

Harvey Cox in his '60s book *The Secular City* singled out Mobility as a great new advance of the last century. Deddington is not alone in feeling the pros and cons of such 'progress'.

Many new residents have come because the villages provide a pleasant base from which to commute to places of work, or to escape the stress of the city. Many retire here to be within reach of their children and grandchildren. For better or worse mobility has changed the make-up and cohesion of local communities. The rising value of houses benefits present owners, while the offspring of native residents have to move away to more affordable areas.

Thanks to Dr O'Donnell and his colleagues, the Earls Lane Health centre is conveniently located for Deddington. Those served by the former surgeries in nine other villages have to travel for appointments. Parking in Earls Lane may often be difficult, but would

have been impossible outside Osbourne House. (Times change - Hugh O'Donnell recalls being able to claim an extra 10/- if he had to walk more than 1/4 mile to a patient's home - if it was through mud !)

Cars make supermarkets accessible, but contribute to the closing of the Windmill Stores, "your local convenience shop", imposing increased mobility on those who live along and off Hempton Road and in Hempton itself. More walking into the centre of Deddington may improve their health. For the infirm it means hardship. Increased pressure on space for parking is likely to prove an inconvenience for many others, and risk further erosion of the greens in the Market Place.

There would be benefits to health, business and the environment if cycling was encouraged by the provision of bike stands, in the Bull Ring for instance. *CA*



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## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IN WINDMILL CENTRE, 7 May 2003**

Cllr Jim Flux, Parish Council Chairman, welcomed the 25 or so parishioners who attended. He reminded us that the purpose of the meeting is to report on the year's activities, provide an opportunity for us to raise any subject, ask questions, make comments and suggestions. No decisions could be made at the meeting, but relevant points are followed up by the Parish Council. Parish finances are kept under constant review. Reserves of at least £450,000 will be maintained, and over the next 2-3 years the Precept will be progressively raised to ensure a balanced budget. Activities highlighted by Cllr Flux included improved communication between parishioners and the PC through the 10-minute Open Forum at each PC meeting, new noticeboards in 7 prominent positions (thanks to funding by The Deddington News), publication of Parish minutes and other documents on noticeboards and Deddington OnLine, Deddington News reports, and in other ways in line with Freedom of Information Act.

Working Groups deal with most of the Council's business - planning & property, environment & recreation, highways, finance & general purposes - identifying and reporting on issues for debate and decision by the Council.

County and District Councils (OCC and CDC) are striving to improve relationships with the parish and it is pleasing to report some progress on traffic calming measures. Much remains to be done, notably on the Hempton footpath and at entrances to all 3 villages. A pedestrian crossing will be installed near Wimborn Close on the Hempton Road. Funds have been allocated for the Clifton footpath project, but we still await action by OCC. Speeding is a cause for concern, whereas parking problems are being contained, just about.

Scrub clearing, weed killing, grass cutting and the annual CUP day (CLEAN UP THE PARISH) by volunteers, continue to play their part in keeping the parish tidy. We won the Thames & Chiltern Country in Bloom award and came 4th in the Best Kept Village competition.

Grants went to the Youth Club, the Library and 7 students. The Deddington Market Group received an interest-free, 5-year loan, and contributions were made to Katharine House Hospice, The Carers Centre, Citizens Advice Bureau, Macmillan Nurses and Books on Wheels.

The Parish Council is working with Deddington Colts, the British Legion Club, BAPTIE, the police, the Co-op, OCC, CDC and others, on problems and opportunities.

Cllr Flux thanked all the individuals and organisations who do so much, often unseen and unsung, to make the parish of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton a great place to live.

He then opened the meeting to questions and comments. Clive Middleton, our new 'beat bobby' introduced himself. His predecessor, Bob Donahue, will be working in the Police Office in the Market Place.

Annette Murphy thought the British Legion premises would make a good Art Gallery when not being used for Legion purposes. She also asked what determined the level of charitable donations made by the PC, and Cllr Flux explained that the limit, under Section 137, is £3 per elector per year.

Sue Goddard was concerned that roadside parking in Deddington is bad and getting worse. Betty Hill said that the 30mph speed limit signs on Hempton Road should be farther away from the village, to give more warning. Ought there to be a 20mph limit by the School, on Earls Lane? PC Middleton recommended pressurising OCC.

John Neild wanted authentic information on the future of

the Windmill Stores. At present there are only rumours. Dennis Freeman drew attention to the hazard of overhanging bushes/trees by the Hempton Road telephone box.

There was also discussion about parking charges in the Market Place (too complex to operate?) and on inviting the BBC to stage an Any Questions programme here (good idea).

## **MEETING IN TOWN HALL, 21 May 2003.**

Present: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Ellis, Harvey, Haslam, Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Todd, Watts, Westley, Wood, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 3 members of the public.

### **PLANNING AND PROPERTY**

PC no objection (i) Calder Cottage, Philcote Street - replace front windows. (ii) Clifton Mill - replace west windows. (iii) Stone Lea, Hempton - new roof in natural slate and repair stone walled barn. (iv) Three Horseshoes, Bullring - erect 1 dwelling with parking and garage for existing dwelling (renewed application).

CDC approvals (v) No 4 Mill Close - conservatory. (vi) Castle End - new opening, gates and steps to boundary wall. (vii) No 9 Gaveston Gardens - single storey extension.

### **THE WINDMILL CENTRE**

There was a long discussion on the ownership and management of the Windmill Centre complex. Cllrs now fully understand where responsibilities lie. Roy Hart, a former Cllr, represents the PC on the Windmill Management Committee, an independent body answering to the Trustees through a company limited by guarantee.

### **CLEAN AND TIDY**

PC recognised the help given by young people on the recent very successful CUP day and awarded £10 each to Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade, Guides, Brownies, Colts and Youth Club.

Grass is growing quickly and extra cutting may be needed. The kerbside weedsprayers will be asked to deal with dandelions in the cemetery.

The Parish Council invites individuals and businesses to plant window boxes, tubs and hanging baskets. They really do make a difference, so, please, let's have an even better show this year.

### **JUBILEE SURPLUS**

There has already been a distribution of surplus funds to village organisations. A further surplus, including reclaimed VAT, will shortly be available.

### **MAKING NO ALLOWANCES**

PCs are now entitled to introduce a Parish Members' Allowance Scheme, in addition to the normal arrangements for reimbursement of expenses necessarily incurred on Council business. PC resolved to continue the Chairman's Allowance, which is equal to the amount disbursed by way of Student Grants, and that no other Allowances will be made.

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

CDC confirmed their grant of £1,542 towards the BMX track project.

Wildlife areas will be designated on parish allotments.

Deddington Primary School has been awarded a grant under the Better Ways to School scheme.

Trees overhanging on either side of Banbury Road at the Milton turn are a traffic hazard. OCC to be informed.

PC concerned at loss of grass verge outside Lime Cottage, New Street, to make parking space. OCC to be informed.

### **GRANTS**

Friends of Daeda's Wood to be granted £50 to cover this

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Since I last wrote the children at school have enjoyed their Easter Break and have also been very busy at school preparing for their SAT tests and end of year assessments.

By the time you read this article, however, their thoughts will have turned to lighter matters as they begin to look forward to the more enjoyable traditional summer activities such as Sports Day and the Summer Fête. This year's fête is to be held on Saturday 14 June and we look forward to welcoming many of you once again. Some of the proceeds of this year's fête will go towards replenishing the school's fiction and non-fiction library stock following the complete refurbishment of the library by the PTA and a whole school book audit which will be taking place in June. As usual, your contributions will be much appreciated by governors, staff and children alike.

This term we have also welcomed two new members of staff to the school, Miss Kathy Bradburn who is teaching the Foundation Stage pupils and Mrs. Denise Welch, teaching in Year 5 for two days per week with Miss Lenihan.

*Lynne Stephens* 338430

### **Deddington School PTA**

The Sponsored 'Home Helper' event took place during April. Children were given a number of everyday challenges (e.g. preparing a meal, washing the car, cleaning shoes etc) for which they have collected sponsors. Some of the funds raised will be given to the School Council (made up of school children and teachers) to buy items they feel will enhance the quality of their environment, and additional playground seating. Award badges will be given to all children who have successfully completed tasks!

New School Summer Fête date is Saturday 14 June, 2-5pm, entrance at the school field. An event not to be missed with so many attractions for all the family, including Bob Hogg who will be presenting his 'Sheepdog & Duck Display', a Dance Performance from the Ulla Academy of Arts, and a display of Classic and Prestigious Cars. There will be our usual side stalls, cream teas, a bar and much much more! Try your luck with our Raffle and you could win a Weekend Break for 2, or Complimentary Tickets to many exciting days out as runner up prizes. Half of the proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Children's Ward at the Horton Hospital. Take a look at the Fête magazine for further details, and book the date in your diary!

#### **Forthcoming Events:**

School Sports Day - Tuesday 8 July (sports, refreshments, bar and pig roast)

Bad Hair Day - Thursday 17 July

Happy Circus comes to Deddington! - Sunday 21 September

PTA AGM - Tuesday 23 September

Art Exhibition - Tuesday 14 October

Fireworks Night - Saturday 1 November

For the latest information, log on to the PTA's web site [www.pta.deddington.net](http://www.pta.deddington.net).

*Kevin Maya* 337284



**AND THE WINNERS WERE ... !?!**



**Stephanie** - 1st Prize in the Junior Section

**Oliver** - Prize for Naming the Flowers

**Matilda** - 1st Prize in the Infant Section

The winning entries will be exhibited in Hayward & White's window for the first week in June, and will be included in the Deddington Festival Art Exhibition in the Holly Tree on Saturday 28 June, 10~4 pm.



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**Parish Church in June**

Sun	1	10.30 am	Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wed	4	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	5	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels (Prams & Toddlers)
Sun	8	10.30 am	PENTECOST - Sung Eucharist & Childrens Church
		6.00 pm	Ecumenical worship at Barford Methodist Chapel
Wed	11	10.00 am	Eucharist (St Barnabas)
Sat	14	5.00 pm	Choral Evensong following RSCM N.Oxon Choirs training afternoon
Sun	15	8.00 am	TRINITY SUNDAY - Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Mattins (BCP)
Wed	18	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	19	6.30 pm	Eucharist (Corpus Christi)
Sun	22	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Childrens Church
Mon	23	7.30 pm	Confirmation by the Bishop of Dorchester
Tue	24	6.30 pm	Eucharist (St John the Baptist)
Wed	25	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	29	10.30 am	PATRONAL FESTIVAL - Benefice Eucharist
		6.00 pm	Britten's <i>NOYE'S FLUDDE</i>

[www.deddingtonchurch.org](http://www.deddingtonchurch.org)

**ST JOHN HEMPTON**

Suns 1&15 9.00 am Eucharist

Sun 22 6.00 pm Evensong

'WALKING WITH JESUS' course June 11 & 25, 7.30 for 8pm in Deddington Church

**BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUPS** June 4 & 18, 7.30 pm Jean Welford at Boulderdyke, Clifton (338539)

June 4 & 18, 7.30 for 8.00 pm Bill & Liz Dickinson at 2 The Leyes (337050)

*If you wish to enquire about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, hospital or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev. Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew, (349869) or one of the Churchwardens, Liz Dickinson (337050) or Iain Gillespie (338367)*

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street**

*Joyce Minnear 338529*

Sunday morning worship jointly with Wesleyan Reform congregation at 10.30 am

Sunday evening service and fellowship 6.00 pm, & Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month

Speakers Sun 1 Pastor Isabel Walton

8 Mr and Mrs Eaton

15 John Neal

22 Harold Puttick

29 Ross Atkins

July 6 Pastor Isabel Walton

**WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square**

*Pastor Isabel Walton 337157*

Sunday morning services at 10.30 am

Preachers: 1, 8 & 15 Pastor Isabel Walton

22 Brian & Val Harding

29 Faith Sharpe

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

**R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY**

*The Revd A J Burns 277396*

**Hethe** : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats -5.30-6.00 pm

**Adderbury** : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass.

Thursday 19 June is the feast of Corpus Christi and a Holiday of Obligation. This can be fulfilled by the Vigil Mass on Wednesday 18.

The Eve of Sunday Mass at St John's, South Bar, Banbury is said at 4 p.m. on Saturdays to allow Catholics from the villages to attend by bus.




This first arts festival for Deddington will include a **Best of Baroque** choral concert given by Choros on Saturday 28 June, and a staged performance of *Noye's Fludde* on Sunday 29, both events conducted by Janet Lincé.

The chamber choir CHOROS is already well-known in the village for its annual 'Advent Carols by Candlelight'. On this occasion the choir, with the Oxford Sinfonia, performs some exciting and well-known Baroque works, including Vivaldi's famous *Gloria*, in SS Peter & St Paul Church at 8pm.

On Sunday 29 at 6pm the Church will see a unique gathering of talented performers of all ages and from a wide area, to stage Britten's community opera, *Noye's Fludde*, composed for performance at the Aldeburgh Festival in 1958. It is a setting of the Chester Miracle play, telling the story of Noah building his Ark to save his family and each species of animal from the great flood. The music is attractive, accessible and fun. For this performance we have brought together children from Deddington Primary School, instrumental players from Beachborough School and soloists from Bloxham School and from Oxford as well as Deddington itself. Handbell ringers and Buglers also feature in the orchestra, as well as recorders, strings and percussion, and the two main characters are sung by professional singers who have both performed in Deddington before.

Janet Lincé

- See insert with this month's **DN** for ticket details.
- Dr Hugh O'Donnell is chair of Deddington Festival.
- National Lottery is making a £3565 grant to it.



**CALLING ALL ANIMALS**  
Further animals are required for the production of *Noye's Fludde* on Sunday 29 June. If any child or adult wishes to become a singing animal on this occasion, please contact Janet Lincé, Musical Director, 232618.

### DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL 2003 ART AT THE HOLLY TREE

A one-day exhibition  
supporting Katharine House Hospice.

**SATURDAY 28 JUNE, 10am-4pm**

Oils, watercolours, pastels, prints  
at **SALE PRICES**.

Holly Tree, Horsefair, Deddington  
Admission free

### A Passiontide Concert

An augmented Deddington Church Choir and organist, Stephen Taylor, were in reflective and reverential mood for this concert of sacred music on the last day of Lent. The music, which set the scene for the portentous events of the forthcoming week, spanned nearly five centuries from Thomas Tallis, born in 1515 to John Joubert, still alive today. There was a well-chosen mix of familiar hymns and anthems from the choir, such as Westbrook's, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord", to the less well known, such as Herbert Howell's, "My eyes for beauty pine". Stephen Taylor demonstrated his outstanding skills as a soloist, as well as the capabilities of the Deddington Church organ, in works such as Bach's great toccata and fugue in D minor. The musical highlight of the evening was, arguably, a setting of words from the Catholic service of Tenebres, based on Jeremiah's lament over the fate of Jerusalem. The music, by Couperin, for soprano and tenor soloists, beautifully sung by Suzi Idun and Hugh White, gave us heart-rending melodic lines soaring heavenwards over timeless harmonies. The concert was enjoyed by a small, but appreciative, audience. Music making of this standard, and the hard work involved in preparing it, deserved a fuller church. Watch out for future events and support them!

Donald Lane

### NON-STOP MUSIC MARATHON!

On Saturday 7 June, Deddington Church will host an amazing event - a 12-hour non-stop Music Marathon by Miss Vera Hassall. Starting at 9.30 a.m, Miss Hassall will play from memory over 300 different songs and tunes on half a dozen different instruments, including piano, organ, piano accordion, cow-bells and zither. Tickets at the door, cost £5. Stay as long as you like.

The Marathon is held in aid of the Romanian Foyer Trust, which was established by a family living in Duns Tew, and which is currently working with 18 homeless young people in Romania to provide them with accommodation, education and support in finding work.

Vanessa Kenyon

### A SURPRISE FOR DEDDINGTON MAP GROUP

Everybody knows that we sell maps and prints. Well, now the Map Group also sells spoons. Not just any old spoons - these are special. Made of solid silver, hall-marked, and topped with the Deddington Coat of Arms, they are all that remain of a limited edition commissioned in 1994, when the parish won its Arms. At £22.50 each, the spoons sold out quite quickly. Or so we thought. We were wrong.

In the best traditions of *Treasure in the Attic*, a few more have come to light, in their original little black boxes. Only 14 of the unique mementos are left, and the Map Group is selling them, on behalf of the Parish Council, at £15 apiece (one third off the 1994 price). Souvenir? present? heirloom? Come and see them for yourself on the Map Group stand at Deddington Market, the 4th Saturday in each month.

Norman Stone 338019

**E-MAIL FROM ELIZABETH CLUBB**

A tribute to the Revd. Ken Reeves – filling in some gaps. I was privileged to meet Ken Reeves (or 'Sir' as I had to call him) when he began his teaching career in 1957 at Drayton Manor Grammar School, Hanwell, West London. Later, he told me he had been apprehensive about returning to a school where he himself had been a pupil and would later be a Governor. He was a skilled teacher with an enthusiasm for his subject. We appreciated his mischievous sense of fun but he commanded our respect and loyalty. He loved drama and fulfilled an ambition when he produced *Escapade* at the school where he had acted as a pupil. The highpoint of his school acting career was as Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice* ! \*

In 1981 he was appointed as the first Head Teacher of Twyford C. of E. High School for the London Borough of Ealing. This had been a failing state school. Within five years Ken turned it into an over-subscribed successful school. What an achievement! He worked closely with the Revd. Tom Butler, now Bishop of Southwark, who was Chair of Governors. In 1986, satisfied with a job well done, Ken handed over to his successor and went to Cuddesdon Theological College. In July 2002 he returned to Twyford to join the celebrations for its 21st. birthday. Twyford remains a top-performing school in Ealing.

His role as a teacher remained a constant factor in his life and was enhanced by his priestly vocation in later years. The two callings were seasoned by his acting ability, which is useful for both, particularly when working with children, which he loved to do. The fact that half a dozen ex-pupils from Drayton Manor attended his funeral service speaks volumes. Together with many people scattered over the country, my husband Ken, and I will miss him greatly but we are the richer for having known him.

(\* Ken made further notable stage appearances in several of the *Deddington Players'* productions.)

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even if they are not for publication.

**FROM PAT SWASH, CHAIR, ENVIRONMENTAL & RECREATION WORKING GROUP, DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The PC are pleased to announce that, following representations to CDC, we have obtained a grant of £1,542 towards establishing the proposed BMX/Dirt Trail, to be sited adjacent to the All Weather Court at the Windmill Centre. If you would like to volunteer and assist in the planning and practical development of this exciting new project, please contact Graham Pitts, Parish Clerk on 337447

(Mons. and Weds.).

**FROM RENE MAHONY, ST. JOHNS WAY, HEMPTON**

My family and I would like to express our deep gratitude and thanks for the many cards and letters received, offering sympathy in our sad loss of Dennis. This support has been much appreciated and brought comfort to us. A very special thank you to Revd. Dr. Hugh White for his personal care and thoughtfulness to me at this time.

**FROM DOROTHY WHITE, 20 GAVESTON GARDENS, DEDDINGTON**

The annual OHCT Ride & Stride takes place on Saturday 13 September. Please make a note of this date in your diary. The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust raises money for the maintenance and repair of historic churches such as Deddington Parish Church and this annual sponsored event is an important fund-raiser, as well as providing an enjoyable day out for those who participate. Many thanks to Angela Waller for coordinating this locally for several years.

**FROM GEOFF TODD, FOR BANBURY & DISTRICT RNLI**

During the recent Royal National Lifeboat Institution House to House Collection in Deddington £102.29 was contributed. A collection at Deddington Farmers' and Community Market in April raised a further £63.55. Many thanks to all those who contributed so generously.

**WELL REMEMBERED**

**DENNIS MAHONY** was born in Paddington, London, one of twins and last of a family of nine children. After his early education he moved on to Marylebone Central, leaving at age 16. In 1939 he was conscripted into the army serving with the East Surrey Regiment R.C. of Signals seeing action from the D. day landings through the European Campaign until his release in 1946. After qualifying as an Accountant he moved to I.C.I. Agricultural Division and in 1960 commenced his own practice in Farm Costs Management, moving to Hempton in 1965. His interests were varied, from cycle racing to cricket, all forms of sport and music. He played piano from Chopin to Scott Joplin. Dennis is remembered by his family and all who knew him as a courteous, polite, gentle man. *Rene Mahony*

**KAYE KELSEY** died in hospital at Cocoa Beach, Florida, on 25 April at the age of 81. Born in Brandon, England,

and educated at London University, she married Major Andrews (USAF) in 1945. (Andrews had flown Spitfires on the Eagle squadron and had been awarded a DFC). She had three sons of her marriage and travelled widely with her military husband on his duties throughout the USA, Europe and England. She loved gardening, travelling, reading and needlework and was a generous giver supporting orphans, and providing scholarships for them in Palestine, S America and the USA. She gave the church here its initial audio system as well as Bibles and contributed books to the village library. Later in life she married General John Kelsey and settled in Florida, but kept her cottage in England. Her sons, Carl, Kevin and Ian thank her friends in Deddington for their kind messages of sympathy and for their floral tribute at her funeral on 3 May in Florida. *James Marmion*

**THE END OF AN ERA**

On 17 December 1990, after a full refurbishment we re-opened the doors of Windmill Stores once again for business. As it was near Christmas time, every customer on that first day, was invited to a glass of sherry and a 'homemade' mince pie. We were proud to open our doors and were determined to make a go of it, as they say. We thought we had a lot of stock on the shelves that first day, but, oh boy, were we wrong! As time went by we were learning fast and became to realise that we had to take on a lot more lines to sell than we had ever imagined.



However, driven by our customers demand, we kept increasing the products our customers wanted to buy from us until we ran out of space and literally could not place any more products on our shelves.

We also went through very hard times. Like the day some years ago, the economy collapsed and we suddenly found ourselves owing more to the bank than the property and our business was worth. Not to be beaten though, we had to ask some of our staff to leave to reduce costs, and we knuckled down ourselves. All our savings went into the shop and with the help of family and our dedicated staff, who with us were prepared to work the long and awkward hours needed to keep providing a good service to our customers, we made it!!!

Having passed retirement age and after nearly 12½ years of getting up every morning at 4 o'clock to do the papers and open up early for those customers who wanted to get their daily paper before going to work, and sometimes still working late at night, plus most week-ends (except Christmas Day), we felt that it was time for somebody else to take over the reins. We offered the business up for sale!! As time went by though we soon became to realise that we were NOT going to be able to sell it as a 'Village Shop'. Out of the many people that came to see us, not one single 'prospective buyer' wanted to continue the shop - too much hard work !!!! It is therefore with great regret we have had to let the shop go, and close the doors of your 'Top Shop' on 23 April 2003.

We wish to thank ALL our customers for supporting us over the years and a very special "THANK YOU" to our dedicated staff (we would not have been able to keep going without them!) We would also like to thank all those of you who have send us flowers and cards, to wish us well, with a special thank you to all our customers in 'The Daedings!'

*Mauveen, Conny & Sandie*

*Readers are certainly sad to see the Windmill Stores close, and grateful to all those who served them there. The DN is indebted to them for their support as advertisers for many years. Their advert on the back page has already been printed for this month and next. Their prime slot is up for grabs from September onwards. Ed*

When Hugh O'Donnell came to Deddington in 1972, there was the surgery in Osbourne House and 9 village surgeries and 5000 patients. The Health Centre in Earls Lane was opened in 1974, and bought by the practice ten years later. Two extensions have been added making specialised clinics possible. Now 8500 patients are being cared for. The Health Centre is arguably our single best asset. Hugh has put his own health second to the needs of his patients, but says his ministry has not been about illness but about people. His doctor father told him: "Our generation of doctors had the cream. Patients didn't expect us to keep them alive for ever, only to make life as painless and comfortable as possible. As for you, if a patient dies, you will be blamed. They'll think you have failed." Hugh feels deeply the death of any patient.



He will be much moved by the comments in the Retirement Greetings book at the Health Centre - such as: 'Thank you for being a gentleman, doctor and character. They broke the mould when they made you.' ... 'Not quite 30 years but still a bloody good innings looking after initially two of us who over the years became five. Thanks for everything - even the legacy of a new group of doctors who still run late.'

Therefore many will throng the Holcombe Hotel in Deddington on **Saturday 21 June** at 3.00 p.m to thank him publicly. Much has already been given to the farewell gift. More can be delivered to The Knowle, Philcote Street, Deddington OX15 0TB; cheques should be made out to 'Canon A C Hall'. *CA*



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## THE FLOWER GARDEN

By this time the garden has that mid-summer look. The perennials are flowering, the spring stuff is finished and we can pull out the Daffodil leaves with a clear conscience. This is the time when last year's newcomers appear. I bought two *Penstemon* and a *Sidalcea* (Prairie Mallow) at the Farmers' Market last year and they have made nice bushy plants. *Sidalcea* belong to the mallow family and are an exception, I think, in an otherwise rather coarse looking group of plants. Take *Lavatera* (annual Mallow) for example. Although the colours have improved, it's all branches which go on flowering for ever and ever on a poor shaped shrub. Getting rid of them is not as easy as all that, they have a remarkable hold on life. In between these and the delicate *Sidalcea* are all sorts of sizes, colours and shapes of mallows, like Hollyhocks. My prize thistle grows apace, and the other day I was given a milk thistle, a delightful looking little plant with pretty white markings on the leaves. I had never seen one before. We planted it carefully and said encouraging things to it. By next year we hope it will be 7 feet up and flowering. By the time this goes to press, the containers will be planted up, the hanging basket on its hook and the spares dotted about the flower beds. Those of you who don't grow plants from seed may like to know of a very good plant place in Chipping Norton. It's up an alleyway near the Town Hall, on the Boots side. They have all sorts of nice healthy looking plants there and their prices are very reasonable. So, feet up for now and enjoy a well earned rest (never mind the weeding and the lawn!)

Marianne Elstey



**The beautiful gardens at the Hospice will be open on Sunday 8th June 2 pm - 5 pm**  
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**"Go Yellow" Week (15 - 22 June) is a national week of fundraising to promote the Hospice movement.** Many supporters are holding T@3 parties. This involves inviting friends and relatives around for tea with donations to the Hospice. The following T@3 parties will be held with gardens open and all proceeds will be donated to Katharine House:

**Sunday 15 June, 12 noon - 6.00 pm**  
"The Beck", Hill Farm Lane, Duns Tew, Brian & Wendy Lewis  
Stunning one acre lawned garden includes stream and spring. Teas will be served throughout.

**Sunday 22 June, 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm**  
"Back Acres", 43 St Johns Way, Hempton, Dave & Vera Ashdown  
"Stretford End", 45 St Johns Way, Hempton, Les and Sue Lane

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## ON THE FARM

It is difficult to know which month's weather lore I should be looking at for this month. At the moment it is more like April, with heavy showers of rain and hail and very cold nights but perhaps the sayings for May have some validity. "Ne'er cast a clout (coat) before May is out" - well, at least that one has proved right most of the time. One that I hope will be right is "a wet May brings a good load of hay". This should mean plenty of sun for June, which is just what we shall need if the bee expansion programme is to work. The new queens should arrive at the end of May and we shall need some good warm days to make up the new hives and to get the new queens into full lay in time for spring oil seed rape and flower strips to come into full flower, and then we just might get some honey. With the onset of June the year will be half done and it will soon be time to shear the sheep. and get some hay made. With harvest only some 10 weeks away there is a lot to do, and then we start all over again with the preparations for next year. With so many changes proposed in the mid-term review of the CAP (COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY), planning for next year is going to be very difficult, if not impossible, until our masters have made up their minds. If past experience is anything to go by we shall be in for a long wait as we still await the new "right to roam" maps, the new up-to-date satellite farm maps and the new livestock disposal arrangements. It seems rather ironic that the ban on the burial of farm stock was imposed under the guise of environmental protection when it has been estimated that it will need an extra 4,000,00 gallons (18,184,00 litres) of fuel oil each year to incinerate what would normally have been buried, to say nothing of the costs of collection and transport. Just one more example of the twisted logic that seems to be becoming the norm in the upper echelons of the present administration.

On Sunday 18 May we went to the Deddington Deanery Rogation service held at the Warriner School farm. We live in changing times, with many of the changes brought about just for the sake of change, so it was very reassuring to be able to attend a traditional service to bless the crops and the work of those who produce our food. The School farm was an inspirational venue for such an event. Today we hear so many derogatory remarks about our education and farming systems that it was so good to see the two combined in such a positive way. Although, sadly, many of the students will not be able to follow a countryside career, they will leave the Warriner with a much better understanding of how the countryside works and of how their food is produced. This is a wonderful way of hands-on learning, something that should be compulsory for all who are employed in the administration of the countryside. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to put on the open weekend and the extra special closing service.



George Fenmore 337203



**NEWS FROM HEMPTON**

The wine tasting evening is on Friday 6 June at 8.00 PM (tickets now available at £10.00 per head). Nick Westbury is sponsoring the event and S.H.Jones of Banbury will be bringing a selection of wines for tasting and purchasing if desired. The Hempton Ladies Club continues to flourish, they are having a "Mad Hatters' tea party" in June, and a trip to Waterperry Gardens in August. The table tennis team were knocked out of the Handicap Cup in the semi-final, losing 5-3 to the eventual winners Blessed George Napier "E"; they also finished runners-up in Division 3 of the league and received their trophies at a presentation evening in Mollington on Friday 16 May. Many thanks to everyone who supplied cakes, supported and manned the Friends of Hempton Church Cake Stall in Deddington on Saturday 10 May - a total of £91 was raised towards church repair funds. The moles have been very active in the village, pushing up large mounds of earth in the grass verges and also invading people's gardens; which can be a problem if you have some nice lawns. Thanks to everyone from the Church who contributed towards the flowers that were sent to the funeral of the late Rev Ken Reeves, Vicar of this parish between 1989-2000. Ken will be missed by many of us in the village. Our condolences to his family. People in the village will be sorry that the Windmill Stores has closed as it was a handy shop to walk to from Hempton.

*Les Chappell* 338054

**NEWS FROM CLIFTON**

I have heard of a car break-in. This I know is only one but, checking with the Police, it is not an isolated incident. There have been similar night-time occurrences in villages North, East and South from Banbury. So be vigilant and, as always, check that articles of value are not left visible - also that the vehicle is locked. I gather that the connection between the Clifton Road pathway and the pavement through the village is in hand with the OCC. I feel sure this is well on the way, as I saw an OCC surveyor with a theodolite around 10 months ago!

*Carol Drawmer*

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year's cost of promoting the site. Applications for grants should normally be made in the autumn to catch the following year's budget planning.

**PARISH FINANCES**

Invoices passed for payment totalled £8,651.66, including £3,049.14 T. Fox for grasscutting, £2,357.20 Allianz Cornhill on insurance premiums for parish property, £1,406.02 imprest account for wages etc.

Investments totalled £528,461.16, of which £19,722.22 current + £1,535.26 imprest (both Barclays @ 0.1%); £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days; £506,203.68 West Bromwich @ 3.75% overnight.

**Annual General Meeting**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman stood down and the Clerk called for nominations for Chairmanship of the Parish Council for 2003/4. Cllr Flux was elected unopposed. He then called for nominations for Vice Chairman and Cllr Harvey was elected unopposed.

**DEDDINGTON POLICE OFFICE**

I am pleased to report very little in the way of crime this month. Surrounding villages have not been so lucky and have fallen victim to 'opportunistic' crime, where doors and windows have been left open, almost inviting 'walk in' thefts. We must remain on our guard. Another pleasing item of news is the return of PC Bob Donohue. Bob is on light duties at this time and is now the Office manager, working with our much appreciated volunteers Hettie, John and Babs. This means that your office is open for even longer hours. While Bob keeps the office ticking along, I remain the rural officer for Deddington.

*PC Clive Middleton* Rural Beat Officer, Deddington

**DEDDINGTON FIRE STATION**

We have received 71 calls this year to date, 17 in the last month, a fire involving a telegraph pole & an electrical junction box, 2 chimney fires, a woodland fire, a machinery fire, 4 car fires, a fatal accident, a serious fire in the old Bowling Alley at Upper Heyford, and 6 calls to stand by. The crew were saddened to see the loss of another life, this time a young man in the road traffic accident at Hopcroft's Holt. Our sympathies go out to his family and friends.

We suffered a disappointment with our new recruit for day cover, the employer changed his mind at the eleventh hour and refused to release him for fire service duties. It looks like we might have to get the recruitment banner out again.

Our very own tri-athletes excelled themselves in the Fire Service Triathlon, Jeremy Bolduc managed to knock 10 minutes of his best time from last year, and Andy Hayward, with a time of 1 hour 17, came FIRST out of the Fire Service competitors. Congratulations to both, we are all very proud!

Would you like to join our crew? Ring the Recruitment Hotline for an information pack:- 0800 5 870 870

*Anne Waters* Sub Officer, Deddington Fire Station 338281.

**WORKING GROUPS**

PC decided to retain the existing structure and membership of Working Groups. In addition, Cllr Swash will join the Planning & Property Group.

**BRITISH LEGION**

The British Legion Branch is expected to continue but there are doubts about the Club. The Trustees are trying to find a way to keep it going and are getting legal advice. Discussions with PC will take place.

**DATES OF MEETINGS**

For the time being, PC will continue to meet on 3rd Wednesday of the month.

**NEXT MEETING Wed 18 June, Town Hall, 7.30pm**

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website: [www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes](http://www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes)



Lucky me! A friend invited us to the Chelsea Flower Show

where we had a wonderful day amongst the perfection of English horticulture. Along with the well-publicised 'show gardens' were two huge pavilions filled with every variety of flower and vegetable, all at their prime regardless of the season. So, there were daffodils next to roses, beetroot jostling with luscious-looking tomatoes, whilst outside the weather felt more like April! A display of potatoes boasted that the 'Three Countries Potato Growers' held the world record for displaying 525 different varieties at one time - though not at this show, where they merely had about 150. Several displays that caught my eye were those that had abandoned the traditional distinction between flower garden and vegetable patch, and I found cabbages and leeks enhanced by the complementary colours of daisies. Wispy fronds of fennel appeared amongst the flowers whilst other herbs, which have always had one root in each garden, appeared attractively between paving stones (thymes); sage's silver leaves in the flower border and rosemary happily with its cousin, lavender. Peppers and chillies too, with their brilliant colours and textures, are beginning to appear amongst the flowers. I look forward to a display one day of edible flowers to take us beyond nasturtiums in the salad. Are times a'changing?

*Hugh Marshall*

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### **Watermills of the River Swere**

The watermill was invented in Italy and came to Britain with the Roman army. "The earliest reliable allusion to a corn-mill in England occurs in a charter granted by Ethelbert of Kent in 762 to the owners of a monastic mill near Dover." (Singer, Vol. II, p. 610.) Nine watermills on the River Swere, first reported in Domesday Book (1086), were indicated by Richard Davis on his 1794 map of Oxfordshire.

A watermill was a capital intensive enterprise, and for this reason it usually belonged to a manor or abbey. Of the 9,250 manors recorded in Domesday, 85% (2,957) possessed one or two mills. At the headwaters of the river, in Over Norton parish, was Priory Mill; the mills of Swerford, Wigginton and Great Barford all belonged to a manor.

The work of construction was considerable. A deep, long channel was dug to carry water taken from the river, as at Swerford; or the river was straightened and deepened, as in advance of the mill at Wigginton, and, farther east, in advance of Barford St Michael. Mill-wheels were imported from France, and their constant maintenance required the services of a wheelwright.

Little Barford Mill, the ruins of which picturesquely stand in the valley east of Barford St John, has public access along the canalized river. The river banks are crowded with branched bur-reed, a plant which thrives best in slowly moving water. In the deep, still water at the mill-pond, there are amphibious bistort, pondweed, and waterweed, species found nowhere else in the river. Here alone, of all the reaches of the Swere, swans alight and feed in the bays of the shore.



As soon as the river has been released from its confinement at Little Barford Mill, it resumes meandering, a life-style naturally wilful and vagrant, and one that produces a more interesting landscape. From South Newington to Deddington alder is the most distinguished companion of the river, giving way in our parish to old crack-willow trees.

It was long assumed that all water-wheels worked with the same efficiency, that the only variables were the volume and fall of water.

John Smeaton (1724-1792) showed, by meticulous research, that the undershot wheel had a maximum efficiency of 22%, and the overshot 63%. The breast-shot water-wheel, with a higher efficiency, was developed from Smeaton's work, and installed at Paper Mill on Adderbury Grounds Farm.

Nevertheless, despite this instance of the creative engineering for which England became renowned, Swere mills were doomed. By 1850 the steam-engine was grinding corn; watermills were quickly disabled, and became the eye-sores of a rural life in decline. Today, small rivers - the Evenlode, the Windrush - are amenity features in landscapes prized in their own right. Some afford the pleasure of boating and fishing; but the Swere is too narrow, too shallow, too often criss-crossed with fallen limbs, and too meandering to entice boaters. But she is a pleasure to see, reasonably healthy, with crayfish, small fish, and kingfishers.

*Walter L Meagher*

**1st Deddington Cubs**

Cubs have just returned from their annual district camp, and, luckily for us it rained a lot more in Deddington than Horley. The weekend (based around the Robin Hood legend) started with a wide game in the hope that a lot of running around would tire them out - wrong - they chattered loudly until a slightly unhinged Akela suggested they went to sleep. The next day we went on a day-long hike around Drayton and Wroxton, there were a few tired boys but the fruit gums kept us going. Then back for dinner, camp fire and marshmallows. Sunday included a variety of bases, tug-of-war and a super falconry display. The tents came down dry and a good time was had by all. Big thanks to all the parents who helped to make the weekend a success. The next two events are a trip to scouting headquarters at Gilwell and the Roman themed Oxfordshire Quest at Wallingford. P.S. Rumours about the Horley bear are absolutely true!

*Jo Churchyard* 338071

**1st Deddington Scouts**

Last week we invested our three newest scouts, Josh George and Patrick. The experimental hovercraft has been constructed but not yet tested and plans have been drawn up for the planter to grace the Windmill Centre. The next outing will be the Aqua Camp in Standlake in June, let's hope for good weather. *Jo Churchyard* 338071

**1st Deddington Guides**

A very busy end to last term : the Guides organised and put on a variety show - all their own work from

start to finish! - and raised £50 for NSPCC and Guide Dogs for the Blind. We also followed a local knowledge quiz around the village finishing up with an Easter Egg hunt.

We had a very smart turnout for St George's Day Parade in Banbury, and were very proud of Evelyn Cook who was chosen to read during the service, and Kate Garrett who carried our colours. Since then we've planned patrol activities and badge work, helped the village tidy up by picking litter, and hiked from Barford to Deddington. We helped with a bat survey at Wroxton Abbey, using bat detectors and identified three kinds of bats, and saw a heron, kingfisher and freshwater muscel amongst lots of other wildlife. We've just enjoyed our first cook-out. This summer will be action packed.

*Maggie Rampley* 01295 810069

**Scouts, Guides etc. are still looking for someone to act as Quartermaster, to look after the equipment, if you have a little spare time and think you could help, please contact one of the leaders.**

**Youth Club**

After the Easter break we started back on 12 May with our new leader Tracy Wray. It was a well attended evening and Tracy is introducing some new ideas from her wide experience. Brian Clarke came up to help with the football, and the craft enthusiasts made felt animals. We do need some voluntary helpers - you would not be expected every Monday, but occasionally. We also need some CDs if anyone is having a clear out. Please phone if you can help with either of these things.

*Gay Brewer* 338097

**Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group**

Lots to look forward to in June! The Playbus will be visiting us on 6 June. The following week (13 June) is our summer outing to Hatton Country World, near Warwick. The trip will be fully funded for regular members, and we will meet at Hatton at 10.30am. Please note that there will be no session at the Windmill, on that Friday. That evening, for those who have energy

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left, a theatre trip for the parents is being organised. The committee met recently and have planned a full programme for the next 6 months - watch this space for more details. And finally, a warm welcome to all our new members - it's good to see you.

*Lucy Squires* 338442

### **Windmill Community Centre**

The Windmill Centre AGM was held on 6 May. Roy Hart, Jim Flux, Viv Walker, and Joyce Minnear were re-elected to continue as committee members and are joined by three newly elected members. These are Martin Hovard, John Stiff, and David Rollason. At a subsequent meeting held on 15 May Roy Hart and Viv Walker were re-elected as Chair and Secretary respectively. Martin Hovard was elected Treasurer. The Windmill Community Centre is a charitable trust (registration number 299502) and is currently governed by a lease and trust deed created in 1988. The trustees are Richard Broadbent, Mary Robinson, and Mark Ryland. The Windmill Committee meets bi-monthly. A meeting of the Windmill Centre Users is also held bi-monthly in alternate months. This meeting includes Trustees, Committee members and representatives of the clubs and organisations using the Windmill Centre. The next meeting of the Windmill Centre Users is on Tuesday 17 June at the Windmill Centre starting at 7.30pm.

*Jim Flux | David Rollason*

### **Monday Morning Club**

The small group who went to see Ibsen's *Brand* at Stratford had very mixed reactions to a difficult play. Transport arrangements for the small group going to see *The Tamer Tamed* on 4 June will be announced at the next coffee morning on 2 June, 10 am-noon.

*Jean Flux* 338153

### **Deddington Players**

Don't forget the AGM on 11 June, 7.30 pm at the Holly Tree, when we will not only look back over the past year, but plan for the one ahead, and share a glass of wine.

*Jean Flux* 338153

### **Deddington Beeches Bowls Club**

Despite the inclement weather the season has started well with very enjoyable matches being held against local teams. Club nights continue to be held every Wednesday from 6.00 pm onwards so why not give bowls a try? Thank you all who supported our recent Cake and Plant Stall.

*Yvonne Twomey* 337213

### **Deddington Friendship Club**

Friends from Woodstock Stroke Club joined us on 7 May for a friendly game of Bowls which was most enjoyable. A letter of thanks was received from them with a request to meet again soon which we shall be happy to arrange. 21 May was a Social afternoon with a variety of board games and Whist. The next meeting will be on 4 June at 2.30pm.

*Joyce Minnear* 338529

### **Boys' & Girls' Brigade**

On Thursday 15 May over a hundred members of our local Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade companies marched from the Windmill Centre to the Parish Church for the annual Oxfordshire Battalion Church Parade. The parade was led by the bugle band of 1st Kings Sutton and included members of the 1st Deddington Girls' Brigade who were in their uniforms for the first time. During the service special mention was made of our former vicar, Rev. K Reeves. As a boy Ken was a member of a BB company in London, and for many years, up until his death, he served as Chaplain to the Boys' Brigade in Oxfordshire.

*Nick Westbury* 337059

### **1st Deddington BB Anchor Boys**

In May we welcomed Gregory as a new member. On 10 May a team of Anchor Boys together with many of their parents 'litter picked' at the Windmill Centre as a part of the Clean up the Parish event. BB Anchor Boys is open to boys aged 5-8.

*Nick Westbury* 337059

### **1st Deddington BB Juniors**

In May several of the Juniors joined up with the Anchor Boys and Girls Brigade to clean up the Windmill Centre. A group of 7 boys took part in a play as a part of the Church Parade service. The props for the play which included a cow and a tree were kindly decorated by members of our Girls' Brigade. On 25 June, the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade will be holding their first ever display evening. The event will be held in the Windmill Centre from 6 pm and everyone is most welcome. BB Juniors is open to boys aged 8-11.

*Brian Bushell* 338715

### **Deddington Town Football Club**

#### 1st Team results

Souldern(h) Won 3-2 J.Pearce, B.Durrant, M.Walker.  
Chasewell Park(h) (Supplementary Cup Semi-Final)  
Won 6-1 B.Durrant(4), J.Pearce, M.Ayckbourn.  
Fenny Compton(at Fritwell) (Supplementary Cup Final)  
Lost 1-2 (Golden Goal) M.Walker.

The 1st team finished their league campaign on a high note with a 3-2 victory over Souldern, Marc Walker was once again on target. This result meant the team finished in 4th place in Division 1. A great team performance against Chasewell Park resulted in a 6-1 victory and a place in the final of the Supplementary Cup final, Ben Durrant scored 4 of the goals. In the final against Fenny Compton, Marc Walker headed in a 1st half equaliser for Deddington; in a close 2nd half both sides came close to scoring the winner, but Deddington lost out to a very late golden goal in extra time.

#### Reserve Team Results

Vodafone Res(h)(Supplementary Cup Semi Final)  
Won 6-2 P.Kirsopp(3),K.Wild, P.O'Connor, D.Keys.  
Wroxton Res(at Souldern)(Supplementary Cup Final)  
Won 4-3 G.Smith, P.O'Connor, K.Wild, P.Kirsopp.

The Reserve side crowned a great season by winning the Supplementary Cup final. It was an exciting game, where the lead changed hands 3 times. Gary Smith gave Deddington an early lead & Pete O'Connor

restored it after Wroxton had levelled the game. With 10 minutes remaining it looked like Wroxton were going to win as they went 3-2 ahead, however Kevin Wild was on hand to head home an equaliser. With time running out, leading scorer Phil Kirsopp clinched the cup by scoring the winning goal.

The club awards were won by the following :

1st Team Manager's Player of the Year - Adam Dickson

1st Team Players' Player of the Year - Ben Durrant

1st Team Leading Goal Scorer - Ben Durrant

Reserve Team Manager's Player of the Year - Kevin Wild

Reserve team Players' Player of the Year - Paul Waller

Reserve Team Leading Goal Scorer - Phil Kirsopp

75 Club Winners 25/4/03 Mrs C.Smith £100; 2/5/03 G.Reason £50; 9/5/03 D.Fawdrey £50; 16/5/03 H.Olubaji £50

*Steve Plumble* 01295 278258

### Deddington Song Circle

With the onset of summer and the lure of our gardens etc. we songsters have been dwindling in number so have decided to close down . . . no regrets - we have had an enjoyable couple of years. Of course, you might still hear the odd trill from certain hostelries and it could well be an ex-songster, the music lives on.

*Annette Murphy* 337318

### Deddington & District History Society

We have a busier than usual Summer programme with a wide variety of activities.

On Saturday 31 May we are visiting the Chiltern Open Air Museum, details from Chris Day or Moira Byast. On Wednesday 11 June, we have our Annual Social. This year, we are visiting Castle House, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Pleydell Bouverie: contact Moira Byast if interested. We will be hosting a visit by the Charlbury History Society on Wednesday 18 June. It would be nice if members could turn up at the Holly Tree club at 7.30pm, to meet the Charlbury members and take part in the walk, or on their return from the walk around

9.0pm. On Wednesday 9 July, we are returning the visit to Charlbury. We will need to let Charlbury know how many people are going: please let Chris Day know if you would like to come. This year, we are holding a group walk, to visit three interesting churches in the Burford area on Saturday 19 July. Contact Moira Byast if intending to go. Any non members interested in joining any of these activities, please contact :

*Chris Day* 337204, <chrisday1@btopenworld.com>

*Moira Byast* 338673 <thebyasts@connectfree.co.uk>

### Deddington Pre-School

We have said sad goodbyes to George, Esme, Chloe, Jacob, Nathan, Lauren and Joshua this term and wish them all well in their new schools. We have been delighted to welcome Alfie, Daisy, William, Matilda, EmilyF, EmilyH, Shay, Angus, Abbey, Sophie, Rachel, Lydia and Hannah. Our topic this term has been Opposites and we have spent as much time in the garden as possible watching our plants grow. This term will also see our sports day on 9 July weather permitting, and our usual end of term fancy dress and picnic. We'd like to say a special thanks to those parents of our leavers who so kindly donated gifts to the pre-school.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 7 June: Pre-school NEW TO YOU SALE

If you have any good as new baby/children's clothing or equipment that you would like to donate, please contact pre-school. Only good quality items please.

Saturday 14 June: SCHOOL FÊTE Come and support our stall at the Fête and treat the children.

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*Julie Westley*

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**The Revd W Cotton Risley  
Benefactor of St James Church Clifton**

Thanks to Buffy Heywood last month we have been reminded that the consecration of St James Clifton took place on 10 June 1953. 50 years later the Deddington Deanery Magazine described the celebration of its Golden Jubilee:

"On Wednesday June 10th, the Jubilee of St James was celebrated. The foundation stone was laid on September 8th 1851: the church was consecrated on June 10th 1853. Previously services had been held in a barn by the Revd George Venables, now Canon of Norwich, to whom, and to the energy



and liberality of the late Revd W Cotton Risley, the people owe their church. At 8 o'clock there was a choral celebration of Holy Communion.

At 2.30 there was a special form of Thanksgiving Service. The Bishop of Reading preached and the following clergy were present (a very long list).

At 5 o'clock 146 people sat down to tea in a barn. Evensong was at 7.30 when the preacher was the Revd W C Risley (Willy, son of Revd W Cotton Risley), rector of Shalstone. The singing at all the services must be mentioned and great praise is due to the organist, Mr Wolgrove, and the Choir. In spite of incessant rain we shall be able to look back to the day as a time when the people assembled with one accord to render thanks to the Almighty God for his many blessings given to us.

It is interesting to record that one copy of the form of service used at the 'Laying of the Foundation Stone' has been preserved. It is hoped that when the centenary of the Church is celebrated some of the younger ones who took part in this Jubilee will have their copies of the 'Form of Thanksgiving Service', and that they will have remained as true to their Church as Mr J Drinkwater, who, though in his 79th year is still 'door-keeper in the House of his Lord', and as true as Mr T Hone, who has been in the Choir ever since the Church was built."

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*Ruth Johnson*

**WILLIAM HEWINS AUSTIN**

Mrs M. L. Keffler of 11, Ambleside Road, Allerton, Liverpool, L18 9US has contacted Deddington, hoping to learn where her grandfather, William Hewins Austin, is buried. The known facts are these:

On 31 January 1836, William Hewins Austin was baptised in Deddington Parish Church. He lived with his father, a farmer, of High Street, Deddington and in 1866 married Annie Jemima (Bodfish?). They had 15 children. By 1871 he was farming 420 acres at Aynho, subsequently returning to Manor Farm, Deddington. According to his obituary in the Banbury Guardian, 12 November 1908, Mr. Austin was an "able and up-to-date agriculturalist... carrying off innumerable prizes". He served on the Royal, and County, Agricultural Societies and was a leading volunteer from 1854 until retiring as honorary Lieutenant-Colonel. Generous and kindly, competent and unassuming, William Austin was overtaken by a reversal of fortune and in the late 1890s he went to live in Wales. He died at his residence in West Kirkby, Chesire, aged 73 in 1908.

These are the facts. But they don't reveal the burial place of this prominent and popular man. If any DN readers can help Mrs. Keffler, please get in touch at the address given above .

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**Campaign for Broadband in Deddington, Clifton, Hempton & Barford**

If you register with the campaign <<http://www.broadband4britain.co.uk/heroes/deddington>>, you will receive info about this as the options develop.

**DEDDINGTON MARKET**

The May market was our twenty first. We have come a long way since the first market in September 2001. It is run totally by volunteers - through a non-profit making management group together with vital help on market day and with publicity. Membership of the management group came from a public meeting held in June 2001 and a subsequent Parish Council meeting. Sadly we have lost Oliver Hawes and Jackie Williamson is moving to Wales. The rest of the original enthusiasts are still going strong - Terry Clinch, Chloe Smith, Geoff Todd and me - with newcomers Althea Wood and Pam Ward.



Although we are not a formally constituted and publicly accountable body, we certainly don't want to be thought of as a secret organisation! So, we've decided to have an annual **Open Meeting: Tuesday 10 June** at 8pm upstairs in the Unicorn. Come along and share our experience so far and give us your opinion about the market and how you would like to see it develop.

It's your market. Have your say! *Charles Newey*



June is the time for DOL to update the business, clubs and society listings on the website. In the next few weeks

we will be contacting you asking you to check your entries. In the meantime it would be enormously helpful to let us know if your details, address, telephone or fax numbers have changed or you have acquired a website or e-mail address. Please send any changes to [celia.clark@deddington.net](mailto:celia.clark@deddington.net) or ring 338064. We are, of course, limited to listing organisations located in the Parish.

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## July Diary

Wed	2	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm → p.12
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Mon	7	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am-noon → p.12
Tue	8	WI: Joy Webb, <i>A Day in the Life of a Food Inspector</i> , Holly Tree 7.30 pm
Wed	9	History Society: visit to Charlbury → p.13
Sat	12	Deddington Pre-School: Wild West Dance, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm~Midnight → p.13
Wed	16	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm → p.12
Sat	19	History Society: group walk around Burford area churches → p.13
Sat	26	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9 am~12.30 pm → p.15
Wed	30	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm → p.12

## Weekly Meetings

Mondays:	Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm.
Tuesdays:	Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm. → p.11
Wednesdays:	Anchor Boys: Deddington School, 3.15 pm. → p.12
Wednesdays:	Boys Brigade: Windmill Centre, 5.30 pm. → p.12
Wednesdays:	1st Deddington Girls' Brigade Explorers: Parish Church, 3.30 pm. → p.12
Wednesdays:	Deddington Beeches Bowls Club: 6 pm → p.12
Thursdays:	Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10-12.30 & 1.30-4 pm.
Thursdays:	1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm. → p.11
Thursdays:	1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill Centre, 7.30-9 pm. → p.11
Fridays:	Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House: Parish Church, 10~12.
Fridays:	Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill Centre, 9.30-11.30 am. → p.11
Fridays:	Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 pm.
Fridays:	British Legion: Prize Bingo and "Play Your Cards Right", 8 pm.

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