, Dan with an infra-red camera and volunteers to take exterior images of homes to identify leaking heat.

Dan's presentation, 'Together in a Winter Like No Other', began with a survey of European housing stock that showed UK houses leaking heat at a rate three times that of other countries, and followed with Office of National Statistics data on the extent to which UK reserves of oil and gas have depleted, with a corresponding dependency on imported fuel and electric power.

The remainder of the presentation, illustrated with infra-red and conventional photos, focused on the basic physics of how houses lose heat through radiation, conduction and, most importantly, convection: warm indoor air does not rise of its own accord but is displaced by cold air entering the home through cracks and other openings. Additional slides reviewed lighting, appliance and heating emergency options for homeowners as well as how to establish warm zones to reduce the cost of heating the whole house if needed.

Johnsons of Deddington demonstrated low-cost DIY products for reducing draughts and saving energy, ranging from secondary glazing window film, pipe insulation and radiator foil to caulking, foam and under door draught excluders. To support the community they are offering a 25% discount voucher on these products for parish residents and are also happy to offer DIY advice.

Attendees were invited to sign up for free infra-red photographs and will be first in line to take any steps they might wish to reduce the loss of heat from their homes – and reduce the impact of increasing energy costs on their budget. Parish residents may still sign up on a first-come first served basis through the DEN website.

All measures to reduce heat loss cost money and there are various grants and sources of help for people in rented accommodation or for home owners – information on possible sources of such help were outlined during the evening, but can also be found at Deddington library, Cherwell Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Citizens' Advice Bureau or you can find contact details on our website [www.deddingtonenvironment.net](http://www.deddingtonenvironment.net).

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## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Plans are being discussed for the Santa festival for which Clifton is rightly becoming somewhat notorious. You can all look forward to even more Santas going up in a couple of weeks as newcomers to the village look to get on board with this slightly mad idea. Provisionally the award for the best Santa has already been awarded but this will be confirmed in the January issue.

Many Whatsapp messages are flying around down here to gather teams for the next Duck quiz, when paella will have been eaten (and very well received) as the runners-up chose the cuisine (because the winners apparently didn't). This is becoming a noteworthy item in Clifton's diary, especially as we welcome many Candleford folk down for the event. Wednesday 14 December is the next one and I'm gonna be there.

Clifton-sur-Mer is back on the map so we can all relax from drought fears, but of course the drainage debacle that we have endured for many years was back on show as fountains appeared from manhole covers (is this not terribly sexist now?) – I remember the cricketering legend Rachael Hey Ho Flint describing a 'ladies' box' as a 'manhole cover'. We all endure this with phlegmatic regret at water board privatisation.

Clifton was represented at the Deddington Environment Network's electric vehicle teach-in at the Holly Tree. This has been, no doubt better covered elsewhere in this esteemed organ but, with standing room only, a short presentation was given on the un-greenwashed aspects of BEV, PHEV ownership (if

you don't know what this means this session was for you) followed by intelligent questions and intelligent answers from both those in the know and current owners, who then showed off their vehicles, the highlight of which was visitors speeding off (at an acceleration known to EV drivers) in a 'last mile' EV delivery vehicle being developed and sold by a local company.

Any news? [martingdnbryce@gmail.com](mailto:martingdnbryce@gmail.com) would like to know.

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

*Elf* is the next film to be shown by Age UK at the Holly Tree Hall on 8 December at 1.30pm. It is a Christmas comedy, starring Will Ferrell, about a human raised at the North Pole by Santa's elves who learns he is not an elf and travels to New York to meet his biological father who does not know he exists.

After Christmas, *Ladies in Lavender*, starring Dame Judi Dench and Dame Maggie Smith with Miriam Margolyes as the housekeeper, will be shown on 12 January. In this romantic drama, set in the 1930s, two spinster sisters discover a young man washed ashore on the beach in Cornwall. They take him in and discover he is a talented Polish violinist. Life will never be quite the same again.

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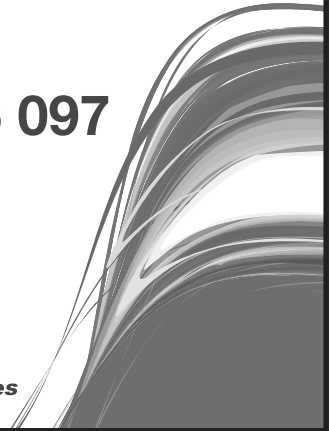
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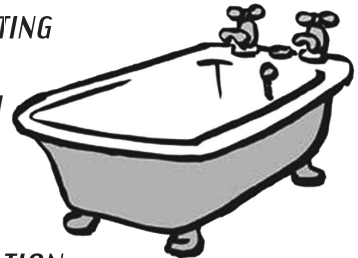
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## PLENTY FOR TWENTY

The upshot of the survey carried out in October is that Deddington parish should soon have 20mph speed limits throughout the three villages. For Clifton and Hempton, large majorities – 75% – of those who voted were in favour of the 20mph limit and for Deddington village, 63%. You can see the results and the numerous comments on the parish council website – <https://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/news.html>. At its November meeting the PC agreed to pass on the results to OCC and endorse the parish's decision.

As a bonus, the PC is asking for a 50mph limit to be imposed at the same time between the three villages, something that has long been favoured. The 20mph limit may be introduced as soon as next year and, with luck, the 50mph limit too.

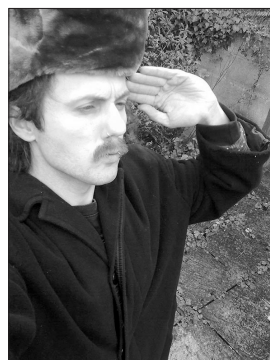
Some comments expressed scepticism that the lower limits in the villages will make much difference, especially if there is little or no enforcement by the police, but there was encouraging news at the Oxfordshire Parish Transport Representatives meeting a few weeks ago. The representative from Coombe reported villagers had noticed an appreciable drop in speeds since their 20mph limit was introduced. There was no evidence yet whether or not there had been a drop in accident levels.

It is possible 20mph will become the new norm in Oxfordshire, which may accustom motorists to dropping their speed somewhat. Almost every community in the county has applied to have the new limit imposed. It's already in place in Oxford City and other locations, such as Coombe. So – we'll see.

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## BLISSFUL THINKING



As we've passed the night of fabricated terror, followed by the night of pet terror in honour of a failure so big that we burn his effigy with glee, it got me thinking about another lovable rogue of spectacular ignominy: one with strong connections to our own parish.

What would Piers Gaveston say if he were to stagger into our present day settlement? Would he be thrilled at the Row and the Gardens which bear his moniker or be deliriously amused at the idea of his name living on in the final place he was harboured up until his unceremonious demise? Perhaps he could attend a discussion at the notorious debating society named after him in Oxford and chuckle at the fact that his influence on the crown arguably brought the country closer to Civil War than that far more nationally renowned pariah with the gunpowder. Merry Christmas everyone!

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## CHURCH MOWERS SPIRITED AWAY

The mower shed in the upper churchyard was broken into on the night of Saturday 29 October and four petrol mowers and two trimmers stolen. Thanks to Eagles' rear security camera we know it happened about 11.00pm but only indistinct figures pushing mowers were recorded and no vehicle registration number was visible.

The ten mower team volunteers and the church wardens are devastated by the loss as the church, together with the parish council's help, had allowed us to build up a modern and reliable collection of garden equipment to maintain both churchyards. The church will make an insurance claim for much of the replacement cost of the two newer mowers but it will probably fall short on the older equipment.

We would be very grateful for offers of any surplus mowers you might have languishing at the back of a garden shed or garage. To be suitable for coping with the churchyards a mower needs to be petrol powered, 16in cut upwards, and reasonably robust. If you have a suitable machine you no longer need, please call John Nason on 01869 338494 or Peter Ayles on 01869 336261.

Following the theft, we heard local talk of garden equipment going missing across the county. May we suggest you make sure your garage and sheds are securely locked this winter. We are certainly going to increase the church's storage shed security.

*The Church Mower Team*

## FRIENDS OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS

Thank you to the farmers' market for its donation of £250 which will be matched by Friends of the Castle Grounds and used to conduct a survey and install bat and tawny owl boxes. The boxes will need positioning correctly, facing the optimum way for the species. Perhaps we should have a camera placed by the badger setts.

Friends of the Castle Grounds are sponsoring a brand new poo bin by the notice board at the entrance. No mow May/June has been discussed and the intention is to leave one-third uncut by the outer bailey from Eddie's bench along the south bank. A footpath will be cut around the back to give access for walkers. A meeting has taken place with English Heritage's new custodian, Ed McGregor, who has familiarised himself with the Grounds.

After all the dry weather mud has returned to the Castle; please be careful with the mud and slippery tree roots. The path by the badger setts is getting very slippery already. There are now plenty of wheelie bins near the entrance. Please use these rather than the smaller bins. The Castle Grounds is still looking extremely beautiful at the moment with the falling colourful leaves especially on a sunny winter afternoon so please come and enjoy this wonderful site. Thank you for all of your support this year and we are looking forward holding lots of events at the grounds next year.

*Carol Garrett*

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## LETTERS

FROM SUSIE CARRDUS,  
DEDDINGTON

Four years ago, a prescient Cherwell planning officer wrote that Deddington would have to expand carefully or new development would impinge on the landscape setting of the village. Chapman's Lane was the vantage point he cited as in danger and it has already happened. The Clifton Road Burrington's development of huge houses hits anyone making the Deddington circular walk. It is visible, not only along Chapman's Lane, but also Jerusalem Lane and the Castle mound – and this is when all the trees are in full leaf. Will the newcomers love their houses? Of course. Does this make them proportionately-scaled village houses built in the right place? No.

FROM NAOMI COOPER, OCC MARKETING AND  
CAMPAIGNS OFFICER,

*Foster carers needed in Oxfordshire*

Love – that's what fostering is all about. As Oxfordshire foster carer, Sue, says: 'These kids don't want money, they don't want things – they just want love and attention, and they want your time.'

Oxfordshire County Council's fostering team is looking for people with big hearts to become foster carers. So, if you've got love to give, they'd love to hear from you. Find out more about fostering – [oxfordshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://oxfordshire.gov.uk/fostering), [naomi.cooper@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:naomi.cooper@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

FROM JANE GREEN, DEDDINGTON

Christmas cards and calendars are for sale in the church in aid of Embrace the Middle East, a British charity sending funds to charities in the Middle East caring for the poor, disabled and refugees of all faiths or none. Payment details are provided.

FROM SARAH LIEBRECHT

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Ride and Stride, walking, cycling and welcoming visitors. Together we raised £572. Half of this will go to help churches in need throughout Oxfordshire, and the other half to our church in Deddington.

Look out for details of next year's event, the second Saturday in September.

FROM PETER RYAN, OXFORDSHIRE MIND

Feeling overwhelmed? Are you anxious or experiencing low mood? I am Oxfordshire Mind's Primary Care Wellbeing Worker here to offer social prescribing support for patients registered at Deddington Health Centre. I am here on Tuesdays, with appointments available from 9.30am–3.30pm. On Mondays, Wednesday mornings and every second Friday morning, I provide telephone support. To book an appointment, call Oxfordshire Mind on 01865 247 788. The staff receiving your call will take some details and notify me so that I can contact you and confirm an appointment within a couple of days from the original enquiry. At Deddington Health Centre, an in-person appointment with me is likely to be available within about a week. Alternatively, a telephone appointment can happen within days. If preferred, the Health Centre will make the initial contact for you. Similarly, GPs and nurses will book appointments on behalf of patients under their care who think they would benefit. I can be reached on [peter.ryan@oxfordshiremind.org.uk](mailto:peter.ryan@oxfordshiremind.org.uk).

Please address all letters to:

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and include your name and address  
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FROM JANET DUNKIN, BLOXHAM

Cornhill Companions is a Banbury based charity which offers support to lonely elderly people, living in Banbury and surrounding villages, who are referred through Age UK and other such sources. With a growing waiting list for its services, Cornhill Companions is urgently looking for volunteers to make friends with an older person and meet up with them once a week for a conversation or take them out to the shops or to a local café. Half an hour of your help and friendship each week could make a remarkable difference to someone's life.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Companions please call 07763 207780 or 01295 264214 or email [cornhillcc@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:cornhillcc@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk). For more information see [www.cornhillcompanions.org.uk](http://www.cornhillcompanions.org.uk).

## PFSU AND VILLAGE NURSERY

Christmas is coming and we are all looking forward to the celebrations. The PFSU children will start the festivities by inviting parents into Pre-School for two decorations afternoons during which we will make our classroom look really Christmassy. These will take place on the afternoons of Monday 5 and Wednesday 7 December from 1.30 to 3.00pm. We then perform our nativity, *Born in A Barn*, with the F1 class on Tuesday 13 December at 2.00pm, in the parish church.

The Nursery children and their families have their turn to be creative at their Christmas craft morning on Wednesday 14 December from 10.00–11.30am. Our Christmas parties take place on Monday 19 December from 9.30–11.30am at Pre-School and Tuesday 20 December from 10.00–12.30pm at Nursery. We will all be taking part in Christmas Jumper Days on 8 and 9 December and look forward to seeing you all in your best festive outfits.

We would like to thank the farmers' market for their generous donations to both settings, which will be spent on improving our outdoor areas. Our Halloween pumpkin trail made an amazing £416. Thank you all for your support. Finally a reminder to all PFSU parents that the closing date for primary school applications is 15 January 2023. Merry Christmas everyone.

**Lucy Squires**  
**01869 337484**

## FROM THE FIRE STATION

Summer is over the yard arm and autumn is firmly here as rain and squally winds funnel through Deddington. That busy summer seems a distant memory as we have been exceptionally quiet this month with a mere twelve call-outs, divided between standbys, rescues, alarms and traffic collisions.

Training continues, with Corrie King having passed her final BA Team Leader exam, Louis Martin starting his BA basic course and CJ Harber now qualified to be on the run. By the time this goes to print Barney

Neal will have completed his two week basic training.

The Deddington crew visited both Cubs and the primary school this month, as well as attending the village fireworks display.

**FF James Greenwood,**  
[James@cyclogicalshop.co.uk](mailto:James@cyclogicalshop.co.uk)

## HOLLY TREE CLUB

Well, it looks like Covid will let us celebrate Christmas without restrictions this year. It has been lovely to see so many people getting together after a bleak couple of years. There is a real buzz to the club these days. Coffee mornings continue every Monday up to 19 December and resume on Monday 9 January. There is no lunch club in December but will resume on 18 January. The Christmas lunch, with its wonderful raffle, will be held on 7 December at the Deddington Arms.

By the time you read this, members will have lunched at the Bicester Garden centre and done as much shopping as they can fit into their bags. Thank you OurBus Bartons for transporting us as usual.

In January, members have been invited to an afternoon tea at the newly renovated Glebefields Care Home as guests of the Barchester Group.

**Julia Cork**  
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## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a good start to Term 2. The children showed great team spirit in their cross country events at Sibford School. Year 5 went on a trip to the Space Centre in Leicester to enhance their learning on their current topic on space. Fireworks night, this year actually celebrated on 5 November, was a great success thanks to our PTA who put a great deal of time and effort into the very enjoyable event.

Remembrance Day was important for us as we paused to think of all those families who have been affected by conflict, both now and in the past. Year 6 decorated crosses with poppy designs which were placed on the green in the Market Place. They looked special and the children were proud to see their work on display in the village.

We are beginning our preparations for our Christmas performances. F1, KS1 and KS2 are enjoying work on their performances, which will be put on in the last full week of term.

**Denise Welch**  
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We are also delighted to announce a partnership with Hall Personal Training based in Deddington and the surrounding area. Their Deddington studio is open daily plus Saturday mornings, specialising in one-to-one and small group personal training. Opened only last year, their private studio offers a huge selection of free weights, cardio equipment but above all, fosters a fantastic community. Feel free to send them an email to [info@hall-training.com](mailto:info@hall-training.com) for more information to kick-start your fitness for 2023.




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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Things move fast in the planning world. At its November meeting, the PC approved the draft Neighbourhood Plan and voted unanimously to recommend the CDC reject the large-scale planning application for 135 homes on a site north of The Swere, west of the A4260 on the basis of size, density, landscape considerations, traffic congestion, and unmanageable demands on the Health Centre and primary school. It also appears widely unpopular, judging by comments on the CDC planning portal and Deddington's online community noticeboard. Key for the NP steering group was that it was not a favoured site in the NP survey carried out this summer – full results are available on both the parish council and neighbourhood plan websites..

By the time this reaches you the Plan, technically the Pre-Submission Plan, will be undergoing a Regulation 14 consultation when the statutory consultees, including OCC, CDC, police, Thames Water, English Heritage, landowners and developers, as well as parishioners will have the chance to give their views and suggested amendments.

There are three sites allocated for development – one north of the fire station fronting on to the A4260 (DNP11), one north of Wimborn Close and the new Stone Pits estate (DNP6), and one small, reconfigured, site leading off Chapmans Lane, wrapped around the corner of the Satin Lane allotments (DNP1). The total number of dwellings on these sites, ones preferred by parishioners, would add up to more than the 135 posited for the single Bloor Homes site north of Deddington Grange, although the figures are not set in stone. Our planning consultant advises that, although it is not possible to add to the allocations at this stage, it is possible to reduce them.

We on the NP steering group have worked on the

assumption that the target number of new homes in Deddington required by CDC would be at the top end of potential allocation – possibly above the figure of 126 new homes stipulated in the Housing Needs Assessment carried out for us by the independent consultants AECOM, from which 56 homes already granted consent on Clifton Road and Hempton Road could be deducted. However, it seems CDC has had a change of heart. We have discovered very recently they are now talking much more of cherishing rural areas and setting target figures for new dwellings up to 2040 at substantially lower figures than we anticipated. We will know more about this when CDC's draft Local Plan is published for consultation later this month.

The policies proposed for the Neighbourhood Plan have mostly proved uncontroversial in our survey. There was some doubt about the value of establishing settlement boundaries and about potential housing numbers but the majority was in support of the relevant policies, and huge majorities favoured policies designed to combat climate change.

Our Pre-Submission Plan, plus a report documenting the rationale for our site allocations and the results of the NP survey, add up to a lot of reading. There is no concise way of covering all the angles but we look forward to your comments on the Plan. We know we can expect objections to our allocations, indeed to any allocations anywhere, but we aim to find a path that will satisfy most parishioners, the requirements of CDC and the probing of a government-appointed examiner.

[www.deddingtonneighbourhoodplan.org](http://www.deddingtonneighbourhoodplan.org)

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### *More Deddington families*

**John Goundrey** brought electricity to Deddington in the 1930s installing it in the

church and many of our houses. He was born in 1901 in Duns Tew where his younger brother, Edward, started the nurseries used by many Deddington gardeners until the business was sold. John's first commercial enterprise was making crystal (cat's whisker) radios and servicing their accumulator batteries. His house and former shop is now No 10 High Street on the north side of and over the entrance to The Tchure.

**The Beesley family** had arrived in Deddington by the 1871 census to live in the Butchers Arms pub at the top of Church Street (now The Old Malt House) and were carpenters by trade through succeeding generations. They moved to another house opposite the almshouses, demolished some time in the late 1930s but signs remain as lintels in the now garden wall. Then, from 1932 to 1962, they lived in our house on New Street from where they conducted a joinery and undertaking business. During this time, as the



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house had no name, it was probably called The Vet's House after the occupation of the previous owner,

Richard Page Bull. It shared common ground with Leaden Porch next door; today's dividing wall was built in 1961/62 when it also received its own name, The Stile House, on change of ownership.

**Fowler brothers in WWI.** In 1921 Daisy May Beesley had married Richard Fowler who lived in The Firs at the bottom of New Street. Their grandson, John Fowler, did some building design drawings for us. More about the Fowler family will appear on the website in due course; meanwhile, I have uploaded an account of him and his brother John's military service in WWI.

Links to all three articles can be found on the History home page – url as in the logo.

**Rob Forsyth**  
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## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Deddington History Society

On 12 October Liz Woolley gave a talk about the support which Oxfordshire people gave to the government and people of Spain against the coup that General Franco and other military leaders made against the legitimate Spanish government. Franco swiftly acquired territory on the west coast and increased it further by both military means and starving opponents. The British government led by Chamberlain took a position of non-intervention.

Many men and women from Oxfordshire offered help to the people of Spain, raising money to buy food and offering accommodation to those who fled. Oxfordshire volunteers went to Spain to fight against Franco and take on non-combatant roles such as ambulance driving. The support came primarily from trade union members and Oxford colleges, such as Ruskin, and included students, Dennis Healey and Edward Heath, a perfect example of town and gown coming together. Another notable figure who played an important supporting role was Lord Mitford who went on to become the only Communist to sit in the House of Lords. All of this was unfortunately of little avail as Franco won the war with the Spanish monarch having to flee the country.

We hope to see another good turnout for our meeting on 15 December when Stephen Barker will speak on 'The Battle for Cropredy Bridge', at the primary school at 7.30pm.

**Barrie Smith**

### Deddington Players

It's that time of year again ... oh yes, it is! The Deddington Players proudly present this season's pantomime, *The Wizard of Oz* on 19–21 January at the Windmill. Join Dorothy and her little dog, Toto, as they adventure to the Emerald City with new friends, while escaping the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West. Expect the usual Deddington Players family fun, toe tapping tunes, hilarity and audience interaction. Tickets for all four performances are available from 1 December at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/deddington-players](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/deddington-players).

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

### Photographic Society

We enjoyed a relaxed evening with one of our own talking about gaining his Royal Photographic Society Licentiate (LRPS) and Associate (ARPS) distinctions. John Cavana spent many months selecting the panel of ten images to submit for his ARPS assessment. The images were not on a particular theme but had a link and were aimed at showing a variety of approaches such as macro, landscape, and long exposure. It was an interesting exercise for us to put the images in a presentation order and explain our logic. Surprisingly, it can make a huge difference in how a panel is shown to its best potential.

For the LRPS distinction a panel of fifteen photographs is required; more a body of work supported with a statement of intent. John chose a group of images

taken at the Langa township in Cape Town. John spent more than six years visiting South Africa and was able to record the experience of township life with the help of a local photographer. These are honest images showing a harsh environment and obvious poverty. John's body of work can be seen on the ADDPS website under the members' gallery section.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7 December at 7.30pm at the Adderbury Institute. See our website for further details. You can also catch us at Castle Quay on 10 December, 9.00am–2.00pm to see our images and talk to us about becoming a member.

**Anne Hunsley**  
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### Royal British Legion

Poppy Weeks made an excellent start at the October farmers' market where £395 was donated at the RBL stand. We also received a generous cheque for £250 from the market committee. The postal strike delayed distribution of tins and poppy trays but, hopefully, will not greatly affect this year's donations.


Our fund-raising event on 5 November was a great success. The former Paras – Yanto Evans and 'Zip' Hunt – provided an entertaining and informative account of their experiences 40 years ago in the Falklands. Approximately 100 people attended and contributed over £700 to the appeal. We were privileged to get a squaddie's-eye view of the war from sailing down south, the landing and then marching (known as TAB'ing in the Paras) across extremely difficult terrain in one of the worst ever winters, and got some sense of what it was like to be under fire in the assault on Mt Longdon. Humour clearly played a large part in challenging and dangerous circumstances. Yanto was on Sir Galahad when it was hit by Argentine bombs but survived unhurt. We are delighted that he is now the local Poppy Appeal support manager for North Oxfordshire and he joins our committee in thanking the people of Deddington for their, as ever, very generous support for ex-military needing help in the community.

**Rob Forsyth 01869 338384**

### WI


At our November meeting we met Martin Sirot Smith or, rather, his alter ego, Lawrence Washington, in full Tudor dress. He told us the history of the Washington family from its earliest records from County Durham in 1183 to their move to North Lancashire in the 14th century. Lawrence moved to Northampton in 1539 as bailiff to Sir William Parr, father of Katherine Parr. This was a good well-paid post, enabling him to make his fortune in the wool trade and marry two rich widows, the second of whom gave him 11 children. Lawrence bought the Manor of Sulgrave with Stuchbury at the time of the dissolution of the monasteries under Henry VIII and built the house at Sulgrave on the lands. His descendants backed the Royalist cause in the Civil War and suffered under Cromwell. As a result, Colonel John Washington emigrated to Virginia to farm tobacco. His great, great grandson, George, became

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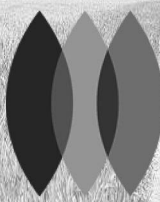
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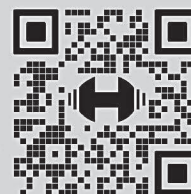
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### Deddington Bookworms

Our last book was *Dear Mrs Bird* by AJ Pearce. Miss Emmeline Lake's ambition of becoming a journalist appear to be thwarted when she inadvertently secures a job as an administrative clerk with Mrs Bird, an agony aunt on a women's magazine.

Overall, it was a hit, with some more enthusiastic than others. The language immediately transported the reader to London during World War II and the social norms of the time. We hear about Emmeline's experiences of friendship, love, war and work, including her rash decision to answer and publish problem letters on Mrs Bird's 'topics that will not be responded to' list. The letters themselves highlight a multitude of social issues, especially the life of young women in 1941, including deference to parents and authority, and what was seen as acceptable behaviourally and conversationally. The story also demonstrated how people coped with tremendous threats to life and tragedy with a stiff upper lip, resilience and squeezing enjoyment wherever possible.

Our next book is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

**[Deddingtonbookworms@gmail.com](mailto:Deddingtonbookworms@gmail.com)**

### Book Group

Tara Westover's memoir, *Educated*, is a well-written and compelling account of her difficult upbringing and determination to forge a different life for herself. Tara was born in rural Idaho, the youngest of seven children in a strict Mormon family. Her father had an almost paranoid distrust of government, formal education and modern healthcare. Tara had no birth certificate until she was nine and no schooling other than learning to read at home. Like her siblings, she had to work in the appallingly unsafe conditions of the family scrapyard; injuries and illnesses were treated only with her mother's herbal concoctions. One of her brothers subjected her to terrifying physical attacks (her parents have always disputed this). Tara's fight to satisfy her thirst for education led eventually to a doctorate from Cambridge and her present academic career. However, the cost of her freedom has been a rift with the parents whose support and approval she needed. While much of the account is shocking, Tara's intelligence, courage and tenacity are inspiring.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 26 January, and we welcome new members. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for more details.

**The Book Group**

### Local Vocals Community Choir

With dark nights and inclement weather, it certainly

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feels like the start of winter. Thank goodness we do not have to open all the windows this year for ventilation. Recently we have been concentrating on the songs and carols we will be singing to friends and family on Monday 12 December in Deddington school hall. This is our first performance since 2019 as our summer evening was cancelled due to the heat. If you are curious about how we sound and the music we sing, why not join us that evening at 8.30pm. You will be very welcome and we will appreciate the support.

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

**Alison Grieve**

## SPORT

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### First Team results

15.10.22	Chesterton (a)	W 3-2
22.10.22	Hardwick Sports Club (h)	L 0-1
29.10.22	Hornton (h)(CUP)	W 3-1
5.11.22	Heyford Ath (h)(CUP)	W 3-2
12.11.22	Bodicote Sports (a)	L 0-2

#### Reserve Team results

15.10.22	Banbury Athletic (h)	Forfeit
22.10.22	Swis Reserves (a)	L 1-2
29.10.22	Hanwell Athletic (a)	L 1-5
5.11.22	Bishops Itchington (a)	L 1-3
12.11.22	Swis Reserves (h)	L 1-5

Sorry everyone, there is just not a lot of respite to the bad news right now. DTFC are looking pretty ropey and they need to turn things around sharpish. Town are in the lower reaches of the division, despite some decent cup results, while Athletic are circling the drain. They now lie at rock bottom, the grimy sediment on the seabed of the Banbury District and Lord Jersey league pyramid. Do what you can to remedy this agony: strap on your boots or fire up your airhorn. Your football teams need you!

**Aaron Bliss 07909 64288)**

### Deddington Town Youth Teams

The Under 16s playing in the Witney and District Youth League have had a mixed month – a heavy 8-0 away defeat to Banbury Irish, followed by a fine 4-1 home win over Chadlington with two goals for Ben Jones. After a good start to the season the Under 14s have been struggling – a 3-5 home defeat after extra time in the WDYFL cup to Witney Vikings, a 0-7 home defeat to Bicester Town Colts in the league and a 0-2 home defeat to Bart Academy in the Oxfordshire County Cup. The Under 13s playing in the Oxfordshire Youth Invitation League continue to find playing in the B League a challenge – a 1-7 home defeat to Cumnor Minors, and an 8-3 away defeat to Kingston Colts, with Guy Newton scoring two goals. The Under 12s continue an impressive season in the C League – a 3-1 away win at Easington Sports with two goals for Vinnie Holiday and a 7-0 home win over Tower Hill with a hat-trick for Freddie Woodworth – and are top

## SPORT

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of the league with five wins from five games.

We are looking for a Club Welfare Officer to support our safeguarding and respect work and a Marketing and Communications Officer. If you are interested, please contact me for a chat about the roles. We can also use help in coaching, safeguarding, pitch improvement work, marketing and fundraising. Further information about the club is on our website – [www.deddingtontownfc/](http://www.deddingtontownfc/) or visit us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc](https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc)

**Roger Sykes 07899 914425**

### Tennis Club

Tennis is not just for summer. We are lucky to have two courts that can be floodlit five nights a week so, when the weather allows, there are opportunities to play tennis all year round. The winter and floodlit season is now underway and we have seven teams competing, which is impressive for a small club like ours. Four teams play on weeknights and, with our floodlit courts, we're able to play league tennis all year round. Three teams play at weekends – the ladies', men's and mixed teams – two of which are in division 1 of their competition. We also have two boys' teams, U16 and U14, in the Oxfordshire National Winter Leagues.

As well as competing against other clubs, we run a friendly box league competition. Thirty-six of our club members are now playing monthly matches against each other across nine leagues. Matches are monthly, organised at a time that suits all four players. It's fun and friendly, but pretty competitive at times too.

On other nights of the week, we have coaching sessions for adults and juniors, and Wednesday is our drop-in club session where any member can turn up and play. If you'd like to know more, book a court and have a hit, or think about joining, please see our website, <http://www.deddingtontennis.com/>

**Becky Jones**

## YOUTH

### 1st Deddington Guides

Our patrols continue to work well together, having lots of fun on their Mixology and First Aid badges. The Bluebell Patrol invented and planned the smoothies for our Hallowe'en activity with everyone in a homemade costume. There was some ingenious remodelling. Amelia and Nikita were great ambassadors for us when the farmers' market kindly gave us more than £200 which will make a huge difference to us, helping to pay for books and equipment. Thank you.

Last Tuesday we learned how to skip with a long rope ... running in to start skipping was a new experience. We even managed three Guides skipping at the same time. Hedgehog and Fox Patrols have begun planning our Christmas festivities.

**Maggie Rampley 07957 600755**  
**Marian Trinder 07786 001641**

## YOUTH

### 1st Deddington Scouts

#### Cubs

Recently we have been delighted to invest three of our new Cubs: Lewis, Eva and Connie.

We chose to mark Hallowe'en by looking at the Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos festival, talking about its origins and what it means to people to remember family members who have died. Cubs also decorated pictures of skulls in the traditional styles and made marigolds out of crepe paper to decorate our own ofrenda.

Fireworks night caused us to think about safety with fireworks and around bonfires. We were fortunate enough to be able to visit Deddington Fire Station for a session where Cubs also learnt about fire safety in the home, how to identify fire hazards and what to do in the event of a fire. The Cubs were shown all the personal safety equipment that firefighters wear, and Baloo even got to put on the firefighters' kit. We looked at the fire engine and its equipment, but I suspect that the highlight for the Cubs was knocking down traffic cones by directing a fire hose at them. Thanks to the team at Deddington Fire Station for an amazing session. We also continue to work on core scouting skills such as lashing and knots.

**Paul Honess [deddingtoncubs@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtoncubs@gmail.com)**

#### Scouts

Now the dark winter months are upon us the Scouts will be learning life skills. So far, they've mended a puncture (thanks, James), ironed and folded a shirt and planned a journey using timetables. We are looking for local tradespeople who could share simple skills like replacing a tap washer or wiring a plug. Please contact us if you could help. Our next topic follows on logically – Emergency Aid. This is something we like to reinforce annually. Ask them to put you in the recovery position; it will be worth a laugh. The paracord poppies made for Remembrance Day were rather fiddly but turned out well and gave us the opportunity to talk about the British Legion. Then we completed one of the swimming badges at the Spiceball and generally larked about.

**Pete Churchyard**  
**[deddingtonscouts@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonscouts@gmail.com)**

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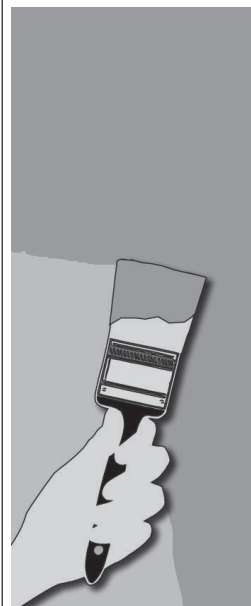
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