

The Deddington Society

DEDDINGTON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Dear Sir/~~Madam~~,

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

I am writing to you on behalf of the Deddington Hall Management Committee, who are anxious to instigate a community newsletter, which hopefully would be produced monthly.

Several organisations in the village produce newsletters and broadsheets of their own, but it was felt that a more economical method of circulating information would be a combined publication for all interested parties.

It is hoped that such a publication would be supported by advertising and would, therefore, be self-sufficient. If your organisation is interested in such a project would you be kind enough to let me know, so that some definite plans could be made.

Yours sincerely,

David R Wall

David Wall,
End Cottage,
The Stile,
Deddington,
Oxon.

THE DEDDINGTON SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER No.1

The DEDDINGTON SOCIETY has now been in existence for about six weeks and the Council (which has met twice since the inaugural meeting) believes that everyone in the parish should be informed, from time to time, of the progress being made towards getting the Community Hall and of events which have been arranged, not only by the Society but by other bodies if these are open to anyone.

TENNIS. A Tennis Club has been formed to plan and organise activities for next season on the Windmill School courts. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Enstone (Featherstone House), Mr. Jones (Wells' Stores), Mr. Jones (King's Arms), or Mr. Lester (St. Thomas' Street).

DISCO-DANCING. Two very successful discos have been held - on October 6th. and November 10th. - and it has been decided to hold these at monthly intervals throughout the winter months. THE NEXT ONE WILL BE HELD IN DECEMBER AT THE WINDMILL SCHOOL. Any suggestions, offers of help, etc. to the Committee - Mr. Holliday, Mrs. Lester, Mr. W. Drake, Mr. M. Bird, Mr. R. Nash, Mr. S. Silver, Mr. P. Bliss.

OLDE-TYME DANCING. It is hoped to hold a regular olde-tyme dance provided that arrangements can be made with the Windmill School. Further details as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS. It is hoped to erect a Christmas tree in the Market Place around which carols will be sung and hot drinks served. The carol singers will then tour the parish. Miss Heather Clarke has undertaken to make the arrangements and would be grateful for any help or contributions.

STREET LIGHTING. The proposal of earlier in the year for lighting the main road has now been shelved. In view of the petition (which over 300 people signed) presented to the Parish Council, the Society would like to know whether residents still wish to press the Parish Council to arrange a meeting with the authorities about lighting throughout the parish. Comments and thoughts to Mr. Morel, The Stile House, New Street, please.

TREE PLANTING. 1973 is National Tree Planting Year. It is hoped to carry out a programme of planting in the parish.

LITTER. The Parish Council has asked the Society to help them keep Deddington a tidier place. It has offered to supply and erect bins near certain houses provided that the occupiers agree to empty them. A number of members have agreed to be responsible for some of these bins and to clear litter from pathways near their houses. Anyone else wishing to co-operate should contact either Mr. Foreman (the Clerk to the Parish Council) or Mr. Morel.

November, 1972.

If you are not already a member of THE DEDDINGTON SOCIETY, why not join now? The annual subscription is modest - Adults, 25p, Junior members, 15p. Contact Miss Hill, Leadenporch House, New Street.

ADDENDUM DISCO DANCING

The next Disco Dance will be held on the 15th December at the Windmill School.

DEDDINGTON SOCIETY

Newsletter No 2

COMMUNITY HALL. In December members of the Council of the Society had a meeting with the County Director of Education, officials from his department, Sir George Schuster, Mr G.R.Wing, and members of the Parish Council, to discuss the use of the hall at the Windmill School for Community activities. In what was a very successful meeting the Director and the Headmaster agreed in principle to the use of the Hall. Since then the Council of the Society has been in correspondence with the Department of Education with a view to setting up a management committee and agreeing the terms on which the Hall can be made available to the Deddington Community for a term of years.

We feel that the ultimate objective should be the building of new Community facilities but in the meantime the Windmill Hall will provide good premises.

OTHER PARISH ORGANISATIONS. The Council Meeting of February 7, was attended by representatives of the following bodies: The Deddington Choral; Deddington Players; The Fire Service; The Football Club; the Hempton Residents Association; the PTA; the Girl Guides; the Nodmads; the Women's Institute; and the Youth Club. They had been invited to attend with a view to recommending Associate Membership to their parent bodies. The meeting was productive and friendly; the Football Club and the Women's Institute are now associate members and we believe that other bodies will be joining.

FUNCTIONS. The Society has now held four successful Disco Dances With the Old Tyme Dance for February 24 this represents a good start to our programme of social activities.

TREE PLANTING. Our plans for National Tree Planting Year are well advanced and should be shortly published. Anyone with ideas for the siting of new trees or with any other suggestions on this subject should contact Miss Betty Hill.

BUS SERVICES. Anyone who feels strongly that the transport services to and from Deddington need to be improved should contact Messrs Hindley, Husbands, Morel and Miss Hill or any other Council Member.

LITTER. Some new litter bins have been put up by the Parish Council Others we believe are to follow. It seems that we shall have to make litter clearance a D.I.Y. operation at the moment. So anyone seeing very unsightly litter, please just pick it up and put it into the nearest bin and PARENTS PLEASE remind your children to put sweet papers, crisp bags etc into their pockets until they find a bin. If everybody cooperates the Parish can be made tidier.

MEMBERSHIP. Total membership is now well above 200. The annual subscription remains at - Adults, 25p., Junior Members, 15p. For Associate Bodies it is only £1 for the year. If you are not already a member of the Deddington Society why not join now? If you are urge your friends to join. Contact Miss Hill, Leadenporch House, New Street.

The Society is going well; it will only continue to grow and progress with your active help and participation.

CHRISTMAS. Thanks to organisation by Miss Heather Clarke and Mr Peter Husbands the Carols and the Christmas Tree in the Square were highly successful and enjoyable.

February, 1973

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A JUMBLE AND WHITE ELEPHANT SALE will be held on Saturday June 2nd at 2.30 p.m. in the HOLLY TREE CLUB Admission 2 p. Refreshments. Please come. WE NEED YOUR JUMBLE AND WHITE ELEPHANTS. We will collect. Please let Mrs Morel, Stile House or Mrs Hughes, Hempton Road, know if you have anything.

TENNIS - URGENT

If you are interested in playing tennis in Deddington this summer please let George Enstone know immediately - Deddington 259

DISCO 6 is scheduled for early June; watch for posters.

REMINDER - the Deddington Annual Parish Meeting is on Wednesday May 23rd, 6.30 p.m. in the Town Hall

Deddington Society Council Members please note that the next Council Meeting is to be held on Monday June 4, 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The Deddington Festival is now scheduled for September, from Sunday 16 to Saturday 22, 1973. Events will include Exhibitions, Plays, a Brains Trust, a Grand Dance and a presentation on the History of Deddington. If facilities can be arranged it is also hoped to mount a Motor Cycle Scramble, Sporting Events on the Castle Grounds and a Grand Bingo Session.

If you would be interested in taking part in the Festival, either in the events listed here or in other items that you think should be considered, please contact: the Chairman of the Society, Geoffrey Hindley Deddington 489 the Secretary, John Morel, Deddington 384; the Treasurer, Peter Husbands, Deddington 459; the Membership Secretary, Betty Hill, Deddington 261; or any Council Member before the Council Meeting of June 4.

FESTIVAL REPORT

Thanks to the efforts of many Deddingtonians and of many Deddington organisations, Festival Week, September 16-22, was a considerable success. Our own excellent public relations made sure of extensive local press and radio coverage but, more important, the events themselves were by and large entertaining and good value. Of course there were one or two mistakes which we shall have to learn from. But for a first attempt Deddington can be pretty satisfied with its Festival. The society treasurer has not completed his books as yet but already we can see there was a reasonable profit.

WELL DON'T EVERYBODY!

When your Society was founded a year ago, many people told us that nothing would get off the ground in Deddington. Well we've made a start. Negotiations with the Education Authorities over the Windmill School Hall are nearing completion. In October the Management Committee of the Deddington Parish Hall should hold its first meeting. During this first year too, the society has also sponsored a number of highly successful Discotheques and has arranged for the opening of the Tennis Courts at the Windmill School to general use at a reasonable club membership fee. Finally we brought our activities to a climax by initiating Deddington's Festival Week.

In the coming year the Society hope to be able to plan a fuller programme of activities; to do so we shall need more members. The first Annual General Meeting will be held on October 26 and new members are welcome to join then. On the agenda will be the Treasurer's report on the Festival including a statement of the profits we might allocate to improvements and renovations of the Windmill Hall. The officers for the year will be elected and nominations are called for. That meeting will launch Year Two of the Deddington Society - we are sure that it can be a good one.

DEDDINGTON SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER-APRIL 1974

The normal post-Christmas lull has been emphasised by the national emergency which, as far as the Society is concerned, ruled out the use of the Windmill Hall for discos and other social events. Hence there has not been a great deal to report since the last epistle but the Executive Committee has met regularly on the first Monday of each month to keep the affairs of the Society ticking over and to discuss ways of implementing some of the suggestions raised at the AGM last Autumn. It reported to the Council at the beginning of March 1974.

Youth Committee

Members of the committee had surveyed the existing facilities available to young people and had discussed ways of improving them with youth organisers in the area. The committee was asked in particular to prepare a summer vacation programme of events and outings for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive. Mrs Asser (Tel: D.349) would welcome any suggestions.

Auditor

Mr Wynne of Bodicote and late of Tuckers Stores has agreed to act as the Society's auditor.

Health Centre

Some members have expressed concern that the new Health Centre will only offer dispensing facilities for prescriptions issued at the Centre itself. Inquiries so far suggest that this is national policy rather than a purely local arrangement.

Village Hall

In view of the recent restrictions on the use of Windmill Hall and the expensive hiring costs, Council passed a formal resolution 'that a letter be sent to the Parish Council requesting the calling of a general Parish Meeting to seek the views of residents on the desirability of working for the building of a Parish Community Hall.'
The Parish Council have since agreed to the calling of a Parish Meeting on Monday April 22nd at 7.30 pm in the Windmill Hall.

Deddington Hall Management Committee

The Society has two representatives on this committee, Gerard Sullivan (Tel: D.626) and John Morel (Tel: D.384), which had one meeting last December prior to the restrictions imposed by the Oxfordshire Education Committee to conserve energy. Before going into hibernation the Committee requested the Acting Organising Secretary, Mr T M McKeon, Head of Adult Studies at the North Oxfordshire Technical College and School of Art, to seek clarification from the Local Authority about the current letting

Issued by the Deddington Society.

FESTIVAL '74.....14th - 21st. SEPTEMBER.

Plans are taking shape for making this year's Festival more ambitious than our first venture last year. This will only be possible if everyone lends a hand so if you haven't already done so, please offer your services to one of the following:-

Grand Opening. Castle Grounds, Saturday, 14th. September.
Fete, clay pigeon shooting, bowling, disco.
Ring George Enstone - D.259.

Refreshments during Festival week
Ring Paula Lester - D.682.

Craft Market - Saturday, 21st. September.
Ring Michael Ackland - D.241.

Market Square - Saturday, 21st. September.
Ring Gerard Sullivan - D.626.

Other attractions during the week will include:

A play provisionally entitled 'What shall we do for the Festival?' written by a local resident Elizabeth Ware and performed by the Deddington Players; a concert in the church; stalls in the Market Square; Morris Dancing; Brass bands will set the scene on the two Saturdays and a glider will be flying over the Market Square for a 'Guess-the-height' contest. Frank Ifield has agreed to put in an appearance at the Festival and a dance will be held at the Windmill School on the final Saturday. Ideas for other events are still welcome.

Leisure-time classes.

The Deddington Hall Management Committee has approved an outline programme for evening classes in the Autumn at the Windmill School. Classes in Photography, Ladies Keep Fit, Handicrafts, Languages, and Local History (W.E.A.) have been suggested. Further details later.

Village Hall Project

Report: The Parish Meeting on 22nd. April attracted nearly a hundred people interested in discussing the idea of working towards the building of a Village Hall. A useful talk was given by Mr. L. W. Wood, Secretary of Oxfordshire R.C.C., who explained some of the costs which would be involved and the possible ways of applying for official grants. The meeting ended, however, on a note of uncertainty. No-one quite knew the next step to take. Instead of capitalising on the interest shown by setting up a working party to study the full implications of the project the matter was left for independent discussion by local groups and the Parish Council with a view to testing the response again at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Parish Council at its next meeting agreed to the Deddington Society carrying out a small survey of the opinion of local organisations which might wish to use a Village Hall. Unfortunately, the survey report was not available for the Annual Parish Meeting. And there the matter rests.

Comment: The Village Hall idea will die a natural death unless those who feel strongly that this long-term project should be made the focus of community activity and fund-raising see that it doesn't. In any event it would take several years to get off the ground so in the meantime perhaps the Windmill Hall could be made more attractive for local social functions?

Tennis

The Tennis Club is now under way playing on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Ring Eric Dodwell (337) or George Enstone (259) for further details.

Outings.

Saturday 27th. July: to Drayton Manor Park.
August: to Windsor.
Further information from Mrs. Jones (206)

STOP PRESS: Next Executive Meeting - Monday, 1st. July, 1974 - 7.30p.m. - Holly Tree Club. An open meeting to which all members are invited.

THE DEDDINGTON SOCIETY

December, 1974

Dear Householder,

The Deddington Society has an exciting programme of events scheduled for 1975 and together with all other Groups in the village we will be enjoying a most active year. To carry out this programme we need your 25p subscription, and a member will be calling for your help in the near future. To refresh your memory :-

Why the Deddington Society ?

1. Together with all other Societies we need to establish a Community Centre for Deddington.
2. Using village expertise and outside talent, we would like to establish an interesting and varied programme of leisure-time activities.
3. Most important - whatever the Society promotes we would like involvement from everybody in Deddington and the surrounding Parish.

What About the Windmill School Hall ?

The Society has allocated £100 to the Hall Management Committee for improvements to meet Fire Regulations.

This Committee has applied for a new licence to cover all public activities in the Hall for 1975 - news of their success will be in the January Newsletter.

DECEMBER ACTIVITY

Friday, 19th December

The "DEDD. SOC. DISCO" returns again to the Windmill School Hall, beginning 8.00 p.m. Soft drinks and refreshments will be available (Admission 35p).

Christmas Eve

There will be a "Grand Carol Singing" around the Christmas Tree, beginning 7.00 p.m. Hot Dogs, Hot Drinks and Hot Chestnuts will be available - proceeds to go to the Hollytree Club.

Lending their voices will be as many Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies who can make it - they are also singing in Deddington on the 23rd.

Best wishes for December,

TONY KITE
(CHAIRMAN)

THE DEDDINGTON SOCIETY

February, 1975

Dear Householder,

WINDMILL SCHOOL HALL

On behalf of the Deddington Society and all the Groups who use the Hall, I would like to thank all the helpers who have now almost completed the redecoration of the Hall. The curtains still have to be made - any further offers of help should be made to Nigel Oddy (Deddington 669).

CALLING ALL 'MASTERMINDS'

A 'Brains Trust' competition is to be held at Hook Norton on 19th March. Deddington will be competing against other local villages. Anyone wishing to participate or support the village should contact :

MR. P. HUSBANDS

45 St. John's Way, Hempton (Deddington 459)

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Friday, 14th February

The Cubs and Scouts are holding a St. Valentines Dance at the Village Hall at Aynho. Dancing will be to the 'Three C's' and there will be a buffet and bar available. Tickets are £1.00 and are available locally or on the night at the door.

Tuesday, 18th February

A chap called David Boullin is giving a slide presentation on 'Historical Detective Work in your House and Garden' in the Hollytree Club at 7.30 p.m. This is the second meeting of the Deddington Local History Club - new members welcome.

Friday, 21st February

The Dedd. Soc. Disco with the professional sound of P.G.H. will once again be at the Windmill School Hall. 8.00 - 11.00 pm.

TONY KITE
CHAIRMAN

THE DEDDINGTON SOCIETY

Newsletter

ROAD TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN

A Public Meeting is to be held to discuss the proposed "Road Traffic" Control Plan for the village of Deddington.

The date is Thursday, 15th May, the venue is the Junior School and the meeting will begin at 7.30 p.m.

In summary the plan is devised to bring a new One-way system and No Parking double yellow lines to the village.
(Full details are displayed on maps in the Post Office and High Street Garage).

Representatives from the Ministry of the Environment will be presenting their case - let's make sure that we all turn up to give our point of view.

DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL 1975

The Deddington Festival will be held on September 19th and 20th this year.

The Saturday will feature a Market Day once again - any group wishing to run a fund raising stall please contact myself as soon as possible for details.

DEDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB

We hope to be running a Tennis Club again this year at the Windmill School Courts. Anyone interested in taking part should contact :

George Enstone Deddington 259

Eric Dodwell Deddington 337

as soon as possible - the Annual subscription will not be more than £2.00

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Secretary

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