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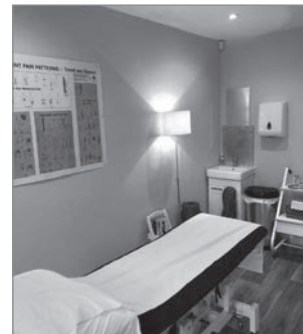
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The DEDDINGTON NEWS

Happy birthday, Ruth Johson! On 29 April Ruth will score a very lively century, for most of those ninety-nine years walking into the village daily, first from Dane Hill and latterly from Mill Close. She served the *DN* faithfully both as writer and printer, managing the printing process from 1998 until well into her nineties. Don't miss out on her delightful writings which can be read at <https://www.deddingtonhistory.uk/ruthjohnsonswritings>.
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WHAT'S ON

April

- Wed 2 Photographic Society: AGM, Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
Wed 2 Friends of Deddington Library: Bengal Spice Night, 6.30pm or 8.30pm
Sat 5 PFSU & Nursery: Easter trail, 9.30am–1.00pm
Sat 5 Cherwell Choral Society: *Stabat Mater*, Pergolesi, Parish Church, 7.30pm
Sun 6 Music in Adderbury: Kleio String Quartet, Britten and Mendelssohn, Adderbury Church, 6.00pm
Wed 9 Deddington WI: Holly Tree Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 9 Barford WI: FarmED, Barford Village Hall, 7.30pm
Thu 10 'Roxy': *Easter Parade*, Holly Tree Hall, 1.30pm
Thu 10 History Society: Jericho: Oxford's First Industrial Suburb, from Cholera Epidemics to Gentrification, Ciaran Walsh, Primary School, 7.30pm
Sat 12 Chipping Norton Choral Society: Bach, *St John Passion*, Parish Church, 7.30pm
Wed 16 Parish Council: Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Thu 24 Book Group: call Sally Lambert, 01869 338094 for details
Sat 26 Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9.00am–12.30pm
Sat 26 Pop up Art Exhibition, Holly Tree Hall, 9.00am–4.00pm
Sun 27 Pop up Art Exhibition, Holly Tree Hall, 9.00am–4.00pm
Sun 27 A Song for Simon: Fundraising for MND, Parish Church, 3.00pm
Sun 27 Music in Adderbury: Adderbury Ensemble, Schubert and Borodin, Adderbury Church, 6.00pm

May

- Tue 6 DOGS: Robin Hood Golf Club, Solihull
Wed 7 Photographic Society: Adderbury Institute, 7.30pm
Wed 7 Annual Parish Meeting, Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Thu 8 Holly Tree Club: 80th Anniversary of VE Day, afternoon tea, Holly Tree Hall
Thu 8 History Society: The Oxfordshire Blue Plaques Scheme, Professor Robert Evans, Primary School, 7.30pm
Thu 8 80th Anniversary of VE Day: Market Place 10.00am
Sun 11 Music in Adderbury: Adderbury Ensemble, Dvorak and Schubert, Adderbury Church, 6.00pm
Wed 13 Deddington WI: Holly Tree Hall, 2.30pm
Sun 18 Four Farms Challenge: Castle Grounds, 10.00am
Wed 21 Parish Council, Hempton Lounge, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Wednesday 19 March at the Old School Room, Hempton

Present: Councillors ap Simon, Cox, Mylne, Oldfield (chair), O'Neill, Robinson, Snashall, Swadling, Smith and Timms, District Councillor Rogers, County Councillor Fatemian, the parish clerk and minutes clerk, five members of the public and a DN representative.

There remains one vacancy on the PC.

Open Forum

A local resident commented on the possibility of replacing the goal post at Castle Grounds and the hazard of dog mess there, saying it is unsafe to have children playing there with so much excrement lying around. There's a number of people who allow their dogs to run free without the owner paying attention to what they're doing. It was agreed that this is a parish wide and countryside problem, not easily solved if owners cannot behave responsibly.

County Councillor

Despite OCC receiving more government funding than expected, the Liberal Democrat/Green administration has increased Council Tax by 5%.

Local elections are going ahead in May because OCC is not in the fast track for reorganisation. Discussions with neighbouring authorities and an interim plan have been requested by government by 21 March with a full proposal by 28 November.

District Councillor

CDC Planning is at risk of being designated as under-performing as a result of a high number of appeals being allowed (12) against the total of major application decisions (114) in the assessment period. This is more than the 10% government threshold and could leave CDC unable to determine some applications for a year and also lose the planning fee. A decision is due in April.

CDC are moving their offices to 39 Castle Quay, Banbury, on 31 March.

Highways and Transport

Several residents from Hempton commented on the issue of the proposed traffic calming and build-outs which have now been delayed. There is a mix of opinions regarding the efficacy or otherwise of the proposals, including a suggestion that a build-out at the east end of the village is likely to cause sufficient frustration with a build-up of traffic during peak hours which could cause a serious incident. Of those residents present at the meeting, it was agreed that a build-out at the west end of the village would help slow speeding traffic. Traffic travelling from west to east frequently collects into a convoy on the wrong side of the road in the village because of parked vehicles. At present it is uncertain what action OCC will take as they have had to review their proposals and the finance from USAF may not be available by the time they have carried out trials. Residents were urged to write to Lee Turner of OCC Highways with their concerns.

The PC has written to CDC S106 monitoring officers to advise them that Burringtons have closed their

operations relating to the Hempton Road and Clifton Road developments and their affairs are now in the hands of a bondsman. PC has requested that CDC withhold permission for the five remaining affordable houses at Fardon Way to be sold until the internal and frontage roads and pavement surfaces are completed and the remaining S106 money still owed is paid. PC has been advised that CDC has passed the matter to their legal advisers.

A resident's email, highlighting the risks with the lack of advance warning of the build-out in Deddington on the Hempton Road, has been passed to OCC.

Street lighting at the Grange is not covered by OCC lighting because the road is still designated as private.

Environment and Recreation

Converting the existing Lookout at the Windmill adventure playground to a teen shelter is being considered.

The upgrades to play equipment at Wimborn Close and Welford's Piece have been completed on time and in budget.

The footpath between Hobart Way and Wimborn Close is being laid to include a dropped kerb.

Although there was previous PC agreement that 'No Bikes' signs should be placed around the copse at the Windmill, this is now being reviewed.

Finance and General Purposes

English Heritage has requested a stall at the Four Farms Challenge on 18 May so it will be suggested to them that they encourage people to clear up after their dogs. Anyone witnessing someone not clearing up after their dog can contact the Dog Warden directly on 01295 227007 during normal office hours.

On 8 May there will be a number of activities to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day in the parish. Rob Forsyth is master-minding the coordination of school children performing on the Market Place green, which will be followed by the national anthem and a piper at the war memorial. Parish councillors' presence has been requested. Work is on track for a beacon to be lit at the highest point in the parish at Tomwell Farm at 9.30pm.

Planning

No objection

3 Castle End, Castle Street, Deddington: tree works.
Plough House, New Street, Deddington: addition of bathroom to existing lean-to extension and associated works. Defer to conservation officer.

Large Scale Planning

Land west of Stonecroft House, Deddington: the PC confirmed their objection to CDC to the four additional bungalows, even with the change of angle of one bungalow, for several reasons.

Neighbourhood Planning

Deddington's NDP is to be put forward for an award for the Homer O'Neill consultant.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 16 April at 7.30pm
at the Windmill Centre**

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

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DEDDINGTON FLOWER SHOW 1932 - 1931 'THE BOWLS MATCH'

Our recent AGM prompted a look back over the past year and towards the next in the Castle Grounds. We had a fair amount of cold, wet and miserable weather last year, contributing to the worsening erosion and prolonged flooding along the southern outer path; the 'moat' became a moat. The brambles and saplings continued to grow unabated, needless to say. No Mow May was appreciated by the earthworms – hotly pursued by moles – with many molehills and broadleaved weeds appearing in the area that wasn't mown. Another successful Four Farms Run started and ended in the Castle Grounds the same month, returning this year on Sunday 18 May.

A slightly slower paced, if more smartly attired, sporting event is shown in the photo – The Bowls Match held as part of the 1932 Flower Show in the grounds nearly a century ago. No sign of moles popping their head up through the very level-looking lawn on that occasion.

A squatting jackdaw was the only owl box occupant when the boxes were last inspected. Tawny owls nest in March and have been heard in the area, so here's

hoping they've spotted the box and persuaded the jackdaw to return to the Deddington jackdaw commune. The new bins made it even easier for everyone to use another bin for their litter or dog waste if the nearest one was full – thanks to everyone who went the extra 100 metres.

Our action list for the coming year, in collaboration with the parish council, includes tackling the brambles, the erosion of the southern path, and repairing or replacing some of the benches. If you're interested in the Castle Grounds from an environmental, historical or community perspective – or just because you enjoy spending time there, with or without your dog – then do get in touch, new volunteers are always welcome. The FOCG charity officers were all re-elected at the meeting (thanks to them and the members for their contributions), so you won't be strong-armed into doing more than you bargained for. Find out more via our page on the Deddington Online website, our Facebook page or email info@friendsofcastlegrounds.co.uk.

Charlotte Holmes
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PARISH SHOW – SATURDAY 30 AUGUST

The Parish Show committee is looking forward to a bumper crop of entries this year. There are so many appealing categories for everyone. It's an ideal opportunity to share your skills and hard work with the village.

This year we have made quite a few changes to encourage younger entrants, maintain the interest of faithful followers and attract enthusiastic newcomers. We are especially keen to entice the allotment fraternity to show an abundance of fruit and vegetables. In the next few months we will pre-release programme

ideas on the Facebook Deddington Community Page. The programme itself will be available to download at the end of May. In the meantime, we can whet your appetite with the topics for the photography section: A Black & White Portrait, Water, Garden, Geometric and Deddington Architecture. Please remember that the photo must be 18cm x 13cm, unmounted and have been taken by the exhibitor.

It's the taking part that counts!

Maureen Robinson
Parish Show Committee

LAST WORD

MERIEL FLUX 1965–2024

Meriel was born in Gravesend, Kent in 1965, daughter of Jim and Jean Flux, and sister of Rowena. Owing to her father's work for a multinational company, she grew up multi-lingual, the family having been based variously in the UK, Germany, Canada, Morocco and Switzerland. She started school in Canada and was then home schooled for six months in Morocco before going to boarding school in UK: first, at Maltman's Green and then Malvern Girls School (now known as Malvern St James) which she enjoyed.

From there she then went on to train as a nurse at Frimley Park Hospital in Surrey, where she loved both the work and the social life, including the monthly cocktail evening. It was here that she made her lifelong best friend, Tessa,

After completing her training and working for a while at Frimley, she took a job on a medical ward in Oxford's John Radcliff Hospital and lived in Kidlington. She then took a position with the Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, initially based at Crawley hospital, eventually becoming the Trust's Manual Handling and Health and Safety lead, as well as a Royal College of Nursing rep.

Meriel moved to Deddington in 2017, living in her parents' old house. She quickly involved herself in village activity, being an active church member and, for a time, a churchwarden. She served as a committee member for the Friends of Deddington Library, took a leading role in the Deddington Craft Group and followed in the family's tradition of involvement in panto

by making costumes, as well as participating in the Photographic Society.

Crafts were a major love – from etching glass to dressmaking. Christmas presents were personalised, especially quilts. Animals were an equally important factor throughout her life; from her childhood hamster – called Septimus until she produced nine babies, prompting a renaming to Septimama – to her dogs, from Beano and Angel down the line to Zaatara and Comfrey, and the congregation of cats.

Meriel loved to experiment with food and drink, preferably to gourmet standard, hence her extensive cook book collection and her visits to food festivals in Abergavenny and Ludlow. Her pastry, made from scratch, was fantastic. Dressing up for fancy dress parties, including annual murder mystery events, was another pleasure as was playing Scrabble, at which she was a demon, making astonishingly high scores with seven letter words and always on a double or triple word score.

Meriel never married but was an active godmother to Fran (Tessa's daughter) and a devoted aunt to her nieces, Iris and Connie. She always valued her friends highly and could be ridiculously generous. She was her own quirky person and lived her unique life to the full.

'Do not cry because I am gone. Smile because I lived.'

Rowena Pullan

UKRAINE UPDATE

Since the March update there have been many shocking developments globally, the like of which we have never seen before: countries turning on their allies, resulting in bad decisions that will undoubtedly be detrimental to peace in the world as we know it. At the time of writing, the situation in Ukraine and the exact nature of a possible peace agreement is still very unclear. In the meantime, all along Ukraine's eastern front, a war rages on.

So now more than ever before Ukrainians need our help. DrivingUkraine's work is business as usual – sourcing, preparing, repairing and modifying vehicles ready for brave volunteers to drive to Ukraine where they go straight to the front line and are put to work.

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Slava Ukraini!

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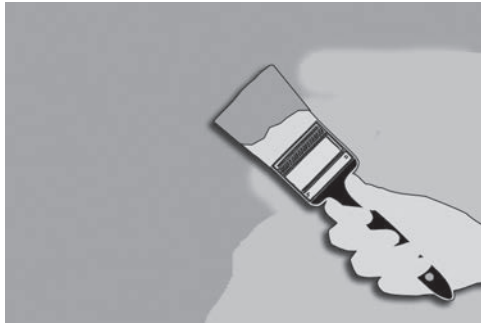
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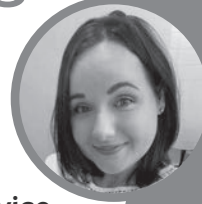
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CHURCH April

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

Lent Course: Tuesday 8th and 15th April at 7:30pm in Deddington Church

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Mon	8.45am	Morning Prayer
Tue	8.15am	Morning Prayer
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion (with healing prayer on 4th Wednesdays)
Thu	9.30am	Tea + Toast and Squiggles and Wiggles (term time)
Fri	8.45am	Morning Prayer
	5.15pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 6	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Sun 13	10.30am	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Family Service
Mon 14	7.00pm	Compline
Wed 16	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Thu 17	7.00pm	Holy Communion
Fri 18	11.00am	Service of Reflection
Sat 19	7.30pm	Great Vigil of Easter Service

Sun 20	10.30am	Family Holy Communion
Sun 27	10.30am	Holy Communion

Hempton

Sun 20	9.00am	Family Holy Communion
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Barford St Michael

Wed	5.15pm	Evening Prayer
Thu	8.15am	Morning Prayer
Sun 6	10.30am	Coffee and Chat
Fri 18	10.00am	Prayer stations – until 2:00pm
Sun 20	10.30am	Family Holy Communion
Sun 27	10.30am	Holy Communion

Barford St John

Tue	5.15pm	Evening Prayer
Fri	8.15am	Morning Prayer
Sun 13	9.00am	Holy Communion

From the Parish Registers

Funeral:

Mar 4	Ann Pauling
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For funeral and home visits in case of illness please contact the Vicar, Nick Fielden on 01869 934794 or vicar@deddingtonchurch.org, or one of the church wardens – Deddington: Stan Nelson (01869 337883), Caroline Condon (07821 259092) or wardens@deddingtonchurch.org. Barfords: Sue Addison (07484 718791) or Sally Barber (07776 241218) or barfordchurches234@gmail.com.

For baptisms, weddings and general enquiries please contact the parish administrator: office@deddingtonchurch.org.

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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.

M40 JUNCTION 10 CLOSURES

Due to severe weather delays and the discovery of unexpected utilities, work on the southbound exit slip road of the M40 at junction 10, connecting to the A43, is expected to continue in to summer 2025.

To minimise disruption to the local community, residents, businesses and road users, work will be done overnight during the week. The southbound exit slip road will be closed between 9:30pm–6.00am on Monday–Friday with a diversion to Junction 9 and back. There will be 24-hour lane closures of the

M40 southbound approach nearside lane and of the A43 north and southbound, with a temporary 50mph speed limit as well as occasional weekday night-time closures of relevant sections of the A43 northbound or southbound. Access to businesses and residences will be maintained wherever possible.

Details can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/m40-junction10 and <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/travel-updates/road-closure-report/>.

POSTCARD FROM AMERICA

Many of my friends in the parish think that my love of America is strange but I love road trips and meeting diverse people. However, I think I have survived in America by not being American. My lovely wife says I am condescending to this once great nation but the optimistic outgoing country we have seen since WWII has disappeared, its role as leader of the Free World forgotten, its friends betrayed, with a President intent on destroying the institutions which have made it strong. Mediocrity and chaos beckon, as bullying and corruption signal the triumph of the mega rich over the poor. The American Dream is broken and I have fallen out of love.

Last week we took a road trip because it appears that in retirement I have taken up birdwatching. Thousands of sandhill cranes stop in the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado on their annual northerly migration. The valley is 80-miles wide, sitting at over 2,300 metres and surrounded on all sides by spectacular mountains. We visited the birds, took a few hundred photos, and then drove into the Great Sand Dunes National Park. This is a truly bizarre sight. The valley used to be covered by a vast lake and, when it dried up, sand deposits were blown into the northern end of the valley where they formed dunes 230m tall. This is the America I love; these mountain towns are isolated and the weather is brutal, but the people were very welcoming, even if they did vote for Trump in the election. Truly theirs was a protest vote as his policies are only going to make their lives worse.

The next cuts that Trump and the Muskovites roll out will be to medical cover and social benefits for the less well off in order to pay for the billionaires' tax cuts. America no longer wants 'your tired, your poor,

your huddled masses yearning to breathe free', as it says on the Statue of Liberty. Misinformation is normal now, measles was eradicated but we just had the first death of a child in over 10 years, because of the lies spread about vaccines.

I do wonder whether we should worry about a doomsday scenario where a crisis arises and Trump is in charge of the red button. We are not prepared for the arrival of Artificial General Intelligence and another epidemic would be an enormous challenge. If you worry about these things, I suggest you don't watch Paradise on the Disney channel. If we have a crisis the billionaires and tech bros will be guaranteed to look after themselves, not you or me.

There is no point asking me how this is all going to end. I am useless at predictions and notoriously unlucky; last week my car broke and the fridge died. But today was a lucky day; my two-mile drive to the tennis club has seven sets of lights and for only the second time in twelve years they were all green. So maybe it's time to buy a lottery ticket or put a bet on Trump not finishing his four-year term. Alternatively, I could finally give in and discover religion. There are 15 churches within two miles of my house. One of them must promote loving your neighbour, because sure as hell the current government doesn't.

I am sorry that I can't bring you sunshine and light; these are very challenging times. Most days I try and rise above it, and I would certainly leave the US – it is chaotic and extremely broken right now – but my wife won't leave her babies, and I would get lonely without her.

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HOSPITALITY HUB

Three steps forward, two back.

There are two lessons anyone who has worked in hospitality learns: nothing stands still and every day is a fun day if you have the right attitude.

It feels as though we have taken three steps forward and two steps back on our mission to support great hospitality in Deddington. Not every month is going to be good. The tenancy of the Red Lion is vacant from May and Foodies, too, is free from April. It's common for publicans and operators to choose to move on after a year or two as it's damned hard work, so we should expect at least one change a year. The Deddington Arms has moved its signage on. Opinions are mixed. I'm all in favour.

The Crown and Tuns may be moving on too. I believe the landlord, Hook Norton Brewery, is now in the final stages of selling it. In my opinion, this pub should become a residence. Three pubs in the centre is already a high number for all to thrive. I hope the parish council and the council planners consider what's best for a vibrant hospitality scene and support a change of use, if a planning application comes along. [*The PC gave verbal support to the change when addressed by*

the potential buyer at its January meeting. Ed]

The Hospitality Hub team has been together for eight months now and think we have made a little bit of difference, particularly to the pubs. We are continuing our presentation of the offers and events and will keep you up to date, if you are in our database. Join our Hub monthly email or WhatsApp by emailing me. Find out the latest, including WhatsOn monthly diary on our update blog <https://bit.ly/3X4KjeD>.

We will be sharing hospitality news at the farmers' market, where we will have a Spin the Wheel so everyone can get a deal each month, and continue building our database and taking requests for new hospitality offers. There will also be a shared Community Hub stall under the Town Hall where other community organisations can promote their wares. If you'd like to email Communityhubfarmersmarket@gmail.com, you'll get the opportunity to come and join the fun. If you are a Deddington resident, and want to find out what's happening in the village, do drop by.

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Rome not being built in a day and all that, we recognise, and have seen first-hand, how challenging it can be to establish a new class or activity. Getting the word out, building momentum, achieving the reliable numbers that make it all financially viable take time. We get it. So, to all those potential entrepreneurs out there, with the idea of supporting you and helping you get your new class or activity up and running, here is a special offer that we intend to run for a limited period: 50% discount on our standard room rates when you book your first 5 sessions (weekdays only before 5.00pm, subject to availability); a page on our website; printing of a poster for our noticeboards (support with design if needed); social media posts to our Facebook new Instagram pages; re-posting to Deddington Online and all local community listings; a mention in the *Deddington News*.

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BLISSFUL THINKING

I'm sure you're all familiar with the feeling of cramming for an exam/interview/presentation the night before it's due. For some of us it's the default factory settings. Anyway, I thought I could brush up on quantum physics the week before talking about it on a podcast. It was a noble pursuit which, at the point of writing, probably has to be chalked up as a failure. However, something did stick and that was the notion of wave-particle duality. Waves can behave like particles in some circumstances and vice versa, which reminded me of Deddington: the town that exhibits traits of villages. A relatively small surface area surrounded by farmland; few private amenities, though with a sizeable population density and town hall. You might say we are a quantum village, buffeted on either side by proud hamlets. D equals H C squared?

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FROM THE FIRE STATION

I would like to apologise for the lack of an article last month. I and another crew member, FF Wilby, went on a two-week trip to Borneo where we took part in an 11-day running training camp and then ran the 50km Borneo Ultra Trail Marathon.

February was a busy month. We attended 17 incidents including chimney fires, persons stuck in lifts, assisting other blue light agencies, large vehicle fires, road traffic collisions, a roof fire and house fires. We have also been busy training, conducting a HAZMAT (hazardous materials) training scenario, and we visited Oxford Airport, as one of our crew members works at the fire station there, to learn about incidents involving aircraft. We started off with a chimney fire, a slightly trickier one than normal due to the shape of the chimney. Usually we attack chimney fires from inside, using chimney rods and a small handheld pump. In this case, we could not get the chimney rods up the chimney due to its sharp bends. So instead, a ladder was pitched up to the chimney and a crew member sent up, wearing a restraint harness, to apply water from the top. We try to avoid doing this as it is more dangerous than pumping water up from underneath but, in this case, we had to. We can call our 32 metre hydraulic platform to lift someone up to a chimney but it is very large and, in this case, there was not enough room for it. Another reminder to keep your chimney regularly swept!

In the middle of the month, we attended an RTC with crews from Banbury. On arrival we were faced with a vehicle that had rolled on its side and had a casualty trapped inside due to their injuries. As to the car was on its side, we could not take the roof off as we normally would, so the plan was to carry out

a technique called a roof flap. This involves cutting along one edge of the roof (the bit facing up if the car is on its side), cutting across the windscreen and then making two relief cuts about a quarter of the way across each at the bottom and then folding the roof down to open it up; a bit like peeling the lid off a tin. This completely opened the car and allowed the crews to extricate the casualty.

Our last incident was a flat fire that we attended, with a crews from Banbury and Hook Norton. Whilst on our way to the incident, Banbury arrived at it and sent a 'first impressions' message stating, 'In attendance, smoke issuing from 3rd floor flat'. This informed us that the flat was actually on fire, as quite often calls like this can be false alarms. On arrival, smoke was still issuing from the windows on the top floor flat. The incident commander informed us that the fire was in the kitchen of the flat and there were two BA (Breathing Apparatus) wearers in the building fighting the fire. Once it was out and the building ventilated of smoke, we went in to determine the cause of the fire. It was started by a plastic tub being left on a hot ring on the cooker. The whole kitchen was destroyed but, luckily, before leaving the building, the occupier had shut the kitchen door which prevented any further fire damage to the rest of the flat. So, before you go to bed or leave the house, shut all the internal doors as even thin wooden ones will help prevent fire and smoke spread.

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We have a courtyard behind the library and I would like to have a few plants out there for summer. It is very sunny so they will need to be sunlovers. If you have any spare potted plants, I would be very grateful for them. I am also after a gazebo for the space.

On 19 April between 10.00am and 12.00pm there will be an Easter craft morning and, at midday, I will be picking the winner of the Guess the Number of Eggs in the Basket competition. The Lego Club is open every Monday 3.30-4.30pm.

Please note: the library is closed on 21 April for the Easter Bank holiday.

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'ROXY' AT THE HOLLY TREE HALL

Easter Parade is Age UK's film to be shown on Thursday 10 April at 1.30pm with refreshments served from 1.00pm. It is a Broadway musical from 1948, starring Fred Astaire, Ann Miller and Judy Garland.

Don Hewes' dancing partner decides to go solo and Don declares that he can make a hit performer out of the next dancer he sees to make her jealous. This turns out to be the naive and inexperienced Hannah. Of course, nothing is as simple as it sounds.

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80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

This will be marked in Deddington on the morning of Thursday 8 May by a ceremony on the village green. The RBL Oxfordshire County Chairman, leaders of local authorities and other parish representatives will be present. Road closures will be in place from 9.30am. Those attending should assemble by 9.50 am latest. Medals should be worn. Relatives of those who served can wear them on the right breast.

At 10.00am the Union Flag will be hoisted while the national anthem is played by members of Deddington Brass and singing is led by the primary school's Year 6 class. Canon Christopher Hall will lead prayers of thanksgiving and for peace. Piper Stewart Carnegie will then lead those assembled, via the churchyard footpath, to the war memorial where, following the *Last Post*, a 2-minute silence will be observed, with prayers of remembrance for those who died in WWII and the laying of a VE Day wreath and one by a member of each of the armed forces. In conclusion, Canon Hall will re-dedicate the Branch Standard in this the centenary year of its founding.

The parish council is sponsoring a bonfire and beacon at Tomwell Farm on the Hempton Road. It is anticipated that the beacon will be lit at approximately 9.30pm.

Clifton & Hempton will hold VE parties. Look for details on social media soon. And read a memory of VE Day 1945 in Switzerland, www.deddingtonhistory.uk/pdf_file/RuthJohnsonVEDay1945.

Rob Forsyth

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

A quieter month just gone, but Book Club has emerged from its Dry January purdah with trips to the Red and Great Western, with or without classic cars (much to the delight of the Candleford petrol heads). Now plans for the next GW quiz are in train with a Lower Larkrise team entering.

CAST held its AGM last week with all current officers being dutifully re-elected over some excellent sausage sandwiches with Walter, our youngest member, looking on approvingly. A summary of the group's activities was delivered, showing 17 speed watch patrols recording 1,400 vehicles, of which 515 were speeding (37%) with 20 attracting police intervention. Seventeen overweight HGVs were reported to OCC trading standards, resulting in two prosecutions and seven pending.

Three of the four planned gates have been installed which just might show people where the village, and, therefore, speed limits start and finish. Before publication of this august organ, more speed watch patrols will have been carried out which will have generated data that may or may not show their effect. We are keenly awaiting the results of OCC's auto traffic survey. Some of us think their silence is admission that we have a problem. I'm sure they would have been swift to tell us if we were 'overreacting'.

Bridgegate has provided some entertainment for us down here. The question of 'Are the temporary lights over the Oxford railway line working or not' is pretty much settled. – the answer being 50% work. The westbound lights work – the eastbound ones don't' However it is just possible this debate has diverted some traffic away from your door steps. (This assessment of the situation was correct as of a couple of days ago but is very fluid and cannot be guaranteed correct now.) The situation was brought about by two cars crashing into each other and then the bridge parapet. This resulted in the crack seen from above but an inspection by the Network Rail engineer resulted in him returning to the road ashen faced, with the verdict the damage is 'quite serious'. The concrete barriers giving us single file traffic will prevent further damage and stop bricks falling on the line while we await a proper bridge repair. All this was witnessed by Ryan (casual Book Club member) who for once didn't host these cars in his front garden, unlike the cars he showed us photos of ... Go the long way round, folks!

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CHARLIE THE TRACTOR COMES TO TOWN

The children's play areas at Welford's Piece in Clifton and Wimborn Close have new attractions, primarily a Charlie the Tractor and a Trailer multiplay piece, perfect for climbing and sliding, and for lots of imaginative play. Both settings have new swings and Clifton also has an Acorn Trim Trail and roundabout. Wimborn has the little witch's hat cone climber, moved from the Windmill. We still have to cut the path through from Hobart Way as the enlarged Wimborn Close play area will serve both communities.



The upgrades at the two play areas were funded from S106 contributions provided by Burrington, the Clifton road and Hempton road housing developers. They still owe us more funds and if we manage to get hold of the money, we'll do more.

In Clifton, the old football area has had a couple of close grass cuts so we can see the ankle-twisting holes; we hope to bring this back to a usable state this summer.

We've been asked to look at supplying more facilities for teens. We've some way to go but, at the

Windmill, the broken pod swing has been replaced, and the aerial skate is being brought back into play. The double basketball hoops on the MUGAs are being replaced by single hoops with nets – no more excuses for missed shots now ...

The ramp leading from the Adventure Playground into the copse now has a gate to keep children in (as requested by parents/carers) – and dogs and bikes out. It's always a balancing act to serve the needs of several competing groups, but we have a duty of care to anyone using parish council facilities and I hope we get the balance right.

One other notable success has been the new mini tennis courts at the Windmill. They are open access, free to use and hugely popular already with kids (and parents) just to knock a soft ball around.

We're always limited by space and budget when we plan something new, but we do get many admiring comments about the sports and play facilities we've achieved in a relatively small community.

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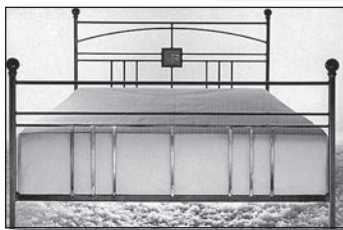


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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

A parishioner who read my last month's diatribe on the plight of domestic servants, advised me rather pointedly that substituting 'wife' for 'servant' would not substantially alter the import of the piece, with the proviso that any reference to wages be removed. I maintain her anonymity to avoid marital complications.

Spring has sprung: goodbye winter for another year. There are various definitions of spring, determined according to local climate, cultures and customs. When it is spring in the northern hemisphere, it is autumn in the southern hemisphere and vice versa. At the spring equinox, aka the vernal equinox, both day and night are approximately twelve hours long, with daytime length increasing until the summer solstice. In the northern hemisphere the spring equinox is in March and September in the southern.

The seasons and their contrary outcome in northern and southern hemispheres are a result of the geometry of the solar system. Way back in time the Earth was clobbered by a body knocking askew its axis of spin by 23.5 degrees relative to its plane of orbit around the sun, resulting in the cyclical nature of the year. Spring influences the growth pattern of trees, the lifecycle of butterflies, migration and the song of birds and the sex life of mammals.

Climate researchers have found that all four seasons are warming at different rates. Average spring temperatures have increased by 1.8C since 1970, making it the fastest warming season in the UK, followed by autumn with a 1.6C increase, winter with 1.3C and summer 1.4C. Spring temperatures in

England are 2.0C higher than in 1970.

In general, spring is getting earlier due to higher temperatures, particularly at the start of the season. The Joint Nature Conservation Committee reported that key events which herald the start of spring are occurring on average nine days earlier than 25 years ago. There is already one record of common frog tadpoles from Cornwall on 16 February. Warmer weather at the end of winter tricks species like frogs into thinking it's time to start reproducing which can be a problem as an early March frost can kill the developing tadpoles.

Frogspawn sightings in 2024 were the earliest on record, occurring 17 days before the benchmark date.

Analysis by the Met Office suggests that every 1C increase in October temperature delays by two or three days the date at which trees lose their leaves. With each tree, flower, fruit or animal species reacting slightly differently to our changing climate, there may become mismatches of events, leading to a disruption in the food chain of various species and putting them under pressure in the future.

I note the phantom tyre dumper has made a further contribution to environmental degradation. If anyone would like an old car tyre for an ornamental flower planter or some such application, you can choose from five dumped on the verge of the Hempton to Duns Tew road, a hundred yards or so after Ilbury bridge. Hurry while stocks last.

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WHAT DID YOU SAY?

Did you know that it was World Hearing Day on 3 March, all about promoting ear and hearing health? There was a lot of activity on the news and social media sites about it and you might have caught Dr Xand van Tulleken on the BBC's *Morning Live* or Dr Hilary Jones on *Breakfast*, both passionately discussing the importance of getting your ears checked and embracing hearing aids if you need them. A fun fact about the day is that the organisations promoting it chose that date because the numbers '3.3' resemble the shape of two ears, making it a fitting symbol for the occasion.

Around 18 million adults in the UK experience some degree of hearing loss or tinnitus. Of these, 1.2 million are profoundly deaf and 6.7 million have severe hearing loss that could benefit from hearing aids, yet only 2 million actually wear them. This gap is partly due to a lack of awareness, perceived stigma, and feelings of inadequacy, especially for those who start wearing them later in life. With age-related deterioration in hearing there's a hefty dose of denial about aging that stops many from visiting their GP for a referral or seeing an audiologist.

Hearing loss can be temporary or permanent and is caused by various factors as well as age; for example, exposure to loud noise, genetics, medication, trauma, or medical conditions. It can be extremely isolating, leading to poor mental health and loneliness for many. Recent studies suggest a link to the onset of dementia, potentially, due to social isolation which can reduce cognitive stimulation or, because the brain has to work harder to process sounds, taking a toll on other cognitive functions. It can be stressful for those affected and, ironically, stress can exacerbate the condition. This month, April, is Stress Awareness Month, so perhaps it is worth taking a moment to reflect on the level of stress in your life and its impact

on your hearing.

Thankfully, our attention is finally being drawn towards the deaf community and people with hearing loss. We've seen deaf celebrities like Rose Ayling-Ellis win *Strictly Come Dancing*, Tasha Stones as the first deaf contestant on *Bake Off* and comedian John Bishop's documentary *Life After Deaf*, where he and his son Joe, who became deaf in his late teens, embark on learning British Sign Language together.

Other wonderful initiatives are popping up, such as Marks and Spencer's accessible payment aisles, equipped with hearing loops, making it easier for people with hearing aids to communicate with staff and complete transactions. It's early days, though, and the message needs to get out there. Too many people with hearing loss are still isolated. Social environments such as cafés, pubs, restaurants are very difficult, as are many other day-to-day environments, from workspaces to waiting rooms and reception areas.

With 30% of the adult population experiencing some level of hearing loss, it's quite likely that someone in your life is affected. Those with moderate to severe hearing loss often rely on their hearing friends, family, and colleagues to support them in daily activities. But by making the effort to adapt our ways of communication at home, socially, or at work, we can relate better and involve each other more, reducing loneliness and empowering those affected to be more independent.

I've been hard of hearing all my life and I'm passionate about this movement towards a connected society where people with hearing loss can be easily included in a hearing world. Join me!

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Greetings as we welcome spring and, hopefully, some warmer drier weather to entice us out. It seems as though winter has been with us far too long.

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As you may have seen, Bengal Spice has kindly agreed to host a library fundraising Curry Evening on 2 April. The 6.30pm sitting is sold out but some spaces are available for the 8.30pm sitting. You can get tickets at the library, Nellie & Dove or Hamptons. There will also be a raffle on the evening with some highly desirable prizes. Come and join us for lovely food, good

company and the opportunity to raise much-needed funding for our community library.

We are running the photo competition for the 2026 calendar now, so start snapping away. We welcome photos of events as well as of the buildings and scenery around the parish. So, whether it's a view that is particularly springlike or party banners and flags for VE Day in May ... remember your camera!

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PFSU AND NURSERY

We would like to thank everyone who joined in with our first fundraiser of the year, the Easter Trail.

Our next fundraiser is the Four Farms Challenge at the Castle Grounds. Join us on Sunday 18 May for face painting, yoga, medal making and a word scramble fun run. We look forward to seeing you there.

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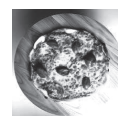
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DH History Corner

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Continuing to reproduce material from the parish archives and with the all too relevant and unhappy context of Ukraine today, David French's article draws on various contemporary newspapers for Peace Celebrations in Crimea in 1856.

The Crimean War (1854–56) was the only major European conflict in which the British Army was engaged between 1816 and 1914. The news of the signing of the Treaty of Paris on 30 March 1856 was received by the North Oxfordshire *Monthly Times* (prop JS Hiron) news room in the High Street.

'The joyful intelligence was soon spread through the town, the church bells rang merrily, and small pieces of artillery were fired from the top of the church tower and in various parts of the town in celebration of the event till a late hour in the evening. The following night a party of young men collected, and provided with fire-arms, they paraded the town, and at given signals fired volleys to commemorate the restoration of peace.'

Messrs Mason, the 'celebrated' axle-tree manufacturers, whose factory was located on the east side of High Street near The Tchure, gave a treat to their workmen and families, numbering around 70, to commemorate the re-establishment of peace. The treat consisted of tea and cake, after which the men were regaled with ale and tobacco, in two large sheds recently erected in Mr. H. Churchill's timber yard in the High-street.

The public peace celebrations in Deddington took place on 13 June 1856 and were summarised in a succinct report the following day in the *Oxford Journal*, although it omits to mention that it rained incessantly almost all day. 'There were grand rejoicings at Deddington yesterday (Friday) to commemorate the peace. We had two bands of music, and at two o'clock the bells rang a merry peal; at half-past two a procession was formed at the Town Hall; at three, donkey racing commenced; at four, a dinner took place in the Deddington Pavilion, erected in the Market-place; at five, climbing a greasy pole for a hat, leg of mutton, &c.; at half-past five, hurdle racing began; at six, tea was provided in tents, erected in the Market square; at seven, foot racing took place; at eight, a variety of other amusements; at nine there was a display of fireworks in a field adjoining the town; after which, dancing in the pavilion, and a partial illumination of the town.'

This almost immediate report was followed up by detailed reports in the Banbury and Oxford newspapers, whose local correspondents presented differing accounts of the festivities. The lengthy reports in the *Banbury Advertiser* and the *Oxford Journal* both highlighted the dissention amongst the inhabitants as to the nature of the celebrations. One faction favoured 'illumination', including fireworks, while the other faction, the partisans of darkness, were concerned that the party of light might encourage unruly elements to cause disorder.

The 'votaries of fire' prevailed, and rumours circulated that those who did not illuminate in the evening 'would probably have their windows smashed' This prompted some of the principal inhabitants to persuade the magistrates that a number of special constables should be appointed as they had 'reason to apprehend that a tumult or riot might take place'.

On the day, 20 special constables were sworn in, and joined the proceedings in a light timber carriage, carrying flags, drawn swords, muskets and blunderbusses 'to overawe the obstreperous', and with two banjo men in the rear of the car. The *Oxford Journal* alleged that the constables 'quaffed the soul-inspiring strong ale at the various public houses as they passed along'.

A dinner for the poor of beef and plum pudding was provided in a large marquee (the Deddington pavilion) in the Market Place and the Unicorn Inn for over 450 people at 4 o'clock, and at six o'clock tea and cake were served to nearly 500 women and children. Many of the inhabitants were puzzled by the sight of the special constables, especially such a large number, and by their antics, but the day passed off quietly, partly because of the unremitting rain.

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HEALTH CENTRE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

It was interesting to discuss the triage system with staff from the Health Centre. Dr Speight presented the reasons for introducing the system eighteen months ago and outlined the constant tweaking and reviews to make improvements and efficiencies to get the best out of the system for patients and staff.

The most important factor is that a request is seen by the GPs who work on the system each day. They decide the urgency of the request and follow up to speed up diagnosis and treatment. After submitting a triage request you might receive a questionnaire for further information. This is to ensure you are linked to a doctor specialising in the relevant area of expertise or simply to assess the urgency of the request more accurately. You may receive a link to book a test prior to a face-to-face appointment, so that the results can be in place when seeing the doctor.

Be assured the practice staff are continually monitoring the numbers of appointments available each day to ensure maximum efficiency. Do remember that if your request is urgent then you can ring the Health Centre where the details will be input into the system by the Patient Services team. Triage can be used via the NHS app, if you have it, or via the Deddington Health Centre website.

The government wants your views, experiences and ideas for improving the NHS. You can have your say in shaping a 10-year health plan for the NHS via the change.nhs.uk portal.

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Book Group

Four Seasons in Japan, by Nick Bradley, contains a tale within a tale. Flo, a young English translator, is at a crossroads in her personal and professional life when she is inspired to translate an overlooked Japanese novel into English. The novel tells the story of Kyo, a young man from Tokyo and his grandmother, Ayako, who lives in the provinces. Kyo has failed his medical school entrance exams and has to stay with Ayako in order to study at a crammer. Ayako's very disciplined and traditional ways do not fit easily with Kyo's modern ideas and his secret longing to forgo medicine in order to concentrate on his considerable artistic talents. In addition, their relationship is affected by secrecy concerning past family tragedies.

Most of us found the story of Kyo and Ayako more compelling than that of Flo, possibly because her struggles were more internal. Nick Bradley lived in Japan for many years and his knowledge of Japanese culture permeates this gentle exploration of family connections, loss and aspiration. The descriptions of the seasons are linked to Japanese customs and ceremonies, with details of traditional clothes and foods (a glossary would have been useful). The book also contains some lovely drawings.

The Book Group

Deddington and District History Society

In March, Liz Woolley gave an excellent talk on 'Lord Nuffield's Great Generosity to the Oxford Colleges'. Born in Worcester in 1877 and moving to Oxford when three, William Morris (the industrialist, not the designer) was one of seven children. He left school at 14 and became apprenticed to a bicycle repair shop, Parkers in St Giles, earning five shillings a week. After a wage increase was declined, at the age of 15 and with £4 capital, he set up his own bicycle repair business.

In 1912 he started assembling cars although he'd had no formal training and designed his first car, the bullnose Morris at his car repair garage on Longwall Street, Oxford. He then transferred production to Cowley. Fifteen years later he was producing 55,000 cars annually, half the total UK production. Wishing to share his financial success, in 1926 he donated £10,000 to parents of children in Borstal and set up the King Alfonso chair in Spanish Studies at Oxford University. This was followed by many generous donations, eventually leading to the recognition that he was one of Britain's greatest philanthropists.

Relations with Oxford University were not easy, with distrust and dislike on both sides. He favoured helping the less well-endowed colleges, including the new St Peter's College. Further donations were made to Pembroke College for grants for poorer students and, importantly, to establish a chair of anaesthetics. Worcester and Lincoln colleges also received generous donations and the four women's colleges received £15,000 to fund medical scholarships. He was made Lord Nuffield (after his home village) in 1934.

In 1935 he bought the Midlands Canal Wharf and Basin, realising it was the perfect location for his new college, Nuffield College, and, in 1937, donated £900,000 to set it up to focus on engineering, modern business and accountancy. The University was keen to benefit from this generosity but did not favour modern studies and did not want a single subject college. Lord Nuffield reluctantly agreed, but later regretted, to it being for postgraduates studying social sciences. Nuffield College was finally completed in 1958, benefitting further from £3 million left to them in Lord Nuffield's will.

When Churchill College, Cambridge, opened with a focus on science, engineering and technology, Lord Nuffield remarked that that was what he would have liked for Oxford. Over the course of his life, he donated £30 million (£500 million today), two-thirds of which was for education and medicine. His wish was that he should 'pass out of this world feeling he'd done his best for man and mankind'.

On 10 April, Ciaran Walsh will be speaking on 'Jericho: Oxford's First Industrial Suburb, from Cholera Epidemics to Gentrification.'

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Holly Tree Club

A date for your diary: get your red, white and blue out! On Thursday 8 May, the Holly Tree Club is having afternoon tea for members to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Don't forget to get your ticket before the closing date, 28 April. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Photographic Society

Society member, Kim Benson, chronologically documented her photography in 2024, taking her audience to different parts of Britain and the US. Keen on photographing many different subjects, she showed us images of birds, flowers, insects and buildings that she enjoyed throughout the year, giving hints, tips and techniques she used to take the most stunning photographs. One of her tips was to be organised, storing images in named folders with dates and places.

Her style of taking long exposure images to create movement in her pictures spilled over into the different genres she enjoys – street photography, sport, air shows, balloon festivals, architecture, and landscapes. Using techniques such as panning, zoom bursts, and intentional camera movement, she created movement alongside altering camera exposure and shutter speed. For clear, sharp images, particularly flora and fauna, Kim used the technique of photo stacking in the camera.

Kim enjoys going on planned, organised 'Flickr walks', joining fellow photographers in London and Oxford. Some of her images are edited in Snapseed



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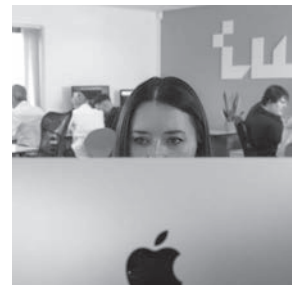
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and Adobe Lightroom to create abstracted images. She also uses editing techniques to layer images to add movement into the final images. Wherever Kim takes her camera, she finds something to shoot.

The club slideshow at the end of the evening was 'Circles, Ellipses and Curves'. Members produced some amazing images, from a light pendulum art piece to outdoor shots of architecture and nature. Well done all – very creative.

Our AGM is in April, the start of our 2025–2026 year. We welcome new members as we venture into another exciting year.

Courtney Killpack
www.addphoto.co.uk

Local Vocals Community Choir

At the end of January, we received the devastating news that our much-loved choir leader, Rachel, has cancer and would be undergoing a course of treatment. This diagnosis reminds me how precious good health is and leads me to question why it is the wonderful people in our lives who are adversely affected. We remain positive for her and look forward to having her back with us on Monday evenings when she is ready. Our weekly sessions were placed on hold for a while so we could explore how to carry on without her at our helm. Since the beginning of March we have been singing along in unison to songs on Spotify. Good fun, but not what we signed up for. Thankfully a 'caretaker' choir leader has agreed to take us on and we can get back to soprano, alto and baritone parts and the learning of new songs.

Alison Grieve
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Barford St Michael WI

Barford WI meet at 7.30pm on the second Wednes-

day of each month in the village hall in Barford St Michael. Our speaker on 9 April is from FarmED, the Oxfordshire centre for Farming and Food Education, focusing on the crucial link between good food and good farming. Visitors (£7) are welcome. If you'd like to know more, please contact Carole Coppin, 07768 378758, or Christine Hall, 01869 338659.

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Iron Down Sculpture Studio

The studio has been busy, welcoming Nicky who works with mosaic colours, painstakingly combining them to create joyous pictures and tiles. Our other new member is Pete who paints beautiful vibrant landscapes in acrylic. Their works give a happiness and continuing energy to the studio. Our community now numbers seven but we have room in our well-equipped makers' space for another enthusiastic hobbyist or artist.

Back in June we wanted to tell people about the wonderful world of clay. Since then we have held four Clay Days; they are such fun and you get to make and glaze wonderful pieces. The groups are small and personalised, and you get to know the studio and our makers as well, all doing different work in a variety of materials.

From Saturday 17 May, come and see us for Oxfordshire Artweeks. We are Venue 510 on page 108 in the brochure. We will be showing paintings, prints, mosaics, and sculptures in clay, wire and multi-media materials, all set inside and outside our wonderful setting at Iron Down Farm. Look out for our posters.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member or joining us for a Clay Day, contact me or find us on Instagram [iron_down_sculpture_studio](https://www.instagram.com/iron_down_sculpture_studio).

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YOUTH

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

This month we have been learning some emergency first aid skills. We talked about what we should do in an emergency and the Cubs worked together with different scenarios to show the rest of the group what to do in their specific emergency.

We practised our craft skills, making cards and gifts for loved ones for Valentine's Day.

Later we enjoyed making delicious pancakes. After weighing, measuring and mixing our ingredients, we challenged ourselves to cook them over a tin can with a tea light, which was surprisingly successful. We then moved on to cooking some bigger pancakes in a frying pan where we all enjoyed a chance to flip them.

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Scouts

A group of Scouts also made pancakes, aided by

Donna and enjoyed by the rest of the troop. Let's face it, they'll eat anything. The rest of the evening was taken up learning phrases from a new language, the Brussels went back up the apples and pears to the bride and groom to try out some rhyming slang. They had a go at translation, then concocted some of their own. Made a change from the normal French and Spanish.

The younger half constructed tiny bows and arrows from lolly sticks and ear buds; some were very successful, others not so much, but that's how you learn. No Scouts were injured during the event.

We invited three local groups to talk about what they do – Friends of Castle Grounds, Friends of Deddington Library and Hempton Church – and came up with some ideas of how we could assist them. We thank them for their time and enthusiasm. It's great that these groups exist in our community.

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SPORT**Deddington Original Golf Society**

To all DOGS Members – dates for your diary. Something to look forward to along with, hopefully, warmer weather.

Tue 6	May	Robin Hood GC, Solihull
Mon 9	June	Henley GC, Henley-on-Thames
Sun 20	July	Abbey Hill, Redditch,
Mon 21	July	weekend jolly
Thu 7	August	Stratford Oaks GC, Snitterfield
Fri 5	September	WaterstockGC, Thame and BBQ evening event in Deddington
Fri 12	December	Tadmarton Heath GC Christmas Scramble and Dinner

If you've recently moved into the area and enjoy golf, at any ability level, perhaps you would like to consider joining the Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS). Our base is Deddington with members from the village and surrounding area. It was established some 28 years ago and currently has 72 members on the database, of which on average 25 participate in our annual events. Full details will follow prior to each event.

For more information, please contact me.

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Deddington Town FC*First Team results*

22.2.25 Hook Norton FC (h) W 3–0 Newton (2), Whitrow

1.3.25 Hornton Devel. (h) (CUP)W 6–0

8.3.25 Chesterton (a) W 4–2

Reserve Team results

22.2.25 Wroxton Sports Dev (a) W 2–1

8.3.25 Hardwick Sports 3rd (h) L 4–5

A generally excellent month has ensued for both teams, with a full house of impressive victories being prevented only by a narrow high-scoring defeat to Hardwick 3rd. The Humbugs' half-dozen obliterated Hornton Development to earn a place in the Coronation Cup Semi Finals, while the Latics were given the slip by Hardwick to miss the chance of moving up to second. The season's simmerings will soon reach boiling point, and you know what to do.

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Deddington Town FC Youth

The Under 16s had just one match this month, a 4–3 home win over Bloxham. The Under 15s had a 4–6 home defeat to Barton Rovers, 5–2 home win over Wallingford and Crowmarsh, 2–5 away win at Garden City, 3–4 away win at Didcot Town and 4–1 home win over Garsington. The Under 14s had a 3–2 win over Watlington, 1–1 draw with Harwell and Hendred, and 1–3 win at Wantage Town. They currently sit top of the C League with four matches of the season left to play. The Under 13s had a 3–2 home win over Chadlington followed by a narrow 2–3 home defeat to Charlbury Town. The Under 12s had a 9–1 home win over SWIS,

followed by 3–5 home defeat to Banbury United, 3–3 draw with Hook Norton and 2–4 away win at Yarnton.

After coaching for the football club between 2007 and 2014, and then taken on the club role to design and deliver training sessions for Under 6s and Under 7s since 2016, I have decided it is time to step down from coaching and let younger volunteers take on the role. So, the club is looking for a Football Coordinator for the U6s and U7s from the start of the 2025/6 season. The main purpose of this role is to design and deliver weekly training for Under 6s and Under 7s with the support of other coach volunteers. There are 10-12 places available for each age group, and we would expect to have three volunteers for each. Full support will be provided by the officers in the club. If you want an informal chat and more information, get in touch with me.

We have our presentation day at the Windmill on Sunday 8 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, please get in touch.

Further information about the club is on our website, www.deddingtontownfc/, or you can visit us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/DeddingtonTownFc.

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DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Since our last letter, the weeks have been filled with many varied and exciting events. The Year 3 pupils had a brilliant Viking Day. The Viking visitor taught the children about the Viking way of life, their language, weapons and the gods and goddesses. Year 4 children had a wonderful residential stay at PGL Liddington in Wiltshire in late February. Their activities included playing games whilst riding micro scooters, travelling on the zip-wire, being eco-explorers and building shelters and fencing.

Once again we celebrated World Book Day in style. Pupils enjoyed a range of activities in their classrooms with everyone, children and staff, dressed up either as characters from actual books or from ones the children had made up for themselves. It was a great day, followed the next week by the Scholastic Book Fair which was open after school each day. We would like to thank everyone in our community, both families and friends, for their support of this event.

We also celebrated British Science Week whose theme this year 'Change and Adapt'. The children loved the day when the company, Science Boffins, visited us, doing science workshops in each class.

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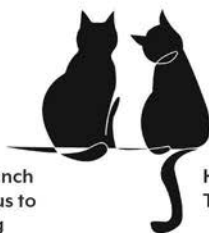
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