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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

I recently heard that Dr Sue Ruddock retired, I think in late April, from Deddington Health Centre. By my calculations she'd been one of our local doctors for well over 30 years. I'd like to thank her for her years of dedication to the community and wish her a long and happy retirement. To my recollections, I only saw her once or twice and my abiding memory is that she was possibly more interested in the Labrador puppy that I was socialising at the time than she was in me. I don't say that as a criticism but as a small insight into her leisure interests, the other being horses.

Sadly, I couldn't elicit a reply to my email, addressed as instructed for the attention of Melanie Watkins, practice manager, requesting a small piece for this month about Sue's work at the HC and sent almost two weeks' ago. In fact I haven't had the courtesy of an acknowledgement.

JC

What's on June

- Wed 5 Photographic Society: 'Camera Obscura', Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
- Thu 6 Royal British Legion: D-Day 80th Anniversary, Market Place, 6.30am
- Sat 8 Spring Artisan Fayre, Windmill Centre, 10.00am–1.00pm
- Sat 8– Art Exhibition: Recent and Retrospective Works by Marie L Smith, The Studio, Tay's Cottage, 10.00am–5.00pm
- Sun 9 Tennis Club: Open Day, Windmill Centre, 12.00–4.30pm
- Sun 9 Deddington Town FC Youth: Presentation Day, Windmill Centre
- Sun 9 Music in Adderbury: Adderbury Ensemble piano quintet with Vic McClean, Parish Church, 6.00pm
- Mon 10 Art Exhibition: Recent and Retrospective Works by Marie L Smith, The Studio, Tay's Cottage, 9.30am–3.30pm
- Wed 12 WI: Holly Tree Club, 2.30pm
- Sat 15 Deddington School Fête, School Playing Field, 12.00–3.00pm
- Sat 15 Chipping Norton Choral Society: 'Masters of Music', St Mary's church, Chipping Norton, 7.30pm
- Wed 19 Parish Council: Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
- Thu 20 History Society: 'Voyages to the House of Diversion; 17th Century Water Gardens and the Birth of Modern Science', Stephen Wass, Primary School, 7.30pm
- Sat 22 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
- Thu 27 DEN: Fenemore Farm Walk, Home Farm, Clifton, 6.30pm
- Sun 30 Music in Adderbury: Leonore Piano Trio, Parish Church, 6.00pm

July

- Wed 3 Photographic Society: 'Waterscapes', Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
- Sat 6 Cherwell Choral Society: Summer Moods in Shakespeare, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Wed 10 WI: Holly Tree Club, 2.30pm
- Fri 12 DEN: Swift Walk, Market Place, 7.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on 17 April at the Windmill Centre

Present: Cllrs Collins, Cox, Darwall-Smith, Fisher, Mylne, Norton, Oldfield (chair), O'Neill, Robinson, Swadling, Swan, Timms, District Councillor Williams, parish clerk, a member of the public and three members of TVP's rural policing unit.

Public Forum

Police said speed camera vans are deployed based on statistics, safe parking availability and consistent local pressure. Deddington should continue to collect data. Few of the vans are able to measure 20mph limits. Anti-social behaviour should continue to be reported although they may not be able to respond.

Finance and General Purposes

The PC has submitted applications to OCC for funding to resolve the flooding problem in Clifton and at the Deddington traffic light.

It was agreed to erect a memorial to Maj Gen Sir Percy Hobart along Hobart Way as proposed at the last meeting.

£2,785 was approved from existing S106 funds for re-siting play pieces in Wimborn Close and the adventure playground.

Planning

No objection

The Little House, Clifton Road, Deddington: revised configuration of the already approved palette of materials for the development.

The Little House, Clifton Road: relocation and amendments to external windows, removal of feature external spine wall.

Hazel Hedge Cottage, Tithe Lane, Clifton: two storey extension and home office above garage.

Town Hall, Market Place, Deddington: insertion of an antenna to the roof of the telephone kiosk.

Grove Barn, The Grove, Deddington: tree works.

23 St John's Way, Hempton: rear extension.

CDC Approvals

The Firs, St Thomas Street, Deddington: tree works.

Castle Grounds, Deddington: tree works.

7 Market Place, Deddington: internal stairlift.

Archway Cottage, New Street, Deddington: tree works.

Land north of Deddington Highway Depot, Deddington: salt barn and wash down facility and additional works.

Appeals Allowed

Land adjacent to Clifton Gate development, Clifton Road, Deddington: erection of single dwelling and all associated works.

Appeals Dismissed

Opposite The Swere, Deddington: erection of 5G telecom mobile mast.

Land adjacent to Clifton Gate development, Clifton Road, Deddington: erection of single dwelling and all associated works.

Highways and Transport

There will be a 24 hour road closure between Barford St Michael and St John from 8 July up to and including 13 September for work on the bridge.

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

Meeting on 15 May at the Windmill Centre

Present: Cllrs Collins, Cox, Fisher, Mylne, Oldfield (chair), O'Neill, Robinson, Snashall, Swan, Timms, Watts, District Councillor Rogers, County Councillor Fatemian, the parish clerk and one member of the public. Cllrs Oldfield and Robinson were re-elected chair and vice chair respectively.

County Council report

County Councillor Fatemian has offered to pay from his locality fund for an updated traffic survey at the Hempton pinchpoint. He noted that £1.3m has been allocated by the government for improving road safety between the two local USAF bases at Croughton and Barford.

Finance and General Purposes

It was agreed to allocate £175 call-out fee and up to £500 towards the repair of the church clock to expedite necessary work, although the PC has no responsibility for its maintenance.

The memorial stones at the Hempton Road cemetery will be tested in July.

Planning

No objections

The Deddington Arms: conversion of hotel bedrooms to four two-storey residential units.

3 Hempton Road, Deddington: single storey front porch extension and two storey rear extension.

Objections

Holly Tree, Earls Lane, Deddington: proposed development for a detached single storey pool house. Although an application was previously refused, this is a new application for 'permitted development'.

Approvals

Ithaca, Hopcraft Lane: single storey extension.

Leadenporch Farm, Chapman's Lane: conversion of agricultural building to residential.

Stable End, St Thomas Street: single storey extension.

2 County View, Clifton: first floor extension and single storey extension to rear.

Castle End House, Castle Street, Deddington: internal alterations.

Refusals

Land east of Oxford Road, Deddington: new access to land, single storey bungalow.

Correspondence

Advice from CDC that a tree preservation order (TPO) has been made on a group of poplars at The Little House, Clifton Road, Deddington.

Highways and Transport

A request has been made to OCC that the disabled bay on Hudson Street be retained for the use of blue badge holders visiting the pharmacy.

There is a group of volunteers in Deddington happy to undertake required training for speed watch duties but they are looking for a volunteer coordinator.

Environment and Recreation

Designated areas for No Mow May and June will be marked out in the next few days.

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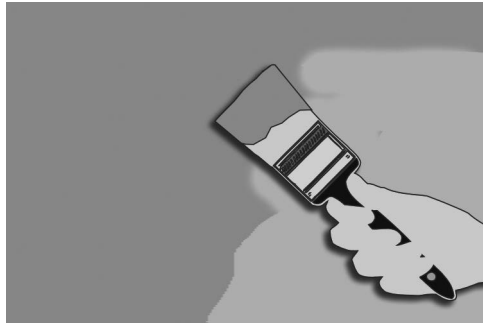
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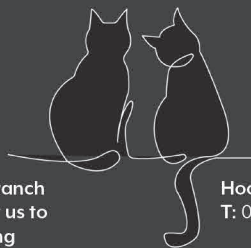
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From The Fire Station

Whenever I see our esteemed *DN* editors around the village, they compliment me on writing a piece despite the lack of activity and active shouts the station and fire service are experiencing now, and the fact that I can hopefully still make it interesting.

This month's call outs totalled a lacklustre three, two of which we did not manage to get to before being turned around, as not required.

Again, pondering what to enthuse the readers with, drill nights came to the rescue, as we were involved in a large exercise at Blenheim Palace. Six fire crews, the hydraulic platform, high volume pump, a whole team of officers, live casualties and Blenheim staff came together to re-enact multiple lightning strikes and resulting fires within the Palace. Deddington was tasked to be part of the pumping relay delivering water from one of the Palace's lakes, via two main pumps

and one light portable pump, to the great courtyard. The water supply, once secured, could then be divided to the respective areas and made available to the breathing apparatus teams involved in extinguishing the fire seats and extracting casualties safely. This exercise was all about enacting a pre-planned response to see how smoothly the response ran. Safe to say, water was secured more quickly than expected and the whole drill was a great success, although highlighting some communication tweaks.

Ben has passed his incident command training and can now take the fire appliance out as an Officer in charge, and Stan is well on his way to doing the same. Having two extra officers allows greater cover to be given and removes pressure from both Chris and Andy.

FF James Greenwood
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Friends of the Castle Grounds

The AGM took place on 8 March. Future plans were discussed, including ongoing sapling and bramble clearance, nettle treatment and bench repairs.

We also welcomed Sally and Charlotte to the committee. We are always looking for new volunteers and members. If you can spare some time please get in touch.

No Mow May and June will take place again this year, with a mowed path for easier walking.

The old damaged goal post is going to be replaced by the parish council.

Once again, if the waste bin at the SE corner is full, please use other bins or take the waste home with you. A larger bin is on order.

An additional three owl boxes have been obtained and will be put up in the near future. The wildflower plugs have now been planted. Some parts of the Grounds are still quite muddy and slippery, so take care while walking there.

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The Institution, Induction and Installation of the Revd Nick Fielden as Vicar of the Barfords, Clifton, Deddington, and Hempton

When a peal of bells rang out in Deddington on St George's Day, you might have been forgiven for thinking that it was to celebrate the country's patron saint. In fact, it was to celebrate a new chapter in the life of two neighbouring parishes as Nick Fielden took up his post, rung in by bell ringers who included his wife, Vicky. When we thought and prayed about the qualities we might look for in a vicar, I was most struck by one young chorister who said he hoped the new vicar would be joyful. Well, the service was certainly joyful. It was a complete joy for Deddington church to host and welcome Nick's family and friends, Deanery representatives and the wider community which was well represented. Yellow and blue flowers were a bright and cheerful backdrop to a packed church. Thank you to everyone who came, sang so heartily and stayed afterwards for refreshments. Thanks are also due to everyone who has given time in already busy lives to help the churches thrive during the vacancy and to make the licensing service so enjoyable. There are too many to name individually.

When you're a regular churchgoer, you become familiar with the language and rhythm of the weekly services. Since I arrived in the parish in 1995, this is only the third licensing service here and I found myself comparing it to other services I've experienced less frequently, such as a marriage. There are even some similarities with the coronation service. If you watched that on television last year, you'll recall the giving of symbols of kingship and rituals which demonstrated a change of state. So here, Nick was presented by a representative of the Patron¹ to the Bishop who instituted him – or authorised him – to 'receive this cure of souls, which is both yours and mine'. I was put in mind of the obligation of elected politicians to serve even those who didn't vote for them. In the same way, Nick now has the cure of all our souls – yours and mine.

Next, he swore an oath of allegiance to the King which was received on His Majesty's behalf by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, whose uniform sported as much gold frogging as any Privy Councillor. Nick affirmed that he would be bound to use the authorised forms of worship and be obedient to the Bishop of Oxford and the Bishop of Dorchester. These are the legalities but then, in one of the most touching moments, the Deddington and Barford churchwardens, with their staffs of office in front of them, led the Archdeacon

1 In our case, St George's Chapel, Windsor – hence the choir's right to wear red robes.

PFSU AND NURSERY

The school fete is on Saturday 15 June from 12.00–3.00pm. Come and find us on the primary school field for Hook a Duck and Splat the Rat games. We look forward to seeing you there.

Charlotte Witka

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and Nick to the south door of the church where his hand was placed on the door and he was given a set of keys. This was the act of induction into the rights and responsibilities of being vicar in these parishes.

Next, he was led, by the hand, and placed – or installed – in his chair. Yes, you might say this is all part of a pageant and question its relevance, but the actions symbolised what the words proclaimed: a commitment, the undertaking of responsibility for the building but, above all, for the people who live here. This combination of words and action continued with presentations to Nick of symbols, including of rites of baptism and holy communion, and a map symbolising the community. There followed words of welcome from the Area Dean² and the governors and head of the Primary School. At several points the order of service included the ministry team – our wonderful retired clergy who have gone above and beyond during the vacancy – and the whole community promising to support Nick and work with him, just as family and friends promise to support a newly married couple. As the Bishop said, we do not yet know Nick, nor he us, but his choice of hymns may give us a clue. We sang 'Grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love with all my soul'. In the middle of the service, the new vicar rings the church bell – the solitary bell you hear about five minutes before each service when the full peal has stopped. Apparently, tradition (dare I say, superstition) says that the number of rings shows the number of years the new vicar will stay. Gavin, the Bishop, reckoned he heard Nick ring the bell 15 or 16 times – I think we can trust his word on that. Welcome, Nick and Vicky!³

Sarah Banes

2 The Deanery is the administrative area to which the parishes belong. Several Deaneries make up the Diocese.

3 If you missed the service and want to watch it online, all services are streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DeddingtonChurch>.

Thanks for Raising the Roof!

The Buy a Rivet fund for the new Windmill roof is gradually accumulating, heading towards £1,000. Over and above the £83,000 we raised in grants for it, there'll be about £12,000 to pay from parish reserves – and from the rivet donations. So thank you very much to everyone who has contributed.

The roof should soon be complete but there's still time to buy a rivet and play your part. Either send a cheque payable to Deddington Parish Council and addressed to the Parish Office, Windmill Centre, or pay directly into the Deddington Parish Council bank account: sort code 20-03-84, a/c 70708526.

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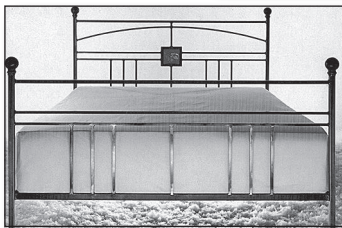
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Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

The (still new) vicar is Rev Nick Fielden whose contact details are to be found below. Please note that Mondays are Nick's usual day off. If you need to contact a member of the clergy urgently, contact one of the wardens.

Deddington church is open throughout the day for anyone wishing to visit, pray, meditate or simply be. Deddington church services are streamed live. Please see the church website or Facebook page for updates: www.deddingtonchurch.org and <https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonChurch>.

June

Mon and Fri:	8.45am	Morning Prayer
Wed:	10.00am	Holy Communion (healing prayer on 4th Wednesday)
Thu:	9.30am	Tea + Toast and Squiggles and Wiggles
Sun 2	10.30am	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	3 O'Clock Family Service
	6.00pm	Sung Evensong
Sun 9	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 16	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 23	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 30	10.30am	Holy Communion

Hempton

Sun 16 9.00am Holy Communion

Barfords

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

From the Parish Registers

Funerals:

19 April	Martin Ince
21 May	Les Chappell

For baptisms and weddings, funerals and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar, Nick Fielden on 01869 934794 or at vicar@deddingtonchurch.org or one of the church wardens; Deddington: Stan Nelson (01869 337883) or wardens@deddingtonchurch.org. Barfords: Sue Addison (07484 718791) or Sally Barber (07776 241218) or barfordchurches234@gmail.com.

RC Parish of Hethe

St John's Church in Banbury will be streaming Mass daily at 9.30am, Mondays to Fridays; at 10.00am on Saturdays; and 11.15am on Sundays on <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-john-the-evangelist-banbury>. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be streamed for 30 minutes at the end of each weekday Mass. Tel: 01295 720860 or 07766 711984.

Church Bell Tower Open Morning

The Church Bell Tower will be open to visitors on Saturday 22 June, farmers' market day, from 10.00am–12.00pm when visitors will be allowed to see the bells, see them being rung and, we hope, current insurance constraints permitting, see the amazing view of the village and the surrounding countryside from the tower roof.

Please bear in mind there are more than 100 steps up a narrow spiral staircase to the top so sensible footwear must be worn and, due to insurance constraints, children under the age of 8 years are not permitted.

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

Colin Cox
Deddington Church Bell Ringers
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Ukraine – Latest News

Last week the 24th convoy of nine brave volunteers, men and women, returned from another successful mission to Ukraine to deliver four top-notch 4x4 pick-up trucks to help in the war against Russia. To date, 112 vehicles have been bought, refurbished and delivered successfully directly to the war zone and especially the front line to help transport casualties and medical supplies to hospitals.

None of this would have been possible without the support of generous people and businesses, small through to multinational, through generous donations of money and fundraising events. However, the efforts of drivingukraine.org will still continue whilst there is the ongoing need to support the people of Ukraine. This means convoy 25 is almost ready to go.

So, a plea for help – go to drivingukraine.org and fill in the online form to volunteer. You can volunteer to drive in one of the forthcoming convoys (they leave monthly), fundraise by running an event, pick up vehicles around the country to be refurbished, or just make a donation however small online. Do it please – you know it makes sense.

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FARMERS' MARKET The Protein Biltong Company

One of our most recent stalls is the Protein Biltong Company from Hook Norton.

Biltong was born of the need to preserve meat in South Africa and nearby countries before the invention of iceboxes or refrigerators. With game in abundance traditional preservation methods were used. The meat, which could be anything including beef and game, was prepared with vinegar and spices then hung to be air dried for a fortnight during the winter, when the colder temperatures further inhibited bacterial and fungal growth. Once dried, the biltong was ready for packing in cloth bags which allowed air circulation to help prevent mould.

Today biltong is widely found in butchers and supermarkets in South Africa and is eaten as a snack. It is usually sold in thin strips known as stokkies or in large ones.

Fast forward to Oxfordshire and Helen McCaffrey.

'In August 2023, after a year of making biltong for myself, I purchased a commercial dryer which holds roughly 20kg beef and in turn yields around 10kg of biltong. The beef, from Hook Norton Butchers, is topside chosen to keep the fat content as low as possible. It gets sliced, salted and bathed in apple cider vinegar and Worcestershire sauce, before being heavily spiced. It is then hung for four or five days. The real work begins when I cut it all for markets as it's incredibly time consuming.

'Since I started with a basic spice blend of coriander

and black pepper, I've added three further flavours including chipotle, fennel and now peri peri. Every now and then I have a customer who puts in a special order for Carolina Reaper chilli ... I do not enjoy making this one. The latest product is droewors which is dried sausage. The flavour is very different to original biltong. It's fragrant with nutmeg and clove and very moreish. I make all the blends myself. All the seeds are toasted before grinding to elicit a deeper flavour and blends are made fresh for every batch.

'I'm always thinking about new flavours and have a couple of ideas for a new flavour which we will be testing soon ... oddly enough I always have plenty of people offering to test them!

'So why on earth is an English woman in her early 40s, who's never even been to South Africa, making biltong? Fair question.

'In August 2022 I was overweight and unhappy with myself. I finally decided to try to lose weight and felt a calorie deficit was the way forward. During the early stages of this journey, I realised how important it was to keep protein high and started sourcing high protein low calorie foods, biltong being one of them. Shop bought biltong can be pretty nasty, so, as a chef, I decided to have a crack myself. Twenty months on from this, I'm six stone lighter and make around 20-40kgs of biltong a month. Most of this makes its way to markets but my partner and I are big fans ourselves.'

Tei Willox



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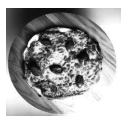
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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

I pass by the Hempton allotments quite often; this year the sight of spring horticultural activity inspired me to try my hand at cultivating a few vegetables myself. For some years we have enjoyed the bounty given by our apple tree and gooseberry bushes. Lord Lambourne's bounty though has been a bit erratic in recent years, intermittently being over generous with heavily laden branches sagging nearly to the ground or bursting with spring blossoms and then producing only half a dozen fruits. I confess to having neglected to prune and maintain the tree since buying it as a sapling. This year however, it was given a pretty hard pruning and so far does not appear to have taken offence and is blossoming both florally and figuratively. With luck this year's crop will be sufficient to offer neighbours and friends a share of its bounty again.

Our avian neighbours seem to think we grow gooseberries to furnish their dessert. The ripening crop would end not in gooseberry crumble but crumbling anticipation as the entire crop was carried off in a matter of a day or two. Wrestling with bird proof netting each year now results in human not avian consumption.

I selected a small area to designate as the Veg Patch and proceeded to grub up the bushes, plants and weeds. Given the record rainfall of the past 18 months and in recent months particularly, I succeeded in reducing the patch to a replica of the Somme. The wet sticky soil refused to give up all the weeds and remnants of roots and suckers which seemed determined to return the patch to an overgrown jungle. When the soil finally dried sufficient to make digging and weeding worthwhile, I dumped in some compost to improve the soil and stuck in some broccoli and beetroot seedlings. All went well until the broccoli stems started to become leafless. I had already engaged the advancing slug battalions by establishing perimeter defences of deadly pellets to which many had succumbed. I suspect it was flying rats, aka pigeons, which delight in spending all day feeding, defecating, cooing and copulating in my garden. I thought of mining the periphery of the patch and installing anti-aircraft guns but, since I don't have the required licence to kill, I'll invest in a cloche or cage in future. So far beetroots do not seem to be on the menu and they are doing nicely, as are my carrots

installed in a converted washing up bowl to keep them off the ground and out of reach of the dreaded low flying carrot fly.

Alas, my fingers are not green but a shade of burnt orange, stained even through my gloves by our iron rich soil.

I recently helped a good friend to complete the assembly of a new shed on his allotment in Helmdon. I noticed how well tended and manicured Hempton allotments were in contrast to those in Helmdon, parts of which appeared to be abandoned and overgrown, with various sheds in advanced stages of dilapidation.

The annual crop of brambles, weeds and wildflowers is rapidly thrusting skyward along the verges of all routes around Hempton. I'll be honing the blade of my machete soon to assist in trekking to our parish capital without destroying the planet by car. Hopefully, this year I'll avoid getting entangled in brambles which seem intent on snaring passers-by, lacerating any exposed flesh and snagging clothing. Last year's jacket was past its best but my new one is not ready to be retired.

I have to assume, on observation, that to qualify to become a van delivery driver you must be endowed with 20-20 foresight, able to see around corners, or have no effective regard for your own or the welfare of others and their property. These traits are frequently exhibited on the blind corners of St John's Way, where parked vehicles reduce the road to single track. I was recently a spectator at an incident that suggests prescience is not a universal quality as demonstrated by the arrival of two delivery vans approaching the same blind corner in opposite directions and barely avoiding colliding head-on.

The driver's welfare is one thing but avoiding a collision entailed mounting the pavement. Luckily there were no pedestrians at that point. Without any engagement and seemingly unconcerned, they sped off at the some pace, which was not 20mph.

According to gofundme, funds raised for the Mount Pleasant project still stand at £25 or 0.005% of the target.

Stuart Oldham
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Bell Ringing

Are you looking for a hobby?

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Ringling is a tradition dating back 400 years when church bells began to be hung with a full wheel giving control of the bell. This allows them to be rung in a controlled pattern.

Deddington tower contains a set of eight bells, six of which were hung in 1791 and the remaining two in 1946.

Ringers come from all walks of life and ringing is well within the capabilities of most people. It is considered gentle exercise and being able to count is all the maths that is required - a knowledge of music is not needed. We ring most Sundays and practise on Monday evenings at 7.30pm.

Contact Colin Cox on 01869 337486 or Yvonne Twomey on 01869 337213.

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

CAST (Clifton Against Speeding) now has its 'Magnificent Seven' TVP trained speed watchers (or Black Shirts as one neighbour would call them) who are waiting for TVP's green light and equipment to use the four approved sites in Lower Larkrise. It is only data collected in this endeavour that authorities will recognise, so we wish the 'CASTers' well in their endeavours.

Book Club on tour has enjoyed many a night at the Red Lion and as they walk up they have the chance to give J**** of the new Clifton House all his Amazon parcels back that are understandably delivered to Lower Larkrise. We'd of course rather they'd change the name. The residents of Bramley House did, quite successfully.

The recent climate of local elections means we are all 'snowed' with various election leaflets, one of which caused quite a stir. Who knew Victoria Prentis had joined the Green party? I didn't, but could there be any other explanation for her green leaflet?

Collins was at the local government count to witness the Neighbour Plan referendum that he has showboated for 10 years while others did the work,

to see it approved by you to a count of 791 for and 58 against. A turnout of 47% set Deddington well above the average seen on the day but it begs the question what the 58 were voting for? Were they delivering a verdict on Cllr Collins' endeavours? Something some of us might understand. Or did they think they were voting against any new houses being built? If this plan had fallen, the developer the plan supports would still have submitted an application but with Bloor Homes for 120 houses north of School Ground. Our plan saw off another development for 60 houses north of Wimborn Close. Be careful what you vote for, folks.

As the season changes we may not see so much of our flood waters over the coming months but, rest assured, they're on OCC's list. We know this because they wrote to Deddington parish council, asking how much the work would cost, how long it would take and would we like to pay for any of it? Suitable guesses were provided by Cllr Collins (how much longer can he hang around doing this?) so we wait with interest.

Remember, any news to me.

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'Roxy' at the Holly Tree Hall

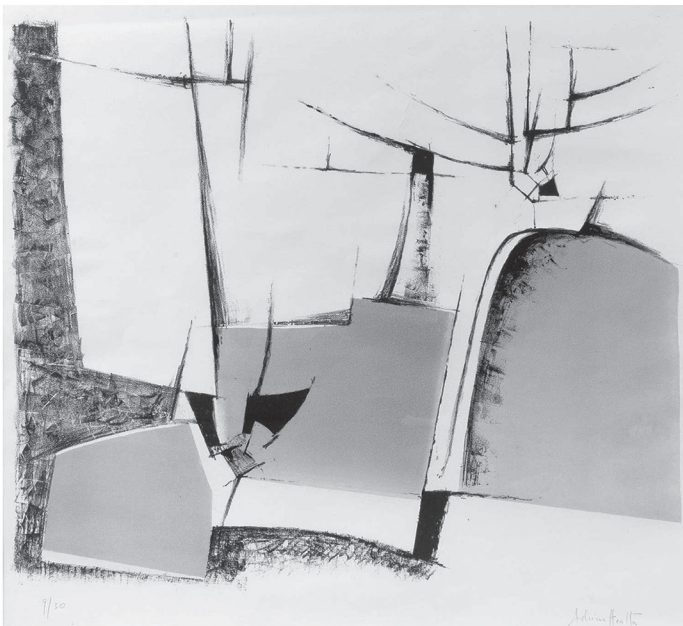
We're back! Our lovely community link worker, Troy, from Age UK, has been given permission to resume film screenings from the autumn.

Starting on 12 September and continuing on the second Thursday of the month until Easter, there will

be a film shown at 1.30pm in the Holly Tree Hall for anyone over the age of 50, with refreshments offered from 1.00pm, just £2. Further details on film choices will follow soon.

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FAREWELL TO BURGUNDY

Why get a new passport in April this year when the burgundy EU passport was not going to expire until mid-2025? Ah, the ten-year rule.

It was something I had been dozily oblivious to until the national news services reported at the end of March that some poor soul had gone through security and passport control only to be turned back at the departure gate because of the ten-year rule.

It turns out he was just one of many who have been caught out the same way. The report had me checking, not the expiry date on my passport but, most importantly, the date of issue. Then I had to make sure my passport was valid for three to six months within the ten years from the date of issue, depending on which country that I was off to.

The Passport Office used to let you carry forward up to nine months from an old passport to a new one. That stopped in 2018 because, post Brexit, EU countries do not accept passports issued more than ten years ago. Mine was issued in 2014 with the extra nine months carried forward. As far as the EU is concerned, it was due to expire this year. So it was to be farewell to burgundy as I set out to replace with a darker and gloomier post-Brexit counterpart, a task that proved much easier than expected.

The warning on the gov.uk passport renewal website was that it would take three weeks to renew my passport, but longer if there were problems or it was around holiday times. Instead, a small miracle ensued. The application went in on a Wednesday and the new passport was back by the following Thursday. And that small miracle included the Easter holiday, so just five working days.

I chose the online route as it was cheaper than filling in a paper form. I just managed to sneak the application in before the 11 April price increase to £88.50 online or £100 on paper — an £11.50 penalty

for those not having or not wishing to use a computer.

Applying for the passport online was a refreshingly easy internet experience. Patient Access could

pick up a few pointers from the pass-

port renewal website. It was

simple to use, with plenty of

guidance. There was even a

short, nifty video on how to

take your own passport photo,

saving the bother of a trip

into town to a photo booth or

shop. If applying on line, you

would have to make sure to get

a photo code to enter during

your online application.

The picture taken following

the video's guidelines and the

website advice enabled me to

submit something that looked like a

police mugshot. That said, the printing technique used

by the passport authorities reduced the image to that

of an emaciated ghoul, so I am grateful that, with luck,

only e-gates (should they be working) will ever see it.

The photo was given a preliminary OK when submitted to the website and the application completed and submitted on the Wednesday. On the same day the old passport went off to the address given on the website. It went signed and tracked at extra cost on the advice of the postmaster. 'Anything to a government department is best sent that way. They can't deny you sent it then,' he said.

By Thursday I had digital confirmation that both the application and the old passport were received and accepted. By the Tuesday after the Bank Holiday Monday, I was informed my passport was fully approved and sent for printing. On Wednesday I was told it would be delivered the next day by secure post, for which I had paid extra. It duly arrived.

So, if like me, your passport was issued before 2018 and you were not aware of the ten-year rule, now might be a great time to check the date of issue — and bon voyage.

John Price



Deddington Primary School

We have had an eventful time since our last news.

Many Year 5 children took part in 'Bike-ability' training over four days, from Monday to Thursday, in late April. The children had to work through different levels of skill and they all did well. We would like to thank Steve and Kate for their hard work, supporting those individuals who participated and helping them to achieve their best.

The PTA organised a great disco night for KS1 and 2. The children absolutely loved it and we would like to thank all members of our PTA who gave up their time and helped to organise this event.



Work on our F1 and F2 outside area is now well underway. Already the fencing is up, the steps to the front entrances of the two areas are in place and the beginnings of the shed are visible. We are looking forward to having the building for this new area complete and in action, ready for the summer.

We will soon be starting rehearsals for the end of year musical performance, organised and produced by Alicia Rumsby and Seb Heffer. Watch this space for information regarding tickets for the performance, later in the term.

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LETTERS

FROM DAVID ROGERS,
DEDDINGTON

I would like to thank everyone from Clifton, Deddington and Hempton who voted in the recent District Council elections.

I have a hard act to follow in Councillor



Bryn Williams but I will do my utmost to continue his excellent work. It will be a privilege to serve and represent you at Cherwell District Council and I look forward to supporting the community.

DH History Corner

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An interesting facet of the history of the Welford family's house in Clifton has recently come to light. Through a chance contact, Mary Robinson has learned of the story of an engineer who fled Nazi Germany and rented Boulderdyke House in Clifton just prior to WWII, only to be briefly interned as a suspected high-risk enemy alien. His son John tells their story.

'My parents fled from Nazi Germany to the UK at the beginning of 1937 and were initially resident in London. I came along in August 1938. My father, Max Goldschmidt [subsequently anglicised to Goldsmith], was an accomplished mechanical engineer and businessman and was able to re-establish a new company, Metalastik, in Leicester in partnership with the John Bull Rubber company. Neither company exists today. My father's company started a completely new process for bonding rubber to metal which was subsequently used in a wide variety of anti-vibration devices which came into their own in all the armed services during WWII.

'My father was fairly sure war would break out sometime in autumn 1939 and, in anticipation of the Nazis bombing London, decided – probably around June or July 1939 – to move our family and another family of German Jewish refugees to the countryside. I suppose the Welford's house was advertised for rental. My father continued to drive to Leicester and return to Boulderdyke at the weekends.

'All was fine until the outbreak of war on 3 Sep-



John's passport photo, taken by Blinkhorns, Banbury

tember 1939 when he was taken into custody by an embarrassed Sergeant Lord on orders from Banbury. Due to an administrative 'cock-up', my father had been incorrectly classified as a high-risk 'enemy alien'. He was initially incarcerated in Oxford prison where, 20 years later almost to the day, I looked onto the prison mound from my room in Worcester College, Oxford. After a very difficult 10 weeks of internment my father was released in November 1939 and could return to Boulderdyke and Leicester. My parents kept contact with Sergeant Lord who had been most kind to my mother after my father was interned. I remember visiting the Lords many years later after he retired, I believe to somewhere just outside Banbury.

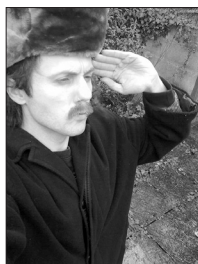
My parents remained in Boulderdyke until the summer of 1940 when I was evacuated to America on 10 August for fear of a German invasion and was separated from my parents for just over four years. My passport photo was taken by Blinkhorns in Banbury which I believe still exists today.

'My father's company grew considerably during the war and particularly in the 1940s. My father always considered the granting of a Queen's Award to Industry to Metalastik, for their innovative components on the London Underground trains, as the highlight of his professional career. By that time the company had been sold to Dunlop. He became a Freeman of the City of Leicester and was granted an honorary PhD from Leicester University'.

More about the history of Boulderdyke House and its occupants can be found at: <https://www.deddington-history.uk/buildings/privatehouses/boulderdykehouse>.

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BLISSFUL THINKING



What do geese, bulls and horses have in common? On the surface, not a lot to the casual observer, other than the havoc caused when they're in a bad mood. Maybe that's not a surprise, considering we eat all of them (though horse is usually as a result of deception). Any true Deddingtonian knows that, of course, the

answer is that we have streets named in their honour. So why did we cease using animals for street naming?

Sometimes it seems there may be more dogs and cats than people in the parish, so why not Tabby Alley

or Cockerpoo Grove? The process of street and road naming has always interested me in all its eccentricities. If you glance at the Wikipedia entry for the rather generic 'Street name' for instance, we are represented thus: 'A road can switch names multiple times as local opinion changes regarding its destination: for example, the road between Oxford and Banbury changes name five times from the Banbury Road to the Oxford Road and back again as it passes through villages.'

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I think we have finally seen the last of the roofers although, as I write this piece, they are still up on the Windmill roof merrily banging and drilling away. Still, the inconvenience of their noise, their fenced off compound and their scaffolding doesn't seem to have deterred Windmill users. Bookings are up and enquiries continue to come in. As I reflect on the past year in preparation for our May AGM, it is clear that we are all using the Windmill more and in a wider variety of ways than we were pre-Covid. Excellent news! That's what a community centre is for.

One of the most successful recent additions to activities at the Windmill is Sam's Pop-Up Bakery – based at the Lookout on Saturday mornings. Having chosen to launch on a cold, wet Saturday, which also happened to be market day, he told me that he wasn't expecting much. To his complete surprise, he'd sold out by 11:30. As well as coffees, teas and his delicious bread, Sam sells an interesting range of original bakes, including cheese and Marmite swirls, vanilla cruffins

and Deddington buns. For me, the star of the show is the almond croissant – baking perfection. (I know this because I managed to consume three in one sitting ... shocking behaviour). Sam will be there most, but not all, Saturdays over the summer months. Look out for his social media posts.

If you didn't manage to come along to the charity comedy night in May, all I can say is that you missed a treat. Three top comics had us all rolling around in stitches. It was a very funny evening and, while we really want to stage more of this type of event, we need your support. I think there were about 70 of us in the audience. It could have been double that. If comedy isn't your thing though, I'd like to give you very advance notice of a big fundraising event that I'm helping to organise on Saturday, 5 October – save the date. We will be raising money for a prostate cancer charity in memory of a dear friend in the village. Details are a bit sketchy at the moment, but I can confirm that the evening will include wine tasting, gourmet food and dancing. Now, if that doesn't get you up to the Windmill, I don't know what will.

Remember, you can find out what is happening at the Windmill or how to book it for one of your own events by visiting our website, www.thewindmillededdington.org, our Facebook page or by calling our bookings secretary, Julie, on 07720 834006.

Vaughan Jones
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A Neighbourhood Victory

At last, the Deddington Neighbourhood Plan is complete. It scored a resounding success in the referendum on 2 May – 791 of residents Deddington parish voted Yes in favour of the plan, 58 voted No. The turnout was pretty stunning too: on the same day when turnout for the Cherwell District Council (CDC) elections was in the low 20s and 30s percent, in Deddington 46.7 per cent of voters showed up.

After all the toils, struggles and delays, it was really moving to feel that we had the community at our back, that so many people came out to support us. Thank you.

We, on the NP steering group and the parish council, hope that your confidence is justified and that we have achieved the best possible outcome for the parish. The plan, which should have been formally ratified and 'made' by CDC by the time this reaches you, can be seen along with the umpteen documents

that preceded it on the NP and parish council websites.

The tasks now for the parish council are to make certain that the developers of the allocated site honour their promises and to keep an eye on CDC's planning decisions affecting Deddington, making sure they conform, because until CDC's own Local Plan is complete in a year or two, our Neighbourhood Plan is king.

There are loads of people to whom we owe gratitude but I should like to thank the *Deddington News* for their editorial and financial support (a gift of £1,000 in the early days) and for giving us space in their pages for Neighbourhood Plan updates. When the steering group meets to celebrate (and stand down), we'll be giving a toast to Deddington voters, even those who voted No.

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DEDDINGTON ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

Do you need that second car?

At last month's farmers' market, we talked to parishioners about their car usage and asked them whether they'd be interested in having access to shared cars in the village. The cost of insuring and maintaining cars seems to have gone up rather a lot and the usage has gone down for many with the increase in home working.

There are a few different car sharing models. Hook Norton has a dedicated fleet of cars as part of its own

scheme; Woodstock has cars on an app called HIYA-CAR; in Duns Tew, some neighbours share a car with one person paying a percentage of the insurance and a fee per mile. In Deddington we already have access to the wonderful Zimbl service.

If you would be interested in having access to a car without having to own one, please get in touch, info@deddingtonenvironment.net.

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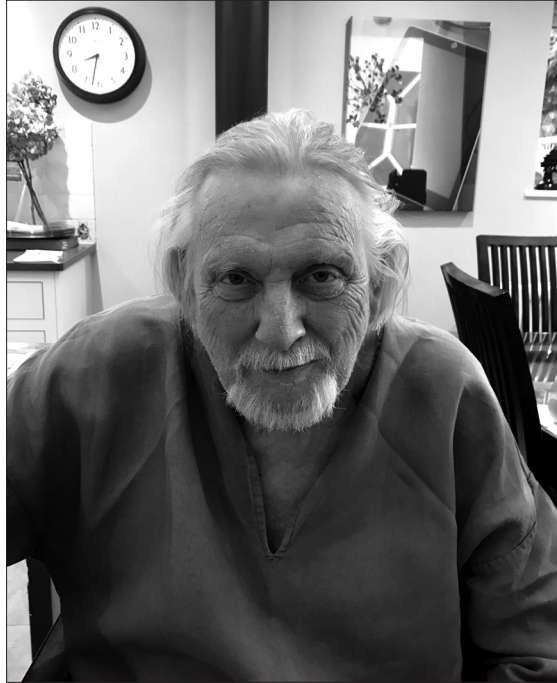
Martin was born on 5 March 1946 in Birmingham, the only child of Lilian and Stanley Ince. A latch-key kid, he learnt to be confident, self-assured and independent which would hold him in great stead throughout his life. He gained his love of smoking, drinking, and gambling from his vivacious mother and his steady, trustworthy nature from his father. He also inherited his father's love of tinkering and collecting tools.

Martin left school and became a graduate apprentice studying mechanical engineering. He joined the 'Shirley Mob' with his beloved cousins, Susan and Patty, who have always been there for him with endless love and he for them. The Shirley Mob was where he met his first wife, Valerie. He joined Austin Morris at Longbridge in 1970 and rose to be Rover Group's Quality Control Director at Cowley, Oxfordshire, and he and Val moved to Deddington. Martin was honoured by Land Rover with a certificate of recognition for his major role in the building of Land Rover and Rover cars' success. He was also enrolled as a member of the Fellowship of the Motor Industry. Martin decided to take early retirement at 53 due to Val's failing health.

To keep himself occupied, outside of caring for her, he joined the parish council and took up bell ringing – which he couldn't get the hang of. He was a valued member of the parish council as he had integrity, wisdom and he spoke his mind and questioned, rather than going along with the general thoughts. 'He was a bit of a disrupter but not in a disruptive way.' He had a no-nonsense way of getting things done. Martin was well known for the mischievous sparkle in his eyes and those in the parish who knew him could tell that, when the sparkle arrived, he was probably going to launch the cat among the pigeons.

In 2001, he was hit by a bus. His life was saved but his right leg was shattered and he arrived home needing a walking stick. Val passed away in 2005 and, after grieving for her, he took to travelling the world and had great fun. Some years later, fate intervened – we

met and fell in love. We married in March 2012 and our lives entwined. Throughout his life he always had dogs and he doted on the three that we have.



In 2018 Martin's journey as a medical miracle continued. He was diagnosed with cancer and whilst on the operating table he had a heart attack ... and five cardiac arrests. Afterwards he joked that if you must have a heart attack, have it in hospital. Then in 2021 he had an excruciating pain in his leg. When the surgeon told him that his left leg had to be amputated, Martin swiftly said: 'You can't take that one – it's my best leg!' Once again, he physically and psychologically adapted with a motto of 'Every day is a bonus day!' Regularly seen scooting around the village in his electric wheelchair wearing a fedora and brightly coloured clothing, when offered help, he'd reply, 'I'm not

an invalid, you know.'

Martin had a generosity of spirit, time and patience: he taught computer classes in the library for some of the older ladies in the village, became financial director of the Deddington Festival and could be found selling tickets at many village events. To the end of his life, he continued to donate every month to our church – a building he loved and believed should be protected. He continually loaned money, via Kiva, to some of the poorest women in the world – he stood by the belief that instead of giving someone a fish – you should give them a fishing rod. His sense of humour, dry and delivered with a deadpan look before breaking into a smile, was uplifting and made many people happy. He was a masterful enabler, guiding where needed and standing back when the praise was due to someone else. Martin was a larger-than-life personality with a stoicism to be admired, and feisty with a heart of gold. An era draws to a close and he will be sorely missed.

The Deddington community has been a force field of protection and support for me and Martin. I'm so grateful.

Thank you. Elli.

Friends of Deddington Library

Thank you to those who have already entered our calendar photo competition. We've received some stunning shots but appreciate the weather hasn't been too kind to us. However, it finally seems to be drying out and warming up so get your cameras and phones

out to capture that prize-winning shot. Pics should be in landscape format, 5Mb or larger and, ideally, a .jpg file, sent to me.

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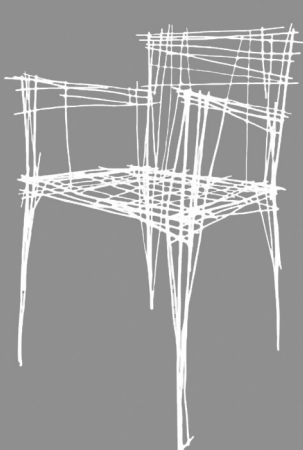
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POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

In New York we have the bizarre spectacle of a court reviewing the sexual habits of the Republican candidate for President. We have a new normal: none of this is moving his standing in the polls. Meanwhile, when he has a day off, Trump is conducting an Apprentice-style selection process. He needs a new deputy since he tried to get a mob to lynch the last one. One of his favourites, the governor from South Dakota, has been trying to promote herself in these exercises by bragging about shooting her dog. In his first election, Trump needed credibility. Mike Pence brought in donor connections and good standing with the Christian right. This time Trump wants unswerving loyalty and an attack dog. Maybe the lady from South Dakota has a chance after all.

When I meet up for a beer with my American friends, there are heated discussions about the student protests. Some of my lovely neighbours are Jewish and are mainly supportive of a two state solution, but they are obviously traumatised by the appalling attack by Hamas. I try to remind people about the long history of objecting to war in this country. The Vietnam protests helped to end that terrible war but the outcry against the slaughter in Gaza gets confused when the protests are labelled as antisemitic. Sadly, these twin issues exist on both sides of the Pond.

There are a lot of universities in America – around 4,000 can issue a degree compared to just 166 in the UK. This means there is something for everyone, anyone will get in somewhere, if they can afford it. Harvard is a privately owned university where students

pay \$85k per annum, but it has a huge endowment fund of \$40bn. Most of these funds come from rich and powerful Americans but many of the elite colleges have also accepted huge sums from foreign donors. One can see how administrators in these seats of learning come under pressure to stamp out protests. The donors think they can dictate policy.

Money really does talk in America. In total \$4bn was spent last year on lobbying (ie influencing government policy) and political donations this year will exceed \$3bn. If Trump wins this time we will see a different approach to last time when he knew nothing and achieved very little apart from giving a huge tax break to the rich. This time he has people planning how to strip the 'liberals' out of the civil service. The result will be a huge shift in policy. Basic rights for gay people, women and minorities will be severely challenged.

My own experiences with student protests included marching through Leeds City centre in 1971, shouting 'Margaret Thatcher, Milk Snatcher'. Abolishing free school milk perhaps isn't such an important cause as several thousand dead children in Gaza. I did also throw things at a police cordon outside Leicester Tigers rugby ground, the real disgrace being that my father was inside watching the South African team playing. Apartheid was certainly a more worthy cause on my student protest CV.

I'm getting off my sofa. Let's Make America Protest Again, before it is too late.

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DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Big News!

The Summer Reading Challenge starts on Saturday 6 July and further details will follow in July's *DN*. I am after shoe boxes and cardboard tubes bigger than kitchen roll ones. These can be dropped off anytime the library is open.

We have a small display of books on dementia and access to many more. These books have been tried and tested by people with dementia, health professionals, relatives and friends. You can also find books on eating well, exercise, being positive and keeping well.

Deddington Parish Show programmes and National Garden Scheme brochures are available in the library. Theatre programmes and local event information are also available.

What an amazing resource Deddington library is.

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Art Exhibition

I am holding an exhibition of my recent and retrospective works in June and hope many of you will be able to come along.

One of the reasons for the exhibition is to support Katharine House Hospice which provides valuable care to patients and their families, made more difficult in these financially challenging times. Twenty per cent of any sales from the exhibition will be donated to support this special place.

It will be wonderful to see as many people as possible – admission is free so I look forward to seeing you. Thank you.

Saturday 8 June and Sunday 9 June
10.00am–5.00pm and Monday 10 June 9.30am
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Marie Smith

THE HARVARD KROKODILOES

The Harvard Krokodiloes will give their annual concert in Deddington on 7 August this year. We hope that will be in Hamish Stoddard's garden again. The concert will begin at 7.00pm. Please would regular supporters of the Kroks encourage any neighbours who have not

yet attended a Kroks concert to give it a try.

I am willing to offer an endorsement that if someone does attend and does not enjoy the concert, we will refund the price of their ticket.

Barrie Smith 01869 337813

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Bookworms

Our latest read, *Small Pleasures* by Clare Chambers, tells the story of Jean, a journalist on a local paper in the late 1950s. When the paper receives a letter from a woman claiming to have given birth to a baby ten years prior, having had no physical contact with a man, Jean is assigned to the case. It is outside her usual comfort zone but she's up for the challenge.

She begins investigating Gretchen Tilbury and her bold claim, fully expecting that she will turn out to be a fraud. However, when Jean meets Gretchen and her daughter, she wonders what Gretchen hopes to gain from her story. Jean sets out to speak to various people in Gretchen's life including her husband who stands by his wife's claims. As medical tests begin, Jean becomes embroiled with the family.

We all loved this story. The relationship between Jean and her family kept us all transfixed. The ending won't disappoint.

Previously, we read *The Gift of a Radio* by Justin Webb. Justin Webb is a British journalist who has worked for the BBC since 1984.

The Gift of a Radio is Webb's memoir of his early life in 1970s Britain and is a frank portrait of personal and national dysfunction. Webb had to live with a few challenges; his stepfather's mental illness made home life difficult and his boarding school was a harsh environment, although not uncommon. Most of us felt a bit irritated by the repetition of the difficulties encountered.

His portrayal of the 1970s is quite bleak, although we felt it was not all doom and gloom. We had mixed feelings about the book. It is written with a wonderful portrayal of the affection of a son for his mother but we all agreed we wouldn't want to read it again.

Deddingtonbookworms@gmail.com

Photographic Society

Tim Pile showed us an array of fantastic images that he had taken around the world. Tim joined his first camera club in 2008 and later joined the Smethwick Photographic Society, entering competitions and learning new techniques and forming his style of photographing images with natural light. He joined with a small group of friends who explored nude portraiture taken in studios.

Tim spends a huge amount of time researching venues and planning the composition and lighting of his photographs. His nude models work in partnership with him, planning and executing their shots.

His photographic journey included learning from others and the influence of Irene Froy was evident in some of his shots.

Architecture was the topic for the second part of the evening and many of our members showed their interpretations. Next month Graham Marek is coming to discuss camera obscura.

We welcome new members on the first Wednesday of each month. Website: addphoto.co.uk or find us on [facebook.com/add.photosoc](https://www.facebook.com/add.photosoc) for further information.

Courtney Killpack

Deddington and District History Society

In April, our speaker, Stephen Barker, selected six people and four places of importance from the Civil War in Oxfordshire 1642–1651.

These included Speaker William Lenthall (MP for Henley and Woodstock), Elizabeth Poole, a prophetess from Abingdon, and Lucius Carey, 2nd Viscount Falkland, MP for Burford and Great Tew. Ann Fanshawe wrote a 'receipt book', now housed in the Bodleian library, which was equivalent to Mrs Beeton's *Book of Household Management* and included the first recipes for ice-cream and hot chocolate in English. John Taylor, the Water Poet, was head of the Waterman's Guild. An intelligent and charismatic man, he impressed King Charles I, who gave him the responsibility of keeping the river Isis clean. Lady Jane Whorwood, who lived at Holton, was Charles I's personal spy, taking thousands of coded messages to him and became his lover. She managed to flee from an unhappy marriage and brought a celebrated case for alimony which set a precedent for eighteenth century women of high status.

Oxford became the Royalist capital in the first Civil War because it was the nearest place to London with the necessary resources, although many of Oxford's townspeople were Parliamentarians. Burford was a hotbed of Levellers (early English democrats) and Puritanism, with Banbury also Puritan. (Banbury United FC is nicknamed the Puritans.) Banbury Castle was an imposing structure; concentric, ironstone and double moated, it would have rivalled Warwick Castle at that time. Wallingford Castle, held by the Royalists was also strongly built and took the Parliamentarians three months to demolish. Stephen's fascinating details about the people and places he described made for a very interesting presentation.

On Thursday 20 June, Stephen Wass' talk is on 'Voyages to the House of Diversion, 17th Century Water Gardens and the Birth of Modern Science'.

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Iron Down Sculpture Studio

We turned the studio into a gallery benefiting from its beautiful location, which we are now appreciating as spring brings new bright light and colour. Thank you to all who came and the kind things said. Having only been here since Christmas, it's been a whirlwind.


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cells going. Our goal this term is to entertain you with our second Charity Summer Concert which will consist of mainly well-known toe-tapping songs. This time it will be held in the Primary School Hall on Monday 15 July starting at 7.30pm. Tickets will be £5 per person (includes a glass of wine or soft drink) and the money raised, I'm delighted to say, will go to the Holly Tree Club in Deddington. Tickets can be purchased from the Deddington Arms reception desk or from a choir member. Ideally, these should be bought in advance should you want a seat. There will be some standing room for on the door sales. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Alison Grieve

Book Group

Helen Rebanks is the wife of James Rebanks, the well-known farmer and author on sustainability. Helen has now written *The Farmer's Wife*, a memoir revealing the reality of a life often unrecognised by the general public. Spirited and artistic from a young age, Helen was not particularly interested in farming before she met James. She gives a frank and occasionally resentful account of their relationship and the incessant, frustrating demands involved in running a farm while raising four children. However, despite everything, Helen also writes of the satisfaction of helping James to create a model of farming to safeguard the future.

NB For those thinking of buying this book, it includes many recipes. However, these are interspersed in the text in the more expensive hardback edition but grouped at the end in the paperback. We felt that the first method worked best as the recipes were often relevant to the text. The hardback edition also includes attractive line drawings.

The Book Group

Royal British Legion

The 80th anniversary of D-Day on 6 June will be marked in Deddington with a short ceremony in which the Union Flag will be hoisted on the flagpole in the Market Place at 6.30am. This is the time at which General Hobart's 'funnies' began their advance guard assault on Gold and Sword Beaches. Piper Stuart Carnegie will play *Hielan Laddie* as did Piper Bill Mullin on Sword Beach in 1944. The vicar and a member of the parish council will be present. Prayers will be said in remembrance of those who died in WWII. We very much hope that members of the public will attend. The Union flag will remain flying until 25 July, which is the date on which the Allies finally broke out of Normandy and began their advance on Paris. More about General Hobart (who lived for a while at Leadenporch House on New Street) and his critical contribution to the success of D-Day can be read at <https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/people/indexh/generalhobart>.

Rob Forsyth

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Deddington Playgroup

Could you help to keep Deddington Playgroup open? This community group is run entirely by volunteers. Unfortunately we are currently a very small group meaning that, as you may have seen, we have recently had to cancel some of our playgroups. We are in desperate need of new volunteers to ensure that we can keep the group going. If we can't increase the number of volunteers we will have to close. Please let us know if you are able to lend a helping hand. You can email us or pop in to one of our Playgroups on Friday 7 June or Friday 21. We would be very grateful for any time you can give.

Helen Carpenter

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SPORT

Deddington Original Golf Society

DOGS first venue for the season took us to Gloucestershire. Brickhampton GC entertained us well but the course was suffering from deluge after deluge of rain and several of our members are being treated for trench foot. Despite the watery fairways, a pleasant day was had by all and the results are as follows:

Nearest the Pin, David White; Longest Drive, David White, who received several packs of DOGS balls for his endeavours.

The winning team prize (and we're still not sure how) went to the captain's team of Keith Spengler, Diane Champion, Colin Champion and Tony Lowe. Bottles of Rioja went to these plucky and surprised winners.

Third place – Keith Spengler with 31 points. Keith received an interesting book on how, for example, to remove a golf buggy from a lake plus the inevitable bottle of Rioja.

Second place – Peter Aylmer, with 33 points, received a sleeve of DOGS balls plus gift vouchers

for £10.

First place, also with 33 points but won on count-back, and this is where it gets boring, David White playing off a 6 handicap. A great achievement, winning a bottle of wine, pack of DOGS balls and £20 in store vouchers.

Thanks to all who supported this, our first day out. And so to our next event, which is Copt Heath GC, Solihull on Monday 10 June.

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Deddington Town FC

First Team results

13.4.24 Glory Farm (a) L 2-3

Reserve Team results

20.4.24 Bodicote Spts Res (a) (CUP) D 1-1 Reed (Won 4-1 on pens)

26.4.24 Hardwick Spts Res (n) (CUP) L 0-3

The season ended in ultimate disappointment but it

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was not for want of trying. While the Humbugs' season was already effectively decided, their final game ended in narrow defeat, leaving their final placing in midtable. The Latics however had reached the final of the Geoff Wilson Cup, after a superb penalty shootout triumph over the old enemy, Bodicote. Sadly, the final proved a bridge too far but, nonetheless, they did us all proud. Who knows what they might achieve next season? Stick around to find out.

Aaron Bliss**Tennis Club**

Have you ever thought you'd like to try tennis? Or that you'd like your kids to have a go? Well, good news. We are having an Open Day on Sunday 9 June for everyone who has ever thought any of those things (or anyone else, for that matter).

We will be running trial coaching sessions for different age groups and there will be opportunities to have a hit with club members and other potential newbies, as well as a barbecue and drinks, and people to chat to about the club. We'll be there from 12.00–4.30pm. The Deddington Town Colts have their football presentation the same day so why not come and try tennis on your way there?

Anyone can call in but, if you'd like to book onto a session, please use the link below. We will also be offering spaces to those who turn up on the day: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Events/DeddingtonTennisClub>. We look forward to welcoming you. Please come and join in. Just one thing to point out – as there will be

lots of football players on site as well, if you live within walking or cycling distance, please come without your car as parking spaces will be limited.

We're still updating our website, but you can access court bookings and membership links on the temporary website, <https://www.nick14.com/deddingtontennis/>.

Becky Jones**www.nick14.com/deddingtontennis/****Deddington Town FC Youth**

The Under 15s had a 3–5 home defeat to Garden City, followed by three wins – a 1–0 win at Bloxham, a 7–2 win at Witney Vikings with five goals for Theo Flint, and a 3–2 win at Banbury Spencer. The Under 14s had a 2–0 win at Brackley Athletic in the cup, followed by a 3–2 defeat to Easington in the league. The Under 12s had a 3–1 defeat at Banbury United.

By the time you read this, our season will be finished and we will be planning for 2024–25. We are a successful grassroots club run entirely by volunteers.

Presentation day – 9 June

Our presentation day is at the Windmill on 9 June to celebrate the achievements of all our players and the work put in by managers and coaches through the season. If local businesses or individuals wish to sponsor one of our awards, then get in touch with me for more information.

Further information about the club is on our website, <http://www.deddingtontownfc/> or visit us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc>.

Roger Sykes 07899 914425**YOUTH****1st Deddington Guides**

What a treat to be able to spend our meetings out of doors as we start the new term. We learnt a lot about the village of Deddington whilst exploring with our quiz questions.

It's been great to toast marshmallows again and learn that putting your marshmallow in the flames only makes them black and that white ash does not mean the fire needs relighting. Thank you so much to Naomi and Chris Fenemore for their hospitality. The first sausage and beans always taste so good.

We love to visit Horley Scout campsite. It's a lovely setting. There was a lot of fun building shelters – not as easy as it looks. Still to come this half term, an evening hike. We'll be ready for anything with the pocket first aid kits that we made – we hope they won't be needed but our Guiding motto is 'Be Prepared'.

Maggie Rampley 07957 600755**1st Deddington Scout Group****Cubs**

We have been busy completing our science badge, investigating light refraction by turning Marmite white. Try it yourselves: stir Marmite long enough and it will turn a creamy colour due to bubbles of air and refraction of light. Next, we floated eggs in salt water to study density and watched what happened when coins were

dipped in ketchup, lemon juice and water. We gave the Cubs a slice of bread to take home on which they had to grow mould under various conditions, some wet, some warm, some in the dark and some in the light: result – lots of mould!

We are now looking forward to lots of time outside.

Tracy Tong deddingtoncubs@gmail.com**Scouts**

The older Scouts are planning an expedition later in the summer, walking to and from Horley, camping overnight and, with that in mind, we're putting them through a map reading refresher course. The younger Scouts are also honing their mapping skills, useful when going on one of our hikes as long as we plan one that goes past, a church with a tower, a car park, public toilets, a spring, mixed woodland and a windmill (OS fans will get this).

Fifteen of them went climbing at The Light in Banbury and had great fun. Booking is easy and the staff very professional.

Now the weather has decided to be sensible we can get down to Daeda's Wood for some fun in the trees. What a wonderful place to have on our doorstep.

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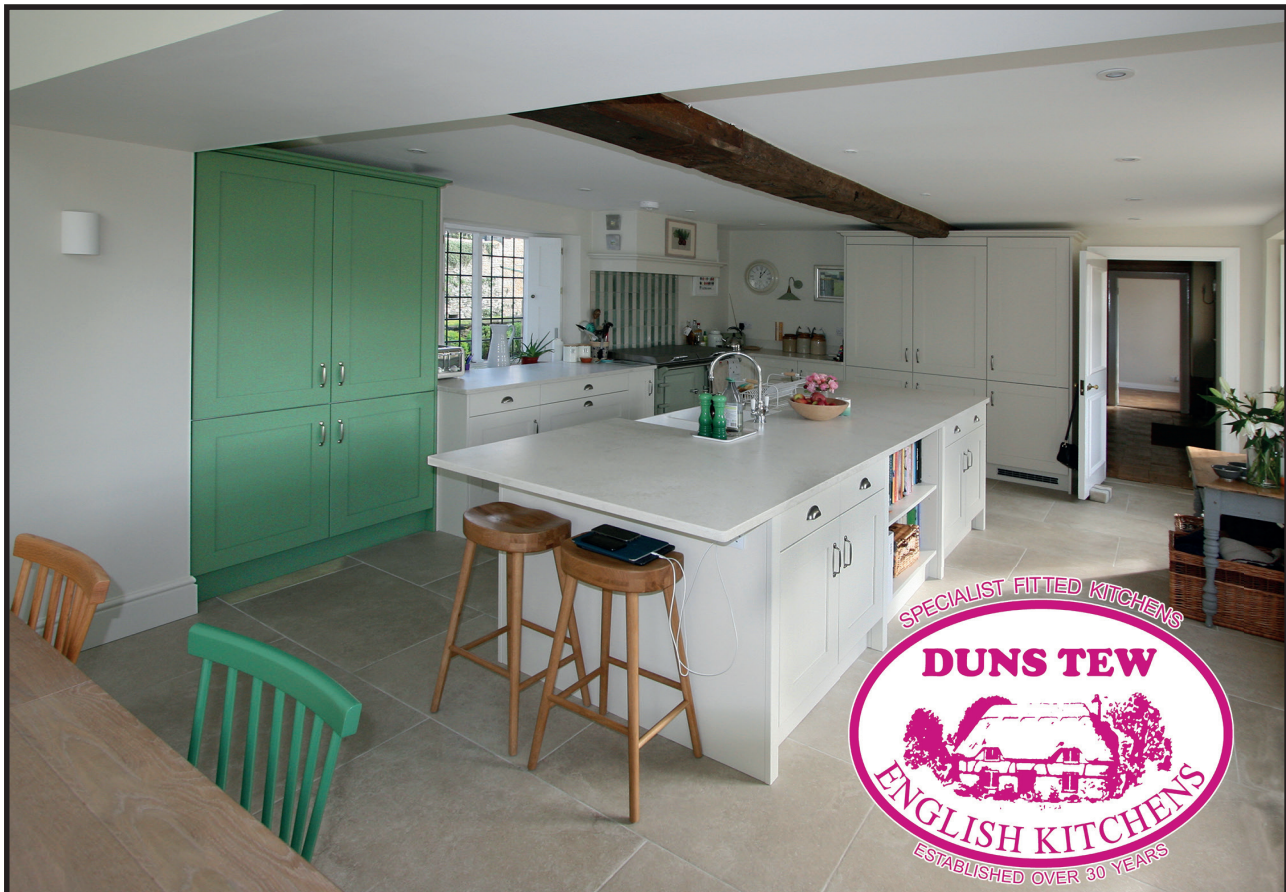
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