

EDITORIAL

It is salutary to be proved dispensable: many thanks to Kristin for compiling the June issue, and to Jan Walsh and to other members of my family who coped when my aunt died in our absence. Thanks too to three members of the Health Centre medical team who have put me back on my feet. So I missed the Jubilee celebrations, but these pages tell me, and others too, what

alas we missed. Thanks to Walter Meagher, who wants to keep Deddington flourishing, for the first of his series of articles on our living environment. Especial thanks to Liz Handley who after several years hands over the Clubs Editorship to Alison Day - Club correspondents please note her contact details below. CH



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 Fridays : Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10~12. - **NOT** 19 July
 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.

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Meeting in Windmill Centre, 17 April 2002.

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Harvey, Rollason, Spencer, Swash, Todd, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 6 members of the public.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

A one-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect for the late Norman Matthews, County Councillor for Deddington. Until his successor is in post, C/Cllr Mitchell (Adderbury) will deal with any Deddington issues at county level. D/Cllr O'Sullivan will do all he can to assist.

CO-OPTION

Parishioners, especially those from Clifton and Hempton, who may wish to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council, should contact the Clerk at the Windmill Centre without delay.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All Cllrs have now signed the new Code of Conduct and are officially recognised by CDC.

10-MINUTE OPEN FORUM

Peter Soddy, High Street, who had written to the PC complaining about drunken behaviour and car parking at the Royal British Legion Club, made it clear that he was not seeking to have the Club closed down. What was needed was more consideration for neighbours. Cllr Flux pointed out that PC does not own the premises and has no control over what happens there. If, for any reason, the Club closes down, Trustees must offer the premises to the PC for parish use.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Prolonged mild wet weather means grass in public places needs an extra cut.
- Best Kept Village and Thames & Chiltern in Bloom judging takes place on Monday, 15 July.
- Parish CleanUp on 14 July, starting 11.30am.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

- Parishioners are asked to ensure that their own premises and gardens are as attractive as possible.
- Wimborn Close is still not in a suitable condition for PC to take on responsibility for maintenance.
- RAGWORT ALERT! This weed can be fatal to horses and should be destroyed.

SAVE THAT TREE

A pine tree on land adjacent to No 7 The Paddocks has been felled, CDC's Tree Officer having said it wasn't worth preserving. A sycamore is now at risk. With the support of D/Cllr O'Sullivan, PC resolved to fight to save it. Planning permission to develop the site has already been refused.

ALLOTMENTS

About 15 vacancies remain. PC would like to see them occupied, and will prepare the sites as and when needed, so that the ground is in good heart.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE ARTIFACTS?

PC wishes to locate the architectural and other relics found in, and removed from, the Castle Grounds during excavations in the 1970s. Environmental Working Group to liaise with Deddington & District

History Society.

AMENITIES

PC discussed issues affecting parish amenities, including who finances/owns/maintains/manages/insures what. The complex position needs detailed explanation.

RECYCLING BANKS

Responding to complaints about vandalism, CDC moved the recycling banks from the lay-by west of the A4260 to the more visible lay-by on the other side of the road. PC divided on this - 4 want them returned to former position, 3 do not. CDC to be informed and asked if there is any evidence of how/if location affects the usage of these banks.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS POLICY

PC agreed

1. Parish organisations seeking public support should apply to PC for a grant.
2. Donations should be made only to organisations likely to be used by Deddington parishioners.
3. The level of donation will be decided on merit.
4. Policy subject to periodic review.
5. PC will continue awarding educational grants.

PLANNING CONSENTS

CDC have approved applications in respect of Old Farmhouse, New St; Walnut Tree Workshop; Flat 15, Grove Court; Leadenporch House, New St; Ivy Cottage, St Thomas St; 31 Gaveston Gardens; Fairview House, St Thomas St; Holcombe Hotel.

MORE NEWS IN BRIEF

- PC confirmed £100 once-for-all fee for commercial use of Coat of Arms by J P Removals (to be known in future as Deddington Carriers).
- Town Hall external repainting will cost £1,105. Contract goes to Mark Rogers.
- CDC's Nuisance Unit have asked to address PC. Agreed.
- Meeting to be fixed with Colin Carritt, OCC Highways, to deal with outstanding issues.
- 29 replies to Traffic Survey will take time to analyse.
- PC thanked Cllr Haslam and all who helped to make the Golden Jubilee celebrations a success. Full report to come.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £17,582.06, including £7,655 Oxfordshire County Council Cultural Services, £2,522.71 DesignGro; £1,976.97 Cornhill Insurance; and £1,243.24 Glasdon. The imprest account for wages, office expenses etc came to £1,303.39.

Investments totalled £557,910.02, of which £8,090.59 Barclays (£4,660.81 @ 1.5% on 14 days + £1,500 imprest @ 0.1% + £1,186.78 @ 0.1% overnight + £743.00 @ 1% current); £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days; £548,819.43 West Bromwich @ 4.05% overnight.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, 17 July 2002, 7.30pm, Windmill Centre. (Please note venue.)

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

I should like to thank everyone who attended or helped in any way with our recent school Jubilee celebrations. After a week of torrential rain and wind the sun shone down on Deddington and the school making our event a special occasion to be remembered for years to come.

Children, staff and parents dressed up in 1950's style and enjoyed a feast of marmite, egg, spam and fish paste sandwiches followed by butterfly cakes, Victoria sponges, jellies and blancmange! Then followed the entertainment ranging from 1950's playground drill to aerobic dance, from Elvis Presley to the Spice Girls and Kylie Minogue.

The Bishop of Dorchester started the afternoon by saying a grace before we ate and ended the proceedings by dedicating our new classrooms and "Quiet Garden" area.

It would be impossible to thank everyone who contributed to its success by name. The event could not have been such a success without any of you. However, I would like to express particular thanks to Mr & Mrs Rodney Hayward who donated a Commemorative Golden Jubilee Coin to every child in the school - a gift to treasure and bring back memories in later years.

And now for a well earned rest? Not until we have enjoyed our Sports Day, Summer fete, performed our Year 5 and 6 Shakespearean play and held our traditional Year 6 Leavers' service! We hope to see some of you there.

Lynne Stephens 338430

SCHOOL JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Bishop of Dorchester, clergy past and present, School Governors, parents, distinguished guests and one aged onlooker standing at her bedroom window, watched entranced while the children and staff of Deddington Primary School gathered on their games field to recreate the fashions, lifestyles and music of the 50 years of the Queen's reign. It was an irresistible show, not only for its wit, charm and enthusiasm, but because of the considerable research that must have gone into the choice of material. The window onlooker recognised every regimented exercise from the 1950's PE lesson and deeply sympathised with those who failed to keep their hula hoops twirling. The early musical interludes revealed some cool hip-shakers and guitar strummers among today's young. Clearly 'The King' - as well as our Gracious Majesty - still lives and thrives!

A perfect start to the Jubilee celebrations and delighted thanks from the guests - both official and unofficial.

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Wed	3	10.00am	Eucharist for the Apostle St Thomas		
Thurs	4	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels		
Sun	7	10.30am	Family Service	6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)
Wed	10	10.00am	Eucharist		
Sun	14	10.39am	Sung Eucharist and Baptism and Children's Church		
Wed	17	10.00am	Eucharist		
Sun	21	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30am	Sung Mattins (BCP)
Mon	22	6.30pm	Eucharist for St Mary Magdalene		
Wed	24	10.00am	Eucharist		
Thurs	25	6.30pm	Eucharist for St James the Apostle		
Sun	28	10.30am	Sung Eucharist and Children's Church		
Wed	31	10.00am	Eucharist		

Parish Church in August

Sun	4	10.30am	Family Service		
Tues	6	6.30pm	Eucharist for the Transfiguration		
Wed	7	10.00am	Eucharist		
Sun	11	10.39am	Sung Eucharist and Children's Church		
Wed	14	10.00am	Eucharist		
Sun	18	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30am	Sung Mattins (BCP)
Wed	21	10.00am	Eucharist		
Sat	24	6.30pm	Eucharist for St Bartholomew the Apostle		
Sun	25	10.30am	Sung Eucharist and Children's Church		
Wed	31	10.00am	Eucharist		

St John Hempton in July

Suns 7 & 21	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun 28	6.00 pm	Evensong

St John Hempton in August

Suns. 4 & 18	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun 25	6.00 pm	Evensong

Bible Study Home Groups Mondays July 1 & 15 2.30 pm Derrick Wincer at 12 The Daedings (338004)**NB: No other Home Groups in July or August**

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

June 7	Funerals:	Kjell Blennoft & Faith Hall
June 8	Wedding:	Andrew Stiff & Elizabeth Whittaker

WESLEYAN REFORM CHAPEL*Pastor Issy Walton 337157*

Sunday morning services 10.30 am

July 7, 14 & 21	Pastor Isabel Walton	28	Mr John Neale
August 4, 11, 18	Pastor Isabel Walton	25	Dr Mike Graveney

DEDDINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, NEW STREET*Joyce Minnear 339529*

Sunday morning services 10.30 am with Wesleyan Reform Church

Sunday evening services 6.00 pm

July 7th	Pastor Isabel Walton	14th	Mr Cliff Elbourne
21st	Mr Brian Loader of Release International	28th	Mr Ross Adkins
Aug 4th	Pastor Isabel Walton	11th	Mr Harold Puttick
18th	Mr John Neale	25th To be arranged	Sept 1st Pastor I. Walton

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY*The Revd A J Burns 277396***Hethe** : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats -5.30~6.00 pm**Adderbury** : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass.

Thursday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption and a Holiday of Obligation

The usual Wednesday Mass at Adderbury will be the Vigil Mass

Mass at Hethe will that day be said at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm

N.B. St John's Parish Church at Banbury now provides a Saturday afternoon Mass which, to be helpful to residents in the Villages with no transport of their own, is scheduled for 4.00 p.m. to fit in with bus services from Banbury. This also replaces the Saturday evening Mass at St Joseph's Church in Edmunds Road



Well Remembered

NORMAN ALBERT SAMSON MATTHEWS was born in Launton in 1923, and educated at Launton CE primary and Bicester Grammar School. He was called up in 1942 and served the VIth Airborne Division. On demob he went to Teacher Training College and then taught English, Maths and Music in Steeple Aston until 1965, when became Manager of the Kidlington Sports Centre. He was an accomplished musician and was a Church organist at the age of 14. In 1950 he qualified as a football referee and became an FA referee in 1957 officiating at international level. He started the Hellenic football league in 1953. In 1980 he turned to Politics and was elected to Cherwell District Council in 1988, being Chairman in 1992/4 and Vice Chairman in 1990/2 and 1994/5. He was also elected as a Country Councillor for Deddington in 1988 a post he held until he died. He was married and had one son. His was a lifetime dedicated to the community.

Jim Flux

KJELL BLENNTOT graduated in economics in his native Stockholm and the whole of his working life was spent in economic and financial management. His career took him to Spain, where he met his wife, the Lebanon, Dubai, Muscat and Oman, and finally Chile. While also holding a management position in England, he and his family came to Deddington in 1995. He retired from full-time work last year at the age of 57, but recently he was called back to Chile, where he was struck down by the ecoli bacillus and never recovered consciousness. FS

FAITH HALL: Featherton House and St Anne's Clifton provided caring homes for the last six year's of Faith's life. Born a Geordie in 1910, she outlived by 12 years the last of her six elder brothers, whose names she loved to recite. Her life's work was as headteacher of St Hilda's Ootacamund, South India, for 22 years. Her staff and pupils, as well as nephews and nieces worldwide, cherish the memories of her lifelong indomitable Christian care.



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On Yer Bike !

Bin there, dun that; got the t-shirt.
On Sunday 16 June, the South Midland Railway Company, alias my two sons and I, successfully completed the London to Brighton bike ride. AND we rode up to Ditchling Beacon, which only about 10% of the riders attempt. No injuries except cramp at the end, but I did fall off three times. The first was before we even left Clapham Common, trying to show off how to mount leg over the handlebars! Then once simply because the density of bikes was such that on very narrow roads or on a slight slope, riders would stop to dismount without seeing the bike behind; someone did that in front of me. The other was climbing Ditchling when a walker strayed into my path; with your feet pulling in 'rat-traps', there's nothing to stop you hitting the deck. We saw worse. Mary came with TLC to bring us all home. Overall, a thoroughly enjoyable day out. Very many thanks to my many and generous sponsors so far; your contributions will be much appreciated by the British Heart Foundation. Sponsorship forms are still in Bluebells [now next to Hayward & White] for which my thanks to Catherine Purdy. **Colin Robinson** 338 272



email colin.robinson@deddington.net

[Well done, Colin & Sons ! ... the annual Historic Churches Bicycle Ride is the next opportunity for riders and walkers alike - see below. Ed.]

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1st DEDDINGTON CUB SCOUTS This last term has been a busy one at Cubs, we have welcomed three new members, Edward, Adam and Benjamin and a new helper, Peter. We have participated in several district events, including Activity Day (joint winners with Sibford) and District Camp at Horley. We also spent a wet but fun afternoon lighting fires and cooking sausages! Seven cubs have attended a fun day at Gilwell Park and a special county 'sixers' day is planned for July. At the start of the new term in September we will be holding an open evening for children to come and try cubs and scouts - keep an eye out for the posters! The cub age range is 8 years - 10/11, and scouts 10/11 upwards, if your child (boy or girl) is interested in joining either please contact me.

Jo Churchyard (Cub Scout Leader) 338071

DEDDINGTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB On 29 May friends from the Barford Club joined us for a Bowling afternoon. They won the match by 3 ends to our one and it was a most enjoyable afternoon. We hope for a return match in the not too distant future. Mrs Joan Sprittlehouse gave a most interesting talk on stitchcraft on 12 June and brought lots of embroidery samples - patience in this instance is certainly a virtue. We visit Milletts Farm on 26 June and have Social afternoons planned for July. New members welcome.

Joyce Minnear 338529

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DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB The Youth Club re-opened on 10 June with a very good response - around 30 young people turned up. With the new leaders, Amanda and Andrew Munson in charge, the evening was a great success. The second week went similarly with 37 young people. Football is particularly popular with the boys - maybe World Cup inspired! The crafts - marbling, painting stones, printing patterns and bead patterns were enthusiastically tackled mainly by the girls. The popular 'A Team' is booked for 1 July. On 15 July, before the summer break, there is a 'Bring and Share Barbecue' arranged. We welcome Maureen Forsyth to the Management Committee and I am very grateful to my team for manning the Tuck Shop each week and to Ken Wilkinson for his continued support as a voluntary helper. We are also very pleased to hear that some parents are coming forward as helpers. We would like to thank 'Viva' for their kind donation of two footballs. Does anyone have a secondhand CD player that they would be willing to donate or sell to the Club?

Gay Brewer (Management) 338097

Amanda Munson (Leader) 337416

1st DEDDINGTON BB JUNIORS The first meeting of the Juniors was held at The Windmill Centre on Wednesday 19 June. Juniors is open to boys aged between 8 and 11 and our sessions run from 5.30pm to 7.00pm during school term. On 23 June a contingent of our Juniors represented the 1st Deddington company at the Oxfordshire Battalion parade in Witney. The parade was lead by the battalion drum and bugle bands and official guests included The Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire and David Cameron MP. For more information please phone.

Brian Bushell 338715

1st DEDDINGTON BB ANCHOR BOYS Following the recent promotion of 7 boys to the Juniors we now have some space for new members. Anchor Boys is open to boys aged between 5 and 8 and meets at Deddington School on Wednesdays from 3.15pm. On 7 July we will be holding our annual awards ceremony as a part of the family service at the Church. Badges earned by the boys over the past few months will be presented by The Rev. Hugh White. Golden Jubilee news: Thank you to everyone who supported the Boys' Brigade at the Jubilee market. The lost 'Queens Badge' was found by Mrs T Chadwick and she was later presented with a bottle of Champagne.

Nick Westbury 337059

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB It seems hard to believe that we have already played 14 matches since the start of the season. Whilst the results have been mixed, like the weather, these have all been very enjoyable games played in a friendly spirit. Weekly club nights continue to be held on Wednesday evenings from 6.00 pm onwards. Appropriate footwear and bowls are available, so why not come along and give it a try?

Yvonne Twomey 337213

WINDMILL THURSDAY CLUB After six successful years, Deddington Day Centre has been incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee. At the first meeting of the directors on Monday 17 June, tributes were paid to all who had supported and promoted the Centre in the past. At the present time the activities are co-ordinated by Jenny Fernbank, assisted most ably by Debbie Guntrip and teams of keen dedicated volunteers. Geoff's Cars of Steeple Aston bring members from outlying villages. The Club meets in a pleasant lounge at The Windmill Centre which is set out and cleaned very diligently by caretaker Maurice Gilkes. An excellent lunch from the Unicorn Hotel is served on smartly laid tables for which we express our gratitude to the manager. The Club is much appreciated by both its members and the helpers who get pleasure from the results of their work. The Club is a great asset to our village and makes a valuable contribution to the quality of life of the members and their carers. Anyone wishing to know more about the Club or to join the happy band of voluntary helpers, is welcome to visit. Please contact:

Jenny Fernbank 01295 250083

DEDDINGTON COLTS FC On the 21st May the club received confirmation from the Football Association that it had been awarded FA Charter Standard Development Club status. Deddington Colts is the first club in Cherwell District to have reached this level and only the second in the whole of Oxfordshire. As far as a parent is concerned it means they may be confident that their children are joining a safe, well-organised club, committed to the welfare and development of all its members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING On the 11 June the Chairman opened the proceedings by thanking everyone for a successful season with most teams finishing in respectable mid-table positions in their respective leagues. The Treasurer's Report showed that in the financial year 2001/02 subscriptions accounted for £6,327 of the total income of £10,915. Expenditure was £8,848. A new Management Committee was elected as follows: Steve Kaye (Chair), Ged Rhind, Graeme Chapman, Wendy Corner, Ian Corner, Ollie Holland, Hugh White, Peter Schneider, Martin Hovard, Dave Yerbury, Angus Alton, Lynn Paroussis and Terry White. **ANNUAL PRESENTATIONS** Sam Ricketts of Oxford United was the star guest at the Annual Presentation Evening held at the Windmill Centre. All members received commemorative trophies. Four categories of individual awards were made to players in each of the seven teams. For the first time the club also formally recognised the individual contributions by presenting F.A. Football Workforce Recognition Awards to 17 people and 2 organisations.

NEW PLAYERS The Colts are always on the lookout for new players and for next season will be operating teams from Under 7s to Under 14s. Up to Under 11s for girls. If you want to find out more please contact:

Ged Rhind (Football Secretary) 340402

MONDAY MORNING CLUB Those of us who went

to see Madam Butterfly enjoyed some superb singing by the Welsh National Opera and a visually pleasing production. On Antony & Cleopatra we can not comment as the visit will take place after copy date. Our July coffee morning will take place on Monday 1st. We meet on August 5th and September 2nd. We hope to have news of other suggested outings by then. There is a suggested trip to the Warwick races for 16 September but we need more people signed up before we can go ahead. We have also been asked to arrange tickets for The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe around Christmas. If you are interested in either of these, it is important that you let us know soon or we may decide that there is not sufficient interest. *Jean Flux* 338153

DEDDINGTON BABIES AND TODDLERS GROUP

We had a sunny day for our Jubilee Teddy Bears Picnic. We sat out on the grass and enjoyed the food and the flags - each child was also given a special Jubilee teddy to keep. The following day saw us at the Jubilee Market. Thanks to everyone who supported our stall - over £100 was made which will go towards group activities. The competitions were won by Heather Westbury, who took home the teddy bear and Sharon Swadling who won the jar of sweets. Our summer outing on 14 June was also a success - we went to Hatton County World, where the children enjoyed the animals and the play area. Looking ahead, we hope to have the Playbus to a session during August. As always, we welcome new members at any time - come along to the Windmill Centre any

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Lucy Squires 338442

DEDDINGTON WI At our meeting on 11 June, Geraldine Collett and Chris Turnun-Pinkum, members of the British Red Cross Society, came to demonstrate the correct procedure to enable a potential heart attack victim to survive until paramedics arrive. Chris gave a convincing performance staggering into the room clutching his chest, his face a ghastly shade of grey, and collapsing to the floor in pain. We watched whilst Geraldine supported him and demonstrated the techniques required. Later, several of us used the 'dolly' to air our new-found skill. Members agreed it was important to know how to do this. On 9 July we will be having an evening outing to Brook Cottage at Alkerton and on 13 August, an outing is planned to Hampton Court Palace, with very few places left. Please contact either myself (338438) or Angela Sones (338027), £10 coach, plus entrance fee.

Rene Mahony 338438

DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

The society held its annual summer social at Wroxton Abbey on 12th June. Our thanks are due to the Director there for permission to use the premises, and to Paul Edwards for showing us around the house. The weather just about held, and sixty members enjoyed a tour not only of the house but also of the splendid landscaped grounds. We concluded with sparkling wine and a buffet in the converted stables. All in all, a great combination of historical interest and conviviality. A reminder to those who wished to be included in the guided tour of Woodstock on Wednesday 10 July: we meet at Woodstock Museum at 6.30 for a short introductory illustrated talk before beginning the walk. The Woodstock group will provide refreshments for us at £2 a head. Please note that the History Society's new season will commence on Wednesday 11 September, at the Windmill Centre. We look forward to another successful year of talks and events.

Chris Day 337204

John D Fowler

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Deddington News

Food seems to have been a source of inspiration for us so far this term!!! The Guides have been active in the Community taking Barford Brownies and then Deddington Brownies for a "Cookout" - burger and beans and then bacon and egg! - we are extending our repertoire!!! On both occasions the Guides taught the Brownies how to be safe around the fire and have fun working as a team! Just to make sure that the job was done properly, all the Guides gained their Food Hygiene certificate through the District Council - well done all. We also joined the rest of the community in helping to decorate the church with a flower display and running a bookstall at the Market. More adventurous activities lined up!! Welcome to Kara who has just joined the unit.

Maggie Rampley (Guider) 01295

810069

Glynnis Eastwood (Asst. Guider) 337021

DEDDINGTON LIFE & PORTRAIT ART GROUP

We enjoyed being involved with the Golden Jubilee Art Exhibition and Flowers in the Church - many thanks to the organisers. As was evident, we not only paint life and portrait studies but town and country scenes too. A strong feature of our group is mutual encouragement so if you would like to try us out during the summer, just turn up (every Thursday, 10.00-12.30 and 1.30-4.00 - £5 per session).

Annette Murphy 337318

DEDDINGTON SONG CIRCLE We will recommence on 23 September at 7.30 - same place. Ring me if you would like to join us.

Annette Murphy 337318

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THE FLOWER DISPLAY at the Church was one of the most popular attractions of the Jubilee celebration. All the clubs had been invited to put up an arrangement and 26 accepted. Each was allocated a place and the flower colours were to be white, yellow and green. The result was wonderful, Roses, Lilies, Freesias, Chrysanthos, Gerberas, Carnations, all blending beautifully. Before the clubs got to work children of the Primary School had constructed lovely pew ends right down the centre aisle. This drew the rest of the displays together nicely. I cannot possibly name the individual flower "artistes", or I should rather say artists, but their ideas varied from the splendid, like those for the altar and the font, to the simple, some with a touch of humour, some more solemn. There were many admiring visitors, and not only from Deddington. The organiser was Barbara Upton who did a wonderful job. After getting all these displays in place she had the awesome responsibility of watching over them, keeping them alive for three days, watering and spraying. Our thanks to her and her helpers for giving great pleasure to many people.

Marianne Elsley

ART EXHIBITION: A group of local artists put on an Exhibition in the Town Hall which represented every skill from the composing of patchwork quilts and collage pictures through pottery and sculpture to painting in various media and jewellery. This proved that Deddington is as active in the creative as in the social arts.

Jean Flux

JUBILEE CONCERT. A summer evening of choral delights with music and literature from the eras of four great queens - Elizabeth II, Victoria, Anne and Elizabeth I - meant there was a favourite for everyone. John Cheney, Jeanette Burdon, Vivien O'Donnell, Andre Green and Donald Lane provided outstanding literary interludes. The choices were excellent, the readings clear and speakers obviously delighted in their pieces. Alex Soddy, Matthew O'Sullivan, and a choir made up from the Parish Church Choir including local singers attacked a most demanding programme. Given the breadth of choral expertise required, the musical performances were impressive. My particular interest was the Fantasy for Organ and Choir by Norman Stone and Donald Lane and I was delighted with the composition. The choir outdid themselves singing this most complex piece. There were a few technical criticisms - the sopranos could have performed with a little more bite and steadiness on the higher notes and the altos could have sounded richer. The balance needed some work, though I appreciate the difficulties with this size of choir. Despite this, this programme rates amongst the best I have heard in this church. All participants clearly enjoyed themselves (nice hats for the Ascot piece, ladies!), George Fenemore's rendition of Rule Britannia was enthusiastically received and the audience was rightly appreciative. This was quality performance and deserves



STRUTTING YOUR STUFF

For Silver Jubilee 1977 my huge white hat covered in blue and red paper roses was worn with a smile of maternal pride as my 6-year old was pageboy to Harriet Drake's princess. Twenty-five years on, on a chilly evening in June, Mr Knee (class of '58) and I hoofed with the best of them to rock music in the Market Place until lights out.

The beer tent did a roaring trade (Parish Councillor Ellis rolling barrels from the Red Lion), as did Simon Fergusson's pig roast and - wonder of wonders in this cholesterol conscious age - hot, steamy, crunchy fish 'n' chips, well worth queuing for.

Best of all, this was Deddington's night. The beflagged Market Place was ours, no cars trundling through, no throwouts from Banbury pubs augmenting the revellers as on New Year's Eve. Young and old danced their socks off. With commendable efficiency the organising team moved in to clear the decks as the music died away and there was just time for a last one in the pub. What remained was a warm glow that this is Deddington at its best - nothing flashy - but in a faster changing world, a good and secure place to be.

Mary Robinson

all the plaudits it received!

Elizabeth Reed

CHILDREN'S STREET PARTY : Children dressed up as kings and queens, knights, princesses and more, to celebrate. We bounced on the castles, explored the fire engine and went in for the Pop Idol competition. In the Punch and Judy show it was funny when Punch threw the baby out of the window and Punch ate all the sausages. Judy said to us to make sure Punch didn't eat them but he did and we all shouted 'Judy' and Punch quickly ran away. We had a break with music

and feasted on lots of lovely party food in the marquee. In the Magic Show one brave boy came up onto the stage and put his head in a circle (guillotine!) and the Magician put some carrots on each side of the cutter. He slammed down the blade and instead of cutting his head the Magician cut the carrots! There was lots of disco dancing and playing, it was brilliant. I'd like a jubilee every day. *Matthew Haslam* (aged 5)



TREASURE HUNT : 20 family parties enjoyed the Saturday Treasure Hunt round the village. It started and finished outside the Unicorn Hotel (smart thinking, Brian!) It was organised by Brian Clarke with challenging clues devised by Mike O'Brien. The picture section was judged by John Cheney. The first prize was 4 tickets to Alton Towers and £100 worth of vouchers to spend there. It was won by Roy Hart and his grandchildren. We hope they have a great time.

FROM EDNA SEWELL, HUDSON COURT, DEDDINGTON

May I say, "Well done Deddington" for a fantastic Golden Jubilee week-end. All ages had a wonderful time, thanks to some special people who gave thought time and energy to making sure that everything went as planned - from the School Party on the Friday to the Street Party on Monday. How lovely to watch the children as they enjoyed Punch and Judy and the Magician, instead of a TV or computer screen. And how lucky we are to have such a beautiful church, enhanced further by inspirational flower arrangements. On the Saturday we were privileged to enjoy words and music written and performed by so many talented local people. On Monday evening the Market Place erupted with music and dancing, enjoyed by everyone there. A night to remember. Then early on Tuesday morning came the behind-the-scenes helpers, to clear up and re-open the road. To everyone, a most sincere thank you.

FROM AUDREY & RALPH STEWART, CLYDESDALE, MARKET PLACE, DEDDINGTON

A big THANK YOU to everyone involved in the Jubilee week-end. We and our family had a wonderful time. The children's party and the evening party were a resounding success. Our two grandsons will remember the Golden Jubilee as they had a fantastic time. It brought the whole community together and it was just great.

FROM CHRISTINE BLENNTOLT & FAMILY, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

We cannot begin to thank all our friends in the Parish for their outstanding support during the past 12 weeks. We received so many letters, flowers and offers of help. Thank you also for the e-mails you sent while I was in Chile and for the support you gave Rebecka. We gained so much strength from knowing that people's thoughts and prayers were with us. We are blessed to belong to such a village as Deddington, where the spirit of community is second to none. Please forgive us if we cannot manage to write to you all individually, but again, thank you most sincerely. We would like to extend a special thank you to a very special doctor, Hugh O'Donnell.

FROM DEE HAILEY, HUDSON STREET, DEDDINGTON

May I point out to Mr Simon Papworth (JUNE POSTBAG) that although the bottle banks are unsightly in the open lay-by, they are safer. I never used them in their original location, unless accompanied, as they were too isolated and I felt threatened by the presence of parked lorries. From a female's point of view, please leave them where they are.

FROM JOAN WHITE, MILTON GATED ROAD, DEDDINGTON

In response to Simon Papworth, concerning the location of the recycling skips (JUNE POSTBAG). Being a resident

of the Milton Gated Road, near the lay-by where the skips were originally located, I was glad when they were moved to the northern lay-by across the road, thus stopping the dumping of household waste around them. The new area is much cleaner as the position of the skips deters people from leaving unwanted items in full view of others and passing traffic. Would Mr Papworth like the roadway to his house used as a rubbish dump? Let's hope the skips stay where they are.

FROM JUDY WILLIAMS, MILL CLOSE, DEDDINGTON

I noticed recently that there is a skateboard track in the King's Sutton recreation ground. It would be a really good idea to have one in Deddington. A recent letter in the DN from someone in the new Hempton Road development mentioned problems caused by children skateboarding in the road. We have a similar situation in the main traffic area of Mill Close. Can a skateboard track be considered? There are many good reasons for it - most importantly, the health and safety of our children.

FROM MARGARET CLIFFORD

Our Dad, Mr C. Bond of Mill Close, is 90 on July 8. He always reads the DN, so this is a good way of saying, Happy Birthday from all his friends in Deddington.

FROM VIVIEN PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE, CASTLE HOUSE, DEDDINGTON

My thanks to those who donated plants so generously and to everybody who supported the Plant Sale and Open Garden on May 24 at Castle House in aid of Oxfordshire Guides' County House. We raised nearly £1,000 and this goes towards rebuilding the House, which will cost about half a million pounds. Thank you to everybody in Deddington for their help with this project.

FROM HARRIET & KAREN EVANS, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

Thank you so very much to everyone who sponsored our walk on May 5 in aid of Helen House. We raised £142 towards the cost of an Up Down Bath for the Hospice.

FROM REVD DR HUGH WHITE, DUNS TEW

An anonymous donor has given the Parish Church a Union flag to be flown from our tower on appropriate occasions. I should like to express, through the DN, the Church's gratitude for this gift. However, churches are not permitted to fly the Union Flag; if a flag is flown it must be the St George flag. Therefore, since we cannot use the flag in the way our benefactor hoped, we feel we should invite the person in question to reclaim the gift, should he or she wish to do so. If the flag is not reclaimed during the coming month, it will be handed over to the Church's recently formed Boys' Brigade Company for ceremonial use - we hope with the approval of the donor.

For the **September** issue please send letters to
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THE FLOWER GARDEN

Primroses. Ours is not usually the sort of environment they like. An acid soil and woodland is more their cuppa, but this year our garden has been full of the most enormous clumps of them. There they are growing shoulder to shoulder threatening to crowd out the usual inhabitants. I would like to know why they are suddenly so prominent. I like them in their various forms, but for me the ordinary plain yellow are best. The very brightly coloured ones are nice for an arrangement indoors or a basket, but they look a bit artificial and their colour fades if they are put into the garden and turns an unattractive pinky/yellow. And what about another member of the primrose family, the Auricula? I used to have a splendid selection of dark purple ones with big flowers, and some beauties in bright yellow. They have all disappeared. These, like Tulips, were at one time collectors' items and shown on special stands called Theatres. By the time you read this it will be midsummer, and the garden has looked colourful in spite of all the rain. The longed-for Sea Holly has finally made it and has several beautiful heads; no big Thistle this year, but there is one coming along for next season. The perennial Geraniums have been a picture. I was delighted to be given a white one the other day. So with everything under control, we have started cutting back and thinning out. And that's really the satisfying thing about gardening: there is always something to do. Have a good slug-free summer



Grow Your Own

It could have been the World Cup or the Jubilee or just the very good growing weather in June, but it wasn't. Parts of the allotments land in Satin Lane had suddenly become overgrown with a range of plants which clearly had not been planted by human hand. But a recent message to the DN from the Parish Council explains it all. There are not enough 'allotmenters' – I prefer to think of gardeners – and the search is on for more men and women to indulge in the pleasure of growing your own potatoes, beans, artichokes, tomatoes or whatever tickles your palate. All those gardening and cooking programmes that we couch potatoes watch will come together on an allotment once you get the bug – and eliminate some of nature's ones. Did you know that you could have a small garden for just £5 a year, although a full plot could cost you all of £15? Or that you could meet a friendly and helpful bunch of other gardeners, happy to give advice and share equipment? Oliver Hawes (338029) would be glad to show anyone around or the Parish Clerk, Jane Plummer, (337447) would sign you up. Now is the time to plan and sort it out because the real work of preparing the soil begins in September.



Friends of Daeda's Wood

We lost count in the end but estimate that 80-100 people – some of them very small indeed – converged on Deddington's largest Wood (all 9 acres of it!) for the Jubilee family Picnic on June 23rd. They came with their blankets and collapsible seats, their coolers and picnic baskets, their sun brollies and sun cream. And, yes, they actually needed the latter for the sun shone down upon us throughout most of the proceedings.

It was a joy to hear the whoops of excitement as tiny muscles took the strain in a series of tugs-of-war – and some not-so-tiny as well; and to see those of all sizes in earnest search of the Treasure Hunt clues. Some claimed they actually got lost in the wood. Well, it's certainly a very different sight from the time of the Millennium Picnic two years ago, and if you really want to see a startling contrast, take a look at our display currently in the Library showing the wood's development from a barley field only six years ago. We hope to have an expanded display in the Parish Church during the summer.

It was grand to have two Woodland Trust Officers with us: Jill Butler who held Daeda's hand, as it were, from the wood's inception and was responsible for its design and composition; and John Brown, currently Our Man at the Woodland Trust, in charge of Daeda's welfare and, not least, the removal of those spreading carpets of creeping thistle in time for the picnic.

But the highlight was the presence of BBC presenter John Craven who generously gave his time to award the prizes: to Fred Meagher for the Treasure Hunt, and to Nick Samra for the Mystery Word (which was, appropriately, Sylviculturist). Our special thanks to John; we hope to see more of him, his daughter and granddaughter now they've discovered us. Finally my warm thanks to a very hard working Friends of Daeda's Wood team who made it all possible.

Sylvie Spenceley 338955

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ON THE FARM

With harvest just round the corner the race is on to get everything ready in time. The sheep have been shorn and the hay making is about to start on the small lambing paddocks, but under the Environmentally Sensitive Areas regulations the hay meadows cannot be cut until after 15 July. This is to allow the flowers to set seed and the ground nesting birds to fledge. The crops look well but are rather untidy with grass weeds, but not enough to affect the yield so perhaps we tried to cut the costs a little too much. In what has been a good growing year we have done all we can to grow the crops; all we need now is good weather to get them into the barn. Farming faces another year of low returns, so where do we go next? What do we grow next year? (if there is going to be a next year; for many there won't be.) With milk prices at an all-time low many herds have been sold. If it goes on, most of our daily milk will be imported. With fewer cows to feed our grain will be worth less (if that's possible). With fewer cows about we shall have fewer beef cattle to feed and so it goes on. Now we hear that to help the Falkland Islands farmers a supermarket chain is to import large amounts of lamb meat, processed through a state of the art abattoir, paid for by our government as part of the Falklands war aid package. As tenant farmers our options for diversification are very limited. Our stock and crops are our only assets and they are worth less every year. If we give up we lose our home and have little chance of finding another, so on we go. After all, who would want to employ an ageing dinosaur with a 40 year-old agricultural diploma? The wild life on the farm seems to be having a good year so far but we have a few less summer visitors. Only 8 pairs of Swallows have returned this year to nest and there are not as many Swifts as usual, but we have a lot more House Martins. The Hobbys are with us again this year so once again we have 4 species of raptor on the farm as well as 2 species of owl. The Song Thrush numbers seem to be on the up but it was disappointing to find 3 young Thrushes dead on the side of the road, killed by cars. The bees got off to a good start but the cold wet weather in late May and most of June put an end to any hopes of a good honey

Floreat Deddington

Helen d'Ayala, community officer of BBOWT (BERKS, BUCKS & OXON WILDLIFE TRUST), visited Deddington churchyard when bursts of sunlight interleaved with brooding darkness, and circlets of orange-coloured lichens glimmered on the face of the iron-brown grave-stones. Helen was interested to see in what ways the churchyard is nature-friendly and how the parish might qualify for an award.

The churchyard is a public space for the rites of burial, a sacred place where flowers and trees are planted to honour the dead and conserve their memory. Yet it is a community of the living - of meadow grasses, woodland flowers, native tall trees, even of beetles in the woodpile, and habitat for birds. It is a mini nature reserve, a place where some species, on their own initiative, find habitat suitable to their requirements.

Helen asks us to be aware how the impulses of nature may, or should, in some cases, be left unobstructed. For such a policy to be acceptable, the result must not run counter to our deepest feelings, and it should be pleasing. Violets are a case in point. Seven species, and five subspecies, are reported in *The Flora of Oxfordshire* [Killick, Perry & Woodell]. Of the seven violets, three species have been reported from our churchyard; only two have been seen in 2002: sweet violet (*Viola odorata*) and early dog-violet (*Viola reichenbachiana*). It is early dog-violet that is abundant on the shaded ground beneath four wide-spreading yew trees (*Taxus baccata*). Wood anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*), with flowers as white as a bridal gown, have formed a patch too, and in the same area, beneath a yew tree.

These species of anemone and violet are adapted to lower levels of sunlight, and therefore to growth beneath the dark shade of the yew trees: they are wildflowers of the ancient woodland. But while both may have seeded themselves, the success and spread of this woodland flora is the result of a conservation policy put in place by the warden of the churchyard, George Fenemore. Protecting the violets and anemones from early mowing, they have increased in number and are prospering.

In the nineteenth century, the churchyard was treated as an arboretum; in building a collection of exotic trees - mainly conifers - it followed the lead of great estates. Trees were planted without consideration of the relationships between plant, insect and bird life. We are encouraged to plant native trees and take steps to amplify the resources of the food chain that encourage bird life. Helen made notes on things she was pleased to see - the stands of male-fern (*Dryopteris filix-mas*) on the north side of the church, the woodpile where beetles may thrive, the ground flora including the irrepressible daisy (*Bellis perennis*). She noted too things she hopes we may, as caretakers of the churchyard, be willing to do, if we are to win BBOWT's plaque; and of some of these I shall write next time.

Walter Meagher



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The whole process can be followed in the Deanery Magazines from 1894 to 1912 ...

"August 1894. ... The next great work to be undertaken for the Church seems to be a new, or improved organ. It has occurred to us whether any person connected with the parish by birth or otherwise would like to present an organ...."

"July 1895. The Choral Association of this Deanery held its 31st Annual Festival at Deddington Church. There could be no more appropriate place in the district for this Festival than the little town of Deddington with its noble church. The only draw back was the organ, but that difficulty was overcome by the happy thought of an orchestra...."

"December 1910. The Vicar and Church Wardens have decided to make an effort to improve the organ which is the oldest in the district having been built in 1840. It has done some good service but is small, old fashioned and not worthy of our fine Church. It has been decided to open a subscription list at once and it has been arranged by a large and influential committee of parishioners to have a Bazaar and Variety Entertainment next Easter... (Regular reports of funds state names of individual donors from as far a field as Skibo Castle, Scotland and Taunton, Somerset, but mostly Deddington parishioners)."

"March 1912. The organ has now been ordered. It will be built by one of the best builders of the day, Mr J J Binns, of Bramley, Leeds, and the case will be made in our own parish by Messrs Franklin & Co. It will be placed in the same position as the old one, the console being on the opposite side of the Chancel, the connection being under the floor."

"May 1912. Owing to the coal strike, the organ builder is unable to promise us the organ by June 11th for the Choral Festival. The festival will be held at Adderbury this year, and we hope at Deddington in 1913."

"July 1912. The old organ was removed during Whitsun week and the Chancel has been prepared for the reception of the new organ, the erection of which we expect to begin about the middle of this month."

"September 1912 The chief object of interest during the past month has been the erection and dedication of the new organ. The organ began to be erected on August 2nd, and the dedication of it, which was performed by the Right Revd Bishop Richardson, formerly bishop of Zanzibar, took place on August 20th when in spite of the unfavourable weather a large congregation and full Choir were present."

"June 1913. All the money required for the organ has now been raised. Total cost: Organ £460, Case £171-11s, Trench £17-6s, Architect's fees £9-9s, Incidentals £3-14s. In Hand 4s 8d."

Ruth Johnson

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from Jackson's Oxford Journal for the months of July and August 1852:-

12 July - Lecture - On Monday evening last Joseph Wilson, Esq. C.E., gave a very interesting lecture "On the Steam Engine" at the Girls' School Room. In order to give those persons who knew nothing of steam power some idea of what it was, Mr. Wilson had erected some small engines to illustrate his lecture, and while he proceeded in his discourse they might be seen in full working order; the steam issuing from the miniature one was quite astonishing to some, while it was equally pleasing to the others.

Coal Charity - A meeting was held at the Town Hall and a Committee elected, and it was agreed to purchase 4 boat loads of coal for the ensuing winter.

9 August - The Gas Question - We hear that there is every prospect of a Company soon being formed here with every chance of success; a prospectus is expected to appear in a few days, and we understand that most of the shares are already taken up.

Buffy Heywood

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Summer markets will continue to be held between 9am and 1pm on the fourth Saturday of each month (which is not necessarily the last Saturday of the month) and in September it will celebrate its first anniversary with a host of special attractions.

If you can help with setting up and taking down stalls on market mornings please call me on 337128 or Charles Newey on 338282.

Jackie Williamson (DEDDINGTON MARKET MANAGEMENT GROUP)



NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Stonewalls gardens will be open to the public on 14 July from 2.00pm until 6.00pm Refreshments will be available and will be supplied by the Friends of Hempton Church.

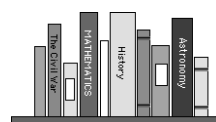
On 21 July there will be a vintage ploughing match on land near the Cemetery on the Deddington-Hempton Road. This will be an all-day event. To coincide with this, St. John's Church will be open and holding an exhibition of hobbies and pastimes over the years. If anyone has anything to exhibit, it would be welcome.

It was a nice day and occasion for the Golden Jubilee. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson who hosted the event in their garden. It's good to see the two planters at each end of the village stocked with flowers, and a credit to the two villagers who look after them.

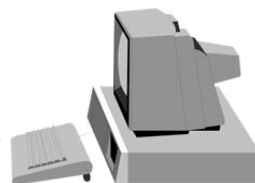
I was sorry to read in last month's issue that the lady who writes the Clifton column was giving up through lack of news. Don't let the same happen here. Please let me have news for future issues. **Les Chappell** 338054

[We hope to have a new Clifton correspondent for the next issue. Ed]

Friends of Deddington Library



How do you want to use the improved facilities in the Library? Several local organisations have recently discussed their needs with the Friends of Deddington Library. A planned Questionnaire will soon give everyone the opportunity to have their say.



FIRE SERVICE

We have received 12 calls since the last report, bringing the annual total to 80. Not an exciting month - 7 calls to stand by at other Stations; 1 stand-by on the M40; 1 call to controlled burning; 2 false alarms. The only incident of any real interest was a call to a pony wedged between 2 buildings. It was successfully released, I'm pleased to report.

TRAINING : Chris Fenemore has completed all his basic training with glowing reports from the Training School at Didcot. He is now on the run and giving us very valuable daytime cover.

INTERESTED IN JOINING US? Recruitment Hotline, for an information pack ring 0800 5870 870. Alternatively, come along to the Fire Station on a Tuesday evening to find out more.

Anne Walters 338279

DEDDINGTON POLICE OFFICE NEWS

The Parish Church was burgled but as a result of information supplied by local residents the alleged burglar was caught and charged. Thames Valley Police would like to thank all concerned for their excellent help. He was found to have committed 7 church burglaries and 6 house burglaries. Beware of 'distraction burglaries', the latest version being false Water Board Officials visiting houses.


Sgt. Nick Garrett 338444 FAX:

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PAINTING THAT COUNTS

For Jubilee Week only, one of Deddington's oldest shop premises became a gallery of contemporary art from Wales. Brian Carter put on an exhibition of 47 works by 10 artists, spanning more than half a century. It was an unexpected treat.

Star of the show was WILL ROBERTS (1907-2000) with 19 pictures. His magnificent Self Portrait (unfinished) leaves nothing more to be said, while a large water colour, The Gardener, though loosely handled, is also fully realised. NICHOLAS EVANS (1907-) is a self-taught late starter. It takes time for his dark, intricate studies to reveal the interdependence of men and machines and the reality of a labourer's life. The sombre heavily textured landscapes of KIFFIN WILLIAMS (1918-) make an immediate impact but there is depth beyond the surface appeal. The more you look the more you see, as with most of the works in this surprising exhibition..

To appreciate the quality of these artists requires no understanding of theory or grasp of concepts. As one of them said "One can be hoodwinked by talk. It's the painting that counts."

Norman

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

The site information needs to be updated regularly. Businesses and groups that are listed (free of charge) have had an e-mail or form from us. Please reply promptly if you have not done so. Also tell us if your e-mail address has changed.

Sarah Burkill has kindly volunteered to be the link person between Deddington Primary School and the nearest Primary school to Deddington, Tasmania.

Three more parishioners have volunteered to undertake local research required from occasional enquiries to the site.

Colin Clark

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2002 has proved to be another successful year, the total collected being £1,524-38p (2001 - £1,530-16p). We are extremely grateful to our very willing house-to-house collectors who braved the rain on the first Monday and to the contributors, especially those who completed the Gift Aid declaration. This means that Christian Aid can claim an additional £244-97p.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Freda Ivings, our parish Christian Aid Treasurer, who regretfully will be retiring this year after 34 years of service.

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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.

Reminder: If you are planning a village event and consult the diary editor before you fix the final date, she will be able to advise you whether any other group already has plans for the same day that might draw off your potential support. Of course, if you then register your fixture with her well in advance, she will be able to advise other groups to avoid competition.

FOR REALLY REWARDING VOLUNTARY WORK, READ ON

Volunteer Reading Help, the charity that helps children to read, is growing and needs your help. Our next training course for new volunteers will be held in October, and we are looking for people who have a genuine interest in books and helping children.

VRH has been established in Oxfordshire since 1973 and works in primary schools with children aged 6-11 who are struggling to read. We have many schools on our waiting list for new volunteers. Volunteers receive training before going into school twice a week to work individually with 3 children, sharing books and friendship, and helping to develop their confidence in reading.

It's a really rewarding way to spend 3-4 hours a week during term-time. If you would like to know more, please contact us. Your involvement could make a real difference to a child's life

Contact: Virginia Carter or Hilary Burr
Volunteer Reading Help

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RIPPLES ... !

Remove your belt, flying canon told

CHURCH TIMES 14 June 2002

A RETIRED Anglican canon who was flying to the USA was asked to remove from his hand-luggage his rope girdle, because airline officials considered it to be an offensive weapon, writes Rachel Barden.

Canon Christopher Hall was flying from Toronto to Chicago, after having attended church events that celebrated the 95th anniversary of

the birth of Dr Florence Li Tim Oi, the first Anglican woman to be ordained priest. She was ordained in 1944 by Canon Hall's father, and later retired to Canada.

Flying from Birmingham to Toronto, Canon Hall said, his hand-luggage, containing his rope girdle and alb, was not searched. But as he was leaving Canada, airline officials thought that the scanner detected a metal implement in his bag, and asked him to open it.

"I was not wearing my dog-collar. I had to explain what the girdle was: I don't think they had met one before. They felt it should not be allowed in hand-luggage, so I had to go back through the checking-in process to put the rope girdle through in my main luggage. If I had not been early, it could have been difficult. I was flying with American Airlines, at that point, and they have obviously become very vigilant."

Canon Hall, who lives near Banbury, is the honorary secretary of the Li Tim Oi Foundation, which exists to carry on her ministry by enabling women in the Third World to train for Christian work in their own countries.

