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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

We Deddingtonians are very fortunate. We have a full gamut of services here in the village from beauty salon to lumberyard and everything in between plus a wide range of social activities. We also benefit from amenities which we tend to take for granted. The grass in the Market Place is mowed, litter bins are emptied and the Christmas tree goes up every year, thanks to the parish council. The library stays open in partnership with OCC, thanks to support from the community. The Windmill offers space for a plethora of activities, to say nothing of the magnificent renovation of the play area, and of course, the loos, thanks to its tiny, but tiring, management committee.

People make these things happen. Sadly, it tends to be a relatively small number, often the same ones under different hats, and quite a few are rapidly aging, if not yet dropping off their perches.

In our present culture, time is in short supply and it takes more working hours to make ends meet, children and aged parents take priority, and, increasingly work time leaks into personal time. However, without volunteers, things die. A recent example is the Deddington Festival. Deddington OnLine is on the brink (p10). Our active youth football programme is in need (p26) and, critically, the Windmill Centre is 'drowning' (p5), with, effectively, a committee of three.

Not everyone can squeeze the time to volunteer but perhaps some of us could reassess how we spend our discretionary time. Could we give up an hour of mediocre telly or repurpose that lost hour wandering around the web or viewing someone else's luscious dinner?

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WHAT'S ON

March

- Wed 1 Photographic Society: 'Portrait Photographer', Scarlet Page, Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
Sun 12 Peaceful Piano: Emma Pascoe, Parish Church, 4.00pm
Thu 16 History Society: 'The Roman Villa in Broughton Castle Grounds', Primary School, 7.30pm
Thu 9 Holly Tree Film Club: *Philomena*, Holly Tree, 1.30pm
Wed 15 Parish Council Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Thu 30 Deddington Bookworms: Holly Tree, 6.30pm
Thu 30 Book Group: Contact Sally Lambert, 01869 338094, for details
Sat 25 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
Sat 25 Banbury Symphony Orchestra: Spring Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm

April

- Sat 1 Spring Craft Fayre, Windmill Centre, 10am–1.00pm
Wed 5 Photographic Society: AGM, Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
Wed 19 Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm
Thu 20 History Society: 'The Ascott-under-Wychwood Martyrs', Jill Anderson, Primary School, 7.30pm
Sat 22 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

15 February at the Old School Room, Hempton

Present: Oldfield (chair), Collins, Cox, Higham, Ince, Norton, O'Neill, Snashall, Swadling, Swan, Timms and Watts, parish clerk, District Councillor Williams, DN representative and approximately 16 members of the public.

Open Forum

There were some extremely heated exchanges, with the public objecting to the planning application for nine houses in Hempton on the land south of St John's Way, the main thrust being that building nine more houses in Hempton was unsustainable and not represented by the recent Neighbourhood Plan consultation. Councillors indicated that, as of the January PC meeting there were only one or two objections on the planning portal and, as a council, they could only object on the basis of planning regulations. Only a couple of public representations were made at the last PC meeting as, apparently, Hempton residents were unaware that the issue was going to be discussed since they did not know that the agenda for the next PC meeting is posted on the village noticeboard. Councillors advised those present to add their objections to the CDC planning portal if that option is still available or to write direct to the Planning Officer.

District Council Report

Grants are available to town and parish councils to help communities celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Funds will be awarded based on the size of the parish or ward and the type of event to be held and can be used for equipment, venue, insurance and promotion. The parish clerk is applying for funds and a discussion has been held with the vicar..

Finance and General Purposes

It was agreed to spend £990 on weed control for footpaths in the parish; up to £500 on repairs to the PC shed at the Holly Tree; and a further £600 on removal of the remaining brambles at Gaveston Gardens.

Applications are invited for a minutes secretary, especially from students or retired people.

Planning applications

No objection

Home Farm Works, Clifton Road, Deddington: change of use to allow expansion of existing external storage.
Rose Dene, New Street, Deddington: tree works, removal of large holly tree; request suitable replacement.
Archway Cottage, New Street, Deddington: tree works,
Holly Tree Cottages, Earls Lane, Deddington: certificate of Lawful Commencement of planning permission.
Plummers, 8 Hopcraft Lane, Deddington: alterations and single storey rear and side extension with no overlooking issues and unlikely to be seen from the road or by neighbours.

Bramble House, 3 Chapmans Lane, Deddington: demolition of storage building, erection of side extension for car port and workshop, new boundary walling and gateway. No neighbour comments.

Objection

Holly Trees, Earls Lane, Deddington: First floor extension above existing garage, two storey extension to side, single storey extension to rear and loft conversion. Objection on grounds of loss of amenity, over-shadowing and loss of light to neighbour's habitable rooms and overlooking the Holly Tree Cottages. although the residents did not formally object.

The Poundhouse, The Lane, Hempton: demolish wooden outbuilding and erect 2 storey outbuilding with garage and living accommodation above. Objection on grounds of back land development, over development, non-traditional materials, substantial size and overbearing on neighbouring properties.

Refusal

Land adjacent to Clifton Gate, Clifton Road, Deddington: erection of single dwelling.

Correspondence

1 The Daedings, Deddington: Planning officer has requested several minor changes.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The steering group has reviewed the consultation feedback and intends to seek councillors' approval to submission of reg16 consultation at the March meeting. The recently nominated preferred allocated site is currently being offered with a major community benefit generously offered by the landowners but, until the group has discharged CDC advice to secure this benefit, little more can be said at this point.

Large Scale Developments

East of Coombe Cottage and south of St John's Way, Hempton Road, Hempton: outline application for nine dwellings. Should permission be granted, the PC requests that it take responsibility for any play area and any S106 funding be reinvested locally.

Land to north of Wimborn Close and Mackley Close, Deddington: outline application for up to 60 dwellings. The PC objected on the grounds that the application is premature, given the developer is aware the Neighbourhood Plan is at an advanced stage; that siting 95 houses on the north side of Deddington would create a further imbalance; it is too far from the centre of the village putting additional pressure on the Hempton Road and adding to parking difficulties in the Market Place; and access roads are inadequate DCllr Williams advised that, as this is for more than 10 houses, it will go to committee and be delayed by its backlog.

Highways and Transport

It was agreed to support OCC consultation on reducing the 60 mph limit to a 50 mph limit on the A4260 Oxford Road between the existing 30mph limit from Deddington to south of the Somerton Road North Aston junction.

Next meeting Wednesday 15 March 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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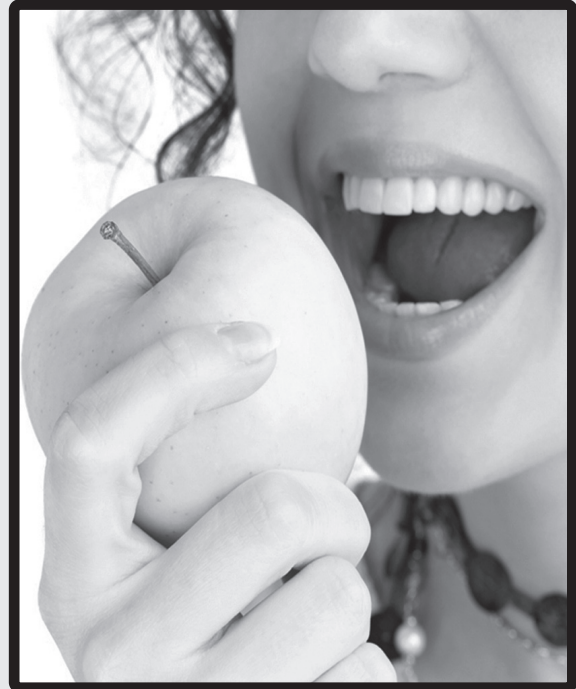

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Looking back over my previous contributions to this esteemed organ, I detect a note of increasing desperation in my frequent, but thus far, fruitless requests for new volunteers to step forward and join us on the Windmill management committee. My conclusion is that maybe I haven't sounded desperate enough. So, this month I'm going all out:

WE NEED HELP. WE'RE DROWNING. WE JUST CAN'T COPE ANYMORE. Is that better?

Hopefully, the recent improvements at the Windmill – new loos, new doors, new décor – give the lie to the not-being-able-to-cope bit. However, we really do need people to volunteer. Our community centre doesn't run itself and the stronger our committee, the more we can do and the better the Windmill becomes. The more the merrier. Many hands make light work. A problem shared is a problem halved: enough with the old adages! I think you get my drift. At the moment, there are three roles we would like to recruit for: a minutes



secretary, a marketing officer and a facilities manager. Contact me for more details. Better still, come and meet us in person at Deddington farmers' market on Saturday 25 March to find out more. Please, please consider it and get in touch. You could make a real difference.

In the meantime, several more groups have started at the Windmill, including Monkey Music, Baby College and Ladies 5-a-side football. We may also be hosting regular monthly comedy nights from April onwards. Watch this space and remember you can find information about everything that goes on at the Windmill at www.thewindmilleddington.org or on our Facebook page. If you want to enquire about hiring a space or make a booking email enquiries@thewindmilleddington.org or call us on 07720 834006.

PS Oh, yes ... did I mention that we are looking for volunteers ...?

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PLAY AREA AT THE WINDMILL

Thank you to the many people who suggested ideas for the old play area at the Windmill. There was a huge variety of responses from a community garden – with a pond – or a sensory garden to a café, a bouldering or climbing wall, table tennis and outdoor gym equipment.

The idea is that we use what are called S106 community benefit funds, accruing from the recent housing developments on the Hempton Road. Facilities have to come under the headings of 'sports' or 'play', so a pond or community garden are out, I'm afraid.

A problem with using the funds for children's play equipment is that the area isn't close to the other children's play areas, creating a problem for parents and carers who need to supervise their little ones. And children are already pretty well catered for with the adventure playground, woodland trail and Pocket Park. A problem for any ball-on-bat sports like padel or pickleball, or even table tennis, is that they are noisy and there are houses close by. This brings us to out-

door gym equipment. We know the facility at Chipping Norton is hugely popular, so we're working on that idea which has the added advantage that individual pieces can be tailored to the available budget.

In parallel with the outdoor play project, the PC has a shopping list for other improvements around the Windmill: work is progressing on a new roof to solve water leaks and condensation problems; a new carpet for the all-weather court; a refurbishment for the kitchen; and new cricket nets. We're also researching new play equipment for the Wimborn Close play area. All or most of this will come from community benefit funds when the housing developers hand them over to CDC and we've made a successful case to add them to the facilities at the Windmill and around the parish. Plenty of work to keep the volunteer PC and Windmill people busy.

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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The untimely death of Diane Cogan a few days before Christmas reverberated throughout our community, Diane was our treasurer, a trustee and invaluable member of the Friends of Deddington Library, her loss will be felt by many within the parish. A celebration of Diane's life was held on 20 January and the exceptional attendance was an indication of just how much she was loved and respected by our community. We send our sincere condolences to her children, Chloe and Matt, and extended family and friends near and far.

We will be running our parish photo competition once again this year, so please get your cameras and phones out as the weather improves. The deadline is

4 August so there is plenty of time to capture those award winning scenes in the parish, be it from Clifton, Deddington, Hempton or the surrounding countryside. Entries should be 5Mb or larger, landscape format and in .jpg or .png. Please email to me.

For those interested in donating books to the Friends for fundraising or joining as subscribers please contact Julia.cork@thedha.org or on 07881 438 930. Thank you.

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SAVE SWIFTS! SIGN NOW!

Last November Enstone-based author and Swift enthusiast Hannah Bourne-Taylor, launched a petition to help her (and my) favourite bird, the swift. Her hope is that the government will make it mandatory to include nesting bricks for swifts in all new-build housing.

There are good reasons why this makes sense. Swift numbers have declined by 60% since the mid-1990s. One major cause of this is that the little gaps they rely on for nesting are often lost during building work. New buildings rarely provide alternatives. We know that swifts readily take to nesting bricks. Other species like house sparrows and starlings and sometimes house martins do as well.

So far Hannah's petition has been signed by nearly 50,000 people, but we need to double this number by the end of April. If the target figure of 100,000 is achieved the government has to consider the matter for debate in Parliament and several MPs have said they would support such a move.

Given the quantity of new housing in the pipeline nationally, some of it in Deddington, signing the petition could make a big difference to swifts and several other birds which are in trouble. Details of the petition, which is supported by the RSPB, can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/37tmjp85> or by searching 'swift brick petition' and also on this website, <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/626737>.

Some Deddington residents have already signed, but more support is urgently needed. Thank you.

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HELP FOR HEDGEHOGS

The Scouts have started a project to map the sightings of hedgehogs in Deddington. We hope this will lead to the formation of 'highways' which will allow hedgehogs to roam safely. They can travel up to 2km a night but our modern practice of solid boundaries instead of hedges stops them moving easily from garden to garden. A simple 13cm hole (gateway) cut into a fence or wall can make all the difference.

We are asking a few simple questions: have you seen a hedgehog or evidence of one – it could be poo or a 'nest' – in your garden in the past 12 months? If so, what's your address? What are your garden boundaries made of? Do you already have a hedgehog 'gateway'?

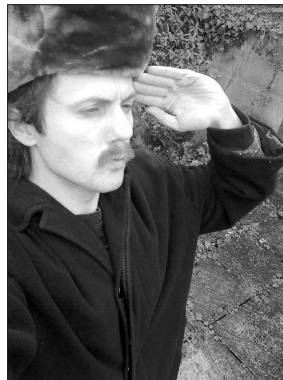
Please let us know if you have any information on any hedgehogs currently living in Deddington. You can contact us at deddingtonscouts@gmail.com or come to the March farmers' market to plot your sightings on our map and claim your hedgehog fridge magnet.

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Photo by Paul Wren – really!

BLISSFUL THINKING



One of the most common recurring dreams I tend to have involves being late for something. Every event in the dream only serves to exacerbate the problem. If I need to make an interview or appointment, I'll somehow find myself in a strange town or city with no automobile and little knowledge of public transport schedules.

As I plough on, looking for some route to my destination, I'll often get occupied in an unrelated but draining conversation with a stranger, during which more time passes and only adds to the cumulative sense of panic at missing my engagement. The hourglass continues spilling sand as the situation grows more and more hopeless.

I mention this because I had this very dream the night before I wrote this column, which may have been provoked by one esteemed editor, gently reminding me that the usual deadline had passed and was I okay?

Sorry Catherine, will finally get around to working out applying *DN* deadline reminders to my Hotmail account, I promise!

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 Sun 19 10.30am Holy Communion
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 Sun 12 9.00am Communion, BStM
 Sun 19 10.30am Family Service, BStM
 Sun 25 9.00am Holy Communion, BStJ

From the Parish Registers

Funerals:
 17 Jan Gay Brewer
 24 Jan Sidney Drinkwater
 2 Feb Audrey Turner

For baptisms, weddings, funerals and home visits, in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, Revd Annie Goldthorp, at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or on 01869 336880. If Annie is not available, please contact one of the churchwardens, Iain Gillespie on 01869 338367 or Meriel Flux on 01869 338901.

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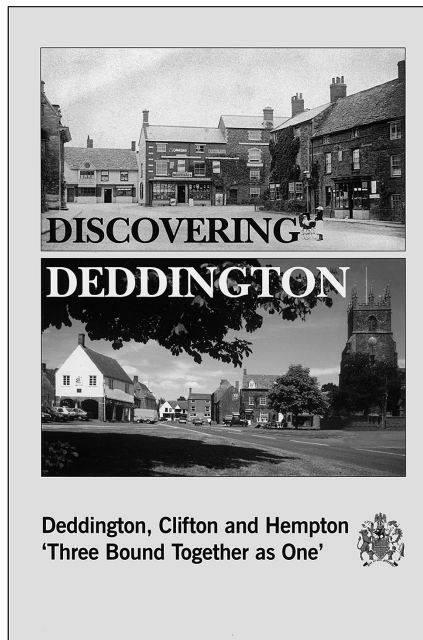
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MAP GROUP DONATION TO THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

As part of the parish's celebration of the millennium, Deddington's Map Group launched its Millennium Map project in November 2000. This ambitious project was three years in the making, and involved a specially commissioned aerial survey, painstaking hand colouring, artistic illustrations, historical research and computer technology. It resulted in detailed maps of all three villages as well as a map identifying by name the farms and fields of the parish and another identifying buildings by their age. (Copies can be seen under the Town Hall.)

The project received an initial loan from the parish council. Not only was this repaid from the proceeds of sales but, together with its book, *Discovering Deddington*, the Group went on to make a significant profit which has contributed to the funding of many other parish projects. (For the full story of this highly successful project, which is a tribute to the talents of many parishioners, go to <https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/mapgroup>.)



The project's final chapter came in March 2020, just at the start of the pandemic, when the Map Group presented the school with a cheque for £1,883, a framed set of prints of the maps for display in the school, together with over 200 *Discovering Deddington* books and nearly 200 Deddington maps.

The school still has some money left to spend but so far it has bought 30 atlases for each of classes KS1, KS2 and upper KS2; Ordnance Survey maps for KS1 and KS2; huge vinyl wall maps of the world, showing the British Isles, UK, Europe and time zones; and globes for each classroom and the hall.

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DOL NEEDS A NEW EDITOR!

Your local website, Deddington OnLine, (<https://www.deddington.org.uk/>), needs a new editor.

DOL is an umbrella site containing a directory of contacts for clubs and societies as well as a vast amount of information about community life, such as arts, farmers' market, parish council, parish church, schools, childcare and the Windmill Centre – lots more. Take a look and surprise yourself. Much of the information consists of links to external websites rather than locally generated material.

The editor's work consists of uploading *Deddington News* monthly, checking annually that material is relevant and up-to-date; and doing an annual check of club and society contacts. There's very little that is time sensitive. That's the bottom line: not very onerous but beyond that the editor will make of it what he or she will. The site is on WordPress, so very user-friendly. Training and handover will be happily supplied.

The DOL umbrella covers associate websites: the *Deddington News* runs quite happily under its own editorial management team; the Photo Gallery and History sites will continue under their present editors (me for Gallery and Rob Forsyth for History, both of us now in our 80s, but happy to carry on for now).

Deddington Media CIC provides protection, accountability and financial control of DOL and DN. There's more info here: <https://www.deddington.org.uk/about-deddington-online/>.

If no one steps up, DOL will simply be archived, a huge loss to the community since it contains such a vast amount of information which becomes pretty useless if not updated.

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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

I always walk the dog before bedtime but in early January it was getting down to -10C at 10.00pm; something had to change.

So we drove to Palm Springs, California, for a three week work-ation. A road trip in the US is very different from the UK. We covered nearly 1,200 miles in two days at an average speed of 73mph. For once there were almost

no photo stops because we had a dog in the back who was out of his skull on trazadone. Why did I end up with the only dog in the world that hates car journeys?

The one stop we did make was in Winslow, Arizona, where there was a flatbed Ford and a statue of Jackson Browne. It's a classic stop on the famous cross-country route, once known as Route 66 and now the modern freeway known as the I 40. Some forms of progress don't have the same ring to them. No-one is going to sing about getting their kicks on the I 40.

If you haven't been to Palm Springs, you won't know it is a classic reflection of modern white middle class America. It sits where there really shouldn't be any habitation, right in the middle of the desert. Because of the local spring water in the valley, there have been native Americans here for hundreds of years. Then, in the '30s, Hollywood arrived. It's less than two hours from LA; hence we drove down Bob Hope Drive and stared at Sinatra House. In the '80s it started to turn into a winter retreat for the rich, known as the 'snowbirds', becoming a trendier alternative to Florida or Arizona.

We were very happy to drive away from the snow and Southern California seemed like a very peaceful



destination. I would struggle to be in Florida in the current situation. Ron DeSantis is the Florida governor and current favourite for the Republican nomination for President next year. A year ago he clamped down on the local education institutions, pushing them to remove classes based around

sexual orientation and the study of race relations. He says he is fighting 'wokeness', whatever that is. It all seems like victimisation of minorities to me.

Visitors to Florida will not have been aware but Disney has full legal rights over the area on which the theme park sits, effectively isolating it from the various tax issues that the State of Florida might want to control. When Disney came out against DeSantis and his elitist policies he struck back and is about to take away their special land rights. I don't suppose it will affect the happy holiday makers at all but it clearly exposes the way US business is trying to affect public policy and singularly failing to make a difference.

The house we rented had a pool, a hot tub and some very interesting artwork. The main picture in the lounge was of two cowboys wearing chaps – and not a lot else. It's a very artsy and diverse society round here with one of the major international tennis tournaments, Indian Wells, and a rock festival, Coachella. Just 10 miles in most directions is the desert, and, as one resident put it, 'trailer parks full of meth heads'. Yes, this is the diverse and conflicting nature of America.

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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Once again, I have to report that Clifton has been beset by yet another tragedy as I report the passing of Justin Holmes, son of long time residents, Moira and Alan. For many years Justin ran a specialist logistics business based in Lower Larkrise and became known to many as a successful and serious businessman whose amusing and courteous manner drew many to him. I should also remark on the way that Alan and Moira lived through his illness and supported Justin in what was a long and well understood condition. Our thoughts are with Moira, Alan and Justin's wider family and friends.

Now the Santas have been collected and some have been stripped down, clothes washed. A new design and construction plans are already on the agenda of both Book Club and the Clifton Ladies Sports Club as a bigger and better 2023 Noël is planned.

Book Club is planning its first outing of the year, with a few days in Lynmouth with walking, talking,

drone flying and drinking on the agenda. Educational talks are also being prepared on a number of topics such as dark skies and funicular railways. A more detailed account will follow to show what a huge self-developmental opportunity Book Club offers all who come along.

Lastly some canine excitement, as one of Lower Larkrise's dogs went missing. Frantic searches were mounted by many a dog owner. One non-dog person opined, 'Surely it will come home when it's cold or hungry'? Its owner, Paul, was adamant, 'They're all millennials and haven't got a 'Scooby Doo'. As it happened, despite many search patterns conducted by concerned neighbours, the hound did turn up later, showing it was clearly a cut above the rest.

Any news? Martin Bryce would like to know.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

One of the attractions of living in Hempton is the opportunity to wander from your front door through the surrounding bucolic landscape, tramping the labyrinthine network of paths and bridleways.

On a recent outing I encountered a path where seasonal ploughing had obliterated any trace of the permitted way. It's difficult to see how the practice can be avoided and generally I have no issue with following the field boundary, especially when I am unfamiliar with the route, avoiding trampling spring crops and collecting several hundredweight of mud on my wellies. Whilst taking what I thought an accommodating detour, I was verbally accosted by a character who informed me I was on private property. He refrained from using the typecast refrain, 'Get off my land' and there was no handy five bar gate to lean against or stem of wheat to chew. His smock and breeches must have been in the wash as he wore a wax jacket. He had no West Country twang – natives of rural Oxfordshire sound similar to natives of the West Country to my mind. We didn't exchange names but I doubt he was a member of the Giles family. Although not impressed by my plea of force majeure we parted amiably.

The Countryside Code, published by Natural England, encourages farmers to stop shouting 'Get off my land' and, instead, to remonstrate in more friendly language, suggesting they enquire of trespassers on their fields if they are lost and then help them 'get back on track'. Perhaps something along the lines of 'Would you mind awfully vacating my acreage' would be appropriate.

The landowner can plough or otherwise disturb the surface of the path provided it is not reasonably convenient to avoid doing so. The path should be restored within 24 hours of the disturbance or within two weeks if this is the first such disturbance for a particular crop. The restored path must be reasonably convenient to use, have a minimum width of 1m for a footpath or 2m for a bridleway, or the legal width if known and its line must be clearly apparent on the ground. The landowner has a duty to prevent a crop (other than grass) from making the path difficult to find or follow. You have every right to walk through crops growing on or over a path but stick as close as you can to its correct line. The highway authority has the power to prosecute the landowner or cut the crop and send the owner the bill.

Trespass in English law falls mainly under civil tort

rather than criminal law. While most trespasses to land are intentional, the courts decided that it could also be committed negligently and accidental trespass also incurs liability, with an exception for entering land adjoining a road unintentionally, such as in a car accident.

Although previously a pure tort, the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 created some circumstances in which trespass to land can also be a crime, including in the case of squatters, attendees of unauthorised raves and hunt saboteurs. It is also a trespass to throw anything on the land, which includes fly-tipping. A notice saying 'Trespassers will be prosecuted', aimed at deterring people from using a private drive, for instance, is usually meaningless. Criminal prosecution could only arise if you trespass and damage property. Trespassing with the intent to reside can be a criminal offence as is trespassing on railway land and MOD property.

Pedal cyclists have a right to use bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic. Like horse riders, they have no right to use footpaths and, if they do so, are committing a trespass against the owner of the land, unless they have permission. Under section 72 of the Highways Act 1835 it is an offence to ride a bicycle (or lead a horse, ass, sheep, mule, swine, or cattle) on the pavement at the side of a road, and, under the Fixed Penalty Offences Order 1999, a person who rides on a pavement can be fined on the spot.

Land is defined as the surface, subsoil (in theory to the centre of the Earth), airspace and anything permanently attached to the land, such as buildings. The rights of landowners over airspace are not unlimited; the Civil Aviation Act 1982, provides that it is not trespass if the aircraft is flying at a reasonable height. An overhanging crane can constitute trespass, as can an advertising sign or overhanging vegetation from neighbouring property.

I conclude that I was guilty of trespass and, in all probability, the landowners were also negligent.

Incidentally, if you read my wittering on about calendars last month, you may or may not be interested to know; the Gwaun valley in Pembrokeshire is one of the few places in the Western world using the Julian calendar, as Hen Galan (New Year) is celebrated on 13 January.

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FROM THE FIRE STATION

A New Year dawns and we find ourselves pleasantly busy with twenty shouts, comprising our usual mix of road traffic collisions, standbys, rescues and fires.

The first call proved interesting and somewhat different. New Year's Day brought with it a horse rescue, which we attended alongside colleagues from the specialist rescue tender based at Kidlington, which carries specialised equipment for different types of rescues. The horse had gone down in his stable and was struggling to get to his feet again. With some pa-

tience from both owner, yard staff, vet and fire crew, the job ended well, with the horse back on his feet and able to make a full recovery.

On the training front, Ben Fenemore has passed his development training and is now a fully competent firefighter and Adam Perry passed his final stage of BA team leadership. Congratulations to both.

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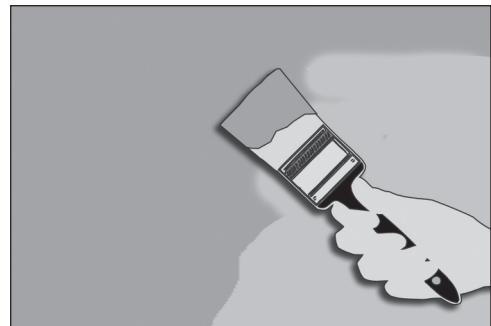
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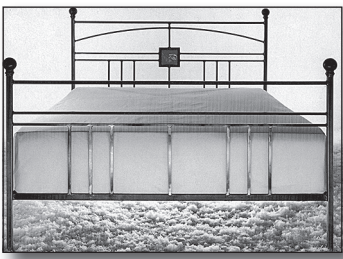
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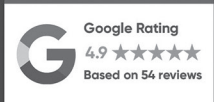

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A familiar sight, those hapless creatures which, with purpose and innocence, would cross a road but for the speed of an oncoming car that cuts their journey short. Poor hedgehog; in the 15 million years they've been on Earth, nothing prepared them to understand the danger they face from a vehicular technology that's only been around for 137 years. We have a timescale mismatch of our own in that, in less than 200 years, we're running short of fossil resources that took millions of years to develop.

We can usually understand the scope and scale of a problem if inherent dangers are obvious, immediate and avoidable. On the other hand, if problems are seen in the abstract or as the responsibility of others, such as government, we remain hapless too.

For example, when considering the challenge of a changing climate, seldom do we focus on the most immediate danger, which is population, its scale and the rate at which it is growing. A mere fifty years ago it was four billion; today it is twice that figure. Earth and its resources remain finite, and even as we strive to find fossil fuel alternatives, the issue of 'carrying capacity' cannot be ignored: energy resources are hardly the only problem. Consider that two billion of our fellow humans depend on rapidly disappearing glaciers for their water supply. The scope and scale of supplying all eight billion of us with the material resources we need lies somewhere between the unknown and the realm of magical thinking.

As it happens, we've been fretting about this for a rather long time. Thomas Malthus, in his 1798 *Essay on the Principals of Population*, warned that an exponential increase in humans would, over time, outstrip the incremental provision of resources, especially in the production of food. A little over a century later, in 1913 it looked as though he would be proven right because by then the world population of 1.6 billion was bumping up against the limits of food production, dependent on animal-derived fertilisers like guano. But that was also the year that two German chemists (Fritz Haber and Carl Bosch) invented a process for making fertiliser by extracting hydrogen from natural gas and combining with nitrogen from the air. The result was ammonia, an easily transportable and affordable substitute. Presto, the world was saved from famine, Malthus was declared wrong and the aforementioned chemists won the Nobel Prize. Except that today the once abundant supplies of natural gas are depleting and the more expensive and environmentally destructive gas from shale gas hydraulic fracturing (fracking) is making up the difference. Some of that fuel now comes to us and others around the world who depend on energy imports from abroad. If this is our only option for keeping the world fed, then Malthus wasn't wrong but merely postponed. As much as we appreciate the comfort and convenience of what science and technology can provide, we must also appreciate that what happened in 1913 literally enabled overpopulation.

Still, miracles do happen (or circumstances arise to make them seem like miracles). If, by some means

short of the Four Horsemen, the human population were to stabilise and somehow progress to a de-industrialised and more sustainable means of growing food, there is that proverbial ray of hope.

In the suburbs of Melbourne, Down Under, there is a little-known start-up at Monash University, called Jupiter Ionics, which has found a way of making ammonium fertiliser using renewable energy.

Another breakthrough developed at Monash and by scientists half a world away at the University of Michigan involves artificial photosynthesis. To produce food, plants use sunlight to split water into oxygen, which escapes atmosphere, and hydrogen, which is used in building sugar molecules to nourish the plant. One might reasonably ask why emulate what green plants already do for free? The answer is that in artificial photosynthesis the hydrogen is freely available as a clean affordable energy source. While Monash leads on green fertiliser, I'd give the edge to Michigan on artificial photosynthesis – its method is ten times more efficient than others and can use seawater if needs be. We can only hope that these and other green-tech innovations find a path to market soon.

Even with the growth of clean energy alternatives, the climate will continue to change. Most of the heating caused by greenhouse gases has already been stored in the oceans and like, a giant thermal flywheel, will affect our climate for many years to come. That's not to say the situation is hopeless. It is to say that, if we are to cope with and even thrive in the face of a changing world, we may need new 'habits of mind' in thinking about what we might do to better anticipate what's coming our way as we try to cross these future roads.

One way to begin would be to rethink how we interact with a global economy. In an ideal world, where resources were distributed equitably, trade would be discretionary but not mandatory. Unfortunately, we cannot avoid some dependency on resources from abroad but that shouldn't mean necessities like food. This has long been a subject of debate in the UK but now more than ever before we should re-examine the concept of bioregionalism. It may be timely to take a harder look at what is really possible with local production of food. Recently we've seen one of our favourite speciality food suppliers close shop due to import costs from the EU. With fuel prices not likely to decline much, if at all, imports could become more of a factor in food costs. To the extent that we can support local vendors, growers, farm shops and especially our excellent Deddington farmers' market, we should do so. In the near future, I believe these bioregional assets will move beyond what is good to become what is essential.

Of course, these are choices. Thankfully, where we live still affords that. Fertile soil, water, a community of like-minded people – I read somewhere that's how civilisation got its start.

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ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

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First and foremost, Zimbl has launched. And Deddington's Ed Toll is part of the team behind it. Zimbl is a 'pay as you go' electric vehicle rental service which allows drivers to rent EVs by the hour. Their hope is to station a couple of cars in the centre of the village for any driver over the age of 25 to use. While there are no cars permanently based in the village yet, anyone requiring a day rental can have a car delivered and collected to and from their door. Twenty-four hours' notice is required. If you'd like to register with Zimbl, go to <https://bookings.zimbl.co.uk>, using your smart phone to download the Zimbl app.

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Nick Smith

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2 has been a positive and hard-working term for us all.

The children in Year 4 experienced a Roman Day with planned workshops. Pupils were able to learn important facts about the Romans through the use of role play and rich resources.

Some of the Years 5 and 6 children have been having additional swimming lessons to increase their confidence and skills in the water which have been both valuable and enjoyable.

The Years 5 and 6 netball and football event, which was cancelled due to bad weather earlier in the year, finally took place. The pupils involved loved the whole experience, playing with pupils from many other schools.

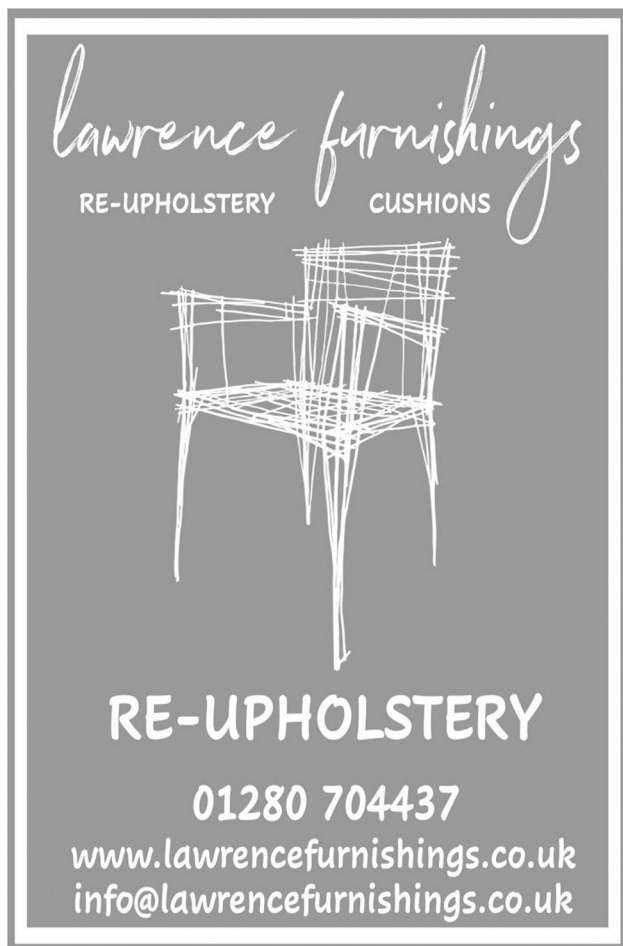
The whole school supported this year's Children's Mental Health week by taking part in the Dress to Express day. The children came to school wearing pyjamas and bringing in money to pay for the privilege, to raise funds for children's mental health. It was an enjoyable and thought-provoking day.

On 7 February, the school marked Safer Internet Day, with assemblies, activities and discussions focusing on the huge importance of safety when using the internet.

We hope you enjoy the end of winter, with lots of sunshine and crisp mornings.

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FROM MAUREEN DEW, DEDDINGTON

Nothing Constant But Change

Travellers in Europe might notice some reverence for past where ancestors rest in calm, walled cemeteries, which create oases for walking and quiet contemplation by the present generation. In France most villages are proud to remember their forefathers with a war memorial in a central public space.

In Deddington, after 1066, the natives became a conquered workforce. Saxons had built a timber church hoping for peaceful times but many were probably compelled to labour by the new overlords on the construction of the motte and bailey type of encampment set south east of the church.

King William reallocated some of his warriors to a tax-collecting role, this area overseen by his half-brother Bishop Odo. Hence the Castle Grounds HQ was formed with embankments of clay, mud and ironstone topped with a wooden palisade. Flat ground within was the bailey for tents and horses; a new square tower of pale limestone dominated. The base is still there under turf. Around the site edge, a muddy moat would hinder attack. Norman Big Brothers were

going to keep a strict eye on the locals' backs and commerce. The tower look-out had splendid valley views. The de Chesney family was awarded the occupation of it.

Two centuries later most of the tower stone had been recycled, blended into walls, barns and cottages: wheelbarrows were common enough. Castle keepers, the de Chesneys, are recalled in local place

names, such as Middleton Cheney.

A view is a two-way thing. New homeowners along the Clifton Road, thanks to Burrington enterprise, may well be buying a south view of fields, but at the cost to the public of losing the plateau view once possible from the Castle mound. Between marginal encircling trees the view east holds a new hedge of suburban rooftops. Soon there will be houses on the field to the north of the grounds. Regrettably, the special sense of place and history that English Heritage considered so valuable is being lost, victim of invasive profiteering which rises up as fresh as it did in the 1080s. As the Normans might have said, 'Tant pis – c'est la vie!' 'Alas, tough luck.'

FROM JOHN NASON, DEDDINGTON

On behalf of the churchyard mowing team, we would like to thank all the people who so generously gave their unused mowers and other equipment after the recent burglary of the churchyard mowers. This kind gesture will enable us to continue mowing as soon as the new season begins in early spring. We are lucky to live in such a caring community.

TALES FROM THE PUMP

I tried to ignore the laptop old Julian plonked on the bar. It was the usual early doors session and Julian and his gang weren't renowned for their allegiance to IT. 'I hope your Wi-Fi is working, Grumpy', said Jules as he opened the lid of his laptop. 'Is that a pint or a half', I grumped. 'Oh yes, a pint of Hooky, please', he said, ignoring my sarcasm. The rest of the early doors gang came into the pub and regarded Julian and his laptop with caution. 'I'll get those', said Jules, pointing at the six pints I had pulled.

Jules offering to buy the first round and with his laptop on the bar resulted in worried looks from everybody. 'I need a bit of help', he said, 'I'm trying to complete an application form online and I get halfway through it before it sends me back to the beginning and I've got to start all over again'. Glen nodded. 'That is really infuriating – happens to me all the time – and what about the signature you have to type in? It looks nothing like my signature. I don't see the point. I reckon the trouble is, when they test those forms,



they use people like themselves. You know, IT savvy people who know which key to flick, without even thinking about it.' 'You're right guys', I said, 'what they need is a group of clueless guys like you to test the form filling process'.

A silence fell on the group whilst they raised their glasses, drank, and then contemplated their pints. Jeff who always thought he was a bit of a creative guy looked up from his pint and said, 'We could call it BOGS – Bounce it Off the Grumpies. I'll draft a note and send it to the IT administration departments of Government, Apple, Amazon, BT and all the rest. What do you think we should charge them for testing their form processing? It's a very stressful job, checking all those form filling processes – what do you think Jules?'

Jules looked up from his screen and glared at me, 'Your Wi-Fi isn't working, Grumpy'.

Nigel Oddy
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HOW DN HAPPENS

The *DN* drops through your letter box ten times a year (no copy in January and August), primarily reporting on what has happened or is about to happen in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton but with occasional forays into the wider world. It reflects the contribution of the many people in our active community who give their time to run its organisations, clubs and societies.

The *DN* is run entirely by volunteers; an editorial team, an army of deliverers and, until recently, a cadre of printers and collators. It is self-financing, selling 18 pages of annual advertising space and a further two pages of short-run adverts, available month by month and used largely for one-off events.

Current advertisers and businesses which have expressed an interest in advertising with us during the year, are emailed in autumn inviting them to book space for the following year on a first come, first served basis. The two pages of monthly advert space goes very quickly. It is only March and we already have bookings for October so, if you want to advertise an event, book it as soon as you have the date. Don't wait until the perfect advert has been finalised. If, in February, you know your major event will be in September, book it now.

Each month one editor does the editing and the other proofreads to try to avoid too typos. It usually works but one or two escape. For copy, the editors rely on contributors, mostly regulars but one-off contributions are always welcome. If you think you have something to say, send an article directly to editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk.

Two weeks before an issue is due, reminders of copy deadline go out to regular contributors – not universally heeded, unfortunately – and further prompts can be needed before copy arrives, mostly not until right on deadline. The copy deadline is always on p1. Once all the material is in, having been sub-edited in the case of Clubs, the editor tidies the copy, while trying to maintain the contributors' individual styles and keeps an eye out for anything which might land us in

court. (George Fenemore used to say that the editors were there to keep him out of jail.) She then attempts to fit whatever volume of material the community has seen fit to supply into a rigid 16 pages, pruning as needed, a task resembling three-dimensional chess. A bespoke template in a desktop publishing program, called InDesign, ensures consistency of layout.

Monthly adverts are adjusted to fit page size and print requirements and inserted into the template with the copy. The pages of annual adverts are added and, after a final check, she creates a PDF which is sent to our printers. They require just over a week to print, which means the *DN* now rarely arrives before the first of the month, so, if you have an event scheduled at the beginning of a month, please let us know as early as possible so that we can include it in What's On a month in advance. The printer delivers 1,100 copies to the Windmill Centre where the distribution team takes over, bundling copies into bags for our large team of deliverers to drop through your letter box.

If you have copy or letters please send them to the editor at editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk.

If you would like to place an advertisement please contact Anne Hunsley at monthly@deddingtonnews.co.uk.

If you are involved in organising an event, as soon as you have a date, please let Alison Day know, at whatson@deddingtonnews.co.uk.

Contributors for clubs and other groups should also send their copy to clubs@deddingtonnews.co.uk.

If you would like to place an advertisement for a full year please contact Pat Sedgley at annual@deddingtonnews.co.uk. Bookings are taken every autumn.

Anyone curious about Deddington's social history since 1976 can find a full set of bound copies of *DN* in the library. They are also available on Deddington OnLine, <https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/backissues/deddingtonnewsarchive>.

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After the February holiday Nursery turned its focus to mini-beasts, going bug hunting in our garden and taking part in ladybird yoga. In the coming month we will be celebrating Mother's Day and Easter.

In PFSU this term's topic is On the Move. We hope to explore the village and look for signs of spring. We will celebrate Hinamatsuri, a Japanese festival for which we will be making blossom lanterns. We also have some lovely cards planned for Mother's Day and an egg hunt to finish off the term before Easter.

Charlotte Witka
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The Holly Tree Club

Members were invited to Glebefields Care home in Banbury in January and visited in small groups over several dates. We were given a warm welcome, a tour of the newly refurbished facilities and a lovely afternoon tea. Everyone was very impressed. Many thanks to the staff and residents at Glebefields for such an enjoyable visit.

Dates for your diary: proposed date for our AGM Monday 24 April; and King's Coronation fizz and afternoon tea party Friday 5 May. More details to follow.

Julia Cork
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Deddington Bookworms

The last book we read was *A Humble Companion* by Laurie Graham. The author devised a way to bring to life a reputed story about Princess Sophia (Sofy), one of King George III's 15 children, through the narrative of Nellie Welche.

Set in 1848, after Sofy has just died, Nellie recounts Sofy's story honestly. She takes the reader back to 1788 when, as the 12-year-old daughter of a high-ranking steward in the Prince of Wales' household, she became a 'humble companion' to Princess Sophia. Through that lens the reader hears about Nellie's relationship and friendship with Sofy and the story of her secret illegitimate son, as well as Nellie's own life and loves.

Throughout the story we are introduced to the restrictions and monotony of a strict court life, the succession and constitutional issues related to the alleged madness of King George III, news of the French Revolution and fear of possible impact on the UK monarchy, all running alongside Nellie's life story. The reader gets a 60-year romp through royal history, social history, what people ate, what they wore, how they lived.

Something that stood out for the Bookworms was how the class system for the masses mirrored the class system within the monarchy. This led to a discussion about the machinations of court life and how much may or may not have altered over the past couple of centuries. A couple of the group didn't finish the book, finding the narrative somewhat childlike. One of us became irritated with editing and proofreading continuity issues. Some felt the book could have been shorter. However, around half the group enjoyed the book immensely. Overall, it's a fairly good read if you like books with historical settings and social narrative. In summary, it's a book to interest you, although it may not grip you.

Deddingtonbookworms@gmail.com

Deddington Craft Club

The craft club continues to meet every Tuesday between 2.00 and 4.30pm. We decided post-Covid

to shake things up a little so, in addition to working on our projects each week, one session a month is dedicated to a mini workshop. In January we enjoyed making pincushions using a cathedral window patchwork template and a surprise is planned for March. These sessions are in addition to our quarterly full-day workshops. At the last one we made willow angels with everyone successfully completing their angel by the end of the day. This year we are looking at having a willow basket making day in March, ready for Easter.

Come and join us if you are interested or contact me.

Meriel Flux
01869 338901

Book Group

Fair Stood the Wind for France, by HE Bates, was first published in 1944 and remained popular for many years. The novel opens with a British plane crash landing in Nazi-occupied France. The pilot, Franklin, has a badly wounded arm but he and his crew members flee the crash site and find shelter with the family of a mill owner. The crew can move swiftly on, but Franklin's weakened state means a longer stay and the opportunity for his feelings for the mill owner's daughter to deepen. However, as the risk of discovery increases, Franklin has to attempt his escape from France.

We all enjoyed this book, whether we were reading it for the first or second time. The combination of a war drama and a love story could have been overblown but it is beautifully written in a restrained and understated way. The camaraderie and determination of the air crew and the courage of the French people who helped them are noted without fanfare. We were interested by the contrasting derogatory view of those in unoccupied Vichy France. Maybe this was intended to boost the morale of readers in a Britain still at war.

We welcome new members. Our next meeting is on Thursday 30 March. Please contact Sally Lambert on 01869 338094 for more details.

The Book Group

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Our February talk was delivered by our president, Jenny Snashall, and was about her and her husband's narrowboat and life on the canals. Very attractive photographs accompanied the talk.

Jenny and her husband, Clive, have been involved with narrowboats for some 25 years. A narrowboat is one that is no more than seven feet wide. Their present boat is 60 feet long and called *Just Interested* or 'Justy' for short.

Water transport is as old as the Romans who built canals, cut to avoid difficult stretches of river. The 18th century canal boom made it much easier to transport heavy goods and was important during the increase in industrial works such as the potteries. The first narrowboats were pulled by horses but later had

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engines, either steam or diesel. The builders of what were called the 'navigations' were the 'navvies', often itinerant workers, many from Ireland. The coming of the railways in Victorian times led to the decline in canal use as goods could be moved far more quickly by train. Nowadays, the Canal and River Trust is the largest of the network of authorities responsible for maintaining the canals which are now used mainly for leisure. It was a very interesting talk and I, for one, would love to go on a canal holiday but I think I'm too old.

Moira Byast

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Local Vocals

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

What better way to shift those post-Christmas blues than with a good old singsong? We've been getting to grips with our new songs which gets the brain cells working every week, flexes those voice boxes and very often results in a lot of laughter.

To find out more about our choir or to contact us please go to our website www.localvocalscc.co.uk.

Alison Grieve

Bridge Club

Meets on Fridays at 1.45–4.45pm at the Holly Tree.

Hugh Blythe

01869 338126

Deddington Brass

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Michael Liebrecht

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Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

After nearly 30 years DOGS are still going strong with a membership of close to 90.

At the AGM in January, David White took over from Ralph Stewart as treasurer and Tony Lowe was elected secretary. On behalf of DOGS a massive thank you to Ralph and Nigel Oddy for all their hard work over the years.

The venues confirmed for this year are:

15 May	Harlestone Park
14 June	Badgemore Park
11 July	Stratford-upon-Avon
25 August	Witney Lakes
	Barbecue in the evening
September	Meeting to be confirmed
15 December	Tadmarton Heath 9-hole
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New members are always welcome. If you would like more information or to join, please email me.

Tony Lowe
dogsgolf23@gmail.com

Deddington Town Youth Team

Football for Girls

Deddington Town FC is applying to become an FA Wildcats centre for girls. Wildcats is non-competitive football for girls who want to give it a go for the first time or want to play with other girls of their own age. It is all about having loads of fun and meeting interesting new friends. Deddington Wildcats will focus, in the first instance, on football for 5–7-year-olds. We are looking to recruit coaches, particularly female, to work with the girls. We will provide support for volunteers who become Wildcat football coaches and get you started on your football journey. If you're interested or want to find out more, please email secretarydtfc@yahoo.com.

Youth football update

The under 16s, playing in the Witney and District Youth League, had a 12–1 over SWIS – four goals for Ben Jones and a hat-trick for Leo Thomas-Lidster, followed by a 1–5 home defeat to Banbury Irish and 4–2 away defeat to Brackley Athletic. The under 14s had a 6–0 win over Chipping Norton with two goals each for Fraser Honeyman and Woody Vinciguerra. The under 13s, playing in the Oxfordshire Youth Invitation C League, had a 3–2 win over Summertown Stars, 0–9 away win at Ducklington, and 0–4 away win at Wantage Town. The under 12s had a 5–8 away win at Banbury Irish with four goals for Zac Godfrey, followed by a 0–2 home defeat to Ducklington in the cup.

If you want to get involved with the club as a volunteer, we are looking for help in coaching, as a safeguarding volunteer, match support on the day, pitch improvement work and in marketing and fundraising. If you are interested, please get in touch. Further information about the club is on our website, www.deddingtontownfc/ or visit us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc.

**Roger Sykes, Development Officer
and U7/U6 Coach**
07899 914425

Deddington Badminton Club

We hold a club night every Tuesday with juniors from 6.30pm and adults from 7.00pm during the season, September to April, at the Windmill Centre.

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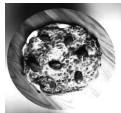
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Cricket Club

Indoor nets and training started in late January and will move outside in April. For more information or to join us, please contact me.

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Deddington Town Football Club

Established in 1888 the Club currently runs two teams in the Banbury and District and Lord Jersey Football League.

Martin Hovard, Secretary
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1st Deddington Guides

We had great fun the evening lots of little robots came to visit. There were lots of ball-shaped robots which the Guides quickly learnt how to program and soon had them playing skittles, flashing with colourful lights, going through slalom courses and generally racing all round the room. Thanks to Mary Brodey for giving up her time to bring them along.

It's been a pleasure to welcome some new Guides and be able to form a fourth patrol ... we now have Bumble Bees to add to Bluebells, Foxes and Hedgehogs. The patrols, as ever, have been busy planning their own activities and working on some badges. The Guides made some super shadow puppets. We had all sorts of animals, magical creatures, ghostly beings and wonders from under the sea on the screen.

Lastly, the girls prepared and presented, some simple snacks for their 'café' and came up with some imaginative ideas and tasty treats.

After half-term we will be celebrating all things international and beginning to put together our entertainment to raise money for charity.

Maggie Rampley
 07957 600755
Marian Trinder
 07786 001641

1st Deddington Scout Group

We are holding our AGM soon and are looking for people to come and join the trustees. You don't need to be related to one of the children or have a burning desire to erect tents, just be interested in helping and growing the group. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Jo Churchyard
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Cubs

We have had a great month at Cubs. Two highlights stand out. The first was the Cubs' annual visit to the Deddington Players panto. Ten of our Cubs were in

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the audience and a further two, Harry and Eva, took part in the performance. A great time was had by all and every Cub brought some tuck money to spend at the interval. I heard they cleaned out the supply of jelly snakes. I hope the adult humour was over their heads but nevertheless the laughter was infectious. We also had a good session at the Orinoco store in Banbury. Here Cubs learnt about Reuse-Recycle-Reduce as a focus for the charity. They used donations to the charity to put together individual bug hotels and their group effort produced a great big one, for which we have yet to find a home.

Paul Honess
deddingtoncubs@gmail.com

Scouts

Here we are in the new year and time to concentrate on our 'indoor' topics before the lighter evenings tempt us outside. This term the Scouts will be working on the environmental aspect of one of the Challenge Awards by instigating a hedgehog survey¹ to plot hedgehog sightings and hopefully creating some 'highways' allowing safe travel around the village. Look out for us at the March farmers' market.

We also went to the panto – 'oh no you didn't'. You can see where this is going!

Pete Churchyard
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1st Deddington Brownies

We meet on Mondays during term time between 6.00 and 7.00pm at the Windmill Centre.

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'ROXY' AT THE HOLLY TREE HALL



The next film showing on 9 March is *Philomena* and is the final screening for this season. It is a powerful film based on the true story of Philomena Lee,

played by Judi Dench, a young woman in 1950s Ireland who became pregnant and was forced to give away her child. Fifty years later, journalist Martin Sixsmith (Steve Coogan) grudgingly accepts the challenge of helping to find Anthony.

The relationship between the unlikely duo is both touching and at times funny. Come along from 1.00pm for tea and biscuits. The film starts at 1.30pm. The 'Roxy' will return in the autumn for another season of six films. If you have any suggestions as to what films we might show on future afternoons, please send me an email.

Julia Cork
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JOHN CHENEY – THE BEGINNINGS

In June 2022 we continued reproducing John Cheney's unfinished autobiography. This is part 4. With thanks to Nick Allen of Adderbury.

On up the Broughton Road

On the left, later, there was Crouch Hill Road and, of course, Crouch Hill itself was there with its distinctive landmark, a cluster of trees on top. Alas no more. On the long walk to Giants Cave one came across a big green notice outside a farm on the right. It had a splendid advertisement in capital letters, white on green: EGGS, EGGS, EGGS (they sold eggs).

There was a milestone and there the path narrowed by a superb ash tree and there, around the next corner, were the mini hills and valleys of Giants Cave, ideal for cycling, picnics and hide and seek and games like kick the can. And, of course, Giants Cave itself, a dark dank entry which was obviously an artificial excavation and was said by some to go right through to Broughton Castle. How did it get under the moat?

Chapter Four: The Crouch Hill Fields

Coming out of 5 Broughton Road, if you turned right and right again you found yourself in a little valley with a gentle stream running through it which disappeared into a conduit under Beargarden Road. There was a well-trodden footpath with to the left a sloping field up to Bloxham Road which was given over to allotments. To the right was a splendid elm tree. The footpath ended with a stile and a swing gate, opening on to the 'first field'. On the far right the tall chimney of the



Berrymoor Laundry smoked blithely away, undisturbed by environmental regulations.

At the end of the first field the footpath led up to Crouch Hill, but to the left another field took over to the Springfield Hotel, off the Bloxham Road. North towards Crouch Hill one came to The Butts. This was the firing range with quite sophisticated equipment. There were emplacements every hundred yards – places where the marksmen laid down on low buttressed inclined positions from which they fired, with various degrees of accuracy, at the targets. These were housed in a deep trench on pulleys and were raised up for firing purposes, and lowered into the concrete trench when not in use. They were used by the Territorial Army and later by the Home Guard, with the somewhat limited armoury available in 1940. I seem to remember going to The Butts and the Home Guard had just got a superb American Browning automatic rifle of which they were inordinately proud.

A long field ran to the south of Crouch Hill towards Salt Lane. At its western end was Bullrush Pond, a splendid conservation area for frogs and newts and a good site, with its muddy banks, for getting wellies filled with water. My father, being an entomologist, had us hunting for caterpillars and there were also blackberries galore. As with previous chapter endings this one concludes with the inevitable 'all housing now'. It is an estate with roads named after poets, inevitably christened Poets Corner. It has some quite distinguished residents.

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Percy Manning (1870–1917) was a historian, antiquarian, folklorist and archaeologist, known as the 'Man who collected Oxfordshire'. He was a leading light in the Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society and the Folklore Society, playing a major role in the revival of the custom of Morris dancing.

During his lifetime he donated many of the artefacts which he had collected to the Pitt Rivers Museum or the Ashmolean which bought the bulk of his collection in 1921, after it had been put up for auction.

The Bodleian Library contains some 500 volumes of 19th and 20th century material, consisting of books on the antiquities of Oxfordshire and the University; some manuscripts; and local engravings and drawings. Amongst them is Percy Manning's collection containing documents relating to the Parish of Deddington between 1583 and 1914. Thanks to David French's research at the library, the History website now has an Index Summary and Transcripts of them which can be found at: <https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/people/indexm/manning,percy1870-1917-collection>.

The documents are fairly random, covering some nine topics. Of particular interest are the War Office records relating to the requisitioning of the Deddington church bells in 1643 during the Civil War and the unsuccessful attempt 66 years later to obtain the compensation which had been promised.

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FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

The Wood has recovered from the excessive rain and the river has returned to its previous safe level. Many riverside tree roots have been loosened and some have fallen into the water. Please do not try to remove them – this is a job for professionals, not volunteers.

I'm constantly amazed by the people who deem it necessary to tie their dog's full bag of **** to tree branches. It is not going to be collected by the Poo Fairy – I have decided to retire.

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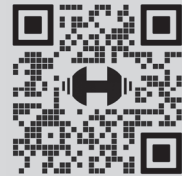
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