

Charles Newey made a greater permanent contribution to this community than any one else in the DN's 30 years [p.7]. He is irreplaceable - and yet who knows what those who come to live here when new houses are built will contribute? [pp.2-3] Greenbelt preservation has artificially multiplied the value of property by restricting the supply of houses, so putting homes beyond the reach of people with local

roots, as well as restricting local job opportunities. Why else do policemen live miles away? Why else are there too few retained firefighters? [p.11] Should those of us who have homes deny to others what we so richly enjoy? Charles used to ask such questions. They still need to be asked.



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September

- Mon 4 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10.30 am-noon. ➡ p. 16
- Mon 4 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade: band practice, Parish Church, 6.15 pm. ➡ p. 15
- Tue 5 1st Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9pm. ➡ p. 14
- Tue 5 Badminton Club: season starts, Windmill Centre: Juniors 6.00 pm, Seniors 7.00 pm. ➡ p. 16
- Wed 6 Friendship Club: restarts, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
- Wed 6 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.
- Sat 9 Oxford Historic Churches *Ride Or Stride*, 10.00 ~ 6.00 pm. ➡ p. 11 [or phone 337 530]
- Tue 12 WI: *The Swere Valley*, Peter Sheasby, Holly Tree 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 16
- Wed 13 Boys' Brigade: restart: Anchors, Windmill Centre, 5.00 pm; Company, Parish Church, 7.00 pm. ➡ p. 15
- Wed 13 History Society: John Wilson, *Harvest Home*, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 16
- Mon 18 Youth Club: 10-15 year-olds, restarts, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 14
- Wed 20 TRAIDCRAFT: Christmas Preview, Parish Church, 10.30 am ~ 7.00 pm. ➡ p. 11
- Wed 20 Friendship Club: speaker from DEFRA, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
- Wed 20 Monday Morning Club: bus for *The Tempest* leaves Town Hall, 6 pm. ➡ p. 16
- Wed 20 Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm. ➡ p. 3
- Sat 23 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.00 am ~ 12.30 pm.
- Sat 23 Salvation Army: concert in aid of The Wesleyan Church appeal, Parish Church, 7.30 pm
- Sat 23 Hempton Church: Harvest Supper, 7.30 p.m. ➡ p. 11
- Mon 25 Yoga classes: restart, Windmill Centre, 9.45 -11.30 am.
- Mon 25 Friends of Hempton Church: AGM, St Johns Hempton, 8.00 pm. ➡ p. 11
- Thur 28 Deddington / Mmabatho Link: progress report meeting, Parish Church, 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 11
- Fri 29 Coffee Morning: in aid of Macmillan Nurses, 5 Gaveston Gardens, 10-12 noon.
- Fri 29 Deddington School: Open Afternoon, 1.30 ~ 3.30 pm. ➡ p. 4
- Sat 30 Friendship Club: visit to the Cheese Fair at Cheltenham.

October

- Sun 1 First Aid: course at Windmill Centre, 9.15 am-4.30 pm. ➡ p. 14
- Mon 2 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10,30 am -noon ➡ p. 16
- Wed 4 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.
- Wed 4 Friendship Club: speaker from Woodstock Museum, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
- Tue 10 WI: Harvest Tales & Verses, Bring & Share supper, Auction, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 16
- Fri 13 Deddington Players: *Bedside Manners*, with supper and musical entertainment, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm
- Sat 14 Deddington Players: *Bedside Manners*, as above, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 14
- Wed 18 Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45pm. ➡ p. 3
- Tue 24 Monday Morning Club: *You must have Been A Beautiful Baby*, Steeple Aston, 3.30 pm. ➡ p. 16
- Sat 28 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.00 am ~ 12.30 pm



Weekly Meetings

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| Mon: Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm. | Wed: Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30-11 am. | Thu: Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10-4 pm. |
| Mon: Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm | Every other Wed: Friendship Club: Windmill, 2.30 pm. | Thu: 1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill, 6-7.30 pm. |
| Mon: Bellringing Practice: Parish Church, 7.30-9 pm. | Wed: Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys: Windmill Centre, 5 pm. | Thu: 1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill, 7.30-9 pm. |
| Tues: Craft Group: Holly Tree, 2.15-4.30 pm. | Wed: Boys' Brigade Juniors: Windmill Centre, 5.45 pm. | Fri: Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30-11 am. |
| Tues: Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm. | Wed: Tennis Club Night, 6.15 pm till dark. | Fri: Katharine House Coffee Morning: Parish Church, |
| | Wed: Boys' Brigade Company: Parish Church, 7 pm | Fri: Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 pm |

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Meeting in the Town Hall, 19 July 2006

Present: Cllrs Squires (chair), Alton, Anderson, Collins, Flux, Ince, Privett, Rollason, Rudge, Todd, Watts, Westbury, Wood, the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

STANDING ORDERS

A suggestion that the Open Forum time frame should be relaxed was referred to the F&GP working group for possible revision.

A 2 year time limit for duration of the Chairmanship was discussed. A show of hands indicated 4 in favour of considering a change, 9 against.

PLANNING

PC no objection: (1) 4 Manor Farm Barns, removal of willow tree due to root problems. (2) 6 Hempton Road, Deddington. Amended permission, omitting single storey rear section.

PC objection: (1) Cromwell House, Market Place. Amended plans have removed north facing velux windows; other PC comments remain. (2) St. Anne's Residential Home, Clifton. Revised plans, omitting a second storey and reducing extra bedrooms from 10 to 9, while more satisfactory to neighbouring property owners, still leave over-development, environmental and parking problems unsolved. PC recognises that St. Anne's Home is needed but the facility must suit Clifton.

Road naming: CDC corresponded with Oxford Diocese but did not consult PC when choosing name: 'Earl's Close' (apostrophe?) for new development off Earls Lane. PC to recommend that the development be called "Reeves Close" after the Rev. Kenneth Reeves.

Cherwell Local Development Framework see report of meeting on 16 August.

Calor Village of the Year: Deddington has been short-listed in the top eight. Three representatives, including a young person, to meet the judges at Eynsham on Aug. 10.

Town Hall: PC can use Town Hall until Nov. 2006. Decision needed as to who shall maintain and/or own building in future.

Fair: Terry Hartwell has asked to bring his Fair here, 15-19 Nov. this year. PC to discuss arrangements and conditions.

Parish Plan Working Group: The draft Parish Plan will be sent to OCC, CDC and the PC by the end of September.

Bicycle Rack: A bicycle rack in the Market Place could be useful for those seeking greener methods to go to work. Difficult to negotiate with OCC & CDC and to identify a suitable location. Research will continue.

A-Board: Hook Norton Vets would like a sign at the St. Thomas Street/New Street junction to direct clients to their premises. Clerk to write to OCC in support of request.

Appointments: Minutes Secretary still needed.

Village Steward has resigned; replacement is urgently required. Job to include some work in Hempton and Clifton.

Meeting in the Windmill Centre, 16 August 2006

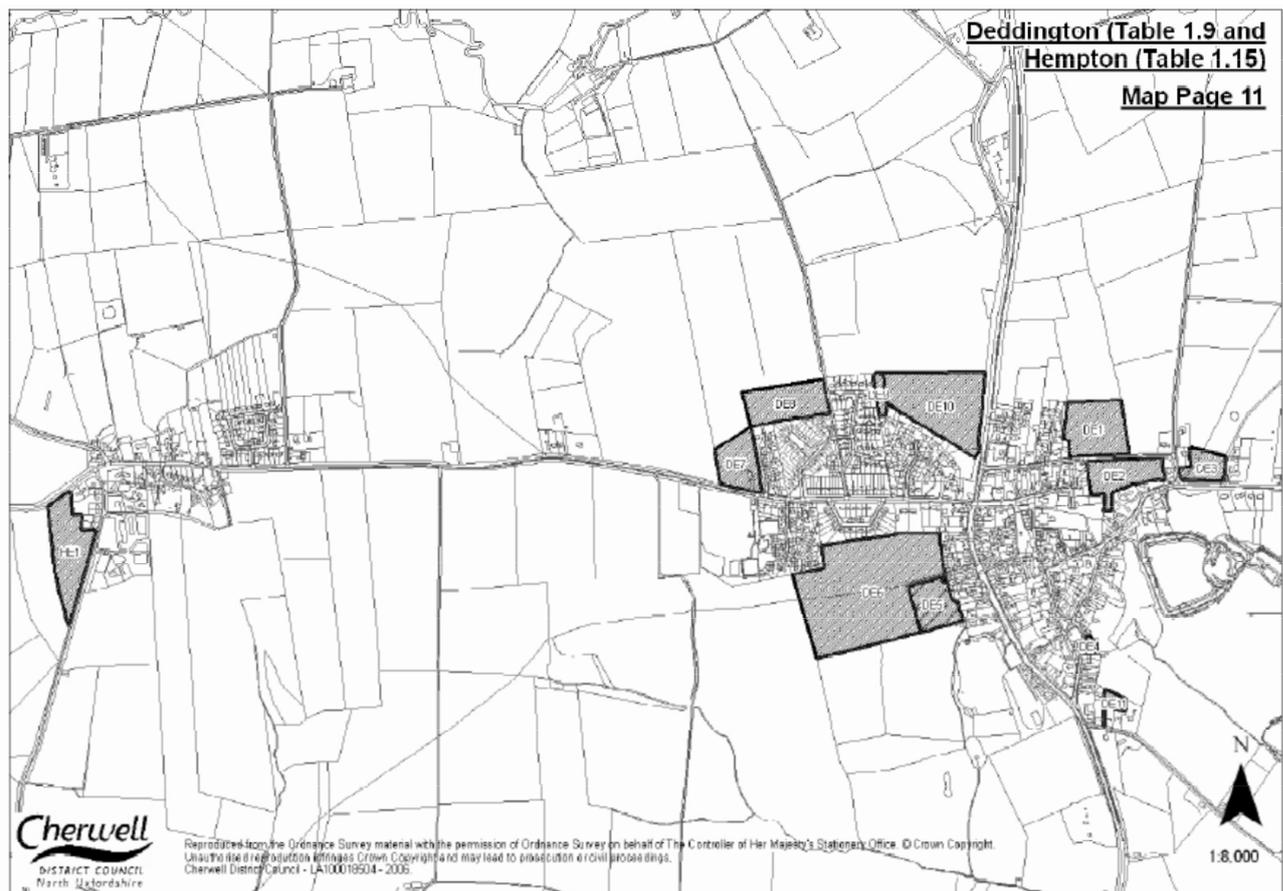
Present: Cllrs Squires (chair), Alton, Anderson, Collins, Flux, Ince, Rudge, Todd, Westbury, Wood, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk and 120+ members of the public.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Procedure: CDC must identify 559 sites for new houses during 2016~2026 in the north of its area. Category 1 villages, with facilities such as Deddington, are prime targets. Six weeks were allowed for the consultation initiated on 17 July. Those wishing to register an interest in the proposals had to do so by 25 August, so as to be entitled to make further inputs to the consultation process. Comments must address planning issues. Councillors had promptly delivered leaflets to alert residents to register comments and to attend this special meeting. PC to register the strong feelings at the meeting that the timetable was both too short and during the prime holiday period. The eleven sites identified totalled 20 ha.; the CDC yardstick was 30 dwellings p.ha., but these are not firm proposals. However if sites are included in the local plan, they could be subject to future planning applications.

Summary of debate:

- In 1991 there were 685 dwellings in Deddington, increasing to c.900 in 1999. 100 extra homes over the next 20 years is certain because of Category 1 status.
- 'Affordable' units should be included [50%?] - 'affordable' means assisted purchase and run by a housing association. Statutory minimum is now one 'affordable' per 6 in any development.
- Land can be acquired under Section 106 to meet proved demand for homes for local families [e.g. Wimborn Close].
- Space at Upper Heyford could meet new homes quota in full, but 'Heritage Site' had been agreed.
- Improved services to cater for new residents are essential: increased water pressure, improved sewers and storm drains, more parking places, better public transport.
- Health: facilities at the Horton must be kept, and Health Centre [including parking] expanded.
- School: the Governors are considering replacing out-dated buildings on a new site (west of The Grove is one possibility); present extensive site could be redeveloped with space for car parking.
- More local jobs in some new development.
- Traffic: major concerns already are congestion caused by vehicles turning at the traffic lights, and the dangerous pinch points in Hempton and Chapel Square. Suggestions: 1: a ring-road linking the Banbury and Hempton roads, while relieving the traffic lights problem, would increase traffic through Hempton. 2: roundabouts at the ends of such a ring road, and at the Earls Lane/Clifton road junction to provide traffic calming - the required extra street-lighting would increase light pollution.
- Public footpaths and bridle paths, e.g to Dada's Wood, must be kept. [continued on next page >]



- Inadequate access to all suggested sites was raised, but developers would find solutions.
- Hands off allotments even if they represented potentially lucrative returns to the PC.
- Extra homes mean more people with potential value to the community, e.g. retained firefighters and resident police.

Detailed comments were made by the PC and from the floor about each of the sites - *see above*. In the light of these and further debate, the PC voted on the least worst options: these were land west of Wimborn Close [Section 106], and land west of Banbury road [possibly to include carparking close to the pedestrian crossings]. Sites to be deleted: north and south of Earls Lane; north of Clifton Road; west of The Grove; off Chapmans Lane; off Duns Tew road, Hempton.

Other Business - Planning

PC Objection: (1) Manor Farm, Hempton Road, Deddington - felling two trees; insufficient details, no arboreal report. Noted that other trees had been felled here before permission was granted. (2) Land at Lower Farm, Hempton Road, Duns Tew - microlight flying school; concern for likely escalating aerial activity.

PC No Objection: (3) 35 Gaveston Gardens, Deddington - front porch and single storey rear extension; subject to neighbours' comments.

CDC Approvals: (4) Tithe End, County View, Clifton - convert existing garage and provide new one. (5)

Cromwell House, Market Place, Deddington: PC's comments met. (6) 7 Market Place, Deddington: change of use from residential to provide treatment rooms, with conditions - PC still concerned about increased pressure on parking space.

PARISH FINANCES

Steward: interviews held, and appointment offered.

Invoices passed for payment totalled at July meeting £5,626.59, August £3,762.30 - including £1093.93 grass-cutting.

Investments totalled £560,698.17, of which £6,765.40 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account; £298,709.76 West Bromwich @ 4.45% overnight; £55,223.01 Alliance & Leicester @ 2.6% on 30 days; £200,000 Birmingham Midshires 2-year bond @ 5.13%.

NEXT MEETING

Town Hall - Wednesday 20 September - 7.45 pm

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

Minutes Secretary

needed by the Parish Council - to attend meetings on third Wednesday each month, and write up minutes = 5-6 hours paid work.

Apply to the Parish Clerk - 337 447

Deddington CofE Primary School and Partnership Foundation Stage Unit

Open Afternoon

Friday 29 September 1.30-3.30pm



Please join us to see the school in action. Visit our lovely new unit for 3-5 year olds too. Normal classroom activities will be taking place as well as presentations and refreshments in the school hall. Have a guided tour.

Mrs Tinsley, the Headteacher, will be available all afternoon to answer any questions.

Deddington PFSU

Welcome back after the summer holidays. We hope you are looking forward to the start of a new term. We wish all those who are starting school the very best and hope that they settle into Reception with ease. You truly will be missed by all the staff.

Our end of term activities were a huge success. Many thanks to those who assisted with Sports Day and the End of term Picnic. The 'James Bond Ball' was a great hit with everyone; the funds raised from the evening will assist the 'PFSU' for many months to come.

Our topic for the term is "All about Me": the children will be making a display all about their families and will get to bring in photos to put on show.

Please contact the 'PFSU' if you are interested in visiting the unit with your child and speak to Anna Justice (Supervisor).
Sarah Payne Secretary

Deddington Village Nursery

We are very excited to have started our first full academic year this September and would like to welcome Malachy, Sophia, George, Hannah, Emily, Nate and James to the Nursery. We have also said goodbye to many of the older children who have left for the PFSU site, and wish them a fun and happy time there. Our topic this term is "All About Me".

On Thursday 14 September we will be holding a "Parents Welcome Meeting" for all new parents, and our AGM is to be held in conjunction with the PFSU on Monday 9 October. Please will all parents attend?

Finally, we are looking to add to our garden this term, so if anyone could donate any hardy plants, shrubs or bushes, please speak to Anna or Michelle on 01869 337383.

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Parish Church in September

Sun	3	10.30 am	All Age Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	6	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	7	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	10	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist and Children's Church
Wed	13	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	14	6.30 pm	HOLY CROSS Eucharist
Sun	17	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayer Royal British Legion 85th Anniversary
Wed	20	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	21	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
		6.30 pm	ST MATTHEW Eucharist
Sun	24	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Eucharist and Welcome to Mmabatho visitors, and Children's Church
Wed	27	10.00 am	Eucharist

St John, Hempton

Sun 3&17 9.00 am Eucharist
Sun 24 6.00 pm Harvest Evensong and auction

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS: Wedding - 22 July Sophie Beckett & Richard Waring

Funerals - 18 July Caroline Cooper; 4 August Nellie Keys
8 August Beatrice Hind

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: Contact Jean Welford 338539, Liz Dickinson 337050 & Iain Gillespie 338367
for dates, times & venues.

Charity of the Month - September: **DEDDINGTON SCHOOL** - please use the special envelope to put donations [if a taxpayer, in a pink **GiftAid** envelope] into the Parish Church chest.

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday Mornings at 10.30 am: Pastor Walton
Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338 529

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform church with their congregation.
Sunday afternoon services at The Chapel at 3.00 pm with Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church. Pastor Walker will also broadcast on *SKY Revelation* on Tuesdays at 6.00 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.
The Saturday evening Mass at St John's Banbury is said at 4.00 pm to allow Catholics from the villages to attend before the last bus leaves town.

Christian Aid Week 2006

During May, about 40 people delivered Christian Aid Week envelopes in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton and called to collect them at the end of the week. As a result a total of £2,008.27 was raised to support the work of Churches in many parts of the world where there is hunger, homelessness, drought or the aftermath of storms, floods, earthquakes and other disasters. This is an increase of approximately 18% over the total for 2005. Half of this total was given by people who signed the Gift Aid form on the envelopes, and so attracts a further £300 from the Government by the return of tax that had been paid.



Most of the money will be spent by partner Churches and agencies working in the areas of acute need, which is often a more effective way of giving help than sending teams of personnel from the UK. Our thanks to all who took part in this very worthwhile effort.

Pat Brittain, Diana & Hugh Marshall.

Christian Aid's 'THE BEAT GOES ON'

Launch of the Global Month of Action against Poverty: Thursday 14 September, 12.00 noon, Geraldine Harmsworth Park, London.

Participants will march to the Treasury for a rally with speakers and musicians. There will also be workshops and an ecumenical service. Tube - Lambeth North

Further information - www.christian-aid.org.uk; 01865-246818; oxford@christian-aid.org.



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Funerals, hospital or home visits
in case of illness,
please contact the Vicar,
the Rev Dr Hugh White,
28 Duns Tew (349869),
the Rev John Dane (337403),
or one of the Churchwardens,
Iain Gillespie (338367)
or Judy Ward (337187).*

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE

This year's Festival was very successful, both financially and otherwise. It could not have happened without your support. We want to build on that and need your comments, suggestions, criticism, and offers of help for the future. We aim to hold an Open Meeting in the autumn. Come and tell us what you really think and ask us any questions. If you favour this idea, please email andersonuk@yahoo.co.uk or ring Norman Stone 01869 338019. *MS*

'Poetry Please' - 23 June

John Cheney's Poetry Please evening at the Unicorn attracted a full house. John is a genial host and in spite of those who proclaim the death of poetry, many still welcome the chance to listen to and read the centuries' verse. The choice of poets ranged from William Langland and Shakespeare to Pam Ayres by way of Henry Newbolt, R S Thomas, Mike Jay and many others. A feature of these evenings is those who read their own work and we heard poems from the very young and from the – not quite so young. A poem written by our host is a demanded highlight and John read a characteristically adept and witty musing on Genesis and the creation of the stars. *KS*

Choral and Orchestral Concert - 24 June

The Saturday evening festival concert was a real treat – a beautiful summer's evening and music of the highest standard. The opening piece was Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture, played by the Oxford Sinfonia under Janet Lincé. The orchestra demonstrated the dramatic contrasts of the piece with some delightfully lyrical string and sensitive brass playing, set against the strong and precise rhythms of the middle section.

Next came Mozart's popular Clarinet Concerto with local soloist Lucy Downer, who is a pupil at the Royal Academy in London and already established in a distinguished solo career. The sound she produces is pure and elegant and her control of the instrument appears effortless. The orchestral accompaniment was initially a little heavy but the players soon adapted to match the delicacy of the soloist's tone. The second movement was especially moving, showing remarkable breath control and beautiful phrasing.

The second half of the concert was a stunning rendition of Haydn's Nelson Mass, performed by the newly established Deddington Festival Chorus – local choral singers joining with Janet Lincé's Chorus – and soloists Helen Morton, Toni Rogers, Martin Quinn and Simon Sherwood. The choir produced a rich, confident sound and the contrasting tempi and moods of each section of the Mass were handled very competently.

As a conductor and choral director, Janet Lincé demands a very high standard of performance. She knows exactly what she wants in terms of sounds and textures, and she knows how to get it. The musicians enjoyed performing with her, and the audience were very appreciative of the high quality of the concert.

*Elsa Williams***King Leo - 25 June**

We were treated to an imaginative production of a musical play, originally created by Cecilia McDowall (composer) and Sarah Dawson (Librettist) for Combe Bank School, Kent, where it was first performed in 1993. Here we had the leading roles performed by adults, William Leigh Knight as King Leo, Lorna Perry as Lord Tiger and Chris Halek as Gaia, the Spirit of the Jungle. Two immensely talented teenagers, Anna Teare and Luke Gartside, took the exacting parts of Chico, a monkey (the King's servant) and Lord Panther.

The story line centred on King Leo, who (like Shakespeare's Lear) wants to retire and live in peaceful oblivion. His rival nephews Panther, the goodie, and Tiger, the baddie, vie with each other to inherit his throne. A Green eco-theme emerges as it becomes clear that Tiger is bent on cutting down the forest for timber. The forest animals (Deddington Primary School pupils) with Panther and Chico realise the dire implications of this, and with the help of Gaia foil Tiger's plan, and King Leo is made to see the light.

The music, engagingly based on contemporary dance rhythms, beautifully captured the drama and message in the story. All the parts were outstandingly sung and acted, with Anna Teare especially skilled in her continuity role, keeping the action running smoothly. Janet Lincé and her efficient, small ensemble of instruments gave sensitive backing to the singers, and Janine Elton's production with Barbara Larcom's props and costumes created a believable jungle. Composer Cecilia McDowall was present and delighted that her work was so well presented and appreciated.

The combination of professional musicians and singers, with amateur performers and children proved, as with Noyes Fludde in 2003, a magic and worthwhile experience. Let's do it again. *Donald Lane*

DEDDINGTON EN FÊTE

*It's really quite dull with no Festival,
There isn't a thing to applaud.
The Committee succeeded
but now they aren't needed
(Till same time next year), are they bored?*

*The e-mails have stopped being frantic,
The eloquent speeches have ceased,
The Church has been passed to the Vicar at last,
The strong PR team is released.*

*We revelled in concerts of all kinds,
With jazz and with classical too,
Our old church was ringing with music and singing,
Which is what it's intended to do.*

*The Writers wrote wonderful stories,
The Art and the Crafts were inspired
And George rescued bees
from the highest church trees,
(For his honey is always desired.)*

*But wait - this is still our fine village
With dozens of happenings to choose.
No need for ennui, much to do and to see
Just look in your Deddington News. *MN**

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Dr Charles Newey was Professor of Materials Science at the Open University. He was instrumental in setting down the core values of OU teaching materials on which he worked tirelessly. There are OU graduates in Deddington who have benefited from that pioneering work. One of his research interests was plastics and he amassed a large collection of artefacts from pre-Bakelite to modern-day trivia, now to go to a museum. His most prescient interest was in the impact of technology on people and lifestyle, the interaction of technology, economics and the environment. Charles was one of a small group of academics who sounded the alarm on the need to recycle and conserve energy; but 30 years ago, few were listening. In those heady days, we practised 'self-sufficiency' and exchanged hens' eggs for home-grown rabbits for the pot.



photo: Brian Carter

When Charles retired and moved into Deddington, the first result was Deddington OnLine, now one of the largest and most successful community websites in the UK. Sylvie Nickels recalls: "In 1997 I went to a meeting – something to do with computers. The next minute I was volunteering to join a group that became Deddington OnLine. I was the token computer illiterate and Charles teased me a lot, but with a grin and a twinkle that made it OK."

In the Library, he championed computer training for local people, aided by Martin Ince, Paul Drawmer and

... .. AND ALL THAT JAZZ

Colourful to the eye and ear, rumbustious, bawdy, lively, tuneful – in a word, entertaining – the Oxford Waits got this year's Festival off to a rousing start. Purcell wrote some of the music, and John Aubrey some of the words, but most of the material was by that prolific genius, Anon. In the 17th century, the Oxford Waits would have been top of the pops. Today, their appeal is to smaller, but expanding, audiences. Tim Healey, Charles Spicer, Caroline Butler, Edward Fitzgibbon and Ian Giles gave us a hugely enjoyable evening.

Deddington's own Steve Kershaw and his free-wheeling, jazz combo, Stekpanna (means steakpan) were next. Petter Svard's exuberant drumming underpinned and propelled Mads Kjolby's fluent, inventive guitar and the slapped, bowed and plucked double-bass of Steve himself. All this was riches enough. Then the Russians joined in, turning a brilliant trio into a spectacular 5-piece. Nikolai Vintskevich's high-energy sax playing was tinged with melancholy. His father, Leonid, went gloriously close to over-the-top with his barrel-house piano.

Finally, the Tim Dawes Band gave us Midsummer Jazz. Professor (*sic*) Martin Shaw was first among equals with his beautiful trumpet tone and versatile phrasing. Phil Peskett, piano, handled melody and rhythm with equal aplomb, while Simon Lea's drumming was powerful and subtle. Victoria Newton and local girl Jenny Anderson gave us their talented all. Tim's double-bass held everything together. NS

others. He served on the Parish Council, and went on to be clerk and then a trustee of Deddington Charity Estates – the Feoffees – researching and bringing order to its affairs. He was a lover of trad jazz, rugby and cricket, and a no mean golfer.

But his *magnum opus* was to launch and manage the now firmly established Farmers' Market. Geoff Todd recalls: "Charles' natural networking skills, a strong desire to help local farmers, as well as involve the community, were to the fore when he set about exploring the viability of a farmers' market in Deddington."

An exploratory meeting in June 2001 led to the first market that September with just 12 stalls, which bears witness to his drive and enthusiasm. Charles gathered around him a large team of volunteers, who, in just five years, created a market that has been recognised in the runners-up award in the national Farmers' Market of the Year competition in 2005 and 2006. Traders and customers alike agree that Deddington market is special. Market Day has become an important social event – his legacy to the village he so enjoyed.

Charles eschewed ceremony, formality, pomposity and personal reward (he declined an Emeritus Chair from the OU). A passionate believer in education, particularly making science accessible to the layman, he was always up for a political debate in the pub. Norman Drake: "If you wanted a good argument then Charles was your man. Charles was adept at introducing controversial subjects which invariably led to sometimes quite heated discussions. He enjoyed the challenge of rigorous debate and held to his socialist views through thick and thin."

Charles was a lover of real ale: 'Gardeners' Question Time' was an excuse for a weekly meeting in the Crown & Tuns with some old mates. One remembers: "There is a tendency for everyone to talk at once, but Charles did not say very much unless a subject cropped up on which he had views. These he expressed with a trenchant vigour, getting straight to the heart of the matter in the forthright style of Tony Benn. We listened. Charles was always worth listening to."

"A singular man," says Peter Boss of Charles on the allotment adjacent to his, "a significant figure in the village, constantly appearing on one's radar through his evident involvement in so many activities. A sense of genuine openness and unguarded helpfulness seemed a fundamental part of Charles's character; typically, he offered the use of his shed and equipment on our first meeting."

Charles died 11 August, aged 70. He left an indelible mark on our community. As Martin Ince said, "Villages need people like you."

Many people contributed to this; their pieces may be read in full on the Deddington Online Forum (another Charles project) www.deddington.org.uk. There was no public funeral. At Charles' request, the Jolly Boys Jazz Band played at the August Market.

Mary & Colin Robinson

FROM JULIE WESTLEY, CHAIR, GOVERNORS OF DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

May I, on behalf of the Governors of Deddington Primary School, express our heartfelt thanks to the Deddington News for its contribution to part of our new Early Years Unit? As some of you may have seen during the official opening on 2 June, the unit looks particularly special and I'm sure the children will benefit enormously from such a generous and special grant.

Please address all letters to:
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5 THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON
e-mail: op@kristin.demon.co.uk
and include your name and address,
even if they are not for publication.

FROM DR HUGH O'DONNELL, CHAIRMAN, DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

I would like to say thank you to the audiences, the volunteers, the Friends of Deddington Festival, and to others too numerous to mention, for the support given to Deddington Festival 2006. The content of this year's Festival was much more varied, in response to previous suggestions from you. All the musical, artistic, craft, writing, poetry and choral contributions were excellently received. We would welcome any suggestions for the future. Perhaps a public meeting in the early autumn to discuss further ideas would be good. Once again thanks to you all for your donations, enthusiasm and support. We need you - it is your Festival.

**WELL REMEMBERED**

CAROLINE COOPER was born in 1961 into a close and loving family. She enjoyed a particularly intimate relationship with her twin, Helena. In due course, both sisters came to Deddington where they lived with their respective families as neighbours in Mill Close. Caroline worked as a hotel services manager in the hospital sector and as a National Training Manager in the food hygiene industry and then helped in the Deddington Schools and at Blessed George Napier School in Banbury. She was hard-working and dedicated both in her employment and in the sphere of the family. Her concern for others was central to her living and it shaped the way she dealt with her illness and faced the prospect of her death: rather than turn in on herself in self-pity, she prepared others for their future without her. Her manner of living and of dying deservedly won Caroline great affection and respect. She will be much missed in Deddington. *JW*

NELLIE KEYS, born in 1925, lived all her life in Deddington, only spending the final two years in a nursing home in Chipping Norton. After working in munitions during the war, she married and settled into St Thomas Street where her two daughters, Maureen and Christine, were brought up. But life changed dramatically with the tragic death of Christine, at the age of 15, through a road accident. Following the death of her husband, Chris, in 1981 she moved to Mackley Close. In old age she enjoyed meeting her friends, playing cards or scrabble and looking after the pond in her garden. Nellie is survived by Maureen and her husband Derek with their son, Simon. *JM*

E-MAIL FROM COLIN ROBINSON, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

There are messages on DOL Forum from Peter Miles, seeking to make contact with his mother's family. She is Jeanette Miles (née Hewlett) and lived in Deddington as a young girl in the 1940s before moving to Oxford. Parts of her family were Austin and Bliss. Anyone with news of these families and wishing to correspond with Peter can do so via the DOL Forum or by e-mail at: petermiles@fsmail.net Peter has sent us

two photographs of Deddington folk in the 19030s/40s which are now in the DOL gallery. Does anyone know anything about the people in them?

FROM JOYCE MINNEAR, DEDDINGTON

Deddington Congregational Church has been greatly assisted in its Sunday afternoon Services by Pastors Derek and Hilary Walker of Oxford Bible Group. Some of their members, of all ages, come in their Oxford Church minibus to join us. The time of 3 o'clock does not clash with other village Services and friends from the Parish Church and Wesleyan Church join us regularly. We unite with the Wesleyan Church at 10.30am.

We plan to hold a very informal Songs of Praise Service in September and October (dates to be confirmed) and would be pleased for anyone to take part. We have an organ and piano in the Church. If you play a guitar or other stringed instrument, or brass or percussion (there must be some budding musicians in the village) please contact me on 338529.

E-MAIL FROM PHILIP RIGBY, ADDERBURY

(Philip Rigby wrote to the DN last May hoping to encourage local photographers to form a Photographic Society. K.T.)

The first meeting of the Photographic Society has taken place, with fourteen people joining on the night. Meetings will be on the first Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm. at the Red Lion in Adderbury, for the time being. This is a society for people interested in taking photographs, not just for talking about photography. Anyone who is interested in joining or would like further information, please contact me on: parigby@rigby.co.uk Tel: 01295 812481. All are welcome.

DOLL
Deddington OnLine

<http://www.deddington.org.uk>

It was nearly ten years ago that Charles Newey and Colin Robinson conceived the idea of creating DOL as an appropriate way to mark the new Millennium. They co-opted a few of their friends and there it was - online as planned by 2000. At first there were many who doubted its relevance to a small village like Deddington; but their prescience has been more than justified - and now the DN is also available online. Between them the two websites have linked Deddington to the outside world in ways and to an extent that even Charles and Colin did not envisage. DOL now gets 700 visits a day. The Deddington OnLine Website Group pays tribute to Charles and his enormous contribution to DOL which will be a fitting and lasting memorial. *Rob Forsyth*

ANGUS ALTON has lived in the village since 1992 and in Oxfordshire all his life. He has already served one term on the Parish Council, serving on the F&GP and helping with the Parish Plan. He is a parent governor at the Warriner School, a member of the Warriner Trust, and Deddington Cricket Club and Deddington Colts Football Club committees. He was also a member of the Deddington School PTA while his children were there, becoming something of an institution on Santa's Float and at the barbecue.

DON ANDERSON took early retirement in 2002, having been a member of the executive of a major bank. Prior to that, he had been Assistant General Manager of a large insurer and H M Inspector of Taxes. Since retirement he has been reading for an honours degree in French and will graduate this year. He has lived in Deddington since 1993 with his wife and two daughters. His wife is a serving magistrate in North Oxford and secretary of Deddington Festival. He now has the time to offer his services in the hope that his experience of public and private sectors will prove useful to the community. For the past two years he has enjoyed helping his wife with the Festival and is looking forward to making a wider contribution to the Parish.

ALAN COLLINS is the 43-year-old husband of Viv and father of two at Deddington Primary School. He has lived in the benefice for nearly 11 years, renting in Hempton & Barford St. Michael, and owning in Clifton. He has in the past been a committee member of the Friends of Hempton Church, club secretary and occasional wicket keeper for the Cricket Club, quiz master for three of the last four PTA quizzes, goal keeping coach for the under 10's Colts football team and member of the Farmers' Market stall-erecting team, helping out the Boys' Brigade Band with their drummers. Keen pilot and photographer. "Right old busybody if you ask me!!!"

JIM FLUX has owned a house in Deddington since 1972. He returned to settle in Deddington in 1989 on taking early retirement from overseas. A member of the PC for 12 years (8 as Chairman); he is Treasurer of the Windmill Centre and a Trustee of the Hollytree. He is involved with the Deddington Players and the Pantomime. He started the Deddington Thursday Club for frail older folk. He is Treasurer of the local Alzheimer's Society, rings bells, and is Chairman of the Carers' Centre in Banbury, which he helped to start in 1992. He also runs the Banbury & District CVS which includes the Volunteer Bureau and Recycle Furniture Store.

MARTIN INCE is 60 years old and has lived in the village for 18 years. The things about him that are suitable for printing in a public forum are very boring. The interesting bits about him are totally unsuitable for printing but you can find him in the Unicorn most weekday lunch times and if you buy him a pint he will tell you the gory details. He has given freely of his time for the last 3 years to help train people in the use of PCs in the Village Library.

JAMES PRIVETT has lived in Deddington for nearly three years. The decision to live in the Village was greatly influenced by the wonderful community and facilities the Parish affords. He is a "home worker" and has also come to know many people as a result of his wife's previous position as Chair of the Pre-School, and their involvement in local fund-raising events. Having grown up himself in a semi-rural location, he recognises the importance of maintaining a Community, whilst entertaining changes as they are required. James' wish as a Councillor is to ensure the Parish is maintained and improved to the benefit of present and future Parishioners.

DAVID ROLLASON moved to Deddington with his family in 1999. At various times he has served on the Windmill Centre Management Committee, the Deddington Colts Committee, and is currently a member of the Parish Plan Group. David sees Deddington as a thriving, vibrant, and friendly community and his family feels extremely lucky to have 'discovered' it. He thinks that the most important responsibility of the Parish Council is to strike an appropriate balance between the old and the new. It is important to respect the traditions of the Parish but equally important to move with the times and be prepared to give new ideas a hearing. On a specific point, he feels that the Parish Council could do more in the way of provision for Deddington's teenagers.

JEAN RUDGE has recently retired from full-time teaching modern languages at Sibford School for over thirty years, where she was Head of Dept. Her husband is proprietor of Phil Rudge Engineering in St. Thomas St. They have lived in Deddington since 1974, their son, Michael, being born in 1980. He attended the village Primary School and Warriner School and is currently a student at Oxford Brookes. She believes that she can represent the interests of the residents of the southern part of Deddington. For example, one of our main concerns is the provision of a safe crossing-point of the main road in that vicinity. More generally, her interests lie mainly in conservation and the protection of the environment and in maintaining a good standard of facilities in rural life.

HELEN SPENCER, 35, grew up in Duns Tew, has lived in Deddington for 12 years now, with husband Richard (a born and bred Deddingtonian!) and their 3 children. She works with her husband. In the past four years on the PC she has been involved mainly with the Environment & Recreation working group, succeeding with some projects, including the BMX track, the Youth Shelter, November's 'Pudding'n'pie' fun fair and the All Weather Court. Meetings with the Youth Club and results from the Parish Plan will assist proposals to the Council. She shares concerns regarding speeding, parking and over-development of the village - hoping Deddington remains one of Oxfordshire's most popular villages to live in for future generations.

MARTIN SQUIRES moved to Deddington in 1993 following his marriage to Lucy. They have lived at Cherry Trees

in Deddington for the last 13 years. They have two daughters, who attend Deddington School and the PFSU. He is a keen gardener with an allotment on Satin Lane, where he wages war against the weeds and rabbits. He is treasurer of the Deddington Players, and a voluntary warden for the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. He recently quit the City of London to work for a friend, a Liberal Democrat MP in Wales. This job allows him four days a week at home, to be a part time house husband. He has been a member of the Council for 4 years, two as vice-chair, and now is the chair.

GEOFF TODD - Resident since 1983. Former senior police officer and latterly a local government officer, now retired. PC Member for 16 years, including two as Chairman, with experience of Finance and General Purposes, Planning, Recreation and Grants and Windmill Working Groups. Away from Council duties a founder member and Treasurer of Deddington Farmers' Market Management Group, Chairman of Friends of Deddington Library, and, until recently, an Executive Committee Member of Oxfordshire Association for Young People. Aided by his wife, Joan, charity fund-raising features prominently in his activities.

DAVID (Milson) WESTBURY has lived in Deddington for 43 years, the last 14 living with his wife and two children. Having grown up in the village he has seen many changes, some good, some not so good, but rather than sit back and complain he has decided to support the village and "put back rather than take out". His wife is a key member of the pre-school and now PFSU, being responsible for fund raising, and is currently Vice Chair. He is interested in the future of the parish, maintaining its vibrant character and rural beauty for his children.

JONATHAN WATTS' main aspirations for the Parish are improved road safety and better facilities for teenagers. He grew up in Enstone and, after some years away, he returned to Hempton in 1998 with his wife, Janet.

His daughters both now attend Deddington Primary School. Jonathan is a regional manager for Norwich Union Life, based in Birmingham. He has served on Deddington Parish Council since 2002 and in 2005 he became a PC sponsored governor at Deddington Primary School. He is also involved with the Parish Plan. Cricket is his passion but he enjoys all sport, is a football referee and campanologist. Jonathan also chairs Enstone Sports and Social Club.

BRIAN WOOD has been a councillor since 2002. An historian and chartered accountant he describes himself as a refugee from British manufacturing industry. Always interested in the environment he has examined listed building consent applications for the Oxfordshire Architectural & Historical Society, has been a trustee of the Ecological Design Association, and chairman of both Banbury District and Oxfordshire branches of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. He is currently a member of the CPRE national executive. For the PC he has been on Planning, Highways, and Finance & GP working groups, and has prepared the accounts for four years.



Lines on the Departure of Beryl Fisher from the Co-op (July 2006)

Beryl Fisher is leaving the Coop
 They're going to miss 'er in the shop.
 And so are we who shop there
 And like to stop there
 For a chat.
 Apart from that,
 She's been good fun to encounter
 Across the counter.
 In fact, never a 'counter attack,
 Beryl'd never answer back.
 "Another bottle, John?"
 "Well, the last one's empty ... gone.
 And any more derogatory commentary
 And I'll prod you with my ferrule, Beryl".
 You've done your best
 Now's the time to take a rest.
 We'll all miss you.
 God Bless You.

JE



Book Group

Our review of 'Labyrinth' by Kate Mosse discussed at the last meeting: "Historically very well researched with beautiful descriptions of the Carcassonne district of France. We felt that the two parallel stories, one ancient and one modern, did not knit together successfully and this gave the book a somewhat uneven rhythm. We enjoyed the historical sections more than the modern and got the impression that the author did too! Generally recommended but, we felt, unnecessarily long."

We are starting the French classic 'Madame Bovary' by Gustave Flaubert this month. Next meeting 28 September: call for venue. *Sally Lambert 338094*

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Affirming the Link : Deddington – Mmabatho

The link between Deddington and South Africa, which is best known through the 'Living Rooms' project at the Parish Church, will be taken a step further this month. On Saturday 23 September a party of members of the parish of The Resurrection, Mmabatho will visit Deddington and the Barfords for nine days.



During their visit they will have opportunities to learn about life in this country, by

staying with local people, sharing the life of the Parish Church, meeting children and teachers in the School, visiting a farm etc., as well as a day seeing the 'sights' of London and an opportunity to tour Oxford. A skittles match – "England v S Africa" – is also planned.

An important part of the Link has been support for the children of HIV/AIDS victims who are cared for by the parish of The Resurrection. An open meeting is planned for Thursday 28 September when the parish priest, Fr Hermon Nolovu and his colleagues will show videos and speak about their parish and its work.

Details of the programme and of the ways in which people are invited to take part are available in the Parish Church. *Hugh Marshall 337761*

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The new telephone box should now be working, as all the fittings look to be in place. Let's hope that it remains vandal free.

St. John's Church will be open on Saturday 9 September between 10.00am and 6.00pm to welcome cyclists and walkers taking part in the Historic Churches sponsored Ride Or Stride day. Helpers are needed to sit in the Church to offer refreshments.

Tickets @ £8 for the Harvest Supper on Saturday 23 September at 7.30pm will cover food and soft drinks; for something stronger, bring a bottle and glasses. Call me to book one of the 40 tickets. Gifts of produce or flowers will be most welcome for the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 24 September at 6.00pm,; they can be left at the Church over the weekend. After the service the produce will be auctioned for a worthy charity. We hope to be joined by some of our friends from South Africa at this service.

On Monday 25 September the AGM of the Friends of the Church will be at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. The Friends pay to maintain the Church and other needs. In recent weeks they have purchased new tables and more comfortable chairs for the Hall, making it much easier to hold functions.

The Dog Warden is patrolling this area more frequently. He stopped someone recently who had cleaned up after her dog, but had left the bag by the side of the road to be picked up as they came back. The Warden said this was creating litter. *Les Chappell 338054*

From the Fire Station

To date this year we have received 119 calls, 43 of these in the last 2 months.

The calls have been varied to say the least: a television fire, caravan fires (2), car fires, flooding (in Botley!), haystack, barn, tree fire, telegraph pole on fire, pub fire, rubbish fire, bonfires, field fire, hedge fire and a shed fire. Add to that several calls to stand by and a few false alarms, a call to rescue a sinking barge, to release a child locked in a car, 5 road traffic accidents, several with people trapped, and finally perhaps the most unusual, a call to a Harrier jet on fire having landed on the A4260 at Sturdy's Castle.



Never a dull moment!

Our crew had been reduced to 6 operational firefighters through the summer period. I didn't help at all by fracturing a metatarsal at an exercise at Fire Service College. The team has struggled on and done a sterling job to keep you all safe & sound, so I'd like to say a big well done to the crew for soldiering on despite quite difficult circumstances.

It has been a Baptism of Fire (quite literally) for our newly promoted Crew Manager Fenemore. Chris took up his new position on 1st of July and has been faced with a great variety of challenging incidents and a very busy period, combined (excuse the pun) with a busy time on the farm (sorry George/Ben for the absences). Well done Chris & congratulations from all the crew.

Fancy joining our team? 0800 5 870 870 for more info. *Anne Waters, Watch Manager 338281*

Deddington Fair Traders

Not so very long to go....

...and before we know what has happened Christmas will be upon us. So why not check up on the best selection of Christmas cards to be found locally? Choose from over 60 different designs. All proceeds from card sales go to support work for the poor in developing countries through Christian Aid, CAFOD, SCIAF and Traidcraft with at least 14% of the purchase price supporting their work. The new Traidcraft catalogue gives details of these and many more fairly-traded gifts, clothes, foods, confectionery, wines and much more.

This month there will be a special PREVIEW of cards and gifts with a selection of foods etc., in Deddington Church on Wednesday 20 September. Free catalogues will be available and orders may be placed at the Preview, at the monthly Fair Trade stall or direct from Hugh Marshall. There will also be a BARGAIN TABLE of discontinued Christmas cards at greatly reduced prices, so do look in at any time between 10.30am and 7.00pm, have a free coffee or taste Fairtrade wine and get ahead for Christmas!

Enquiries, orders or catalogue requests to Hugh Marshall (01869 337761)

FOUND late July

Very affectionate smooth-haired **Black Cat** in Holly Tree Cottages, Earls Lane. To claim please ring: 338 569 or 337 306

ON THE FARM

Well, that's it: harvest is over for another year. The combine came out of the barn in the middle of July and was put back in on 15 August. The rape harvest was good although with the high temperatures the crop was very dry, with some of the seed coming into store at 98degF and it took a long time for the cooling fans to bring it down to a safe storage level. The thunder storms at the start of August laid the oat crops on the ground which made cutting them a difficult job, but the end result has provided us with a sample of milling oats for the breakfast cereal market. The wheat harvest was also a matter of dodging the showers, and although we managed to get a sample which has made the bread standard, the average yield is down on last year due to lack of rain during the growing period. The only thing I can say about the Spring beans is that we shall not be planting any for next year.



So with the crops off and the straw out of the way it is time to put everything back in the ground for next year's harvest. There will be a number of changes: the first is that the area planted in crops will be reduced to make way for the environmental field margins and flower strips as part of the government's new environmental programme. The second change is that after more years than I care to remember we will not be planting any bread-making wheats for next harvest despite the recent announcement by the baking trade that, due to the drought and a shortage of wheat for flour, the price of a loaf of bread will go up by 4p next month.

The farm gate price of milling wheat is still very low. Add to this the ever increasing growing costs which are all based on oil and gas (sprays are manufactured from oil and fertilisers from gas), the reduction in farm payments and the largely unregulated imports from the expanded EU and elsewhere, it is hard to justify the financial risks that we take to grow crops for the human food market. So this autumn we shall be planting varieties of feed wheat that will out-yield milling varieties and need less sprays and fertilisers, most of which will come from the chicken shed. Although the value of feed wheat is less than milling wheat, the increase in yield and reduction in growing cost and a much reduced hassle when it comes to selling, should improve the bottom line, to say nothing of my nervous disposition.

George Fenemore 338203

Maybe it is my imagination, but after the hot summer I sense that autumn is coming early. I notice more berries than I would expect to see in August, trees appear to be shedding their leaves already, and are the evenings becoming cooler than usual by now? Of course this does not necessarily mean that there will be a hard winter nor that it is too late to sow quick-growing salad crops. But it might suggest that some of the autumn jobs like cutting the hedge or clearing the weeds, digging in compost or – dare I suggest? – turning out the shed could be started sooner rather than later. Some no doubt will already have taken cuttings for next year's geraniums and fuchsias, but those of us who have been busy elsewhere may need to attend to these soon. Traditionally September is the peak time of the year for gathering in the fruit and vegetables that have struggled through the hot dry days or the occasional torrential downpour. With many of the fruit trees looking good, and the hedges beginning to promise a strong crop of blackberries, we may find that autumn really is beginning early.

Hugh Marshall



Friends of Daeda's Wood

Kristin Thompson and I went for our annual botanical trot round the wood recently. Despite an unfortunate ratio of drought and deluge, it was pleasing to find that most of the species recorded in earlier years have survived. We even found a new one: lady's bedstraw (*Galium verum*), though conceivably we missed it in previous years. You will find the full flora list (and much else) in *A Diary of Daeda's Wood*, published for Daeda's 10th birthday and available from Deddington Library, or the Flower Shop. The wildflower meadow is currently rather a mess, and the woodland almost too thick; in other words there will be much to discuss when we get our new Woodland Officer, which reportedly could be soon.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley commenced again in September 1856, and the following are some extracts from that month (mostly concerned with the continuing "Brogden" saga): (The Rev. Brogden was Vicar of Deddington at the time.)

8th September - A match of cricket was played in the Castle Ground between 11 chosen by Holford (*his son*) and 11 chosen by young Ramsay. Holford's side got terribly beaten. I dined with the cricketers under the tent.

12th September - Heard that Mr. & Mrs. Brogden had started for London again by the last train this evening with a quantity of luggage, Mr. B. having previously sent for the keys of the Church and Register Chest from Mr. Spears. (*the Clerk*).

13th September - I called on Mr. Davenport (*secretary to the Bishop of Oxford*) at his office respecting the still unfortunate state of this Parish as to Church matters, and informed him that the Vicar went to London again yesterday intending to be absent a fortnight or three weeks, according to his children's account. On my return home one of the Church Wardens and the Clerk both came to know what was to be done as to the 8 o'clock bell tomorrow morning (Sunday). I told them it had better not be rung.

FRED THE DONKEY MAN, 1908-1982

"The Donkey Man is here!" shouted one excited village child to the other when the itinerant Fred Abel set up camp in Deddington. Fred, still remembered fondly today by Anne, Debbie, Mike and no doubt many others who grew up in our village forty or fifty years ago knew exactly where to find him, the heavily bearded man, with his menagerie of donkeys, dogs and his shelter on wheels. Fred and his travelling circus became a well-known attraction to be met along the lanes and roads of our county. Tramp-like in appearance he kept himself tightly wrapped in mystery keeping children and adults guessing as to his origins and why he had chosen a life on the road.

Today Debbie's memories of Fred will no doubt reawaken in some of her contemporaries many more tales of Oxfordshire's much beloved Donkey man. And who knows, we may even uncover a little fraction of the mystery which surrounded Fred.

Debbie's Story: "I remember Fred as a kind man who was always grateful for help with gifts. He used to park his belongings along the "Lane" (now Cosy Lane) by our house. My mother (Mary Churchill) used to fill his water cans and also give him a cooked meal, occasionally a Sunday roast. He always said "Thank you mam, taa". My mother told us that he travelled around like he did because he was jilted in love, but I have no proof of this. We were so excited when Fred called, because he used to give us donkey rides up and down the Lane.

My sister Anne, and brother John remember that he advertised his Flea Circus. I am sure that his dusty donkeys might have had fleas, but Fred got very upset when one village boy made this accusation to his face. Fred went to see the boy's parents who promised to take

14th September (Sunday) - We had no service here again today, Mr. Brogden having left his Duty unprovided for. I went to Clifton as usual. I called at H. Franklin's (*the Church Warden*), who had seen the Bishop and who had said he would send someone in the course of the week, at all events against Sunday next to take the Duty. The bells struck up a peal about 5 o'clock but for what reason I could not discover, beyond the Ringers and others having nothing better to occupy their time.

15th September - I heard from Mr. Davenport stating that the Bishop would license and send a Curate here before next Sunday.

20th September - In the presence of the Church Wardens I administered certain oaths to Mr. Travers and he signed the usual declaration before me preparatory to his becoming the licensed Curate of this Parish.

21th September - Mr. Travers officiated here as Curate, the people thought he would do very well.

23rd September - Called on Hatten of the Kings Arms who had put a Bailiff into the Vicarage House yesterday on account of a Bill Sale given him by the Vicar on a considerable portion of his furniture, in part liquidation of a debt due to Hatten from the Vicar of £175 odd.

29th September - Mr. Brogden's sale took place at the Vicarage.

Buffy Heywood

their rude son to task. Fred's cart looked like a big tent on wheels that gave him and his dogs shelter and in which he stored his possessions of pots and pans and a record player. I cannot remember if it worked! On the outside of this mobile tent he had written in big letters: "NO TV, NO TAX", indicating to those road users with thieving tendencies that he carried or owned no money. In spite of that advert to put off scroungers, there came the day when the sad news broke that Fred had been beaten and robbed. Today I still treasure a few photographs I have of Fred with my mother holding me in arms, of Fred leading a donkey and of Fred and dog surveying his worldly goods spread in front of his tented cart. And most of all I treasure the memory that Fred regarded my mother Mary and my father Jack as his friends. How do I know? - he told my auntie Dorothy Michell."

Ruth Johnson

Deddington Town Football Club

Preparations for the new season are well under way, which kicks off on 2 September. The 1st team are in the Premier Division and the Reserves in Division 3. The first piece of silverware has already been won; this was in the annual Heyford 6-side Tournament. The 'A' team defeated Heyford in the final, an excellent all round performance.

75 Club Winners - All £50 Winners 9/6/06 C.Cox; 16/6/06 P.Cox; 23/6/06 Gareth Smith; 30/6/06 R.Cowley; 7/7/06 Di Keats; 14/7/06 Mr P.Simons; 21/7/06 C.Summers; 28/7/06 G.Middleton; 4/8/06 J.Gaw.

Finally, please come and support your local team(s) this season. Home games are played on a Saturday at the Windmill Centre and kick off is at 2.30 pm.

Steve Plumbe 01295 278258

Windmill Centre

Please can we remind everyone that the playing of Golf on the fields is strictly prohibited? This is in the interest of safety. We have also experienced unauthorised use of the All Weather court, the rates for using this are extremely reasonable, please contact Joyce Minnear (338529) for hiring.

Mark Tyler – Chairman

Youth Club

We had an enjoyable BBQ for the last session of the summer term, and would like to thank Paul Eagles of Eagles Fresh Foods for generously providing the hamburgers. The Parish Council have made a grant to buy equipment for the Club, which should be ready for use by the first new session on Monday 18 September. We look forward to welcoming members back, and any new members between the ages of 10 & 15.

Wendy Burrows - Secretary

1st Deddington Guides

We've had a brilliant summer – meeting outside on all but 2 occasions! We did lots of fire-lighting – cooking sausages and beans, a complete meal and survival cooking. Then there was hiking, singing, putting up tents and building shelters, games, nature trails, first aid 'incident' and stream walking. Quote of the term whilst soaking wet and covered in mud 'I'm absolutely filthy and wet and I just love it'. Off to camp – tell you about it next time. Next meeting Tuesday 5 September 7-9 pm at the Windmill Centre.

Maggie Rampley, Guider 01295 810069

A First Aid Course will be run on Sunday 1 October at the Windmill Centre, 0915 to 1630. The standard will be in excess of the Health & Safety First Aid at Work Appointed Person Course, which normally costs over £70.00. Cost: £25.00 in aid of Scout and Guide Funds. If required, a First Aid course book and health and safety certificate can be supplied at nominal cost. Further details available from Alan Rampley, 25 St Mary's Road, Adderbury, 01295 810069 email aramadd@aol.com.

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs Thanks to the long hot summer, the Cubs have had two great camps. In May it was the District Camp held at Horley Camp Site, with a theme of 'Detectives'. The Cubs were set the challenge of discovering who had stolen the World Cup by participating in games and an incident hike, during which they collected clues to help them solve the 'crime'. In June it was the County Camp, also held at Horley, where we welcomed over 500 Cubs and Leaders from across the county. The theme for the weekend was the '90th Anniversary Party' to celebrate 90 years of Cub Scouts. The organisers laid on a climbing wall, 'It's a Knockout' Competition, archery, inflatable sumo wrestling, human table football, and many crafts and games. Campfire songs were sung and on Sunday we set records for the Oxon Cubs World Records when we squeezed 102 cubs into a very hot patrol tent. The only low point of the camp was England dropping out of the World Cup. Congratulations to William, Josh and Oliver who have gained the Silver Award. We said goodbye to Oliver, James and Harriet who have left to

transfer to Scouts.

Scouts A select group of Scouts camped at Horley in July to complete their survival badge. We didn't realise at the time how close we would come to needing the skills they had learned. All went well the first evening and we went for a night hike around Horley and Hornton. The next morning we built a good campfire in order to cook our evening meal and the Scouts selected a spot to build their shelter to sleep in that night. That's when the storm broke! The whole site was flooded and the fire ended up with a moat round it and the dining shelter and most of the equipment was blown down. Luckily all the other tents survived, which was a good thing as we were hiding in them. With no fire to cook on, the Scouts were treated to fish and chips but still slept under their makeshift shelter. Although we have had better and more productive camps this must rank as one of the most exciting.

Jo & Pete Churchyard 338071

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Deddington Players

We plan to put on two performances of 'Bedside Manners' by Derek Benfield at the Windmill Centre on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 October at 7.30 pm. A supper and musical entertainment will complete each evening. Where could you find a better night out so close to home? Put the date in your diaries now and watch this space for more details next month.

Lucy Squires 338442



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1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Company

Thank you to everyone who supported the BB at the July Farmers' Market. We are pleased to report that we raised nearly £400 for Katharine House Hospice and Macmillan Nurses. The success of our Band concert in particular is testimony to the hard work and dedication of our Bandmaster Graham Wallington, his team and all the boys.

At the end of July a group of our older boys spent a week at East Runton, Cromer camping with boys from 12th Enfield and 12th North Suffolk BB Companies. The camp was a traditional BB camp, held under canvas in a farmer's field where the boys enjoyed an extensive range of sports and activities.

The new session starts on Wednesday 13 September. This year (our sixth) we are again running Anchor, Junior and Company sections.

Anchors is open to boys aged 5 and above. The section meets every Wednesday evening from 5 pm to 6 pm at The Windmill Centre. Activities include games and crafts.

Juniors is open to boys aged 8 and above. The section meets every Wednesday evening from 5.15 pm to 6.45 pm at the Windmill Centre. Activities include team games, indoor sports including Unihoc, figure marching, craftwork and badge work.

Company is open to boys aged 11 and over. The section meets every Wednesday evening from 7 pm in the Church Living Room. Activities include table tennis, drill, first aid and badge work.

Our Brass Band continues to develop. It is open to BB members aged 8 and over. The first band practice of the session is on Monday 4th September in the church.

Brian Bushell 338715

Deddington Friendship Club

We start on 6 September after the summer break with the normal social afternoons. We have a speaker from MAAF on 20 September and a speaker from Woodstock Museum on 4 October. On 30 September we are going to the Cheese Fair at Cheltenham. Indoor bowls is still



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quite popular; we have played on Wednesday afternoons during August and plan to play on alternate Wednesdays as previously. We have various activities planned for future months. As always, we would be please to welcome new members.
Joyce Minnear 338529

Deddington Cricket Club

For the Deddington Festival, our successful run in the Leagues' Telegraph Cup meant a Quarter Final clash against Stonesfield. Stonesfield won the toss and got off to a good start, but good bowling and fielding restricted the Division 3 side to 160 all out. The match attracted supporters in the sunshine, who hoped for a Deddington victory. Despite the efforts of Webb, Chennigri, Gray and Buckingham, Deddington were left short of runs - and support due to the clash of the England v Ecuador. Some excellent straight bowling left Deddington with 125 all out. A loss by 35 runs. Another well supported event which would hopefully highlight the Club, and attract potential Andy Flintoffs in the village to join.

	P	W	L	NR	Batting	Bowling	Points	Total	Runs/Avt
Fringford	13	8	3	2	44	51	170	265	23.7024
East Oxford	12	8	2	2	37	47	170	254	25.2
Westcott	12	7	2	3	38	44	155	237	27.7778
Woolton & BH	12	5	3	4	30	34	120	184	21.0702
Dorchester	12	3	6	3	24	32	75	131	17.4079
Deddington	12	3	6	3	27	29	75	131	17.12
Tetsworth II	13	3	7	3	31	25	75	131	16.7292
Oxford Rescue	11	3	5	3	23	31	75	129	18.7097
Kennington	13	2	8	3	26	30	55	111	14.8687

Continuing vandalism on the pavilion and the sight screens is a disgrace. Every year the Parish Council have to replace tiles on the roof - surely we can consider

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CCTV. The vandalism is caused by the same "kids" who hang around the Windmill late at night. A lot of work goes into the preparation of the ground, to keep the pavilion attractive and tidy for the village and visiting teams. Would a drive-by every night by the police reduce the trouble caused by the usual suspects?

Chris Buckingham

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Our outing on 11 August was to Longleat. Members, friends and families had a good day out, with superb weather and plenty of attractions to enjoy. During our drive in the Safari Park it was lovely to see the many animals looking contented, with more than enough space in which to move around. All generally agreed the trip had been a successful one. Our autumn season commences on 12 September when Peter Sheasby will be talking about the Swere valley. On 10 October it is 'Harvest Tales and Verses': bring and share Harvest supper.

Rene Mahony 338438

Deddington Badminton Club

We start our season on Tuesday 5 September: Juniors at 6 pm and Seniors at 7 pm. We welcome old members or new. If you're not sure if you want to join, pop along as a guest for a night for a fee of £3.00 (any fees paid will be deducted should you take out a membership). We have 3 men's teams, 2 mixed teams, a ladies' and a new pure mixed team in the Banbury League (www.btbl.org.uk). Our Juniors are from age 9 and upwards and we do have a restriction on the numbers, so this is on a 'first come' basis. Why not come along!!

Jan Cartledge 01295 720177 Mark Tyler 338056

Deddington and District History Society

The Society's season begins on Wednesday 13 September with another programme of talks and visits designed to delight, fascinate, and educate. Our first speaker is John Wilson, on the highly appropriate subject of 'Harvest Home'. John gave a very successful talk to us last year. We are delighted that he is coming to speak

to us again; doubtless he will bring with him another array of historic tools and other artefacts.

Anyone is welcome to join the Society – simply turn up at the Windmill Centre for 7.30 on the second Wednesday of the month and receive a warm welcome. Alternatively, give me a call or contact Moira Byast on 338637. We shall look forward to greeting old members and new alike on 13 September. *Chris Day 337204*

Monday Morning Club

Our next coffee morning is on 4 September, 10.30-noon. There are six tickets for *The Tempest* that have not yet been claimed. Bus fares of £9.00 per head are now due as well. The bus leaves from the town hall at 6 pm on 20 September. Given the short time we have to dispose of tickets, I am offering a further five to anyone - club member or otherwise - who would like to go to the play. Cost is £29.00 inclusive for stalls seat and transport. First come, first served: phone 338153 after 4 September.

The other trip on offer is the show to celebrate the Queen's 80 years, in Steeple Aston Village Hall at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 24 October. The performers are professionals, sponsored by CDC, so tickets cost a minimal £1.50, including tea and biscuits in the interval. If we hire a bus, we may have five extra places available. If you would like to go, please let me know as early as possible, so that I can reserve tickets and arrange the bus. *Jean Flux 338153*

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