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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

There are several of us celebrating a significant anniversary this year. The farmers' market, the library and the *Deddington News* all have special dates to commemorate this year. See pp26 and 17 for more information from the library and farmers' market. The *DN* will be bringing you a special issue for our birthday in September.

Of course, none of these could be celebrated without considerable support from a long list of past and present volunteers.

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What's on

July

- Wed 1 Photographic Society: Living and Working as a Photographer in Namibia, Scott Hurd, Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
- Sat 4 Cherwell Choral Society: *A Season to Sing*, Joanna Forbes L'estrage, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 4 Windmill Film Club: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 8 WI: Patient Participation Group, Anne Hunsley, Holly Tree Hall, 2.30pm
- Thu 9 People Planet Pint: Unicorn Inn, 7.00–10.30pm
- Fri 10 Adderbury Ensemble: Mozart and Brahms piano quartets with Viv McLean, Parish Church, 6.00pm
- Sun 12 Windmill Events: Walk and Treasure Hunt, Windmill Centre, start between 1.00 and 4pm
- Mon 13 Local Vocals: Friends and Family Evening, Primary School, 8.00pm
- Wed 15 Parish Council: Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 16 Swift Walk: meet at the Town Hall, 7.00pm
- St 18 Library: authors event, Holly Tree Club, 2.00–4.00pm
- Sat 25 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 25 Craft Market: Parish Church, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 25– Cotswold Artisans: Arts and Crafts, Holly Tree Hall, 10.00am–5.00pm
- Sun 26 Antiques and Flea Market: Holly Tree Hall, 10.00am–2.00pm
- Thu 30 Book Group: call Sally Lambert, 01869 338094 for details

August

- Sat 1 Windmill Film Club: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Wed 5 Dementia Oxfordshire: Information session, Windmill Centre, 2.00–4.00pm
- Wed 5 Photographic Society: Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
- Tue 11 DOGS: Leamington & County GC
- Wed 12 Dementia Oxfordshire: Information session, Windmill Centre, 2.00–4.00pm
- Wed 12 WI: Boccia, Holly Tree Hall, 2.30pm
- Wed 19 Parish Council: Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Sat 22 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 22 Craft Market: Deddington Church, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sun 30 Antiques and Flea Market: Holly Tree Hall, 10.00am–2.00pm
- Mon 31 Cricket Club: Derek Cheeseman Memorial Cricket Match, Windmill Centre, 11.00am

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Councillors Gillham, Oldfield, O'Neill, Robinson (chair), Stapley, Timms, Watts, the parish clerk, two members of the public, a *DN* representative. County Councillor Epps and Councillor Rogers (District) arrived during the meeting.

10 Minute Forum:

A resident from Deddington raised the matter of an intrusive metal post by the bus stop in the Market Place which was later topped with a solar panel in the long established conservation area. He wondered if there had been any consultation with the parish council.

The PC chair replied immediately that the live timetable for the bus stop is contracted by OCC. There was no consultation with the PC. It was believed that they should have applied for planning permission. All agreed that it was good to have the live timetable but the solar panel could have been on the roof of the bus shelter. This was raised with County Councillor Epps who indicated that it was Stagecoach money, not OCC's. He will follow up on this as well as a post apparently erected by the Town Hall.

Finance and General Purposes

Work on the showers at the Windmill has been completed but there are problems with poor water pressure and drainage. A pump will be fitted and the drainage sorted out.

It was agreed to pay £1,000 for a bench at the allotments in Hempton. CDC has confirmed that \$106 money is available to pay for it.

The roof of the Lookout has already been repaired following vandalism damage. The PC agreed to pay for it. A question was raised regarding CCTV coverage to catch the culprits causing the damage.

Planning

No objection

Discharge of conditions on Holly Tree Club.

Discharge of conditions on nature space for great crested newts on land east of Banbury Road.

Approvals

Stonewalls, Castle Street, Deddington: tree works.

Clydesdale, Market Place: erection of free-standing greenhouse.

Eaton House, New Street, Deddington: tree works.

Mallards, New Street: side and rear extensions.

County Council

The adoption of Hobart Way by Burringtons Midlands is in progress. County Councillor Epps said it was difficult to give a timescale on completion but believed it was proceeding satisfactorily. At present there had been no progress on Fardon Way.

Thames Water have requested a list of all postcodes for the village in order to advise where and when they would be operating next.

Although the issue of 'quiet lanes' has provoked some online discussion, County Councillor Epps did not consider there were any likely in the area.

Government statistics published at the end of May show an 18% reduction in serious road accidents,

causing death or serious injury, in the Oxfordshire area, while there has been an increase over the wider Thames Valley Police area. These are provisional figures but appear positive.

On street EV charging: it has now been established that there is a good connection in the Bull Ring and Cllr Epps is keeping an eye on it.

District Council

District Councillor Rogers reported that CDC Planning has been placed under the Secretary of State under Section 62A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in respect of decision making for major planning applications. This means that developers can apply direct to the Secretary of State on a new planning application, although in practice many continue to apply to district councils following which, if their application is refused, they can appeal. This option is not available through the Secretary of State. However, Councillor Rogers made the point that this designation was based on historic planning refusals between April 2023 and March 2025. Improvements in performance indicate that decisions on major applications are now within government thresholds for the current year.

It was agreed to write to the local MP, Sean Woodcock, requesting confirmation that our Neighbourhood Plan will still be upheld.

Large Scale Developments

A meeting with the new owners of the Deddington Estate, which includes the Satin Lane allotments and some residences, has been arranged for 24 June. It was agreed that members of the public should not be invited as this was a listening exercise. However, whatever is discussed will be communicated to local interested parties.

It turns out that CDC are demanding £1.4m from the developers of the land north of the fire station and OCC a more modest £150,000 to adopt the roads. This total figure is considerably more than a management company would require. The PC feels strongly that roads should be adopted by OCC and usual services be provided by CDC. The PC is continuing to follow this up.

Highways

It is understood that Thames Water will return to continue work on the other side of High Street/New Street at some stage. No date has been provided at present. The PC has requested that the central road marking on Earls Lane be reinstated following TW roadworks.

Environment & Recreation

There has been distressing vandalism at the cemetery. TVP have been notified and will be carrying out surveillance.

Contractors will be grass cutting along the Hempton–Deddington footpath and Clifton–Deddington footpath in early July.

The noticeboard in Horse Fair will be reinstated.

Next meeting: Wednesday 15 July at 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre.

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter, Jill Cheeseman, and not the official minutes. For those, go to <https://www.deddingtonparishcouncil.org/meetingsminutes.html>



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As the sound of bat on ball echoes across the Windmill playing fields this month, David French's research into C19th local newspapers reminds us that this has been heard in the parish ever since 1835 and not always without incident as in 1859.

Deddington Cricket Club

Apart from hunting, which was the preserve of the gentry, the only organised sport in the parish during the 1850s was the 'manly' game of cricket. Matches were played on the Castle Ground, courtesy of Samuel Field, the town's leading lawyer, who appears to have held a long-term lease from the owners, the Dean and Canons of Windsor. Although there are records of a cricket club at Deddington since 1835, the *North Oxfordshire Monthly Times* for August 1849 carried the following report: 'We are glad to see that the game of Cricket is not yet quite an extinct amusement at Deddington. Our players have just commenced practising in the Park Ground [Deddington House], which has been kindly lent for that purpose by the Rev. W. Cotton Risley. Although the season is now too far advanced to admit of a match being made with any of our neighbouring clubs, we do not despair of again seeing them in the field, and this fine and manly game again flourishing in our town.'

The press reports, with detailed scores usually sub-joined, indicate that the Deddington Club had a busy schedule of fixtures during much of the 1850s. Home and away matches were played with various clubs in the district, including Oxford, although a considerable number of the matches were between scratch teams selected by individual gentlemen for the occasion. In several years cricket matches were organised as part of the attractions at the annual flower show, which was often held on the Castle Grounds.

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

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

At the AGM in April 1852, the Club (which had about 30 patrons) agreed to engage a professional bowler from Nottingham, jointly with Banbury Cricket Club. It was reported that in the centre of the Castle Ground, 'a dead level of many square yards has been laid down, the surface is of the finest quality, and the drainage perfect.' In November 1852 the affairs of the Cricket Club were thrown into confusion by the sudden decamping of the honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr Landon, a young doctor, with the funds of the Club. To make up the loss, members agreed a levy of 5s and upwards, but there are no further reports of cricket matches involving the Deddington Club in the Oxford and Banbury newspapers for the next three seasons.

In August 1856 the *Oxford Journal* reported: 'We understand that this manly game is likely very shortly to be revived with considerable spirit at Deddington.' By June 1857 the Club was able to report 50 members, who were drawn from the principal gentry and clergy of the neighbourhood rather than merely from Deddington. Samuel Field was treasurer. 'The members meet for play every Monday.' Interest in cricket was not limited to the gentlemanly class and in March 1859 a Park Cricket Club was formed at a meeting at the Red Lion Inn. Farmers and tradesmen appear to have been well represented on the committee.

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

More about the club's long history can be found at: <https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/clubs,societies-andorganisation/cricket>

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At Pre-school this month we are looking forward to our sports day, a visit to the allotments and our end of term Teddy Bears Picnic with F1. At Nursery we will also be practising for sports day and we will be saying goodbye and good luck to our Nursery leavers at their graduations, as they become ready for their next adventures in September.



Rachel O'Connell, retiring Pre-school manager

At the end of the summer term, after more than 19 years of devoted service, we bid farewell to our muchloved Pre-school manager, Rachel O'Connell. Throughout nearly two decades, she has shaped the early years of countless children with her kindness, patience and unwavering commitment to creating a nurturing place to learn and grow. Her leadership has been the steady heart of the Pre-school, guiding staff, supporting families, and ensuring every child felt valued from the moment they arrived. As a result of her leadership, the Pre-school achieved an Outstanding commendation from Ofsted. The staff, who have long relied on her warmth, wisdom and calm presence, will miss her deeply, both professionally and personally. She leaves behind a legacy of joy, stability, and compassion that will be felt for many years to come, and the entire community wishes her happiness and fulfilment in this next chapter.

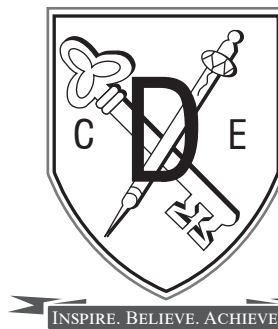
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- Wed 2 Photographic Society: Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
- Sat 5 Parish Show: Deddington Church, 2.00pm
- Wed 9 Women's Institute: The Miracle of Bletchley Park, Gillian Cane, Holly Tree Hall, 2.30pm
- Thu 10 People Planet Pint: George Inn, Barford, 7.00–10.30pm
- Wed 16 Parish Council: Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm

PRIMARY SCHOOL



We were delighted to welcome Ofsted inspectors to our school in April and are very pleased with the outcome of the inspection, the full report of which is available on the Ofsted report website and the school website. The report recognises the many strengths of our school and reflects the dedication of our staff,

pupils, governors and wider community. It was particularly encouraging to see the inspectors highlight the positive culture within our school. As the report notes, 'Pupils arrive each morning eager for the day ahead and excited to find out what they will be learning. They are pleased to see their friends and staff who warmly welcome them to this nurturing, happy and safe place. The school's value of 'Let your light shine' is the hallmark of everyday routines, which ensures that all pupils feel valued and included.' This enthusiasm for school and for learning is something we are incredibly proud of. The report also celebrates the nurturing ethos that underpins everything we do: 'Relationships between staff and pupils are underpinned by mutual respect and care.' We know that strong relationships lie at the heart of a successful school, and it is wonderful to see this recognised. We were equally pleased to see acknowledgement of our pupils' attitudes and commitment, with inspectors observing that 'Pupils behave well and live up to the school's high expectations for their conduct and attitudes.' This reflects the values we strive to instil in all members of our school community.

Looking ahead, there is plenty of excitement as pupils are working hard preparing for this year's school production of *Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat*. Rehearsals are well underway and the children have been showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and talent as they bring the story to life. The performances will take place at the Windmill Centre in July and we are looking forward to sharing this wonderful show with families.

Finally, we at Deddington Primary School would like to thank everyone for their continued support. We are proud of all that our pupils achieve and grateful to be part of such a supportive village.

Clive Evans, Headteacher
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Long Service Award

Jo Churchyard has been awarded a framed certificate from Oxfordshire Community & Voluntary Action, having been nominated in the Volunteer Celebration Awards of 2026 for long service.

ROAD CLOSURE

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CHURCH

July

June opened with a fun celebration of Pentecost in our all-age family service, with the young ones making doves and flame hats, and everyone enjoying the breakfast and opportunity to chat and worship together. Running through to October, the Church is now in the season of 'Ordinary Time' when we celebrate the beauty and goodness of God's creation, culminating in the special harvest festival services in autumn.

We enjoyed our Open Gardens fundraising event on 21 June, so thank you to all involved in organising that and especially to those who kindly opened their gardens and provided refreshments.

Do you have or care for pre-school children? If so, are you aware that we host a free, drop-in toddler group called 'Squiggles & Wiggles' on Thursday mornings in term time, between 9.30am and 12.00pm? You must stay with your children (it's not a crèche), but we offer a lovely, safe environment for children to play – suitable toys are provided – and parents and carers to chat to and get to know one another. Drinks and toast are included for toddlers and adults alike. If

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	Family Communion (breakfast and crafts from 9.45am)
	6.00pm	Evensong
Sun 12	10.30am	Holy Communion

you've not discovered us before, please come along and enjoy the fun whenever you can.

The Revd 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 from 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 and <https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonChurch>.

For funeral and home visits in case of illness please contact the vicar on 01869 934794, vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or one of the church wardens – Deddington: vacancy; Barfords: Sue Addison, 07484 718791, Sally Barber, 07776 241218, or barfordchurches234@gmail.com. For baptism, wedding and general enquiries please contact the parish administrator at office@deddingtonchurch.org.

Sun 19 10.30am Holy Communion

Sun 26 10.30am Holy Communion

Hempton

Sun 19 9.00am 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

Barford St John

Sun 12 9.00am Holy Communion

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8.30am Sunday Mass

11.30am Sunday Mass

St Joseph's, Banbury

10.00am Sunday Mass

BLISSFUL THINKING

At the time of writing, the greatest show on Earth is about to begin. The first World Cup I can remember with any clarity was, like this year, in America. Diana Ross gave her iconic England penalty homage, the goal collapsed and the colour and spectacle began. No British representation but the Irish beating the mighty Italians and Bulgaria having Germany's pants down. The World Cup is one of time's great bookmarks.

Many will remember exactly where they were when Chris Waddle quite literally shot for the stars in Italia '90, or that fan chewing his nation's flag in fury when Brazil were paddled silly in the semi-final of their own tournament by the Germans. Anyone who's ever kicked a ball fantasises about representing their nation

at a World Cup where legends are made or destroyed. Thirty-two years later and we're back in the USA in a different world, where the president of FIFA unilaterally hands out a pretend medal to the American President, presumably to dissuade him from ruining another major event. Mission failed, judging by the intrusive searches of competing teams, farcical pricing of match tickets and denial of entry to Somalian referee, Omar Artan, based on supposed 'connection with terrorist groups'. They can't help tarnishing everything they touch; even the people's game.

Anyway, back to the greatest show on Earth: Deddington Festival no doubt knocked out of the park again! **Aaron Bliss aaronjbliss@hotmail.com**

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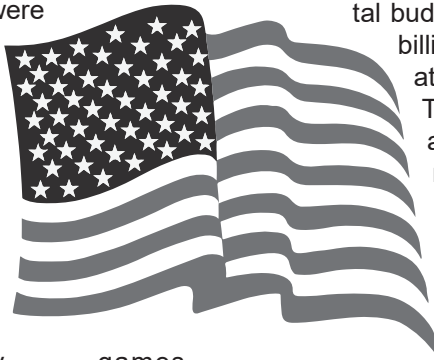
1966 World Cup, Uniting the World, Sachs, MMA

They say you remember where you were when you heard about big important events. On 30 July 1966 at around 6.30pm local time, I was on the bridge over the Rhine in Cologne when England beat Germany to win the World Cup. I never forgave my father for this formative experience. He was a rugby man, he followed the 'gentleman's game', football was for hooligans. My mother's father had started taking me to Leicester City games, something that disgusted my Dad, and the result was he arranged our family driving holiday in Europe to coincide with the tournament. The final betrayal was when he said the final would be in the evening and I could watch it at our campsite when we got to Cologne. He lied. I heard the final celebration on someone's car radio as we stopped to look over the river. I did watch a repeat in a West German bar later, surrounded by locals and not understanding a word. Surprisingly, unlike if it had been in England, they appeared to congratulate me. Nice people the Germans.

Sport is huge in America and men's 'soccer' has just overtaken baseball to become the third biggest, but it will never get close to American football or basketball. I went to watch the local team, the Colorado Rapids, play Miami a couple of months ago at the American football stadium and they pulled a record crowd of 75,000. They weren't all there to watch the Rapids lose, they were there to see Messi stand still and score goals. But there is much more money in American football. This stadium was built in 2001 at a cost of \$400m; they are about to build a replacement that will cost \$2.5bn. They need a roof if they want to host the Superbowl.

I guess FIFA wasn't being ironic when they launched the World Cup with the slogan 'football unites the world'. The policies of a very unpopular President mean the country is not welcoming foreigners or even many of its own citizens if they aren't white. A Somali referee was banned from entering, players are complaining about body searches at Customs, and the presence of an Iran team while Trump threatens to bomb their civilisation out of existence is just plain weird. I know many England fans decided not to make the trip, and my old university mates are boycotting it entirely but, at the sixth attempt, we did secure two tickets to see England play against two of my City players in the Ghana squad. FIFA is making \$9bn out of the tournament by exploiting ordinary football supporters. They must feel at home in America.

The majority of Americans feel under pressure with inflation rising again and the huge investments in AI technology will not help these folks. Trump is still heavily supported by the 1% who own 32% of the wealth in this country. David Sachs, a venture capi-



tal buddy of The Trillionaire (who is only a billionaire) said, after the January 2021 attack on the Congress building, 'What Trump did was absolutely outrageous, and I think it brought him to an ignominious end in American politics.' I wonder why these guys changed their minds? Sachs no doubt made a few million out of his old mates' stock market float. These Tech Bros stick together.

The US turns 250 next month and Trump is marking it with a cage fight on the White House lawn – the birth of the nation celebrated by big blokes beating each other up. I'll be celebrating the American way by playing golf and enjoying a hot dog – and hoping that the Cup is coming home.

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The Father of Lower Larkrise, the longest serving resident, is moving on. He has found a property in an Oxfordshire premier market town where his six monthly residence will be far better managed than his current acre and a half garden where he and 'J' will gladly pass on Book Club membership.

Sadly, less than half of the Clifton Car Club motors made an outing to Aynho's excellent village fête. A shortage of drivers meant we only took the racing Fraser Nash, 'daily drive' TR6 and a Coventry Growler celebrating its thirtieth birthday. The pink Range Rover didn't make it either as a last minute drive failure meant it was kept at home, despite Walter hooning it around just before loading. Unfortunately, the porker failed to turn up but we lined up with a couple of motors from Candleford, a splendid Aston and a Beamer. The drivers very much enjoyed the fête, with the ferret racing eclipsing the face painting and fresh pizza, but the Rock Choir lent a good bit of musical entertainment.

Signs were very clear that we have new neighbours coming in Pepper Alley. We said what might well have been a final farewell to Chloe and Matt, as they completed all the clear out activities prior to completion and the new people moving in, and we watched the skilled removal team do some fancy reversing. In the days that followed, with both toilets in the drive, the new residents have apparently not yet taken up residence, but we are like a coiled spring waiting to greet them. There is, after all, a vacancy in Book Club now.

The recent great weather window allowed Book Club to be held outside at the front of pub where an informal traffic watch took place. Sadly the only sanction was some shouting, but next time they'll be there with a speed gun and who knows what that might mean.

If you have any news or comments you want to share, please let me know.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

What's On

Friends of Hempton Church

The Friends of Hempton Church and Old School Room held their AGM on 8 June. We had hoped to see more villagers there, as the Friends help connect with people who may not attend church services but still have ties to Hempton and want to support our community hall. In addition to providing a place for local people to meet, we work to preserve, protect and maintain Hempton's only public building, including its outdoor space.

Have you been to one of our pub nights? Thirteen Hempton residents came along at the start of June. It's a friendly chance to chat with fellow villagers over a drink of your choice — alcoholic or not. A £1 donation per person helps cover the cost of hiring the hall. Other regular hall users include AA meetings on Saturdays (no correlation!) and the monthly Book Club.

If you would like to hire the hall for a children's party or suggest a new club, please email fohchempton@gmail.com. We have a gazebo, tables, chairs and a wheelchair available to hire for a small donation.

We are still exploring options for the church roof. In the meantime, we hope to install internal netting so that the church can remain open while we continue the major fundraising needed to replace the roof over the coming years.

If the church and Old School Room matter to you as places of community and belonging, of peace and beauty, and of Hempton's shared history and heritage, we warmly invite you to support The Friends. Your help will make a real difference in caring for and preserving this much-loved village asset for everyone.

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Hempton Book Club

Our Book Club, held in The Old School Room on the third Monday of the month is very popular – our numbers are limited only by how many copies of each title we can borrow through the library. The titles are varied and cover many genres, some are good some not so good, but they all lead to a healthy discussion, sometimes accompanied by cake. Please see the entry under Clubs for the report on our latest read.

At the Allotments

The Hempton allotments are developing nicely with several new allotmenters taking vacant plots.

We have come to realise just how much work Derek took on in the day-to-day management of the site and, although we don't have a formal association, we're all pitching in with grass-cutting and development of new ideas. We have applied to the parish council for a picnic bench, somewhere to sit and enjoy the surroundings or just chat to a neighbour about beans. We have seeded one of the plots with a mixture of wildflowers – we all need pollinators. We're also looking at creating some small plots for people who just want to have a go at growing a few beans or carrots.

Please come and have a look round – we're just on the Duns Tew Road; there's often someone there who can show you around.

Community Speed Watch

There's a small group who turn out regularly to monitor vehicle speeds through the village. We're only out for an hour, splitting the time between sites. The more volunteers we have the better, so if you can spare some time, you can contact us through the village WhatsApp group.

Jo Churchyard

The revamped Windmill changing rooms and showers look fantastic and we were about to announce yet another refurbishment project completed, on time and on budget. Annoyingly, when we came to test the showers, there were two fairly major problems. First, the water pressure produced more of a dribble than a torrent and, secondly, the water didn't drain away satisfactorily. (Honestly, the plumber had one job!) To be fair to the contractors though, they were quick to recognise the issues, didn't try to wriggle out of their responsibilities and are currently in the middle of rectifying the situation. I am confident that by the time you read this, the hot water will be gushing, it will be draining away in a pleasing manner and people will be coming from miles around to gaze in wonder – er ... maybe not that last bit.

On to our Windmill Events programme and two dates for you in early July. On Saturday 4 July we are screening the first film for members of the Windmill Film Club. As our events man, Peter, explained in the last issue of *DN*, the Windmill now has an MPLC (Motion Picture Licensing Company) licence which means

the windmill

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that, although films and TV programmes can be shown, they can't be advertised directly to the public. Hence the idea of a Windmill Film Club. Become a member by emailing Peter on [events@thewindmill-](mailto:events@thewindmill-deddington.org)

deddington.org to find out more. We intend to show a film on the first Saturday of every month. It's a great initiative. Please support it!

The other date is Sunday 12 July when Peter is organising a local walk with a treasure hunt. Start times are between 1.00pm and 4.00pm at the Windmill. A £5 entry fee gets you a map and all the instructions. Find the windmills and solve the clues. It should take about an hour and is open to anybody and everybody – including dogs! If you intend to come, just make sure you bring some decent weather.

As always, if you want to book the Windmill, or just see what's going on, visit our website www.thewindmilldeddington.org or our Facebook page or call our bookings secretary Julie on 07720 834006.

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An image from DOL Gallery at https://gallery.deddingtonhistory.uk/index.php/Castle-Grounds/MenOnDonkeys-pre1914_W_001

Thanks if you've already sent any in response to our request last month. If not, do please look back through your photos or take some over the summer and choose your favourite(s).

We added the competition element for fun, but that doesn't mean you need to be a serious photographer with a serious camera. Snaps from your old Kodak film back in the day or from your phone, are just as interesting. It's more about capturing and sharing images of a beautiful and well-loved part of our village.

Get in touch if you're interested in volunteering or have any questions or ideas. Send your favourite photos to: info@friendsofcastlegrounds.co.uk or www.facebook.com/FriendsCastleGroundsDeddington.

Charlotte Holmes

Farmers' Market 25th Anniversary

It's hard to credit it but it's 25 years since the horror of Britain's foot and mouth disease outbreak. It is also 25 years since Deddington farmers' market was started in response to help farmers in their time of need. From a few humble stalls in September 2021, the market has grown into the most successful of its kind in the area.

To mark 25 successful years, we're planning several events and would be delighted if you would join us.

Best in Market – Through July and August we will be taking photos of dogs at the market. These will be shortlisted to Best Small Dog, Best Big Dog and Best Comedy Dog. Prizes will be awarded at the September market.

Best Market Image – The market means different things to different people and we'd like to see a single image that sums up the market to you. This can be in any medium from photos to collages and everything in between. We are running two categories:

1. Under 16 and
2. Over 16s.

Your image should be emailed to chairman@deddingtonfarmersmarket.co.uk by the end of August or handed in at the market Information Desk during the July or August markets and must be clearly named with category and contact details.

At the September market day on Saturday 26th, we will be running a 'guess the weight' of two market bags filled with goodies from our stallholders and a children's parade. The Deddington Brass Band will be playing celebratory music.

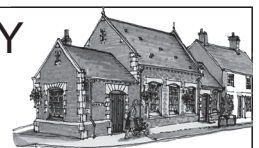
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Our patron, author Linda Newbery, is holding a Local Author Showcase at the Holly Tree Hall, Deddington on Saturday 18 July between 2.00pm–4.00pm. Five local authors will be present to introduce and read from their work, followed by a discussion and Q&A. Their books will be available for purchase/signing on the day too. Tickets are £5 to include refreshments from the library and Nellie & Dove, or at the door on the day.

Featured authors include David Hingley, known to many of us as a Cherwell District Councillor, has another life as a historical novelist; our own Becky Jones, wanted to be an author since she was a teenager, and made her dream a reality during lockdown writing her debut novel, *Searching for Amy*; Celia Rees is best known for *Witch Child*, now published in a twentieth anniversary edition, and will present *Miss Graham's War*; Jane Rogers has published novels and collections of stories and will be discussing her book,

Fire-Ready. Finally, Linda Newbery, who writes fiction for both adults and young readers, will be introducing her novel, *Set in Stone*.

It will no doubt be an enthralling showcase of local talent that we are delighted the Friends, together with Linda, can share with our community. We look forward to welcoming you there.

We are excited to announce that, to celebrate our 70th anniversary year, we will be publishing a children's book by another local author, Jo Eames. *George and the Library* is a lovely story of a child's library experience and his upset when his favourite librarian was made to retire as she was 'that age', despite wanting to carry on working ... perhaps George's first brush with bureaucracy gone mad! *George and the Library* will be on sale from September. More news in the next DN.

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LETTERS

FROM ROB FORSYTH,
DEDDINGTON

The Royal British Legion has been a constant presence in the parish since 1925 with its annual parades, services remembering the fallen and running the Poppy Appeal. We are really struggling to maintain the latter role and definitely need a younger Parade Commander than my octogenarian self!

I am aware that we are not the only organisation needing help but nonetheless I am making this further appeal. Firstly, we need someone to supervise the making up, distribution and collection of the Poppy Appeal tins and trays, assisted by the committee. Secondly, we need someone, ideally with military experience, to act as Parade Commander for the annual Remembrance Sunday marches to the War Memorial and from the Church past the Memorial Garden.

If you think you could fulfil either role, thereby securing their continuation (membership of the Legion is not a requirement) and would like more information, please contact me, branch chairman, at robert.s.forsyth@gmail.com.

FROM SUZANNE ALLAN, DEDDINGTON

During the month of May the Castle Grounds looked sublime, dressed overall in white, cream, palest pink and shades thereof. Nature put on an extraordinarily beautiful show which lasted only a few weeks as it developed, crescendoed and faded away after the heatwave.

At its height, on entering the Castle Grounds you were greeted by the sight of massed fluffy dandelion seed heads in the first field. Beyond the line of beech trees cow parsley was in frothy white abundance. The hawthorn bushes were in full bloom and elder flower was also in flower. The remains of the white candles of the horse chestnut with their pink stamens were scattered about on the mound as well as at the entrance; the apples trees had blossomed already. So much flowering at one time transformed the Castle Grounds into a white wonderland, spectacular in such a different way from when it is covered in snow.

As a final breathtaking stroke the late afternoon sun threw slanting golden light across the main field and endowed the scene with extra magic. I know that there are many other such atmospheric places in Britain that resonate with their medieval origins, but I feel very fortunate to have this one so close to enjoy.

FROM SUSAN FULLER,
DEDDINGTON

Farewell

As your parish clerk of the last eight years and part of the team since 2007, I would like to bid a fond farewell. I've had an incredible time with so much learnt to be-



come a qualified clerk. I'm proud of the work that the parish council has done and will miss all the people I have met.

The parish is lucky to have an incredible team of forward thinking and proactive members ensuring continual improvements to the parish quality of life. It has been a pleasure to have played my small part in this.

I have some amazing stories to tell, some perhaps not! I loved the unveiling of the plaque to General Hobart with the *Dad's Army* march, commemorative beacons, the expectation that I can sort most things, 'Susan, can you move the horses on the cricket green?' as well as making it through lockdown.

I would like to thank all the fantastic Chairs I have worked with; the late Jim Flux, Alan Collins, David Rogers, Helen Oldfield and Mary Robinson. They have given tirelessly and have been a joy to work with, each bringing something new to the role.

The councillors have also given above and beyond. It would not be possible to single out individuals but they know what they have done. I have appreciated their support, diligent work and humour. Theirs are voluntary roles and its important the parish knows just how much they do.

I would also like to thank County Councillor Gareth Epps and, of course, our District Councillor David Rogers who always goes above and beyond. Thanks to Arash and Bryn for their time in office too.

Thanks to the many volunteers who improve parish life. Again, too many to list but I do hope I have personally thanked you. I will give a special mention to all the Windmill Community Centre Committee, the *Deddington News*, the Fire Service, local farmers, the Allotment Society, Friends of Castle Grounds, Friends of Deddington Library, the Church and the RBL.

Finally, thanks to the parish council team: Gareth, Richard, Elen and Vanessa and an honorary mention to Councillor Terry Timms who works hard to support the Council. As part time staff, we work the equivalent of one full time employee which I think is really impressive for all that is achieved. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

FROM SARAH BANES, DEDDINGTON

Thank you to all those who generously gave to the Christian Aid campaign in March. I'm delighted to say that the total of donations to the online envelope, through the church collection and through the red buckets was £1,510.32 which meant that we topped our target by 25%. Thank you! With Gift Aid that's £1,862.82 so I'm very grateful to those who were able to complete the Gift Aid form. Thank you also to Eagles and Hamptons who hosted the collecting buckets which made returning the envelopes so easy.

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DOUG WARD 1930–2026

Doug Ward was born in Ilford in 1930. His father worked in insurance and was very handy at making things and this is something that Doug absorbed from an early age.

After he left school, it was expected that he would work in insurance like his father and he took some of the exams, as well as doing an engineering course but then, in 1949, National Service intervened.

During his National Service stint in Kenya he met what would turn out to be a lifelong friend who was training to be a French teacher. Following National Service he saw his friend having long summer holidays and, dissatisfied with his own working life, he started teacher training at King Alfred's College in Winchester. Following the completion of his course he applied for and got a job at the Windmill School in Deddington, teaching craft, in 1958.

At the Windmill School he very much got into his stride and there were many projects including sailing boats, endurance pedal cars, aerial photography using kites with Brownie box cameras, hovercraft racing and school skiing trips.

At the school he also met Jean, an English teacher, who he would marry in 1969 and with whom he had a son, Peter, born in 1970.

After getting married, he bought Maunds Farmhouse in Deddington and, together with Jean, ran it as a guest house until 1985 when they sold up and moved to Aynho. From 1986 until his retirement in 1995, Doug returned to teaching, this time at Winchester House Prep School in Brackley.

Jean said that, when she married him, she was aware there would always be obsessions – some of these included old radios, vintage cars, travel, cycling and vintage bicycles, stereo photography and textiles. He was also very active in the community, becoming chairman of Deddington Parish Council and a keen supporter of the church.

Although Jean sadly died in 1999, Doug continued to travel in Europe and spent long summers in Switzerland, walking and cycling until the age of 92.

A bad cycling accident in September 2022 led to four months in hospital and put an end to the cycling and also to living independently. It was shortly after his return from hospital the first signs of dementia began to appear.

He passed away at home on 7 May at the age of 96, after a rapid decline during the previous few weeks.

Peter Ward

THANKS TO SUSAN FULLER

After the close of the parish council meeting on 17 June, Susan Fuller, retiring parish clerk, was warmly thanked by the chair and councillors for her years of dedication and commitment to the parish and was presented with two framed pictures: Cosy Lane, Deddington, a watercolour by Steve Waterman, the *DN* cover from June 2024; Castle Grounds, Deddington, Stefan Wathan's atmospheric photo taken in the early snow, November 2024.

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The war in Ukraine has now been going on for longer than the First World War and, despite this, people continue to attempt to live life as before, no matter how hard life gets, and the country goes back to its daily routines.

Charlotte Higgins, cultural correspondent from *The Guardian*, reports on daily life in Kyiv:

'While politicians and diplomats talk, and optimistic headlines are written, I see my friends dealing with the messed up day-to-day of a steady, relentless, and cruel campaign of air attacks that is taking lives and homes, and painfully eroding Kyiv's urban fabric. It's a violence and terror that people in Ukraine have been obliged to absorb into their lives, at who knows what psychological cost.

And every time it happens, on the streets you see the quiet, stolid work of rescuing and evacuating, of sweeping and cleaning, of replacing and mending. On it goes, the work of reopening, improvising and endlessly, ceaselessly adapting.'

As this is the last edition of the *DN* before the summer recess (there's no August *Deddington News*) – I hope you all have a wonderful summer and, with your help, Driving Ukraine can continue to provide vehicles and aid where they are needed most. So join a convoy in the coming months and make a difference!

Jenny Soddy
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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Hempton Book Club

Night Climbing by Sarah Day

Set in the 1930s just before WW2, this book is loosely based on a true story about a group of British school boys lost on a mountain in Germany and what happened afterwards. Quoting one of our members: 'Beautifully written. It delves into the idea of eugenics in the UK, the development of fascist ideology and the Hitler Youth. We get an insight into the lives of ordinary people in Germany during the rise of the Nazi regime. The characters were believable, I could relate to them, and the places well described. Gripping, thrilling and heart breaking.'

Read and enjoyed by most of the group. Would we recommend – definitely.

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Local Vocals Community Choir

Knowing we only have a few weeks left of choir rehearsals before the summer break tends to bring on mixed emotions – sadness that our weekly brain training, socialising and fun will end for a while and abject terror that we will very soon be performing what we've recently learnt. Our friends and family evening will be slightly different this year as we'll be having a cash collection for a local charity, Lawrence Nurses, who provide free hospice care in a patient's own home, allowing them to remain in familiar surroundings with family, friends and pets. Our evening will take place at the primary school on Monday 13 July, with doors open at 8.00pm and followed with refreshments. Please come and support us and Lawrence Nursing. We may even, as our choir leader, Rachel, keeps assuring us, have perfected some of the songs by then.

To find out more about our choir, which meets 7.30pm at Deddington Primary School each Monday during term time, please go to our website www.localvocalscc.co.uk. New members are always welcome.

Alison Grieve

Photographic Society

At our June meeting we welcomed Aleks Gjika, a key member of the Cheltenham Camera Club.

In 2025 he and 25 other highly experienced and renowned photographers were invited by the Chinese government and FIAP (Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique) on a photographic tour of China with the aim of capturing images to help promote tourism. Being part of such a large group, Aleks challenged himself to take photographs that went beyond the usual tourist shots – images that would stand out and differ from those taken by his fellow photographers. Aleks and his group travelled extensively across China, including a visit to the stunning city of Jinan, one of the largest cities in Shandong Province. Often referred to as the *City of Springs*, Jinan is famous for its 72 artesian springs.

During the tour the group visited a variety of loca-

tions, including schools, manufacturing sites, retail environments, steel producers, temples and a model village. One highlight was Aleks's vibrant photos of the Temple of Confucius, taken during a festival day, capturing colourful dancers and flags in full celebration. He was especially proud of the photographs he captured on the Great Wall and his images of the intrepid travellers who visit it each year. Aleks concluded that the tour was an incredible experience, praising the outstanding hospitality shown to him and his fellow travellers. He said he couldn't have asked for more.

Our monthly topic was 'bottles' and, once again, our members really know how to turn our monthly topic into their own. We had photos of everything, from the insides of bottles, fizzy pop advertising to crazy mountain bike stunt cycling, 'Will he bottle it?'

At our July meeting ex-member, Scott Hurd, is Zooming from Namibia to talk about living and working as a photographer there.

Come and enjoy inspiring talks from our wonderful guest speakers. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 7.30pm at the Adderbury Institute. All welcome.

Courtney Killpack
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History Society

In June, Alastair Lack gave a fascinating talk about CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien. Deddington has its own connection with Tolkien as he was the guest speaker at the opening of the library in December 1956.

Alastair Lack outlined the early lives of Lewis and Tolkien before detailing their adult lives. The two were good friends at Oxford University where both felt they were 'outsiders'. Lewis was awarded a scholarship to University College in 1916 where he studied Classics before serving in WWI. Wounded in 1918 he resumed his studies, gaining a first in 1920, followed by a first in Greats in 1922 and a first in English in 1923. He had a 'towering personality' and became a tutor at University College then a tutor in English at Magdalen College from 1925 until 1954 when he moved to Cambridge.

Tolkien became a student at Exeter College in 1911, reading Classics but changing to English Literature and Language in 1913, graduating in 1915 with first-class honours. He loved language more than literature and became a leading figure in philology. He was sociable, had a strong moral code whilst being immensely academic. After WW1 Tolkien worked for Oxford University Press on the Oxford English Dictionary, specialising in words beginning with w. In 1920 he joined the academic staff at Leeds University before going to Pembroke College, Oxford, as a professor of Anglo Saxon (1925–1945). In 1945 he moved to Merton College as Professor of English Language and Literature staying until his retirement in 1959.

Both Lewis and Tolkien were members of 'The Inklings', a group of English Dons who met weekly in a pub to read their own writings to each other. In 1949



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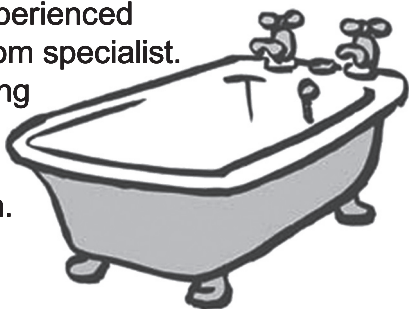
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Lewis began writing his *Chronicles of Narnia* series, writing one book a year for the next seven years. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*, originally written and illustrated as a bedtime story for his children, was published in 1927. After being persuaded to finish it, Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy was finally published in 1954–55 and became an instant sensation. None of these books has ever been out of print.

Following the summer break, the History Society will next meet on 8 October. Marie-Louise Kerr will speak on the Romans of Oxfordshire.

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Book Group

During Covid, Chloe Dalton kept up with her demanding job by working from her quiet country bolthole. She was walking along a local path when she spotted a tiny leveret lying alone on the track. Thinking the mother

could be nearby, she left the leveret alone but, when she checked some time later, it was still there. *Raising Hare* is Chloe's account of rescuing and nurturing the little animal until it was able to return to the wild.

We really enjoyed this book. Despite occasional repetitions, it is well written, engrossing and ultimately moving. We were impressed by the wonderful physical descriptions of the leveret and of the surrounding countryside. Chloe had no prior experience of hares and the results of her research make fascinating reading. She was determined to remain caring but unsentimental, never giving the leveret a name or treating it as a pet. It is heart-warming, however, to realise the bond which developed between the two. In addition, the experience led to Chloe gaining a new perspective in life and a realisation of the extent to which hares are under threat from unprotected habitats.

The Book Group

SPORT

Deddington Cricket Club

The men's and ladies' teams have both had positive starts to the season and are looking forward to a sunny and successful summer. Men's league fixtures continue every Saturday at the Windmill through the summer months, with outdoor nets on Thursday evenings. The ladies play their matches on Sundays in the Home Counties Women's Cricket League.

We're always on the lookout for new players, supporters, scorers and umpires. If you'd like to get involved with us in any capacity, then we'd love to hear from you.

Once again, on August Bank Holiday Monday, 31 August, the Club is hosting a Memorial Day for our former chairman, Derek Cheeseman. We usually run a Juniors event from 11.00am, followed by a ladies game and then a match against a Deddington Legends side, managed by Jill Cheeseman. A traditional cricket tea is also very much part of the agenda. If you would like to come to watch and support the Club on a fun day, you would be very welcome. Donations from non-playing attendees for refreshments are very much appreciated. There will also be raffle tickets for sale for some great prizes contributed by our members, sponsors and other local businesses. All proceeds from the day will be split between the Cricket Club and the national cricket charity, Chance to Shine, that aims to give school age children a love of the game, which was something Derek was very keen to support.

More news and timings will be published on our Facebook page.

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Deddington Town FC

Clearly, I had been blinded and turned around in the

thick mists of time as I neglected to mention that the season had in fact concluded for both teams. Some agonising drops at the final hurdle, but otherwise an excellent season saw the Humbugs finish just 4 points from the summit and the Latics runners up in Division 1. A summer of recovery awaits the troops.

Aaron Bliss

Deddington Town FC Youth

The culmination of our season happened on a sunny afternoon at the Windmill Centre on 7 June with a brilliant six-a-side tournament and recognition for more than 170 players and awards for their hard work and dedication over the season. We are a brilliant grass-roots club at the heart of our community supported by amazing volunteer coaches and club officers.

The winners this year are:

Most Improved Player: U8 Tommy Lydiatt; U9 Enzo Annesley; U10 Arthur May-Coates; U11 Archie Webster; U12 George Doggett; U13 Noah Lomas; U14 Harvey Viner; U15 Hayden Candler.

Sportsperson: U8 Michael Eibl; U9 Thomas Abernethy; U10 James Anthony; U11 Sheyann Kulasajakaran; U12 Toby Cooke; U13 Dylan Shields; U14 Nicholas Evangelou; U15 Harry Kennedy.

Manager's Player: U8 Tomas Sekus; U9 Alfiee Parke; U10 Ashton Andre; U11 Mylo O'Hagan; U12 Joshua Harbottle; U13 Thomas Gill; U14 Harry Stidder; U15 Alfie Gilbert

Players' Player: U8 Leo Watterton; U9 Ollie Carson; U10 Ashton Andre; U11 Jacob Stamp; U12 Joshua Harbottle; U13 Thomas Gill; U14 Sebastian Walsh; U15 Jamie Fisher.

The Frank McCusker award for Fair Play for an U7 player was awarded to Arthur Sayer. **The Matty Cowley Golden Boot Award** went to Thomas Belcher in the U12s. We had a new trophy for **Team of the Season** donated and in memory of Brian Clarke ['Nipper'] who

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had a long involvement in adult and youth football in Deddington. The trophy went to the Under 11s and coaches Keith Tong, James Castle, Matt Smith and Joe Ryan. The Chairman's award went to Roger Sykes for many years of contributions to youth football, fund-raising, pitch improvements, coaching and support to encourage coach and player development.

If you want to get involved with the club as a volunteer or a sponsor, contact me. Further information about the club is on our website, www.deddington-townfc/ or visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc.

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YOUTH**1st Deddington Guides**

The scorching week of half term saw us camping at Horley Scout Camp. It is a lovely place and we were very lucky to have access to shade from the trees when we needed. We cooked all our meals on open fires, including pork stir fry and chocolate steamed pudding. We walked in the beautiful Wroxton Abbey grounds, petted the animals at Wigginton wildfowl reserve, tried archery, made a rope swing, followed trails, took part in challenges, water games and, of course, collected our own firewood from the surrounding woods and much more. It was great to have Marian back with us again ... our previous leader of many years who travelled from Suffolk to join us.

Since then, we have had great fun in an incident hike around Barford and, thanks again to the Fene-more family, spent a super evening cooking our pasta supper on a recent cookout.

All girls 10 and over are welcome.

Maggie Rampley 07957 600755

1st Deddington Scout Group*Cubs*

We've had a great few weeks at Cubs. The older Cubs visited the school and designed games for the younger Cubs to enjoy, showing fantastic creativity and leadership. We've also had lots of fun playing team games. More recently we learned about water safety through charades and hazard mapping activities, helping the Cubs identify dangers both at home and out and about. Well done to everyone for taking part so enthusiastically.

Tina Deacon

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Scouts

After our success with the buddy burners, the Scouts tried out several small hike stoves, although this time they only heated a set amount of water and timed how long each took to boil. They tried pellet stoves, gas, Trangias and a 'hobo stove' that burned wood. We compared the cost of each and how easy it was to obtain the fuel and how long they took to cool down afterwards – the buddy burner is probably still hot now.

To celebrate National Fish and Chip Day, the Scouts hiked to Bloxham Fish Bar. It didn't rain and they were rewarded with a 'few' chips at the end. Ok, they were like locusts.

We had a brilliant visit to Steeple Aston church to try our hand at bellringing. The scouts went up the tower to view the bells in action as well as having a go at ringing. They were also shown how the organ works – like patting your head and rubbing your stomach – mindboggling, plus they knocked out a few tunes with the hand bells.

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Anyone interested in helping at Cubs or Scouts can come along one night and see what it's all about. You might be surprised at how much fun it can be, rewarding too. I've been with the group for 26 years so it can't be that bad. Give it a try – you don't need to have a child attending.

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

BIG NEWS – SUMMER READING CHALLENGE starts 4 July at 9.30am and is READ to the BEAT. Come and explore how the beat of music can influence your reading. This is a new idea to me and I am exploring how it will work. There will be a drop-in craft afternoon on Monday 10 August 2.30–5.00pm and a story time on Saturday 22 August 10.00–11.00am and, I hope, a visit from Sharp & Blunt Morris team, date to be confirmed. We're looking forward to seeing you all.

Next Big News for grown-ups: an author event hosted by Linda Newbery on Saturday 18 July 2.00–4.00pm in the Holly Tree. Featured authors are David

Hingley, Becky Jones, Celia Rees, Jane Rogers and Linda Newbery. Full details of the event are in the Friends of Deddington Library item on p17.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all throughout the summer. Lego club will still be running on Monday afternoons 3.30–4.30pm. I am after Pringle type tubes for our craft day so please recycle them in the library.

Finally, I have raised £700 for the library through sponsorship on my tour around Oxfordshire libraries and thank you for your generosity.

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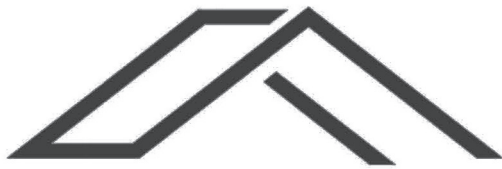
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WALKING FOOTBALL

Walking football or, to be more accurate, non-running football has grown enormously since Cherwell Strollers started in 2014 and, at representative level, is now very competitive. The standard of teams has improved considerably over the years and the amount of skill displayed is outstanding with some players still playing 11-a-side Vets football.



Cherwell Strollers Walking Football Club is accredited by the Football Association and has teams playing in the Bucks & Berks FA Thames Valley League at Bisham Abbey and the Oxfordshire FA League playing at Barton Park, Headington. We also enter teams into various tournaments in other counties, recently winning the Milton Keynes Irish Tournament in May.

We are seeking players of all abilities to increase the size of our club and, although we are particularly short of experienced players in the 50 – 60 age range, we welcome players of all ages and abilities. Whether you want to play for one of our teams or just have a game of football at our practice sessions, either is fine with us. So come and give it go at the Dewey Sports Centre in Bloxham. If you are interested or want further information please contact me.

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BLOXHAM IN 50 OBJECTS

A common comment to volunteers at Bloxham Village Museum when they talk to villagers about what we are doing this year is, 'I've been meaning to get up there but not had the chance as yet'. We hope the following titbits turn your good intentions into one or even more visits. Why not? It is free to wander in at any point on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon between 2.30pm and 5.00pm.

The museum is fortunate this year to count among its 50 objects some superb artefacts. One of these is a piece of Roman mosaic, found in the centre of Bloxham and stirring all kinds of interest in us historians, as it points to some fairly substantial Roman building in Bloxham. Another almost unique object is an Iron Age baldric ring. Found by a local metal detectorist it has been looked at by the British Museum who have been interested in what they regard as a very rare object. Add to these superb objects a Civil War cannonball, the ceremonial key to Bloxham's first waterworks, a gold watch presented to a very notable Bloxham

personality and even a toilet seat from the days when going to the bathroom could mean an adventure into the outside world.

New this season is a Sights and Sounds room where you can watch film of Bloxham in bygone years and listen to villagers reminiscing. At present, this is about the many shops that were once part of village life and are no more. We hope to add a variety of both film and audio to this collection in the future.

With all this and much more, the museum has a variety of objects and new presentations that tell something of Bloxham's very rich and varied history. Do come along and, if you like what you see, tell your friends and also, maybe, leave a small donation. We don't charge admission but depend very much on your generosity to help our volunteers keep our precious museum such an important part of village life (and yes, you can donate by card – even a museum can be modern and up to date).

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DEDDINGTON'S *BLOTT ON THE LANDSCAPE*

Deddington's Fifteen Minutes (or five hours) of Fame

Motorists travelling east–west through Deddington on a certain weekend in August 1984 will have stumbled on an unexpected scene of mayhem. Buildings were in ruins, crushed cars scattered the scene amidst piles of rubble and traces of smoke. Could there have been a terrorist attack in this quiet backwater? Had the inhabitants of Deddington lost leave of their collective senses?

Wrong, and wrong again. The BBC had been in town filming *Blott on the Landscape*, a BBC series adapted from Tom Sharpe's novel of the same name.

Blott, you may recall, is a rural romp based on events following a decision to build a section of motorway through some highly desirable landscape. Extremely tenuously linked with this is the desire of Lady Maud (Geraldine James) of the manor to produce a son and the reluctance of the other half (George Cole) to cooperate in the matter. There are lots of shots of quaint architecture, quintessential English countryside, public protests, irreverent innuendoes and much apparently irrelevant but entertaining nudity. Naughty, funny, not terribly subtle and not 21st century PC are epithets which come to mind.

One of the main hubs of this saga was the Unicorn, renamed for the purpose the Royal George. The first that Fred Ellis, then landlord of the Unicorn, knew of it was when three strangers began showing a curious interest in some of his upstairs rooms. Dealers on the hunt for rare antiques? No, some BBC bods sussing out the property which would become centre stage.

The name of the pub was not all that changed. A block of false frontages was built next to the town hall. The bus stop acquired a thatched shelter. Some petrol pumps and a war memorial, as well as posts and chain round the main green, made an appearance. Huge vehicles carrying generators to power the proceedings became temporary fixtures. The climax came when the centre of Deddington was 'blown up'.

In an evocative editorial in the September 1984 *Deddington News* (which includes a splendid poem by Deddingtonian Molly Neild), then editor Ralph Elsley wrote: 'Indeed for many Deddingtonians the night of August 10/11 will be one they will long remember – for some of the youngest, if for nothing else, as one of those occasions when they stayed up till the ungodliest hours with the best will of their parents. It was certainly a beautiful night to be out in the open air under a full moon, but as a night of phenomenal events it is unlikely ever to be repeated or rivalled.' Only the hardiest lingered until its closing moments around four in the morning. Some were sustained by hospitality and privileged dress circle seats in the bedrooms of friends living in the Market Place; many strolled or squatted patiently and revived their spirits while 'extra time' allowed in whatever inn or restaurant was at hand. The biggest queues formed for the latest opening in local history of the butcher's shop, where, with lights ablaze when shooting permitted, Andy

Clarke did his manful best to cope with the enthusiastic demand for hot pies.

We will all have our memories of the BBC's sojourn in Deddington, from the earliest intimations and preliminary meeting in the town hall in June to the Sunday aftermath and lightning clear-up. There were visitations and autographs from the luminaries of the small screen: George Cole, Geraldine James, David Suchet and Simon Cadell, not to mention the author himself. We all watched with astonishment George Gibbs at work perched high on his fated nine-days-wonder of building construction. Thirsty patrons of the resplendent Unicorn will doubtless recall longer periods of puzzlement and frustration and rejoice to have things restored to normality.

Of the great night itself we will no doubt remember the moments of excitement rather than the inevitable longeurs. It will be difficult in time to find people to believe our tales of riotous scenes of drunkenness witnessed by hundreds on our streets, of the tragic shattering of the bus shelter and the merciless pounding of an endless supply of motor cars by an amiable Irishman who modestly brushed aside compliments on the accuracy of his aim with the disclaimer that it was 'a bit of luck', not to mention the fire engulfing the petrol pumps outside the Co-op.

After the excitement had died down, the rubble speedily cleared, and the welcome £4,500 earmarked for the Windmill Centre, plus some considerable addition to the local economy, it seemed hard for us to realise it all happened here.

An intriguing insight into negotiations with the BBC was offered by Mary Robinson, parish council chairman at the time. Her diffident request to the production manager for a facility fee of 'about four' (meaning hundred) was interpreted as the resulting ten times that. Colin Robinson added another memory: the shock horror discovery of a very nasty crack in the wall of the town hall. He reported 'a nice man from the Beeb climbed a ladder and peeled it off'!

As for the performance itself, screened in February/March 1985, Ralph's successor as *DN* editor, his wife Marianne Elsley had this to say in March 1985: 'And what about *Blott*? Having reserved the next few Wednesdays in anticipation of fascinating viewing, we are rather inclined to go out instead. It was interesting to see the little glimpses of Deddington they have shown so far, but ... Do we really have to have George Cole naked quite so often?'

By the following month, Marianne had softened a little: 'Whatever we thought of *Blott*, it seems to have been a huge success and topped the viewing ratings. I have to admit that I found the sight of Lady Maud clad in a huge nightie, grappling with spouse in that sea of black oil very funny, and I liked *Blott*'s transformation from a sinister foreigner to a pukka English gentleman. Let us hope the BBC will come again, and perhaps film something more gentle, like *Miss Marple*.'

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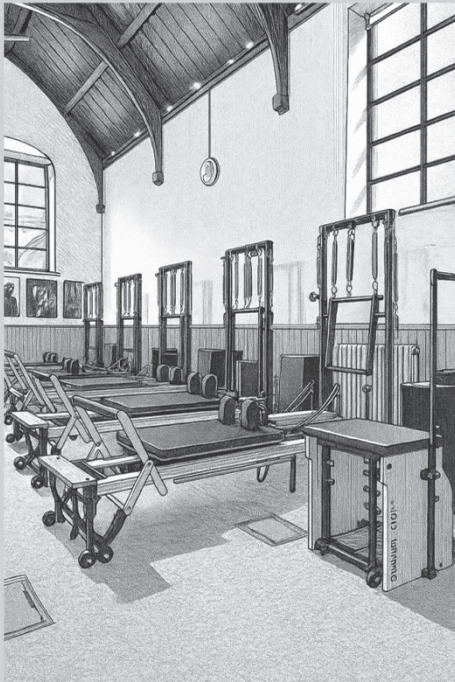
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