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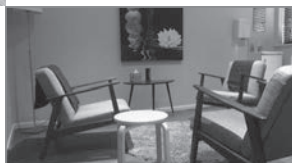
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## The DEDDINGTON NEWS

Parish residents have long been aware of the contributions the Fenemore family makes to the community. We are delighted that the National Farmers' Union is broadcasting the news to the rest of the country (p5).

The face of the Market Place is changing: Laurel House is no longer observing our comings and goings, having reverted from eyes to mere sash windows. And perhaps the morning coffee buzz may return: the soft sage green of Foodie's is being replaced with formal gunmetal grey, heralding perhaps the opening of Quince and Clover.

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### WHAT'S ON October

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| Wed | 1  | Photographic Society: Landscape Photography, Huw Alban, Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm  |
| Wed | 8  | Women's Institute: Holly Tree Hall, 2.30pm   |
| Thu | 9  | History Society: Women in the Arts and Crafts Movement in Oxfordshire and the Cotswolds, Katherine Bradley, Primary School, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 12 | Deddington Pork Pie Appreciation Society: Deddington Arms, 4.00pm  |
| Wed | 15 | Parish Council: Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm  |
| Sun | 19 | Music in Adderbury: Piano Trios, Ensemble Serafin, Deddington Church, 6.00pm   |
| Sat | 25 | Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm  |
| Sat | 25 | Fair Trade Stall: Deddington Church, 9.00am–12.30pm  |
| Sat | 25 | Cherwell Choral Society: Mozart <i>Requiem</i> , Deddington Church, 7.30pm   |
| Thu | 30 | Book Club: Call Sally Lambert, 01869 338094 for details  |

### November

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| Wed | 5   | Photographic Society: Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm   |
| Sat | 8   | Artisan Craft Fayre: Windmill Centre, 9.00am–5.00pm   |
| Sat | 8   | Deddington Wine Festival: in support of Driving Ukraine, Windmill Centre, 7.00–11.00pm              |
| Wed | 12  | Women's Institute, Holly Tree Hall, 2.30pm  |
| Thu | 13  | People Planet Pint: Deddington Arms, 7.00–10.00pm   |
| Thu | 13  | History Society: The History of Afternoon Tea and its Etiquette, Shaun Todd, Primary School, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 13– | Deddington Fair   |
| Sat | 15  |   |
| Wed | 19  | Parish Council: Old School Room, Hempton, 7.30pm  |
| Sat | 22  | Farmers' Market, Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm   |
| Sat | 22  | Fair Trade Stall, Deddington Church, 9.00am–12.30pm   |

### December

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| Wed | 3  | Photographic Society: Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 10 | Women's Institute, Holly Tree Hall, 2.30pm        |
| Thu | 11 | History Society: Primary School, 7.30pm           |

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

17 September at the Windmill Centre

*Present:* ap Simon, Palin, Robinson, Oldfield, Smith, Snashall, Timms and Watts, County Councillor Epps and District Councillor Rogers, both attending later after other local meetings, two members of the public and a *DN* representative. There is one vacancy for a parish councillor.

### Open Forum

A young member of the public wanting an allotment to raise produce commercially was advised that selling produce is against the allotment rules and that he should contact the parish clerk and write to the *DN* asking if anyone has a small plot available.

### District Councillor Report

Councillor Rogers reported that there are services that could be based at the Horton hospital rather than the John Radcliffe but the funding there is so high that it makes it particularly attractive to ambitious medics. The government has opened the door to private finance and the Horton's extensive site is perfectly placed for development.

### Finance and General Purposes

The PC agreed to fund refurbishments to the showers and upstairs lavatories at the Windmill.

Hatwell's fair will set up on 12 November and will be in operation from 13–15 November.

### Planning

#### *No objection*

6 Hempton Road, Deddington: rendering to part front and rear elevations.

Deddington Manor, New Street, Deddington: tree works.

The Stile House, New Street, Deddington: tree works.

Plummers, 8 Hopcraft Lane, Deddington: tree works.

#### *Approvals*

The Cottage, Goose Green: roof replacement and other works.

Grove Cottages, High Street: tree works.

Castle House Cottage, 1 Hopcraft Lane, Deddington: various works.

Land adjacent to Fardon Way, Clifton Road: variation of condition 2 (plans).

5 Flux Drive, Deddington: single storey extension to rear.

33 The Daedings, Deddington: erection of a single storey porch and side extension.

### Large Scale Development

The PC discussed applications for Heyford Park and Bicester areas which potentially could have a significant effect on the whole area, particularly in terms of dramatically increased traffic: for example, the knock-on effect if there is a problem on the M40 at J10. This issue will be discussed further at next month's meeting. CC Epps and DC Rogers are working together to try to obtain the best possible outcome for the local communities.

The applications are significant and too complex to be detailed fully here but a summary follows.

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>

*Heyford* The application includes approximately 9,000 dwellings, outline planning permission for up to 4,610sqm of light industrial buildings, 2,600sqm of warehousing, 5,500sqm for hotels, and 40,650 sq m commercial and service buildings, as well as two primary and one secondary school, a community centre and library, to be supported by three wind turbines, solar pv and battery energy storage systems.

*Puy de Fou* This is an outline application for land north and east of Manor Farm, Bainton Road, Bucknell to be developed for tourism, including outdoor and indoor theatres, restaurants, hotels, conference facilities, and all the supporting infrastructure, including not least, animal facilities, lakes and water management systems, and structural landscaping.

*Warehouse at Baynard's Green* Outline planning application has been made for land east of Baynard's Green to erect buildings comprising logistics and ancillary offices, floor space, energy centre, HGV parking, involving construction of new site access from the B4100, creation of internal roads and access routes, hard and soft landscaping; construction of parking and servicing areas, substations and other associated infrastructure. Councillor Rogers reported that the application was considered and refused at Cherwell's 3 July Planning Committee meeting but understands that an appeal is likely.

CDC's local plan does not include any of these applications as they had not been received before it went out for inspection. The PC was advised to prepare for applying for S106 monies in the event that permissions are granted.

### Environment and Recreation

It was agreed to defer replacing the Lookout roof but to progress the repurposing work.

A supplier for a replacement goal post for Castle Grounds has been found. Once this has been carried out, an application will be made to CDC Open Space Fund for grants for the goal post, tree work at Castle Grounds and the picnic bench for Welford's Piece.

### Highways and Transport

Clifton is not a priority for traffic calming measures as there have not been any serious accidents. However, the speed check van has been seen on Clifton Road and in Hempton.

There have been two accidents on New Street although information is not available as to their cause. However, there have been regular instances of illegal parking on the roadside where there is a central double white line. These should be reported to Thames Valley Police.

There is still no date for the start of the Hempton traffic calming works.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 15 October , 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre.**



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## LOCAL HEROES



*Left to right: Tom, Naomi, Chris, Ben*

In 2016, the National Farmers' Union launched Back British Farming Day to 'give politicians and the public the opportunity to show their support for our farmers and growers and the work they do 365 days a year to feed the nation and care for our iconic countryside, and provides the opportunity to shine a light on how our farming sector makes a positive difference to our everyday lives.'

This year, to mark its 10th annual Back British Farming Day, the NFU asked some of its Back British Farming supporters to nominate their local farming hero. Of the 58 members who were nominated across the country, the NFU highlighted eight. As some of you have already noticed, one of these eight is our own Fenemore family at Home Farm in Clifton. For the full interview and pictures, go to <https://www.nfonline.com/updates-and-information/nfu-community-farming-heroes-2025/>. There is also material on Facebook.

The NFU's citation reads 'This is a farming family of heroes, as Chris works the farm with his wife, Naomi, and sons, Ben and Tom. Chris and Ben are on call firefighters, and Tom has trained as a butcher. During Covid, Chris and Naomi started a community shop selling their meat, eggs and honey, and now sell at the local farmers' market too. They put up signs around the farm to inform the public about the crops they grow and help to clear roads from snow and fallen trees during bad weather. They welcome the annual Four Farms Challenge mostly held on their land, raising money for charity.'

This superficial summary cannot do justice to the

depth of the Fenemores' contribution to the community and its ecology.

The aforementioned farmshop originally sold only eggs and honey but, at the beginning of the Covid lockdown Naomi found time to source milk, flour and other cupboard essentials (not an easy task negotiating very small quantities from wholesalers in a crisis) to keep Clifton, in particular, afloat.

The family's dedication to growing food in harmony with nature runs deep. Approximately 35 acres is dedicated solely to wildlife – from special nectar flower strips, flower rich grass margins and winter food plots for birds, in addition to the 18 acres of traditional flower hay-making meadows. Twelve and a half miles of properly maintained hedge give shelter to some 41 species of bird, the second highest species diversity in the region. Importantly the 86 acres of managed wet grassland provides habitat for breeding waders, including curlews, now on the Red List of the UK Conservation Status Report. Last year a pair nested on the farm close to a working route. To avoid disturbing the nesting birds, the Fenemores took the time to erect a fence around the site and temporarily alter their track. Sadly all their efforts went for naught as the nest was swept away in late spring floods. As father George would have said, 'Ho hum' and blamed the increased water flow from Banbury's new housing developments.

We very lucky to have the current generations continuing George and Bryony's legacy, in an increasingly difficult economic and climatic time.

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# DH History Corner

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## **Deddington Castle and its Link to the Bayeux Tapestry**

The proposed loan of the tapestry to the UK brings to mind that it was Bishop Odo who commissioned it and that it was made in this country – but not by the Deddington Craft Group. Bishop Odo is remembered in Deddington because of the Castle and its grounds. The following extract from an article in the Deddington & District History Society magazine 224, by its former chairman, Chris Day, explains more: 'After the Conquest Deddington was granted to the Conqueror's half-brother Odo of Bayeux, warrior bishop. It was the richest of 456 holdings granted to this most powerful of men and it formed the chief manor of his huge estates in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. It is unlikely that Odo ever visited as he was deprived of his estates for rebellion in 1088.

As Howard Colvin laconically observes in his History of Deddington, 'What reputation he left in Deddington can only be surmised, but if as the archaeological evidence suggests it was he who ordered the making of the castle, it is likely to have been that of an alien and absentee lord whose rights could be maintained if necessary by military force and whose hand lay heavily on the Oxfordshire landscape.' It is assumed, though without evidence, that it was Odo who ordered the construction of a substantial earthwork motte, or mound, (its diminished shape visible today) which would have been surmounted by a timber keep. We do not know what happened to Deddington on Odo's fall: it was perhaps retained in the king's hands. The first substantial stone defences at the castle were most likely erected in the mid-12th century when Deddington was in the hands of William de Chesney, a member of what has been described as a 'minor knightly family' originally from a place called Quesnoy, near Caen. During the civil war of 1135–53 between

King Stephen and the Empress Matilda, daughter of King Henry I and widow of the Holy Roman Emperor Henry V, William was a strong supporter of Stephen, for whom he served as military governor of Oxford and its neighbourhood. Deddington castle was strengthened by a curtain wall 2m thick around the inner bailey and by the construction of a stone keep.

The castle was presumably garrisoned and used as a supply base but military action, when it came, was not there but near Oxford where in 1153 William was defeated by Matilda's son Henry of Anjou, later King Henry II. To complete the story of the castle's buildings as revealed by archaeology, a gatehouse and wall tower were added around 1200. At its greatest state of development, in the 13th century, the castle included a chapel, a hall, a solar (a living room above the hall) and several outbuildings. None of this is apparent today.'

I recently discovered an interesting footnote to the story of the conflict between Stephen and Matilda. The latter built a small castle of her own with motte and bailey in Swerford from whence she conducted raids and defended herself against Stephen's sallies from Deddington. The keep was destroyed by Henry II (along with all other castles not having royal patronage) but the motte can still be seen near Swerford Church. The full story of our castle and its grounds can be found at <https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/deddingtoncastle>.

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### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Mon	8.45am	Morning Prayer
Tue	8.15am	Morning Prayer
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion (with healing prayer on 4th Wednesday)
Thu	9.30am	Tea + Toast and Squiggles and Wiggles (term time)
Fri	8.45am	Morning Prayer
	5.15 pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 5	10.30am	Harvest Festival with Family Communion (breakfast and crafts from 9.45am)
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong for Harvest
Sun 12	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 19	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 26	10.30am	Holy Communion

### Barford St Michael

Wed	5.15pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 5	10.30am	Coffee and Chat
Sun 19	10.30am	Family Service
Sun 26	10.30am	Family Communion

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Sun 12	9.00am	Holy Communion

### Hempton

Sun 19	9.00am	Holy Communion
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### From the Parish Registers:

#### Baptism

7 September Arthur Leszczenski

#### Funerals

29 August Viv O'Donnell (interment of ashes)

29 August Maureen Anne Temple-Smith

The Rev Nick Fielden is Vicar of Deddington with Hempton and the Barfords. Mondays are Nick's usual day off, so if you need to contact a member of the clergy urgently on a Monday, please contact one of the wardens. Barford St Michael's church is open every day between 10.00am–3.00pm. Deddington church is open from 9.00am–4.00pm for anyone wishing to visit, pray, meditate or simply be. Deddington church services are streamed live. Please see the church website or FaceBook page for updates [www.deddingtonchurch.org](http://www.deddingtonchurch.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonChurch>.

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## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Flags are being hoisted or painted all over the place of late. The only claim to allegiance hoisted in Hempton to my knowledge predates recent outbreaks of vexillology by some time and I assume advertised the owner's allegiance to the national football team rather than more controversial motives alleged elsewhere.

How a red cross on a white field came to be associated with English Crusaders is unclear. In medieval times European knights wore a cross to proclaim their faith and it has been suggested that Richard the Lionheart opted for a white cross on a red field similar to those worn by the Knights Hospitallers while Phillip of France opted for a red cross on a white field. Others have suggested it was Pope Gregory VIII, instigator of the Crusades who called for the Crusaders to proclaim their faith with the cross and for centuries it remained a largely religious symbol.

The Republic of Genoa, which was the top naval dog in the Mediterranean, used the St George's Cross as its flag and St George as its patron saint during the Crusades. Richard the Lionheart paid Genoa to fly their flag on English ships for protection and safe passage. (In 2018, the Mayor of Genoa made a cheeky claim to Queen Elizabeth II for payments in arrears on the deal outstanding for the past 247 years. She was not coy in her reply.)

In 1264 Simon de Montfort led his rebel army against the forces of King Henry III at Lewes in Sussex. It would have been no easy task to identify his men among the mud and mayhem, when they would be wearing a variety of coats of arms. Armed forces were mustered from many different fiefdoms following the banner of their lord and wore no uniform. Thus it was difficult in hand-to-hand combat to tell friend from foe. So the rebellious baron chose to identify his men with a white cross on their surcoats or shoulders.

A year later, Prince Edward, later King Edward I, leading the king's army against an army of rebellious barons at the Battle of Evesham, is believed to have asked his men to identify themselves with a red cross. This would make it the first time in history that an official English army, fighting on home soil, used this emblem.

The English use of the cross of St George had died out by Elizabethan times and the status of St George's Day as a national holiday was removed. In 1606 another flag was chosen to represent Great Britain – the Union Flag or Union Jack. It was only really after World War Two that the cross of St George crept back into mainstream use, first through its use by right wing groups and more recently by sports fans.

According to vexillologist Malcolm Farrow, from the Flag Institute, there were 'no such things as national flags' in medieval times. The idea of a national identity under a flag would have made little sense to peasants who rarely ventured more than a few miles from home.



European nations started making widespread use of national flags in the days of empire, when nations were going around the globe and planting their flags in other people's countries. Revolutions in countries like the USA and France also prompted the emergence of national flags.

Most nations have their flag's appearance set down in law; this country still doesn't have a statutory national flag. The closest we have come, were two Commons responses, the latest in

1933, declaring the Union Jack as the national flag.

The oldest flag still in continuous use from 1219 is the Dannebrog of Denmark, a white Scandinavian cross on a red field. While other flags, like the Scottish Saltire, believed to date to 832 AD or the Welsh Dragon (also with ancient origins) are very old, their use was not continuous until formal adoption in later centuries.

Two nations used the same flag for 18 years and did not know it. The nations of Haiti and Liechtenstein had identical flags of half blue and half red and, until the 1936 Olympics, neither nation was aware of the other's flag design.

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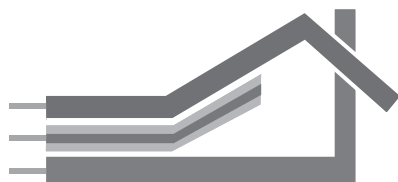
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Rootlight Rituals is a new herbal tea business and I was very excited to bring Rootlight Rituals to Deddington farmers' market for the first time in September.

It was born out of a love for both herbalism and the cycles of the moon. Every tea is blended in small batches, timed to coincide with a particular phase of the moon. We call this process astrodynamic blending. The recipes of the four blends remain the same, but the energy of each monthly moon subtly influences the character of the tea. This approach means each batch is exclusive, tied to a celestial moment that will never repeat.

Why follow the moon? Since the earliest days of human life, the moon has been our oldest clock. Long before calendars and clocks, people measured time by her waxing and waning light. Farmers sowed their seeds and gathered their harvests according to her phases. Women marked the rhythm of their own bodies against her twenty-eight-day cycle and, in many cultures, the moon was revered as a goddess of fertility, birth, and renewal. The pull of the moon shapes the tides, guiding fishers and coastal dwellers, while oysters and other sea creatures still open and close in time with her light. Storytellers and poets wove myths around her changing face, seeing in her both constancy and change. Across the world, rituals, festivals, and daily lives have been attuned to her rhythm, making the moon not only a celestial body but a companion



in the shaping of culture, survival, and spirit.

The teas themselves are crafted from high-quality herbs, chosen not only for their flavour but for their wellbeing benefits. Tulsi (holy basil), for instance, has been cherished in Ayurvedic tradition for its calming properties, helping to settle the nervous system after a long day. Lemon balm brings a gentle brightness, often used to ease stress and support restful sleep. Dandelion root supports digestion and detoxification, while ashwagandha is known as an adaptogen, helping the body to balance energy, reduce stress, and build resilience. Each ingredient is carefully selected to balance taste with a sense of nourishment.

Where does the ritual come in? In our fast-paced world, many of us rush through our days without pausing to reconnect with ourselves. Making a cup of tea can be a simple but profound act of self-care. By preparing and drinking a tea consciously, perhaps while reflecting on the current moon phase, we give ourselves a moment of stillness and alignment. It becomes a daily ceremony that restores both body and spirit.

I hope that through these teas we can find inspiration for small but meaningful ways to reconnect with ourselves, and the wider rhythms of the world around us.

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## POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

*Platonic, words, assassinations, civil war, Canada*

When I was 15 I developed a crush on my friend John's sister, Mary. She was a year older than me, but she laughed at my jokes and I started to consider the idea that we might become an item. I asked her if we could have a cuddle and she replied that our relationship was platonic. I went home and looked it up and was very disappointed. I went to an all boys school, so the option to have girls as friends came as a big surprise to me.

It is really important to understand words, to understand their meaning, but it is even more important to educate oneself. To learn is to live but there is a huge issue now in US society that people don't want to read what they find uncomfortable. I have loved the fabulous museums in Washington DC but their impartiality is about to change. Trump wants his museums to 'celebrate American exceptionalism, and to remove divisive or partisan narratives'. Coverage of his impeachments have already gone and exhibits about slavery are being removed. American history is being censored; the opportunity to learn from it is being downgraded.

America has always had diverse communities. It is a nation of immigrants who brought their own cultures to different parts of the country. It has taken time, but in the 60s the country became more open to diversity and, eventually, to same sex relationships. The 1964 Civil Rights Act finally opened up equality and opportunity to the black community, to people whose forebears were slaves who built a lot of the wealth for the white majority.

The female of the species has had a hard time pushing for equality, and poverty and skin colour undoubtedly affects a person's opportunities in life. Charlie Kirk was a right-wing activist who led a youth movement which completely disagreed with my views on these matters. He said 'we made a huge mistake when we passed the Civil Rights Act in the 1960s'. His racism was interesting, 'Jewish donors have been the number one funding mechanism of radical, open borders'. He was in favour of gun ownership, stating that America will have 'gun deaths every single year so that we can have the Second Amendment to protect our other God-given rights'. Which is ironic but certainly true. While we must all condemn murder, his politics were very reactionary and deeply offensive to many people, particularly modern women.

America has a long history of political assassinations; none of them is acceptable, but the right wing will now exploit this horror. These are dangerous



times. Musk tweeted, 'the left is the party of murder'. Trump blamed the 'radical left', and made no mention of the two Democratic politicians shot and killed in Minnesota earlier in the year. A shooting on the same day at a school 25 miles from us wasn't even mentioned on the main news wires.

Conspiracies and lies spread rapidly because people

only read to consolidate their viewpoints rather than to educate themselves. This came home to me last weekend when we hosted some good folks at our house. I do try to communicate with Trump supporters. I think it is important to read right leaning publications like *Time* and the *Wall Street Journal* but I completely lost it when an American dinner guest told me that England was overrun by Islamist rapists. This is a conspiracy theory that Musk has pushed hard and it is the second time this year it has been thrown at me.

We had an escape to Canada for a few days. The Niagara Falls are better viewed from the Canadian side, which I have tried to point out to every American that I possibly can. The Canadians we met in Toronto were relaxed and happy people. There is a huge push to 'Buy Canadian'. They know they are dependent on their big brother south of the border but they are surprisingly laid back in their criticism of the mayhem.

I had another word epiphany last week after a dear friend in the Shire asked me how I managed to live here amongst this madness. I thought about it for a few days and a word came to me. I probably spend two hours every day reading the news and listening to podcasts but I have achieved a strange ability to 'compartmentalise'. I can switch off the madness and enjoy myself. My wife jokingly compared me to a serial killer but I couldn't kill anyone – shooting a politician has been known to start a war. But obviously there are still hot buttons that trigger me; the combination of racism and violence against women is obviously one of them.

There is a doctrine in the Catholic church known as 'ordo amoris', a concept of a 'hierarchy of love'. JD Vance is a Catholic convert who has tried to justify his work with Trump on the basis that it was his duty to prioritise family over foreigners. Pope Francis, who one would think understood these things, completely disagreed with Vance. Words matter: the Christian approach to it all is right; turn the other cheek, love your neighbour. And stop lying.

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**T**his year having set a record for summer heat, and dry to boot, gardeners might remember it for that alone. As I find walking on uneven ground these days a bit of a challenge, my contribution to the garden is to sit next to our 1000 litre rainwater storage tank wherefrom I re-fill a small fleet of watering cans whilst my Pilates-enabled spouse moves with ease with said cans around the garden. We've been pleased to find that even a single day's rain can replenish the tank to overflowing, so we have kept things somewhat green notwithstanding the drought and avoided any reliance on the hosepipe. Harvesting the rain in this way has also afforded me plenty of time to ponder our water resources and wonder if we're taking the right approach to protect them.

For example, most older houses in the UK have storm water and sewage connected to a common discharge. This combined load then flows to the sewage treatment plant and during heavy rains the (mostly older) plants cannot handle the inflow and the excess untreated sewage ends up in our rivers and streams. Government regulators impose fines on those companies who do overflow, but the problem persists and likely so because it may be cheaper to pay a fine than build a new plant with adequate capacity to meet customers' needs. Fortunately there has been some progress in that new builds are now required to keep stormwater onsite.

It has been said that if our only tool is a hammer, everything begins to look like a nail. This is the perennial limitation of regulators. It also is an impediment to a more imaginative approach that might actually solve the problem. An alternative could be to offer water companies an opportunity to reduce the regulatory cost of compliance by building into their mission statement a commitment to intercept rainwater onsite wherever possible. Over the years, several water companies have offered assistance to customers installing water butts to intercept rainwater but these have not been a regulatory requirement or a permanent factor in helping to prevent overflows.

There are other aspects to making onsite rainwater storage work well, in particular, the harvesting and storage technology needs to be long-lived and maintenance-free. For example, seamless aluminium gutters not only avoid leaks but allow even the heaviest downpour to be collected, particularly when fitted with screen covers to keep out any wind-blown debris. Whether specifications like this could be incorporated into future building codes, I have no idea but it is certainly worth a look. The bottom line is that to whatever extent we can keep rainwater for beneficial use where it falls, we should do so.

Another increasingly interesting strategy for onsite water management is in the use of greywater systems. Greywater refers to wastewater from sinks, bathtubs, washing machines, dishwashers, etc. Imagine if



the greywater from your dishwasher could be harvested and stored in a tank that would then be available to flush toilets or even water the garden. From a wastewater perspective, it would mean double the utility and half the discharge into sewage plants. Only a few years ago, greywater systems were more in the realm of experimental or demonstration projects but the technology has matured to the point that there are off-the-shelf commercially available systems now available. This is an area where builders and county councils could lead the way by encouraging their use.

There have been times when I've wondered if we think that some abstract set of third parties are responsible for dealing with climate change, resource depletion and environmental well-being. Or, perhaps that there are big new, green breakthrough technologies just waiting for the opportunity to deploy. For me, there is a bit of a disconnect in play where we haven't quite grasped what is happening and what is at stake. So while I was sitting in the garden and harvesting rainwater, it occurred to me that while this might help adapt to a changing climate, what it really did was to buy some time and buttress hope. Besides, it was better than doing nothing or for that matter, howling at the moon.

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## DIGGING

A military button and five old coins: Jane Price's garden finds in the May 2024 issue reflect the origin of her plot, until 20 years ago an arable field. Worn thread on the uniform jacket of a young soldier on leave, strolling of an evening with his sweetheart perhaps, finally let go of its button for Jane to find. Or maybe the jacket was working garb for a retired soldier, now back as a farm hand. Hole pockets contributed the rest of Jane's hoard; not life changing sums but quite a few loaves of bread or a long-coveted toy. Whatever their actual story, these items indicate an area only intermittently trodden by the local inhabitants.

My garden, along the Tchure, shows a very different usage pattern; one of intense interaction with humanity, having first been the kitchen garden of the Hermitage and then, from the mid C19, the back garden of number 9, High Street. The outer, separate yard section, immediately turned up evidence of its use by Walter Hayward as storage for his greengrocery business, in the form of five, ten and fifteen-pound weights for a commercial weighing machine, marked James Grose of Euston Rd, London, NW1.

Of course, the most common find has been the ubiquitous broken pottery and glass, making it sensible to wear gloves when digging for the fat white roots of the rampant bindweed. The pottery and china have been pretty boring, mostly just transfer printed shards. The glass has been much more interesting, ranging from recent greenhouse glass (clumsy gardener or rambunctious kid?) to old fragments oxidised to a lovely pearly iridescence. So far, I guess I have dumped a good couple of kilos in the green bin. For a long time I hung on to a large lump of relatively recent glass, moulded apparently like the high heel and arch of a shoe, in hopes of finding the rest of Cinderella's glass slipper but, so far, no luck.

Nor has everything turned up broken. There have been a number of small glass bottles, including several old medicine bottles, approximately rectangular in shape, ribbed and dark blue to identify their contents as potentially dangerous. The tiny yellow glazed stone-ware jar, as wide as it is tall at a mere 5cm and with mouth only 1cm wide, turns out to be an ink jar, sold for a penny. Also unbroken was the lid to the pot of a very common Victorian toothpaste, labelled 'Woods Areca Nut Toothpaste 6d For removing Tartar and whitening the Teeth without injuring the Enamel Proprietor W Woods Chemist Plymouth'. Areca nut, also known as betel nut, has been chewed for centuries throughout India, parts of China and much of South Asia but is now known not only as addictive but also carcinogenic when chewed regularly. At sixpence a pop one hopes there were few Victorians able to afford enough toothpaste to reach the requisite stage of euphoria.

Some postwar schoolchild apparently made off with its daily school milk ration and abandoned the



characteristic third of a pint bottle, marked 'Co-op Society' in the garden. A rather earlier child left its little ceramic doll here. Whether it was intact when lost or thrown away because broken, the highly glazed seated girl, about five cm long and six tall, is still missing her feet and one arm but recently regained her pink cheeked and blue-eyed head.

However, the clearest indicator of intensive domestic use in this garden is the

myriad short white tubes with a narrow hole down the middle, 2–3cms long mostly. Generations of tobacco smoking gardeners have caught their clay pipes on an overhanging branch or misjudged their distance from the bean pole tripod while watering in their new plants. Were I to line up the pipe stem remnants end to end, they would surely stretch halfway down the Tchure.

Britons started smoking the newly introduced tobacco in the mid-fifteen hundreds and the habit quickly caught on across all classes. As clay pipes were so fragile and there were so many of them, their fragments have become the equivalent of fossils for the post medieval period, providing an extremely useful tool for dating and interpreting archaeological deposits from the late sixteenth century onwards.

The bowls of the clay pipe varied from basic and plain to highly elaborate, even promoting causes or advertising one's political allegiance. In the seventeenth century, pipes featuring the king announced your patriotism, and, in the early nineteenth century, the abolition movement promoted its message with pipes depicting slaves in chains. The zenith of the clay pipe was probably reached with the Victorian churchwarden pipe whose stem could be up to 40cm long.

While finding quantities of pipe stem pieces, my only bowl is a magnificent Victorian dandy with a rather short top hat, brown mutton chop whiskers, a double lapelled waistcoat and hands jauntily stuffed into coat pockets. Aside from some damage to the front of his hat brim he is remarkably intact, apart, of course, from missing his stem. Apparently the faces on clay pipes usually point away from the smoker, into the wider world; my dandy is looking rather censoriously straight at the smoker. Perhaps foreseeing the cancerous future?

While the list could go on and on, from handmade iron hooks of various sorts, to U-shaped iron hoes and Daddie's Sauce bottles, my favourite find was not in the garden but in the old wall along the Tchure. CDC's conservation officer was very concerned about our taking down this unstable structure, citing it as part of the 'ancient fabric of the village'. When we took it down, prior to rebuilding it safely, between the two leaves of the wall, we discovered what presumably must have been a C14 Coca Cola can – unless a teenage Rodney Hayward, dutifully slapping on watery concrete in a vain attempt to stabilise the radically unstable, managed to time warp back a few centuries.

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## LETTERS

FROM ROB FORSYTH, DEDDINGTON

I believe the Royal British Legion branch has a respected profile in the parish, reflected by the considerable support it receives for Remembrance services and Poppy Weeks. The latter will be launched this year at the 26 October farmers' market.

However, as previously pointed out in this magazine, its success depends on a small group of elderly people to run these activities. We are desperately in need of someone to act as the email link to our 45 members and be able to access the Legion's administrative website on which their details are stored. At the most, this requires an hour a month prior to an informal meeting in the Deddington Arms with a glass of something in hand. Assisting with our few activities

is an option but not essential. Please contact me if you are interested on 07770 533513. I would stress that you do not need to be either ex service or male.

FROM LESLEY MILROY AND ANNETTE MURPHY, DEDDINGTON

Thank you to everyone who came to our joint Open Gardens on Bank Holiday Monday. We raised £210 for Katharine House Hospice and spent a lovely afternoon explaining both wildflower and camomile lawns while enjoying wide-ranging conversation over tea and cake.

## DEDDINGTON MEDIA COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

In accordance with Section 14(1)(b) of The Community Interest Company Regulations 2005, the directors are herewith informing the community of minor changes to the Articles of Association of the CIC. Residents might know that the CIC is the umbrella company for Deddington News (DN) and Deddington OnLine (DoL).

The changes to the Objects clarify the purpose and objectives of DN and DoL and now make it clear that DoL too may attract some local advertising to enable it to continue to develop the website and its relevance. The amendments do not change the original purpose of the company.

## DEDDINGTON NURSERY AND PFSU

We have loved welcoming our new starters to both settings.

The children have been settling in well, enjoying doing self-portraits and making apple crumble at Preschool. Later this term they will be doing leaf printing, bark rubbing and making bird feeders.

At Nursery, the children have been enjoying their woodland walks while looking for signs of autumn. They are also looking forward to Hallowe'en dress up and pumpkin play later this month.

We are very excited to announce we will be running our village Hallowe'en Trail again on Saturday 18 October between 9.30am–12.30pm. The library has kindly offered to sell maps for us on the day. Keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page for more details.

**Shrene Saleh-Gillett**

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## BLISSFUL THINKING



It may be trite at this point, but we (the royal 'we') really need to stop reinventing the wheel. There comes a time when an item becomes as useful as it will ever get. Early cartographers scrawling lines and symbols and "Here Be Dragons" on parchment would have been proud to see their creations develop into

glossy and detailed atlases and maps that could fold and fit into one's pocket. This was peak performance. When I go on a trip somewhere unfamiliar, I immediately look for a pocket map.

On a recent hotel trip, I asked if they had any. The response was no, but 'I should be able to find my way around with my Google Maps'. Aside from not owning a smartphone, why is it considered superior to be walking around somewhere unfamiliar completely reliant on a device that will reduce my awareness of my surroundings and is vulnerable to connection issues, battery issues and can at any time be snatched out of my hand or dropped and broken? If I drop a map in a puddle, I could replace it for a fiver. If I drop a smartphone, I'm looking at potentially hundreds of pounds repair or replacement, if there's even a phone store nearby. A map makes me self-sufficient; a smartphone makes me dependent. Living in a village where you can reach all four corners within an hour is all well and good but give me back my paper maps for outside voyages please. More cartography; less smartography.

**Aaron Bliss**

**aaronjbliss@hotmail.com**

## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The quietness persists in this peaceful corner of heaven but some things are on-going. CAST, our local Speed Watch group, have had a series of meetings with local government bodies, where the message is 'we have no money' but 'data drives all decisions'. However, struggling through these meetings it became clear that 'data' means deaths. This is what we are up against but CAST will battle on and monies may well become available in a year or two. So, we hope on.

Max is the new landlord of the Duck and has been very welcoming to a number of residents, offering tours and discussing plans for all our futures. Despite the tourists reporting some reservations, 1 October is the target opening date with a soft opening being planned. Anything before Christmas will cheer many of us and we wish Max all the very best and promise our regular support for the future. Some of us can't wait.

Book Club on Tour has had good meetings and bad which is a sad comment on the sociability of some members ... However those who do attend have a great time and lets you meet Larry, our latest resident, who is an ex-international rugby coach and the same past employer as Paul: an absolutely fascinating chap who many of you have missed meeting (but not the select Candleford residents who joined our tour in their midst recently). We all very much welcome Larry and his better half, Julia, to our community – oh, and Freyja the German Shepard is becoming a celebrity too.

**Martin Bryce**

**MartinDNBryce@gmail.com**

What a fantastic start to the Deddington Monthly Lunch Club up at the Windmill. (Er... there is an element of crystal ball gazing here because, as I am writing this, the first lunch

hasn't actually been served.) However, what I do know is that the event has been massively over-subscribed and we are now maxed out at 48 lucky people. We've even had to invest in some new knives and forks. We are very grateful to the new owners of the Crown and Tuns who have kindly donated some of the old pub's dinner plates. A regular lunch club, open to all, is exactly the sort of thing we want to have more of at the Windmill – helping it to become a genuine community centre. To that end, we are delighted to welcome Peter Hogben onto our committee. Peter is keen to encourage more regular 'community' events at the Windmill: quiz nights, comedy nights maybe even film nights ... watch this space.

One community event I am personally involved in is our second Deddington Wine Festival. It's taking place on Saturday, 8 November at the Windmill. There should be a flyer in this issue with all the information you need to get your tickets. This year, we are raising money for Driving Ukraine – an amazing Dedding-



ton-based organisation that has so far bought and delivered over 250 vehicles to Ukraine. Come and help us raise enough money to buy two more pick-up trucks as well as much needed specialist aid. Your support


will save lives.

Our ongoing programme of renewal and refurbishment continues with work to repair and repaint the exterior woodwork - weatherproofing in time for winter. We've several other projects in the pipeline, including remodelling the changing rooms and installing new showers. (We haven't forgotten you football, cricket and badminton people.) As always, you can check our website [www.thewindmilledddington.org](http://www.thewindmilledddington.org) if you would like to know what is going on. If you'd like to view our facilities in person, please contact Julie, enquiries@thewindmilledddington.org or call 07720 834006.

One last thing. We are always looking for feedback – positive, or really positive. So, if you've held a successful event or you run a regular group we'd love to hear your views about our facilities. Email them to Elli Ince, secretary@thewindmilledddington.org. Many thanks.

**Vaughan Jones**

**chair@thewindmilledddington.org**

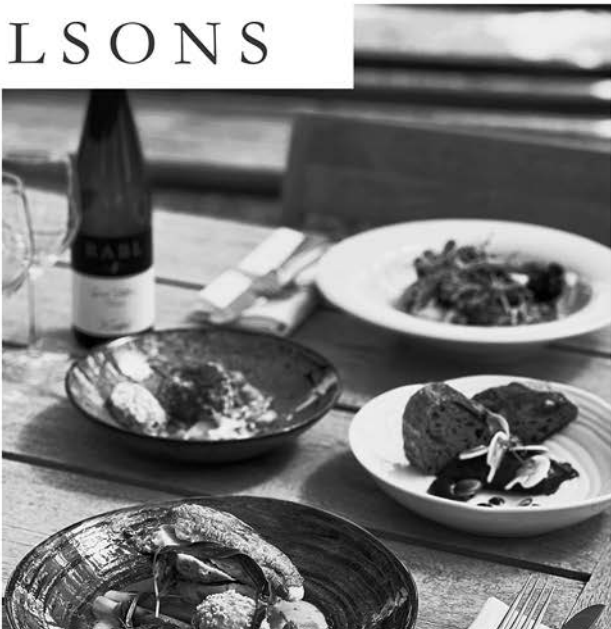


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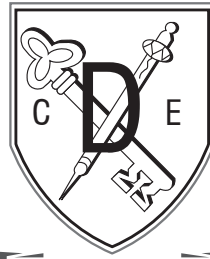


## DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

As the summer term came to a close, Deddington Primary School said fond farewells to several much-valued members of staff. Mrs Jane Cross and Mrs Denise Welch both retired after many years of outstanding service on our Senior Leadership Team, leaving behind a strong legacy of dedication and care. We also said goodbye to Mrs Keryl Goffe and Mrs Debbie Sheehan, who each made a lasting contribution to the life of the school and the wellbeing of our children.

In addition, Mr George Rickard moved on to pursue exciting new opportunities. We are extremely grateful to each of them for their hard work, commitment, and the positive impact they have had on our school community.

We are pleased to report a very positive start to the new academic year. We were delighted to welcome six new staff members, as well as 30 new children in our Reception Class. Miss Lauryn Payne, Miss Grace Wyness, and Mrs Nicola Harper have joined our teaching team, while Miss Ria James, Mrs Hollie Rose, and Mrs Michelle Talbot have taken up roles as teaching assistants. We're excited to have them on board and look forward to the enthusiasm, experience,



and fresh ideas they bring.

The school year began with an inspiring staff training day in our newly enhanced Forest School area. This session focused on ways to further integrate outdoor learning into our curriculum, something we are passionate about across all year groups. Our sincere thanks go to Space2Learn, the charity whose generous fundraising made these outdoor improvements possible.

Their support has created a fantastic learning environment that our children will continue to benefit from throughout the year.

With the children quickly settling back into routines, we look forward to another exciting and engaging year of learning at Deddington Primary School.

We currently have vacancies on the governing body. If you are interested in supporting the school in this important voluntary role, please contact Mrs Nicola Halton at [NHalton@deddington.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:NHalton@deddington.oxon.sch.uk) for more information.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**Clive Evans, Headteacher**  
[CEvans@deddington.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:CEvans@deddington.oxon.sch.uk)

## DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

In the last two years our overall footprint has risen by 20%. A big thank you goes to all my supporters and volunteers for your support.

As the summer comes to a close our summer reading challenge has come to an end. Well done to all the children who took part. A very special mention needs to be made to Hannah who decided to read 30 books instead of six. An amazing achievement. I will be going into school to hand out certificates and medals.

After a multi-year hiatus Rhymetime is back to give parents, carers, babies and toddlers a chance to get together every week for a fun nursery rhyme session on Mondays 2.15–2.45 during term time. And don't forget Lego Club is on Mondays as well from 3.30–4.30pm.

The courtyard wall has had a coat of white paint

done by the Scouts, so thank you to them. It is now ready for a mural but I need help with characters, animals and places from your favourite books. They can be drawn, painted or copied in any format. Everyone's ideas are welcome to make this a village project. Please drop your ideas into the library by the end of October.

Jigsaws are very popular at the moment and are free to borrow to anyone. We have them from age 0–100. Ideal for the autumn.

On behalf of the Friends of Deddington Library, on whose support we rely, we now have Deddington Library pens and pencils for sale along with notebooks, postcards notelets, bookmarks and books for sale.

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The wait is over as our 2026 Deddington parish calendar was launched and will be available at October's farmers' market. The latest edition showcases an array of parish scenes throughout the year, with several new entrants submitting their stunning images. The winning 12 entries made it through into the calendar with each photographer receiving a complimentary copy, the top three also took home a large glossy print of their published work, those being Stefan Wathan, Karen Cheetham and Helen Spencer. We thank all entrants for their support as well as our loyal and valued part-

ners who sponsor each month which allows us to cover the printing costs and keep the price at the same level as previous years. The calendar is available at each farmers' market to Christmas plus at Nellie & Dove, Fenemore's farm shop, Clifton, Hampton's, and, of course, at the library –but cash only there. Thanks once again to our community for your support.

**Bryn Williams**  
[abw@brynwilliams.com](mailto:abw@brynwilliams.com)

## CALLING ALL CLUBS

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### Photographic Society

In September – thanks to the wonders of modern internet technology – we connected with Alastair Howe, a seasoned sports photographer based in Harrogate. Alastair spends much of his time travelling across Yorkshire, capturing dynamic images of local sports personalities and clubs. With years of experience behind the lens, he's discovered that the most compelling photographs are those bursting with colour and vibrancy.

Alastair shared insights into the fast-paced world of media photography. As he explained, when shooting for publication there's no luxury of post-editing – images must be visually accurate and ready to send straight to the editor for immediate online release. Alastair typically shoots at 12–20 frames per second, using continuous autofocus and a monopod to minimise vibration. His preferred setting is aperture priority, which allows him to maintain control over depth of field while adapting to changing light conditions. He also offered a practical tip: many athletes and teams appreciate receiving photos, so don't hesitate to reach out via Instagram or Facebook. It's a great way to build connections and share your work with those who value it most.

At our October meeting, we have Huw Alban talking about landscape photography. All are welcome.

**Courtney Killpack**  
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### Royal British Legion

The funeral of HRH Duchess of Kent on 16 September was marked by half-masting the Union Flag on the village green.

Poppy Weeks will be launched at the farmers' market on 24 October. The Scouts have undertaken the placing and later removal of street poppies throughout the parish as an annual contribution to Remembrance.

In a letter to the editor in this issue we are appealing for a digitally aware person to join our informal committee to liaise with our members and the RBL membership support team by email as and when necessary.

**Rob Forsyth**  
[robert.s.forsyth@gmail.com](mailto:robert.s.forsyth@gmail.com)

### Women's Institute

In September we enjoyed a very interesting and informative talk by two emergency care assistants. Their topic was Demystifying the Defibrillator and I hope we all now have a greater understanding of when and how to use one should the need arise. We are very much looking forward to our October meeting when we celebrate our 100th birthday.

## SPORT

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### Deddington Original Golf Society – DOGS

Our last trip for summer 2025 was a visit to Waterstock Golf Club near Thame. The event was followed by our customary barbecue which, thanks to Keith Spengler,

The WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome. Contact 07913022221 for details.

**Jenny Snashall**

### Local Vocals – Community Choir

Our new term started with a selection of songs from around the world. The Congo, Wales, Hungary and USA to name a few. Thankfully, not all in their native tongue. Just when you think you are getting the hang of singing, a new dimension is introduced. It certainly keeps the brain active and focused.

To find out more about our choir, which meets at 7.30pm in Deddington primary school each Monday during term time, please go to our website [www.local-vocalscc.co.uk](http://www.local-vocalscc.co.uk). New members are always welcome.

**Alison Grieve**

### Hempton Book Club

At last! A book everyone enjoyed – *The People on Platform 5* by Clare Pooley.

Iona and her dog Lulu catch the 8.05am train from Hampton Court to Waterloo every weekday and always follow one of the cardinal rules, 'Never speak to strangers'. This is until one of the other passengers – nicknamed Smart but Sexist Surbiton by Iona – has a medical emergency; he chokes on a grape. This brings together other fellow travellers who, although they have little in common to start with, become unlikely friends. The story developed well and there were quite a few surprises. As the blurb said 'insightful, funny and full of warmth'. Would we read another book by this author? Most certainly.

**Jo Churchyard**  
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### Book Group

William Boyd's spy novel *Gabriel's Moon* transports the reader to the 1960s and the Cold War.

The action revolves around journalist Gabriel Dax, a man haunted by a terrible incident in his childhood. He becomes entangled in the world of espionage and moral ambiguity after securing an interview with the ill-fated Congolese prime minister, Patrice Lumumba. Gabriel is a complex and rather flawed character whose obsession with his handler, Faith, spurs him to undertake further risky missions.

The combination of twists and turns, shady characters and foreign locations makes a light and engaging read. We could imagine the book as a TV series and were not surprised to learn that it is the first in a planned trilogy.

**Book Group**

was held in his garden.

A lowly nine golfers played on a beautiful day and the results were: Nearest the Pin – David White; Longest Drive – Lyn Talbot; Team Winners – John



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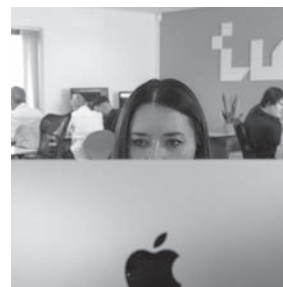
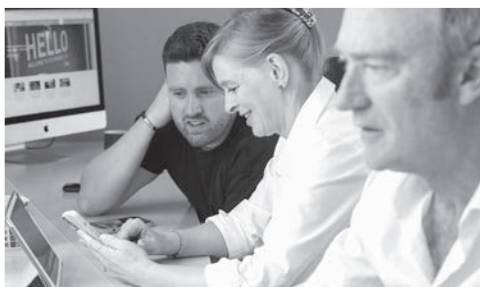


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**SPORT***Continued from p26*

Dauphin, David White and Ken Appleby.

The individual prizes were won by David White in 1st place and Tony Lowe in 2nd place. The prizes were awarded in the evening by Ian Spann, DOGS chairman, ably assisted by Keith Spengler, DOGS captain.

Commis chef Tony Lowe and chef de partie Keith Spengler cooked an array of food that included halloumi and chorizo nibbles followed by succulent steak burgers and amazing hot dogs. Various salads complemented the main courses with cheesecake and strawberries and cream to finish.

And so, the summer golf comes to an end but it's not all over. We have our Christmas outing to look forward to at Marmaton Heath Golf Club on Friday 12 December. Full details will follow.

If you're new to the area and play golf, whether socially or more competitively, DOGS would welcome you to its membership. For more details contact me.

**Tony Lowe, Secretary**  
**dogsgolf23@gmail.com**

**Deddington Cricket Club**

And just like that, another season is over. It only feels like a few days ago that we were looking forward to another season, with high expectations and lovely dry spring weather as encouragement. Now we are in the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, and we can reflect on the last 20 weeks.

It was great to welcome more than 30 key-stage one children again in May and June to participate in the national AllStars programme at the Windmill. Thanks are due to all the activators who ran the sessions, especially Sarah Cox, the leader.

Sarah has plenty on her plate as she is also the women's team captain. They started the year with an unbeaten record in their Super 8s league with strong performances from some regulars and a few new recruits. It was great to get some new junior players who have grown in confidence and capability as the season has gone on.

After the Super 8s, the 11-a-side limited overs

games followed, with matches as far away as Wargrave and Cookham. A close-run win in the final game on 7 September left the team in a very creditable second place with 6 wins in 10 games, just missing out on promotion.

Our men's Saturday Cherwell League First Team started with 7 wins on the bounce but, perhaps being in the unusual position of being the 'one to beat', found it tough to maintain the great start and finally ended third in Division 7B. Skipper Rich Munro had an excellent season with the bat, scoring 433 runs at an average of 31, closely followed by Paul Smith with 287 runs at 31 per innings, and Biswajit Neog on 221 runs at 20 per innings. On the bowling front, praise goes to Hamidullah Meena Pal for his 188 overs, playing in all 17 games. He finished on 26 wickets at an average of 24. The evergreen Rob Preston took 19 wickets at an average of 19 and Biswajit, demonstrating his all-rounder credentials, took 17 wickets at an average of 25.

The Second Team played better than the results suggested, with some great performances with bat and ball. Plaudits go to newcomer Alex Mobbs who topped the batting and bowling honours board with a batting average of 23 and 12 wickets with a best of 4 for 64.

The annual Derek Cheeseman Memorial game on August Bank Holiday was another excellent event, with the Club side retaining the trophy against a strong Legends side. More than £300 was raised for the Club and Chance to Shine cricket charity on the day, with some fine raffle prizes donated by members and local businesses. Thanks to all those who supported the day, especially Yellow Tail Wines, Eagles and Quince and Clover, prior to their opening in Deddington this autumn, for their generous raffle prizes.

Thoughts turn now to renovating the square and the Banbury Indoor League starting in November.

Thanks to all our Vice Presidents, sponsors and friends for their continued support. Winter well all.

**Simon Oldfield**  
**07771997358**

**YOUTH****1st Deddington Scout Group****Cubs**

We're back after a long and hot summer break and raring to go. We have a full complement of 18 Cubs and a gang of very enthusiastic leaders and helpers who are all looking forward to some very exciting topics and outings over the coming months.

Please note that the waiting list for Cubs is temporarily closed as we have so many wanting to join.

**Tina Deacon**  
**deddingtoncubs@gmail.com**

**Scouts**

It seemed very odd at our first meeting as all our 'big' boys have moved on, but we wish them well and hope they'll pop in now and again to see us. But we have four new Scouts already and expect more by New Year.

Plans were discussed and this term we could be

model making, silhouette drawing, sewing, toilet cleaning – yes, I do mean that – plus a night hike, climbing and an evening exploring the delights of Mexico.

**Pete Churchyard**  
**deddingtonscouts@gmail.com**

**1st Deddington Guides**

We began the term with a very lively meeting ... everyone is excited to be back together and share all their holiday news. Amongst other fun and games, we celebrated Deddington Guides 54th birthday – inevitably with cake, of course. Plans for the rest of the year are starting to fall into place.

All girls 10 and over are welcome. Come along and meet us!

**Maggie Rampley**  
**07957 600755**



## DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW



Photo courtesy Richard Broadbent

And through the doors the people poured again for the annual Parish Show on Saturday 30 August. The weather held for most of the day which always helps. The usual hustle and bustle happened from 9.00am with entries being brought in to be displayed ready for the judging. The committee would like to express its sincere thanks to the judges for giving up their time on the day, allowing themselves to look at and taste everyone's entry fully. At 2.00pm the doors opened to the public for everyone to admire the hard work and effort of what turned out to be another successful show.

It was fantastic to see that we had a lot of new entrants this year, especially in the Vegetables class and we hope others will be inspired to enter across the board next year. Both judges and visitors noted how well the flowers and other produce had done, despite the very dry weather. The Cookery section saw some new categories including gluten free brownies and a bread category. The Crafts, Art and Photography gave us a glimpse of what people had been busy creating over the past few months and they made a splendid display. As usual the children excelled themselves and showed their artistic flair in every category.

The committee would like to express its sincere gratitude to everyone who helped in setting up the previous day, worked throughout the show day and, of course, the task of taking everything down at the end and getting the church ready for Sunday service. The Show literally couldn't happen without the support of the village – both in people participating and those who run the bottle and cake stalls, raffle, tea and cakes, the runners, stewards, judges and we were treated again to the fantastic Brass Band playing throughout the show. Special thanks go to Sylvia Pedley who provided a wonderful display of hats for people to try on and to buy and we are very grateful for her donation of £200 to the Show. Deepest thanks as always to our sponsors and local businesses for

providing the wonderful array of raffle prizes. Profits from the day will be donated to local causes as usual. See you next year!

Trophy winners were:-

*Welford Cup for Cookery* – 1st V Moyses, 2nd Stan Nelson, Joint 3rd Louise Ayles and Maureen Robinson.

*Marianne Elsley Cup for Flowers* – 1st Darren Bullock, 2nd Katie Palmer, 3rd Stephen Mobbs.

*Oliver Hawes Cup for Vegetables* – 1st Stephen Mobbs, 2nd Brian Palmer, 3rd Stephen Chessum.

*SS Peter & Paul Cup for Fruit* – 1st Sarah Liebrecht and Katie Palmer, 2nd Stephen Mobbs, 3rd Louise Ayles and Petra Hoyer Millar.

*John Cheney Art Cup* – 1st Steve Waterman, 2nd Virginia Dimitriou, 3rd Rosie Toll.

*Stella Marmion Craft Cup* – 1st Kate Petty, 2nd Janet Macey, 3rd Olivia Fenion.

*Farmers' Market Cup for Photography* – 1st Maureen Robinson, 2nd Richard Betteridge, 3rd Rev Nick Fielden.

*Show Champion Gardeners' Cup* – 1st Stephen Mobbs, 2nd Janet Macey, 3rd Stephen Chessum.

*Children's Trophies:-*

*Pre-School* – 1st Sullivan Fisher, 2nd Arthur Hayward, Joint 3rd Harry Pemble and Lyra Way.

*5 years and under* – 1st Valkyrja Hallgrimsdottir White, Joint 2nd Aurelia Tacey-Green and Arlo Naylor, 3rd Elle Clayton.

*6–8 years* – 1st Daisy Naylor, 2nd Charlotte Baldwin, 3rd Isalind Hallgrimsdottir White.

*9–11 years* – 1st Lillian Baldwin, 2nd Francesca Eriksen, 3rd Emma Masson.

*Wendy Burrows Cup for Teenagers* – 1st Evie Fellows, 2nd Edward Eriksen.

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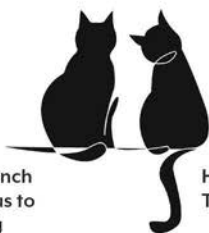
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