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Sat	5	Katharine House Hospice Spring Sale, Adderbury Institute, 10.30 am - 1.30 pm
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Tue	8	WI: <i>Life of a Housekeeper in a Tudor Manor</i> , J Sarton, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm
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May

Sat	3	DOGS meet at Cotswold Hills Golf Club > p.13
Mon	5	May Day Garden Party in aid of Oxfordshire Girl Guiding, Castle House, 11.00 am – 4.00pm
Wed	7	Photographic Society: Presentation by Alan Wolstencroft, <i>Out of Africa</i> , Deddington Arms 7.30 pm
Wed	7	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8.00 pm
Sat	10	Warriner Choral Society, Parish Church
Sat	10	PFSU family day, Windmill, from 11.30am > p.3
Sun	11	Deddington Players: AGM and social evening, Upper room of the Unicorn, 7.30 pm
Mon	12	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am – noon (Mon 5th, Bank Holiday)
Wed	14	History Society, <i>Avon Dassett</i> , Deborah Hayter, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm > p.15
Thu	15	Windmill Centre AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm
Sun	18	PTA Annual Deddington Walk 10.30 am > p.3
Sun	18	Teen Scene official opening
Mon	19	Monday Morning Club: Outing to Spencer House and St Paul's, bus leaves Market Place at 9.00 am
Tues	20	Annual Parish Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	21	Parish Council meeting, 7.45 pm
Sat	24	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9.00 am-12.30 pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting in Town Hall - 19 March

Present Cllrs Squires [Chairman], Alton, Anderson, Flux, Ince, Privett, Rollason, Rudge, Spencer, Todd, Watts, Wood and District Councillor O'Sullivan. The Clerk, Minute Clerk, one member of the public and the DN correspondent

Open Forum

Christopher Hall addressed the PC to make three points:

- to thank the PC for repairing the village finger post sign
- to point out that the Market Place storm drain had lifted again
- to draw attention to the restricted availability of the National Bus Concessionary scheme because of the local bus schedules. He pointed out that CDC was out of line with other local councils who have been more flexible over start times. In discussion it was suggested that individuals should lobby CDC.

Highways

OCC have advised that a crossing refuge near Hudson St/ The Grove is impractical.

An access path across the grass towards the south end of New Street might be possible, location to be agreed. The restitution of the footpath at the south end of New St was discussed and thought too dangerous.

Hempton Pinch Point - results from public consultation have been sent to OCC.

Clifton flooding - the drains have been jetted, however following an underground CCTV survey it has been found that the drains have collapsed under the pavement.

Earls Lane parking - The Health Centre has been offered a £500 grant but OCC have not given permission for 'herringbone' parking; discussions continue.

Parking - The vexed question is being visited again but there are no new ideas; the pressure persists.

Mobile speed camera - the Police will have more patrols in the Parish.

Planning

DPC no objections [1] Cornerways, Chapel Square, felling three trees to be replaced by three more appropriate species; [2] 3 Hudson Street, single storey extension; [3] Bunkers, Philcote St, felling two Christmas trees.

CDC approvals [4] Clydesdale, Market Place, roof repair; [5] 1 Murdock Close, two storey extension; [6] SS Peter & Paul, yew tree lopping.

Planning issues Tennis Club - a letter has been received seeking approval for floodlights to promote all year use of the courts. PC generally sympathetic although there was some concern about the quality of local consultation.

Wind turbines - a draft letter giving qualified approval will be sent to the Windmill Committee. The subject would be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Environment & Recreation/Special Projects

Teen Scene Development: Contracts signed; official opening Sunday 18 May.

Youth drop-in centre: location still being sought.

Spring clean: Meet at the Windmill Centre 10.00 am 10 May

Youth Councils: CDC initiative being investigated

Finance & General Purposes

Precept - attention was drawn to an anomaly, the PC precept was agreed at 3.5% but in the Council Tax Notice Deddington precept was posted as 2%. This is as a result of 13 new houses having been built in Deddington since the last calculation which has added to the Council Tax revenue.

Allotments: a £750 quotation for a contractor to clear one allotment was rejected. This highlighted the need for an allotment association to administer and control the Satin Lane site.

Gardeners club: a request has been received to draw down £280 of funds held by the Parish on their behalf for a village horticultural show.

Deddington OnLine: in addition to the £100 support already agreed, a letter of support was requested to endorse further fundraising.

Cemetery: a sum of £300 was agreed to repair headstones where surviving relatives cannot be found.

Teen Scene: the value of £500 gates was questioned and further quotations are to be sought.

Special Projects

Hempton bench: a replacement is required and a sponsor is sought who could support the purchase in memoriam.

CCTV and a safe: the purchase was agreed to enhance security at the Windmill centre.

Gaveston Gardens: another anomaly - grass in Gaveston Gardens grows twice as fast as anywhere else in the Parish and will consequently require cutting twice as often.

A Neighbourhood Watch volunteer is sought from the Cherwell area to sit on a Thames Valley coordinating committee. Anyone interested should contact Val McPherson on 07815 144691 or thewillows@hotmail.com

Annual Parish Meeting: on Tuesday 20 May at 7.30pm at Windmill Centre

Attention is drawn to the Annual Parish Meeting; subjects to be discussed include the wind turbines, Tennis Club floodlights, and the reduction of all night street lighting.

Parish Finances

Invoices passed for payment £6,140

Investments totalled £545,939 at W Brom BS, Barclays & Birmingham Midshires BS

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Next Meeting; Wednesday 16 April 2008

PHYSIOTHERAPY

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SCHOOL NEWS

March has been an active month for all the children and staff. Visits for our year 2 children included a trip to Moreton Morrell College in Warwickshire, where they looked at lambing and calving time. They really enjoyed feeding the young animals and learning about the farming year. This is the first of many visits we have organised to celebrate the Year of British Food and Farming. We are keen to involve our local community in celebrating this important part of British life, so if you feel you could help us please do contact me.

Year 2 participated in the Warriner Partnership singing day where they performed *Caterpillar Boogie* with many pupils from other primary schools.

Singing has been evident all over the school. It started early in the month with a visit from Fox FM when the school choir recorded a song for the National Big Sing Up event. It was very exciting to hear them singing on the radio as one of only five schools chosen from across the county. The choir were also involved in the Banbury Fairtrade event at St Mary's Church, Banbury. Kitty Winks, Lizzie Mahon and Alex Williams from year 6 also took part with their highly professional Powerpoint presentation about why Fairtrade is so important. Of course *Food Glorious Food* and *Consider Yourself*



are also echoing around the school as we prepare for our Oliver! Extravaganza next month. The children, staff and parents are all giving up huge amounts of time in rehearsing and I am sure the final performances will be fantastic. If you would like a ticket for Wednesday 2 or Thursday 3 April, please contact the school to see if there are any left; they are selling like hot cakes.

Years 1 and 3 have visited the Oxford Synagogue this month. Our new RE curriculum is very focused on first hand experiences and the children found the visit fascinating. We have been busy with our own preparations for Easter, reflecting on Easter and preparing small scenes to depict the real experience of Easter in Deddington Church. To continue our active theme, all the children took part in the Sport Relief mile by running 11 laps of the playground. We raised £320 for this charity and the children are definitely fitter for it.

We have said a temporary farewell to Mrs Sampson in year 1, as she prepares for the birth of her baby, but have said welcome to Mrs Ruth Usher as she joins us to cover. We hope she will enjoy joining the Deddington team. All our good wishes go to Mrs Sampson and her husband for the arrival of their new addition.

Judith Tinsley

Deddington CE Primary School 01869 338430

PTA

We had a fabulous evening at our annual quiz night testing our knowledge against our Quiz Masters, Mike and Heather Ward and Alan Collins, and raised £1,870, so many thanks to all those who supported the event and also to those who helped make it such a successful evening.

Have you completed your order form for our superb summer bedding plants and hanging baskets? The deadline is Friday 4 April. Orders need to be placed in the box in the school reception area. This is a new fund raising initiative for us and we are sure that the plants will provide great pleasure during the long hot summer days ahead... The 4th Annual Deddington Walk is on Sunday 13 May and starts from 10.30 am. There is a new

route with trump cards to collect and lots of excitement in store. The walk is open to all, not just school children. Make sure you register early: visit www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk, email heathera@cherwell.co.uk or phone 338750.

There will be the usual sizzling hot bacon rolls to start the day and a BBQ, bar and entertainment for your return. What better way to spend a (hopefully!) sunny spring Sunday?

Our monthly craft market is now happily embedded in its new venue at The Royal British Legion on every Farmers' Market Day between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. Come and visit us – our selection of unique gifts and crafts is second to none.

Janet Watts 337135

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

This term we are thinking about transport and journeys. You may have seen us journeying on foot around the village, taking photographs of things we've seen. We have also been on an exploration around the school field in pursuit of Easter eggs. We had great fun washing a car and we hope to meet some other vehicles before the end of term. Sadly the Easter Fun Day at the Castle Grounds had to be cancelled but we are holding a 'Barnyard' family day at the Windmill Centre on Saturday 10 May from 11.30 am. There will be lots of attractions for all the family. Please contact the PFSU or Nursery for more information.

Holiday Club will run on Monday 14 April at the

PFSU and Tuesday 15 April at the Nursery. Please sign up on the lists if you would like places for your children. Parents' evenings will be held at the PFSU on Thursday 24 April and the Nursery on Thursday 1 May, both from 7.30 – 8.30 pm. These are informal occasions when parents of children at the PFSU and Nursery have a chance to chat about their child's progress and view their profiles. We hope as many parents as possible will be able to attend. If you are considering a Nursery or PFSU place for your child (Nursery from age two, PFSU for children in their pre-school year), please contact the Nursery on 337383 or PFSU on 337484 to find out more or arrange a visit.

Lucy Squires

CHURCH AND CHAPEL**Parish Church SS Peter and Paul****April**

Wed	2	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur		2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	6	10.30 am	All Age Worship
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	9	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	13	10.30 am	Eucharist with Baptism
Wed	16	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	17	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	20	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist, with Healing Prayer
Wed	23	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	27	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Wed	30	10.00 am	Eucharist

*For baptisms, weddings,
funerals, hospital or home visits in case of illness,
please contact the Vicar
the Rev Dr Hugh White,
28 Duns Tew (349869),
the Rev John Dane (337403)
or one of the Church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367)
or Judy Ward (337187)*

St John Hempton

Sun	6	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	20	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	27	6.00 pm	Evensong

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funeral: 8 November Daphne Laverick**Baptism:** 14 October Charles Tuthill**Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square****Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

Sunday mornings at 10.30 am: Pastor Walton, except 27 April – John Neale

Bible Study/Fellowship every Thursday at 3.00 pm at 3 Castle Street

Congregational Chapel, New Street**Mrs J Minnear 338529**

Sunday morning services 10.30 am united with Wesleyan Church

Sunday services at 3.00 pm at The Chapel, arranged by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church.

Details to be announced from week to week.

R C Parish of Hethe with Adderbury**Rev John Burns 377396**

Masses at Holy Trinity, *Hethe*: every weekday except Wednesday at 9.30 am, and on Sundays at 10.00 am. St George's Church, *Adderbury*: Mass on Wednesday at 7.00 pm and on Sundays at 8.30 am. Confessions at Hethe on Saturdays 5.30 to 6.00 pm and at Adderbury before Mass. The Eve of Sunday Mass at St John's, Banbury is celebrated on Saturdays at 4.00pm to enable Catholics from the villages to attend before the last bus.

Weekly Meetings

Mondays: Brownies, Windmill Centre, 6 - 7.30 pm
 Mondays: Youth Club, Windmill Centre, 7 – 9 pm
 Mondays: Bell ringing practice, Parish Church
 Tuesdays: Craft Group, Holly Tree, 2 – 4.30 pm
 Tuesdays: Tennis Club, Windmill Centre, 10 am
 Tuesdays: Deddington Guides, Windmill Centre, 7 – 9pm
 Tuesdays: Badminton Club, Windmill Centre, 7 – 10 pm
 Tuesdays: Deddington Youth Group. Parish Church, 7 - 8 pm
 Alternate Tuesdays: Hempton Ladies, St John's Hall, 2 – 4 pm
 Every other Wednesday: Friendship Club, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
 Wednesdays: Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys, Windmill Centre, 5 pm

Wednesdays: Boys' Brigade Juniors, Windmill Centre, 5.45 pm
 Wednesdays: Boys' Brigade Company, Parish Church, 7 pm
 Thursdays: Life and Portrait Art Group, Town Hall, 10 -12.30 & 1.30 - 4 pm
 Thursdays: 1st Deddington Cubs, Windmill Centre, 6 – 7.30 pm
 Thursdays: 1st Deddington Scouts, Windmill Centre, 7.30 – 9 pm
 Fridays: Coffee Morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 am – noon
 Fridays: Babies and Toddlers' Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 – 11. am
 Katharine House Coffee Morning, Parish Church, 10 am - noon
 Fridays: Deddington Friendly Bridge Club, Holly Tree, 2 – 5 pm

Congratulations to Sylvie Nickels who has just won the fiction category for the David St John Thomas Charitable Trust Self-Publishing Award for her recent book, *Beyond the Broken Gate*.

PARISH BUTTERFLY SURVEY

A recent article in the national press highlighted the fall in butterfly numbers. So serious is the situation that David Attenborough and David Bellamy are hoping to create a sanctuary to protect species from *catastrophic decline*. Last year Walter Meagher contacted various people in the Parish and instigated a butterfly survey. The survey will be invaluable in establishing the state of our own local butterfly population and the Thames Valley Environmental Record Centre has agreed to fund a publication listing such sightings.

To this end it would be good to recruit as many people as possible to keep watch. We need people whose gardens edge the village and those whose gardens are more central. Butterflies are beautiful and most of them are easy to identify. If you would like help with identification, there are two useful websites: www.butterfly-conservation.org and www.field-studies-council.org.



Joan Todd has spoken to Stella O'Neill at Deddington Library who hopes to have some pocket books on butterflies available soon. Keeping records is simple. Look round your garden, particularly on calm sunny days, write down the month, the name of the butterfly and, if possible, the plant on which it is feeding. The second is the most important. Butterflies start flying in April and are on the wing until September (with sightings outside these months, depending on the weather). Please join in this community activity. Your observations will have value and interest well beyond the Parish boundaries. Children love being involved! Walter Meagher is out of England this year so let me know if you are interested in taking part and then send your lists to 5 The Leyes, or

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I'll forward your reports to Walter who is coordinating the data. Many thanks.

Kristin Thompson with Joan Todd

Across the world and around the corner

Almost everyone has heard of the British Red Cross and most people are aware that the organisation offers first aid in emergency situations. But many are surprised at the sheer diversity of other activities undertaken locally, and equally, by the realisation that the Red Cross relies almost entirely on voluntary input from members of the public.



BritishRedCross

Get out more as a Red Cross volunteer driver!

One of the services run by the Red Cross in Banbury is providing transport to Day Centres, for people in need. You could provide that welcome break for someone living alone. It could be a change of scene for you too. This is very rewarding

work and involves volunteers in a fulfilling, people-oriented activity. The time commitment can be as much as one day a week or as little as an occasional morning or afternoon.

Potential volunteer drivers will need to have had a full licence for over two years and enjoy meeting and talking to a wide range of our clients. Anyone interested will be able to try out the vehicle: a minibus adapted for disabled passengers. The Red Cross will reimburse expenses and give you the training you need.

Please contact Margaret Tyrrell on 01295 269457, email oxon@redcross.org.uk or visit <http://www.redcross.org.uk/>.

DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

2008 festival
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Festival 2008
offers something
for every-

one and we do hope that you can join us.

In the Library we have An Evening with Adrian Magson, local crime writer, as well as Story Time for the children. There will be the usual Art and Craft exhibitions, Primary School concert, Poetry Please, and Writing competition, together with A Night at the Opera, Barbershop Singers, jazz from Stekpanna and a community concert from Wendy Burrows entitled A Celebration of England. This year, we are delighted to include Open Gardens and a Flower Festival along with the popular guided walks around the village as well as Daeda's Wood.

Sue Cave will conduct an Art Workshop for artists over 17 years, with all levels welcome.

On 5 July we will be offering a day of events for the whole family: details to follow.

Please check our new website at www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk and the Deddington News on-line diary at www.deddingtonnews.co.uk for further information, or contact the Secretary at eileenandersonuk@yahoo.co.uk or by phoning 01869 338325.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Festival please phone Sue Goddard on 01869 338122.

We would like to say a very big thank you to all those who have supported our appeal so far to raise the money to upgrade Deddington OnLine's software to a Content Management System. It is not possible to list everyone here because of lack of space (the full list can be found at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/forum/index.php?topic=73.0>), but the Map Group's donation of £300 was particularly generous. It was made in recognition of the growing importance that DoL plays in community life as the online 'sister' to the Deddington News. We assure the Map Group – and everyone else who has contributed to our appeal, and we hope will still do so – that this money will be very well spent in that it will open up the possibility of content creation and editing to a much wider spectrum of the parish. We will be holding open meetings later this year to explain this in more detail. However, we have not yet met our target, so please still help us if you can!

Rob Forsyth, 338384
robert.s.forsyth@googlemail.com



Night at the Opera

This concert is an opportunity for enthusiastic and experienced choral singers to perform some of the great opera choruses by Bizet, Borodin, Mascagni, Verdi and Wagner. The concert will be given with full orchestra and up-and-coming young soloists.

For choral participants there will be a one day workshop on 14 June, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm in St Michael's Church, Summertown, plus two further rehearsals on Thursday 19 June and Friday 27 June at 7.00 pm, both in Deddington.

Apart from a small charge to cover music hire, participation in this event is free. Please email info@choros.org or telephone 01869 338325 to sign up for this event. All voices, particularly sopranos and tenors, are invited to apply. Closing date is 16 May.

FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

Spring has arrived and the wood is bursting into life again. So why not walk down and enjoy the new leaves, the flowers, the birds and the peace and quiet?

This year we have done some formative pruning, are talking to The Woodland Trust about more wild flower plantings, such as bluebells under the trees, and are hoping to keep records of as many aspects of the wood as possible.

We are having a stall at the Farmers' Market on 26 April where we will be able to answer any of your questions and to sign up those of you who would like to support your wood by becoming a Friend.

Dear Good Neighbours All

Firstly, thank you for agreeing to be a good neighbour for another term; The new list is in this issue of the DN.

In the much disputed absence of the bottle bank in the village, may I ask you to be aware of anyone in your 'patch' who finds it difficult to get rid of empty bottles. Even the banks at the Council Offices seem a long way away for some folk so maybe they could call on you for help, provided that you have your own transport. Several Deddingtonians have suggested to me that the Good Neighbours might help in this way. Again thanks. If you have any queries, please do ring me on 338521.

Molly Neild

DUNDEE CAKE AND DISCOURSE

Tues 15 April, 3.45pm at 5 The Leyes.

If interested, please contact me (337052 or Kristin.a@zen.co.uk)

K. Thompson



Believe it or not

There remain some among us who are sceptical about the whole green thing, who think it is someone else's problem or maybe just don't want to believe it; it does, after all, threaten to shake us all from our comfort zones. And at the other end of the scale are the doom merchants, James Lovelock to name but ten, who believe the science but say, well it's too late anyway so just go along with it and carry on with the other lemmings towards the cliff edge.

It's *certainly not* too late. There is much we can do as individuals and at all levels of government; even our own PC could take action. There are things we can do to prepare for the increasing shortage and cost of energy, be it electricity or oil, and get used to the changes in the seasons and weather patterns. Activities are beginning in Banbury and many other parts of the county. Every little helps – even a few vegetables in the garden. Take a look at the green matters pages on Deddington OnLine and, if you have a something to say about these, please do so on the Forum. **Colin Robinson**

colin.robinson@deddington.net

Visit to the Palace

With a mere twenty minutes' time window allowed for arriving at the palace, we were all a little anxious when we set out early on Tuesday morning. Fortunately, the only delay we encountered was on the return journey, and once we reached the gates on The Mall, the friendly welcome of the staff soon put us at our ease. The quirkiest memory of the day for me will always be an example of sensitive modernisation. The anteroom to the ladies' toilets in the basement was very much twenty-first century, but the cubicles had all retained the splendid mahogany benches of a bygone era, with a discreet stirrup handle set into one side to operate the flush.

We were soon seated in the ballroom, while Jim went off to be briefed for his great moment. I was pleased to see that all the school-age guests had been seated on the raised benches along the sides of the room so that they had a good view of the proceedings. I was not so lucky. A rather large hat in front blocked my view of the Queen and the moment of investiture, but I was able to see each candidate waiting at the ballroom door to be sent forward, and to see them again as they left by the door opposite, and I did catch a glimpse of the Queen when she left by the central aisle at the close of the ceremony.

The most enjoyable moment, apart from our family one, was the award to a lady, built on traditional lines like Madame Ramotswe, and decorated for services to swimming. Her beaming delight provoked answering smiles from many in the audience. The most moving moments were the awards for gallantry to four people caught up in the terrorist attacks in London in 2005 and 2007, and in Glasgow in 2007. And the most impressive was the arrival of an email photograph of Jim with the Queen that same evening. **Jean Flux 338153**



Friends of Girlguiding Oxfordshire

MAY DAY GARDEN PARTY

to be held at

CASTLE HOUSE, BULL RING, DEDDINGTON

On Monday 5th May 2008, 11.00 - 4.00



Come and have an enjoyable time whilst supporting Oxfordshire Girlguiding. Lots to do for all members of the Family. Refreshments available.

Friends of Girlguiding Oxfordshire has been set up to support Girlguiding Oxfordshire giving help not only to Jubilee House and Beanwood, but to girls and women involved in Guiding across the county.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

From Christopher and Viviane Hall

Viviane and I want to thank the whole team without which the DN would not have been possible over the last six years, and, in particular, for the party we shared on 14 March. I hope the next such party is sooner because no editor should be allowed to stay in place for as long again. We will keep collating while health allows. That's another supportive team that makes the DN possible.

From N Piercy

Many thanks for deddingtonnews.co.uk. The new look makes it very easy to read on line. Yes, a hard act to follow but you've done it with a flourish! Congratulations to all.

From Geoff And Joan Todd, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington

Just over two years ago Mike Whitley opened *Otters* restaurant in the Market Place. Recently he has achieved recognition in this year's *Michelin Guide*, with two knives and forks. This is quite an accolade and unique in the locality. Well done, Mike!

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From Elizabeth Burak, Deddington

(Re: Ruth Johnson's March WI article on collecting horse-chestnuts)

During the First World War, artillery shells required cordite for their manufacture and cordite needed acetone, which had to be extracted from starch imported from the USA. Supplies were intermittent so a country wide collection of horse-chestnuts was proposed. The Ministry of Munitions began a campaign. Schoolchildren were given days off to collect conkers which, the government helpfully explained, were for 'the production of an article of great importance to the prosecution of the war.' Secrecy was necessary as the Germans could have used the same technique if they'd known about it. Horse-chestnuts were gathered in great numbers, but the scheme was not successful. Letters to *The Times* complained of piles of rotting conkers being left at railway stations: very few actually reached the munitions factory and the conkers turned out to be pretty poor stuff for the purpose, anyway. (See the Imperial War Museum's website.)

I am aware that Ruth Johnson was talking about WW2 but could this have been a hangover from remembered activities during WW1?

From Barbara Ritchie, Deddington

(Re: Town Hall Doves)

For every good thing there is a downside. The downside to the Town Hall doves is, literally, their droppings. However in the world scale of problems these are but 'drops in the ocean'. One wonders to what extent the objectors to these gentle creatures, sheltering and nesting there, would really better enjoy their sanitised lives "cleansed" of such a

harmless bit of nature in their midst. (When in Rome one carries a small umbrella for those neighbourhoods, but they are part of the charm of Rome which, like London, bland as it now is, would be poorer without them.) The Market Place is already disfigured by wall-to-wall cars, several hideous shop signs, and tarmacadam roads. What next? Plastic trees (real ones *do* shed leaves upon which someone might potentially slip) and fake grass (real grass *does* potentially get one's feet muddy.)

A more humane solution than evicting the doves might be for everyone to encase themselves in plastic bags before leaving home – no viruses to catch, no wind chill, no dirt blown in one's eye, no rain, no car fumes to ingest. Shangri-La indeed! But, humour aside, how difficult is it to accommodate the doves by just placing a piece of old newspaper on the bench before sitting down or putting up a "dove-dropping canopy" over one's occasional cake stall?

From Beryl Suckling, Earls, Lane, Deddington

Following the collection of herbs for pharmaceutical purposes during WW1, The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries set up a committee to make similar, better organised collections during WW2. Cherry Chappell writes in *Women's Health 2008* that herb committees were set up in every county and drug manufacturers were asked to supply lists of required plants. Women's Institutes were the principal collectors, aided by Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. Horse-chestnuts (without shells) were on the list. Apparently the glucose from them was made into Lucozade.

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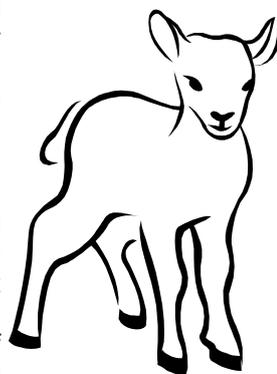
IT'S ALL GROW

On the Farm

This is the season of the year - March came in like a lion, though this year's start was more like a pride of lions. But, despite an unplanned start, it will certainly go out like a lamb as, by the time this gobbledygook reaches the editor's red pen, it will be all hands to the pump in the lambing shed. As I sit and try to find my way around the latest up-date on the office computer, the ewes have made a tentative and problematic start to the season, but it is early days yet and, having spent every spring for the past 48 years in the lambing shed, the old shepherds' saying of 'start up bad, end up good' has more than a ring of truth about it (I hope).

We have already had a number of requests to bring children and grandchildren to see the lambs. I always enjoy talking to the children and their parents or grandparents about the ewes and lambs, but it is easy to forget that, although we live in the countryside, many people do not, so the sights, sounds and workings of the lambing shed can be more than a little daunting to the uninitiated. It was rather sad that the parents of a child who was very keen to see the lambs were more concerned about what he could catch from them than what he would learn from the experience. (I wonder if they keep pets).

The equipment is now ready to start the new bee-keeping season, so all we need now is the all



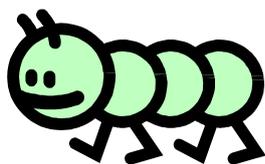
clear from the bee inspector and the job of rebuilding the enterprise can get started. A chance conversation with a South African friend has come up with a simple solution to the badger problem. In Africa, where there are many more four-legged raiders of the bee hive than in this country, the hives are suspended on steel cables so that when attacked they just swing out of harm's way and give the offender a good thump on return.

With the recent wet weather the subject of overflowing storm drains in Clifton has been the cause of some excitement, a subject that warranted a mention from the PC with the consensus of opinion pointing the finger of blame at a dastardly farmer for allowing run-off from his Apple Tree farm rickyard. After investigation by CDC and OCC the real culprit has been brought to book. The new much-campaigned-for pavement was constructed over a 200+ years old stone storm drain which has now collapsed from the weight of the pavement and the vibrations of the construction work. So either the new pavement or the new road surface will have to be dug up to relay the said drain. It's a case of 'here we go again', but we can only hope that this time round our phone line is not cut off for three weeks as it was when the pavement was put down. Ho well, it's all work for the working man.

The dastardly farmer from Clifton 338203

The Allotment

A few words about hygiene and pests might prove advantageous at this time of year. It's too late as we progress through the growing season when the damage is already done. Many problems can be dealt with if you catch them quickly. Cut away diseased material before it has a chance to spread. Take care not to spread the spores around. Burn infected material or bag it and remove off site. *Never* put it on the compost heap.



Fungi, viruses and bacteria cause disease. Symptoms include spotting where parts of the leaves die, cankers or scabs, changing colour, wilting, wet rot and powdery or fluffy moulds or mildew. Any can start on individual plants and be spread by aphids or anything that moves from plant to plant, and that includes you. Be careful when accepting gifts of plants. They may carry such soil-borne disease as eelworm, clubfoot, potato blight or onion white rot. *Get to know your pests.*

Some pests are large enough to be seen and

identified, others are not and perhaps dine at night when most of us wish to prepare for the next day with a good night's sleep. Detection skills are handy, finding clues from the type of damage.

- If there are holes in the leaves of a plant, the chances are slugs, caterpillars or snails are eating them
- If the roots are damaged, underground larvae might be to blame
- If the leaves are curling, most likely there are colonies of aphids feeding on plant sap on the undersides
- If, one morning, you find your vegetables decapitated, it could be the work of cutworms
- If some recently planted seedlings have disappeared without trace, suspect mice.

If certain diseases are a problem in your area, seek out disease resistant cultivars. They really make a difference. For soft fruit, tree fruit, potatoes and other plants prone to viruses, always use certified viruses free stock.

Tony Campion

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley for the month of April 1858 (a row at the Vestry meeting):

2nd April Good Friday – It snowed more or less in the afternoon and continued to do so.

7th April - I called at H Petty's to order some beer for the Night School Boys Supper tomorrow night at the Infants School.

8th April - I attended the annual Vestry for the election of Churchwardens, Mr Burgess took the Chair – he appointed Mr H Churchill as his Churchwarden. Mr Faulkener proposed Henry Franklin for re-election as Parish Churchwarden and Mr Stilgoe seconded him – upon which Mr Scroggs proposed Mr Field and a small farmer named Parish seconded him in opposition to H Franklin – upon which I proposed Henry Dean the farmer but no one seconded him. The matter was then put to the vote, when H Franklin was returned by the casting vote of the Chairman. Mr Scroggs upon this demanded a Poll on behalf of Mr Field – which was fixed to take place on Wednesday next. Some abominable abuse was heaped upon poor old Mr Faulkener by his son, and also by Mr Mitchell the Doctor, during the proceedings, most painful to listen to and disgraceful, specially so the one, as well as the other.

12th April - I called upon sundry persons to solicit their votes at the forthcoming poll for Churchwarden

– all were favourably disposed towards Mr Franklin rather than Mr Field.

13th April - I went up to Mr Burgess's and found Mr Cave and Mr Faulkener there talking a Handbill which Mr Field had written stating that in consequence of certain things mentioned therein he should not serve the office of Churchwarden if elected at the poll and that persons might save themselves the trouble of recording their votes in his favour. We considered it as indicative of an expected defeat on his part and his supporters – should the poll proceed.

14th April - I attended with others the adjourned Vestry in the Town Hall and recorded my vote, and remained there till the poll closed. Mr Burgess declared Mr Franklin duly elected, Mr Field's supporters did not appear.

21st April - The Inspector of Police came for 7 or 8 summonses which I granted against persons here and elsewhere under the Weights & Measures Act.

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Buffy Heywood

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 1925 – 2007

Before we move into the late 1940s and 50s in the history gleaned from their great scrapbook, we ought to make room for a few photographs dating back to the 1930s, in the hope that they awake some memories in a few of our senior citizens. The earliest photos, still in the possession of Daphne Canning, depict her mother-in-law Doris with her baby Beryl. Members and guests attending the WI Fête 1936 have just voted little Beryl 'First Prize' baby and what a charming picture she and her mother make. I wonder if Ron, little Beryl's brother, is one of the few brave boys in the crowd of smart ladies quietly enjoying his sister's triumph?

Sadly, there is no mention in the minutes of the year 1936 of this particular event. We would all love to know in whose garden it was held and, of course,

if anybody recognises and can name one or more in the happy crowd.

There are three more well-preserved pictures in the scrapbook, presenting the WI at play in various outdoor productions. One, named *The Pied Piper* cast, one probably a pageant, and the other (I have to guess) could be a



production of Robin Hood. Let's wait and see when we can make room to show them to our readers.

Ruth Johnson

(STOP PRESS re article in March DN: WI President Beryl Suckling reports that horse-chestnuts collected, presumably at the government's request, by villagers during WWII, were used for the production of glucose. Beryl will supply us with more detailed information later.)

News from Clifton

You may have got the impression that not much happened last month – even I was worried what I would write this month. That was until Robert Morrissey came to town with Roly, Muck and a fabulous road laying machine. The road resurfacing that Clifton has recently enjoyed had the makings of a real community event, as parents brought young children out to see it and Robert regaled us with tell of Archimedes screws, tampers and 120 degrees Celsius tarmac laying. It was all very interesting.

The event was let down however by OCC forgetting to place the correct signage. There was, of course, a Road Closed sign in Aynho, but they forgot the *No, Really, it is closed* sign. It became a source of real amusement as car after car (at least 40 in one hour alone) drove into Clifton, saw the road blocked and turned around.

There were those who couldn't stand the ridicule of the assembled throng, who turned into Chapel Close pretending that was their real destination – only to emerge a few minutes later looking sheepish. Even when one of our residents took his family for a bike ride down the 'Closed Road' and tried to explain to drivers on the railway bridge what Road Closed meant – he only turned back two vehicles (sorry to the harassed lady bound for the Old Store). So, to the Chavs in the Range Rover and the lads in the rude Merc - ha! ha! ha!

When OCC come back later in the year to dig up the drain that George Fenemore (but not OCC) has convinced me is broken, who says we get the barbecues out and make a real community day of it?
Martin Bryce

News from Hempton

St John's Church held two of the Lent Course meetings during March with about 20 people in attendance. Of the two speakers, one spoke on *Religion and Life in Pakistan*, and the other on Latin America, both describing how life and religion in these countries differ from ours and what we can learn from these places.

The subscriptions to the Friends of the Church are due: £5.00 per family or £3.00 per person. They can be paid or sent to the Treasurer, Mrs Mavis Barton, 23 St John's Way, tel 338847.

A correction to the table tennis score in my last column: it should have been 321 pts to 287 pts. The team has been drawn to play Bloxham 'A' in the semi-final. In a recent league game they drew 5 - 5 with Blessed George Napier 'B'.

Cherwell District Council has been emptying the wheelie bins by 8.00 am recently, so we need to have our bins out the previous evening or by 7.00 am on Wednesdays, to avoid being missed.

John Temple-Smith thanks everyone who has sent him such lovely cards and get well messages, and also everyone who has been so kind to Maureen Anne. John has been in hospital since December and hopes to be able to return home soon. We all wish John good luck following his serious operation.

Les Chappell 338054

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The *Banbury Guardian* of 20 February 1986, reporting on the end of Hayward's grocery stores in the Market Place, ran a story entitled

'Shop doors close and end an era'. Another era ended in March 2008 when the name Hayward disappeared from the estate agent's next door, to be replaced by Hamptons International.

The era started in 1927 when James Levi Hayward started up business in the premises at the end of the Tchure now used by VivaSacs. The back of the shop was a barber's (one penny in old money for a shave and tuppence for a haircut), and the front a fishmonger's. Fish was brought fresh from auction in Oxford at 6 o'clock every morning and, in the war years, local shop owners would save petrol by taking turns to go to the market and then divvy up the fish in a layby. James's wife Lily was a dab hand at gutting and filleting enormous cod and plaice at the kitchen sink – health and safety, what's that?

The shop expanded into a grocery and greengrocery business, with son Walter and daughters Peggy and Doreen all helping run the shop, and in 1936 the barber's shop gave way to the grocery business. But Walter wanted to move the business on and left to set up a general store on his own, initially with a mobile shop and then in what is now Tchure Cottage on the High Street. Again it was very much a family concern with Walter's wife Joan, and sons Rodney and Martin, involved in a seven-day rota, with no time off for holidays.

When James Hayward retired in 1972, Walter bought the shop in the Market Place and closed the High Street store. Still the family was involved, with Rodney working in the shop and Martin running a mobile delivery service around a five-mile radius until as recently as 2001. In 1974 the shop was refitted as a mini-supermarket, it started selling wines and spirits, and became part of the VG marketing group.

But by 1984, Rodney, sensing that the life of a village corner shop was becoming hedged around with too many difficulties, had moved into the estate

agency field, working in Oxford and Banbury.

The Old Bakery shop next to Haywards had for many years been the home of John and Lawrence

Wallin's bakery, and the family influence extended here too, for Walter's sister Peggy married John Wallin, and was delivering bread three times a week from a huge basket until well into the 1980s. And when the Wallins retired in 1989, Rodney, along with business partner Lewis White, bought the premises to set up Hayward-White, a traditional-style estate agency with no corporate financial services and concentrating on village and country houses in North Oxfordshire. Over the years it grew to six branches in Oxfordshire. (Banbury opening in 1990, Brackley 1991, Buckingham 1992, Winslow 1997 and Chipping Norton 2004), and acquired three associated businesses. It has a staff of over 40, most of them long serving, and continuing with Hamptons.

In April 2007 Hamptons made a direct approach to HW, identifying them as 'the most successful and dominant agent covering three shire counties'. Rodney Hayward emphasises: 'HW was not up for sale and never had been ... an acceptable offer was received and as I was considering taking a lesser role in the business this made my exit route easier to plan'.

The rebranding of Hayward-White as Hamptons is well underway and for the first time since 1927 there will be no Hayward on a Market Place shopfront. The gentle tones of brown and cream will be replaced by the brighter blue

and white, and whether the twenty-first century business retains its traditional values in the future only time will tell.

Mary Robinson

(There are more early photos of the Haywards shop and mobile van in the gallery on Deddington OnLine; go to <http://www.deddington.org.uk/gallery/main.php>)



Walter Hayward outside the shop in the early 1960s



Latter-day Hayward-White

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

Charity fund raising in 2007 resulted in a £210 donation to Katharine House Hospice. 2008 golf events are now finalised: 2 May - Cotswold Hills GC; 16 June - Burford GC; 15 August - Kirtlington GC; 15 September - Kings Norton GC. A summer golf weekend is planned. Watch this space! New members are always welcome. Contact me on 338589.

David Darst

Youth Club

We welcome Graeme Killick who has joined us on the committee. He specialises in rugby skills and will begin coaching at our meetings when the evenings are lighter. At our AGM we reviewed the Awards for All project, which has provided a welcome injection of funds. The money has enabled us to give the young people opportunities for taster sessions in a variety of new skills in sports, dance and art. The graffiti project is going well and there are plans for hair and beauty evenings and more sport coaching. Smoothie-making is popular and there will be more sessions this term. We plan to go ice skating on 31 March.

Pam Axten

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

Welcome to new cubs Ollie S and Isaac. The pack is now full until after the summer holidays and, we have several boys on the waiting list, so please put your name down if your child would like to come.

This term we have learned about birds and made fat ball feeders for the RSPB Birdwatch weekend. We practised some emergency aid, including putting each other in the recovery position and wrapping the sixers in toilet paper! We made the sweetest pancakes ever known (cubs always use everything). We talked about hearts, turning the whole pack into a working model; the two cubs representing the blood were squeezed with enthusiasm.

We thought about Baden Powell and his life on his birthday, and are now learning to read maps, although I wouldn't dispense with the sat nav just yet.

We have a team entering the cub section of Hike Oxon, a 10k walk around Wallingford and we are looking forward and planning our district camp at Horley in May.

Jo Churchyard 338071

jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

Alex has joined Scouts, swelling our numbers to 17. We have been very busy, so some of the Scouts

calculated the number of kilometres travelled by our group each week (72) and contrived a plan to cut this in half by car-sharing and walking.

A small group of enthusiastic cooks tried their hands at quick and easy meals for camp and so far these have been a great success, nothing burnt and nobody poisoned.

We erected some of our new tents and discussed personal kit requirements as some of the scouts are attending the 30k hike at Hike Oxon. Another group of scouts has organised a *Crazy Mile* for Sport Relief.

Camps this year - aqua camp in June (everything water based), District Camp also in June, and the summer camp in August. **Pete Churchyard 338071**

1st Deddington Company, The Boys' Brigade (BB)

Anchors (ages 5 to 8)

On 26 March, with Anchors from the 1st Bloxham, we celebrated Easter at a special BB night at Whiz Kids in Banbury.

After the holidays we will say goodbye to Tom, William, Josh, Ben, Toby and Chris who are moving on to Juniors. This will leave some space for new members. Anchors is open to all boys aged from 5 and meets at the Windmill Centre from 5.00 pm on Wednesdays for an hour of games and activities. Why not just come along and see what we do?

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CALLING MORE CLUBS

Juniors (ages 8 to 11)

Throughout March the boys have been working with Rev John Dane on their video diary to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the BB. Also the boys have competed against over a 1000 other BB groups across the world in an International Team Games Challenge; the results will be announced later in the year.



After the holidays Lewis, Marcus and Jack will be promoted into the Company. This summer our Juniors will enter an under 11s team in the South Northants Cricket League. If your son would like to take part in BB and cricket then please let us know.

Company/Seniors (ages 11 to 18)

Congratulations to Oliver for winning the BB Oxfordshire Table Tennis competition. On 26 March, to celebrate Easter, the boys were joined by the Juniors at Lakeside in Banbury for a bowling night.

On 13 April the 1st Deddington will join BB companies from across Oxfordshire to celebrate 125 years of the BB and 120 years of the BB in Oxfordshire. There is a special event at St Peter's College, Oxford (home of the 1st Oxford BB company in the 1880s) to which all former members of the BB, CLB and GB are most welcome to attend.

Brass Band (ages 8 to 18)

We hope to start a new beginners' class (trumpet) for younger boys in the next few weeks. Please note that the BB can supply your son with a trumpet. This is a unique opportunity to learn music and to perform at events and competitions, both locally and nationally.

For more information on the BB please contact Chris Mitchell on 338010

1st Deddington Brownies

The Friends of Girl Guiding Oxfordshire are holding a May Day Garden Party at Castle House, The Bull Ring, Deddington on Monday 5 May 2008 from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. Come and have an enjoyable time whilst supporting Oxfordshire Girl Guiding. There will be lots to do for all the family, with refreshments available. Entrance is 50p or £2.00 per family. The Friends has been set up to support Girl Guiding in Oxfordshire, giving help not only to Jubilee House and Beanwood, but also to girls and women involved in Guiding across the county.

At Brownies we enjoyed a campfire evening (indoors!) with lots of singing followed by hot chocolate, marshmallows and hot dogs. The girls also enjoyed Easter crafts and learning Irish dancing to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Many of the Brownies have now finished their Brownie Traditions Badge.

Next term we will complete our Out and About badge by doing the Deddington Walk as a group

and walking down to Daeda's Wood to hold our next promise evening. We will also learn how to prepare for a long walk, thinking about sensible clothing, packing a suitable bag and learning the Green Cross, Country and Water Safety Codes.

Lucy Squires

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results

Slade Farm (h) Lost 1-3
Croprey Res (a) Lost 1-2
Glory Farm Mustangs (a) (Supplementary Cup) Lost 0-1
Souldern (a) (Supplementary Cup) Won 5-2 J.Pearce (3), B.Durrant, J.Smith

The 1st team ended their losing run of six games with a much needed win over Souldern in the Supplementary Cup. Striker Julian Pearce was in fine form scoring a hat trick. There were also goals for Ben Durrant and Josh Smith. The poor run of league results has left the team at the foot of Division 1 and in need of a couple of wins to avoid relegation.

Reserve Team Results

Fenny Compton (h) (Dave Gibbard Cup) Won 3-0 S.Rollason, M.Garstin, S.Hall
Barford Res (h) Won 3-2 S.Rollason, M.Ayckbourn, M.Garstin
Slade Farm Res (h) Drew 3-3 M.Ayckbourn, S.Rollason, own goal

Finmere Res (h) Won 6-1 S.Hall (4), M.Garstin, A.Bliss
The Reserve team has been in sensational form winning three and drawing their other game. Plenty of goals were scored at the same time. Simon Hall, Sam Rollason and Matt Garstin found the net on a regular basis. Player manager Aaron Bliss also scored in the demolition of Finmere Res. These results have moved the team into the top half of Division 3.

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Deddington Badminton Club

For the first time in the club's history we have won the Banbury Town League Knockout Cup Trophy beating Brackley Town 376 to 371. Great performances from Andrew Munson, Nikki Burwell, Charlie White, Nikki Keates, Barry O'Connell and Jane Adams. Our Men's B team look to have won Division 2 with the Men's A winning 8 - 1 against Marlborough to avoid the drop from Division 1. For match reports etc please see <http://www.btbl.org.uk/> We are getting good attendances and we are pleased to welcome new players.

Our last club night for this season is 22 April, with our AGM in May.

Mark Tyler

Windmill Centre

The centre continues to be well used. The all weather court is also almost fully booked every night. In the last 12 months we have refurbished the lounge and toilets and we are exploring the possibilities of WiFi at the Centre. The long awaited Teen Scene is now under construction.

Can we remind everyone that the field should not be used for golf? Sadly the sign has been vandalised. We would also ask people not to use the walls of the building for ball games. This year's AGM is at the Windmill Centre on 15 May at 7:30 pm.

Mark Tyler, Chairman

Deddington Cricket Club

The 2008 season begins in May and there are exciting prospects ahead for the club this year. This season we are fielding two Saturday League sides for the first time and are forming a ladies' section with the object, in the future, of playing matches. We have entered an Under 11 side in the South Northants League – this should progress to Under 13s and Under 16s in due course. Consequently, we are looking for new playing members, plus umpiring and scoring volunteers. Would anyone interested please contact James Ransom 338151 or Derek Cheeseman 338609.

Deddington Players

Keep the evening of Sunday 11 May free in your diaries! We are having a social evening (including a short AGM) in the upstairs function room at the Unicorn, from 7.00 pm onwards. All existing members and anyone else considering getting involved, as well as children and families, are welcome to join us. We will be planning the year ahead and would value your ideas. Drinks and nibbles will be available. Hope to see you there.

Lucy Squires

Deddington and District History Society

Our March speaker Rob Parkinson, Head of Conservation for West Oxfordshire, gave an enlightening and thought-provoking presentation on the planning process as it is likely to affect villages like ours, with much advice on the role that groups

like the History Society can play in that process. We shall need to return to this issue.

On 9 April Andy Norton will talk to us about the archaeological excavations that preceded the redevelopment of the Oxford Castle site. Some of the discoveries have been very exciting indeed. Come along on 9 April to find out what and why. Anyone wishing to attend will be very welcome. Simply turn up at the Windmill Centre at 7.30 pm.

Colin Cohen, editor of our newsletter 224, is appealing for material: short articles, notes, old photographs, whatever. He cannot produce the newsletter without the wherewithal to fill it, so please offer whatever you have. Otherwise, the wills and inventories group will force all our material on you, at length.

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

Book Club

Last month we met to discuss *Tulip Fever* by Deborah Moggach and here is our review: A lightweight, easy read. The author skillfully captures the atmosphere of 17th century Amsterdam, helped by appropriate pictures by Dutch Masters scattered through the pages. The book is let down, however, by a story line which is rather contrived and implausible. A little more information on the actual 'tulip fever' of the title would have been helpful.

The book for April is *Kempton's Journey* by Valerie Blumenthal and the next meeting is 24 April. Call for venue.

Sally Lambert 338094

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for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton April 2008

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