

On 9 September Rob Forsyth on behalf of Deddington OnLine presented to Rosemary Arnold, the Library Manager, 27 compact discs containing every page of the Deddington News - including the advertisements - from its first issue in September 1976 to the end of 2001. They had been individually scanned by Elizabeth and Martin Reed of Granary Publications. It has been a herculean task recording both for posterity, and for the present-day worldwide audience of the internet, the month-by-month doings of the villages of Clifton, Deddington and Hempton. Those pages have been researched, typed and re-typed, compiled and formatted, printed and collated, distributed and stewarded by a mostly unknown and often changing team of volunteers - innumerable hours of 'good - for nothing' effort.

In making the presentation Rob commented that there are two major focuses of community in the parish - the

Market Square and the Deddington News.

The Market Square has regained its purpose through the similarly mostly unseen efforts of a team which have enabled the Farmers' and Community Market to happen and to grow month by month over the last two years.

Both enterprises demonstrate what makes for a lively and wholesome community - primarily an open spirit of welcome. Newcomers have not been seen as a threat, but as potential and actual contributors to the rich diversity of the villages. If older residents had succeeded in resisting change, many who have added to the enjoyment of living here would not have made their homes here. Tennyson put these words into the mouth of the dying King Arthur:

*"The old order changeth, yielding place to new, ...  
lest one good custom should corrupt the world."* *CF*



## OCTOBER DIARY

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**Remember:** This diary is delivered not only to every home in the three villages, but is also published on the Deddington website. Make sure you get the date of any event you are organising to Jean Flux, our diary editor [338153] as early as possible - the best way to make sure it is widely known.

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**Meeting in Town Hall - 17 September 2003**

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Ellis, Haslam, Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Todd, Watts, Wood, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and about 20 members of the public.

**10-MINUTE OPEN FORUM**

Barry Haller, Deddington Mill, said there was strong opposition in the village to the proposed travellers/gypsy transit camp on land next to the Highways Depot off the Banbury Road. The whole village would be affected - residences, businesses, school, environment etc - now and for years to come. There had been no discussion or consultation with the community, PC and CDC had had no advance warning, and a planning application by OCC was imminent. He urged the formation of an Action Group, funding for barrister's input, letters of discontent to the Leader of OCC (Cllr Keith Mitchell) and a request to C/Cllr Jelf for help and support.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

The Chairman said that most of the points raised in the Open Forum were already in hand. A public meeting will be held at the Windmill Centre on 29 September to discuss the OCC proposal to set up a transit stop, on the edge of Deddington, for travellers and gypsies. OCC's Gypsy Liaison Officer will be there, with representatives of Thames Valley Police, CDC, the Parish Council and others. Members of the public are urged to attend. The PC will write to Cllr Keith Mitchell, leader of OCC, protesting at the lack of consultation and information. Individuals can write, if they wish, to Cllr Mitchell at County Hall, Oxford, or email him at leader@oxfordshire.gov.uk A Working Group will be set up to examine the implications of the OCC proposal, and make recommendations. Cllrs Haslam, Squires, Westley and Wood will represent the PC on this Working Group. **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE GROUP, AND/OR THOSE WITH RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE/EXPERIENCE, ARE INVITED TO CONTACT THE CLERK AT THE WINDMILL CENTRE, 337447.**

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

- £100 grants were awarded from the Chairman's Allowance, to tertiary education students T Alton, M L Cross, D A Franklin, S A Ross and R A Soddy.
- BMX Track is now in use and a great success.
- All-weather court needs remedial work and possibly resurfacing.
- Cllr Rollason to attend October AGM of Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association.

**PLANNING & PROPERTY**

PC no objection: (i) Little Princes & Princesses, Market Place - new fascia and projecting sign. (ii) No 6 Philcote Street - fell one holly tree. (iii) The Paper Mill, Oxford Road - renovations and repairs. (iv) Daeda Cottage, Market Place - reshape one yew tree and fell another. (v) Huntleys, New Street - change of use to restaurant (PC voted 7-3, on the

understanding that conservation and environmental concerns are dealt with satisfactorily). (vi) ACA Contracts, Archway Court - change of use to residential. (vii) No 44 Mill Close - erect 1½-storey rear and 2-storey side extensions. (viii) Habitat, Hopcraft Lane - solar heating panels. (ix) South Gate, Market Place - replace front windows, including bay, with like-for-like. (x) Windmill Stores - change of use as amended. (xi) No 21 Gaveston Gardens - change of use from garage to living accommodation. (xii) Loke Cottage, Castle Street - fell silver birch. (xiii) The Finishing Touch, Market Place - alterations to shop front. (xiv) The Lanterns, Tithe Lane, Clifton - conservatory. (xv) Deddington Mill - re-roof SW elevation with reclaimed slates. (xvi) The Shieling, Hempton - 2-storey extension. (xvii) The Bungalow, Earls Lane - conservatory and single-storey extension. (xviii) No 7 Market Place - replace front windows with like-for-like. (xix) No 7 Windmill Street - single storey extension.

PC objections: (xx) Cotswold House, New Street - convert integral garage to home office, replacing garage door with stonework and window.

CDC approvals: (xxi) Market Place Cottage, Deddington - new slate roof. (xxii) No 31 The Daedings - first floor extension. (xxiii) The Cottage, Goose Green - front door alterations. (xxiv) Sylvan Cottage, Clifton - egress door to garage roof. (xxv) Co-op - extension and internal alterations. (xxvi) Woolgrove House, Hempton - detached garage/workshop/store. (xxvii) No 65 St John's Way, Hempton - single storey extension. (xxviii) No 2 County View, Clifton - 2-storey extension. (xxix) No 6 Philcote Street - fell holly tree. (xxx) Daeda Cottage, Market Place - reshape one yew tree and fell another.

CDC refusals: (xxxi) No 1 Philcote Street - install solar heating panels. (xxxii) No 44 Mill Close - rear and side extensions.

**FUTURE OF BRITISH LEGION CLUB**

There was considerable discussion. The Chairman clarified that, while it would be helpful if the Trustees would clarify their intentions, the PC has no responsibility for, or control over, how the Club is run. PC would have no objection to applications for a New Justices' Licence as long as existing hours are not altered. Local residents have been complaining for some time about the late-night behaviour of Club members, particularly at weekends. PC would object to any extension of hours that might exacerbate the situation. (Cllr Ellis declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.)

**PARISH FINANCES**

Invoices passed for payment totalled £7,967.78, including £3,298.82 T Fox and DesignGro for grasscutting, £967.42 imprest (mainly stewards'

**The Challenge ...**

There are 43 caravans on 14 unauthorised sites in Oxfordshire, visually unattractive to passing drivers. Over the whole country there is need for 2000 extra pitches. The Government has allocated funds to tackle the challenge of such unauthorised sites by establishing permanent and transit sites - with the aim of a minimum of one site in each local authority district. (The Race Relations Amendment Act also requires that the rights of minorities are met, minorities whose cultures may be misunderstood and mistrusted by the majority.) Applications for grants need to be submitted to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister in January 2004.

In January 2003 Police Inspector Geoff Robinson was seconded from Milton Keynes to work with Sally Willan, the County Gypsy Liaison Officer. Their task was to locate in the county possible sites: owned by the County Council, controlled by boundaries, secure and screened, with basic facilities, near an A-road, with access to a centre including a primary school.

The transit site selected for Cherwell is 600m<sup>2</sup> - sufficient for 4 caravans - next to the Highways Depot - 0.6 of a mile north of Deddington - to be bounded by a 2m high steel fence. The County Council is expected to submit its application to the County Planning & Regulation Committee on 13 October, with the normal period of three weeks allowed for objections in writing. A government grant would meet the capital costs. Running costs would be met by rents. The cost of clearing up unauthorised sites would provide savings for local revenues.

When the Planning Application has been submitted, it may be seen at Bodicote House, Banbury, at Speedwell House, Oxford, and by appointment with the Parish Clerk at the Windmill Centre. Individual responses, quoting specific planning considerations, were recommended, rather than petitions with multiple signatures. They should be addressed to: Mr Kevin Broughton (Environment & Economy), Speedwell House, Speedwell Street, Oxford OX1 1NE.

wages), £677.35 Clerk's salary and £500 student grants.

Investments totalled £538,237.12, of which £16,863.15 Barclays (£1,320.12 imprest + £15,543.03 current) @ 0.1%; £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days; £520,373.97 West Bromwich @ 3.4% overnight (down 0.35% on last month's rate).

**NEXT MEETING 15 October, Town Hall, 7.30pm**

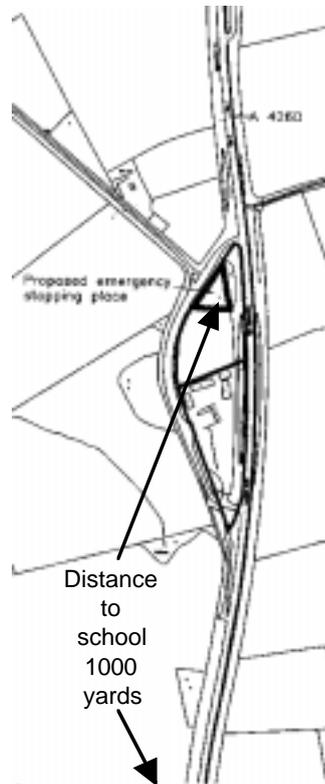
Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website:

[www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes](http://www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes)

**... Challenged**

The proposal was predictably severely criticised at the crowded public meeting held at the Windmill Centre on 29 September. (Who would not prefer to share the gain rather than the pain of living in community?) The answers to many questions were demanded and could not be immediately provided ...

- Why such a short period for local consultation? Could the period be extended - perhaps to enable a local referendum to be held?
- Had the Travellers been consulted? What were their views of the proposal?
- Had alternatives, including the use or extension of privately-owned sites in the district, been sufficiently explored?
- In spite of technical assurances, what about the danger of accidents with slow-moving vehicles accessing a fast main road with poor sight-lines?
- How could perceived risks be minimised to pedestrians: travellers' children going to school, users of the Circular walk, or visitors to Daeda's Wood?
- Would the under-staffed Oxfordshire Travellers Liaison Unit, with responsibilities for the whole county, have the capacity to police the site, moving on residents after 28 days, enforcing cleanliness inside and around the site?
- Why should planning permission be granted when it was not in the agreed Structure Plan, and an application for siting caravans on nearby private land had been recently strongly discouraged?



- What assurances were there that the site would not be later extended, or permanent residents allowed with inadequate facilities?
- What might be the effect on the primary school's admissions policy, and on the teaching it provided?
- Could the site be bought from the County Council?

The County Council officers undertook to provide answers to such questions and the submissions of the Parish Council Working Party at the earliest opportunity and to make them available to residents. **EH**

*The printing of this page of the DN was deliberately delayed in order to convey to readers one person's immediate impressions of this important meeting. ED*

### Deddington Players **Murdering at the Vicarage**

Windmill Community Centre

Friday 10 & Saturday 11 October

at 7.30pm

Ticket £7.50 & £5.00

(Supper & glass of wine included)

from the Post Office

or phone 01869 338153

It is good to hear the school buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm again at the start of a new academic year. Staff and children have returned from their summer break refreshed and ready to face the challenges that lie ahead.

Already a number of exciting events are being planned, including expressive arts days, a children's art exhibition in the school, a PTA circus, our Year 6 outdoor adventure visit to Yenworthy Lodge in Devon and plenty more.

Our Harvest Festival assembly will take place on Wednesday 8 October at 11.00 a.m. in the Parish Church and we would be delighted to see some of you there.

This year, the school will be working to support the Church and community with the "Living Rooms" project and we hope to be able to make a valuable contribution to your efforts, beginning with a contribution toward the forthcoming "Arts Festival".

As usual, we rely on support from our parents and members of the community to help with the smooth running of the school and this year, we have a particular request. If you are able to play the piano and might be able to offer half an hour of your time each week from 1.45 - 2.15 p.m. on Monday afternoons to assist with a singing and hymn practice session, I would be really pleased to hear from you. I look forward to meeting and working with some of you over the course of the term.

*Lynne Stephens* 338430



### DEDDINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

This term we welcomed Sam, Rosie, Olivia, Joshua, Jake and Lauryn to Pre-school as well as our new Supervisor, Anna.

We wish all our leavers who this month entered Reception classes the very best of luck for all their school years.

This term our topics will be Colour and Weather, with activities including stained glass windows and Tie-Dye. We will also be covering Jewish New Year - if any one can give us further information on this we would be most grateful for your help.

We'd like to thank Unipart for a very generous donation of £100 to the school, which we will use to buy some new equipment.

Half term dates: Monday 27 - Friday 31 October. We are delighted to be able to offer Holiday Club places during half term. The club will run from 9.00am until 3.00pm, including lunch, on Monday 27, Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 October. All reception class children can apply for a place. The cost per day is £12.

To book your place, please ring either Anna or Michelle on 337383 as soon as possible.

*Julie Westley* 338964

### You and your friends are invited to

**An Auction of  
Postcard Size Mounted Paintings  
by professional and amateur artists**  
in aid of



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**Saturday, 18th October 2003**

**The Windmill Centre, Hempton Road,  
Deddington, Oxfordshire**

Preview: 3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m.  
Auction 6.00 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

**Auctioneer—Mr Simon Davies of  
Bonhams**

Light Refreshments with Wine will be available from 6.00 p.m.  
Entrance Fee £2.00 (excluding exhibitors)

**For further information or details, please  
contact the organisers, Peggy Baker (338576)  
or Debbie Spengler (338424)**



The bill to control fireworks has successfully passed through parliament and

received royal assent on 18 September.

The new law will help protect animals from the year-round distress of fireworks by limiting their sale and use to certain times of the day and year.

Not all humans enjoy fireworks. Animals are terrified by them. In their terror they get confused, run away from the noise and bright lights and are often lost or injured. Horses and sheep are particularly likely to run into barbed wire. Please think carefully this October and November before letting off fireworks - especially over horses and farm livestock in nearby fields.

Dogs and cats may need to be sedated. Ask your vet or ring the RSPCA Helpline: 0870 5555999.

Caged rabbits or other small caged creatures should be taken into a garage or outbuilding. Bonfires ought to be searched for hibernating hedgehogs.

If you are having a firework display or bonfire party please warn your neighbours and local farmers. Better still, don't buy your own fireworks, go to your local community display.

*Ted Johnson* 338355

**SS PETER AND PAUL, DEDDINGTON AND ST JOHN, HEMPTON**

*You will always be very welcome at any service in Church or Chapel*

**Parish Church in October**

Wed	1	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	2	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels (Toddlers & Prams service)
Sun	5	10.30 am	Harvest Morning Praise (Boys & Girls Brigades Dedication Parade) Harvest bring & share lunch
		6.30 pm	Harvest Evensong
Wed	8	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	12	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist and Baptism, and Children`s Church
Wed	15	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	16	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels (Toddlers & Prams service)
Sat	18	6.30 pm	<b>ST LUKE EVANGELIST</b> Eucharist
Sun	19	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Mattins (BCP)
Wed	22	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	26	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist and Children`s Church
Tue	28	6.30 pm	<b>SS SIMON AND JUDE</b> Eucharist
Wed	29	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun Nov	2	3.30 pm	<b>ALL SOULS` DAY</b> Commemoration of the Departed

**www.  
deddingtonchurch.  
org**

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

**St John Hempton in October**

Sun	5	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	19	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	26	6.00 pm	Evensong

From the Parish Registers

WEDDINGS : 6 Sept Neil Cox & Karen Hayward  
27 Sept Derek Lay & Geraldine King

BAPTISMS : 14 Sept Charles Preston, Robyn & Lucas Williams

Bible Study Groups:

Boulderdyke House, Clifton [Jean Welford 338539] Wed 1,15, 29 Oct, 7.30pm  
2 The Leys, Deddington [Liz Dickinson 337050] Wed 1,15, 29 Oct, 7.30pm

**WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square**

*Pastor Isabel Walton 337157*

Sunday morning services at 10.30 am  
Sept 5, 12, & 19 Pastor Isabel Walton 26 Mike Graveny  
Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street**

*Joyce Minnear 338529*

Sunday *morning* worship jointly with Wesleyan Reform congregation at 10.30 am  
Sunday evening service and fellowship 6.00 pm, & Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month  
Sun 5 6.30 pm United Harvest Evensong at Parish Church of SS Peter & Paul  
Sun 12 6.00 pm Mr John Neale  
19 6.00 pm Mr Ridley Ellis  
26 6.00 pm Mr and Mrs Eaton

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

**Charity of the Month** - each month a charity benefits from donations in the box in the Parish Church or St John's Hempton: the use by taxpayers of the pink *GiftAid* envelopes is commended.  
September : **DEDDINGTON SCHOOL** [Correction] October : **INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

**THE LIVING ROOMS PROJECT - Coming Events :**

- \* **BARN DANCE** Windmill Centre - Saturday 4 October - 7.30~11.30pm
- \* **BRASS SPECTACULAR** Deddington Church - Saturday 11 October - 7.30 pm
- \* **HOME-MADE APPLE PIE SALE** Bowler House, High Street - Sunday 12 October - 3.00~5.00 pm
- \* **ARTS FESTIVAL** Deddington Church - Saturday 22 November - *see last month's insert.*

... YIELDING PLACE TO NEW  
**The Market Square - a prequel**

It befits the rather mysterious picture of Tuckers Stores in September's DN, that I should add, with Frank Steiner's consent, a few more owner/occupiers of the Stores and the house. Three of those who served us well in the past now sleep peacefully in our churchyard. They will be pleased that they have not been forgotten.

Mr Robert Tucker who gave the shop its name, is vividly remembered by Josie Stevens. On his shop counter lay a big pile of white paper squares which Mr. Tucker magically twisted into cones to fill with broken biscuits for any child who had a ha'penny to spend. (In 2003 Robert's granddaughter, Pat Colgrave, again gives excellent service to Deddingtonians from her Farmers' Market stall.) On his retirement before WW2 Robert sold the shop and house to Mr and Mrs. Boone who eventually left business and house to their son, Raymond. He, in turn, sold it after the war to Mr Ted Moseley.

On my arrival in 1958 and living outside the parish boundary, I was a stranger to the villagers only until I began to shop in Tucker's Stores. Shining old stone floor, shelves full of assorted goods, large leg of ham invitingly ready to be sliced by Ted who, in his white coat, wielded his razor-sharp knife like the best surgeon while customers engaged in friendly talk. In winter a huge Calor gas fire spluttered, its flickering flames lashing up every time the door opened. On his retirement Ted Moseley sold the business and house to Mr. Mervyn Wynne who in the late 1960s, I believe, completely modernised the shop and attracted friendly comment



*Which year was this, and what was the occasion ?*

by fixing a steel ring outside, under the notice, "Put Doggy Here". In spite of modernisation, he kept up full customer service with his staff, occasionally helped by his wife. He was a graduate of Trinity College Dublin and a formidable business man, very knowledgeable on many subjects. He gave George Palmer, Vicar of SS Peter & Paul, a Mezuzah (parchment inscribed with a religious text in a case and attached to the door-post of a Jewish house). The Vicar proudly displayed this on the door-post of the Vicarage. I also remember that the two younger Wynne daughters sang for a while in the Church Choir.

And so we move to Mr Cannell, fondly known as "The Colonel", and to Frank's excellent article in the September DN.

*Ruth Johnson*

*Thank you, Ruth. Frank Steiner's brief was an overview of retail changes over the last decade or so, rather than over the last century. ED*



Hugh White, Oxford Clergy captain. © Richard Watt, CHURCH TIMES

**H**ugh White has been in striking form this summer. Playing both for Deddington and the Diocese of Oxford clergy team, he scored 480 runs and claimed eleven victims behind the stumps. Under Hugh's captaincy, the Oxford Clergy, with significant help from a Parish Youth Worker, won the CHURCH TIMES Cup for the second time in three years. In the semi-final and final Hugh scored half centuries. Parishioners, either from generosity or an under-estimate of his potential, agreed to sponsor him for victories, victims dismissed and runs scored - even for half-centuries. This is expected to yield more than £500 - half for The Living Rooms project.

**BRASS BITS CONCERT**

Local music group 'Brass Bits' gives its first concert in Deddington Parish Church on Saturday 11 October at 7.30 pm - for The Living Rooms Project.

Formed by local residents Graham and Ros Wallington 5 years ago, this brass and percussion ensemble plays at a variety of venues across the South Midlands.

This, their first concert 'at home', will entertain with light concert music, offering something for people of all ages, from composers as diverse as Rossini through Gershwin to Elton John.

Tickets available from Deddington Post Office or from Ros Wallington on 338088.

FROM ROSEMARY ARNOLD, LIBRARIAN, DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The DN on the Internet and CD Rom, available in the library ! Is it exciting? Very much so. Over the years so much history has been recorded in the DN and now, at the touch of a few buttons, it is all there before you. I was very pleased to accept copies of the CD ROMS on behalf of the Library and hope that many residents will come and inspect them. Enter your name and see what comes up – it can be quite surprising ! Now I can find the recipe for Pudding Pie without trawling through 25 years of back issues. Thank you, Deddington News.

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.

as I worked there for years with my late husband and two sons and, before that, with my in-laws. It would be nice if newcomers to Deddington made friends with the elderly people and got to learn the true facts.

FROM PEGGY BAKER, BULL RING, DEDDINGTON

Those who cannot make the evening Painting Auction in support of ROSY on 18 October at 7 pm can come to the Preview, 3-4 pm, and make sealed bids for any of the paintings. These will be handed to the auctioneer just before 7 pm. Light refreshments and wine will be available from 6 pm. (see advertisement on p. 4). There will be an interval during which we hope to hear a short entertainment/poem by John Cheney.

We would much appreciate help in making sandwiches. Would anyone willing to help please phone me on 338576.

FROM MRS ANGELA WALLER, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

I would like to draw readers' attention to the existence of the Good Neighbours Group (see p.16). This list is published in the DN twice a year – in April and October. Please let your contact know if you need help.

FROM RICK HASLAM, THE COTTAGE, PHILCOTE STREET, DEDDINGTON.

It was great to read the 'Small World' story in the September DN editorial. Amazingly, we know this pottery in Sarn, North Wales and the creative Czech potter ! Indeed, we have some of his unique work in our house. I wonder, in this small world, if any one else knows of Sarn, the potter or has some of his work.

FROM RODNEY HAYWARD, THE STILE, DEDDINGTON

I write in response to Mr Frank Steiner's article regarding Tuckers Stores (see Sept. DN). Some of the research is inaccurate. Our family has never owned or used the premises as stated by Mr Steiner. My family's involvement in Deddington spans five generations, three of which have had successful businesses here. Should the DN require any history regarding my family and their businesses through the generations, I would be happy to provide the information.

FROM MRS JOAN HAYWARD, CASTLE STREET, DEDDINGTON

I look forward to reading the DN each month. I was surprised to read in the September issue that Tuckers Stores was run by Haywards. This is completely untrue. Hayward's shop was where Viva is now. I should know

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### The Old Spinney

The Old Spinney (from *spinetum*, thicket, based on *spina*, thorn) - a bowl-shaped feature of the landscape - is a private wood with no public access, lying east of Castle Grounds on Leadenporch Farm. It is protected by a large nettle-bed on the western flank; to the east the ground is planted, sometimes with oil-seed rape. The sides of the bowl are of different heights. Tallest is the side facing Clifton, where on the upper edge is the relict of 'Chain's Covert' (OS 1881 map). The lower side faces the Castle Grounds. A 'covert' is a thicket affording rest and concealment to game: 'The straight hedgelines, the numerous trees in the hedgerows, the small copses or woods in corners often planted later as fox or game coverts are typical of the (Midland) region.' (C. Taylor, *Fields in the English Landscape*). Hornbeam (growing wild in no other place in the parish), oak and sweet chestnut (also not wild elsewhere, but possibly originally planted here) grow with apple and hazel along the rim of the bowl, remnant trees of the covert wood.

The spinney occupies historic ground, barely concealing its original purpose: here were two fish-ponds for the Norman and medieval castle. 'Fish-farming goes back to remote antiquity; it was fully developed by the twelfth century.' (Oliver Rackham, *The History of the Countryside*). More common in 11th-century England were fish-weirs: 'the braided side-streams along the Thames and around its confluence with the Cherwell were excellent sites for fish-weirs, and here fisheries abounded in 1086'. (John Blair, *Anglo-Saxon Oxfordshire*). Along the Swere, eels were commonly caught where they congregated at the sluice-gate of mill-ponds.

There is a third site of interest in this part of Deddington: 'About 1/4 mile south east of the castle is an embanked area ... known as the Fishers, probably a stew associated with castle or the Castle manor.' (*Victoria County History*, Vol. 11.) But what is a stew? A brothel is one meaning, but that is archaic. In middle English, a stew was a 'heated bath-house', which may suggest how it became a brothel - if it did.

Once the castle was abandoned, so were the fish-ponds. The use most recently made of the wet bottomland was a hazel copse; hazel trees still dominate the area today. In the wet bottomland, two streams form a junction near the middle; between them is an elevated peninsula of less moist ground. At the junction there are five stands of male-fern, and two of pendulous sedge, a tall (60-180 cm) arching plant, growing from a dense hummock of its own vegetation.

Water-cress and pale *persicaria* grow in the stream; creeping buttercup and field horsetail nearby. Here, as in the Castle Grounds, lesser celandine is the first of spring's flowers. Moss covers fallen logs on the weathered bank. In deep shade, ivy and lords-and-ladies are common; and bluebells abound. Like most flowering plants of a shady wood, they must flower before the sunlight is rationed.

Walter L. Meagher

### ON THE FARM

The planting of next year's crops started with the oil seed rape during the last week of August. Although we used minimal cultivation methods (no plough) in an attempt to conserve what little moisture there was left in the soil, at the time of writing, some 3 weeks after planting, there is little sign of any germination. The field work to prepare the seed beds for next year's wheat crops is now well under way. The ground has been ploughed but it is very dry and will need a lot of work to break it down before it will be ready to drill.

Last harvest, which now seems a long way behind us, will be remembered for its very high temperatures and low grain moisture. We are now left with a very serious soil moisture deficit. The grass on the meadows which should by now be producing an 'autumn flush', on which we rely for finishing the lambs and 'flushing' the ewes ready for the rams to go out, is all but none existent. So we shall put the best of the lambs inside and

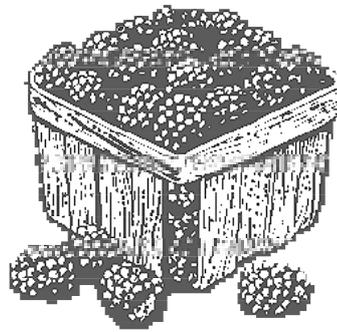
feed them to get them away by mid-November, and the ewes are 'stubbling' to find what they can in the fields that will be planted with beans during November.

Some of the trees have already started to 'turn' and drop their leaves. We have had a good crop of blackberries but the sloes (blackthorn) are very small. The elderberry bushes seem to be carrying plenty of fruit but the bushes

themselves are dying back and with the high daytime temperatures the gulls following the plough are having to pant with their beaks wide open to try to keep cool. I said last month that this year's crop yields were down on the previous year and if we do not get a good wet spell before mid October the yields for next year will also be hit.

We are not alone in this as most of the major crop producing areas of the world are also reporting yield reductions due to the weather. The prices for wheat in this country have started to rise so it is predictable that the consumer will be asked to pay more, with the blame being put on the weather and the farmers. In reality, even with today's price rise, wheat is still £30 a ton below what it was 10 years ago. We are continually being told by the experts that the changing weather patterns are due to the emission of greenhouse gases from burning of fossil fuels. Well, here is just one more insight into the economic madhouse. Our supermarkets import vast amounts of cheap food from all over the world, much of which could be produced here. Being an island, all of this has to be transported by boat, plane and lorry, all of which burn fossil fuels. One everyday vegetable imported into this country is the South African carrot enjoyed by many, but I wonder just how many would enjoy their African carrots if they were told that for every calorie of carrot flown into this country it needs 66 calories of jet fuel just to get it here. So much for the Kyoto accord.

George Fenemore 338203



### THE FLOWER GARDEN

It has been a wonderful summer for the flower garden, everything looked bright and cheerful, but by now the long drought has taken its toll. The remaining flowers look tired and crumpled, so, while the editor is looking the other way, I'll give you a splendid apple flan recipe - a different one from that carried in earlier DNs. After all it is apple time, and I consider apple blossom one of the prettiest plants a garden can offer.

Apple Flan: Pastry: 8ozs plain flour, 4ozs butter or marg, 1 whole egg, 1 tablesp.icing sugar. Whizz the lot round in a food processor until it forms a soft lump (a few seconds). It is softish and some cooks like to put it in the fridge for about 10 minutes. Spread/roll it into a tart tin, spread jam on it thinly. Then a layer of peeled, sliced apples(raw). For the top you need: 4ozs.Margarine, 4ozs castor sugar, 1oz Ground Almond, 3ozs Ground Rice and one egg. Whizz it round to make a soft creamy consistency and spread that over the apple layer. Bake at 175° for about 20 minutes, or until the top is golden brown and the pastry comes away from the sides of the tin. Serve with plain Yoghurt or cream. This is a good one for the freezer.



Next month we shall get down to the winter containers.

Question for the readers: can you eat Passion fruit ?

*Marianne Elsley*

### RUBBISH ?

Let's talk about compost. It's a good time of year to be thinking how to dispose of all the plants that have to be dug up, leaves to be swept up and all sorts of organic waste to be used up. There is not room in everybody's home or garden for the brown wheelie-bins that Cherwell have thoughtfully provided. Equally not everyone has room for a compost heap, although I have noticed some fine examples made of wooden pallets that have recently been built on the Cosy Lane allotments. The wooden slats keep the material in place whilst the gaps between allow an inflow of air which is said to be essential for the composting process. In my garden, we have had a black bin, shaped like a Dr Who dalek, which has a surprising capacity but no obvious air-flow. Equally surprising is the amount of organic and compostible waste that two of us generate - potato peelings, fruit cores, banana skins, dead flowers, egg shells, weeds, leaves and much more go into it and are welcomed by the resident worms which soon begin to break it down. The excitement comes when the trap door at the bottom is opened and, with luck, a quantity of good fertile compost can be dug out. Admittedly, it takes time to work but warm weather and a dose of compost enhancer can speed things up. Yes, there were tomato seedlings and possibly some young melon plants springing up amongst the fuchsias where the compost had been spread, but they were healthy plants demonstrating how much the soil had been enriched. Now my brown bin is reserved for rose prunings and malevolent bindweed roots. Who cares about a few tomato seedlings amongst the flowers ?

*Hugh Marshall*

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**DEDDINGTON 1st GIRLS BRIGADE**

Would anyone be kind enough to give an hour of their time on Wednesday afternoons after school? Our members including the Boys Brigade have now risen to over fifty children. This is a wonderful achievement, and shows the need for activities for young people. We are grateful to the parents for their support, but today's legislation requires more adults to be present with our growing numbers. We would be so glad to hear from anyone who is able to give us their support.

*Jean Welford* 338539.

**Deddington Guides**

We are thrilled to welcome so many new girls who have come up from Brownies. Many are from Barford - but where are all the other Deddington girls? You are missing so much! Do come at any time and join in.

Our senior guides are off to an early start this term with team leader activities and much planning, including a mini Olympics. Food has been central to our activities so far this term - we've explored creative presentation and, with thanks to Joy Webb and Beccy White from Cherwell District Council, healthy eating. We plan to plant bulbs for our good turn.

*Maggie Rampley* 01295 810069

**Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group**

As I write it is 27 degrees, but, and it is hard to believe, Christmas really is on the horizon. We kick off with our autumn sale on 17 October - a chance to stock up with cards, books or children's clothes. On 31 October Ian Taylor, the photographer, comes to our session to photograph the children at play - ideal for Christmas gifts. At our committee meeting in October we will plan activities for the next 6 months or so - any member is welcome to join us, so watch the board for details. Lastly, if anyone wishes to borrow our small tables and chairs or toys for parties or other events, you are welcome in return for a donation to the group. Please contact our chairperson Janet Watts on 337135, or me.

*Lucy Squires* 338442

**Deddington Town Football Club**

1st team results :-

Fenny Compton (h)	Won 11-0	J.Pearce (6), B.Durrant( 4), L.Hayward
Charlton (a)	Drew 2-2	B.Durrant (2)
Chasewell Park (a)	Won 2-1	J.Pearce, own goal

The 1st team made an excellent start to the new season, winning two and drawing one of the opening matches. Julian Pearce was in great goal scoring form, scoring 6 in the 11-0 thrashing of Fenny Compton. Ben Durrant was on target four times in the same match. Ben Durrant scored both goals in the 2-2 draw away to Charlton. An excellent team performance secured a hard fought victory at Chasewell Park when Julian Pearce was once again on the score sheet.

Reserve team results :-

Steeple Aston Res (h)	Won 3-1	P.Kirsopp, J.Fernandez, G.Smith.
Bloxham (h)	Won 3-2	G.Smith, K.Wild, S.Colley.

The Reserve side made an impressive start to the new season following promotion last season. In the opening game against Steeple Aston Res, three first half goals secured victory with last season's leading scorer, Phil Kirsopp, one of the goal scorers. In a very close game against Bloxham, Sam Colley scored the winner with only 5 minutes remaining, whilst Gary Smith was on target in both games.

75 Club Winners J.Keys won £100 with J.Watkins, S.Keys and H.Howard all winning £50

*Steve Plumble* (01295)278258

**Monday Morning Club**

We have lots on offer at our coffee morning on 6 October. We have room on the bus for a few more passengers to go and hear *Messiah* sung in St Mary's Church, Banbury, on 4 October. There are still tickets on reserve for *Cinderella* at The New Theatre, Oxford on Thursday, 27 November, but they will only be held until 27 October, so please make up your minds quickly. I have seats for *Beauty & The Beast*, the new Stratford Christmas production, for 7 January. I am taking bookings for Christmas lunch at the North Oxford College on 1 December. Our November coffee morning is on Monday 3rd. *Jean Flux*

**1st Deddington Boys' Brigade**

The new session started on 17 September and the Anchor Boys welcome Wilf, Harry, Kai, James, Tobo and Isaac as potential new members and Mrs Berry as a



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new helper. Please note there are still a couple of spaces for new members in the Anchor Boys (for boys aged 5, 6 & 7), but when we get to full strength (24) a waiting list will be introduced. Any wait shouldn't be too long, as eight boys will be promoted to the Juniors over the next few months.

*Nick Westbury* 337059

### **Deddington Players**

Don't miss our autumn production and supper evening, 'Murdering at the Vicarage' by 'H' Connolly, at the Windmill on Friday and Saturday 10 & 11 October, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 (£5 concessions) and include supper and a glass of wine: buy yours from Deddington Post Office or phone 338153. Anyone inspired to have a go at treading the boards, is welcome to come along to the Windmill on Sunday 19 October at 3pm, for a first get-together, read-through and planning session for the Pantomime. We are always on the lookout for new actors, actresses, costume-makers, backstage crew and others - no experience is required!

*Lucy Squires* 338442

### **Deddington & District History Society**

At our opening meeting on 10 September Paul Booth got us off to an excellent start with his talk on Roman Oxfordshire. This area, shared between three tribes, seems to have embraced the Pax Romana from early on and to have experienced a mainly tranquil prosperity that lasted for almost 400 years.

On Wednesday 8 October Verna Wass speaks to us on the history of the Hobby Horse. We hope that the best-known Hobby Horse of all will accompany her, Banbury's own 'Fine Lady'. To learn more about this fascinating subject, see [www.hobbyhorsefestival.co.uk](http://www.hobbyhorsefestival.co.uk). Our speaker on 12 November is John Woolley, on the Great Train Robbery. No one can complain of lack of variety!

The society's meetings are at the Windmill Centre at 7.30 pm, and all are welcome.

*Chris Day* 337204

### **Deddington Youth Club**

The Management Committee met on 8 September to discuss the future of the club and decided, after advice from Oxford Association for Young People (OAYP), to look for leaders within the parish. A letter has been sent to all member families advising them of the present situation and enclosed in this Deddington News is a sheet appealing for someone to come forward. If no one does come forward we will have to close the club and disappoint the 40 young members. The Committee feel that they are unable to continue bridging the gap until a leader is found. So if you are interested please ring us. We, OYAP and Cherwell Sports would help and support you.

*Gay Brewer* 338097

### **Deddington Badminton Club**

Our club nights started on 9 September. We are pleased to see our regular members and some new faces that have joined; it's still not too late to come along! We start at 7pm at the Windmill Centre; Junior coaching is from 6pm until 7pm and we still have a few spaces.

Our first match of the season for our mixed A side against Marlborough resulted in a 7-2 loss, although most rubbers went to 3 games! More next month

*Mark Tyler* 338056

### **Deddington Friendship Club**

The club opened again on 10 September with a board games afternoon and on 24 September we had indoor bowls, which was enjoyed by the majority of members (Scrabble and other board games are available for those not able to play bowls). On 8 October Mrs Beryl Suckling gives a talk on books (autobiographies) and on 22 October we have an outing to Ryton Organic Garden Centre in Coventry, leaving Deddington at 1 pm. A few seats are available and I will be pleased to hear from anyone in the village who might be interested in going. The cost is in the region of £12 (fare and entrance).

*Joyce Minnear* 338529

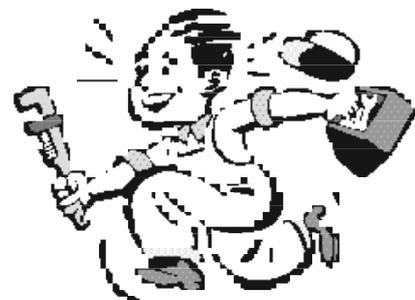
### **W.I.**

Our Autumn/Winter season started on 9 September. After a short business meeting, during which the successful August outing to Black Country Museum was commented upon, our Speaker for the evening, Bridget O'Connor, was introduced. Her subject 'My Journey in Patchwork' was augmented by a splendid display of her artistic talent using this medium. Item after item, quilt after quilt, so many colours and designs held members' interest and attention throughout. Our speaker's subject on 4 October is 'Restoration and Cleaning of Paintings'.

*Rene Mahony* 338438

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**NEWS FROM HEMPTON**

St. John's Church was open on Saturday 13 September to welcome riders and striders from other churches who were taking part in the Oxfordshire Historic Churches sponsored cycle ride. 78 visitors were recorded on what was once again a very nice sunny day. Many thanks to everyone who helped, especially Pam Dodd who co-ordinated events.

The wine-tasting evening will not be held until the Spring of 2004 at the earliest, due to a variety of reasons. The Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday 6 December at 2.00 pm. Any gifts, prizes, cakes etc. will be most welcome. More news of this event in the next two issues.

Very little other news this month as I was away for nearly four weeks. Any news for future issues, please drop me a note or ring.

*Les Chappell* 338054

*We wish Barbara a speedy complete recovery from her accident on holiday. Ed*

**Windmill Community Centre**

Major changes are under way in the way temporary alcohol licences are obtained, and these will have considerable effects on the Windmill Community Centre and the clubs and organisations holding events there. The new Licensing Act was passed by Parliament in July 2003.

At present a pub licensee can apply to local magistrates for an outside bar licence to cover an occasional event, or the organisation can apply for its own temporary licence. There is no limit to the number of temporary licences that can be obtained. In 2005 powers are passed to the local authority, here Cherwell DC. In future we will have 'dual licensing', in other words both a venue and an individual will require a licence. Pubs and clubs will require a premises licence; the Windmill could also apply for a premises licence. In addition clubs and organisations must apply for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) whenever they hold a function, whether alcohol is served or not. If alcohol is to be served, then the name of a nominated person must appear on the application. And if offences are committed in relation to a TEN, then criminal charges can follow against that person!

More important for a venue such as the Windmill is that it can hold only 12 TENs in a year. This will clearly have implications for all the organisations using the Windmill, and indeed for the Windmill itself. Cherwell DC will publish its licensing policy in 2004 and we can give further details then.

*David Rollason*

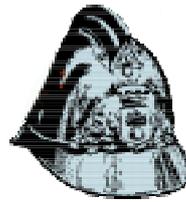
The next all users' meeting will be held at the Windmill Community Centre on Monday 13 October at 7.30 pm. The subject of insurance, on the part of both users and management committee, will be on the agenda. If any organisations are unsure of their insurance requirements, please send a representative to the meeting. Any other topics of concern to users will also be discussed.

*Roy Hart*

**News from Deddington Fire Station**

Since the last report we have received 17 calls: 1 railway embankment fire, 1 car fire, 1 van fire, 1 allotment fire, 2 false alarms with good intent, 7 calls to stand by at other stations, 1 coach fire, 1 fire in a boiler house, 1 fire in a builder's yard, and a fire at McDonalds in Banbury.

This week sees the launch of a Government-led campaign urging people to check their smoke alarms weekly, "Push the button, not your luck". 393 people died in accidental domestic fires last year. The fatality rate in dwelling fires where there is no working smoke alarm is twice the fatality rate in fires where an alarm is present and functions correctly.



Test your alarms now, check them weekly, for example every time you put the bins out then you won't forget.

We have had 2 weddings at the station this summer, firstly our congratulations go to Andy and Nicky Hayward, married in July, and then to Martin and Rachel Freeman, married in September, we wish them all every happiness for the future.

Finally, on the social front, we are holding a Barn Dance and Firework Spectacular on 1 November, 7.30pm, at the Windmill Centre. There will be a live band, bar, hot supper and of course the fireworks! Tickets are £10, available from any crew member.

*Anne Waters*

Sub Officer, Deddington Fire Station 338281



Sergeant Nick Garrett, left the Deddington Police Office on 5 September for pastures new.

He became the Sergeant in charge of the rural area around Banbury in April 2000. However he was offered another job, working a Banbury Police Station, which he decided he could not refuse. He will however continue to be seen around the village, as he still continues to live here with his family.

His position as rural sergeant has been taken by Neville Clayton, who has worked both in Oxford and in the last few years has been working within the Banbury Town area. It is sad that an era has come to an end. For the first time in over 100 years, the local Police Officers do not live in the Village. It started with Bob Donohue having to stand down, because of ill health and now Nick Garrett moving onto pastures new.

*PC Clive Middleton*

Deddington Police Office 338 444.

**DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO**

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of October 1853 (Mr. Brogden was Mr. Risley's successor as Vicar of Deddington):

1st October - Mr. Brogden arrived here again, from Cambridge with his wife and family (he had 9 children) in an omnibus. He called here - I had a hurried interview with him, being in the midst of dinner - he wishing to call again at 7 o'clock. He stated himself to be a complete pauper, and looked so really. I had agreed to see him a second time, but on reflection wrote him a note declining so to do - I sent him two sovereigns for present use. He did call, however, notwithstanding, but I refused to see him. He asked for the use of a gown, through the servant, which I promised him and sent to the Kings Arms [now the Deddington Arms] where he had taken up his abode, the Vicarage being empty, and his furniture not having arrived. He wrote a short note of thanks, stating himself to be ill and fagged from his journey, which probably was true. He looked on the whole a deplorable object. I told him in my note that I could not interfere in Parish matters and that my services at Clifton would be rendered subject to no interference save that of the Bishop - otherwise they would be withdrawn.

5th October - Wrote to Mr. Brogden about the monthly communion here which he wished to discontinue - telling him that it was a system recommended by the Bishop on his coming to the See. I added that in this Parish it had been duly appreciated.

12th October - A sheep roasting and a Ball afterwards took place at Clifton, at the Crown Inn there, kept by a young man named Hone.

25th October - I gave Thomas (the groom) notice to leave our service at the end of his present year, in May next, or earlier if he chose to do so. His conduct had been insolent and unfeeling.

29th October - A black man named Benson came on business, asking for the use of the new Schools, which I could not grant, to lecture in against slavery. I granted a summons against Boyles, the beer shop man and blacksmith, for keeping his house open beyond the proper hours allowed by law. *Buffy Heywood*

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**LIVING HISTORY**

It is great news for Deddington, Hempton and Clifton that their monthly DN is in the process of being bound into books, dating from 1976 to the present, which will be available to all in the local Library. Not forgetting that the same information is available on the web for those conversant with this innovation! Future researchers will have the goings on of village life handed to them on a plate and will only be defeated if they crave for politics or slanderous gossip. Not so easily accessible are 14 sturdily bound books of Parish and Deanery magazines from 1879 to 1930. Two incumbents of SS Peter & Paul took it upon themselves to bind and save them for posterity, but no one continued the job and we are now searching for village news of nearly 40 years from those who have lived here during that time. For such news I am already indebted to Roy Canning and today Topper Davis remembers his father Frederick William Davis (1888 -1954).

Not that he is remembered under this name here in the village. As befits a quite extraordinarily outgoing person he was known affectionately, not just by one, but by three different nick- names. In his day he was a village celebrity, jovial jester beloved by children, entertaining stalwart of his hostelry, but also a Jack of all trades whose knowledge and love of horses might have led him into the world of racing, but whose circumstances kept him more firmly on the ground. Frederick William was born in Ditchley Park where his father was Stud Groom to Lord Dillon. When his father moved to Deddington and became landlord of the King's Arms pub William's dreams of becoming a jockey were shattered. Quite undeterred he did the next best thing and worked with horses in various local stables, keeping equestrian tack in pristine conditions, but also taking on heavy gardening jobs like felling trees. In 1931 Fred applied successfully for the job of Verger and Sexton at SS Peter & Paul Church in Deddington, a calling he fulfilled in his inimitable style for many years.

For news of the highs and lows in the life of a Sexton and Verger in the mid nineteen hundreds readers will have to wait for the November issue of the Deddington News when his nick-names will also be revealed and explained.

*Ruth Johnson*



### *Computing in Deddington Library*

On Tuesday 9 September, Rob Forsyth (Chairman, Deddington Online) handed over all the pages of the first 25 years of the DN in the form of CDs to Rosemary Arnold in the Deddington Library.

Charles Pettit (Assistant County Librarian for Oxfordshire) was present together with Mary Robinson, (founding editor of The Deddington News), Christopher Hall (current editor) and Christopher Day (Chairman, Deddington & District Historical Society) along with Parish Council and representatives from other local organisations.

The project was initiated by the Deddington OnLine team in conjunction with the Deddington and District Historical Society. They obtained a grant of £4650 from the Awards for All Lottery Fund. This paid for expert scanning by Granary Publications - of some 8000 pages of the magazine including text via Optical Character Recognition for search and index purposes and all pictures and advertisements.

The contents of the CDs have been uploaded on to the village website at [www.deddington.org.uk/dnarchive](http://www.deddington.org.uk/dnarchive).

Final Reminder: the free business entry updates are now due to be returned to Celia Clark at the address shown on the letter.

**Colin Clark** 338064 or [colin.clark@deddington.net](mailto:colin.clark@deddington.net)

The responses to the questionnaire in the last DN, about possible computing sessions in the autumn, has been good. Interestingly, the most popular choice is introductory sessions for total beginners, so the demand is still there and we can continue to meet our main priority. The other popular topics are creating address labels, headed notepaper, cards and invitations, posters and leaflets; using a PC with a digital camera also has its advocates.

By the time you read this, we will have devised the new schedule. So whether you want a beginners session or one on any of the above topics, just contact Rosemary in the library (338591)

*Charles Newey* 338282

*Martin Ince* 338417

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*Recognisable in the photo are (right to left) :*

- Rob Forsyth - Deddington OnLine
- Norman Stone - former DN editor
- Martin Reed - Granary Publications
- Sylvie Spenceley - former DN Editor
- Rosemary Arnold - Library Manager
- Christopher Hall - present DN Editor



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## NOVEMBER DIARY

Sat	1	Deddington Fire Station Barn Dance, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm → p.12
Mon	3	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10 am -noon. → p.10
Wed	5	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
Wed	5	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm
Tue	11	WI: Jim Flux, <i>Voluntary Services in the Community</i> , Holly Tree, 7.30 pm → p.11
Wed	12	Deddington History Soc.: John Woolley, <i>The Great Train Robbery</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. → p.11
Sat	15	Banbury Symphony Orchestra concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
Wed	19	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wed	19	Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.30 pm
Sat	22	Arts Festival, Deddington Church. → p.5
Sat	22	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am ~ 12.30 pm.
Tue	25	Copy Date for December Deddington News
Sat	29	Church Christmas Bazaar in aid of Living Rooms project , 11am - 2 pm
Sat	29	Books! Books! Books! an evening with Charlie Lee Potter, Parish Church, 7.30 pm

## Weekly Meetings

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

**Reminder:** If you are planning a village event, consult Jean Flux, our diary editor [338153], 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.

**BMX/DIRT TRACK**

It was a great start to the school holidays for BMX riders as the site next to the All Weather Court was transformed into the long awaited BMX track. The Parish Council would like to thank all the following and note that all those listed below gave their product/services for FREE:

- Richard Spencer for organising the construction of the track
- Bryant Homes, Banbury site for providing the soil
- M.V. Kelly ground workers for loading the soil
- Walkers of Deddington for making 3 return trips to transport the soil
- Mick Cook of Barford and his JCB for arranging the soil into the track layout
- Finally, thank you to everyone who came on Sunday 3~ August armed with spades to put the finishing touches to the track, especially the children whose enthusiasm has made this project so worthwhile.



Due to the generosity of all the above we can provide the 'Teen Shelter' too which will be installed between the trees by the side of the track in October.

Safety is important too, as the signs say "wear protective headgear, long-sleeved tops and trousers".

**\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT UPDATE \*\*\*\***

The All Weather Court has received a bombardment of stones and clumps of soil from the BMX track on two occasions in early September, it is highly unlikely those responsible are genuine BMX riders so please report any sightings of the vandals to either the local police station tel: 338444 or the parish clerk tel: 337447 If we don't deter the vandals, the future of this popular new facility will be under threat.

*Helen Spencer* Environment & Recreation Working Group Parish Council

## GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton October 2003

The group offers help in a crisis, or even with an everyday task such as collecting a prescription or doing some shopping.

If you are unable to reach the appropriate person listed below,  
please telephone Angela Waller 338970

### DEDDINGTON -

#### **BULL RING, HORSEFAIR, VICTORIA**

#### **TERRACE:**

Jo Mace, Three Horseshoes, Horsefair 338349

#### **PHILCOTE STREET:**

Molly Neild, 1 Philcote Street 338521

#### **EARL'S LANE, BANBURY ROAD:**

Janet Broadbent, Stone Court, Earl's Lane  
338173

#### **HIGH STREET, HUDSON STREET:**

Joyce Minnear, 2 Holly Tree Cottages 338529

#### **CHURCH STREET, MARKET PLACE, THE TCHURE:**

Pat Swash, Foresters Cottage, The Tchure  
338920

#### **ST THOMAS STREET, CHAPMAN'S LANE,**

#### **GOOSE GREEN, HOPCRAFT LANE:**

John Burdon, Kempster Place, Philcote Street  
338150

#### **NEW STREET:**

Angela Waller, 5 New Street 338970

#### **THE DAEDINGS, PIERS ROW:**

Helen Worrell, 18 The Daedings 338189

#### **HEMPTON ROAD, THE PADDOCKS:**

Josie Stevens, The Sycamores, Hempton Rd  
338305

#### **WINDMILL STREET, WINDMILL CLOSE,**

#### **MACKLEY CLOSE:**

Pat Brittain, 28 The Daedings 338685

#### **MILL CLOSE:**

Margaret Reid, 39 Mill Close 337283

#### **GAVESTON GARDENS:**

Adele Sullivan, 10 Gaveston Gardens 337485

#### **CLIFTON ROAD, CASTLE & FIELD BARNES:**

David & Gay Hood, Earls Lane 338200

### HEMPTON

Rene Mahony, 15 St John's Way 338438

### CLIFTON

Katie McGovern, Roseville, Chapel Close  
338771

### HELPLINES

AGE CONCERN	01295 278040
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	01865 242373
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SOCIETY	01295 750622
BANBURY BENEFITS ADVICE	01295 255863
BANBURY FAMILY CENTRE	01295 275507
BRITISH RED CROSS- home from hospital	01295 229257
CARDIAC SUPPORT GROUP	01295 229373
CARERS CENTRE	01295 264545
CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU	0845 1202998
COUNCIL OF DISABLED PEOPLE	01865 792226
CRUSE BEREAVEMENT ADVICE	01295 768119
DIAL-A-RIDE	01295 263777
DIALABILITY	01865 791818
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, CDC	01295 252535
Pollution Control	01295 221632
for noise complaints out of office hours	01865 266000
FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICE	01865 741781
HEALTH POINT	0800 665544
KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE	01295 811866
LIBRA	01295 273511
LIFE PREGNANCY COUNSELLING	01869 245777
LONE PARENT HELPLINE	0800 0185026
PEST CONTROL	01295 221937
RELATE - Marriage Guidance	01295 258141
THE SAMARITANS	01295 270000
SOCIAL SERVICES	01295 252421
THAMES VALLEY FM HELPLINE	0645 311222
VICTIM SUPPORT	01295 277990
VOLUNTEER BUREAU	01295 279515
YOUNG HOMELESS	01295 259442