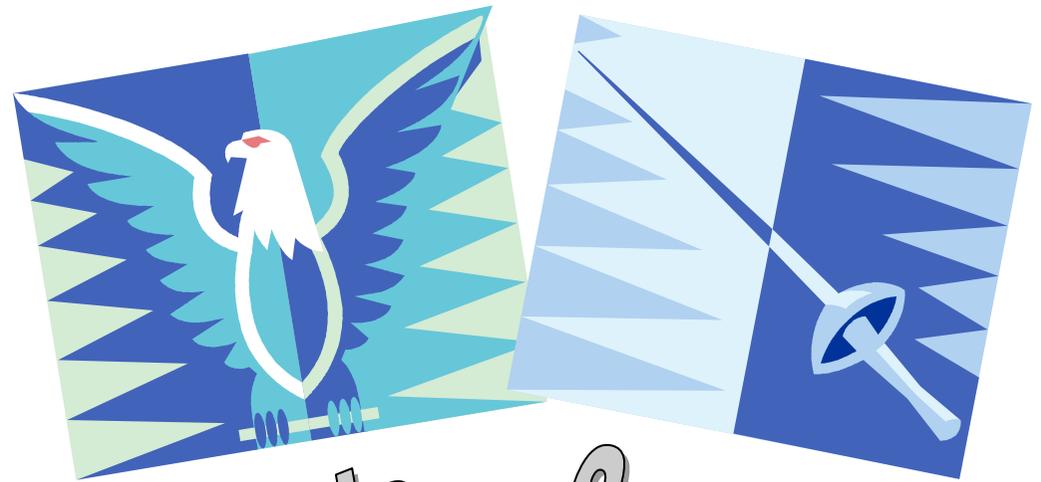




Licensing of Rosemary Wilson as LLM



Hempton Ladies



Eagle, & Sword



Congregation at the service of dedication for the War Memorial Plaque



Epiphany Feast



Keys



Sweden Familiarisation Programme

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## Christian Aid

Christian Aid is THE agency of the British Churches dedicated not only to the relief of poverty endured by people in developing countries, but, far more important, to empowering them to become self-reliant on a 24/7 sustainable basis. The Good Samaritan gave the inn-keeper two days' wages to support the traveller who had fallen among robbers, but he also gave an open-ended commitment to continue meeting the victim's need. Christian Aid shares that open-ended commitment, but today it also campaigns for Tax Justice, to curb global companies who rob developing countries by evading paying the taxes due to the nations in which they make their money.

Christian Aid Week is the largest demonstration of God's Love for the poor as each year nation-wide church members and others collect donations from their neighbours. Last year in this parish some 34 people took part in delivering the familiar red envelopes to every home in the parish and returned later in the week to call for donations. The total of £1786 was sent to Christian Aid, and 80 residents had signed the GiftAid declarations on their envelope, enabling Christian Aid to claim over £100 in repaid tax. On behalf of Christian Aid and all those whom they support we say a massive "THANK YOU" - AND to Pat Brittain, Diana and Hugh Marshall.

Christopher Hall

## Aberford House Group

My group of over 14 years have not met since Christmas. We intend to start going after Easter and would really welcome anyone who would wish to join us.

Historically we have met on Wed evenings but we can be flexible, and would be happy to adjust day and time to suit people's needs.

Jean Welford [01869 338539]



# Eagle, Sword & Keys

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*First Sunday*

## Deddington Fair Traders



It is 12 years since Hugh Marshall launched Deddington Fairtraders, his personal initiative keenly supported by Diana. The PCC primed the pump to help buy the original stock, a loan which was soon repaid. The timing was well chosen as it came soon

after the launch of the monthly Farmers' Market. The Fairtraders were the first to set out their stall in church each month, stocked with goodies from Traidcraft, alongside the Kitchen Team's famed hospitable welcome. Some complained about 'money-changers in the temple', unaware that why Jesus lost his temper in the Temple was because the poor were being exploited by those in power. Fairtrade is about money changing hands in order to change the terms of trade to benefit primary producers whose labour today is widely exploited by those who control world prices.

Since 2002 Deddington Fairtraders have turned over more than £70,000. Each year their operating profit has been shared between Deddington Church and Traidcraft Exchange, Traidcraft's charitable arm devoted to improving the agricultural methods, productivity and marketing skills of its partner producers.

Regular customers have been aware of what the effort involved in the enterprise has cost both Hugh and Diana. So now the stock has been transferred from The Daedings to Philcote Street. Viviane Hall is now the stock controller and the marketing team has been greatly strengthened by Anny Sharman, and by Kath Morris who is developing the stall at Barford's Market on the 3rd Saturday in each month.

Christopher Hall [Publicity]

What is your name? Sue and Rolf  
 Where are you from? Germany  
 Please enter your comments? Dearest Mary and family.  
 Apologies for not attending today, but our thoughts are with you.  
 He was certainly 'unique'. So dapper, with a great sense of humour, articulate and kind beyond words. He will be sadly missed, by all who knew him.  
 Cousin, Sue and Rolf

What is your name? Claire  
 How did you find this website? family/Deddington News  
 Where are you from? New Zealand  
 Please enter your comments? THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU  
 How wonderful that the world is so small now I can experience my only nieces christening from the other side of the world. What a real pleasure it was to be a part of the whole service from overseas. Thank you for the diligence of the 'web cam switcher' who switched from church to font back to church - I adored being a part of it even though I was gutted not to be able to be there - thank you - I love our village church, always have, always will xx

What is your name? Laura Obregon  
 How did you find this website? YouTube  
 Where are you from? Fort Worth, TX USA  
 Please enter your comments? I joined St. Peter and Paul while my husband (Scott McDonough) was stationed at RAF Upper Heyford (1990-1993). We lived around the corner on Castle Street and Ken Reeves was the Vicar at the time. My daughter Savannah was Christened here in 1992. It's lovely to be able to attend a service again via the web. Thanks for the opportunity to visit again.

What is your name? keijo leppioja  
 How did you find this website? I select  
 Where are you from? sweden  
 Please enter your comments? And the light will shine from Christ on us that darkness time and show us to the way to heave in blessing and for victory by Jesus blood and we will joy for grace and the word of life to growing into salvation and to Christ and the Holy Spirit will guard us and heal us to win daily in blessing and in power, thanks and bless, keijo sweden

What is your name? Merryn  
 How did you find this website? Google search for online live service  
 Where are you from? St Christopher's Cof E, Sparkhill, Birmingham  
 Please enter your comments? Peace be with you! Thank you for sharing your services online. It is a blessing for me to share with you from home due to bad health. It would be nice if you could post the words to the hymns online so watchers can follow along. Or it's often possible to find an online link to hymn words if the hymn title is pronounced clearly & slowly for watchers to hear properly (and perhaps repeated just to make sure!). Thank you so much for making this service available!

What is your name? Kath and Bob  
 How did you find this website? Our nephew sent us the details so we may watch the funeral service  
 Where are you from? Newmarket, Ontario, Canada  
 Please enter your comments? I believe this something other churches should consider. There are times when we are unable to attend our church and this would keep us in touch.

If you want to read them all please visit, <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/church/parishchurch/guestbook>.

David Rogers

## Vicar's Report



Goodbye to Dan

2013 saw us lose too many of our regular congregation. Sadly, death claimed Jean Flux, Brenda Evans, John Cheney, Keith Anderson and Kristin Thompson. We said goodbye also to Barbara Upton and to Dan Inman and Sarah Green. That's a fair proportion of our faithful church membership and their departures constitute a significant change. Fortunately, we gained others, rather more than we lost, in fact. In respect of church staff we were able to appoint David

Benskin as our Children's and Youth Worker to replace Sarah and Rosemary Wilson was licensed as a Lay Minister which has compensated in considerable measure for Dan's leaving us, though Rosemary, of course, isn't licensed to all the functions Dan was able to perform. (Rosemary also makes a strong contribution as an organist.) So we are not too downhearted and as will be seen from this magazine the good work continues in so many departments. My thanks to the Churchwardens, deputy churchwardens and other officers of the PCC and those charged with particular administrative duties; also to my clergy and LLM colleagues and all those who are involved in all the operations about which you can read here.



Goodbye to Sarah

Our attendance figures at both Deddington and Hempton remain very acceptable, though at Deddington the Sunday figures have fallen to a raw average of 89 (it's 17 at Hempton). That figure includes the big services and is not adjusted for more than one Sunday attendance by the same person. I sense attendances for 'normal' Sundays are in gentle decline, though this may be more about people attending less frequently than an absolute loss of regular worshippers. We need to remember those who worship with us via the internet – a surprising number. Our services in the Parish Church are greatly enhanced by a skilled and loyal choir directed so well by Elsa Williams, thanks to them, and a special thanks to them for being prepared also to sing at weddings, funerals and memorial services.

Hempton is fortunate to have Heather Nason as organist, with Viviane Hall and Rosemary Wilson ready and very able to sub as occasion arises. The settings for our worship are made beautiful and decorous by those who arrange the flowers, with Barbara Upton and now Annette Murphy wielding the Deddington *suprema's* secateurs, and by those who clean the churches. To all these, thanks Weekday services do well, especially Wednesday morning Eucharists and Squeals and Wheels. The latter occasion brings in a number of people, mostly young (not just the squealers but the squealer-minders, too) who may not come much on Sundays, but who are regular church attendees and members of our church family. Then, though we find it a stretch to do so and could do with more people helping, we are managing to maintain a three-fold weekday Office and services on Saints' days that fall on weekdays. That these weekday services are conducted makes a statement that



Confirmation

public prayer and worship are of the highest importance and, as such, should not be confined to Sundays. It's a statement about spiritual priorities and thanks to everyone who helps our Parish Church to make it.

There were 10 baptisms in 2013. Roy Evans was confirmed and James Liebrecht and Dylan Conlan along with Lewis Harding from Barford were admitted to Holy Communion. Bishop Colin officiated at the Confirmation and Admission service and was also with us earlier in the year for the dedication at a well-attended ceremony of the new war memorial plaque.

Both churches have, as in previous years, been open day by day (Hempton in the summer half of the year) to welcome visitors and in Deddington's case to accommodate a wide range of community activity (Hempton's Church and Village Hall is well used, too). I know this availability of the Parish Church for community use is widely and deeply appreciated by villagers. And it's not just saying to the village, 'Welcome'; quite a burden falls on church members in the management of community use (work in the kitchen, cleaning, liaising with organisations, policing stall-holders, staying behind after an event to lock up and so forth) and my very grateful thanks to those of you who contribute in this area. The hard work is definitely worthwhile in greatly enhancing Deddington



Dedication of the War Memorial Plaque

## i-don't believe it!

Over the last year we have been able to extend the streaming system, upgrade to fibre optic broadband, gained a new streaming server, video mixing software and added additional cameras to the system. The generosity of Bishop Colin, Bishop John, the Deanery Mission Fund, Deddington Farmers Market, Deddington OnAir and other donors must be noted – thank you!

BT also supplied some hardware free to ensure that our extended wireless network and internet café retained content filtering. The Internet Café does get used; it's been pleasing to see it benefit the school and parishioners.

The improved broadcasting technology has given us an amazing resource and has touched people all over the world.

We've had a number of kind messages from our virtual congregants and there are samples below:

*What is your name?  
How did you find this website?  
Where are you from?  
Please enter your comments?*

*Canon Ronnie Clark  
Read about it in the Church Times  
Crete Greece*

*I am a retired PTO Priest attached to St Thomas' Kefalas, Crete, which is part of the Greater Athens Chaplaincy Greece within the C/E Diocese of Europe and have been here for almost five years. Our Eucharist is at 11am, local time (two hours ahead of you folk in the UK) on a Sunday so I will try and connect with you at 10.30am UK time when able. Your stream is very, very good and clear here in Western Crete. I imagine many people find it wonderful to join you at worship on the Web - you sound like a very active parish and have tremendously beautiful church buildings. Bless you in all that you do in Christ's name.*

*What is your name?  
How did you find this website?  
Where are you from?  
Please enter your comments?*

*Cindy (Boyda) Kramer  
Family  
Abilene Texas USA  
Signed in to watch my Aunt Liz Clarks Funeral.*

*What is your name?  
Where are you from?  
Please enter your comments?*

*Peter and Lucy  
Yorkshire  
Thanks for celebration of St. David's Day, especially Calon Lan, Cwm Rhondda, Aberystwyth and Myfannwy and for Mary Jones account. Peter is a Welsh church organist, so this was a real treat, well timed for a special birthday. So sorry to learn your Rector Hugh is leaving. We have valued his sermons via ChurchTV. We know re. interregna and will be praying for you all and staying with you via the internet week by week.*

*What is your name?  
Please enter your comments?*

*PLC  
Thank you for the online service this morning for Epiphany, especially Elsa's music! We are unable to attend our own church at present because of illness but this makes us feel we are worshipping with you instead.*

*What is your name?  
Where are you from?  
Please enter your comments?*

*Clare & Michael  
Perth, Western Australia  
Watching a beautiful service for our little Angel Alfie*

## Ride and Stride

Numbers of participants in the 2013 Deddington Ride and Stride were sadly down on other years, so we were very grateful to the Catling and Liebrecht families and to Tom Childs for riding, while Andrew and I enjoyed striding round Oxford's churches followed by a good lunch at the Old Parsonage (a combination I warmly recommend to anyone for this year's event). We were also grateful to several church members who took on the vital work of welcoming and refreshing duty in the church on the day. We raised £641 in sponsorship to be shared between our church and the Oxford Historic Churches Trust, so that was an excellent result. This year's event will take place on Saturday, 13 September 2014, so please put that date in your diaries now.

Jane Green

## Children's Holiday Activities

2013 saw the end of Children's church holiday activities organised by Jane Green and Diana Marshall after eleven successful and enjoyable years, both for the children and the helpers – some of whom were once little 5 year old participants. At the Forum in October, I volunteered to take on the role of leader and we had a successful Christmas-themed morning early in December and are at present planning for **Easter on Maundy Thursday : 17th April 10 – 12.30**. The success of these mornings is largely attributable to the enthusiasm of the helpers. We do need more helpers, so if you could spare a few hours please contact me a.s.a.p. There is no obligation to attend all sessions if you become a volunteer; no DBS check is necessary and no special skills are required as we often use craft "kits" – if you do have skill or idea to offer, that would be a bonus. The sorts of activities that are enjoyed are: making mobiles, puppets, collages, Easter baskets, glass painting, simple cooking, card-making, play dough model making, outdoor fun and games, indoor board games and co-operative games. We usually start with an ice-breaking "warm up" activity and end with a short story on a Biblical theme.

Annette Murphy (01869 336195  
email: [annette-orchard@live.co.uk](mailto:annette-orchard@live.co.uk)



Toddler's at *Squeals and Wheels*

life; all those markets, concerts, valuation days, writers' awards evenings, fairs, school performances, pamper evenings, children's holiday activities, coffee



Cardinal Newman Pilgrimage

mornings, footcare sessions and meetings about this and that (what have I left out?) benefit hugely, though they could happen elsewhere in the village, from the availability of the fine venue that the church has become. As well as what goes on in church, we do a lot elsewhere. There's Community Cares (and there's a lot of caring that gets done individually outside this group too which I'd also like to recognise and applaud); there's Boys' Brigade - the Anchors and Juniors meet at the Windmill Centre - and there's all the work we do in the School. We co-operate through our Children's and Youth Worker with Adderbury Parish and the Wariner School in their work with young people. There are monthly communion services in Featherton House, St Anne's Home and at the Windmill Centre for the Thursday club there. Some of us Rode and Strode again this year and some of us inaugurated the Newman pilgrimage, walking from Oxford to Deddington by way of Binsey, Eynsham, Freeland, Finstock, Kiddington, Glympton and Great Tew (a near-death experience, but the Over Worton service with Bishop John was reviving!). I'm not sure whether to count the bell-ringing operation as a within-church or outside-church operation; our band rings in the tower, of course, but their sound goes out into all Deddington and surely does much to remind people out there that we – and what we stand for, Jesus, are still around. Thanks to the bell-ringers - like the choir a skilled and loyal musical company.

We continue to reach out beyond Deddington to our link parishes in South Africa and Sweden. A real high spot of the year was Will and Ed Liebrecht's pilgrimage to Compostela to raise money for the Tsogo centre. It saw a marvellous coming together of various parish concerns: youth work, pilgrimage, overseas links. We also kept well in touch with Sweden. Åse Aronsson visited us (and others in the diocese) for a ten-day familiarisation programme in Swedish, Sweden and Swedish Church.



Lucia Youth Choir

Members of the congregation got involved in a course on the Swedish Church in Växjö and in a workshop on the traditional Swedish Lucia ceremony. Such a ceremony came to Deddington (and the Cathedral) in December courtesy of the Sofiakyrkan Youth Choir and we are very grateful to them and to those who provided hospitality for them in Deddington. Deddington Parish Church does its best to raise its sights towards the Church in the wider world. South Africa and Sweden, but also Matabeleland linen and the Sisters of Li-Ti Moi. Our Fair-trade operation and Christian Aid Week help in this respect – and help others. Likewise our speakers from other charities.



Another high spot for 2013 was the initiation of our offering the community the opportunity to contribute on a regular basis to the Banbury Food Bank – that splendid shopping trolley which, when human beings aren't present, welcomes visitors to the Parish Church. Which brings me to matters spiritual. The food bank effort as an abiding feature of what we do came about in relation to a contentious Harvest Festival sermon from me in which people felt unfairly got at. We went over that

fully and openly in the October Forum. Out of that honest debate and out of the pain which led to the debate came an excellent result, a resolution to unite to serve others, whatever our views on the sermon which had triggered the process. We didn't get stuck in criticism and self-justificatory counter-criticism. God is always able to bring the good and profitable out of what might seem merely negative - unhelpful and unpleasant. But God's life is made easier in this respect if we can play our part with some readiness.

I feel a sermon coming on and must not give way to the impulse – or only a bit. Suffice it to say that the way we got where we are in respect of the Banbury Food Bank is an indication of a fair level of spiritual health in the parish. Coping well with the contentious isn't easy, especially when people are being criticised. However, it does seem to me that in the parish there's a bit more criticism, a bit more taking offence at, and a little less patience with those who one finds a bit difficult than there ought to be. Just par for the course in any parish, you might say, but I worry a little about it in Deddington as a vacancy approaches. The dynamics of low-level animosity are liable to be more volatile and dangerous when people aren't quite sure, in unfamiliar circumstances, what's what than when a vicar's around and they know where they are. So do just watch out a bit and keep a check on whether you aren't allowing your own prejudices, preferences and dislikes too much breathing-space. It would be good for all to be thoroughly aware that in a vacancy authority is vested in the Churchwardens and the Area Dean.

Each year, Deddington Deanery has four meetings: February, May, September and November. An invited speaker is given just over an hour to speak on their special subject. This last year we have had specialist speakers on Rural Ministry and Parishes, Mission in the Diocese of Oxford, Diocesan finance and an evening devoted to the structure of the democratic governance of the Church of England for guests and those interested in joining Deanery Synod. After the speaker has answered the many questions that are invariably raised, the business part of the evening is quickly despatched. This usually includes a treasurer's report, a report from Diocesan and General Synod and changes in incumbencies.

The purpose of the Deanery is secondarily to raise, through its parishes, the share of income for the Diocese from which clergy stipends and pensions are paid, central expenses are met and funds put aside for other activities such as training, youth work, charity work and so on. This last year Deddington Deanery was asked to raise nearly half a million pounds, and successfully achieved this target.

Each parish is given its parish share of this total which is carefully calculated. A new scheme has been devised to make the system fairer and it is currently having some teething problems. However, the figure for the next financial year will be made public in each parish or benefice at the Annual Meeting which has to be held before the end of April.

Our own Deanery has some reserves for those parishes who have very limited means and cannot always meet their parish share. We find, however, that a loan from the Deanery is usually repaid quickly. Some better-off parishes generously help towards the parish share of those less wealthy parishes.

This year the Lay Chair, Lindsay Mills who has served tirelessly for nine years (three terms of office) is retiring and we are seeking a new Lay Chair. Lindsay's shoes will be hard to fill. She has become familiar with all the laws, rules and regulations governing the local Church and has led the Deanery along with the Revd Jeff West the Area Dean, now job-sharing with Canon Linda Green, both of St Mary's Banbury. There is a proposal that the role of Lay Chair should also be open to a job-share partnership. Further news to follow!

Rosemary Wilson LLM

## Deddington Deanery Synod Report

What is it about the Church of England that is special and unique? Firstly it is the established church and secondly it is democratic. It is not ruled by one person whose decrees command obedience but it is governed by all its members, those on every electoral roll.

Each person who qualifies to be on the electoral roll – those living in the parish or who have worshipped there for six months or more – has voting rights at the Annual Meeting. The Parochial Church Council has some members who are there because of their position – the incumbent, the churchwardens etc – and the rest are elected at the annual meeting by the electoral roll members. Similarly those who are interested and motivated can be elected on to the Deanery Synod, a cluster of local churches, in the case of Deddington Deanery twelve benefices or parishes, and headed by the Area Dean who is usually also one of the local incumbents and chairs the meetings. There is also a Lay Chair who represents the laity within the Deanery.

Deddington Deanery has developed a job share and has two Area Deans. All local clergy and LLMs are on the Deanery Synod *ex officio* but, again, the lay membership is elected by the local parishioners.

Those on the Deanery Synod have voting rights and can elect members of the Diocesan Synod, a body which represents the whole Diocese and which reflects the size of the Diocese. Oxford Diocesan Synod has about 100 members from all four Areas of the Diocese, one of the largest in the country.

Anyone can stand for election to the synods: there are no special requirements except that they are worshipping members of the Church of England. They are however voted on to Synods by *elected and ex officio* members of the local synod. Hence, any parish member can stand for the House of Laity in General Synod which is made up of the House of Bishops, the House of Clergy and the House of Laity. Thus, the importance of the Deanery Synod cannot be stressed too much. The discussions, debates and decisions made locally can be fed upwards to Diocesan Synod and from there to General Synod. Who knows what pressing questions might come before General Synod?



Rosemary Wilson—Licensing as LLM

All in all, though, the future looks pretty bright. The time has come for a new incumbent to bring fresh ideas and new enthusiasm. She or he will be as privileged as I have been to serve in a parish in which the pool of talent available to the church is huge, the commitment to the church on the part of its congregation very strong (as expressed in the high degree of lay involvement in what goes on), and the desire to take things forward and to innovate, where appropriate, serious and considerable. It's a parish of a size (smallish) that allows an incumbent a bit of space away from the routine tasks to consider and imagine. Furthermore and most importantly, despite the reservations expressed in the previous paragraph, there's a great deal of love and holiness around - and that means a great deal of support (which includes a preparedness to offer constructive criticism) for the incumbent. I hope and pray that you will do all you can (pray, consult, be imaginative, be demanding, pray some more) to secure the incumbent you deserve. I didn't deserve you, but I thank Ed Newell who suggested that I apply for the post and I thank you for appointing me and then for ensuring that my thirteen years incumbency has been, for me, an exciting and rewarding time. Whoever comes next will be very fortunate.

Hugh



## Church Wardens' Report



George Fenemore

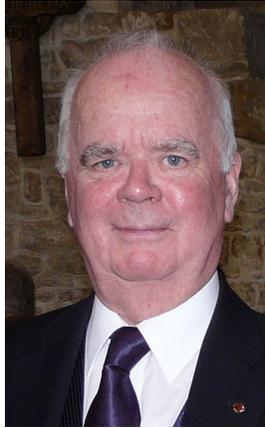
The annual inventory has been completed, and we are pleased to report that all items of church property have been accounted for and a few additions have been noted in the property register. There have been no major repairs necessary to the building or its fabric over the last twelve months but with a building of this age there will always be something that needs to be done. It must be said that, after a winter that has seen some of the worst storms ever recorded in the last 250 years, we

have sustained no material damage to the church.

Both of our churchyards have been closed for many years for grave burials but both can still be used for the interment of ashes, the upper church yard is in good condition and we have a very dedicated team who work very hard to keep it in good shape. It is noted as a wild life haven in the middle of a very vibrant village. Sadly, some of our dog owning neighbours don't clean up after their pets, which makes things very unpleasant for our gardening team and relatives visiting their family graves. The lower graveyard is in need of some considerable work. The Parish council has for many years kept this area mown and tidy, a task that is becoming very difficult as many of the graves have fallen into disrepair and in some cases have collapsed. It is time to start the long and difficult process of getting permission to level up these graves and remove the curb stones, to make mowing easier and the area more visitor friendly.

The north and east walls are in need of some renovation work, the lower church yard is the site of the village war memorial and efforts are being made by the parish council and the church council to have it cleaned and re-lettered in time for the centenary of the outbreak of the 14/18 war but the wheels of the DAC grind very slowly.

Although our church has its origins in the 13<sup>th</sup> century we are very much a church of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Some of our south facing roofs have been covered with photoelectric panels, which bring in a good income for the church as well as helping to save the planet.



Iain Gillespie

seen some of the worst storms ever recorded in the last 250 years, we

## Church Kitchen Report

Fast flows the river of timer! Checking my report of 2013 in "Eagle, Sword & Keys" I see that not much has changed since then. The honorary Kitchen Maids (male & female) have again done their exemplary duty serving refreshments on Sunday, Wednesday, after umpteen Concerts and at several Thanksgiving Services throughout 2013/14. I was able to return, as of old, a healthy end of year Balance Sheet to our PCC Treasurer as well as turn in a pleasing, not seriously depleted, Inventory to Churchwarden George. This includes, for the first time, our Vicar's "little joy", an electric coffee percolator.

Viviane Hall, our new Health & Safety Officer has "swept" through the Kitchen making more than a few improvements but leaving us occasionally looking for items which she had moved to a "better" place! She had, of course, labelled cupboards, shelves and drawers most efficiently but forgot that, when in a hurry, one rushes first to the old familiar places!

José Stevens



What a pleasing and happy report this could have been if written at the end of January. In February our dearest, untiring, long serving Team member José took off her red/white striped Ch. Kitchen apron for the last time and left us deeply bereft at her sudden death. But we continue working together in harmony, Tony Stickings having kindly added Farmers' Market morning duty to his brief. We share sorrow, joy, plenty of light-hearted banter and still feel José's presence around us in the Kitchen. She urges us on, from beyond the grave, in the words of her chosen Poem, read during her Thanksgiving Service:

"You can remember her and only that she is gone.  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on!"

Ruth Johnson

I'd like to say a very big thank you to everyone who is involved with BB, our leaders, boys/young people and their parents. Special thanks as always to Tim Cooper and Annette Murphy (Anchor section), Stan Nelson and David Benskin (Junior section) and to Dave Sawyer and David Benskin who assist me in the Company/Senior section. We are also very grateful for the ongoing support that Graham and Ros Wallington provide via Deddington Brass. Finally, we are very grateful for all the spiritual support and help we receive from the church.

Jennifer Childs  
Leader 1<sup>st</sup> Deddington Boys' Brigade



Thanks to David Rodgers we have been able to embrace modern day technology and all services are broadcast on the world wide web, something that has become very popular with our "on line" congregation. Our church with its very many facilities has also become a very popular venue for many "outside" organisations and it is becoming difficult at times to accommodate the demands of these "outside" events, while maintaining our church as a place of worship and prayer.

As you will all know by now our vicar after 13 years with us is moving on to extend his mission and the Diocesan connections with Sweden. During the interregnum the task of running all aspects of the parish will fall initially on the shoulders of the church wardens and it is the wardens that have the responsibility to keep things running as much as possible as they are at present, but some of the services may have to be moved around in order to fit in with the availability of clergy and our very able lay team.

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and help during the last year.

George Fenemore & Iain Gillespie  
Church Wardens



# Deddington Parochial Church Council

## Treasurer's Report

I have not yet completed the compilation of the annual accounts, and so this report just gives a general overview of the state of the church's finances. Income was over budget, and expenditure was under budget, although the overall surplus will not be quite as much as the ledger would suggest, because certain utilities payments in 2014 have to be moved back into the 2013 figures.

The unrestricted income was more than the budget figure that we had anticipated. Giving - that is to say the Gift Aid envelopes, collections and sundry donations, whilst not as high as we had anticipated, was over £3,000 more than in 2012. Other income from fund raising, wedding and funeral fees, hire of the church, memorial book etc, was more than expected. However, as stated below, we still have loans to pay off; so there is no room for complacency, and several generous donors are, or will be, no longer with us.

On the debit side the utilities bills, the clergy expenses, maintenance and repairs, the churchyard, administration costs and loan repayments were all under budget. The main saving was in the clergy expenses because of the curate's departure. The PV system did not quite generate the same amount as in 2012, but was still a healthy contribution to our funds enabling me to pay off more of the loans given to finance the installation. The outstanding loans on the PV system are about £1,500 which I shall be able to pay off by June this year. We still owe £2,500 for a loan to install the screen and projector

Restricted income was £46,819, and expenditure £29,935. The large surplus reflects the £10,000 grant for the Youth Worker Fund, and some large bequests and donations to the Fabric & Organ Funds. The normal income and expenditure in restricted funds consists of collections and donations to the charity of the month, for instance, as well as regular donations to the Fabric & Youth Worker Funds. It also includes money donated for projects such as the projector & screen. Expenditure comprises the payment to said charities, the Youth Worker's salary and specific projects.

I R Gillespie  
Hon Treasurer

# 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

BB continues to operate in its successful way and during 2013 our numbers remained steady. At the opening of the 2013-2014 academic year we had 32 on roll. We opened up the session with the largest Junior section we have had for a number of years with 13 in that group. We've also seen a number of new boys coming to BB for the first time across all three sections.

At our awards evening in July 2013 we said goodbye to Will Liebrecht from the Company/Senior section, having completed 11 years service with 1<sup>st</sup> Deddington. Will happily secured his place at Cambridge and we've seen him back in the village on several occasions. Max Watling and Zac Colman also moved out of the Senior section in September 2013 because of their age but have regularly come back to help out at sessions and we're always pleased to see them. In November we, together with the rest of the church, said a sad farewell to Sarah Green. Sarah had been a real force for good with 1<sup>st</sup> Deddington and was a great help to me. We needn't have worried too much, though, as now we have David Benskin and we've been indoctrinating him in the ways of BB since his arrival!



Ed and Will Liebrecht

Our South Africa trip in 2012 continues to influence us and in July Will and Ed Liebrecht completed the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage. Their aim was to raise funds for the Tsogo centre and they did a very fine job in this. BB was also able to support them in their concert held during the May half term, at which the many friends and members of the congregation enjoyed a musical evening of rare talent with excellent wine and nibbles.

The funds raised from their concert helped to offset some of the costs involved in going to Spain.

We have continued to take an active part in Battalion events and have added to the trophy cupboard again this year. I am always pleased when we are able to take part as I am very aware that there are many time demands placed on our young people.

## Bell Ringers' Report

**Special occasions and visitors:** In addition to our normal ringing on Sunday morning and practice nights on Monday we also rang for three weddings. In addition, we rang for three weddings at Barford St Michael.

We had visiting ringers on three occasions, the Four Shires Guild in February, Worcester and District in September and Canterbury Cathedral in October

The Banbury Branch of our Guild also rang as usual on Boxing Day morning, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December

**Membership:** Our numbers have again remained almost static since last year but were reduced by one as a result of one of our members moving away. As in previous years finding new members has been an ongoing problem. However the two youngsters who joined us last year are still with us and their ringing is coming on really well.

Our practice night is held on almost every Monday throughout the year from 7.30pm and if anyone is interested, including youngsters from about the age of 12, they are very welcome to call in to see how it is done and have a go if they so wish.

**Ringling:** Attendance on the whole has been very good, on Sunday we have managed to ring all 8 bells on most occasions and practice nights have been well attended, with only one or two practices being cancelled.

We also held a tower open morning during the summer on a Saturday morning that coincided with the farmers market. It was very well attended and I think we had forty two visitors during the morning who were allowed to see the bells, see the view from the top of the tower and watch the bells being rung. It was not easy moving three groups of people at a time around the tower, but we managed it and thanks must go to all involved. The only disappointment was that we did not manage to get anybody interested in taking it further. However it was a success to get that many people to come and have a look and we will hold a similar event again this coming summer .

**Bells:** The bells have continued to be maintained by Whites of Appleton and we have not had any mechanical problems throughout the year.

The year ended with ringing on New Years Eve to see the old year out and the new year in.

Colin Cox.  
Tower Captain

## St John the Evangelist, Hempton



The inventory was completed in March and all found to be present and correct apart from a discrepancy in books, but these do get taken to other churches for special services at times, and it can end up with not always the same amount coming back.

The usual pattern of services has continued with three services a month, the Eucharist being celebrated on the first and third Sundays at 9.00am with Evensong book of Com-

mon Prayer on the fourth at 6.00pm. Other services have been a short Good Friday meditation followed by lunch, the Vigil and Service of Light on Easter Eve, and Ascension Day and Christmas Day Eucharist's were also celebrated. Harvest Festival took place during the September Evensong and the ever popular Carol Service on the Friday before Christmas with the Deddington Church Choir leading the singing and a good congregation to help them along, the service was once again followed by festive refreshments.

The Church once again took part in The Oxfordshire Ride and Stride Day on the second Saturday in September, there were 59 visitors on the day which was somewhat down on previous years, but those who came enjoyed our great hospitality. Thanks to Pam Dodd and all the helpers on the day, also to the five families who rode for us and raised a considerable sum to be shared between us and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

The Church was open daily throughout British Summertime and beyond with several visitors signing the visitors book. Thanks to Barbara Chappell for opening up each day. The hall was used quite regularly by different organisations some on a regular basis including the newly formed Friday Social Club. We also held a Summer Social Party. Attendance was disappointing but those that came enjoyed a sunny afternoon in the grounds. Once again the Christmas Bazaar was the most popular social event with a good attendance and approx. £1500 raised towards the ongoing maintenance at the building. During the year several new windows were fitted in the church making a considerable difference to keeping the building warm and draught-free. Many people have helped look after the church; they are too numerous to mention individually but my sincere thanks go to you all.

Les Chappell  
Deputy Churchwarden

## Choir Report

The choir has continued to serve faithfully and to make an important contribution both to regular worship and to the major celebrations of the church year.

Highlights have included Maunder's *Olivet to Calvary* on Good Friday, singing an anthem at the dedication of the new war memorial plaque, and incorporating Fauré's *Requiem* into the Mass for All Souls in November. We were very busy over the Christmas season, with an Advent celebration, two carol services, Midnight Mass, and Sung Eucharist services for Epiphany and Candlemas. The choir always works hard to prepare for the monthly Sung Evensongs, although the fact that the choir invariably outnumbers the congregation can be a little dispiriting. But it does give us a chance to sing pieces that are slightly more lively or challenging than the quiet anthems which are sung during the weekly Eucharist services, and we particularly enjoyed giving a dynamic rendition of Haydn's *The Heavens are Telling* at the Harvest Evensong.

This year it has been an exciting privilege to give two 'first performances' of works by Donald Lane, both settings of poems by George Herbert, and we also sang a setting by Midlands composer Tim Callow of Cardinal Newman's Prayer as part of the special pilgrimage weekend to mark Newman's link with Deddington and Over Worton. It was slightly disconcerting to have the composer present, but he was very complimentary and delighted to have his work performed in the presence of the Bishop.

The local reputation of the choir is such that we have been much in demand for weddings and funerals, and this has meant a good deal of additional work. Sincere thanks to each member of the choir for their continuing loyal service and their support of the organist. Attending practices every Friday evening, particularly when it is dark and cold, is no small commitment but the pleasure we all gain from offering music as part of the church's worship, together with the fun of singing and the strong caring fellowship within the choir, makes it all worthwhile!

Elsa Williams

## Youth Worker

I arrived in November to take up the role of youth worker. Having settled in well, I have now have taken on the activities.

On a Monday I have re-started the home work club which meets every Monday where we help the young people of the school with their home work. I have been involved in the village youth club which meets on a Monday night and where the young people can come and chill out and have some fun.

On a Tuesday I work at the Warriner School. I go in once a week and work with the student support department working in a mentoring capacity with student on a one to one basis talking through any problems that there may have.

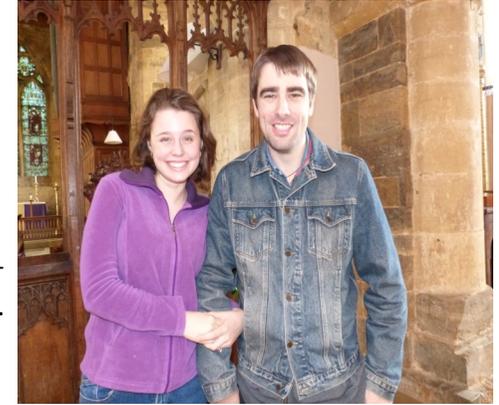
On a Wednesday myself, Hugh or Rosemary are doing collective worship in the school. We also help plan the school's worship, term by term.

I run the lunchtime clubs on a Wednesday and Thursday, boys on a Wednesday and girls on a Thursday. Here we talk about some point in the bible and we play some games as well. On Wednesday evening there is the Boys' Brigade meeting where I help with both the juniors and the company section.

I continue to be involved in the *First Sunday* planning group and help to organise these services. *First Sunday* is a children and family friendly service.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday service has a core group that comes to it and has had new people joining. We have started to advertise it in the School Newsletter. It is an informal worship and it has been good fun to be part of it.

David Benskin



David and Alice Benskin

## Deddington Parish Show 2013



The Parish Show, the fifth in its new era, was held on the first Saturday in September, in the church, which makes a wonderful, spacious and dry venue. The entries were up from previous years and there were many amazing exhibits to admire,

Parish Show 2013 including a new Family class of home-made scare-crows and some wonderful flowers, vegetables and fruit. The Arts and Crafts attracted some beautiful work and for future years, we are separating the Art from the Crafts and adding a few new classes in each of these two sections to add to the interest. The children's exhibits, always a delight, did not disappoint. We have a lovely lot of keen, talented youngsters around. Thanks to the parents who encourage and provide the materials for them.

There was great support on the day as people came to see the exhibits, have tea and spend money at the stalls, which enabled the Show Committee to donate money to local groups – this year the Youth Club and the Church Youth Worker benefitted. We have decided, when funds build up so we can give some away, to help the young people's groups in the parish and this we hope to do every year.

The way this one-day community event has grown is very pleasing to the committee that organises it. It makes all the work worthwhile.

The date for the 2014 Show is Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Wendy Burrows Hon.Secretary



## Sacristan's Report

Jenny Ward is the church's Sacristan and is very happy to perform this role, along with serving at the altar and administering the chalice during services. She would like to take this opportunity to thank George Fenemore for providing his beeswax candles for use on the High and Nave Altars and the beautiful Easter candle.

Sadly, Kristin Thompson died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013. She was part of the chalice administrators team.

We give thanks for Kristin's loyal and faithful service in this role and many other roles within church. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Two other valued members of our team moved away from the area, our Curate Daniel Inman in April and Barbara Upton in December. We thank Daniel and Barbara for their faithful service and wish them every happiness for their future ministry.

Kieran Power-Lydon as our junior server serves at the altar on Sundays and carries acolyte candles during the gospel procession. He has performed these roles extremely well when available to do so.

John Osborough and Judy Ward are now able to assist in setting up the altar before services and serving the priest during the communion. They also administer the chalice on Wednesdays, Saints Days and Sundays when required. Our other chalice administrators are Pauline Cattle, Christine Gillespie, Sir Andrew Green, Vanessa Loach, Diana Marshall, Jean Welford and Rosemary Wilson.

Christine Gillespie assists the Vicar with Eucharists held in the Residential Care Homes and the Windmill Centre. Our regular presenters of the elements at Sunday Eucharists are Bob and Pauline Cattle, Winifred Holt, Diana Marshall, John Osborough, Delphine Sampson, Judy Ward, and Kenneth Wilkinson. Other members of the congregation have kindly carried out this role as needed.

All the above mentioned tasks are important and the efforts of those who carry them out have been greatly appreciated. Many thanks to you all.

God bless each and everyone of you for your faithful service and all the continuous help and support given to me.

I would also like to take this opportunity, especially this year, to thank the Reverend Dr Hugh White for his leadership, guidance, support, love, and friendship given to me in my role as Sacristan during the last 13 years, which I have very much appreciated.

With love from Jenny xxx

## Friends of Deddington Church

Since last year's report in this magazine, FODC has held our first AGM, where we reviewed our events of 2012/13, considered future plans, and presented our first financial statement. We had in fact raised £1850 for Church funds, and this sum was augmented by Gift Aid contribution. As we all know, fundraising is not easy, and we considered this to be a reasonable achievement for our first year. It already looks as if we will be doing rather better by the time we meet for our second AGM on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Our membership is currently around 70.

At our first AGM we agreed that it was a good idea to set up a Floodlight Sponsorship Scheme as part of our fundraising effort. Julie Goodman volunteered to manage the scheme, and it is now underway. We thank Deddington Parish Council for this long-standing contribution of half of the cost of Church floodlighting, and so far several additional sponsors have come forward. Details of the scheme can be found in the Church porch, and on our webpage.

The first event of 2014 was a colourful and tuneful Burns Night celebration at the *Deddington Arms*, generously sponsored by The Farmers' Market. This turned out to be very popular with all seats taken and some disappointed would be diners. We decided to repeat the event, and our magnificent piper has already agreed to play for us again on Burns Night 2015 (January 25<sup>th</sup>).

On March 28<sup>th</sup> Holloway's Auctioneers repeated our Antiques Roadshow style Valuation Day. Although attendance was down on 2013, it was very successful and enjoyable. On April 26<sup>th</sup> we have secured the services of an excellent Caribbean steel band for a Calypso Evening featuring dancing, music and even a bit of instrumental practice for those who feel so inclined. Something nice for people of all ages here. And we will be laying on a light supper and drinks with a Caribbean theme.

I am very appreciative of the support of all the Friends and other supporters involved in organizing our events; they are too numerous to be listed here. Particular thanks however are due to Steve Miller and Bob Cattle who comprise the remaining two thirds of our committee, and whose families are always reliable and able helpers. Special thanks also to Julie and Phil Goodman for looking after our poster and ticket design, and to Elsa Williams for designing and printing tickets for our events.

Lesley Milroy, Chair, FODC (tel: 01869 337614; email: amilroy@umich.edu)

## Katharine House Coffee Mornings

Friday mornings between 10am and 12 noon is the time to greet old friends. The only exceptions to this are Good Friday and Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day, if they fall on a Friday.

The event provides an opportunity for the new residents in Clifton, Hemp-ton, Deddington and beyond to meet other local people. Everyone is assured of a very warm welcome. Information about the many activities in the village is available.

The Katharine House Coffee Morning started twenty years ago as a fund raiser in memory of the late Mrs Pam Harper. In addition to coffee and biscuits there are books, recycled greeting cards made by volunteers at the Hospice, seasonal novelties knitted by many talented volunteers and Katharine House Christmas Cards. Pure Oxfordshire Honey, produced by the Fenemores is available to buy.

To date, some £37,000 has been raised and the Hospice is extremely grateful for the wonderful support it receives from so many different groups raising funds for its invaluable work.

Pat Brittain



Deddington Ladies helping in the Kitchen