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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

The Deddington News team wishes all our readers a very enjoyable summer holiday. We will return on your doorsteps with the September issue.

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WHAT'S ON

July

- Sun 2 Tennis Club: 40th Anniversary Celebration, Windmill Centre
- Sun 2 Music in Adderbury, Adderbury Ensemble, St Mary's Adderbury, 6.00pm
- Wed 5 Photographic Society: 'Photographing the Milky Way from the UK', Mary McIntyre, Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
- Sat 8 Cherwell Choral Society: 'Americana', Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sun 9 Music in Adderbury, San Marco Chamber Music Society, St Mary's Adderbury, 6.00pm
- Tue 11 DOGS: Stratford upon Avon GC, first tee 10.30am
- Wed 12 WI: 'Ladies can't climb ladders', Jane Robinson, Holly Tree, 2.30pm
- Sat 15 Local Vocals: Concert for Katharine House Hospice, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Sun 16 Music in Adderbury: Paddington Trio, Parish Church, 6.00pm
- Wed 19 Parish Council Meeting: Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Sat 22 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Thu 27 Bookworms: Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Thu 27 Book Group: Call Sally Lambert, 01869 338094 for details

August

- Wed 2 Photographic Society: 'Street Photography My Way', Peter Crane, Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
- Wed 9 WI: 'The Origins of Afternoon Tea', Shaun Todd, Holly Tree, 2.30pm
- Wed 9 Harvard Krokodiloes, Hermitage Garden, 7.30pm
- Wed 16 Parish Council Meeting: Old School Room, Hempton, 7.30pm
- Thu 24 Bookworms: Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Fri 25 DOGS: Annual Golf Day, Witney Lakes GC and evening barbecue
- Sat 26 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 28 Photographic Society: Exhibition, Steeple Aston summer show

September

- Wed 13 WI: 'My life and Times as a Film Extra', John Kinory, Holly Tree, 2.30pm
- Sat 16 Autumn Artisan Fayre: Windmill Centre, 10.00am–1.00pm
- Wed 20 Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm
- Sat 23 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Windmill 21 June 2023

Present: Cox (chair), Ince, Patterson, Swadling, Swan, Timms, Watts, District Councillor Williams, the parish clerk and DN representative. In the absence of several councillors, Councillor Cox was elected chair for the meeting.

County Cllor report

CC Fatemian reported that all OCC councillors received an email directing them to refrain from expressing an opinion on OCC's decision making on leasing the 'Triangle' at Kidlington to Oxford United-FC. He stated he had no intention of complying.

Finance & General Purposes

The rules relating to the cemetery have been updated to include reference to maintenance of memorial benches around the parish and listing approved cemetery contractors.

Planning permission has been received for the upgrade of the Windmill roof and grants have been applied for. A construction survey is still awaited.

Research is continuing into the possible installation of wifi in the Market Place for the use of the farmers' market traders.

It was agreed to spend up to £24,950 on refurbishing the Windmill kitchen.

District Councillor Williams is to follow up discussions with CDC regarding the PC's adoption of the Swere (referred to as Deddington Grange) play area, without taking responsibility for the balancing pond.

Following a request from Friends of Castle Grounds, there, Although they will not be able to carry out work required, as they are not on English Heritage list of contractors, local contractors will be asked to quote for work at Castle Grounds, at the request of the Friends. This is to compare with the £2,500 quote by an English Heritage preferred supplier for repairs to path which has been disrupted by badgers.

Planning

No objection

Holly Tree Club, Horse Fair: single storey extension to front of existing building and associated landscaping.
Stable End, St Thomas Street: single storey side extension.

Land Adjacent to Clifton Gate Development, Clifton Road: erection of single dwelling, as previously, with reservation that oak with TPO be protected at all times.
Plummers, 8 Hopcraft Lane, Deddington: fell two conifers.

7 Hobart Way, Deddington: retrospective application for erection of utility room, including WC, to rear of existing garage.

Land South East of College Farm, Duns Tew Road, Hempton: extension of existing agricultural building for additional straw storage.

Old Corner House, Market Place, Deddington: repositioning of two ground floor doors and associated works.

Approvals

Windsor Cottage, High Street, Deddington: tree works.
Holly Trees, Earls Lane, Deddington: First floor extension over garage and two storey extension to rear and loft conversion.

Middle Yard, The Tchure: 10 roof-mounted solar panels.

Crossways, Hempton: external repointing.

Hempton Gate, Deddington: amendment to site layout plot 22.

Dragon House, Bull Ring, Deddington: replacement of two dormer windows.

British Microlight Association, Bull Ring, Deddington: change of use to residential apartments and retention of one office on ground floor including bicycle storage.

Refusals

Land east of Combe Cottage and south of St John's Way, Hempton: outline planning for 9 dwellings; as outside village, walking distance from key amenities in Deddington, loss of greenfield land, extension of development into countryside, urbanising effect on local area and adverse effect on haracter of Hempton.

Large Scale Developments

S106 money finally received by CDC from Burringtons for Stone Pits phase 1 development, is now available for Windmill kitchen, play equipment at Wimborn Close and the Windmill Centre, and outdoor sports. £15,000 has already been agreed for refurbishing the Cricket Club nets; the remainder will be used on the old play area between the Popular Chinese and the Tennis Club.

An application for 60 dwellings north of Wimborn Close is not on CDC's June planning agenda.

Neighbourhood Plan

CDC's emerging Local Plan has no status at present, with latest version expected next year. This does not help Deddington fend off unwanted large scale applications but, once approved, our Neighbourhood Plan will stand instead. This is now undergoing CDC's Regulation 16 consultation which will end in mid July.

Highways & Transport

A proposal for additional bollards to be installed round the Market Place greens is being considered, with OCC being asked to pay for them. OCC engineers to be asked to look at widening lane on the south side of the large green and also costs for double kerbs for part or all way round.

NB The S4 bus running through Deddington in both directions is now leaving 10 minutes later than previously. Also, buses and trains to Birmingham International airport are no longer linked.

Next meeting: Wednesday 19 July at 7.30pm at the Windmill and Wednesday 16 August at 7.30pm at Hempton Old School Room.



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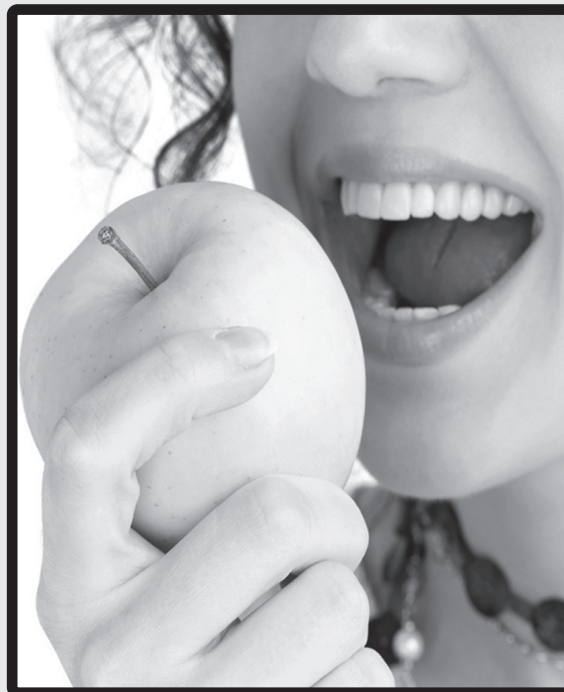
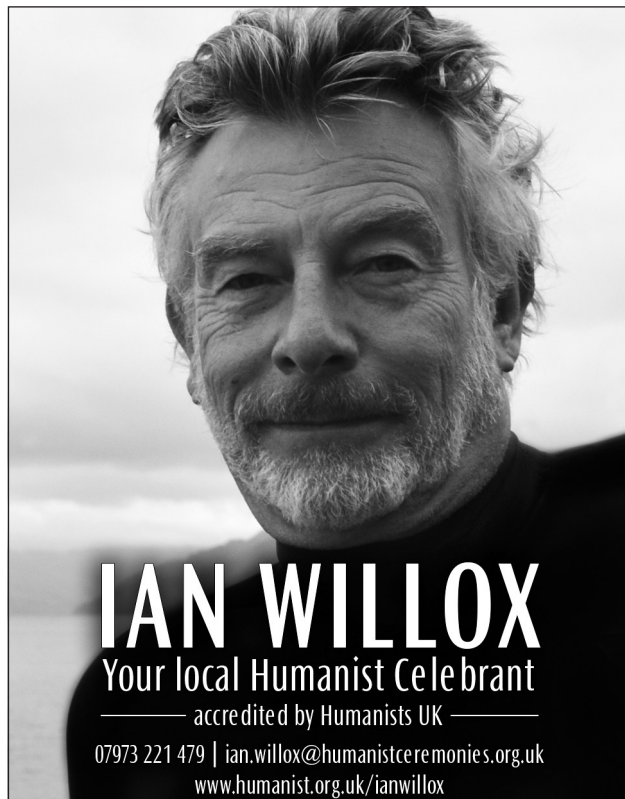
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Revd Annie cutting the tape on the restored porch

We are fortunate to have at the heart of our village the church of St Peter and St Paul, an historic listed building that goes back nearly eight centuries.

It is not only a focal point for religious services but is also used by some 40 different organisations for a wide range of events. The monthly farmers' market is the most visible of these to villagers and visitors alike.

Every generation down the centuries has felt a responsibility to preserve this remarkable building for the benefit of their successors. It is for this purpose that the Friends of Deddington Church was set up some sixteen years ago.

Between 2012 and 2017, for example, fundraising activities ranged from jazz evenings to brass band performances, an Abba tribute concert and exotic calypso evenings, together with exotic Burns suppers. They succeeded in raising funds for the maintenance of the fabric and grounds of the church.

However, it became clear that fundraising by these means was no longer sufficient. Accordingly, in 2022 we re-established the Friends as a registered charity. This means that our funds are increased by 25% by the government and also that donors can claim income tax relief. In the six months between the effective end of the Covid crisis and the financial difficulties of last autumn, we were able to conduct our first campaign. This attracted many generous donors and we raised some £75,000 which will now be used for the maintenance of the church building and its grounds which also give pleasure to many of us in the village.

Our first major project was the replacement of the century old roof on the south porch of the church, indeed its main entrance. Extensive rot had weakened the woodwork and many of its historic Stonesfield tiles

needed replacement. Others had to be removed and cleaned. Fortunately, specialist builders had access to a further supply of such tiles from the recently replaced roof of the Holly Tree cottages nearby. This work was completed in early May.

A small group of supporters celebrated its completion on 19 May when the Revd Annie who, in one of her last acts after eight years as our vicar, ceremonially cut a ribbon to open the new entrance to the church.

Looking ahead, there are other important works to be completed that are beyond the means of the regular congregation and for which we will be seeking funds from the village as a whole.

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Old Age, Tennis, Secret Papers and Coronations

I have more time to play tennis now that I am semi-retired, but this week I discovered the problem with team sports at 70 years of age. After I played a great winner down the line the four of us looked at each other but no-one could remember the score. Mind you, two of the geriatrics were over 80 and they are both better at tennis than I am.

I think we would all agree that, on occasions, most politicians have a suspect connection to the truth but now 'alternative facts' seem to have become normalised on both sides of the Pond. There is quite a fascination with Boris over here and, with my usual English superiority, I tell people that the UK is a beacon of light in its widespread rejection of the lies. In the largest democracy in the world Trump has managed to maintain his support levels, despite the things he claims and the court cases that are piling up. There will be at least another set of charges on the books over the next couple of months and these will be more serious than the tax issues and his penchant to collect old papers as souvenirs.

I relate to this issue since I collect bits that mean something to me in my 'boxes of life'. Trump is obviously someone who also likes to collect; however, I don't store them in a toilet. I guess Melania doesn't ask him why they are paying for the storage costs and I don't suppose that any Saudis want to look inside my boxes. I don't have any nuclear secrets.

When I first started travelling for business in the US 20 years ago I had a uniform, a black suit, a white shirt and an English accent. I guess I might have had something useful to say on these occasions, but for sure the client always remembered the visit by the Englishman. It does amaze me how the average middle class American loves British TV, castles and the Royal family. We managed to miss the Coronation since we were visiting family in Cyprus but, after we got back to Colorado, we had a neighbourhood happy hour and four separate people asked me what I thought of the ceremony. They had watched it. They had all loved it. I like to remind them in my condescending manner that America fought a war 240 years ago in order to remove the UK monarchy from their lives.

Yesterday Heather visited a '1450s Scottish-style Castle', a very old construction about 15 miles south of us, which was built in 1925. It has a Winston Churchill room, and a huge collection of Christopher Wren drawings. She had tea, but, as always the water wasn't hot enough and the use of long life milk did not meet with her approval. There are a lot of Anglophiles here, but they do not understand how to make English tea.

I hope my accent and my ability to make tea will continue to work with Heather as we come up to our 30-year anniversary. She has had a lot to put up with over the years but the good news is that I have forgotten all about my errors. I'm a bit like a politician really.

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Weekday services

Mon, Wed	8.45am	Morning Prayer and Fri
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thu	9.30am	Tea + Toast and Squiggles and Wriggles

JULY

Sun 2	10.30am	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	3 O'Clock Family Service
	6.00pm	Patronal Festal Evensong
Sun 9	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 6	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 23	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 30	10.30am	Holy Communion

Hempton

Sun 16	9.00am	Holy Communion
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Barfords

Sun 2	10.30am	Coffee and Chat BSM
Sun 9	9.00am	Communion BSM
Sun 16	10.30am	Family Service BSM
Sun 23	10.30am	Family Holy Communion BSM
Sun 30	9.00am	Special Service, BSJ

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

27 May	Rowan Jacob Ashworth Small
28 May	Nancy Margot Nicholls
10 June	Louie Peter Robin Scott Butters and Lila Wren Scott Butters

Weddings

10 June	Charlotte Ogilvie and Kristian Tyler
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Funerals

9 May	Rosemary Taylor (burial of ashes)
18 May	Margery Hawes (burial of ashes);
21 May	Dorothy White (memorial service)
22 May	Daphne Harper

AUGUST

Sun 6	10.30am	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	3 O'Clock Family Service
Sun 13	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 20	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 27	10.30am	Holy Communion

Hempton

No 9.00am service this month

Barfords

Sun 6	10.30am	Coffee and Chat, BSMI
Sun 13	9.00am	Communion, BSM
Sun 20	10.30am	Family Service, BSM
Sun 27	10.30am	Family Holy Communion, BSM

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DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW 2023

The Deddington Parish Show will take place on 2 September in the church.

We would like to encourage everyone to enter. Entry forms are available in local shops and pubs throughout June, July and August. Contributions for the Bottle Stall and cakes for teas and the Cake Stall would be gratefully appreciated.

All profits from the Show are distributed to local groups.

Sue Shelley, Secretary
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HARVARD KROKODILOES ARE BACK!

On Wednesday 9 August the Krokodilos will be singing in the garden of the Hermitage, on Horsefair, thanks to the generosity of Suzanne Allan. The Kroks are Harvard University's oldest a cappella singing group.

The concert begins at 7.30pm. The cost on the door will be £15.00 with children under 16 free. Please bring a picnic for the interval.

In the event of bad weather, the concert will move to the church.

Barrie Smith
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HEAT PUMPS SOON TO BE UPON US?

At present, the UK plans to ban gas boilers for new construction by 2025. Existing properties with gas boilers will not be affected, although the idea is eventually to replace them all. Among the alternatives being discussed is heat pumps, an electrical device that extracts heat from the outside air, underground pipes or a source of water.

One might reasonably ask how we could heat a house using chilly outdoor air or cold ground as a resource. Without getting lost in the technical tall grass, heat pumps use a liquid refrigerant with a very low boiling point and, even in cold weather, there is enough outdoor heat to turn that liquid into a gas which is then compressed to raise its temperature. When the gas reliquefies in an indoor condenser unit, it can heat either water for radiators or warm air fan units.

There appears to be some confusion as to what kind of heat pump to consider. Many on the market are known as 'low temperature units' with thermal output temperatures of around 45C. This is a typical temperature for underfloor heating systems and should work well in homes built to high insulation and weather-tightness standards, although it could be worthwhile considering insulating to a higher level than current building code standards for energy efficiency.

However, if considering retrofitting a typical house, these low temperature units would be unlikely to provide adequate heat without extensive added insulation and weather tightening (and there is only so much wall space or cavity space available). Most probably additional radiators would also be needed, again affecting wall space. Overall, the cost of the changes necessary to make a low temperature unit effective in meeting the desired heat output is likely to be considerable.

For retrofitting an existing house it would be worth considering a high temperature heat pump. These are available but less familiar in the UK. Their output is closer to that of a traditional gas boiler, at around 70C, greatly reducing the need for additional radiators and extensive insulation.

While most new homes would require a centralised heat distribution system similar to those in older

homes, for those building or remodelling a well-insulated small home there is the option of using a 'split system', consisting of an outdoor heat pump about the size of a suitcase and an indoor wall-mounted fan unit which can not only heat but, when run in reverse, supply cool air for those hot summer days.

Other Europe countries, such as Scandinavia and the Netherlands, have been using heat pumps for many years. In the US they are into their fifth decade but here there is a backup for the heat pump in the way of electric resistance heaters that turn on in very cold weather where there is no longer enough heat available for the heat pump to satisfy the demands of the indoor thermostat. There seems to be an assumption here that UK winters are fairly mild and backup heating is unnecessary, which is not wholly reassuring.

Shifting to heat pumps may be well and good for reducing the use of fossil fuels like natural gas but there are some devilish details. For example, heat pumps can cost several times more than a gas boiler and even the proposed £5,000 government grant would still leave many home buyers spending a lot more for their heating system. Then there is the considerably higher cost of electricity vs natural gas for the same thermal output. Fortunately, heat pumps have an edge that helps make electric power more affordable in that they can operate at efficiencies well beyond that of gas boilers. Heating engineers call this the COP (coefficient of performance). So for every kilowatt of electricity going into a heat pump, they return somewhere between two and four kilowatts of heat equivalent. This depends on the kind of heat pump and factors like the weather because in lower temperatures, a heat pump is less efficient.

At present there are only about 30,000 heat pumps installed per year in the UK but in the near future it is anticipated that number will rise to 600,000. I don't doubt there will be an industry learning curve as more builders encounter heat pumps for the first time. Nor do I doubt that it is a step in the right direction.

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Much of the last month has been spent cataloguing Buffy Heywood's history research files which she

donated to the Parish Archive when she left the Manor House to live with son, Rob, and his wife, Sheila, in Adderbury. Many of the files are associated with her articles about schools, the poor, the Revd Cotton Risle, Deddington Tasmania and the Manor House, as well as numerous other contributions about our parish, published in this and the History Society's magazine, 224. They are accessible by entering her name in the search box (or the Parish Archive's Register) on the History home page.

However, an unexpected and nice surprise was the discovery of papers and minute books associat-

DH History Corner
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ed with the Deddington Society. This organisation was active from 1972-76 and pursued a range of issues, such as using the Windmill

School as a community centre, street lighting, traffic problems, tree planting and publishing a regular newsletter. The coming of the *DN* in September 1976 created a new medium for news and views and, as it also included articles of local interest, including Buffy's contributions, the Society quietly and happily ceded the ground. It was not formally wound up until July 1991 when its remaining funds of £69.24 were transferred to the *DN*. A link to an article about the Society referencing its own documents can be found on the History home page.

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DEDDINGTON ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

Our seemingly endless, wet, cold spring has morphed into a dry, hot summer and, at the time of writing, Kent and Sussex have just announced hosepipe bans. Oxfordshire may or may not follow suit, but we've rounded up some of the top tips for keeping our gardens looking gorgeous, even in a drought.

Prioritise trees and larger shrubs (they are more expensive to replace and often host several different species of wildlife), pots, newly planted flowers, shrubs and vegetables. Grass lawns recover from drought very quickly once regular rain starts to fall again.

Water most plants deeply and less frequently (once a week is generally enough) rather than giving more frequent, light waterings. Some used to shallow, frequent watering may wilt and sulk at first but most will survive. If you can, water in the early mornings or evenings. Poke your finger into the soil and if it is still damp an inch or two below, chances are the roots will be fine and you don't need to water that plant yet.

Consider using larger pots, filled with multiple varieties of plants rather than lots of small ones that will dry out much more quickly. Consider moving them into the shade for a few days at a time.

Mulch, mulch, mulch, if you don't already. Why not give it a try in a small patch and see how much more water the soil retains. Leave a small amount of soil around the base of each plant to absorb water (otherwise the water may not reach the roots so well). If you have a lot of slugs and snails, only apply material to a depth of about 1 inch, but otherwise, 3-4 inches is fine. Mulches to try: grass clippings or chopped up,

non-flowering weeds. They are free, abundant and nutritious but should be dried first; straw; shredded newspapers or cardboard; bark. You may need to top up (especially thinner layers) every few weeks.

Bank up soil around individual plants to create a small trough to collect water and avoid run-off.

Re-purpose water – collect tap water that you may be running until the water gets cold/hot; save cooking water from pasta/vegetables to use once it has cooled down; consider placing a bucket in the bathroom to collect bath or shower water.

If there is no hosepipe ban, consider installing soaker-hoses that target water to the base of plants. A budget-friendly option is to make your own from old hosepipes – put a cap on the far end of the hose and lay it in your flower/vegetable bed around your plants. Use either a ¼ inch drill or a hammer and nails to punch holes where needed.

Strip or pinch out the leaves – the lower leaves of some vegetable plants like tomatoes and squash can be removed once the plant is bearing fruit without any adverse effects, which will redirect water to where it is needed. Pinching out the tips of plants like beans, aubergines, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers and peas has the same effect.

Lastly, don't forget the small creatures that depend on our gardens for their survival. If you have a pond, try floating corks on the surface to help bees to drink. Or leave out shallow bowls of water in the shade for them. The birds will thank you too.

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WINDMILL CENTRE HISTORY – 2

I have continued delving into the history of the Windmill Centre, using the DN archive, particularly the parish council meeting notes and letters to the editor as I wanted to present it from the community's point of view. Issues of the 1978 and 1979 *DN* get down to the nitty-gritty of what was required and what needed to be done in relation to the Windmill site. You won't be surprised that there were disagreements within the PC and the village. One thing agreed by all was that there was a need for a meeting place for Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies.

The annual parish meeting in May 1978 reported that there was still uncertainty over OCC's plans for the site. Meanwhile Deddington Adult Education Committee continued to use the school hall for activities. July's PC meeting notes reported that OCC had no further use for the building and were preparing a leasing or purchasing agreement. An addendum indicated a management committee would be permitted to continue running the Windmill Hall, as it was now being called, and the groups using the building could continue. However, the sting in the tail was that OCC was unlikely to allow the buildings to be heated.

At the November 1978 the PC's chair, Donald Welford, reported on 'the present state of negotiations on the Windmill Hall site', stating 'the position is as vague as ever' but, reading between the lines, it is suggested that OCC have declared the site redundant. He went on, 'the site is likely to be divided into three parts: agricultural land; classrooms; and the hall and tennis courts', and, 'providing there is no other demand for the buildings, it is likely that Deddington Parish Council would be made a proposal for lease or purchase'. This was not a certainty. The following discussion made it clear the PC was divided over the issue and several councillors spoke strongly against it. Some thought repairing and converting the buildings would be costly and the village could end up with something little used and an alternative was put forward: build a sports complex on the Castle Grounds to include squash and bowls facilities. The meeting concluded, 'Nothing can be decided until the costings are available. That would be the time for discussion and presentation of the project to the village'. The *DN* also recorded that, since that meeting the hall was completely closed as the floor was lifting badly in the unheated building.

A letter from Cliff Smith in the December 1978 *DN* urged residents 'to make the parish council aware of their views' hoping 'villagers will demonstrate to the parish council that there is a need for a village hall in Deddington, and that failure to take the opportunity now offered will be detrimental to the development of the parish as a community'. The PC held a special meeting on 12 February 1979 to discuss a letter from OCC Estates Officer. The March issue contained a lengthy and detailed report covering site 'packages' and costs, planning, renovation costs and grants. The District Valuer had visited the site but was yet to provide costs for the different 'packages'. A PC sub-committee drew up a cost list of repairs and re-

placements for the hall and proposed a working figure of £30,000. When the repair costs necessary for the classrooms were added, the working figure went up to £40,000-50,000. Some councillors were unhappy at the prospect of up to £50,000 being spent on a building not suitable for use as a community centre. Mr Welford put forward the following proposition: 'Is it right to update an old, clapped-out school, or should we start again from scratch, buy the site and spend the money on a custom-built, set up? No one else is in the market now so the purchase price should be minimal and, on present reckoning, a new building would cost no more than bringing the old one up to date'. This was the consensus among the councillors.

A new parish council was elected in May 1979 and what to do about the Windmill site was still a major topic of discussion. We all know the outcome, but it was not plain sailing as you will find out in the next issue.

Source: <https://www.deddington.org.uk/gallery/index.php/Windmill-Community-Centre/Old-Windmill-Community-Centre>

Alison Day

CHURCH BELL TOWER OPEN MORNING

The church bell tower will be open to visitors on Saturday 22 July, farmers' market day, from 10.00am–12.00pm to let visitors view the bells, see them being rung and, hopefully, current insurance constraints permitting, see the amazing view of the village and the surrounding countryside from the tower roof. Please bear in mind there are over 100 steps up a narrow spiral staircase to the top so sensible footwear must be worn and children under eight are not allowed.

The tower contains a set of eight bells, six of which are known to be some 225 years' old. The original six bells were requisitioned for making weapons by King Charles I and were not replaced until 1791. The other two date from 1946 and were donated to commemorate the Deddington Home Guard. They are rung on Sundays and at practice times, as well as for weddings and funerals and other notable occasions.

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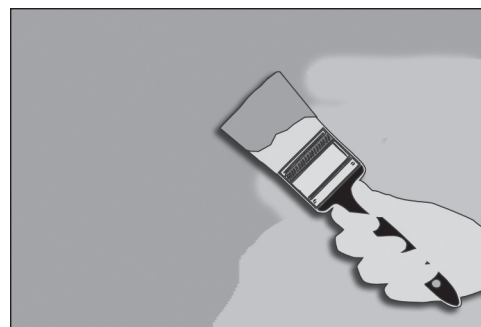
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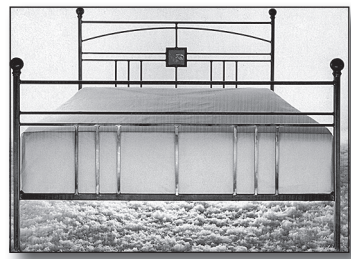

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BLISSFUL THINKING

Thanks to all of those who messaged me regarding last month's AI-inspired piece. Hopefully you know where to direct your petition for the immediate erection of a Giant Hare of Market Square statue: our excellent Parish Council. You might remember I compared that ChatGPT debacle to the psychological concept of false memories. One potential origin of false memories can be dreams, but another can be when you pick up information from random, potentially unreliable, sources (online blogs, tabloid newspapers, or the pub bore, for example), and don't encode it correctly into memory. This can lead to you dropping the information into conversation as 'something I read', as though that alone lends it legitimacy. I've done this myself and often it is not challenged. I now wonder whether ChatGPT had done the digital equivalent, when I drove past the Boxing Hare restaurant on the Banbury–Chipping Norton Road. Could ChatGPT have come across this, with its notorious hare icon, seen the road, and transplanted it to the Deddington section of Banbury Road instead? Could it have registered 'Crocodiles of the World' a few miles away in Brize Norton and then imagined it saw them on a house in Deddington? Let us be generous, and suggest AI is just getting its fake news era over early, while it develops. I'm sure by the time it comes of age, it will build empires the like of which man could only dream and the parish of Deddington will be the epicentre of the New Renaissance.

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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

We've a great deal of news to share with you this month. We're very excited to welcome Gail Cripps as the new Deddington Library Manager. I'm sure many of you will be familiar with Gail, who was a staff member at Deddington some years ago and has provided lots of cover here recently. We very much look forward to working with Gail to ensure the library goes from strength to strength under her management. It is a great resource in our community and the Friends are thrilled to take it forward into a new chapter in its history, supporting Gail at the helm. Gail recently held a coffee morning in the library for Friends and volunteers. It was a lovely get-together and we hope to have more of these team building events in future.


We're also delighted to welcome on board Sharon Greenwood, who has taken over our social media recently, and Jennie Clarke from Accrue Financial Ltd, who has volunteered for the role of treasurer. Welcome to you both and thank you so much for joining the team.

Last but definitely not least, keep sending in your calendar photo competition entries. We've already received some stunning shots and I'm sure there are plenty more to be taken within the parish, ideally of a recognisable scene. As usual, landscape format, file size no smaller than 5Mb and as a .jpg file.

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LAST WORD

Daphne Harper 1937–2023

Daphne was born in St Thomas Street, Deddington, on 7 November 1937, before moving to the Paper Mill cottage on Stilgoe's Grounds Farm, Adderbury. She was the elder child of Les and Betty Harper.

Daphne attended Deddington Primary School and then the Windmill Secondary School on the site of what is now Mill Close. She was good at most subjects, particularly maths, and was trusted to count money for whatever organisation she belonged to. She sat her exams a year early and left on her 16th birthday when she started work at Banbury Co-op in Broad Street. She rose through the ranks quickly, becoming assistant/relief manager by 19. She worked at several Co-ops in the area, including those in Adderbury, Charlton, Sibford and Deddington.

During this time Daphne made deliveries of groceries to customers' homes, including big houses in Charlton and Newbottle where members of the Royal Family often stayed. In 1964 Daphne was made manager of Deddington Co-op, a role she held until it became Acorn Stores in 1987 and Edward has heard many stories of Daphne's time there: the friendships with staff and customers and the somewhat tall stories of how she kept them in line.

When the BBC filmed *Blott on the Landscape* in 1985, the Co-op doubled as the fictional village garage. The plot involved blowing up a purpose built structure and the pyrotechnics involved could have damaged the Co-op building. Daphne was on the director's 'brick' mobile phone to Co-op HQ while the stunt took place.

As a teenager Daphne did a lot of travelling, including ski trips to Switzerland and Austria with other local girls and, in the 1980s, with fellow WI members and local businesswomen. She particularly enjoyed visiting France. She was a member of the WI from 1977 till 2019 and on its committee from the early 1980s. It was during this time she wrote the article, 'A Walk Round Deddington', for a literary competition and was featured in the *Deddington News* which, for a number of years she was responsible for delivering to the households in The Paddocks.

Daphne retired from Acorn Stores in 1988 due to injury and looked after her mother and sister until their deaths. Illness became Daphne's curse in later life with a stroke and cancer in 2007–08 as well as her nephew, Edward's, own mental and physical illness. Daphne had a stroke on 7 February 2022 which was so severe she couldn't come back to Deddington. She spent the final 14 months of her life at Fairholme House, Bodicote, with Lewy Body Dementia where she died from complications of the stroke.

Daphne will be missed by friends and family and neighbours in the Paddocks where she lived from 1976 with her parents.

**Revd Annie Goldthorp, based on
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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Mention Transylvania and an image of vampires, gothic towered castles thrusting out of dark forests into a medieval landscape may come to mind. It's actually a rather beautiful part of the world that evaded even Ceausescu's vandalism and remains steeped in the past.

What's that got to do with Hempton? Whilst we have several species of bats flapping around the village, to the best of my knowledge there are no vampire bats. There are none in Transylvania either. They are native to Central and South America and were not discovered until after the notion became embedded in Eastern European folklore. We do, however, have another diminutive blood-sucking pest – the Blandford fly.

The little blighters spend their larval stage in weed grass near slow moving water and when the fly emerges, around April or May, the female seeks a blood meal before mating. Many will be familiar with the intensely irritating itching and swelling following a pre-nuptial bite or even more dangerous consequences such as anaphylactic shock. Failure to refrain from scratching can result in broken skin and secondary infections. They fly close to the ground and victims are usually bitten around the lower leg and ankle though I have been bitten on the neck. Is Hempton the home of a previously undiscovered species of vampire fly?

The fly's common name derives from a major outbreak of people being bitten around the town of Blandford Forum in Dorset in the 1960s and 1970s. In a four-week period during the spring of 1972, some 600 people were estimated to have visited their doctor in Blandford to be treated for insect bites. The plague was averted in Dorset by spraying the weed beds to kill the larvae but it has not been eradicated and has spread to other areas including Oxfordshire, resulting in an annual swarm of victims seeking treatment.

Whatever parallels you might conjure between Hempton and Transylvania I have not noticed any impaled bodies on public display recently, though the practice might be introduced as a deterrent for speeding motorists who don't observe rights of way. Incidentally, Vlad III's practice of impaling his enemies

is suspected to be exaggerated or even invented by the Saxons, although he has been described by contemporaries as a 'demented psychopath, a sadist, a gruesome murderer, a masochist', worse than Caligula and Nero.

It's that time of year: Hemptonian perambulators on the Deddington path are forced to run the gauntlet of cow parsley. It's rather pleasant to traverse a lacy mildly fragrant tunnel on a sunny day. If you are not so enamoured, don't fret, it is short lived and will soon wither and die until next year or be felled when the verges are mown.

Every part of cow parsley is edible. It is closely related to chervil and has a mildly spicy flavour. The leaves can be used fresh, dried or preserved in salt for future use. The plant makes an excellent garnish in place of chervil for salads, potato and egg dishes. Fresh or dried it can be sprinkled as seasoning in soups, omelettes, casseroles, and potato and bean dishes. The young leaves can be cooked as a potherb and the roots are also edible. Recipes include; Cow Parsley & Garlic Mustard Sauce, Spiced Cow Parsley Orange Compote and Sweet Pickled Cow Parsley stems. The plant's hollow stems were once used as moulds to make candles for the poor.

If inclined to dine on this rampant weed make sure you don't mistakenly harvest its deadly close relative, hemlock. The two are quite similar in appearance, the latter being a slightly darker shade of green and the foliage more feathery in appearance. It is alleged by Plato to have done for Socrates and, in the USA, some 58 or more people died from hemlock poisoning in 1992.

The bite on my calf is itching intensely and no amount of hydrocortisone provides any relief. I acquired the bite whilst negotiating the aforementioned path and presume the culprit was a vampire Blandford fly out on the make! Nettle stings and bramble scratches were not welcome either.

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THE IDLE SQUADDY

Short Back and Sides

The Brigadier wore a wig, a terrible thing, gingerish in colour with a parting made of ill-concealed stitch marks. When one stood before him on interview, one's eyes were riveted on this awful thing perched on top of his head. Apart from this eyesore, I found him a likeable person.

When he commended his battalion prior to his promotion to brigadier, he had a loyal soldier/batman. On one occasion the Brigadier was due to attend a dinner night but, due to problems at work, he arrived home late. So, instead of a leisurely bath, he had to hurry to avoid being late. A quick dip and he was out, hurrying to get into his mess dress which had already been laid out by his batman who, having seen his 'lord

and master' leave the steam filled bathroom, thought he might as well clean the bath as it would save him a job the following morning.

Picking up the Vim container, he looked around for something to apply its contents. His eyes alighted on a rag draped over the taps upon which he gave a liberal sprinkling of Vim and set to. Just as he had finished and had rung out the rag, in came 'sir' and, seeing the wet thing draped over the taps, picked it up, said 'Damn, it's wet. Never mind, it will dry out on the way to the mess', placed the Vim-impregnated wig on his head, then left for the dinner night.

The Idle Squaddy

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Have you been asked your opinion on anything as many times as you have with this neighbourhood plan? We're currently in the final days of the Regulation 16 consultation, conducted by CDC and including the submission of the Deddington Neighbourhood Plan and a stack of supporting documents.

We, on the neighbourhood plan steering group, backed by the parish council, have finally allocated just one site for new development. This is north of the fire station. The plan includes 85 houses, a nursery built close to the primary school, a community orchard separating the new housing from Earls Lane and car parking space of around 20 cars which will, we hope, enable the health centre to expand.

Policies in the draft neighbourhood plan, aside from those specifically concerning housing, focus heavily on the environment and climate change. The next step is examination by a government inspector – fingers crossed for that. Then the final plan goes to a referendum of the parish, maybe in late summer. If it's

carried, in the absence of a new CDC Local Plan, our plan will be the lode star guiding planning decisions.

Meanwhile CDC's new emerging Local Plan, which tentatively set a target of 43 homes for Deddington up to 2040, has been kicked into the long grass for a rethink, not to re-emerge until the autumn. The political complexion of the district council has changed since May – Labour, Lib Dems and Greens now outnumber the Tories but the council still has a Conservative leader. So it's difficult to guess what direction they'll take in planning, more housing in the north Oxfordshire villages such as ours, or less? On balance, I think it may turn out to have been a wise decision to have allocated a site offering around double the number of houses posited in the now-you-see-it now-you-don't Local Plan. Would 43 new houses really see us through until 2040?

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

I think a recap is in order before our summer break. Lower Larkrise's summer gathering is on 8 July starting at 3.00pm and finishing when the last family standing goes home. Remember: bring your own refreshments, blankets, chairs, tables – and candelabra if you like – and get to spend some quality time with your neighbours. Passport control will be in full operation on this day.

We are currently waiting on CDC for a planning consent that, if refused, will have an impact on our village – so fingers crossed for Tim and Rebecca. If it goes wrong we may lose an essential gathering and refreshment point in the village. Public consultation has finished but we can still lobby our District Councillors,

Andrew McHugh, Eddie Reeves and Bryn Williams.

We are also keenly awaiting a new quiz date but 'soshial medja' will have to suffice here.

Speed watch was a big topic at the recent inaugural meeting of the Lower Larkrise 'More Time on our Hands' (LoLaMoTiH) coffee morning. We await the minutes with interest. The Clifton Ladies Sporting Club have been busy sampling cocktails (and mocktails) on a perfect summer evening in a perfect summer garden, so big thanks to those who hosted and organised. (Sadly, Tom Cruise was busy that night).

Any news – martindnbryce@gmail.com would like to know.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 5 seemed to fly by quickly.

As a school, we celebrated the King's Coronation on Friday 12 May with the children wearing red, white and blue clothes and bringing an extra snack to eat during the afternoon. Each class teacher organised a fun activity to help them to remember this significant event. Then, at the end of the day, everyone assembled on the top field to witness the planting of a tree, kindly donated by our PTA.

On 7 June, we held a final school service for Revd Annie in church with songs, special readings and cards and gifts from each class. It was an extremely emotional ceremony, led by Mrs Barber. We hope Annie has a wonderful new life ahead being closer to her family but here she will be terribly missed by children and adults alike.

The school fête took place in mid-June and we had wonderful weather. Thanks once more to the PTA for all their hard work in planning and organising this most enjoyable event.

Year 1 had a brilliant day at Compton Verney on their school trip. Year 6 visited Coventry Cathedral and Year 5 went to the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley. Each of the trips related to topics the children have been working on, adding valuable information and enriching their learning.

Years 5 and 6 took part in a cricket tournament at Sibford School in which they came second, a great achievement. Several classes have been enjoying taster tennis lessons and their skills have improved dramatically. KS2's classes have been held at the Windmill Centre and KS1's took place in the school playground.

Rehearsals for our performance of *Annie* are now well underway. As always, this promises to be a brilliant show, taking place on 12–14 July. We hope many of you will attend what promises to be a fantastic show.

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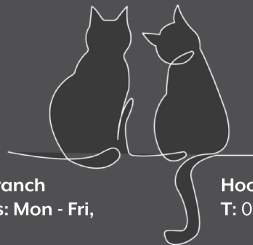
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'TIS THE SEASON – CRICKET LIKE IT'S 1835

During the empty days of the pandemic, village historian, Rob Forsyth, researched the newly digitised newspaper archives at the British Library for articles about Deddington. He was keen to share reports of early cricket matches which were promoted by local landowners and were major village events, often concluding with a large party, bands, dancing and, inevitably, plenty of drinking at the Unicorn and Red Lion.

Rob found articles about games against Banbury, Sandford St Martin and places as far away as Radley, some journey in the 1840s when you think their team had likely to come by horse in the days before the Oxford to Banbury railway line opened in 1850. Another article, about plans to start a football club in the village so that the cricketers could keep fit in the winter months, gives the current cricketers bragging rights over their DTFC colleagues. The earliest record of a game was from 1836 but this article referenced the Cricket Club forming the year before, making Deddington Cricket Club one of the oldest in Oxfordshire.

And so to the present, when on 3 June DCC Firsts played Brackley CC in the Cherwell League. It was a good game; Brackley decided to bat first and quickly reached 45 for one before four quick wickets, two each

for Stu Leece and Rob Preston, saw them at 47 for 5. Commendably, Brackley did not panic at this and slowly rebuilt their innings with some good batting and, admittedly, poor catching from Deddington. They were finally all out for 164 inside their allotted 45 overs. Confident of the run-chase required on a large, but fast outfield, Deddington started their innings. However, it was not to be. First runs were difficult to come by and then wickets began falling regularly to a largely 'pace-off' bowling attack from Brackley. Deddington lost their final wicket in the last over, still some way behind the Brackley total.

However, that was not the only story of the day. A member of Brackley CC had seen on the DCC website a reference to the Club forming in 1835 and handed me a photocopy of a scorecard from a game between Brackley and Deddington from 1836. This was a two innings match after which there was a grand dinner in Brackley Town Hall. The result? Well, not far different from the one just played – a Brackley win in an even lower-scoring game. Some things don't change.

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This seems to be the season of big events. Private parties, craft fayres, presentation days, fundraising gigs and, soon, the annual primary school production. It's great to see the main hall at the Windmill full to capacity for all these important community events.

I was particularly impressed by the Deddington Town FC presentation day: three food vans, a licenced bar and over 200 youth players and their parents gathered for a memorable afternoon in glorious sunshine. The football club in general and the youth section, in particular, probably make more use of the Windmill than any other group and it is good to see so much local support. Indeed, the football club is keen to expand and has secured funding from the Oxfordshire FA to run 'Deddington Wildcats' – non-competitive football for young girls (5–7 year-olds). Find out more on the DTFC website or just rock up at the first session on Friday, 4 August at 5.30pm up at the Windmill.

One of our other big users going from strength to strength is the Tennis Club. We congratulate them on 40 years of tennis at the Windmill and wish all Deddington tennis players past and present a fine time at their anniversary celebrations this weekend.

Advance notice of another big event on 6 September: we are delighted to welcome back Lone Wolf Comedy club who will be putting on another comedy



night and raising money for Nai's House. Judging by the reaction to the first comedy night, this is bound to be a sell-out. Look out for tickets on Facebook. For information on everything going on at the Windmill, please visit our website, www.thewindmilldeddington.org or our Facebook page.

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More Playground Goodies

By the time you read this, the all-weather court will have a brand new 18mm carpet complete with different coloured lines for football, netball and tennis. It should make for much more enjoyable play with no more excuses for arguments over line calls.

We need your help: we have the opportunity to install more play equipment in the Adventure Playground, the Woodland Trail and the Pocket Park. What would you like to see? One thought is to replace the titchy witch's hat with something more challenging like a climbing net. Send me your suggestions.

We also need more play pieces at the Wimborn Close play area. Again, we need your ideas – everything will be considered.

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Bookworms

All Together Now by Gill Hornby follows the fortunes of the Bridgeford Community Choir as it rises from the doldrums. There is some great observational comedy and wit throughout the book although not all the group enjoyed reading it. Those who did found themselves drawn into the book very quickly, finding the narrative, as it switches between the different characters, very compelling.

Our next book is *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout.

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Royal British Legion

John Pearson has now formally joined the committee as Membership Officer. Revd Annie and Iain and Christine Gillespie were committee guests on 28 June at the Bengal Spice to say thank you for all they have done to support our Poppy Appeal fundraising activities and Remembrance occasions. Bengal Spice has very kindly offered a 12% discount to any RBL member eating in or taking away (food only) on production of their membership card.

Our next fundraising evening is on Thursday 2 November when two former SAS and SBS soldiers will talk about their experiences as members of these elite forces.

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Photographic Society

For our June club night, we had the pleasure of hearing wildlife photographer, Robert Harvey, speak about what makes a good bird photograph. Robert has spoken to the club before and last year took a group of members to Wiltshire showing them the sights and sounds of the countryside.

His talk focused on moving away from 'bird on a stick' glamour shots and talked about adding background to the image but stressed that it needs to match what you're trying to say in the photo and whether it relates to the bird's habitat. He spoke about how reflections take a great photo and getting up early or waiting until golden hour being the best time, with silhouettes making beautiful images. He showed images of birds in flight and noted how shadows and viewpoints can really make an image pop, but recommended always keeping settings on manual. He showed images of birds taking off and landing as well as flocks of birds, which can make an interesting picture if framed cor-

rectly. Birds interacting with each other and caught in action can create good shots and Robert emphasised that, although portrait style shots are great, it is worth focusing on birds with interesting and eye-catching head feathers or plumage.

We look forward to 28 August when members' images will be exhibited at Steeple Aston's summer show.

Courtney Killpack
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WI

The May meeting was scheduled as a croquet afternoon but the weather intervened. Instead, thanks to the committee, we had great fun curling, using the floor in the Holly Tree club. There was so much laughter I can't remember who won.

At our June meeting we had an interesting talk about an area of military life that none of us had heard of. This was the Loan Soldier. Serving officers can opt for service attached to a foreign state with some connection to the UK and can be on loan in a variety of places. Our loan soldier, Bruce Duncan, served in Brunei, Sudan, Oman, Kuwait and Jordan, accompanied by his wife and four children. Sudan was the toughest assignment where he had many hair-raising experiences.

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Book Group

John Le Carré is celebrated for his ability to entice readers into a world of complex plots and ambiguous characters. He died in 2020 and our book choice this month is his last novel, *Silverview*, published posthumously. Shorter than Le Carré's other novels, it is set in a quiet East Anglian seaside town where Julian, a former city trader, is opening a bookshop. After becoming inadvertently embroiled in the affairs of an enigmatic former spy, he is approached by a senior member of MI6. Of course, nothing is as it seems. Overall, we found it an atmospheric tale of secrets and lies and most of us became immediately absorbed. A few found the characters rather stereotyped, possibly due to the comparative brevity of the novel, while others welcomed a plot which was slightly easier to follow.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 27 July. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for more details.

The Book Group

SPORT

Deddington Original Golf Society

Our next visit is to Stratford-upon-Avon on Tuesday 11 July. The first tee is 10.30am with the traditional bacon roll, tea or coffee on arrival. The cost is £60, including food, for members and £65 for guests. This event is likely to be oversubscribed so please book early by emailing me.

Our annual golf day and evening barbecue is

scheduled for Friday 25 August. The golf is at Witney Lakes and the evening refreshments hosted by Janet and John Dauphin. Catering for the evening will be provided by Giuseppe, an Italian caterer, who will provide a mix of freshly cooked pizza and traditional barbecue fare.

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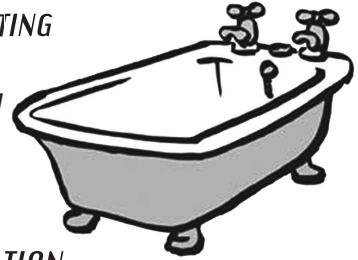
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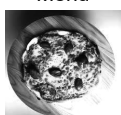
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SPORT

Deddington Town Football Club

The players are all enjoying a summer hiatus. I'd love to tell you all more but their hedonism will likely not be family friendly. See you all at the Windmill in September, when a new adventure begins.

Aaron Bliss
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Deddington Town FC Youth

Our presentation day took place on a hot sunny day in June to celebrate the achievements of all our players, coaches and parents. The awards for the age groups are as follows: Under-8s: Most Improved—Archie Webster; Sportsperson—Jacob Stamp; Players' Player—Eddie Branch; Manager's Player—Ted Young; Under-9s: Most Improved—Toby Cooke; Sportsperson—Jerome Dowland; Players' Player—Sam Waters; Manager's Player—Thomas Belcher; Under-10s: Most Improved—Toby Tarrant; Sportsperson—Felix Cassidy; Players' Player—Oscar O'Hagan; Manager's Player—Oscar O'Hagan; Under-11s: Most Improved—Aubrey Merry; Sportsperson—Charlie Gruber; Players' Player—George Mann; Manager's Player—Henry Young; Under-12s: Most Improved—Harry Ducker and Henry Dye; Sportsperson—Arthur Walker; Players' Player—Zac Godfrey and Oscar Hague; Manager's Player—Harry Belcher; Under-13s: Most Improved—Sam Kordbach; Sportsperson—Jake Dowson; Players' Player—Guy Newton; Manager's Player—Jacob Adams; Under-14s: Most Improved—Thomas Currall; Sportsperson—Evan Charman; Players' Player—Theo Flint; Manager's Player—Jonathan Linsey; Under-16s: Most Improved—Theo Hinkson; Sportsperson—Ernie Witney; Players' Player—Edward Leney; Manager's Player—Archie Southall.

The Frank McCusker Award for fair play for an Under-7 player went to Euan Wards, and the Chairman's Award went to Vaughan Jones for his contribution to being a coach for the Under-16s since the players were Under-7s, and his outstanding contribution to the Windmill over the years.

If you want to get involved with the club as a vol-

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

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Tennis Club

By the time the July edition of the *Deddington News* has arrived we will have celebrated 40 years of Deddington Tennis Club. Our three courts were opened on 1 April 1983 and, since then, the Club has gone from strength to strength. Here's hoping that Sunday 2 July is a sunny day as we are currently planning two hours of social tennis and a champagne afternoon tea for some of our founder members as well as current members and their families.

Tennis has a much higher profile in the UK during the grass court season with the start of Wimbledon. However, we play competitive tennis all year round and are in the middle of our summer fixtures. If you're looking for some competitive tennis, we have four mixed teams in the midweek Banbury leagues, as well as men's, women's and mixed weekend teams. Our captains are always keen to welcome new players so please get in touch. Email Ed on chairman@deddingtontennis.com for more information.

For several years now we have been running a programme of coaching at the primary school. This year we added an after-school club to increase access to tennis for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. There is also a year-round programme of junior coaching at the club and summer schools in the holidays. If you're interested in finding out about coaching, please email Paul Taylor on paultaylortennis@hotmail.co.uk. For information about social tennis, box leagues, to book a court or to become a member of the club, please check out our website www.deddingtontennis.com.

Becky Jones

YOUTH

1st Deddington Guides

We have enjoyed being out of doors as much as possible with a variety of games and activities, including a hike from Steeple Aston to Heyford on a lovely evening, finishing at the Bell Inn for a well-deserved glass of lemonade.

Horley Scout campsite is always a favourite place to visit and the Guides had great fun building shelters in the woods. Another favourite in the summer is a Ready, Steady, Cook evening when each patrol cooks a pasta meal and pancakes on an open fire. Well done to all and thank you to the Fenemore family for their hospitality.

We look forward to continuing our adventures through the summer.

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1st Deddington Brownies

Brownies have been on a residential trip to Youldbury where we all had lots of fun. We have been abseiling, axe throwing and crate stacking. We also played wide games, drank hot chocolate and had very little sleep.

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1st Deddington Scout Group

We are very happy to welcome, Jen, Juliet and Tony, who now have positions (mostly standing, sitting or leaning on the bar) on the group's Board of Trustees – looking forward to working alongside them.

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YOUTH

Cubs

As the weather hots up we are thankfully able to spend more time outdoors. We spent one week working towards the Athletics badge with throwing, running and jumping competitions. Leaders even took part in the throwing. The Cubs showed great application and sporting values. We have been on a hike and, as it was the week following the Four Farms Challenge, we hiked the 5k route. The weather was perfect. We have also had a session where we worked towards the DIY badge. Cubs were shown different types of wood with their particular properties and some key uses explained. They were also shown a vast array of DIY tools from Akela's shed and talked about their uses, how to maintain them and what the important safety measures were. They even got a chance to handle the tools, but not connected to power. At a future session we will put this knowledge to use and do a little closely

supervised woodwork.

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Scouts

Now summer is on us with a vengeance, we are enjoying being outside: fire-lighting practice, cooking at Daeda's Wood (pigs in blankets and marshmallows – a combination not yet seen on MasterChef) and making plans for summer camp at Horley. We have also dallied with popguns, making them from plastic pipe, dowelling and corks. Wow, some of them worked very well indeed – little brothers beware! The Scouts tried their hands at constructing da Vinci's Bridge – look it up and have a go, fiddly but interesting.

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It was lovely to see so many people at the Castle Grounds enjoying the Four Farms Challenge on such a beautiful day. Both visitors and villagers showed a lot of interest in our stall which had old photos, information and history of the Castle Grounds, as well as a model of the Castle which was particularly popular with children. Helmets and swords were available for photos. If you took any, please upload them to the Friends' site. Splat the Rat was a big success. An historical note: the oldest black rat skeleton in England was discovered during excavation of the Castle foundations.

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Just a reminder that no fires or barbecues are allowed on the Castle Grounds. There is a lovely shaded walk around the moat, first right as you go through the entrance gate which is ideal for dog walkers during hot weather. The ground is a bit uneven so be careful.

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The library is gearing up for the annual Summer Reading Challenge, starting on 8 July and running to 9 September. This is open to all children aged 4–16, with a mini challenge for the under-4s. The idea is to read six or more books through the summer holidays, collecting rewards as you go and a certificate and medal at the end. The theme is *Ready Set Read!* There is also an interactive website with games and book recommen-

dations at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>.

This will be my first Challenge after taking over the role of manager and I hope to make it fun for everyone.

I have had a very warm welcome from our Deddington readers and look forward to the future.

Gail Cripps

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FROM THE FIRE STATION

We have been somewhat busier this month with 19 shouts calling the Deddington crew out, the vast majority being daytime calls. I am on night duty and so am unable to add much detail. However, fires in the open and on the motorway occupied much of the crew's time.

The recent Four Farms Challenge was very well supported and the ultra- warm weather didn't affect too many runners. Well done to everyone who helped organise the event and to Ben Fenemore who completed the course in full fire kit and breathing appa-

ratus, (carrying rather than using), in aid of the local Air Ambulance.

It may be far too early to say this but, apart from two days of thunderstorms, these last two months have been very dry. None of us wants to see the multiple wildfires of last year, so please be vigilant with campfires and barbecues. We certainly don't want to be visiting Castle Grounds to douse those flames.

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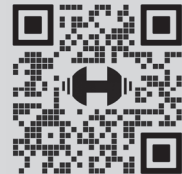
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