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Reasons to be cheerful – we must by now be out of the worst winter in living memory for some people – well for 30 years for us oldies! Spring is really springing and we have a summer of much content to look forward to with festivals, shows and exhibitions to gladden the eye and ear. Don't you dare be bored ...

DIARY APRIL

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| Wed | 7 | Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8–10pm |
| Wed | 7 | Photographic Society: AGM and Simon Lutter on 'Pinhole Cameras', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 8 | Children's activities, Parish Church, 10am–12.30pm |
| Thu | 8 | Monday Morning Club: Film evening, <i>Australia</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm |
| Mon | 12 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon |
| Tue | 13 | WI: Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 14 | History Society: Mike Boyes, 'A Victorian Rector and Nine Old Maids', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 14 | Deddington Police: Drop-in session, Police Office, 5–7pm |
| Sat | 17 | Exhibition of photos of Deddington residents, Holly Tree and Town Hall, 10am–4pm |
| Sun | 18 | Exhibition of photos of Deddington residents, Holly Tree and Town Hall, 10am–4pm |
| Mon | 19 | Youth Club: Sponsored skate to Hempton and back, 7–9pm |
| Wed | 21 | Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 24 | Deddington Farmers' Market, Market Place, 9am–12.30pm |
| Sat | 24 | 'Kathartic' exhibition, Tudor Hall School, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 24 | Warriner Choral Society: Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 29 | Annual Parish Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 29 | Book Club: For venue and title of next book, call Sally on 338094 |
| Fri | 30 | Writing competition closing date |

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| Wed | 5 | Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8–10pm |
| Wed | 5 | Photographic Society: Workshop by Yin Wong ARPS, 'Photographic Images', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 6 | PC election (unless General Election day) |
| Thu | 6 | Monday Morning Club: Film evening, <i>Then She Found Me</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm |
| Fri | 7 | DOGS: Full day's golf at Frilford Heath Golf Club |
| Sat | 8 | Chipping Norton and District Choral Society Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Mon | 10 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon |
| Tue | 11 | WI: Moira Byast, 'Tasting the Past', Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 12 | History Society: Liz Woolley, 'The Parish of St Thomas Martyr from the 12th Century to the Present Day', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 12 | Deddington Police: Drop-in session, Police Office, 5–7pm |
| Sat | 15 | Maurice Frost Festival, Parish Church, 6.30pm |
| Sun | 16 | Tennis Club: Open Day, Windmill Centre, 2–4pm |

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17 MARCH 2010

The response to my previous report has encouraged me continue with this less formal reporting style. Please remember, this is a personal view of the proceedings and is not a complete record of the meeting. If anyone would like to comment, I would be happy to hear from you. Charles Barker (charlesfbarker@gmail.com)

A good turnout of councillors; the meeting chaired by Jim Flux was also attended by two OCC representatives to talk about bus stops and only one member of the public. I feel more people should attend these meetings to see how your Parish Council goes about managing the affairs of the three villages.

Open Forum

Mark Nicholson spoke on behalf of a number of neighbours against the planning application for the redevelopment of the land to the north of the new vicarage in Earl's Lane (see planning report). His concerns about over-exploitation of the site were understood and were sympathetically received.

Headlines

Bus stops on Route 59 (Oxford–Banbury) are to be improved. Outside Deddington Manor on the route to Banbury a pedestrian hard standing is to be laid into the grass. In the Market Place, the north bound bus stop is to be moved from the layby to beside the Town Hall. Generally bus signage and timetable boards will all be upgraded.

The *election for the Parish Council* is Thursday 6 May unless there is a General Election in which case it will be postponed until Thursday 27 May. New nominations would be very welcome; anyone who has an interest in making a difference in the community should consider standing (see also letter from the Parish Clerk p. 7).

The *Parish Meeting* on 29 April at the Windmill Centre is an opportunity for everyone to raise matters of concern. A speaker from CDC will talk about the Food Recycling Initiative and there will also be a discussion about the Deddington War Memorial.

Community Policing Awards: Thames Valley Police are inviting nominations by 16 April; details can be found in the Library or from www.thamesvalley.police.uk/communityawards.

Rapid Response First Aid: the market group is sponsoring an emergency defibrillator. The Ambulance Service will be responsible for appointing and training a local paramedic.

Planning

2 Philcote Street: This is a revision to an already approved application for the demolition of an existing rear conservatory to be replaced now by a two-storey rear extension. There was no objection but DPC hoped that the original conditions would remain.

Land adjacent to new vicarage: The application is to build four houses on a small plot. A number of objec-

tions were discussed and will be considered again after further consultation.

Recreation Working Group

The *Youth Club* is having a difficult time as the youth worker has gone to Bloxham causing concern over control, and numbers of attendees are down.

Castle Grounds: the moles have won and the Colts' football team can no longer use the grounds; this will mean that they will no longer cut the grass. However in a separate development a contractor has been appointed to manage the surrounding woodland and trees.

Allotments: Lynda Lake-Stewart was commended for her leadership in clearing scrub for more Satin Lane allotments.

Play Areas: Hempton mothers have formed a working group to improve the local facilities because the Windmill Centre is too inaccessible.

Environment & Special Projects

Wildflower planting: the £1000 funding has been approved. The first area to be planted is the southeast corner of the cemetery. Nicholsons have also agreed to fund the planting of two new beds at the entrance to the cemetery.

Oxford Conservation Volunteers are to resume work on laying the hedges at the west end of the Windmill CC.

Hanging baskets are to be reinstated at the Town Hall, sponsored by the Market Group; Cllr Finnigan has also offered £100 sponsorship.

Oxford Rd: the area down the hill to the south of the village that has been extensively cleared is to be planted with shrubs by Oxfordshire Highways.

Litter clearing on the Clifton and Hempton roads has resulted in 20 sacks of rubbish being removed from the roadside. Good work Max and Richard!

Dog Bins: Hook Norton Veterinary Surgery has agreed to sponsor a new dog bin at the junction of St Thomas and New Street.

Finances

Our investments which are mainly with the West Bromwich and Alliance & Leicester Building Societies and the Anglo Irish Bank, amount to £542,140 and in March £3,406 of invoices were agreed for payment.

Next meeting: Town Hall, 21 April 2010

The full Parish Council minutes are available at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/pcminutes>.

FROM JIM FLUX, CHAIRMAN DEDDINGTON PC
In May we will be remembering the Revd Dr Maurice Frost with a festival of events in the church, where he was vicar from 1924 to 1961. It is also worth remembering that he was the longest-serving Chairman of the Parish Council, a position he held from 1938 to 1961.

Deddington Rocks

will take place on Friday 11 June in the Market Place, starting at 6.30pm and going on until around 11.00pm. This is the day the Soccer World Cup starts, so it will be a great start to the Deddington Festival. Support will be by local bands Indigo Child and the Blue Meanies. The show will be headlined by Abba Magic, a highly rated Abba tribute band. So for all you *Mamma Mia* fans it is an evening not to be missed. As part of the Festival, the concert is free, but the organisers hope to make it an annual event, so any sponsorship, or donations on the night will be gratefully received. Anyone with anything to contribute should contact Mike O'Brien on michael.ob@btinternet.com.

Writers write before...

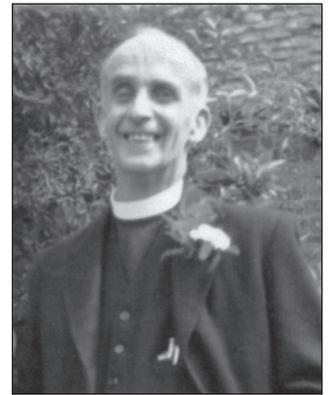
Across Britain and even further afield – but especially in Oxfordshire – writers young and old are composing, correcting, chopping and changing their stories and poems for the Deddington Writing Competition. The countdown to closing date has started as all entries must be received by Friday 30 April. For those yet to be stirred there is still time to pick up a leaflet from the library or download the details from www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk. Prizes range from £25 to £100 in the Open Competition whilst for younger writers, in three age groups, book tokens are waiting to be won in the Children's Competition. All shortlisted work will benefit from a personal critique by one of the distinguished judges as well as the thrill of 'and the winner is ...' at the awards evening on 25 June. Entries are particularly welcome from anyone who has never entered a competition before. Why not have a go? ... closing date **30 April**

Hugh Marshall, hughm34@btinternet.com

2010 festival
deddington

Maurice Frost Festival

Do you recognise Maurice Frost, this former Vicar of Deddington? If you do and you have photographs, printed material or memories relating to him, please contact the present Vicar (349869; vicarhugo@hotmail.com).

**Open Gardens and Allotments**

Spring has finally arrived and, if you are a keen gardener with a garden you are proud of, why not give others the opportunity of seeing the fruits of your labour by opening your garden and raising funds for the Friends of Deddington Festival? Gardens

don't have to be grand to open their gates to a wider audience, just let the garden speak for itself. Please do come forward.

Joan Wright, Organiser of Open Gardens and Allotments in the Parish of Deddington, 338535 or email joanwright@suffolkonline.net

Parish Show 2010

This year's show will be on Saturday 4 September in the Parish Church. The insert in this issue of the *DN* gives the list of classes, some of which are different from last year. We are alerting you to the show classes this early, hoping you can plan some of your seed planting to enable you to enter the flower and vegetable classes, and to get the children started in making items for the children's classes.

We had marvellous support last year which made for an enjoyable and successful show, so this year, let's make it even bigger and better.

Wendy Burrows, Hon. Show Secretary
wendyburrows888@btinternet.com

DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL 2010**ART EXHIBITION**

Saturday 26 June and Sunday 27 June
10am - 6pm Admission Free
at The Holly Tree, Horsefair, Deddington

Oils, watercolours, acrylics, pastels, prints, ceramics and more

Special offer: Artists' original minipics
£10 each

Open-air workshop on willow
sculptures

01869 336195

Deddington Portraits

An exhibition of around 500 informal portraits taken in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton between 2000 and 2010

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 April
Town Hall and Holly Tree Club
10.00am to 4.00pm
Entrance free

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

April 2010

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

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| Thur | 1 | 1.00pm | (School attending) Eucharist with washing of the feet and stripping of the altars |
| | | 2.00pm | Squeals and Wheel |
| | | 7.00pm | Passover Meal in Wesleyan Reform Church, followed by Vigil in Parish Church |
| Fri | 2 | 9.30am | Hot Cross Bun Service |
| | | 11.00am | Walk of Witness from Barford St John to Wesleyan Reform Church |
| | | 7.30pm | Good Friday Meditation |
| Sat | 3 | 7.30pm | Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter |

EASTER DAY

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|------|----|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Sun | 4 | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 10.30am | Family Eucharist |
| Wed | 7 | 10.00am | Eucharist |
| Sun | 11 | 10.30am | Sung Eucharist (with Healing Prayer) |
| Wed | 14 | 10.00am | Eucharist |
| Thur | 15 | 2.00pm | Squeals and Wheels |
| Sun | 18 | 10.30am | Eucharist |
| Wed | 21 | 10.00am | Eucharist |
| Sun | 25 | 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | | 10.30am | Morning Worship |

St John's Hempton

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| Sun | 4 | 9.00am | Eucharist |
| | 18 | 9.00am | Eucharist |
| Sun | 25 | 6.00pm | Evensong |

Barford St John and Barford St Michael

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| Fri | 2 | 7.30pm | Good Friday meditation (Bfd St J) |
| Sun | 4 | 4.00pm | Family Eucharist (Bfd St M) |
| Sun | 11 | 4.00pm | Evensong (Bfd St J) |
| Sun | 18 | 4.00pm | Family Service (Bfd St M) |
| Sun | 25 | 4.00pm | Eucharist (Bfd St J) |

Cherwell Easter Activities

Cherwell DC's Easter holiday activity guide is now available, filled with great opportunities for young people 5–16 years. Book on to one of the many courses to learn a new skill or just to have fun and meet new friends. Courses include tennis coaching, football camps, golf, animation and film workshops, and urban art opportunities. Or book your place (£28) on the trip to see *Sister Act* at the London Palladium. Youth activators will be running sessions in the parks across the district and the Energise rural sports roadshow will be back at venues in the villages. All locations can be found in the online activity brochure at www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk or call 01295 221803. Courses can now be booked directly on the web: www.cherwell.gov.uk/activitybookings.

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), or one of the churchwardens, Glynne Bianchi (337743) or George Fenemore (338203)

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton except 25 April Faith Sharp

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| Thur | 1 | 7.00pm | Passover Meal followed by Holy Communion in the Parish Church and Vigil till midnight |
| Fri | 2 | 3.00pm | Good Friday Devotions |

Congregational Chapel, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Sun 4 3.00pm Easter Service with Communion

April 2010

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church together with their congregation

Sunday afternoon services at the Chapel at 3.00pm are organised by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Fr John Burns 277396

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

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

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

Hethe Only

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| Thur | 1 | 7.30pm | Solemn Mass of the Installation of the Eucharist followed by Watching till Midnight |
| Fri | 2 | 3.00pm | Liturgy of the Passion |
| | | 7.30pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Sat | 3 | 8.30pm | Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter |
| Sun | 4 | 8.30am | Adderbury Mass |
| | | 10.00am | Hethe Mass |

See also the flyer enclosed with this issue of *DN*

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

Can you help?

Volunteer drivers are needed on a regular basis to ferry elderly clients to and from the Tuesday/Thursday Windmill Club. If you would be willing to be included on a rota, or would like more information, please contact Jim (07899 974704), Debbie (07737 892745) Anne (01869 337144) or Jean (01869 338110). Many thanks!

Jean Rudge, 338110

PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's hard to believe the Easter break is upon us already! The end of term has been very busy due to performances, trips and residentials.

Year 2 have enjoyed a Singing Day which we hosted this year, when we were joined by other Year 2s from Christopher Rawlins, Bishop Carpenter and Dr Radcliffe's schools. The children worked hard all day and then in the afternoon had the opportunity to perform in front of parents – it really was a fun day for them. Our Year 5 were invited to a science day at Tudor Hall: they had a great day out, it was well organised, very educational and extremely enjoyable.

In March our Year 6 went on their residential visit to Yenworthy Lodge, next to Exmoor National Park; as always the trip was a great success. The children had many opportunities such as climbing, rock-pooling, night walks, map reading, problem-solving activities, etc. I



Daniel Brady and Mika Catania finding compass bearings on Exmoor

am pleased to report they approached everything with maturity, enthusiasm and displayed brilliant teamwork and co-operation.

Our annual performance this year is *Annie* which, at the time of writing, is in its last stages of rehearsal.

We have decided to put on one matinee and three evening performances this year due to last year's high demand for tickets. The children have been fantastic, learning their lines very quickly and showing great commitment to the show. The whole school is really looking forward to the performances.

A request from our Energisers: they are collecting unwanted, but in good condition, glasses (spectacles) and will be re-using them by sending them

to other countries. There will be a box outside school in which to deposit them.

Jane Cross, Deputy Head
338430

PTA

We had a fabulous evening at our annual Quiz Night at the beginning of March. Everyone had a great time testing their knowledge against our brilliant Quiz Masters, Mike and Heather Ward and Alan Collins. We raised a whopping £1450 so very many thanks to all those who so generously supported the event and also to those who helped make this such a successful evening. The scores were all very close, but Bryce's Buddies from Clifton clambered their way to the top with a two-point lead over their nearest rivals, Secret Seven!

The 6th Annual Deddington Walk – 'You'll never Walk Alone' – is on Sunday 16 May and starts from 10.30am at the Windmill. Once again we have a brand new route with new trump cards to collect and lots of excitement in store! The clue to this year's theme is in the title. And a reminder that the walk is open to all – not just school children. Make sure you don't miss out by registering early – visit www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk, or email deddington@cherwell.co.uk or phone 338347. There will be the usual sizzling hot bacon rolls to start the day and a delicious barbecue, bar and entertainment laid on for your return. Heaps of fun along with a bit of exercise – what better way to spend a (hopefully!) sunny spring Sunday?

Janet Watts 337135

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

Another half a term has passed and it is difficult to believe that we are already more than half way through the school year. This term we have been finding out about transport and have enjoyed visits from vehicles including a camper van and a big red bus. The children have loved sitting in the driving seats and had fun

scrambling up the steep stairs of the bus. Thank you to the parents who brought the vehicles in. Never ones to have our activities restricted by our termly themes, other highlights so far have included planting lots of seeds and plants in our garden and enjoying creative dance lessons. At the children's request our role-play areas have been turned into an airport and a castle and lots of imaginative play has been going on. In the next few weeks the PFSU children are looking forward to walking round and photographing Deddington, and to visiting the Fire Station. We will also be holding our annual Easter Eggstravaganza at the PFSU on Thursday 1 April, and our Summer Party (for adults!) at the Windmill Centre on Saturday 17 July.

Lucy Squires, 337484



Children's Activities

for Primary School children aged 5–11
Deddington Parish Church, 10am–12.30pm

Crafts, cooking, music, chess and
outdoor games

Thursday 8 April 2010
Cost £1.50 per session

Application forms and enquiries to:

Caroline Tindale 337962

Janet Watts 337135

Sarah Boss 338536

Additional forms at Deddington Church

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM BRIAN CARTER, CORN STREET, WITNEY

There will be an exhibition of photographs of Deddington, Hempton and Clifton residents at the Town Hall and the Holly Tree on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 April, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Entry is free; the photographs are not for sale. These photographs have been

taken by me over the last ten years. In 2006 I exhibited some of them in the Holly Tree; since then I have had a number of requests to remount the exhibition. I have added significantly to the original collection and all will be shown at this exhibition. I am very grateful to the people who allowed me to take their photographs, and for their interest in the enterprise.

I hope these portraits reflect a genuine cross section of the community. Since starting the project some people have died, but I will be including their images, as well as those of a few who have now moved away from the area; and some who, though not having lived here, are nevertheless well known in Deddington.

FROM HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS

Poverty – let's end it! If only it were so easy. But this is the aim of the annual Christian Aid Week from 9–15 May. Last year, the generous people of Deddington contributed nearly £2,000 for Christian Aid's work in over 50 countries. But it takes more than 40 willing and friendly people to ensure that an envelope is delivered to every home in the parish and then collected later in the week. So if you can give an hour or so next month, it could help an earthquake victim in Haiti or Chile to rebuild their home and their life, or enable someone in a Kenya slum to feed or educate their children. Anyone aged 16 or over can be a collector, so please think about it and speak to Pat Brittain (338685), Diana or Hugh Marshall (337761) who will tell you more about it. Together we can help to end poverty and reach our target of £2,500 this year.

FROM DAVID JONES, BRITISH RED CROSS

Red Cross Appeal Week is the annual fundraising week for the British Red Cross, and is held over the week of 8 May, the anniversary of the birth of Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross Movement. This year it runs from 2–8 May, and many of our volunteers will be collecting in town centres and also going from house to house with their collecting boxes. Any help that you can give enables us to provide vital services for the people of Oxfordshire is welcome. Thank you.

FROM THELMA DOVER, THE GROVE

25 February – a grey day – and in the Market Place a yellow reflective jacketed crocodile of schoolchildren going into the Church. In Tay's Gateway yet more little ones (Reception Class) looking so smart and behaving so well, holding sticks with paper birds and



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flowers on, being shepherded by their teacher and two teaching assistants. Most of the children recognised me and waved, all were smiling and looked so happy. Some said, 'Hello, Thelma' and one perfect little gentleman greeted me with, 'Good afternoon'. What a joy to see, I was very touched. As parents, grandparents and great-

great-grandparents, we *know* they are not always 'little angels' – I raised three – but no matter what, they can always bring a big ray of sunshine into our lives, as these children did into mine. A great big thank you to you all, and keep smiling.

FROM FFIONA WELFORD, CLIFTON

Horse manure, that smelly waste product from a beloved animal, is a useful by-product that is environmentally friendly. If your garden or allotment is in need of some, I have a regular, 'clean' (minus wood-chip/straw) supply, courtesy of six Blue Cross rescue horses I provide a home for.

Drop off your wheelbarrow and within 24 hours it will be ready for collection. For non-Clifton people, perhaps someone with a trailer could collect/return wheelbarrows en masse! All I ask for is a donation to the Blue Cross charity, to help needy horses and ponies (tel: 337507).

FROM JON MALINGS, CO. WEXFORD, IRELAND

Many of my Malin(g)s ancestors lived in Deddington between 1700 and 1900. After more than 20 years research I finally got round to committing details of the more interesting ones to paper and I was delighted to find a willing publisher in the shape of Deddington OnLine. With much effort, and diversion as we jointly discovered fascinating news stories from Deddington's past, Rob Forsyth has presented my articles in the form of a 'Malings family history' at: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/people/malinsmalings-adeddingtonfamily>. I'm particularly interested to hear from anyone with connections to the Malin(g)s of Deddington, however remote. I am jon_malings@hotmail.com.

FROM JASON KOMODIKIS, PHILCOTE STREET

We have just taken a call from 'Crime Research UK' offering us a free burglar alarm through a government initiative. As the government is not exactly rolling in money it sounds like a scam. My first thought was, they are trying to find out what security I have already. Looking on the internet, there are loads of trading standards warnings; the alarms are 'free' but you pay to fit them. One householder was charged £7000 for a system worth £200. They are nothing to do with the government, but are gathering names for 'SAS Fire and Safety Systems'. Most of the posts are from Yorkshire, so they may now be targeting this area. [I also had one of these calls – *Ed.*]

MORE FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM VALERIE CARTER, COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER, KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY

Katharine House Hospice is the beneficiary of the fundraiser 'Kathartic' Art Exhibition and Auction which will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday 24 April at Tudor Hall School, Wykham Park, Banbury. It will include affordable artwork, created and donated by predominantly local artists, many of whom are nationally renowned. It will feature pieces from, amongst others, Andrea Bates, Pam Franklin, Ronnie Loxton, Anuk Naumann, Josephine Trotter and Claire Reika Wright.

James Lees of Holloways, Banbury, will auction the items and an artist in attendance will take commissions to do paintings of guests' homes, kindly donating his fees to Katharine House. There will also be a raffle of sculpture, ceramics, wood sculpture and other paintings.

Tickets for the event are £10 to include champagne and canapés and are available from the Fundraising Office at Katharine House on (01295) 812161.

Midnight Walk, Saturday 19 June 2010

Registration for this year's midnight walk starts in March. We are looking for helpers on the night so, if you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible. For further information phone on 01295 812161 or see our website www.khh.org.uk.

FROM THE CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL, LORRAINE WATLING

Parish Council Election: Completed nomination papers must be delivered to Louise Aston at Bodicote House no later than noon on 8 April 2010. Proposers and seconders are required to include details of their electoral number and polling district on the nomination form.

I have this information in the parish office but only work part time, so people should contact me for this information ASAP and not leave it until the last moment or they may inadvertently miss the deadline. The best way of requesting this information is by email (parishcouncil@deddington.net) or in person. It can sometimes be difficult to decipher the messages left on the answering machine and people have been known to forget to leave their names and phone numbers making it impossible for me to call them back.

I will be in the office:

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| Wed 24 March 1–5pm | Thu 25 March 9am–1pm |
| Sat 27 March 10am–2pm | Wed 31 March 1–5pm |
| Thu 1 April 9am–1pm | (I am on leave on 3 April) |
| Wed 7 April 1–5pm | Thu 8 April 9am–1pm |

In order for me to supply the correct information I will need the full name and address of the proposer and seconder as each resident has a unique electoral number.



The 6th annual
Deddington Walk

You'll Never Walk Alone

Sunday May 16th

Great new route!

Enjoy a 12 mile walk, or a family stroll and day out, with BBQ, bouncy castle, & bar. Tickets - adult £7, family - £17.50.

For further details, contact Heather 01869 338347, email deddington@cherwell.co.uk or visit www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk

Organised by Deddington PTA (reg charity number 1052715).
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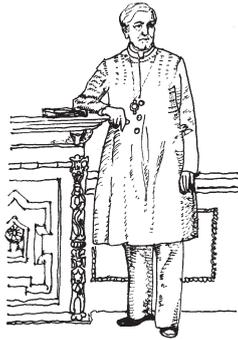
The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of April 1860:

1st April – We heard from Robert that the Cantabs. had beaten the Oxonians by a length in the Boat Race, a very hard race.

12th April – The Burgesses left us for Burford Vicarage immediately after breakfast, where their furniture was taken at 3 o'clock this morning by four horses and wagons. The teams would arrive there about 12 o'clock.

14th April – I paid our assessed Taxes, now due for the half year.

18th April – Holford and I went up to the Police Station and heard the case against Jos. Harper of Barton, and convicted him of stealing certain articles from the shop at Duns Tew. We did not think it altogether expedient on account of his age – 13 years and six months – to send him for trial on the more serious charge of burglary. He committed the offence before 5 o'clock in the morning. We sentenced him to 3 weeks imprisonment (and a good flogging) with hard labour in the House of Correction.



21st April – It snowed at intervals during the day for a few minutes at a time.

22nd April – A cold raw day with occasional very heavy snow storms.

28th April – Looked in at the Town Hall at the alterations in the roof. The small pox broke out in the house of Smith, the shoemaker and second hand clothes dealer, in the person of one of his daughters, who was removed to the Pest House.

30th April – Another of Smith's children fell ill with the small pox.

Buffy Heywood, 338212

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THE ALLOTMENT

This month I'm going to act like my Granny and say 'don't do as I do but do as I say' as my allotment is behind and in dire need of attention but if you are prepared here are some tips.

Any leeks left standing should come up this month – you can freeze them for use in soups and stews. Parsnips should also come up in early March before they try to re-grow.

Peas are traditionally sown on St Patrick's Day, 17 March, when the soil should be warm enough. Easter is also the traditional planting time for potatoes. The summer varieties of cabbage can be sown in March ('summer' refers to the harvesting time.)



Start preparing trenches for runner beans and celery, they both need rich fertile soil. Dig a trench 30cm deep and fill with compost over the next few weeks. It should have rotted down by the time you're ready to plant in May/June.

Carrots and parsnips can be planted but protect them with a fleece to avoid frost damage and also to protect from carrot fly. Carrots have been around since the Egyptians cultivated them and are apparently UK's most popular vegetable. The wild carrot, the bitter white rooted Queen's Lace of our hedgerows, was cultivated by the ancient Egyptians and depicted in purple, white, yellow, red and green. Yellow and purple carrots were to become widely cultivated in Europe. 'The familiar orange carrot was a brilliant piece of breeding by 16th century Dutch horticulturists to celebrate the House of Orange. After years of orange only, rainbow coloured carrots are back' Caroline Foley (<http://www.carrotmuseum.co.uk/today.html>).

If we do get lots of rain avoid digging in wet weather and work from a plank of wood thereby avoiding treading on the bed and compacting the soil.

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FARMERS' MARKET

The April Farmers' Market will be on 24 April which statistically will be the birthday of about three of the people attending the market on that day. Despite what Disraeli said about statistics, it is a fact that we have a lot of people who regularly come to our market. What makes it popular is the quality and quantity of stalls selling great products. There are a limited number of spaces for stalls, and there is competition for them at our market. The stallholders know there is going to be a good turn out of buyers, and so we have a great cycle of buyers and sellers meeting together.



Another shocking carrot story. I read that an online garden centre is selling 'plug' carrot plants. These are an easy way of growing a plant; the problem with plug carrots is that they will only produce one carrot. At £1.09 each they had better be monster carrots! The store has since withdrawn them from sale.

Last year at this time I looked forward to the arrival of asparagus. This year, try it with tarragon vinaigrette, or fried with bacon and egg.

Paul Drawmer, paul@drawmer.net

WELL REMEMBERED – PHYLLIS GIBBS

Phyllis was born in Islip in 1911, the second of four daughters of James Neale, groom and farm labourer, and his wife Rhoda. Phyllis started working life as parlourmaid to the Dashwoods in Duns Tew and then, her family having moved to Clifton, went to what is now Featherton House to work for Dr Hodges, living with his family. Following marriage to Frederick Pinfold in 1932 – the couple were to have four children – Phyllis worked in the Welford house in Clifton and also cleaned at the Duke of Cumberland. A move to the Hempton Road in Deddington came in 1957 and here she lived for over 50 years. Phyllis packed potatoes at Twyford Seeds and she decorated many houses in Deddington. She was until her latter years active and energetic – she washed the Football Club's kit, for instance. For relaxation she played darts, at which she was extremely proficient. She enjoyed her garden and her dog and was an avid follower of Oxford United. Fred died in 1972, and Phyllis married Geoff Gibbs in 1978. She was cared for devotedly by Geoff as she became increasingly infirm, care she received with grateful appreciation.

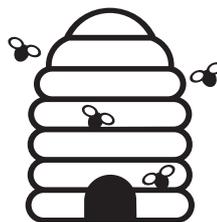
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On the Farm

They are at it again! The 2010 lambing season started with a bit of a wobble with three ewes deciding to 'pop' a few days early. The lambs were slightly prem and only two of the seven lambs dropped made it. This is something that often happens at the start of a season but once we were past the due date (10 March) the old dears got into their stride and are producing some very strong lambs. As we are only a few days into the season it would be tempting fate to say any more just now.

The weather at the moment is still rather cold but at least the March wind is drying out the land so we will be able to get on with some of the much-delayed spring field work. All of the crops need a visit from the crop sprayer and fertiliser and the spring beans need planting as well. This work is normally in hand well before the start of lambing but this year's heavy snow has left much of the farm too wet to carry a tractor.

The bees too will soon need some attention but as yet it is still too cold for them to fly any distance in search of early flowers and they are still relying on the sugar syrup and what is left of their winter stores. Most of the hives now have some early brood. March is the 'crunch' month for bees when most hive losses are experienced. Food stocks can be very low just as the queen comes into lay, so feed levels must be kept up with syrup and candy (baker's fondant) until the weather warms up and there is enough pollen and nectar around for the bees to collect. The bees at Home Farm are given as much sugar syrup as they can 'take down' and store in September to replace the honey that we have removed during the summer and



throughout the winter the feeders are kept topped up until the spring flowers take over. Winter feeding can be difficult using the traditional hive, as the hive must be opened up to gain access to the feeder and in cold weather this will result in the bees being chilled. I have redesigned my hives so that I can open them to fill the feeder without any heat loss.

It won't be long before our summer visitors start to return to the meadows and the swallows come back to the farm buildings. In last month's *DN*, Jean Rudge asked if anyone remembers the swift colony at the school. Well, yes, I do and I am sure that many others do as well. It was a glorious sight to watch these birds swooping over the roof tops of Earl's Lane and disappearing under the overhang of the roof of the Victorian school buildings to feed their chicks which were sitting on the wide stone wall plate under the roof. The colony was destroyed in the early 1990s by the then school governors and OCC because their droppings that streaked a few of the school windows were considered a nuisance. After the birds had migrated south in the autumn, the eaves of the buildings were covered in wire netting. When the swifts returned the next spring they could not get to their nesting site and they moved on. The question was asked what had happened to the school swifts. The answer was soon found, a protest was raised in *DN* and the perpetrators of the crime were shamed into removing the wire, but it was too late. The breeding cycle of the swifts had been broken and they never returned – and they never will.

George Fenimore, 338203

Friends of Daeda's Wood

Spring is here and the bluebells we planted 18 months ago should be coming into flower now. Last year Kristin saw orange tip and brimstone butterflies in the second half of March but whether this April will be warm enough for butterflies remains to be seen. If you're seeking signs of spring, listen out for the characteristic 'chiff-chaff' call from the chiffchaff, a visiting warbler, usually delivered from fairly high in a tree; or its near twin, the willow warbler, indistinguishable until it opens its beak to express its rather plaintive little song. There are six varieties of willow in the wood, from crack willow (*salix fragilis*) to purple willow (*salix viminalis*); some are old pollarded trees along the river but most are newly planted. Although most of these varieties are not used in basketry or weaving, a group of six Friends decided to explore the use of willow on a day course at Sutton Courtenay. We found it easier than we had expected to make a simple structure and came away very satisfied with our day. So pleased that we are inviting children of all ages to have a go themselves on Saturday 26 June in the grounds of the Holly Tree from 10.00am – 1.00pm. Put it in your diary.

Any sightings of flora or fauna this month are welcomed (elspethcox@waitrose.com).

Elsbeth Cox, Chairman, 337635

FROM THE DEDDINGTON HEALTH CENTRE SPRING NEWSLETTER

Patient Survey: The government has changed how they seek the views of patients about the medical practice where they are registered. In the past we have done an annual survey in-house. Now, questionnaires are sent to a random selection of outpatients every six months. The next is in April. They are quite long and could be off-putting, but if you do receive one of these forms, please do send it back as some of the payment received to run the practice is based on feedback from the questionnaires. It doesn't matter if you don't answer all the questions, but the Practice Manager is happy to help with explanations without biasing or influencing your answers.

New Patient Leaflet: A new 6-page leaflet is available giving details of the services available from the Health Centre. It is available from Reception or can be downloaded from www.deddingtonsurgery.co.uk.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A reminder that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place at the Windmill Centre,
Thursday 29 April at 7.30pm

This is your chance to have your say on any matter of local interest. The evening is an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and to make comments and suggestions. No decisions can be made at this meeting, but relevant items can/will be discussed at the next Council meeting, where decisions or appropriate action can be taken.

Train travellers between Banbury and Marylebone rail stations have noticed



the proliferation of bike racks, several of them with a lone cycle lock attached waiting for the return of a commuter. Just 3% of people in Britain cycle to work; this figure could be 40%. Half all car journeys are estimated to cover fewer than five miles, so there is huge opportunity for increasing cycle use. Employers can encourage employees to cycle to work. Around 70 public and private sector employers have already signed up to the Government's Cycle to Work Scheme, including Whitehall departments, NHS hospitals and major companies.

The scheme can reduce the cost of a bike and safety equipment by 30–50%. Employers registered with the scheme pay for the employee's choice of bike (even an electric one) – up to £1000 or more. It is then leased back to staff over 12 or 18 months. This is paid for out of the employee's gross salary, thus reducing the income tax and NI contributions payable – hence the 30–50% savings, depending on the Income Tax band. The commuter by bike saves on the cost of commuting, which otherwise is paid for out of taxed income. The health of the individual and the planet benefits. Solar-charged cycle lighting is available. Forty years ago research was published in a national newspaper showing that heart attacks were delayed by riding a bike. For details of the scheme visit: <http://www.cycletoworkguarantee.org.uk/cycle-to-work-buying.php>.

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Deddington OnLine

Some of the recent changes to your DOL show our village interest in music:



The music page at: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/arts/music> has been revamped to show some of the many musical activities and events in Deddington. There are now links to local music events and performers, and if you want to participate there's a list of local contacts as well. Follow the links from the home page to: community, arts, music. Thanks are due to Elsa Williams for this update.

Another updated section is the Parish Church information. David Rogers has included links to current information, e.g. news sheets, service schedules, and notes from the Vicar.

An important new section is an audio archive of recent services. These are high-quality recordings which enable anyone who would like to feel part of a service to catch up with something missed, or just to enjoy again. Follow the links to: community, churches & chapels, C of E (<http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/church/parishchurch>).

Paul Drawmer, paul@drawmer.net

PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

Do you have any photographs of old buildings, events, sports teams, etc. in Deddington, Clifton or Hempton? They would be most welcome to add to the already extensive and growing catalogue of pictures of old Deddington Parish on the DOL Gallery (see <http://www.deddington.org.uk/gallery/main.php>). Please contact Mary or Colin Robinson, 338272 (mary.robinson@deddington.net or colin@colinrobinson.com)



Do you recognise any of the people off on a jolly charabanc trip? What was the event? Where were they going? When was it? – from the fashions we're guessing late 1940s.



The draper's shop of Ticky Wells (so-called because goods were often sold 'on tick') in the Market Place, early 20th century. The premises are now occupied by Philip Allan Updates.

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Youth Club

The Youth Club AGM was on 23 February and, although we have a Chairperson and a Secretary, we still need a volunteer Treasurer. If you are interested please contact Helen Spencer on 337373.

We had a good spring term and are looking forward to our summer term with lots planned including Cherwell sports night, T-shirt art, hair/makeup evening, smoothies and pizza-making. These activities are in addition to the general activities such as pool, table tennis, singstar and dodgeball, provided with professional help from the Oxford Association of Young People.

On Monday 19 April we are doing a sponsored roller skate to Hempton and back. This will take place during Youth Club (7–9pm) and is to raise funds towards equipping our Farmers' Market stall that we hope to start very soon.

If you are 10–14 years old, live in the Parish and would like to come along on Monday evenings, new members are always welcome.

Jill Radini, 336133, jillmunson250@hotmail.com

Deddington Tennis Club

With the lighter evenings approaching, the first club night of the season starts on Wednesday 31 March and will continue through to the autumn. New members are welcome for both social tennis and league matches if interested. Also, to attract new members, there will be a free open afternoon on Sunday 16 May from 2.00pm. All ages are welcome, so bring the family along and give it a try. Our coaches will also be available for help and advice including details of courses available

Over the Easter holidays from 9.30am starting on Monday 12 April there will be a coaching camp for juniors aged 5–12 years; log on to our website for more details or phone Wayne Ellis on 01869 340386 to book your place. Group coaching courses for all ages will start after the Easter holidays, including mini-tennis aged four upwards, juniors, adult beginners' and ladies' mornings (see our website for details: www.deddingtontennis.com).

Steve Ashby, 01295 263855

Photographic Society

At last month's meeting Tony Sutherst gave a presentation on 'Better holiday photographs – put more zip into your images'. Tony revealed his previous experience in Kodak as Head of the European Processing department where he was responsible for still images appearing in the Kodak annual calendar and all Kodak publicity material. On retiring he retained a consultancy as a court expert photographic witness and was also instrumental in locating the wreckage of the Hurricane that shot down the German aircraft about to bomb Buckingham Palace in the Second World War. Tony took his audience through a sequence

of his own photographs, many from personal holidays, where he discussed his various techniques for dealing with light, shade and composition, applying them to a variety of images including architecture, landscapes, people, action, water, snow and flowers. Finally, Tony offered comments in critiquing members' photographs of 'light trails'.

The next meeting of the Society is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7 April in the Apricot Room of the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, when there will be the Annual General Meeting followed by a talk from member, Simon Lutter, on 'Pinhole Cameras.'

John Branton, 01295 811071

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results:

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| 20.02.10 | Heyford United (a) | W 2–1 | Thornton L, Hall |
| 27.02.10 | Glory Farm (h) | W 6–2 | Thornton L (3), England (2), Garstin |
| 03.03.10 | Wroxton Sports (a) | L 1–5 | Thornton L |

(CUP)

Reserve Results:

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| 20.02.10 | Bloxham (a) | W 2–0 | Large (2) |
| 27.02.10 | Souldern (a) | W 5–1 | Large (3), Stevens, Debenham |
| 06.03.10 | Kings Sutton (h) | W 3–0 | Stevens (3) |

(CUP)

The winter of discontent is so passé. Welcome to the spring of eternal hope, where a summer of silver shields and chalices glimmers on the season's vanishing point. Let the victory chorus rain from the rooftops, for Deddington Town First Team have officially sealed promotion and will resume feasting at the table of kings from next season.

Deddington youngster Luc Thornton has even put the clinical Simon Hall in the shade this month, with a hat-trick embellishing his representation in the two other games' scoring columns, though the joy of promotion was slightly tempered by a galling defeat in the semi-finals of the Lord Jersey Cup to Wroxton. Still, an accomplishment worthy of your applause.

Not to be left in the shade, the Reserves have retained last season's killer instinct to reach the Eric Morris Cup Final! A hat-trick of headers from midfielder Tom Stevens means that you will have another stupendous night of excitement to attend, roaring the orange army to victory. The final will be played at Ardley United on Saturday 3 April. Kick-off is scheduled for 7pm. A memorable night looms large!

Elsewhere, the Reserves are indebted to co-manager Mikey Large for bagging five goals in two league games, clearly also indulging in hat-trick fever, and the two priceless wins these goals inspired lifts the team to halfway in Division Two, now comfortably clear from the spectre of relegation. The halcyon days never departed!

Aaron Bliss, 07909 642882

CALLING MORE CLUBS

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

At our Annual General Meeting on 24 February 2010 at the Deddington Arms 22 members turned out for what proved a very informative session to discuss various society matters and to agree the 2010 golf programme. The DOGS schedule is:

Friday 7 May Full day at Frilford Heath Golf Club
 Monday 14 June Full day at Burford Golf Club
 Friday 13 August Half day at Kirtlington Golf Club followed by evening social function
 Friday 15 October Full day at Copt Heath Golf Course

Our summer weekend away will be announced separately.

David Darst, 338589

1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Cubs

The Cubs have finished their astronomy badge by imagining what they would find on the planets and designing an alien being that could live there – let's hope the spotty, one-eyed creatures never arrive here!

Our mothers should be happy this year as the Cubs have made them 'cheques' to exchange for favours, among them feeding pets, washing up and a hug; this will count towards their Home Help badge. We will be making Easter nests (messy) and looking into some spring traditions.

Toby and Josh were part of the team that represented Banbury District in the county Supercub challenge. They listened to a story about a scientist who invented a time machine and then created a model from junk based on the story. Well done to the boys who were part of the winning team, you deserve your medals.

Jo Churchyard CSL, 338071
jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

The Scouts are well into their astronautics topic. The three patrols are making a dome-shaped shelter, a spacesuit and space food. We are hoping to go to the Science Museum during the Easter holidays to see how the professionals do it.

We planned the route for our three-legged mile for Sport Relief that we are planning to run with the Cubs and a special prize will be given for the silliest hat worn during the race.

Pete Churchyard SL, 338071
pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

Book Club

At our last meeting we discussed *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson. The first in a trilogy of crime thrillers, this one focuses on a financial fraud and the sinister secrets of a wealthy family. After a

slow start as characters are developed, the story picks up speed and becomes a gripping page-turner. Some very graphic and disturbing descriptions of sex and violence are featured and we were not sure that the inclusion at the start of the chapters of statistics about abuse of women was desirable. The writing is journalistic rather than literary in style and perhaps written with a film script in mind. All in all it is a good story, absorbing and suspense-filled that keeps you guessing until the end.

The next meeting is 29 April. Please call Sally for the title of the next book and venue.

Sally Lambert, 338094

1st Deddington Brownies

March has been a month of celebrations, starting with making daffodils for St David's Day and finishing with the enrolment of four new Brownies. In between we made Anzac biscuits as part of our celebrations for Thinking Day, when we thought about our Brownie friends around the world. We also celebrated Mothers' Day, making cards for our Mums and then attending the Mothers' Day service in Deddington Church.

Lucy Squires, 338442

Deddington and District History Society

Unfortunately, due to a mix-up over dates our planned speaker was unable to talk on 10 March. Instead, Bruce Smith stepped in at short notice and spoke to us on the history of drove roads, with particular well-illustrated reference to this region. We are immensely grateful to him, not just for filling the gap but also for providing a terrific talk delivered with impressive enthusiasm and gusto. We are now all on the look-out for the distinctive landscape features and place-names that tip us off as to the presence of drove roads. If you want to know what they are, you should have been at the talk!

At the meeting Colin Cohen produced the latest edition of the Society's journal, 224, which is distributed free to members. This edition has a fascinating and beautifully illustrated article by Penny Carey, one of our members, on the wall paintings in South Newington parish church.

On Wednesday 14 April Mike Boyes, who through no fault of his was our missing March speaker, will give his eagerly awaited and delightfully entitled talk 'A Victorian Rector and Nine Old Maids'.

Looking further ahead, on Wednesday 12 May, Liz Woolley will speak on the history of St Thomas's parish in West Oxford. This will prepare us for our guided visit, led by Liz, in June.

Everyone is welcome at our meetings: 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month at the Windmill Centre.

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

News from Clifton

A big well done to Fi and her team of Clifton residents (Cath, Cindy, Di, Linda, Doug, Andre and Kev) who won the PTA quiz last month. And well done the PTA in general for such a popular event. Residents are also agog waiting for the raffle prize of three bulbs to bloom to see what they are! Answers on a postcard.

This good news comes on top of the plans for a local bottling plant, as life imitates art (if 'Only Fools and Horses' can be called art!) to start marketing Fenemore Spring Water. Many will have seen the new spring that now rises on Home Farm and rushes down to the river. Apparently it tastes better than it looks.

My email chat room front door post box has been jam packed this month with a letter from the organiser of the Open Gardens and Allotments in the Parish of Clifton, Deddington and Hempton. This event is in aid of Deddington Festival and she would be very interested to know of any Clifton gardeners who would be willing to open their garden? It's all for a great cause and I know of at least a couple of gardens worthy of a wider audience – so let me know and I'll put you in touch with the organisers.

Another warm welcome to Michael who arrived in January to keep our 'septic' count up. He is waiting for his family to join him and he is resisting efforts to be recruited to the book club (sensible fellow!). They'll be here in time for the barbecue season.

News reaches this correspondent of Sam Colley and his girlfriend who, while away on their travels, have now passed their exams to teach English as a Foreign Language. Anyone who has spoken to Sam after he's had a couple of drinks will know how well suited he is to this type of thing.

Problems with the bus as the Council wrote a polite note to Heyfordian a few weeks ago about some missing buses; on a recent Saturday the 10.30 service failed to appear and the numerous Clifton residents waiting for it were furious. An action committee made up of all ages and sexes wants to arrange a march on the Heyfordian headquarters.

Martin Bryce, MartinDNBryce@aol.com

Leonard Bernstein in Deddington Church

The Bernstein project is a ten-month series of events currently running at the Southbank Centre, London, celebrating the life and works of American Leonard Bernstein, best known as the composer of *West Side Story*. However you don't need to travel to London to hear one of his compositions, as Chipping Norton Choral Society are performing his 'Chichester Psalms' at Deddington Church on 8 May at 7.30pm. There is a transatlantic flavour to the evening as the concert will also include works by twentieth-century British composers, Benjamin Britten and John Rutter.

Tickets are available from: tickets@cncs.org.uk, choir members and the Jaffé and Neale Bookshop in Chipping Norton.

And News from Hempton

Speeding through the village is an ongoing issue. Two speed check sessions recently proved inconclusive as the equipment did not work properly, which did not reflect very well on Thames Valley Police. Wheelie bin stickers have been issued to people living on the main roads, so please display these when you have your bins out. Every bit of visibility helps.

Several years ago some of the horse chestnut trees on the main road had to be removed as they were diseased. Plans are in hand to plant new ones shortly. The late Dennis Washington would be pleased as he planted the original ones along with many of the spring flowers in the grass verges.

Everyone will have received a letter about the Hempton Amenity Playspace. Please support this campaign if you can as it would be nice to have somewhere for people of all ages to meet away from the Church and hall.

St John's Church has recently taken possession of a new organ – the sound quality is great – as well as two new wooden candlesticks to go with the wooden cross donated by the same gentleman last year. From now until the end of BST the Church will be open daily for people to visit. The Easter Day Service will be Eucharist at 9.00am on 4 April. Interim results have reached me about last year's Ride and Stride in aid of Oxfordshire Churches, and St. John's had the most number of visitors in all of Oxfordshire. We are on a nice cycle route, but people are also attracted by our marvellous refreshments, so well done to everyone who helped. Also congratulations to St Peter and St Paul, Deddington, for raising the second highest total in sponsorship in the Deddington Deanery.

I end with the sad news of the death of Mr Hart of Hornton. In 1988 he was a Cherwell District Councillor and, along with a Mr Croft, was a prime mover in preventing our Church being turned into a private dwelling when it was threatened with closure.

Les Chappell, 338054



Richard Bannister and Max Pankhurst, the village stewards, clearing litter from the Hempton to Deddington and Deddington to Clifton roads. The pick yielded 20 black bags of litter (Pic: Martin Ince)

An Appeal for Memories from Students of Oxford Poly and the College of Technology

While the 'Poly' and the older College of Technology no longer exist, their value to Oxfordshire is still clear. Students of both institutions have gone on to live and work here, benefiting local businesses and communities with their knowledge and expertise.

Oxford Brookes is rightfully proud of its roots in the Polytechnic and the College of Technology. In 2015 Brookes celebrates its 150-year anniversary. We believe the celebrations should involve all alumni, whether you studied at the College of Technology, Oxford Polytechnic, Dorset House, Lady Spencer-Churchill, Westminster, Oxford City Technical School or Oxford Brookes itself.

To achieve this, we are appealing for memories from all former students. By sharing your anecdotes and photos with the Alumni Office you can help to illustrate our shared history, and make 2015 an unforgettable celebration for everyone. We are especially keen to hear from alumni with personal memories of John Henry Brookes for a biography celebrating the life of the university's spiritual founder. Please email your memories and photos to alumni@brookes.ac.uk.

Ben Richardson, Alumni Communications Officer, www.brookes.ac.uk/alumni



Controversial for some, but Deddington now features on Google's Street View. The pictures were probably taken in summer/autumn 2009. See the Deddington OnLine Forum (<http://tinyurl.com/yk5lk26>) for Paul Drawmer's instructions on how to find Street View

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FIRE STATION

The fire station has received 12 calls since the last report. We were called to a road traffic collision with one woman trapped needing extrication; an ambulance fire, which turned out to be a mechanical defect; a fire in a chimney that set fire to lagging surrounding the flue; another fire that spread from a chimney flue to set fire to floorboards and completely smoke logged two first-floor bedrooms. Fortunately the occupants were alerted by the smoke detector and called us early enough to stop serious spread. Another house fire, this time caused by the sun shining through a goldfish bowl on to a pile of papers and baby clothes. Have you checked your smoke detectors recently? Have you had your chimney swept? And please remember to keep the goldfish out of the sun!

Unfortunately Richard Day's two-week basic training was thwarted by the snow, consequently he is having to attend sessions in the evenings and at weekends which isn't ideal, but he is persevering, and we look forward to having him on the crew. Well done to Graham Harding for passing his Breathing Apparatus Team Leader's assessment in February and I am very pleased to report that our next generation of firefighters has been delivered over the last few weeks. Congratulations to Gary Barnet & Wendy on the arrival of baby Daisy, and also to Graham Harding and Sam on the arrival of baby Samuel.

A further 19 incoming calls in March which brings our total for 2010 so far to 52, higher than normal. Calls included a road traffic accident, a chimney fire, fire in a poultry farm, a grass fire and several false alarms.

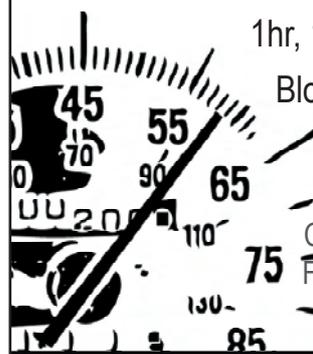
Anne Waters, Watch Manager

Our Fire-fighting Team

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| Anne Waters WM | Rachel Freeman FF |
| Chris Fenemore WM/D | Tim Paker FF |
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Janet Broadbent, Stone Court, Earl's Lane, 338173

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