

THE DEDDINGTON NEWS

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EDITORIAL

While Christopher and Viviane Hall negotiate Russia's canals, my watery challenge is to disprove Heraclitus and step into the same river twice. Retroland this month – no columnar magic, no crisp graphics. 21st century service will resume in July.

At the beginning of May the Parish distinguished itself by its local election turn-out, over 43%. Congratulations to Paul O'Sullivan who was re-elected as our District Councillor. There was no election for the Parish Council but our thanks go to, among others, Terry Clinch and Linda Davies (retiring Chair and Vice-Chair) and our greetings to Jim Flux and Kathleen Harvey who have taken over these positions.

This is the Golden Jubilee month. Rick Haslam lists Parish events and asks for our continuing support. Young and old will be royally entertained. The evening concert in the Parish Church on June 2 is possibly unique. It features not only local singers but local music, a composition by Donald Lane, with 'lyrics' by Norman Stone. Monarchist or republican, the Jubilee weekend will be a celebration of much that is integral to our way of life. George Fenemore's reminiscences put events in context.

Many congratulations to the Fire Station's Sub Officer Anne Waters, "the first woman in Oxfordshire" to achieve the rank of Officer in Charge. Congratulations (again) to DOL on securing a grant to scan 25 years of the DN. There are tributes to John Spencer and Dennis Franklin. The Parish Church launches its Website, Daeda's Wood hosts a Jubilee Picnic, the Youth Club is reborn and the Library looks to the future. Hugh Marshall, our new Allotment Correspondent, reflects on time and tilth and a record 23 clubs have sent in reports. Finally, we all hope to hear that PC Bob Donohue is marching back to health. K. T. (Acting Ed.)

Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 -12.
Fridays: Babies and Toddler Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am.
Fridays: Bridge Club, The Holly Tree, 2-5 pm.
Fridays: British Legion: Prize Bingo and Play Your Cards Right at 8 pm.

JUNE DIARY

Sat	1	Celebrations, Jubilee Flower display in Parish Church, 9 am - 5 pm. (p.10)
Sat	1	Local Clubs Jubilee Market, Market Place, 10 am -noon. (p.10)
Sat	1	Jubilee Art Exhibition, Town Hall, 9 am - 5 pm. (p. 10)
Sat	1	Parish Family Treasure Hunt. (p.10)
Sat	1	Deddington Babies and Toddlers Group: Teddy Bears' Picnic. (p.10)
Sat	1	British Legion: Children's Disco, 2-4 pm.
Sat	1	British Legion:BBQ, 4 pm till late. Disco 8 pm, proceeds to Fire Service Benevolent Fund.
Sun	2	Celebrations, Jubilee Flower Display in Parish Church, 9 am - 5 pm.
Sun	2	Jubilee Songs of Praise, Parish Church, 2 pm.
Sun	2	Jubilee Concert in the Parish Church, 7.30 pm. (p.10)
Mon	3	Children's Jubilee Street Party, Market Place, 2 - 5 pm.
Mon	3	Jubilee Disco and Pig Roast, Market Place, 7 - 10 pm.
Sun	9	Katharine House Open Garden, 2-5 pm. (p.3)
Mon	10	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, The Holly Tree, 10 am-noon. (p.8)
Mon	10	Youth Club restarts, Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm. (ages 10-15) (p. 7)
Tue	11	WI: How to Deal with a Heart Attack, British Red Cross, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Tue	11	Deddington Colts FC: AGM, Deddington Arms, 7.30 pm. (p. 8)
Wed	12	History Society: Summer Social at Wroxton Abbey. Assemble there at 6.45 pm. (p.8)
Wed	12	Friendship Club: Mrs Sprittlehouse, Stitchcraft, Windmill, 2 30 pm. Cont. back page



DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Council Meeting, Town Hall, 15 May, 2002

Present: Cllrs Clinch (chair), Cox, Davies, Ellis, Flux, Haslam, Harvey, Hill, Newey, Rollason, Spencer, Swash, Todd, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 4 members of the public. Cllr Alton is recovering from a car accident. PC wished him a speedy recovery, and also sent best wishes to Cllr Hart, C/Cllr Matthews and PC Donohue, all of whom are ill.

MILLENNIUM MAP

Cllr Flux reported that the special edition of the Millennium Map is now installed under the Town Hall arches. PC thanked the Map Group for all their efforts. The prototype Map, which remains in the parish church, might be moved around to other temporary locations such as the School or Library.

PLANNING AND PROPERTY

(1) *Red Lion, Market Place, Deddington* – change of use from licensed premises to private dwelling. **PC objects** to loss of a commercial and social amenity in the centre of the village and queries unclear/misleading information in the application. A strong response will be made by the PC. D/Cllr O'Sullivan emphasised that objections will only be considered if they are based on valid planning grounds. [Cllr Ellis declared an interest and left the room during this first item.]

Provided neighbours agree, PC no objection to:

(2) *Leadenporch, New Street* – fell overgrown beech hedge and prune limes. (3) *Bluebells and The Finishing Touch, Market Place* – new doors and windows at rear, replace toilet and compressor and enlarge room to form kitchen area. (4) *Lime Cottage, New Street* – replace existing extension with new kitchen, bedroom and bathroom, and install 2 ensuite bathrooms on 1st floor. (5) *Fairview House, St Thomas Street* – demolish existing extension and replace with conservatory.

CDC Approvals *Stonewalls, Hempton Road; 2 St Thomas Street; Bowler House, New Street.*

PARKING

PC to thank OCC and the Deputy Area Engineer for the efficient and courteous way in which resurfacing of the Market Place was carried out. PC has received 17 responses to the paper on Parking.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- CDC Nuisance Team has been formed to deal with problems such as noisy dogs.
- Wimbourn Close play areas are still not in a fit condition for PC to take over responsibility.
- 25 people turned up on the parish CleanUp Day, and collected 25 bags of rubbish.
- 6 new litterbins will be delivered and installed in the next 3-4 weeks, at a cost of £1,050 + vat.
- Repainting Town Hall exterior will cost around £1,000.

LIBRARY

Renovations/improvements have been largely completed. The priority now is to develop the use of the Library. Next meeting 17 June, 7.30pm. Viewing evening, with Yvonne MacDonald (Assistant County Librarian). 1 July 8pm [see report elsewhere in this issue].



YOUTH CLUB

Two new leaders have been appointed and the Youth Club will reopen on Monday 10 June. Funding by the PC will be extended at the same level as previously. Volunteer helpers always welcome.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £3,942.38, including £1,005.79 DesignGro for grounds maintenance, £920.03 District Auditor for auditing accounts and £700 Kevin Boss for grass cutting. Additionally, the Clerk's and Stewards' wages were paid from the Imprest Account.

Investments totalled £562,069.17, of which Barclays £12,249.74 (£4,647.04 @ 1.5% on 14 days + £4,478.88 @ 0.1% overnight + £1,471.06 @ 0.1% imprest + £1,652.74 @ 0.1% current a/c); £19,970 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% (notice given); £529,849.43 West Bromwich @ 4.05% overnight. When the notice on Bradford & Bingley ends on 20 May 2002, all but £1,000 will be transferred to West Bromwich.

Audit Changes in procedure mean that the annual audit of parish finances will now be carried out by auditors appointed by the Audit Commission, not the District Auditor. Parish Councils are responsible for the audit of their own books, using 'competent and independent persons'. The Parish Clerk will still be the Responsible Financial Officer for the PC. The implications and complexities of the new procedures will be studied by the incoming Finance and General Purposes Working Group, to be appointed at the AGM which followed.

NEXT MEETING 19 June 2002, 7.30pm, Town Hall

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15 May

New Chairman

Cllrs Flux and Todd were each nominated and seconded. Cllrs voted 5-2 for an open vote, and Cllr Flux was elected by 4 votes to 3. He thanked the outgoing chairman and all retiring councillors for their services to the parish.

Cllr Harvey was elected vice-chairman.

Vacancies

Four PC places remain to be filled either by co-option or, if there are more than enough candidates, by election. If 10 or more parishioners demand it, there must be an election anyway. PC resolved not to rush things but to work towards identifying and encouraging suitable candidates in Clifton and Hempton as well as Deddington.

Working Groups

PC agreed to restructure 4 Working Groups into 3: *Finance & General Purposes; Planning, Property & Highways; Environment and Recreation.*

Meetings

PC will continue to meet at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday in the month. Currently meetings are held in the Town Hall.

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 25 April 2002

At the APM, issues are discussed, opinions expressed, questions asked and, when possible, answered. Subjects and ideas are noted for consideration and appropriate action.

No executive decisions are taken at the APM.

The Chairman welcomed the couple of dozen or so people who attended. He paid tribute to the late John Spencer and the contribution he made to the life of the parish. He spoke briefly on the events of the past year [all of which were independently reported in *The Deddington News* and published in the official minutes.] The Chairman highlighted improvements to the Castle Grounds approaches and the Town Hall, grants to such groups as the Bowls Club and the Babies and Toddlers, support for the Library and the monthly Market. He circulated a note on major expenditure on the parish from April 1990 to April 2001, showing that parish funds had been prudently managed over the years and that much had been achieved for and by the community.

He asked parishioners to take away and study the suggestions on parking, and to send comments in writing to the Clerk at the Windmill Centre.

Recently completed resurfacing of the Market Place and Bullring should last for 15 years. OCC and contractors are to be congratulated on a good job well done. PC objections to planning proposals are consistently ignored by CDC – this will be an Agenda item at a future PC meeting.

Points from the floor

1. Concerns were expressed about problems – actual and potential – associated with the Co-op Stores. Solutions must be found, as we don't want to lose this asset which benefits the parish.
2. Football matches are still being played on the Windmill pitch, which should be rested before the start of the cricket season.
3. Small businesses using the Cosy Lane skip should be reported (take their vehicle registration numbers).
4. Wheelie bins should be kept off the streets until bin day.
5. The public flowerbeds look lovely.
6. The Police Station window is an effective newsboard.
7. There should be an open public meeting on parking before any decisions are taken.

The DN was saddened to hear of the death of County Councillor Norman Matthews on May 22. We send our sympathy to his family.

(There will be a tribute to Councillor Matthews in the July issue.)



Stop Press: DOL has received a substantial Lottery grant from the Awards for All Fund to pay for scanning the last 25 years of the DN – both as words and illustration. This will be available on DOL and in Deddington Library later this year, together with a search facility. Watch this space for more information.

We are updating our local entries on site. If you or your local group are listed (or want to be) please reply to the e-mail or return form we have sent you as soon as possible. We want to keep the site information as up-to-date as we can.

Colin Clark: 338064 or
Colin.Clark@deddington.net

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

The 10th. Anniversary of the Simon Weatherby Gardens is celebrated on **Sunday June 9, 2-5 pm.** Plants, stalls, bric-a-brac, teas and a raffle. The Garden was, and still is, independently financed and today is cared for by a noble band of volunteers. Please come along and give us your most valued support.

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SCHOOL NEWS



I am delighted to welcome the Revd Canon Hugh Marshall as a new School Governor this term. Hugh has much previous experience and will, I'm sure, be a valuable addition to our team.

Earlier this term we held a very successful Book Fair, which raised approx. £800 in commission. This has been used to buy books for our new library. I should like to thank all of you who helped. Our School Council has been busy raising funds and we shall soon have approximately £600 worth of indoor and outdoor playtime equipment, thanks to their efforts.

At the time of writing, children are completing their end of year assessments, including statutory assessments for Years 2 and 6. They then look forward to a variety of end of term activities including sports, the production of a Shakespeare play, off-site educational excursions and, of course, our Jubilee celebrations. We are pleased to have been invited to help decorate the pews in the Parish Church for the grand occasion. I hope many of you will be able to witness our efforts and that you all enjoy the many events planned for the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

LYNNE STEPHENS 338430



GLEANINGS FROM THE PAST

Readers may have noticed that SS Peter & Paul Church is presently without an organist. Some of us, who have been members of the Church Choir for nearly 40 years, are trying to recover from a deep sense of loss which has unsettled our comfortable and well-loved way of life. A Choir family in bereavement!

How did our forebears cope? The Choir existed before my records start in 1879. Thomas Manchip, Headmaster of Deddington Boys School, led it for 34 years. He raised the necessary funds to robe his Men and Boys Choir and 'allowed' lady singers to join in 'mufti'. Miss Boniface, sister of the Vicar, played the organ from 1889 to 1903. Miss Edith Churchill then took over until 1907. The following year Lilian Alice Weaver became organist and remained in the post for 60 years. She is remembered with love by many parishioners. Her devotion was that of a saint. In 1976 Glyn Davies became Organist/Choir Master giving a generous slice of his time to the Church. He stayed until 1990. There followed a younger generation of organists who seldom stayed long but who enriched music in church.

Deddington struck lucky again when Linda Bloxham became organist in 1994 and stayed until 2000. A brilliant organist, she gently nudged the congregation in the 21st. century of church music. She was followed by Graham Thornhill, one of her choristers who served church and Choir until his retirement at Easter this year.

Only now, when bereaved, do we realise how much commitment and devotion by organists we take for granted. Organists willing to serve in village churches are becoming a very rare species! The sad thought springs to mind: what of the future of village church music, bereft of organists? Pipes and shawms or canned music? RUTH JOHNSON



CARRY ON CYCLING



Report from Colin Robinson

Training is progressing well for my 60 miles London-Brighton cycle ride on June 16, as my legs keep telling me! I don't recommend the A361 through S. Newington; the lorries and vans come terribly close on those tight bends. So, get off the main road? I did, and nearly got squashed between two fast moving 4x4s on the single track road near Little Tew. My two lads are coming up for a 40 mile test run in late May.

Bluebells has kindly offered to keep sponsorship forms on the counter. Otherwise anyone who would like to sponsor me in aid of the *British Heart Foundation* may get in touch at Quinque House, New Street, tel: 338272, or e-mail: colin.robinson@deddington.net



RAGWORT ALERT

Common ragwort (*Senecio Jacobaea*) can poison livestock, swamp other wild flowers and its toxic alkaloids have been found in the human food chain. For further information about effects, treatment and what to do, contact Miss D.M. Harris, BHS Welfare Officer on : 01993 702844. If you see large areas of ragwort, contact OCC Environmental Services on: 01869 241144.

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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

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June Services - Parish Church

Sun 2	NO MORNING SERVICE	2 pm. Songs of Praise	7.30pm. JUBILEE CONCERT
Wed 5	10am. Eucharist		
Sun 9	10.30 am. Sung Eucharist		
Tue 11	6.30 pm. Eucharist for St Barnabas		
Wed 12	10 am. Sung Eucharist		
Thu 13	2 pm. Squeals and Wheels (Prams and Toddlers Service)		
Sun 16	8 am. Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30 am. Mattins (BCP)	
Wed 19	10 am. Eucharist		
Sun 23	10.30 am. Sung Eucharist		
Mon 24	6.30 pm. Eucharist for the Birth of St John the Baptist		
Wed 26	10 am. Eucharist		
Sun 30	10 am. Deanery Eucharist Patronal Festival		

June Services - St John, Hempton

Suns 2 9 16	9 am. Eucharist
Sun 23	6 pm. Evensong (BCP)



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funeral April 26 at the Parish Church: DENNIS FRANKLIN

Bible Study Home Groups

Mons 10 & 24 2.30 pm. at 12 The Daedings, Derrick Wincer (338 004)

Weds 12 & 26 7.30 for 8 pm. at 2 The Leyes, Liz and Bill Dickinson (337 050)

Weds 12 & 26 7.30 for 8 pm. at Boulderdyke, Clifton, Jean Welford (338 539)

The Church Club meets every Monday in term time at the Primary School, 3.15 - 4 pm.

If you wish to enquire about baptisms, weddings, funerals, hospital and home visits in cases of illness, please contact the Vicar, Revd Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349 869) or one of the Churchwardens: Liz Dickinson (337 050) and Iain Gillespie (338 367)

CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Sunday morning services - 10.30 am. with the Wesleyan Church

Sunday evening services - 6 pm. June 2 Pastor I. Walton

June 9 Mrs J. Felstead

June 16 Harold Puttick

June 23 Dennis Eaton

June 30 John Hine

DEDDINGTON WESLEYAN CHURCH Chapel Square

Pastor I. Walton 337157

Ecumenical Prayer on the first Wednesday of June (5)

Sunday mornings at 10.30am. June 2, 9, 16 Pastor Walton

June 23 Faith Sharpe

June 30 Brian & Val Harding

RC PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

The Revd A. J. Burns 277396

Heihe: Mass is said every day except Wednesday at 10 am. Confessions: Sats : 5.30 - 6 pm.

Adderbury: Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7 pm; Confessions before Mass.

TRIBUTES

JOHN ERIC SPENCER November 23 1941 - March 19 2002

John Spencer was born in Castle Street, Deddington. After leaving school he worked on the farm before going to work for OCC. He eventually followed his father into the building trade. Even in his last weeks, by using his mobile 'phone at his bedside and enlisting help from others, he ensured that none of his customers was let down.

He was a strong supporter of Deddington Town Football Club and prominent in the Deddington Royal British Legion, being on the Committee for many years and later, its President. He was a keen vegetable grower and, with Jenny, supported the first Deddington Market, quickly selling out of his home-grown produce.

John was a gentle and very likeable man who looked for good in people, rather than criticising, and his popularity can be best assessed by the presence of some 250 people at his funeral. He enjoyed a happy family life with Jenny and their two children, Catherine and Tim. A true Deddingtonian - born and bred.

MONTY SPENCER

THE CHOIR OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD

A SUMMER'S EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

PARISH CHURCH, SATURDAY JUNE 29TH. 7.30 PM.

TRIBUTES CONT. DENNIS ARTHUR FRANKLIN

Dennis was born in 1927 in his grandmother's house in Chapel Square, although his family was then living at Tomwell Farm. He went to school in Deddington and afterwards joined his father who was a wheelwright and carpenter and helped with agricultural work. Father and son eventually formed the building and decorating business of P. A. Franklin, which is still with us under that name, in the third generation. In 1951 he married Mary and they celebrated their Golden Wedding in 2001. In his late 60s health problems forced him to transfer ever more responsibilities to his sons. Dennis worked hard for this community for over 40 years. He built his house in the Market Place with his own hands, and was always willing to help others in emergencies. We extend our sincere sympathy to his widow, four sons, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

FRANK STEINER

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Report by Geoff Todd, Chairman FDL and Sue Goddard.

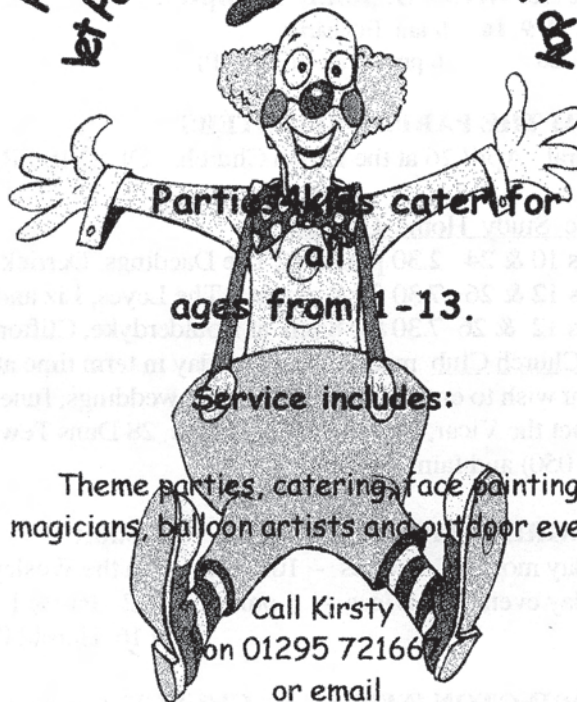


Now that the Renovation Project has been completed, the Library has useful areas that can be used for small meetings, local history research and displays. There are computer terminals giving access to much beyond the confines of the library walls.

The Friends are anxious to develop the use of these extra facilities. The intention is for the Library to be used at times when library staff are not in attendance, as well as during normal opening hours. Do you want to realise a particular project or use any of the facilities? Perhaps you want to pass on computer skills, learn about Deddington's history or fulfil some other wish. If so, you are invited to a meeting in the Library on **Monday June 17 at 7.30 pm**. If you want to talk through your ideas beforehand, please ring me on 338532 or see Rosemary Arnold in the Library (338391).

ATTENTION PLEASE. There will be a Library Stall at the Jubilee Deddington Market (Saturday am. June 1) with lots of books for sale. Please come to the Library meeting on June 17. The Library is for all of us to use.

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

DEDDINGTON BADMINTON CLUB has had its most successful season, attracting 29 badminton Members and 19 Juniors - a Club record according to our Hon. Chairman, Clive Sanders. Our teams have had another good season with both Mixed A and Mens A staying in Division 1 of the Banbury League. Our Mens B ended with the runners up in Division 3 and Mixed B in 3rd position. Our season has ended and starts again on the first Tuesday in September. For more details contact: **Mark Tyler 33805**

THE WINDMILL THURSDAY CLUB - At the end of April 2002, the Club was incorporated as a Private Company By Guarantee. We also learned that the grant from Social Services had been renewed for another year. This good news, together with the devoted work of staff and voluntary helpers, secures a successful year ahead.

K S Holt (Hon. Sec) 338154

DEDDINGTON FRIENDLY BRIDGE CLUB - By popular demand bridge will continue on Friday afternoons at the Holly Tree 2.00 - 5.00 pm. New members welcome. **K & W Holt 338154 or D White 337530**

1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES What do Guides like to do most?Cook, light fires, dress up, eat, be energetic, share with friends, plan activities and be in charge of something! We've done all these so far this term; the guides have organised their own patrol times, cooked, painted and put on a Fashion Show so that we've all learned the correct wear for various occasions. We've also been keeping kit, with some new games and enjoyed "Ready, Steady, Cook" out-of-doors. Quite a challenge! We ran stalls at the Group Jumble Sale, learning about customer service! Thank you to all who supported us. We are gradually working towards our aim of new tents. See you at the Jubilee!

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069 and Glynnis Eastwood 01896 337021

BRITISH LEGION CLUB I would like to thank everyone who supported the Horse Race afternoon on 5 May. It was a great success and raised £342 for the Club. The event was sponsored by J P Removals Ltd. Race sponsors were Kingfisher Pools, The Fire Service, Terry Lee Photojournalist, Global Scaffolding, Ceta, The Legion and Jiggy Smith. It is financially unviable to open 6 days a week. As a result, the Club will only be open at week-ends: Fridays 6pm - 11pm, Saturdays 11am - 11pm and Sundays 11am - 6pm. If you wish to use the Club facilities at other times i.e. parties, functions etc. please contact the Steward, Claire McGary 337190 or a committee member and we will be happy to accommodate you. We have a full sized snooker table. Disco or live music most Saturday nights and everyone is welcome - we are very family-orientated so come and see what we have to offer. **Nina Fairns (Chair) 338878**

DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB We have some good news. The Youth Club will re-start on Monday 10 June 7 - 9 pm at the Windmill Centre, initially for 10-15 year olds but maybe extending the age limits at a later date. We are fortunate in having two new leaders from the parish - Amanda and Andrew Munson. We appreciate the continued support of the P C and now have a representative from the PCC on the Management Committee - Tony Elvidge. All old and new members are welcome for this exciting new start. **Gay Brewer 338097**

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB Congratulations to Jan Boyt who has been selected to represent the County in the prestigious Johns Cup matches. Three of our ladies have also been successful in their first match in the County Ladies Triples knockout competition. We hold our weekly Club Nights on Wednesday evenings, so come and give bowls a try. It's a good way to enjoy gentle exercise in the fresh air, and a welcome antidote to the World Cup!

Yvonne Twomey 337213

DEDDINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB

1st Team results: Fenny Compton (h) Won 2-0 M Hewitt, B Durrant.
Barford (h) Lost 3-5 M Walker, D Clouston, M Hewitt.



Reserve Team results: Chasewell Park Res (a) (Supplementary Cup) Won 3-1 PKirsopp, D Walker, Own Goal. The 1st Team's victory against Fenny Compton secured the runners up position in Division 1. Goals by Michael Hewitt and leading scorer Ben Durrant resulted in the 2-0 win. This rounds off an excellent season for the team. The Reserve side finished on a high with a win against Chasewell Park Res. Phil Kirsopp and Daniel Walker scored in this match. The Reserves have also had a good season, finishing in a mid table position in Division 2. Individual Awards for the season: 1st team player of the year - Dave Clouston, 1st team player's player of the year - Michael Hewitt, 1st team leading goal scorer - Ben Durrant. Reserve team player of the year - Pete O'Connor, Reserve team player's player of the year - Martin Simons, Reserve team leading goal scorer - Phil Kirsopp. 75 Club Winners 26.4.02 G Reason 100, 3.5.02 M Simons 50, 10.5.02 W Brain 50, 17.5.02 50 **Steve Plumbe 01295 278258**

CALLING ALL CLUBS cont.

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS The annual meeting on Thursday 16 May was well attended. The group decided to press ahead with a pantomime on 23-25 January 2003, again written by Molly and Jean. However, we shall need a keyboard player and help with 'training' the cast with their songs. It was agreed that we should again donate 50% of any profit to local charities as we did this year. We also plan to augment our sound equipment and buy our own keyboard. There will be a social event (barbeque around a pool) on Sunday 16 June (for details please phone 338153 or 338521). We also hope to do a small production in October in the form of a supper with entertainment. **Jean Flux 338153**

DEDDINGTON COLTS FC The AGM is at 7.30 p.m. on Tues, 11th June at the Deddington Arms. A new management committee will be elected. The Club flourishes but desperately needs the support of players' families in order to continue to provide a local footballing focal point. Please make every effort to come along and have your say in the running of one of the most popular sports clubs in Deddington. The Colts Annual Awards Evening is on June 15, 6 pm. at the Windmill. All Club members will be presented with a commemorative medal. Later, special guest stars from Oxford United, will present the season's trophies. Don't forget your camera! Entry is £3 per adult. Colts' players are free. After several successful seasons both Jade McPhee and Kate Stevens have had to say farewell to the Club. They have always shown 'full on' commitment and will be missed by everyone in the current under 11s, but not by the opposition! We wish them well. **Ged Rhind 340402**

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS Just to say that we are contributing (in the Church porch) to the Jubilee Flower Festival to be held in the Parish Church on the Jubilee week-end. **Betty Hill 338850**

DEDDINGTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB On May 1 we held a Social afternoon with a choice of Whist or Scrabble which was most enjoyable and on 15 May we had a practice Indoor Bowling session, ready to meet our Barford friends in a match on Wednesday 29 May. We are not experts but we have lots of fun. (The trip to Milletts Farm has had to be postponed until June 26). Any members not taking part in the Bowling, Board Games etc, can enjoy a get-together and chat whilst having tea and biscuits. We are happy to see new members. **Joyce Minnear 338529**

DEDDINGTON BABIES AND TODDLERS GROUP The toddlers have already started preparations for the Jubilee week-end by making crowns to wear at our Teddy Bears' Picnic on 1 June. The following day we have a stall at Deddington Market, so come along and see some wonderful photographs of the children enjoying their group. Our summer outing to Hatton Country World on June 14 is ideal for toddlers, with animals, bouncy castle and an indoor play area. By the time you read this, a photographer will have visited the Group, to take 'candid' shots of the children at play, and the parents will have enjoyed another night out. We also have a newsletter. If you care for a baby or toddler, please join us any Friday (except 14 June) from 9.30 - 11.30 at the Windmill. We'd love to see you. **Lucy Squires 338442**

DEDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB Everyone who came to our successful Open Day in April either joined the Club or signed up for tennis coaching, so welcome to them all. We've played a few matches and the C team are unbeaten (OK, they've only played one match!). Coaching is now on Friday afternoons with professional coach, Steve Ashby. The children pick it up so quickly - it's great to see them pop a backhand straight over the net. Wednesday Club nights have been busy. Friday and Sunday mornings are also popular. Anyone wearing trainers or plimsolls can "pay& play" when the courts are free, by collecting the key from Windmill Stores (£5 per session). **Katie McGovern 3338771**

DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY After our visit to the Hook Norton Brewery in April, we were at the Windmill Centre on 8 May to hear Paul Edwards talk about Wroxton Abbey, now owned by Fairleigh Dickinson University of New Jersey but once the property of Deddington's own Pope family. The talk was in preparation for our visit to the Abbey on 12 June. Paul, a landscape architect who has helped restore the grounds at Wroxton for over 25 years, will be our guide. This will also be our annual summer social, to be held (weather gods permitting) in the grounds. The cost is £7-50, to include the guided tour and refreshments. Places are limited, so if you would like to join us, please phone Moira Byast on 338637. The Wroxton visit will be the final event of our season. We intend to return in September with another exciting programme. **Chris Day 337204**

MONDAY MORNING CLUB Our June coffee morning is on Monday 10 because of the Jubilee. The bus for *Madam Butterfly* at The Apollo on Friday 21 June will leave the Market Place at 6 pm. Please don't be late; the performance starts at 7.15 pm. The Stratford bus for *Antony and Cleopatra* on 26 June also leaves the Market Place at 6 pm. **Jean Flux 338153**

CALLING ALL CLUBS cont.

DEDDINGTON OLD BOYS GOLF SOCIETY Golf, an infuriating game! Why do I do it? We gathered at the Adderbury Golf Centre on 12 May for a pairs invitation, to play for the Cup donated by Mr & Mrs Rodney Hayward, sponsored to mark the Queen's Jubilee. It was lifted by Monty Spencer & Peter Evans. About time you won something Mont, well done. A close second and third were Richard Betterage / Darren Brain & Craig Cook / George Brain respectively. Longest drive went to Mike Roberts, and nearest the pin to Neil Cox. Well done to all who helped, to the Haywards for the inspiration, Mike Reid for the turf, the Unicorn for re-fuelling and most of all, to the players who took part, win or lose.
Mike Mathews 3372151

1st DEDDINGTON BB ANCHOR BOYS During May we welcomed Barney as a new member. We also welcomed John Osborough as a new officer to the company. From Wednesday 19 June those boys currently in the Reception class will be able to join in with our activities.
Nick Westbury 337059

1st DEDDINGTON BB JUNIORS Our first session is on Wed. 19 June at the Windmill from 5.30 pm. This new section caters for boys aged 8 to 11. Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information. **Brian Bushell 338715**

DEDDINGTON SONG CIRCLE It is now the summer break but we will be start up again in September ..with lots of new songs (that is to say, old songs that we are reviving!).
Annette Murphy 337318

LIFE AND PORTRAIT GROUP We continue to meet in the Town Hall each Thursday 10.00-12.30 and 1.30-4.00. We are a friendly group, not just from Deddington, and welcome newcomers.
Annette Murphy 337318

DEDDINGTON W.I. At our May 14 meeting we discussed and voted upon the two Resolutions which the W.I. Organisation wish to put before the Government, should they be carried at the June General Meeting. Both are Public Affairs Resolutions - the first, 'to support existing small abattoirs and promote the re-establishment of local abattoirs, to minimise stress to animals and reduce the risk and spread of disease'. The second, - 'to implement stricter controls on the importation of food stuffs into this country'.

On 11 June we shall learn how to deal with a heart attack with the British Red Cross Society. On 9 July we have an evening visit to the gardens at Brook Cottage, Alkerton and 13 August our annual meeting, open to friends and family, is to Hampton Court Palace. Contact me (338438) or Yvonne Twomey (337213) to reserve your place on the coach. Cost £10, exclusive of entrance to Palace and Grounds.
Rene Mahoney 338438

DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB The Club is thriving again and there is a tour to Eastbourne in July (6, 7). The Sunday line-up now contains a Doctor and a Councillor (we leave the Vicar for Saturdays - says he's too busy on Sundays !) and a Yank. The Team are competing for 3 trophies this season. A new Sunday League will see our brave boys pitched against some of the best teams in the area - an experience we are all looking forward to. There is still room for **anyone** who enjoys cricket. Ring me on 01869 338031 if interested. The committee is keen to resurrect our youth team next season (under 13s probably) if enough parents are prepared to help. I have some names - more boys and girls required !
Alan Collins 338031

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FIRE SERVICE

From Assistant Divisional Officer, Nigel Robinson, Fire Risk Manager for the Cherwell Area: "I am pleased to announce that Leading Firefighter Anne Waters has been offered and accepted the post of Sub Officer and Officer in Charge of Deddington Fire Station, with effect from 1st May 2002. This is particularly pleasing as Sub Officer Walters is the first woman in Oxfordshire Fire Service to achieve this rank. ... I hope that other women may be encouraged by Anne's lead ... to take up what is a very interesting and rewarding part-time career."

From the Station: We have received 19 calls since the last report, bringing the total to 68. These are: 1 shed fire, 1 petrol spillage, 1 car fire, 2 calls to investigate smell of smoke, 1 chimney fire, 1 fire in an industrial unit, 1 skip fire, 1 fire which destroyed two bungalows and 10 calls to stand by at other stations.

Recruitment and Training: I have spent a week at Fire Service College, Morton-in-Marsh, on a Station Management training course. We are very pleased to have a new recruit, Chris Fenemore, who is going through his basic training and we hope will be "on the run" very soon. There are two other potential applicants, so hopefully our crewing levels will improve in the not too distant future.
Anne Waters 01869 338279

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Parish Golden Jubilee Celebrations

Round-up from Rick Haslam

Events Calendar

31st May

School Party at Deddington School.

1st June

Toddlers Teddy Bears' Picnic at Windmill.
Local Themed Market followed by a family
Treasure Hunt in the parish.
Art exhibition by local artists and children.
Flower Display in the Church by local clubs.



2nd June

Parish Church events including Songs of
Praise service (2 pm.) and an evening
Golden Jubilee Concert (see opposite)

3rd June

Themed Street Party for the entire parish.

Helpers...

Preparation is planned for Friday 31st at 6 pm. to
set up the Market Square. All assistance will be
welcome. **NB. Please will all stall holders
provide their OWN tables.**

We also need helpers on the Monday 3rd at 9 am.
in the Market Square to erect the marquee and
again on the 4th at 10 am. to clean up!!!

Street Party...

The Street Party will be in the Market Square.
Children will be entertained by a disco, magician,
Punch and Judy shows plus bouncy castles
etc...However we do need parents to help out
with the refreshments!

Please respond to your local contact (see the
information sent out or in the Golden Jubilee
magazine) to book your places.

In the evening the disco will continue and the
parents can enjoy the celebration with a live band
and other attractions!

Fundraising...

The Golden Jubilee Organisers would like to
thank all the supporters of the Golden Jubilee
celebrations. Local businesses were asked to
sponsor events, place adverts and offer raffle
prizes and the response has been fantastic.

Additionally we would like to thank all the
helpers who have given up valuable time to
help create the calendar of events.

Raffle tickets are on sale now and a Golden
Jubilee magazine supported by local businesses
has been distributed to all houses. If you have
questions on the above or would like to help,
please do not hesitate to call on 338216.

An Auspicious Start to the Golden Jubilee Festivities The Race Night at the Windmill raised just over £1,200 as well as being an extremely enjoyable evening. Many thanks for the hard work, good will and generosity of all the sponsors, helpers and race goers, which made it such a success. Our working group thoroughly enjoyed all the 'meetings'. ANNETTE MURPHY
(See also Terry Clinch's letter in the Postbag.)



GOLDEN JUBILEE CONCERT

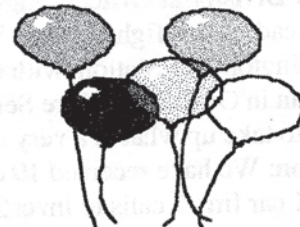
SUNDAY 2ND JUNE & 7.30
DEDDINGTON CHURCH

*Performed by local choirs
and narrators*

*Music includes a special work
composed for the occasion here
in Deddington*

TICKETS £5 inc.glass of wine
from Farmer's & Jubilee
Market, Post Office & on door.

All proceeds in aid of The Church
& local charities



THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE - Exhibition by Contemporary Welsh Artists

On Saturday, May 25, Sir Peter North, Principal of Jesus College, Oxford, opened a small exhibition of paintings and drawings by distinguished contemporary Welsh artists in The Gallery, Juxta Hayward White in the Market Place. Viewing: every day 10.30 - 6.00, until Saturday June 1.

The exhibition is organised by Brian and Elizabeth Carter, who have loaned paintings.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

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FROM TERRY CLINCH, DEDDINGTON

(For The Golden Jubilee Action Group)

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Jubilee Race Meeting on May 11 at the Windmill. The £1,200 profit will go towards the many events planned to celebrate 50 years of Queen Elizabeth II's reign.

My special thanks to the race sponsors: Livingwell Health Clubs, Ashcroft Clinic, Viva, Richard and Helen Spencer, Deddington Antiques Centre, Nomad Narrow Boats and Simply Rugs. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please continue to support the build-up to the Jubilee – there are raffle tickets with great prizes. Lastly, come and join in the events on this historic weekend and make it a time to remember.

FROM THE FRANKLIN FAMILY, DENMAR HOUSE, DEDDINGTON

Mary and Family would like to thank everyone who attended Dennis's funeral and for the lovely cards and kind messages of condolence. Also for the generous donations to the Horton Hospital. A special thank you to Canon Wilson for his wonderful service and address and to the Deddington Health Centre for their care and attention during Dennis's illness.

FROM LILY HILL, (nee GARDNER) THETFORD, NORFOLK

I have received the DN far into teens of years and it never ceases to amaze and delight me. I am a Deddingtonian born and bred and now aged 89. I never see any names from my own era (understandable) but my interest in Deddington never diminishes. You are such an active lot and, very important, caring about others. So keep up the good work. My very best wishes to all involved in the production and distribution of the DN.

FROM JEAN PERREE, OTTERY ST MARY, DEVON

In late April I came to the Hospice Coffee Morning (*Parish Church*). The sheer warmth of welcome made me reflect on why I so enjoy coming back. People here give unstintingly of their time, talents, skills and friendship – not only at the Coffee Morning but in all the other ways that make Deddington such a 'lively' place. Clifton held my heart for 20 years, Devon has it now, but I felt that had I wished to return to Deddington I would find the same

friendly vital place I left more than 3 years ago. Long may it remain so.

Thelma Dover faithfully sends me the DN each month and friends here are amazed at it as a publication and at all the activities that make up life in the Parish. Thank you all for your friendship over the years.

FROM BILL DRAKE, CASTLE STREET, DEDDINGTON

A Game For The Jubilee

It's 1302, before The Black Death. Wool is king, the spark plug of the economy: Deddington thrives. Here was played on Quarter Days the old game of Grendel Furgling. A Grendel was a ball of wool tightly bound by leather thongs. Furgling is Old English for the ash tree and a Furgle was a piece of ash, shaped like a hockey stick. Ale flowed freely. Young village bucks formed 2 teams. The object was to get the grendel to either end of the Market Square: goals were roughly where Chapel Square and the D'ton Arms are now. It was rough; pates and limbs were broken. One village record of 1303 notes – "Grevus injurie to Masters Hores and Cheeney at the Furgel."

(Social history or a splendid scam? K.T.)

FROM SYLVIE SPENCELEY, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

Recent correspondence has revealed conflicting views on the feeding of birds. Sadly, this now seems to be reflected in the provision of nesting sites, notably for house martins. An increasing number of their regular sites are obstructed by dangling plastic ribbons; a sad 'welcome back' after a journey of several thousand miles. I know they make a bit of a mess on adjacent windows. But we find their purposeful comings and goings as they repair last year's nest, and the animated chatter as each brood hatches and prepares to fledge, sufficient compensation. Any reduction in pests is a bonus. The declining numbers in several bird species concerns many environmentalists. Next it will be, 'where have all the house martins gone?'

E-MAIL FROM SIMON PAPWORTH, GAVESTON GARDENS, DEDDINGTON

Following a few lines in the DN last year, it was announced that, due to vandals setting fire to paper in the recycling skip, the assemblage of eyesores was to be re-located from the northern lay-by on the Banbury Road to the opposite side of the road in the southern lay-by. However, now we all use 'blue boxes' and recycle our paper through a collection service, may we hope to see the multi-coloured carbuncles back in their original position hidden behind the maintenance depot, thus removing another blot from our landscape?

QUINTESSENTIAL ART, CHIPPING NORTON

Whether by accident or design, the five local artists exhibiting at Chipping Norton Theatre benefited from the atmosphere of drama and expectancy. **Kate Dix's** boldly shaped rings caught the eye in her collection of reassuringly solid jewellery of gold, silver, titanium and coloured stones, austere displayed in a cabinet of deepest blue. A charming necklace, like a golden mini-paperchain, is typical of her unflashy, contemporary and very appealing style. **Robin Hepworth** is clearly an experienced and much-travelled water-colourist of people and places in locations like Egypt, Morocco, Zanzibar and Gozo. Nearer to home, her graphic portrait of a brass band in Holland raises a smile, while her airy and evocative view of Castle Cornet, Guernsey, would look good in any room. **Rob Forsyth's** ever developing range of stoneware is both useful and decorative. The very satisfying shapes of his pitchers and bowls are complemented by deftly handled glazes of blue and green. A simple black jug and vase have gold spilling out over their rims – unusual, not easy to do and full of promise. **Colin Robinson's** delight in computer technology comes across in his fine art prints. Behind the camera, his probing eye finds striking patterns and intriguing relationships in the ordinary, whether in Oxfordshire, Peru or China. Humanity shines through the dazzling virtuosity – by implication, it is there even in his studies of women's shoes. **Betty Hill's** ceramics are a revelation. She employs materials and methods that potters and sculptors have been using for centuries. She makes clay shapes based on pebbles, fires them, plunges them into sawdust, glazes and wax polishes them. From these traditions she conjures forms and colours of great subtlety and beauty.

Other exhibitions where Deddington artists are showing includes Creative Arts Network, The Mill, Banbury; Stable Studios, Overthorpe; Banbury Art Society, Banbury Town Hall; and, of course, the Jubilee exhibition in Deddington Town Hall.

NORMAN STONE



Friends of Daeda's Wood

Plans for the Jubilee Picnic (June 23 – details on the flyer with this DN) are developing nicely. We're particularly pleased that John Craven has agreed to judge the Treasure Hunt and present the prizes, providing he is not sent on some last-minute BBC assignment. Regular Daeda's Wood users will have noticed the spreading presence of creeping thistle. Woodland Trust Officer John Brown tells me that unfortunately cutting this before seeding is rather a waste of time as this species grows from underground shoots. He's investigating the cost of spraying, but this brings a risk of damage to wild flowers however much care is taken. The solution may be to treat the largest clumps and possibly dig out the thistles from the wild flower meadow. Not, he adds, an easy problem to solve; but it's in hand. In the meantime, the increasing spread of ragged robin is proving one of our great successes, and there are signs of others. See you on the 23rd ?

(Note. There have been further complaints about dog fouling. **Please** clear up after your dog, especially with the Jubilee Picnic imminent.)

Sylvie Spenceley 338995



DEDDINGTON MAP GROUP

It's near enough 6 feet high and 9 feet wide. It's beautifully coloured and full of detail. It's the illustrated Deddington Millennium Map which was installed under the Town Hall arches in May 2002.

This non-profit undertaking has involved a specially commissioned aerial survey of the entire parish – Deddington, Clifton and Hempton and the surrounding countryside – plus historical research, original illustrations, computer technology and many hundreds of hours of meticulous hand painting.

From original artwork by cartographer Peter Terry and a team of local artists led by Maureen Dew and Ken Langstaff, transparencies were produced by Banbury Colour Imaging. These were scanned and manipulated electronically and a full scale facsimile of the Map was installed in the Parish Church. After further enhancement, PryorSign of Rotherham printed a special edition on framed duralite panels for the Town Hall installation.

The Map Group project, which includes a book *Discovering Deddington* and other publications, was funded by Deddington Parish Council, and also by Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and Cherwell District Council. Maps and publications are on sale in the Library, at Hayward White in the Market Place, and on the Map Group's stall on Deddington Market Days. Any excess of revenue over expenditure is returned to the parish. NORMAN STONE 338019

DEDDINGTON PARISH CHURCH

is soon to have its own website. Come to the Launch in the Church on **Sunday, June 30** see the new website. The site will be available www.deddingtonchurch.org Look forward to



Champagne (well, sparkling white wine!) at **7.30 pm.** and be among the first to on line from Monday July 1 on: seeing you on the 30th. Tony Elvidge.

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GARDENING NOTES



Summer is rushing at us like a slide show gone mad. I looked at our pretty Morello in full bloom, gorgeous against a blue sky and a few minutes later its fluffy white was gone. Strong gusts of wind blew the petals all over the neighbourhood. Half an hour and its beauty was gone. Gardening is like that and you say apologetically, "You should have seen it last week."

Every now and again I come back to the Sea Hollies that failed. Two years ago Oliver Hawes and I sent for some roots. His flowered and looked lovely, mine disappeared. But this spring, after all this time, they have decided to do the right thing and there are three healthy looking plants which should, with a bit of luck, give us those beautiful steel-blue thistles.

Since our heading was omitted last month this might just as well be a cookery section! So I shall say something about another kind of flower, the Elder Flower. By mid-May they will be prolific in the hedgerows and I thought you might like to have a very good recipe for a Gooseberry and Elder Flower pie.

You need a buttered pie dish full of about 1lb. topped and tailed Gooseberries, 5oz sugar and no water. Lay about half an Elder flower on top. For the pastry you need 8 oz. plain flour, 4 oz. butter or margarine, 1 tablespoon icing sugar and 1 egg. Whizz that lot in a food processor. The resulting pastry is a bit sticky but a short rest in the fridge will make it easier to roll out. Plonk that on top of the fruit and bake at 200 (hot oven) for 20 minutes or so until the pastry looks cooked. When you start dishing up, extract the Elder Flower, it will have done its job and given the fruit a very special flavour. Next time, back to the garden.

MARIANNE ELSLEY

A visitor to one of the Oxford Colleges was watching the gardener tend the lawn in the quad. "What's your secret for getting it so perfect?" he asked. Came the solemn reply, "We roll it and feed it and mow it and rake it. Then we roll it and feed it and mow it and rake it again. Then we go on doing this for three hundred years or more until it looks like it does now."

The 1881 map of Deddington shows the allotment gardens close to Satin Lane where they are to this day. In those days there were other allotments at the end of The Grove, where horses now graze. This shows that 120 years of careful cultivation has gone into producing the fine tilth and promise of good crops that now distinguish many of the village allotments and offer rewarding gardening to anyone else bold enough to take on such a garden. This simply goes to show that I have a long way to go from the bought tomato plants in a gro-bag and late-sown runner beans in my greenhouse which are as far as my vegetable garden has so far got. Nature cannot be hurried. Give me a few generations and something better might emerge!

HUGH MARSHALL

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Rogation Day service for the Parish was held at College Farm, home of Jim and Leah Calcott and was well attended. The children planted seeds and refreshments were served afterwards. The Ascension Day service was held in the Church, again well attended.

Both services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Hugh White.

Golden Jubilee celebrations will be on Monday 3 June 1.00pm to 5.00pm in the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Everyone will be welcome.

The Table Tennis team finished the season in 3rd place. It was a very close league with 4 points separating the top four teams. Congratulations to Blessed George Napier.

Everyone will be sorry to hear that Nan Harris who wrote this column for many years is not well. At the moment Nan is in Oak Ward in the Horton Hospital. We wish her a quick recovery. Her husband Ted is also not well.

LES CHAPPELL 338054

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

I have been writing this column for about four years now but, regrettably, this is likely to be the last time. Most months, with one or two notable exceptions, I have relied on my own observations and antennae for news and it has been rare to receive contributions or feedback from other villagers, especially since the residents' group folded. Is there really no news in Clifton? All I have to report this month is that preparatory work on the footpath appears to have started, renovations to St. James's farmhouse are ongoing and the anglers' car park at Boulderdyke Farm is now in use, all of which you have probably seen for yourselves. If you would like to take up the mantle of Clifton correspondent for DN please get in touch with the Editor - details on page one.

JACKIE WILLIAMSON

ON THE FARM



Depending on your point of view, when we reach June half of the year is gone or half of the year is still to come. June could be described as the make-or-break month of the year for both the farm and its wild life. As the old saying goes 'a dripping June puts everything in tune'. A cold wet June would spell disaster for the bird life as there would be less insect life about for them to feed on, likewise a wet month would have a very detrimental effect on the growing crops and put up production costs with the need for extra fungicide sprays. Too dry and the yields would be hit as it is in June that the wheat comes into 'boot', that is when the ear is formed in the main stem. A long dry spell would reduce the amount of grain sets on each ear. June is also the month when the bees will produce the most and best honey. The hay meadows were shut up at the start of May and are growing away well. The oil seed rape has now dropped its flowers and the pods are filling out. At the moment there is enough grass for the sheep with the lambs going on well, but it will be some weeks yet before we have any ready for market.

One of my earliest recollections is as a very small 5-year old boy in the kindergarten of my prep school, Overthorpe Hall. We were allowed to watch the Queen's coronation on the Headmaster's black-and-white 12 inch TV set, the first time many of us had seen a television. How things have changed over the last 50 years. Electricity had not then reached the farm where I was born; water for the livestock and the house was pumped from a spring on the farm by a hydraulic ram (and still is); milk came from our own dairy herd each morning before the churns were taken to Banbury Station by horse and cart. The cart was then driven on to the Hunt Edmonds brewery for a load of brewers' grains which was fed to the cows. Bought-in animal feed and seed corn came in 1cwt hessian sacks and fertiliser was delivered in 1cwt paper sacks. A large lorry was able to carry 15 tons. What few crop sprays there were came in tin cans or glass carboys. We had our own combine, one of the few in the area so the grain was stored in hessian sacks. Our combine was a Massey Harris 726 which cost £1,100 in 1951. Today a porcelain model of the same machine will cost you £2,500.

The war had been over for 7 years but many things were still rationed - the one I remember was sweets! It was an unusual sight to see a jet plane. Steam trains were the norm and on time. Wash day was always on a Monday and Mother used a copper boiler and a hand mangle with a blue bag for the white things. Bath night was in front of the kitchen range in a tin bath. The summers were long and hot and there was always plenty of snow in the winter.

And you think they were the good old days? Well, perhaps they were, or maybe it's just that I am getting old and very tired but at least I can remember what the countryside was like before the regulators started regulating and we were allowed to FARM.

GEORGE FENEMORE 338203

THE WAY WE WERE **Deddington 150 years ago** by Buffy Heywood

The following are extracts from Jackson's Oxford Journal for June and July 1852:

7th June - Opening of Hempton Church:

This Chapel, the foundation stone of which was laid on the 30th September last by the founder, the Rev. Dr. Wilson of Over Worton House, was opened for Divine Worship on Thursday last. This Chapel is a neat and substantial building, and reflects great credit on all engaged in its erection, and it will, we trust, prove a blessing to the inhabitants of the hamlet, for whose especial welfare it has been built. We are informed that the Chapel will shortly be consecrated by the Bishop of the diocese.

5th July - National Schools

A special meeting of the subscribers to these schools was held in The Girls' School Room for the purpose of taking into consideration the present want of school room accommodation, in consequence of the increasing number of children, and to determine on a suitable and efficient remedy. Dr. Wilson said that he thought the time had arrived when new schools should be built, and added his conviction that an application should be made (with the advice of the Bishop) to Government for aid towards the expense of the proposed schools.

On Monday last the Rev. F.G. Wilson gave a treat of cakes, etc. to the children attending these schools, including the branch schools of Clifton and Hempton, amounting to nearly 400. The children walked in procession round the Town, preceded by a part of the Deddington Band, to the Castle Ground, kindly lent by S. Field Esq. to partake of tea, cake and amusements provided for them. After enjoying themselves for some time in contending for prizes (calico for shirts for the boys, and dresses for the girls, kindly given by Mrs. Risley), they separated, highly delighted with their afternoon's enjoyment.

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL at 15 May 2002 (All telephone numbers have 01869 prefix)

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WORKING GROUPS

Finance & General Purposes

1. Budget (including precept)
2. Audit of accounts
3. Grants
4. Investments
5. Standing Orders
6. Financial Regulations
7. Parish assets
8. Policy matters
9. Annual rent reviews.

Cllrs FLUX, ROLLASON, TODD

Planning, Property & Highways

1. Planning applications
2. Local plans (CDC, OCC, RDP)
3. Upper Heyford
4. Council property
(owned/leased/rented)
5. Highways matters
6. Traffic calming
7. Parking review

Cllrs COX, ELLIS, HARVEY, HASLAM

Environment & Recreation

1. Allotments
2. Cemetery
3. Castle Grounds
4. Best Kept Village
5. Open spaces and greens
6. Environmental matters
7. Recreational provision
8. Library

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Fri	14	Deddington Babies and Toddlers Group: Summer Outing to Hatton Country World. (p.8)
Sat	15	Deddington Colts FC: Awards evening, Windmill Centre, 6 pm. (p. 8)
Sat	15	British Legion : Disco, 8 pm.
Mon	17	Deddington Library Development Meeting. Library, 7.30 pm. (p.6)
Wed	19	Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Wed	19	Deddington Boys Brigade Juniors first session meeting, Windmill Centre, 5.30 pm. (p.9)
Fri	21	British Legion: Ascot trip. Live music in the evening by Stacey Parsons.
Fri	21	Monday Morning Club: Bus for <i>Madame Butterfly</i> leaves the Market Place at 6.00 pm.
St	22	Deddington Primary School Fete: School field, 2 – 5 pm.
Sat	22	Banbury Symphony Concert: Parish Church 7.30 pm.
Sat	22	British Legion: Disco, 8 pm.
Sun	23	Daeda's Wood, Jubilee Family picnic. Midday to 4 pm. (p. 12)
Tue	25	Copy date for July Deddington News
Wed	26	Friendship Club: Visit to Milletts Farm. (p.8)
Wed	26	Monday Morning Club: Bus for <i>Antony and Cleopatra</i> leaves Market Place at 6.00 pm.
Sun	23	Daeda's Wood, Jubilee Family picnic. Midday to 4 pm. (p. 12)
Sat	29	British Legion: Disco, 8 pm. (U S A)
Sat	29	Launch of Church Web site, 7.30 pm, Parish Church. (p.12)

JULY DIARY

Mon	1	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am - noon. (p.8)
Mon	1	Deddington Library Viewing Evening, Library, 8 pm.
Wed	3	Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
Tue	9	Deddington Primary School Sports Day
Tue	9	WI: Evening visit to Brook Cottage, Alkerton. (p. 9)
Wd	10	American Handbells: Concert, Parish Church 7.30 pm.
Wed	10	Friendship Club, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm, Speaker to be arranged.
Sat	13	PTA Quiz Night, Windmill Centre
Wed	17	Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Wed	24	Friendship Club: Summer Party, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.

NO DEDDINGTON NEWS IN AUGUST.

Copy date for September Deddington News, Tuesday, August 27th.

AUGUST DIARY

Tue	13	WI: Outing to Hampton Court Palace.
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BEST KEPT VILLAGE PREPARATION CUP DAY

Many thanks to all the helpers who turned out on Cup Final Saturday to clean up the parish. Over 25 members of the parish worked from 10 am. to noon and cleaned, litter picked, pruned and brushed, throughout the parish, collecting 25 bags of rubbish !! *Special thanks to Anton, Kathy & Mark in the Unicorn who provided a fantastic lunch for all the helpers – much appreciated.*

I am also aware that many other people were doing their bit over the weekend and, in general, as they walk around the parish. Once again, thanks to all helpers.

RICK HASLAM

As always, heartfelt thanks to the amazing number of people who contribute to the DN each month. My special thanks to Sylvie Spenceley without whose technical know-how the June issue would never have seen the light of day.

K.T.

Bluebells

Of Deddington

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