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No further news on the proposed closure of the Library (until OCC provides the consultation document). But it appears likely that the Town Hall will soon be unavailable to local groups because Deddington Charity Estates are trying to maximise their income and let it long term. It is unclear what limitations this will place on the community in terms of use of the undercroft or hanging banners on the exterior. We wish DCE well in their desire to increase income but await developments with interest.

## DIARY

### June

- Wed 1 Photographic Society: Peter Lovelock, 'Colour Management', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Sat 4 British Legion: Skittles, 9.00pm
- Sun 5 Bowls Club: Open Afternoon at the Windmill Bowls Green, from 2.30pm
- Mon 6 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
- Tue 7 Bowls Club: Home game, 6.15pm
- Thu 9 Bowls Club: Home game, 6.15pm
- Thu 9 Monday Morning Club: Film Evening, *Nowhere Boy*, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Sat 11 History Society: Visit to Court Barn, Chipping Campden and town walk, led by Alan Crawford
- Sun 12 British Legion: Family Day, 1.00pm
- Mon 13 DOGS at Burford Golf Club, tee off 10.00am and 1.30pm
- Tue 14 WI: Carole Richardson, 'Troikas, Tea Parties and Tall Tales', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 15 Parish Council Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 15 Photographic Society: Workshop, Simon Lutter, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
- Sat 18 WI: Cake stall, Town Hall, 9.00am
- Sat 18 School Fête, School Field, 12.30pm
- Sat 18 British Legion: Live music with Four Eyes, 7.30pm
- Sat 18 Akeman Voices Concert, 'Viva Italia', Parish Church, 8.00pm
- Sat 18 Cricket Club: Summer Ball, Windmill Marquee 7.00pm
- Sat 25 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Sat 25 Church Tower open 10.00am–12 noon
- Sun 26 Ordination as Priest of Dan Inman, Dorchester Abbey, 10.30am
- Sun 26 Jeffcoates, Hempton Open Garden for Katharine House, 2.00–5.00pm
- Wed 29 PFSU and Nursery: Sports Day 11.00am
- Wed 29 –
- Sun 10 July Deddington Festival (please see enclosed flyer)  
Farm, 5.45pm, members only

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### 18 May 2011, the Windmill Community Centre

The meeting was chaired by Jim Flux; there was a good turnout of Councillors and two members of the public. The meeting took place in the Windmill Centre, now with solar panels which were generating electricity, on a fine spring evening. The major discussion concerned the Deddington Charity Estates' plan for the Town Hall.

**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:** Jim Flux and Alan Collins were re-elected. The structure and composition of the various working groups will be decided at the next meeting.

**Open Forum:** Gemma Petty and Hannah Ward proposed that a bench should be placed on the mound in Castle Grounds in memory of Eddie Lynch. The proposal was welcomed and although the placing would need the approval of English Heritage, DPC agreed to support the proposal.

#### **Planning: New Applications**

*Deddington Manor, New Street*, remove or make safe an oak tree in the grounds. DPC would much prefer the tree is made safe rather than cutting it down.

*Ivy Cottage, 3 St Thomas Street*, removal of a single storey building at the rear and replace with a two storey extension and the removal and replacement of a garden store. DPC approved with conditions about appropriate materials.

*10 St John's Way, Hempton*, rear single storey extension and garage conversion including a new pitched roof. DPC approved conditional on the extra parking spaces specified and that the driveway is laid with a permeable material.

#### **Environment & Recreation**

Swift boxes are being installed at the Windmill Centre and at the School. The Farmers' Market committee has said they will make a contribution to costs.

*Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers* are coming in September to do some hedge work at Welford's Piece, Clifton.

*Windmill Copse*. It was thought this small copse was the property of the Forestry Commission. However they seem to know nothing about it; ownership needs to be clarified.

*Deddington OnLine*. The DPC pages are being edited and reworked.

*Deddington Town Colts*. Sixteen squads will take

to the field next year at a variety of home locations, some out of the Parish.

*Clifton Play Area*. The consultative exercise is ongoing and results will be reported at a later meeting

#### **The Town Hall:**

Deddington Charity Estates own the Town Hall but their main responsibility is the Almshouses. The Town Hall generates some letting income but this is not covering costs. A meeting was held with the Charity Commissioners and DCE were advised they were entitled to do with the buildings whatever was judged in the best interest of their main purpose – supporting the Almshouses. DCE considered letting or even selling the Town Hall. A business tenant has approached DCE and is negotiating a year's lease to use the Town Hall as a meeting room. The prospective tenants would like the building as soon as possible. This meant that the Art Group were given very short notice to leave and have relocated to the Holly Tree.

This change of use has a number of implications. Firstly the undercroft is not a public space but is owned by DCE and is used as a public shelter at DCE's discretion. DPC have agreed to continue providing lighting and keeping the place clean and tidy, providing DCE allow public access. The bus company will need to negotiate with DCE for the use as a bus shelter and for the installation of the much talked about illuminated running display. The Farmers' Market will also have to negotiate with DCE for the use of the undercroft. The Farmers' Market will also have to consider alternative arrangements because access to the building and the power supply will no longer be possible. Similarly DPC will have to find an alternative power supply for the Christmas Tree.

**AOB:** The late Betty Hill's will stipulated that any residual monies remaining after her specified bequests should be used for the benefit of the village. Planting some Deddington Pippin trees is being considered, the location to be decided.

Invoices agreed for payment £4,691.

Investments of £546,475 at Barclays, West Bromwich BS, Santander and Anglo Irish Bank.

**Next meeting –  
7.30pm Wednesday 15 June 2011  
at the Holly Tree**

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter Charles Barker, and not the official Minutes. To see those, go to <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/pcminutes>.

**WELL REMEMBERED****Cliff Tyler 1920–2011**

Cliff Tyler was born in 1920 in Leicester. He served in the Navy during the war on convoys in the Atlantic and to Russia. In 1943, he married Sheena. They had two sons, Ian and then Tim who died in a car accident in 1972.

After the Navy Cliff worked in his father's building firm and then for his father-in-law in his fishing line business. The business made lines from silk; it came under pressure from Japanese companies using cheaper nylon and plastic and eventually had to close. Cliff then helped Sheena in her antiques business and flower shop.

Beyond work, Cliff loved the countryside, his labradors and sport. In earlier days he played rugby and he was captain of his golf club in Leicester. Latterly, he much enjoyed sport on television.

Cliff's move to Deddington came late in life and his increasing health problems made it difficult for him to get about outside his home in Hudson Court. Accordingly, his circle of acquaintance in Deddington was restricted and our community had less than full benefit of his fine sense of humour and good companionship. His immediate neighbours, however, were able to appreciate his presence and his qualities.

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**DEDDINGTON BELL RINGERS**

The Deddington Church Bell Ringers will be holding an open morning on Saturday 25 June, Farmers' Market Day. The Church tower will be open to visitors between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. During their visit they will be able to see the bells and watch a short demonstration of them being rung.

The tower has a narrow winding staircase with about 140 steps to the top so sensible footwear must be worn.

**Colin Cox**  
337486

**Christian Aid Week**

Thank you to everyone who took part in Christian Aid Week. Once again nearly 40 people helped to ensure that every household in Deddington, Hempton and Clifton received the familiar red envelope which was then collected later in the week. The aim was to raise in excess of £2,000 although the actual amount will not be published until next month's *DN*. Our thanks go especially to all those who qualified to use the Gift Aid form attached to every Christian Aid envelope and so increased the value of the gift by 25% through refund of tax from the government. We are able still receive late contributions!

**Hugh Marshall**  
(on behalf of the Christian Aid Committee)  
337761

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## PTA

As you read this, the 7th Annual Deddington Walk will have come and gone. Once again the weather was kind to us and everyone seemed to rise to the various challenges set around the course from eating hot chillis to identifying different smells or guessing the value of certain antiques. We will be emailing a short questionnaire to all who registered as we are keen to hear what you liked and what you didn't. This will provide us with valued feedback as to the type of event you would like in future years – so please take a few minutes to tell us what you think. Thanks must go to our marshals, the Co-op and all those businesses which so generously sponsored our walk, and everyone else who helped make it a successful day.

The next date to ensure you have in your calendar is our annual fête which will be held on the school field on Saturday 18 June. Please note our new time – it starts at 12.30pm and ends at 3.30pm – don't miss it! This is promising to be an exciting event with the return of Felicity's racing sheep, the ever-popular quad bikes and 'Lane Change Digital Scalextric Racing'. Amazing Animals are coming along again too – what will they bring this year? Each class will be organising and running a stall as usual so do come and support our children and have a great time with lots of fun! The PTA is also dreaming up some great side stalls. The barbecue will be ready and sizzling – just in time for lunch – and then why not try one of our delicious cream teas later in the afternoon, while watching one of the events in the arena? Of course we will have our usual licensed bar serving Pimms.

We look forward to welcoming you to the fête and thank you all for your continued support.

**Janet Watts**  
337135

## Writing Awards

Authors have written, entries been submitted, shortlists have been sent to the judges. But we shall not know the winners until Friday 1 July at the Awards evening for the Deddington Writing Competition. Poems and stories on the theme of 'News' have come in from budding local writers in three age-groups for the Junior section, while entries from all over the country and even from overseas have flooded in for the Open Competition, where any topic, subject or theme has been invited. These will be judged by four distinguished authors who will announce the awards in Deddington Church starting at 6.30pm with the Junior section.

After an interval in which books by local authors will be available to see or buy and an opportunity to meet their authors, the winners of the Open section will be announced and some of the winning entries read. Admission is free. A small charge will be made for interval refreshments.

**Hugh Marshall**  
337761

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

This month Deddington School's contribution is written by a Year 6 pupil and is an account of our residential trip.

On Easter Monday Year 6 went to Yenworthy, a residential centre in Devon. The staff were kind, friendly and fair, they encouraged us to do our best. The ropes course introduced us to Yenworthy life encouraging us to work as a team and try our best. Business the following day was also about teamwork. We chose our activities, losing and gaining money along the way. To succeed in any challenge we had to trust each other and understand each others' strengths and weaknesses.

On the Tuesday and Wednesday we had the opportunity to experience sea kayaking and a survival day. On the kayaking day we enjoyed standing up on the kayaks and jumping off rocks into the sea. The next day was the Glenthorne adventure. We walked down the Glenthorne Valley to the beach where we built a shelter and learnt how to make fires and toasted marshmallows. On the way back to the lodge we enjoyed climbing up waterfalls and getting soaked.

On the last day we did the Lyn Valley walk before saying our goodbyes and getting on the coach. We all had a fantastic time. The staff (not forgetting dogs Dizzy and Margie) made our stay unforgettable. We had great food (thanks to brilliant cooks). The staff, the activities and the beautiful location of Exmoor has helped to make Yenworthy an experience we will never forget!

*Elen Squires, Year 6*

## Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

This is a short but busy term. At the Nursery we are finding out about people who help us and the alphabet, and the PFSU children are learning about mini-beasts.

Things to look forward to include our Sports Day, to be held on the field behind Deddington Primary School on Wednesday 29 June from 11.00am. Come with a picnic to eat on the field afterwards.

Ian Taylor will be visiting us on the mornings of 14 and 15 June to take informal photographs of the children at play. Also our fund-raising party 'A Night at the Moulin Rouge' is fast approaching on Saturday 9 July at 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre. Party the night away with a ten-piece rock band and supper. It promises to be an unmissable night!

Thank you to everyone who brought in their vehicles to the PFSU last term and to the Deddington fire crew who visited the Nursery.

Lastly we have some staff changes this month. We welcome Emma on to the team and say a sad goodbye to Michelle who has been working at the PFSU and Nursery (and former Deddington Pre-School) for eight years. Many of you will know her and her dedication to the children she cares for. We wish her well with her future plans.

**Lucy Squires 337484**

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul June

Wed 1	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 2	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 5	10.30am	First Sunday
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 8	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 9	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sat 11	10.00pm	Eucharist: St Barnabas
Sun 12	10.30am	Eucharist with Laying on of Hands and Anointing for Healing Pentecost
Wed 15	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 16	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 19	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Wed 22	10.00am	Eucharist with Laying on of Hands and Anointing for Healing
Thu 23	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
	6.30pm	Eucharist: Corpus Christi
Fri 24	6.30pm	Eucharist: Birth of John the Baptist
Sun 26	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Ordination to the Priesthood of Dan Inman and others by the Bishop of Dorchester at Dorchester Abbey (all welcome)
	6.30pm	Eucharist (first presidency at the Eucharist of Dan Inman)
Wed 29	10.00am	Eucharist: St Peter and St Paul
Thu 30	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels

### St John's, Hempton

Thu 2	7.30pm	Eucharist for Ascension Day with dedication of new doors The Bishop of Dorchester to preside and preach
Sun 5	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 12	9.00am	Eucharist

Information on the meetings of other faith groups can be found at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/church/otherfaithsandbeliefs>.

### Deddington Parish Show 2011

Just a timely reminder that this year's Show will be on Saturday 3 September in the Parish Church.

A list of the classes for this year was included as a flyer in April *DN*, but if you have lost your copy, there are more in the church porch.

I expect those of you who are gardeners have already sown most of your seeds, so hopefully some of them will be entered in the appropriate classes. Don't forget the cookery, photography, arts and crafts sections as well.

### Barford St Michael and St John

Sun 5	10.30am	Eucharist BStM
Sun 12	10.30am	Family Service BStM
Sun 26	4.00pm	Patronal Festival Eucharist BStJ

### From the Parish Registers

#### *Interment of Ashes*

12 April Trevor Goodall

#### *Funeral*

10 May Eddie Lynch

#### *Baptism*

15 May Noah Treeby Hancock

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), the curate, Revd Dr Dan Inman (338582) [curatedan@gmail.com](mailto:curatedan@gmail.com), or one of the church wardens, Glynne Bianchi (337743) or George Fenemore (338203). For further information please go to [www.deddingtonchurch.org](http://www.deddingtonchurch.org).

### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

#### **Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

Sundays at 10.30am Pastor Isabel Walton

Sun 26 June 10.30am: Faith

### RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

#### **Fr John Burns 277396**

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Sun at 10.00am.

St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7.00pm and Sun 8.30am.

Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00pm and at Adderbury before Mass.

The Eve of Sunday Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport.

The Celebration of the Feasts of the Ascension and of Corpus Christi have been transferred to the nearest Sunday, but SS Peter and Paul (29 June) remains a Holiday of Obligation. Mass at Hethe will be celebrated at 9.30am and at 7.00pm.

The children's classes last year showed what talented youngsters we have. Their entries are always a delight, so they can start creating, painting and sticking in spare time and make this, the fourth Show of the modern era, even better.

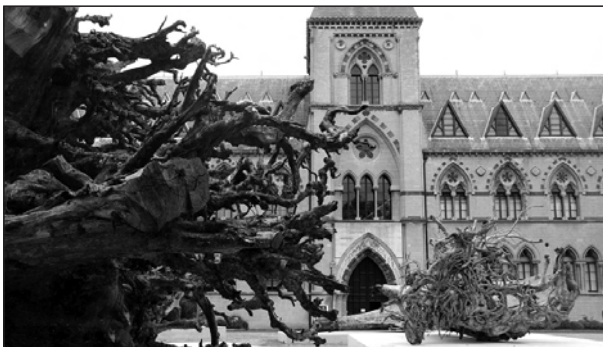
The Show programmes with entry forms will be available at the July Farmers' Market, in the church porch and in the Flower Shop.

**Wendy Burrows, Hon Show Secretary**  
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## GREEN PIECE

The Ghost Forest comprises the gigantic stumps of ten trees,

most of which fell naturally, the victims of adverse weather in Ghana. They have been in Oxford since July last year. Until 31 July you have the opportunity to experience them outside the University Museum, opposite Keble College in Parks Road. The 'I Touched the Rainforest' programme was launched by Lord Patten in February to encourage the 101,000 school children in Oxfordshire to be brought to touch and smell the trees. They are well worth a visit by old as well as young, by day, or by night when they are truly ghostly, but that may be after bedtime for the youngest.



*The Ghost Forest outside Oxford University's Museum of Natural History and the Pitt Rivers Museum*

Angela Palmer, the inspired creator of the project, said: 'The alarming rate at which we are destroying our natural resources was the driver behind the Ghost Forest installation. Like most people, I am turned off by the endless bombardment of mind-numbing statistics on climate change, and even more so when they turn out to be contradictory. But when the scientist Andrew

Mitchell told me that an area of rainforest the size of a football pitch is being destroyed every four seconds, it stopped me in my tracks. That rate equates to an area the size of England being wiped out every year. And when they are gone, they are gone.' When the sculptor Anthony Gormley said it would be impossible to bring the tree stumps from Ghana, initially to London and Trafalgar Square, that just made Angela determined to do so. They came to Oxford via Copenhagen. Alive they grow as tall as Nelson's Column. In Parks Road they lie at the foot of a giant Wellingtonia. If you cannot get to Oxford in the next two months, or to whet your appetite to do so, visit <http://www.ghostforest.org/>. There their story is told in words, pictures and video.

**Christopher Hall**

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### VILLAGE 21

**Short Stories by Sylvie Nickels**

The title of this book is misleading in that the links with village life are tenuous. There is in fact an attractive mix of stories on a variety of subjects including love, computers, woodlands, murder and war; there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Some of the stories are over-sentimental but are made interesting by their settings in exotic places which the author, who used to be a travel writer, obviously knows well. Her descriptions are delightfully evocative. One or two of the stories skilfully create an atmosphere of unease, such as 'Sorry Bernie' and 'People called Ruth', but most of them are written in a comfortable discursive style that makes for a relaxing read.

Sylvie will be launching the book at the next Farmers' Market in Deddington on Saturday 28 May.

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**NEWS FROM HEMPTON..**

June services at St John's will be different from the normal pattern. On Thursday 2 June at 7.30pm the Bishop of Dorchester will dedicate the new doors between the church and hall. Afterwards everyone is welcome for refreshments. Please see p5 for changes to services. On 19 June the Deanery Eucharist is being celebrated at Bloxham. On 26 June our curate, Dan Inman, will be ordained a priest in Dorchester Abbey and will be taking his first Eucharist Service in Deddington Church at 6.30pm; once again, everyone will be welcome.

Tour Britannia is an international motorsport primarily for historic cars built prior to 1981. It is taking place 17–19 June and on Sunday 19th they will be going down the Duns Tew road between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. A good viewing place would be the green on the Main Road/Duns Tew corner.

On Sunday 26 June 2.00–5.30pm, Jeffcoates in The Lane will open its garden as part of the Festival Open Gardens for Katharine House, by kind permission of Maureen-Anne Temple Smith. The Hospice Stall will also be there. Entrance is via a footpath through the farm on the Duns Tew Road next to the allotments.

Congratulations to Stepen and Despina Pond of Batchelors Row, The Lane, on their marriage on 30 April. We wish them good luck and happiness in the years ahead.

*Les Chappell 338054*

## Deddington Primary School

### Annual Summer Fete

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**Saturday 18th June 2011**  
from 12.30pm to 3.30pm

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**..AND CLIFTON**

Lucy Sydenham managed to run the entire length of the London Marathon within her publicly declared target of finishing in daylight with a fabulous confirmed time of 5 hours 21 minutes. Ian Baines won the Book Club sweepstake and donated the £25 prize money to the charity of Lucy's choice, Multiple Sclerosis. You can match Ian's generosity for a fine effort on <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LucieSydenham>.

From one hero to another – the book club has a new idol: a person of courage, integrity, professionalism and frankly a natty looking uniform. The village covered with fear as 'six foot flames shoot from the chimney' of our beloved pub. The book club became apoplectic... Enter stage left Clifton's very own hero, Chris Fenemore, Retained Officer in Charge of Deddington Fire Station, and in the blink of an eye the pub was saved and the book club didn't need to find another source of material for their new venture featured last month.

Back to the fire, however, and even I have to concede the pump is manned by many more heroes than Clifton's finest son, so we should all take a moment to pay thanks to ALL the members of Deddington Fire Station. This time a chimney fire in our pub. Next time it could be far closer to home – your home. Many thanks.

**Martin Bryce**

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PS – This 'shout' was the first time young Master Fenemore had seen his Dad in action and the pride was visible to all.



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## BLISSFUL THINKING

When I was a young pup, I dreamed of a future where robots would perform all of our menial tasks for us and fulfil all of our escapist fantasies. Having wired your mind into the machine at night, your thought patterns would be analysed and your dreams would be implanted based on these suggestions. In the waking world we would step outside to a world akin to that of the old children's virtual reality show 'Nightmare', onto some kind of endless conveyor belt.

As we are shifted along, we reach to pluck random tins from the shelves aligned either side. Some contain aspirations; some insight; some pestilence. All the while we must move to dodge the gleaming cutting blades spinning horizontally and vertically towards us at sporadic intervals. When we arrive at our place of labour, we would strap on a suit and helmet to begin exploring our fourth dimension of space time in an alternate computer-generated reality. For argument's sake this realm would look something like a cross between 'Tron' and 'The Lawnmower Man'.

Our tasks would be to search this dominion copiously for all of the secrets yet to be discovered about our universe and beyond. When the

hours of labour conclude, we would be permitted to utilise the technology for escapist pursuits of pleasure and exploration. Our minds would be stimulated to such a degree that the gates of ignorance would be torn down, revealing only endless plains of perception and revelation, in very much a 'Horns of Jericho' style. The ten per cent of our minds we currently deploy could become one hundred per cent, making it only a matter of time before all world wars, famine, disease, scarcity and hatred were eradicated entirely. Over-population would be eliminated when all were lifted above the poverty line and enlightened to the truth of our plight.

No longer would we exist unfulfilled, no more should we turn to alcohol or narcotics to numb our sense of unfulfilled loneliness. Of course there would be disagreements, but with everyone's mind opened to such truth and reason, this could not lead further than minor disputes soon concluded and forgotten. Man and machine would co-exist in and co-depend in the most perfect harmony.

Then I grew up, and Nightmare had been cancelled. Our menial tasks were now performed by China, and we had to fill the gap with new menial tasks. The ten per

cent of our minds used had actually been reduced, through an endless barrage of mediocre media and superficial television 'talent shows'. Our state now worked for itself rather than its electorate. The saw blades manifested in the form of personal debt, and the magnificent utopian plains were nothing but oil fields. Overpopulation showed no signs of abatement though we had plenty more consumers, while the equivalent of almost the entire adult population were prescribed anti-depressants of some kind, and a quarter abused alcohol.

The entire scope of human accomplishment and knowledge was now at our fingertips in the form of the internet, yet was used to tend pretend farms and circulate glib and pretentious aphorisms for those hungry for the shared banality of the human experience. The nearest we got to virtual reality was the Nintendo Wii, where we could pretend to play ping-pong, or toss a salad with our friends. Call me a little disenchanted, but at the moment, Skynet looks more likely than Tron Legacy. Still I continue to dream of a glorious virtual tomorrow. It's part of my circuitry.

**Aaron Bliss**  
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## POLICE NEWS

### Team News

The team was busy during April with Adderbury Day of Dance, Speedwatch Operations and 'Have Your Say' meetings, and attending Bodicote Car Boot Sale and several Parish Council meetings.

### Speeding

This month the NAG team will be focusing their attention on Hempton and Milton. We have conducted five speeding operations in these locations in the month. Speedwatch Operations result in offenders being sent letters warning them about their speed and the Laser operations resulted in offenders being issued with Fixed Penalty

Tickets in addition to three points on their licences.

### Crime News

Incidents of criminal damage to vehicles in Bloxham are being investigated and if you have any information or witness any suspicious activities please contact us on 0845 8 505 505.

There have been burglaries from garages in Bloxham, stables in North Newington and theft of fuel in Barford St John. We would remind you to be vigilant and if you witness any suspicious activity contact the team on 0845 8 505 505.

There have also been thefts of lead from locations throughout the

neighbourhood which the team is investigating.

### Have Your Say online

You can send non-emergency messages to us using the online form on the Thames Valley Police website. Follow the link <https://reportonline.thamesvalley.police.uk>. Please allow us time to get back to you. Should you have any problems or concerns please phone the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number on 08458 505 505 or email [banburyrural-neighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:banburyrural-neighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk). In an emergency please dial 999.



## THE ALLOTMENT

This April has been the hottest for 350 years (*Daily Telegraph*) and yet the nights have still shocked us, they have actually dared to be cold and produced the odd frost! Despite feeling that we've had our summer, autumn is not just around the corner and there is still lots we can do.

Earth up potatoes and wait until new potatoes have finished flowering before digging them up with a fork.

Think about putting the asparagus row to bed; usually 21 June is officially the end of the season but as they were early this year you may want to finish the crop before that, the thin seed stalks will let you decide when you should stop. When you finish harvesting give your asparagus, and incidentally rhubarb, a good nitrogen feed and cover with a light mulch to suppress weeds. Then let the plant grow for the rest of the year and cut back in the autumn.

Plant out young tomatoes. Pinch out sideshoots and tie the main stem to a cane. When they form their first truss start to use a high potash feed.

Courgettes and pumpkins can be planted out now into heavily composted soil. Irrigate and feed regularly

as they are hungry crops; sink a flowerpot besides them in which to pour your water.

Plant out runner beans, French beans and sweet corn. When creating your bean trench you can add shredded paper to help maintain moisture.

Carefully transplant Brussels sprout seedlings from nursery beds to their final growing place; if you do this by the end of June you should enjoy your own Brussels for Christmas. Don't forget to plant them deep to prevent wind rock in the winter and cover them in the summer to protect from the cabbage white. One method I heard of was to place canes around each one and drape them with netting.

'Remember that one year's seed is seven years' weed! When weeding, retrace your steps to make sure you haven't missed the ones staring you in the face. Little and often is the way to keep on top of things' (Dan Pearson, [observer.co.uk](http://observer.co.uk)).



**Samantha Willis**  
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### Prices slimmed for bulky waste

Restructured charges for bulky waste collections mean they are now cheaper for most households across Cherwell.

They were previously fixed at £20 for up to four items but this has now been broken down into two categories.

Cherwell District Council will now collect up to three items on the 'bulky saver list' (mainly large items of furniture) for just £9. Other items (such as fridges, freezers and cookers) are charged at £18 for three as they are more expensive to dispose of.

This means that anyone taking full advantage of the scheme pays just £3 or £6 per item. Further information is available at <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=1763>.

There are no longer free collections if you are 60 years of age and over.

### Windmill Thursday Club

Could you help give an elderly person the pleasure of a day out? We need volunteer drivers to ferry clients to and from the Windmill Centre on Thursdays. The club starts at 10.00am and finishes at 3.00pm.

If you would be willing to assist, please contact the co-ordinator, Debbie, on 07879 828733. Thank you.

**Jean Rudge**  
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**DEDDINGTON**  
**MIDSUMMER**  
**CARNIVAL**

**SATURDAY 4 JULY 1981**  
**MARKET PLACE AND CASTLE GROUNDS**

**PROCESSION OF FLOATS**  
**GYMKHANA**  
**6-A-SIDE FOOTBALL**  
**MINI AIR DISPLAY**  
**AUNT SALLY/TUG-OF-WAR**  
**PRAM RACE**  
**STALLS AND EXHIBITIONS**  
**CHILDREN'S PARTY**

**BARBECUE AND DANCE**  
**8.30 p.m.**

Can you believe this was 30 years ago?  
...more in a future issue

## DOWN ON THE FARM

Well, that was short and sweet. After a welcome break in the spring drought, which gave us almost 1.25 inches of rain, we are back to clouds of dust billowing in the wake of any vehicle being driven along the farm roads, but at least we have lost the high temperatures which put April into the record books.

Although the crop situation on the farm has improved, we shall need more than a dripping June if we are going to see the stocks of hay replenished. If things don't improve, some of the ewe flock may have to be sold off as we will not be able to cut enough hay to see them through the winter.

Some of the weather experts are suggesting that a repeat of the 1976 drought is on its way. Then we started to hand feed all the livestock in July as all the grass had gone but, unlike this year, we had plenty of hay left over from the previous season. The 1976 harvest, such as it was, was all done by the first week of August. But unlike the planting season of 2010 the autumn of 1975 was wet and the crops went in late, and into very difficult seed beds. This year's crops were planted in almost perfect conditions and were well established by the onset of winter. Unlike some parts of the country which experienced a high level of frost kill, our crops were protected by a good covering of snow during the very cold weather. Spring kicked in early and it was shirt-sleeve lambing but then everything dried out, leaving us short of grass for the sheep and the crops struggling.

The recent rain has helped the crops, with the oilseed rape well into pod and the wheat coming out

into ear, but just what will happen between now and harvest remains to be seen.

On the other side of the coin, the bees are enjoying a good start to the summer and are keeping me and the extractor very busy. I just hope that we get some rain to keep the flowers going as we could end up with a very poor bee-keeping season and find ourselves having to feed the bees in July/August just to keep them alive. So, as is normal down on the farm, it's all in the hands of the weather gods.

It is not just the wildlife and farm livestock who are dependent on the weather and a good harvest. For all our technical advances, the human race also relies on the weather for its daily food, and difficult weather patterns are affecting all the major crop producing countries of the world.

A few years ago, for reasons best known to themselves, our masters decided that the food security of this country was not needed or desirable, and they disposed of our strategic food stores with the result that we now hold only 20 days' cover. The dire situation that could be just around the corner, depending on the weather, was summed up at the end of a recent grain trade/farming conference when the speaker said, 'I hope that you do not get a poor or late harvest, as we have only 20 days' supply of grain in hand and it takes six weeks to get a boat load from Australia, if they have any to send us.'

So we shall just have to wait and see what happens and, who knows, you too may end up grumbling about the weather.

**George Fenemore 338203**

### The King James Version

From September 2010 to April 2011, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of its publication in 1611, the King James Version of the Bible, including the Apocrypha, was read aloud in Deddington Parish Church. Thanks to David Rogers' internet expertise and the Vicar's vision, the sessions were broadcast live and were picked up in Sweden, Istanbul and Indonesia, with participation from the last. The congregation, interested parishioners, the Primary School, a visitor from Sweden, local MP Tony Baldry, and the Bishop of Dorchester all took part. It was an unforgettable experience – not always solemn, but as the weeks passed, we tackled complex syntax, monumental begattings, and unfamiliar names with increasing panache.

While many passages one could recite in one's sleep – part of our heritage – other sections were wholly unfamiliar and with certain stories from the OT, one soon realised why they had never featured in the Sunday School curriculum. Pre-Christian tribal history can sound brutal to modern ears. Far more passages revealed language so lovely that one caught one's breath. Whatever meaning one gives to 'inspiration', it is present in the KJV.

**Kristin Thompson 337052**

### LOCAL HEROES

Four people have been honoured for their bravery after rescuing a man trapped in a burning car on a Deddington road. Nicola Clewer, Andrew Giles-Bussure (both from Deddington), Adam Sweetingham, and Robert Gibbs, recently received awards at Thames Valley Police headquarters.

In April 2010 they saved Anton Moiseyev, of Kirkcaldy, Fife, from the accident near Deddington. Sgt Pete Jell said if they had not acted Mr Moiseyev would have died. Mr Jell, who nominated the four for the award, said he had particular admiration for Mr Giles-Bussure who entered the burning vehicle to pull Mr Moiseyev from the vehicle.

Ms Clewer was first on the scene after Mr Moiseyev lost control of his BMW on the A4260. She called the emergency services and then went back to Deddington where she collected Mr Giles-Bussure, Mr Sweetingham and Mr Gibbs from the local pub. When they returned Mr Moiseyev had resigned himself to the fact he was going to die in his car. But despite the flames, and without hesitation the three men managed to pull Mr Moiseyev over the head rest of his seat and through a back door.

**BBC News, Oxford**

## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

***In future the Postbag, or parts of it, will appear on the DoL Forum. This will enable readers to comment without having to wait until the next month. If you would prefer your letters NOT to appear online, please tell us when you write. Thank you.***

FROM SASKIA KNIGHTS  
UNICORN INN, MARKET PLACE  
We just wanted to thank Tastebuddies for their positive review of The Unicorn Inn. They loved the food, the service, the environment and the value, but picked up that the front-of-house welcome could have been better. We thank the Tastebuddies for their constructive criticism and have already taken steps to put this right.

We are a new venture trying to get things as perfect as possible, which we realise will take time. We really welcome all our customers giving us feedback – especially the little negative things that are 'hardly worth mentioning' – because that is the best way to help us reach our goal.

*Tastebuddies' reviews are independent of DN and of the establishments being reviewed – Ed.*



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and include your name and address  
even if they are not for publication

FROM JEANNE WALES (née RULE), HUNTINGDON, CAMBS  
(Extracts from a letter to Joan and Geoff Todd)

I was so pleased to receive it [the May DN] because Mr Bletsoe is on page 13 and it brings back memories of him teaching me to ride and taking me to his farm at North Aston. We used to meet in Church on Sundays at 8am.

There were not many of us there in those days. Afterwards we would walk across the Market Square – not a car in sight! His cousin, Miss Roberts, was a good friend of my mother. She loved backing the horses, would back them all! All those old memories come back clearly. She offered to get me a nightdress to go on my honeymoon. I had a nightdress, put away some time before my wedding, but the moths got to it and riddled it with holes!

### EDDIE LYNCH

On 15 April 2011, Eddie Lynch was tragically killed in a road traffic incident on the Clifton Road. He was 16 years and 10 days old.

Eddie went to Deddington Preschool. He was a pupil at Deddington Primary school, and was in Year 11 at The Warriner School Bloxham when he died. He was just about to take his GCSEs and had a place at Banbury sixth form to do A levels. He was a very clever boy who hadn't quite decided his future career, but a psychologist, veterinary surgeon and pilot were among his aspirations. Eddie was the very essence of life, never failing to bring a smile to your face. He had a great sense of humour and a zest for life that he often struggled to contain.

We are still in shock and are completely devastated at the loss of our dear boy. We feel so cheated that he was taken so young but we are so grateful that he came along and touched our lives even for those short 16 years. We must give thanks for the small mercies: that he did not suffer, that he won't grow old, he won't get ill and he won't be unhappy. We know he is safe.

But life for us without Eddie will be very difficult and he will always remain in our hearts. We are so proud to have called Eddie our son, brother, grandchild, nephew, cousin and 'True Legend' of a friend.

We would like to thank all of our friends and the wider community for their overwhelming support which has helped and comforted us so much through the last few weeks. We would also like to thank the hundreds of people who attended the funeral service to pay their respects and show their love for Eddie. The number of you present in the church, was in itself a bigger tribute to Eddie than any words we could have said.

We are raising money to purchase a memorial bench that can be placed somewhere in Deddington so that people may go and sit quietly to reflect. Please contact us at [lynch-michael6@sky.com](mailto:lynch-michael6@sky.com) if you would like to make a contribution.

We are also collecting money towards 'Brake', the Road Safety Charity. If you would like to donate to this charity, please go to the 'Just giving' website and type in Eddie Lynch, at the 'Find a friend' prompt.

***The Lynch Family***

### Volunteer Training

Trustees of community and voluntary organisations are invited to take part in free training workshops on essential hot topics to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence. The next two are:

Assessing Community Needs, Monday 6 June, 6.30–9.00pm; Recruiting and Training Volunteers, Saturday 18 June, 10.00am–3.00pm; both to be held at Play Barton Offices, Underhill Circus, Oxford.

Email [admin@ocva.org.uk](mailto:admin@ocva.org.uk) for details or telephone 01865 251946.

***Sarah Beer  
Communications and Promotions Officer  
(Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm)  
Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action  
(OCVA)***

## An account of those sentenced to be transported from Deddington to the Colonies

In June 2008 we started publishing accounts of those transported from Deddington to the Colonies in the 19th century. Six articles have now appeared (see June, July, November, December 2008, March 2010 and May 2011 issues of *DN* on [www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/backissues/backnumbers](http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/backissues/backnumbers)). This is the seventh extract. There is one additional article which we hope to carry in July. The full works can also be seen on DoL at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/Transportees.pdf>.

**1861. 3rd December. Reuben WHEELER** (26) alias Scrivener, alias Stevens! was a Private in the Royal Artillery. He was committed by the Rev Cotton Risley on 24th August 1861 and was subsequently charged with breaking and entering the house of his grandfather, William Wheeler, in Deddington and stealing 19 sovereigns, two half sovereigns and some other articles. He was sent to Western Australia where he was freed in 1871.

**1863. 28th November. George NICHOLSON** (21) The committing magistrate is not named but as the committal was in Deddington on 3rd Octo-

ber then it was probably done by the Rev Cotton Risley. Nicholson was charged with setting fire to a stack of barley, the property of William Clothier at Steeple Aston, and received a sentence of seven years' transportation. He was also sent to Western Australia. He drowned in 1867 by being washed overboard. He had relations in Sligo so he probably was not from a Deddington family.

Reuben Wheeler was the last recorded person from a Deddington family to be transported and so with him closed an interesting and hitherto largely unresearched chapter in our parish history. There are of course, living descendants in both the former colonies and this country who, if they come across these extracts in either the *Deddington News* or Deddington OnLine may wish to know more. If they would like to contact me at [robert.s.forsyth@googlemail.com](mailto:robert.s.forsyth@googlemail.com) I will be more than happy to help point them towards further sources of information.

**Rob Forsyth**  
338384



### FARMERS' MARKET

The June Farmers' Market will be on 25 June. The height of summer, barbecues and strawberries, written on an overcast May evening, sounds pretty good to me. Don't forget to bring your Deddington Farmers' Market cool bag to keep everything cool – you do have a Deddington bag, don't you?

A recent visitor to our market was present to witness the spectacle that is 'market erection'. He was amazed at the speed and precision of the undertaking. The erection team do a brilliant job, and we are always on the lookout for new joiners. In the same way, there is a host of jobs that get done behind the scenes which are essential in keeping the market up and running from month to month.

The Market is managed by a dedicated team of volunteers. There are occasions when the income is greater than the expenditure. In the past the market group has been able to make donations to local groups and charities. And in terms of contribution to the village, it is much more than just the stalls on every fourth Saturday.

Like any management team, continuation is better as a planned exercise rather than a panic move. Do you know someone with good organisation, PR, management, accounting, or negotiation skills? This may sound like a job advertisement and in a way it is; we will need all these skills to continue the market. Applications from keen volunteers welcomed!

**Paul Drawmer**  
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Jon Malings (of Deddington ancestry) who lives in Ireland and is now a sub-editor, has just completed uploading some 50 Excel spreadsheets of census data for the parish, both as recorded at the time and as analysed in various ways by Gareth Richards (resident of this parish). Gareth's research is a real *tour de force* and those of us who do CMSing know that it was no mean feat by Jon. It can be found at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/people/atoz/censuspreadsheets>.

This is one of the most useful research projects that we have done on DoL and I think deserves wide dissemination to make people aware of its existence. It has to be the starting point for anyone researching people in Deddington between 1841 and 1911.

**Rob Forsyth**  
338384

*We hope to carry a story in a future issue about Dave Gibbs' family who originally left England for USA around 1870 – Ed.*



## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Our first game of the season against Banbury Borough resulted in a defeat for Deddington. Banbury Borough must have thought we had reverted to tactical play as the automatic water sprinklers came on by mistake and gave a few of the players an unexpected shower. Better luck next time Deddington! Our next two home games are on 7 and 9 June, both at 6.15 pm.

We are holding an open afternoon Sunday 5 June commencing at 2.00pm where all will be welcome. Come and have a go, or just a cup of tea and a chat. Please come in flat footwear if possible. We look forward to seeing some potential new bowlers on 5 June.

**Ted Davies 338710**

**Yvonne Twomey 337213**

### 1st Deddington Guides

Our entertainment of campfire songs was very much enjoyed by our enthusiastic audience! With the help of our raffle and donations we raised almost £100 – this will be shared between three charities: RSPCA, Sense (a charity that supports blind/deaf children) and a local charity that supports young people. Thank you.

Congratulations to Tilly and Lucy who carried the colours for us at the St George's Day parade in Banbury. We joined nearly a thousand others in the parade and were very proud of them both.

We had fun exploring the village market place on a cold evening in April. After the quiz we welcomed Olivia R and Alice C into the unit in a promise ceremony.

We very much enjoyed the Mothering Sunday service led by the Boys Brigade – we were pleased to help out with the posies and some Guides visited Featherton House afterwards.

We began this term as we mean to continue, with being outside as much as possible. We had a great time cooking sausages and beans – ah, the smell of the wood smoke – that's what it's all about! A belated Easter egg hunt rounded off the evening

**Maggie Rampley 01295 810069**

**Marian Trinder 01869 340806**

### Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

We are holding a family day on Sunday 12 June. There will be a free buffet and entertainment for the children. This will be held in the Royal British Legion premises from 1.00pm.

The proposed visit to the National Army Museum in London will take place on Wednesday 14 September. It would be helpful if anyone wishing to go on the visit would contact our Secretary Jean Morris (338143) or our President David Hood (338200) within the next six weeks so that we will have some idea of numbers.

**Jean Morris Hon Secretary  
338143**

**[DeddingtonRBL@aol.com](mailto:DeddingtonRBL@aol.com)**

### Photographic Society

There were two recent events by the Society. The first was a workshop by member John Prentice on 'Getting the Most Out of your Camera', which was intended as an introduction/refresher on camera craft and photographic skills. Using an ordinary automatic compact digital camera, John reviewed the composition and framing of photographs explaining how the use of the 'thirds rule', and a 'receding subject' to add depth, will enhance the interest and creativity of photographs. He then explained depth of field and the situations when zoom lenses can be used. An interactive workshop, involving audience participation throughout, was appreciated for its simplicity of approach.

The second event was a presentation by Chris Palmer ARPS APAGB entitled 'How great photographers use their skills'. An assessor for the Royal Photographic Society, Chris is primarily a landscape photographer who seeks to include the human form in his images wherever possible. After discussing his approach, Chris then showed a selection of his own photographs that encompassed trees and some dramatic skies, together with patterns caused by roofs, lichen and seaweed on the shore. A most interesting presentation by a very talented photographer given in a relaxed and informative style that was much appreciated by his audience.

Looking ahead to future activities of the Society, on 1 June there is a presentation by Peter Lovelock on 'Colour Management' followed by a workshop on 15 June, the subject of which is to be advised. On 3 July there is a photoshoot (for members only) at Broughton Grange Farm, which is followed on 6 July by a presentation from Karl Harrison entitled 'Panoramic Stitching of Photographs'. Everyone is welcome to the meetings, just come along at 7.30pm to the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho.

**John Branton 01295 811071**

**[www.adandd.co.uk](http://www.adandd.co.uk)**

### Deddington Royal British Legion Club

We have continued with a full programme of entertainment throughout April and May and are pleased with the continued support of our membership, which now stands at 40. Our entry to the local summer Pool League has been very successful in that we have won the first two matches of the season. Anyone wishing to be involved in this, please leave a message at the bar for Georgie Scott.

Our opening hours are Friday 7.00pm to 1.30am, Saturday 11.00am to 1.30am and Sunday 11.00am to 4.00pm. Don't miss the weekly meat draw on Sunday lunchtime at 1.30pm.

Our bar prices have remained at pre-budget level so you can enjoy a social drink (or two) without it breaking the bank.

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## CALLING MORE CLUBS

*Contd from p13*

On Saturday 4 June there are skittles at 9.00pm and on Saturday 18 June there is live music with 'Four Eyes' at 9.00pm.

May we again remind villagers that membership is open to all over the age of 18 at £16.00 per annum. There is no requirement for any services connection. Membership includes becoming a member of the worldwide Royal British Legion; also entry, subject to conditions, to any other Royal British Legion Club worldwide. For any further information contact me as below.

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### Deddington Art Group

On 6 May the Art Group moved from the Town Hall after receiving a letter from the Deddington Charity Estates saying the premises were no longer available. We now meet at the Holly Tree on Thursdays from 10.00am to 4.00pm. There will be an exhibition on the last Sunday of the Deddington Festival – 10 July 2011.

**Ken D Wilkinson**  
 337256

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### 1st team results

16/04/11	Thame Town (John Fathers Junior Shield final)	L 0-4
21/04/11	Bishops Itchington (a)	L 0-4
25/04/11	Highfield Old Boys (Lord Jersey Cup final)	L 1-2 Lynes
28/04/11	Highfield Old Boys (h)	Forfeit
30/04/11	Cropredy (h) Kaye, Thornton J	W 2-0
03/05/11	Sinclair United (a)	L 0-5
05/05/11	Bodicote Sports (a)	Away walkover
07/05/11	Highfield Old Boys (h) Large, Thornton J	L 2-3

#### Reserve team results:

16/04/11	Paragon United (h) Lynes (2)	L 2-4
21/04/11	Pepperpot United (h)	Forfeit

Being slain at the feet of glory is perhaps the cruellest of failures, and yet Deddington First Team suffered this ignominy twice in the space of just nine days; losing comprehensively to Thame Town in the Junior Shield final, before an agonising reversal against Highfield Old Boys in the Lord Jersey final. The first defeat appeared down to a clear gulf in class; not helped by Deddington losing their two most influential players Simon Hall and Luc Thornton to injury, and their absence was felt doubly in the Lord Jersey final, where inspiration was sorely needed. Still, a loyal away following were justifiably proud of the players' efforts this season. Much like the real Premier League, the season has

stretched into May, though this has more to do with the continued incompetence of fixture schedulers than a World Cup. Many farcical midweek kick-off times led to Deddington forfeiting and losing heavily, particularly to scourges Highfield, through a lack of players, and a potential title became fifth place.

The Reserves lost their last ten matches and survived by the skin of their teeth. One bright spot as the season concluded was the emergence of youngster Craig Lynes, who scored twice in their final match, before coming on late in the Lord Jersey final and scoring. If you'd like to hear my attempts at live commentary for the two finals, check out the Deddington OnAir 'listen again' archive tab, <http://www.deddingtononair.org>.

**Aaron Bliss 07909 642882**

### Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The DOGS kicked off the 2011 golfing season on Friday 13 May at Studley Wood Golf Club. What a fine start it was! The course was in fantastic condition as 28 DOGS marched around the 5,700 yards of lush greenery. The overall winner on the day was Ron Colley. Congratulations Ron! Full details can be seen at Deddington OnLine (Forum), <http://www.deddington.org.uk/forum>.

Our next event is the always-popular Burford Golf Club on Monday 13 June 2011. A big turnout is anticipated.

**David Darst 338589**

### WI

There was a short business meeting on 9 May in which President Beryl Suckling thanked members for their help and support in setting up the recent group meeting on 19 April. At the latter 60 members from adjoining institutes were entertained by the Royal Scottish Country Dancers from Oxford, and many said later that they had enjoyed the dancing and evening generally. We then voted on two resolutions: the first concerning mega-farming and the second on proposed closure of rural libraries, which will be put to the AGM in June.

Our speaker at our May meeting was PC Richard Miller who explained how the modern police force had changed over the past decade. They now base most of their work in partnership with local communities and he laid emphasis on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Speeding and antisocial behaviour are the crimes causing most anxiety in villages. PC Miller continued to offer advice and information which members appreciated. After several questions Maureen Cox thanked PC Miller.

On 14 June our speaker is Carole Richardson who will speak on 'Troikas, Tea Parties and Tall Tales'. On 13 July there is trip to Portsmouth and Southsea. Guests are welcome to join us – cost £16. Contact Yvonne Twomey, 337213 or Beryl Suckling, 337385.

**Rene Mahony 338438**

## ...AND EVEN MORE CLUBS

### Deddington Toddler and Baby Group

We celebrated the Royal Wedding day with our very own prince and princess party! It was a great success – thank you to those who helped organise it. The hall was decked with Union Jack bunting and the table was laid with a right royal feast! Our princes looked very handsome and our princesses very pretty in their beautiful dresses. Mums huddled around the radio to hear the vows and cheered when the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were pronounced husband and wife.

It was lovely to see so many dads join us for the party – we hope that you will come again. We would also like to say a big thank you to Reverend Dr Hugh White and his colleagues from the church of St Peter and St Paul who came along to help us with the food and refreshments at the party and who regularly join us on Friday mornings to help make the teas, coffees, squash and snacks.

We are organising a raffle to raise some funds for the group. Tickets will be £1 a strip. All donations for prizes will be gratefully received!

If you are a mum, dad, carer or grandparent living in Deddington or the surrounding villages and look after a child aged 0–5 years then we would love you to come and join us. We meet every Friday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am at the Windmill Centre, Deddington. If you would like to know more about the group or would like to join us but are nervous about turning up without knowing anyone, then please give us a call on the number below. We look forward to meeting you.

**Rebecca Moss**  
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### Deddington and District History Society

We ended our season of talks with an extraordinary evening, thanks to Juris Trede who not only gave us a thoroughly informative talk on the history and organisation of the Roman army but did so while wearing as authentic a uniform as it is possible to create given the present state of documentary and archaeological knowledge. He also brought along a large and impressive collection of weapons, tools and artefacts for us to examine.

The Society's Chairman contributed to the BBC Radio 4 programme 'Making History', about Thomas Appletree of Castle House in Deddington. He (Appletree, that is, not the Chairman) was a prominent Parliamentarian during the Civil War, though he was accused of being a 'delinquent', ie secret Royalist. The producer failed to notify of us of the day when the programme was broadcast (10 May), so unfortunately we were unable to let our members know in advance.

We visit the Court Barn Museum of Craft and Design in Chipping Campden on Saturday 11 June, followed by a guided walk around the town. On Sunday 10 July our members are invited to picnic in Colin

Cohen's wonderful garden in Barford St Michael: if you would like to attend, please contact Moira Byast first.

Our new season of talks will commence on Wednesday 14 September with a talk by Jim McDermott on the archive of the Cartwright family of Aynho. The archive, held in the County Record Office at Northampton, contains a large amount of material relating to the Deddington area.

A very warm thank you to our contributors and to all our members for their support during the year. Next season's speakers are already booked, and we can promise another varied and interesting programme.

**Chris Day (Chairman) 337204**  
**Moira Byast (Secretary) 338637**

### Deddington Vets Football – DUST

Given the vagaries of our fixture list and the Deddington News publishing deadlines there are no match reports this month.

However, our final game of the season will have taken place by the time you read this and hopefully there will be another fine victory on which to report in the July edition.

**Barry O'Connell 338988**

### Deddington Cricket Club

The season is up and running with the second XI gaining the club's first Saturday victory of 2011 by beating Kidlington. I will have been sacked as skipper if the firsts have not won a game by the time this goes to press, but three straight defeats suggest that we are in for a tough season.

The Under 11s and Under 13s are playing matches on Sundays and Wednesdays. Fridays at the Windmill are a sea of white with up to 60 juniors aged between 5 and 11, and the 21 members of the Under 13 squad train on Tuesdays. If you are looking for a little peace and quiet at the Windmill then I would suggest a Monday or Thursday!

The Cricket Club in partnership with the Football Club have reseeded, sprayed and harrowed the whole of the Windmill playing areas, cheerio dandelions and daisies, and with a little rain should soon be looking better for it.

The Cricket Club Charity Ball will be just a few days away when you read this, 18 June, and we are looking forward to another entertaining evening in a grand marquee at the Windmill Centre whilst raising funds for the Club and our chosen charity 'ROSY'. We can be very proud as a club that we raised over £6,000 last year and donated 50% to the charity which does such good work in Oxfordshire to support families with critically ill children, and it would be good to emulate that again this year.

There may well be some tickets available if you are keen to join us and share a memorable evening.

**James Ransom 337431**  
<http://www.deddingtoncc.co.uk>

# Deddington's Big Country Fair

## Gala day with many unusual attractions

From a local newspaper, probably the *Oxford Times*, early August 1938:

**D**eddington was *en fete* on Saturday [30 July], when a notable country fair, presenting many unusual attractions, was held in fine weather in the beautiful grounds of Deddington Manor, lent by Major R G Roberts. The fete was in aid of funds for the Deddington Coronation Hall, to be built on the site of two existing cottages in Deddington Market Place. The hall is to serve as a parish hall for dances, theatrical entertainments, meetings and lectures and a model and plans were on view in the grounds.

A comprehensive committee, with the Rev Maurice Frost as chairman, and Mr G Deeley and Mr G M Hodges as hon secretary and hon treasurer respectively, produced much entertainment differing from the stereotyped, and a large attendance appreciated their efforts.

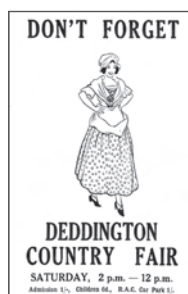
### Costumes

The stallholders, waitresses and many of the helpers at the side-shows wore old English dress, and the women were especially attractive in high-waisted print and muslin dresses with straw bonnets, or lace and dainty caps. Some of the men wore smocks, and there were a number in Georgian and early Victorian dress. One of the features of the afternoon was a procession of characters representing 'London cries' and there was also a fancy dress parade of more up to date character. Each of the processions was led by the pipers of the Scots Guards, who also gave their own marches, a sword dance and a pipers' dance, under Pipe-Major Macdonald.

### Morris Dancing

The old English character of the fair was enhanced by Morris danc-

ers – all Deddington men, who performed their intricate measures under their captain, Mr G Deeley, to the accompaniment of a concertina. Another performance in keeping with the character of the fair was a picturesque Maypole dance by the Farnborough dancers. In the



evening the avenue and a huge Chinese tree were illuminated, and the proceedings closed with a fireworks display, and dancing in an illuminated marquee.

### 'Tombola'

There was a very large entry for the 'tombola' for which there were over 200 prizes. The first prize was a portrait in oils by the famous Dutch artist, Mr Van Oss, who has made his home in Deddington in recent years. The portrait was won by Mrs F Reed, of Deddington, the second prize went to a Fulham entry, and the third was won by Mr T Jones, of New-street, Deddington. The proceedings started with the firing of maroons and the hoisting of Deddington's new flag by the chairman of the fair committee.

Stalls and stall holders were: Deddington dainties, Mr S Berry; golliwog [*sic*], Mrs Albert Wheeler, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Hawtin; produce, the Misses Turner, Miss Franklin, Miss Paintin;

mystery, Mrs Douglas Hopcraft, Mrs W J French, Miss M French, Mrs Walton; sweets, Mrs Boone, Miss Smith, Miss Lord; pottery, Miss Wright, Mrs Van Oss, Mrs Start; toys and doll's house, Miss Helen Loveday, Mrs Garrett; tea buffet, Mrs Fowler, Miss Hiron; teas, Mrs R G Roberts, Miss Smith, and nearly 50 helpers.

Characters in the London Cries parade were: Mrs Douglas Hopcraft (Peas), Mrs M French (Oranges and Lemons), Mrs Goundrey (Primroses), Miss Turner (Matches), Mrs Van Oss (Milk-seller), Miss Chloe Otto (Carrots and turnips), Mrs Malcolmson (Lavender), Miss Helen Loveday (Strawberries), Miss Haslam (Toys), Miss Paintin (Flowers), Mrs and Master Walker (Gingerbread), Mrs and Miss Evelyn Impey (Songs), Mrs Jennings and sons (Fresh Mackerel), Mrs Goodhart and Master Goodhart (Cherries).'

Our thanks to the late Mrs Alice Sykes and Mr Kerridge for the loan of the newspaper cutting and publicity material.

Amazingly, Deddington was able to stage an event of this size, involving so many village people, at a time when the rumblings of the Second World War must already have been audible.

The *DN* of July 1978 added a postscript: 'What became of the hard-earned Coronation Hall Fund? The Hall model and plans which the visitors no doubt inspected enthusiastically, were never to achieve reality. The site had been donated by Dr G H James, but he died before the formalities could be completed, and it was sold eventually by his son. The ideal site had been lost, and 40 years later, Deddington is still trying to decide if it wants a village hall, and where it should be. The funds are still there, administered by the Parish Council and accruing interest and waiting for the big decision.'

Since 1986 we have the Windmill Community Centre, not on that site, but a well used and much appreciated facility, the envy of many surrounding villages. **MR**



## OXFORDSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

### ORCC Trading Ltd – Bulk oil buying scheme Rural homes slash annual oil bills

Members of the bulk oil buying scheme continue to make healthy savings on their oil purchases. Our order in April had a price of 57.75 pence per litre compared with the market average of 61.5 pence per litre (plus 5% VAT).

The scheme featured in a recent edition of the *Oxford Mail* in which one of the local co-ordinators living near Wallingford, Lionel Cooper aged 82 said 'We've saved people up to 10p a litre, and with the cold winters we've had we've needed all the help we can get. Finding £500 every six months or so to buy oil is hitting people really hard and you have to pay interest if you want to pay for your fuel in instalments.'

If you would like to join the scheme and make savings, please use the following link [Bulk Oil Buying Scheme](#) or contact Christine Bartle on [oil@oxonrcc.org.uk](mailto:oil@oxonrcc.org.uk)

### Concessionary fares

From 1 April 2011, County Councils have been given responsibility for free (concessionary) bus passes for elderly and disabled people instead of District and City Councils. The most important points are:

Passes will be accepted for free travel from 9.00am on weekdays, (all day at weekends) when boarding a bus anywhere in Oxfordshire. The 'national standard' is a 9.30 start, so when getting on a bus outside Oxfordshire it is safest to assume that free travel does not start until 9.30am.

Passes will be accepted for free travel on dial-a-ride services everywhere in Oxfordshire.

The County will not issue travel tokens as an alternative to bus passes – tokens were discretionary and not all Districts Councils offered them previously.

Although newly issued passes have a County Council logo on them, older passes with District Council logos will still be valid until the expiry date on the pass.

Until March 2012, District Councils will still be issuing passes on the County Council's behalf; until then people should contact the District Council as before.

### WEEKLY DIARY

Mon: Brownies, Windmill Centre, 6.00–7.30pm  
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 Mon: Bellringing Practice, Parish Church, 7.30pm  
 Tues: Craft Group, Holly Tree, 2.00–4.30pm  
 Tues: Tennis Club, Windmill Centre, 10.00am  
 Tues: Deddington Guides, Windmill Centre, 7–9pm  
 Tues: Badminton Club, Windmill Centre, 7–10pm  
 Tues: Deddington Youth Group, Parish Church, 7–8.30pm  
 Alt Tues: Hempton Ladies, St John's Hall, 2.00–4.00pm  
 Wed term time: Caterpillar Music for babies and toddlers, Windmill Centre, 10.00am  
 Every other Wednesday: Friendship Club, Windmill

### The Switchover to Digital Television is coming A message for all viewers

This September the analogue television signal will be switched off forever and replaced with a digital signal. Your TV equipment will need to be digital-compatible, otherwise you will not be able to watch TV.

ORCC is working with Digital UK, a not-for-profit organisation formed by broadcasters, to assist Oxfordshire consumers in the conversion to digital TV. There are two Switchover dates for Oxfordshire: 14 September (BBC2) and 28 September (all remaining analogue channels: ITV, BBC1, Channel 4, Channel 5).

If you already have Freeview, Freesat, cable TV, or satellite TV you don't need to worry, you're already digital-compatible. If not, you'll have to convert, which can be as easy as connecting a digital box to your existing TV. Equipment suitable for Switchover will be marked with the digital tick logo.



The role of ORCC is to get the Switchover message to everyone in Oxfordshire, with a particular focus on the elderly, people with disabilities and those with English as a second language.

In addition, ORCC is spreading the message about the Switchover Helpscheme. This will assist people to convert their TV to digital if they are aged 75 or over; get or could get Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Constant Attendance Allowance or mobility supplement, have lived in a care home for six months or more; or are registered blind or partially sighted.

Visit the Digital UK website for more information: <http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/>. If you are not connected to the Internet you can telephone 08456 505050 for information about the Switchover or Freephone 0800 408 5900 for information about the Switchover Helpscheme. You can also contact Jayne Bullock at ORCC on 01865 883488.

Centre, 2.30 pm

Wed: Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys, Windmill Centre, 5.00pm

Wed: Boys' Brigade Juniors, Windmill Centre, 5.45pm

Wed: Boys' Brigade Company, Parish Church, 7.00pm

Thu: Life and Portrait Art Group, Holly Tree, 10–1.30 & 2.30–4pm

Thu: 1st Deddington Cubs, Windmill Centre, 6–7.30pm

Thu: 1st Deddington Scouts, Windmill Centre, 7.30–9pm

Fri: Babies and Toddlers' Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30–11.00am

Fri: Katharine House Coffee Morning, Parish Church, 10.00am–noon

Fri: Deddington Friendly Bridge Club, Holly Tree, 2–5pm

Fri: Deddington Church Choir Practice, 7.45pm

## Annual Parish Meeting – 4 May 2011

*This is a shortened version of Jim Flux's report; the full report has been posted on the DN website, <http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk>.*

Jim Flux reported on the Council's activities over the last year, and this was followed by a short talk about Affordable Housing from Anna Kennedy, Rural Housing Enabler at ORCC; the meeting concluded with an open discussion and questions raised by members of the public.

There have been several resignations from the PC and new members have been co-opted as no by-election was requested. Jim thanked those who resigned for their contributions.

During the last year there have been some quite lively debates during the open forum on the subject of a proposed development in Clifton.

The Satin Lane Allotment Association has done an excellent job over the year, as have allotment holders in Hempton. There are currently five people on a waiting list in the Parish.

Registration of the Castle Grounds with the Land Registry has been completed. Clarification is awaited on the ownership of the entrance road as the Church Commissioner said they no longer consider it their property.

Once minutes of meetings are approved they are posted on the DoL website and on the noticeboards in the three villages. *DN* (Charles Barker) was thanked for reporting the meetings every month.

Working groups handle most of the work of the Council: these are Planning, Environmental & Recreation, Finance & General Purpose, and Highways. They review the items in their areas and bring a report and proposals for debate to Council for approval as appropriate. A group has also been formed to review emergency planning, such as for the snow problem last winter.

There have been several planning applications that have caused concern. Not all of these were satisfactorily resolved, especially Ash

Cottage in Clifton.

Speeding continues to cause concern and the PC has been working with the Neighbourhood Action Group and several people are monitoring the situation.

At the end of April 2011 the Council had funds of £556K, the same as last year. There are strict rules on how these funds can be spent. Interest can be used for revenue items, but capital can only be used for capital projects. The council reconfirmed its policy of maintaining a level of reserves of at least £450K.

In March a capital expenditure of £30K was approved to install photo voltaic cells on the roof of the Windmill Centre. This will give an income of around £3,000pa via the government Feed-in Tariff.

The cost of grass-cutting, which is the PC's main expenditure, is being kept at a low level, and more is being done in-house.

It was agreed that clubs should be responsible for the cost of insuring their respective pavilions.

The PC no longer has a lease on the Town Hall and meetings are held around the parish at the Windmill, Hempton Church Hall and the Holly Tree Club. As yet a suitable venue in Clifton has not been found.

The location of the War Memorial is an ongoing debate with vocal support on both sides.

The threatened closure of the Library: the PC, working with FoDL and others, are continuing the campaign to protect its future. The consultation document from OCC is now expected in late May.

A ROSPA-approved inspector gave a clean report on the play equipment around the parish.

The dog bins are emptied regularly and are used by most dog walkers. Extra bins have been provided. Unfortunately, a few people do not clear up after their dogs and this is a special problem on the Windmill sports area.

Tenders for grass-cutting have been recently confirmed. PC will be

meeting to ensure that expectations on both sides are understood, especially for Castle Grounds.

The Friends of Castle Grounds are finalising their constitution. They have been very active especially with the work done using a grant from English Heritage.

It was confirmed once again that householders do not have parking rights on the road outside their homes.

Vandalism is a recurring problem around the Windmill. The Police include the area in their patrols, especially when there are events at the centre. The all-weather pitch continues to be specifically targeted. The possibility of replacing the fencing with strengthened steel is being considered.

The November Fair in the Market Place had a positive response last year and will be coming again on 17–19 November.

The wildflower area at the Hempton Road Cemetery has been planted with the help of a grant. Jean Rudge was thanked for her enthusiasm and hard work on this project. The OCV group was also involved and they were thanked for this and other work they have done at the far side of the Windmill and the copse.

The Clifton footpath has been widened and chippings have been put down.

Support of the Youth Club has continued over the year.

The wi-fi system available in the Windmill Centre is proving popular, and expansion of this technology is planned.

The location of the post box in the Market Place is still under review.

Deddington was declared a reserved location and so was allowed to keep its dispensary at the Health Centre. However, an application to open a pharmacy in the village has been submitted to the Health Authorities. A representative of the proposed pharmacy addressed the meeting and answered questions.