



Owl in lace by Barbara Upton

For the second year the last weekend in June has been celebrated as **DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL** - an opportunity to share the gifts of the community. 'Poetry Please' was hosted in the Unicorn by John Cheney enabling many to share their favourite poems, several by the poets themselves. 15 members of the Deddington Craft Group put together a

dazzling multi-coloured, multi-skilled exhibition in the Town Hall. A concert by Choros and the performance of Purcell's *Dido & Aeneas* completed the programme - fuller accounts next month. The Festival revealed part of the wealth of talent in the parish, and deserves to become an annual event, if its planning is more broadly based and it is more widely publicised. *'That which is not effectively communicated does not effectually exist.'* **CH**



July Diary

Diary for August and September on page 14

- Fri 2 Visit to Edwin Rye's garden in Wendover, leave 6-6.30 pm
- Fri 2 Deddington Babies & Toddlers: Visit to Hatton Country World ➡ p.9
- Sat 3 Boys' Brigade: Anchor Boys, Sports Competition at Kidlington. ➡ p.11
- Mon 5 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am-noon ➡ p.10
- Wed 7 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm
- Thu 8 Coffee morning in aid of Youth Club, Stile House, 10.30 am-noon ➡ p.10
- Thu 8 Deddington School: Sports Night, 5.00~7.00 p.m. ➡ p.3
- Sat 10 Deddington Pre-School: Eighties Night, Windmill Centre, 7.00 pm~midnight ➡ p.7
- Tue 13 WI: Visit to Castle House, Deddington. NB 7.15 pm start.
- Wed 14 Deddington Town Football Club: Training starts, 6.30 pm, Windmill Centre.
- Sat 17 Evening Stroll to Daeda's Wood with Neil Chamberlain, from Windmill Centre at 6.30 pm.
- Wed 21 Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm. ➡ p.2
- Thu 22 Deddington Players: Planning Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.9
- Sat 24 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 a.m.~12.30 p.m.
- Sat 24 Boys' Brigade: Junior Boys' Camp at East Runton, Norfolk. ➡ p.11
- Sat 24 Deddington History Society: Historic Windrush Valley walk. ➡ p.11
- Thu 29 Book Club: meeting, 7.30 pm - phone Sally Lambert 338094 for location. ➡ p.10

Weekly Meetings

- Sundays in July & August: Teas served in Parish Church, 2.30 ~ 5.30 pm. ➡ p.5
- Mondays: Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm
- Mondays: Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm ➡ p.10
- Tuesdays: Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm
- Wednesdays: Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill Centre, 9.30-11 am ➡ p.9
- Every other Wednesday: Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
- Wednesdays: Anchor Boys: Deddington School, 3.15 pm ➡ p.11
- Wednesdays: 1st Deddington Girls' Brigade Explorers: Parish Church, 3.30 pm ➡ p.10
- Wednesdays: Boys' Brigade: Windmill Centre, 5.30 pm. ➡ p.11
- Thursdays: Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10-12.30 & 1.30-4 pm.
- Thursdays: 1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm ➡ p.9
- Thursdays: 1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill Centre, 7.30-9 pm ➡ p.9
- Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House: Parish Church, 10~12
- Fridays: Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill Centre, 9.30 -11 am ➡ p.9
- Fridays: Deddington Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 pm

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Meeting in Town Hall - 16 June 2004

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (Chair), Alton, Cox (part), Haslam, Rollason, Squires, Todd, Watts, Wood, C/Cllr Jelf, D/Cllr O'Sullivan (part), the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 5 members of the public.

10 MINUTE OPEN FORUM

Charles Barker, Lime Cottage, New Street, queried the terms of reference of the working group on parking, and volunteered to join the group. He understood a decision had already been taken to reinstate the damaged verge and not allow parking outside Lime Cottage. The Chairman said, on matters of fact, that the parking group was still being constituted, no decisions had yet been taken and the issue would be raised under agenda item No 6 when the Highways Working Group report was discussed.

TOWN HALL

The lease runs out in 2006 and Deddington Charity Estates propose to extend it for a further 20 years. PC discussed various options; noted that substantial alterations to the (listed) building would be necessary to comply with disability and other regulations; agreed that better use could be made of the Town Hall as an asset to the community; decided that its future would be considered in the context of the Village plan; determined that parishioners will be consulted.

VILLAGE PLAN PROJECT TEAM

There are a couple of vacancies on the Village Plan project team, a mix of councillors and parishioners who will research the views of all residents of the parish on local issues, leading to an update of the Parish Appraisals of 1994 and 2000, revised priorities and a new Action Plan.

*INTERESTED? CONTACT THE CLERK,
GRAHAM PITTS, ON 337447.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

OCC will be asked to trim overgrown hedge at Manor Farm, Deddington, so that pedestrians are not forced on to the junction which is dangerous.

Damaged grass verges need to be reinstated at Parish Church and Featherston House by those responsible.

PLANNING

PC objection: (i) No 15 The Daedings - 2-storey side extension. Over-development; absence of garage; parking problems; impairing neighbours' access to garages etc. Request that case be dealt with by CDC committee, not delegated to officials. (Cllr Flux declared an interest.)

Application withdrawn: (ii) No 7 Market Place - replace front windows with like for like.

CDC approvals: (iii) Holcombe Hotel - erect dwelling with leisure building and garage. (iv) Home Farm, Clifton - erect detached stone house and double garage: construct new access to highway. (v) The Hermitage, Market Place - repair south gable, replace window and rebuild chimney. (vi) The Archers, 2 Archway Court, New Street - conservatory to rear, porch and first floor window to side. (vii) ex-Deddington Post Office - new front door and window, and internal alterations. (viii) Pekein Cottage, St Thomas St - 2-storey rear extension. (ix) Little Hardres Cottage, High St - remove existing extension, erect new single storey side extension. (x) South Gate, Market Place - replace 3 windows at first floor front.

Upper Heyford Airbase Planning Forum. Next meeting 7 July. Copy of Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance, May 2004, available at Parish Office, Windmill Centre.

SOUTH EAST REGION

Responsibility for regional planning policy has been shifted to an un-elected body, without adequate prior consultation. The Regional report, due out in November, allows for only two months' consultation. PC and C/Cllr Jelf expressed concerns. PC to write to Keith Mitchell (OCC) and Tony Baldry MP on this and also on the specific issue of regionalisation of the Fire Service.

TRAFFIC NEWS IN BRIEF

• Clifton footpath - build-out to be completed by end August. • Hempton - new illuminated sign to be installed end July. • Deddington - sharks teeth and road markings completed end June; gates, roundels etc end August.

AYNHO ACCIDENT

PC to write to County Councils of Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire, following the recent fatal accident near Aynho. Remedial and preventive action is needed urgently, so that a known danger spot is made less hazardous.

MUCH ADO ABOUT PARKING

The new project team on parking already has more than enough volunteers to fill the 3 or 4 vacancies for parishioners, to work alongside councillors. To ensure that the group is balanced, councillors will contact the interested individuals, assessing their motivation for joining the team, and the ability/experience they would bring.

On the question of whether to restore the damaged verges outside Lime Cottage, and the implications for the safety of the 3 young children living there (with their parents), PC will continue discussions with all concerned. PC policy is clear - no designated or allocated parking spaces for residents; protection of grass verges. With C/Cllr Jelf's help, a compromise solution must be found.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Annual inspection report by external examiners noted a number of small issues now being addressed by the Village Stewards. PC decided that full monthly safety monitoring will be carried out, ratified by PC, actioned as appropriate and filed with Official Minutes of PC meetings.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £6,143.44, including £789.96 imprest account, chiefly stewards' wages; £2,942.79 grasscutting and weedkilling, £665.78 clerk's wages.

Investments totalled £574,863.29, of which £9,603.44 Barclays (£1,338.79 imprest + £8,264.65 current) @ 0.1%; £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 2.35% on 120 days; £564,259.85 West Bromwich @ 4% overnight.

Annual Accounts 2003/4 have been passed by Internal Auditor, approved by PC and forwarded for National Audit.

NEXT PC MEETING Wed 21 July, Town Hall, 7.45pm.

PC TO DECIDE NEARER THE TIME IF MEETING ON 18 AUGUST IS NECESSARY.

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

The Governors of Deddington School have appointed Ms Sue Lenihan to be Assistant Headteacher. Ms Lenihan, who was Senior Teacher at the school until becoming Acting Headteacher for the summer term, will combine her new responsibility with classroom teaching whilst working closely with the new Headteacher Mrs Judith Tinsley in the management of the school. The new arrangements take effect from the beginning of the Autumn term. *J.M*



The summer holidays are looming, and everyone at school is working hard to ensure that the various activities on offer are not only great fun, but also a huge success. The PTA have once again worked their magic to provide the community with the School Summer Fête, which took place on Saturday 19 June. There were tombolas, stalls and a variety of games on offer. There

was a bouncy castle and a band, in the form of 'Brass Bits', to liven things up. For the first time ever the School Council had their own stall, as did the 'Dot Club', the Art Club for Year 6 children. The day was great fun, despite the weather - thanks to all those who organised the event, contributed to the tombolas and stalls, and turned up to join the fun and part with their cash. The Fête is the biggest fundraising event of the year and we really do rely on our PTA.

The children are currently preparing for our annual 'Sports Night' - this will take place (weather permitting) on Thursday 8 July from 5pm until 7pm. They will also have the experience of 'Grounds Day' on Tuesday 13 July, this is a fun filled activity day that involves using the school grounds to enhance the curriculum. Thanks to Mrs Sargant and Miss Sampson for taking a lead role in the organisation of these events.

Date for 2005 Admissions: the County Council has changed the last date for receipt of applications to **19 October 2004** (not 27 October as stated in the May DN). New application forms will be available from the school from 2 September 2004.

Our new Headteacher, Mrs Tinsley, will be visiting the school towards the end of the term, to visit each class and get to know names and faces. While we continue to miss Mrs Stephens, we are also very excited about the new phase of development that the school is moving into. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the 'hot seat', having learned a tremendous amount, and know that I will be able to support Mrs Tinsley as she settles into the school community. *Sue Lenihan* 338430

Deddington Pre-School

We now have full official approval from the County for the Early Years Unit depending solely on accommodation being available at school. The County were exceptionally supportive of the Unit plans and are happy for us to 'act' as a unit albeit on two sites for the time being. So we will be working very closely with the school to harmonise planning and development for the children until we are able to move to the school site. We will do everything we can to accommodate any parents wishing to send their children to Pre-school whilst they are not able to attend school fulltime. Please call Anna or Kendal on 337383 to ask about availability for afternoon sessions.

During this last half term, the children are printing their own T-shirts and celebrating the arrival of the summer, preparing for Sports day in July, and going to enjoy a day trip to Blenheim later in the month.

We will be running our Holiday Club again through the summer. We have co-ordinated our days with the Toddler group and the Church Summer Activities to ensure there is something on offer for the children on most days of the summer holidays. Pre-school Holiday Club will be running on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays every week of the holidays. The day will run from 9.00am until 3.00pm and will be open to all Pre-school children and the current Reception class children at School. The daily charge is £12 and the children will need to bring a packed lunch, sun cream and a hat. Miss Bradburn will once again be taking part in the Holiday Club. Please call Anna or Michelle to reserve your places and find out more details. We will be running the crèche for the Summer Activities on the four Tuesdays in August.

Many thanks to Rachel O Connell and all those who supported the Pamper Night at Brick Court. The evening was a huge success and we have already planned the next date - watch this space for more details. Don't forget the 80s Night on 10 July at the Windmill Centre. Tickets are available from Pre-School.

Summer Term ends on Friday 16 July, with Fancy Dress Parade and picnic. Autumn term starts Monday 6 September.

Julie Westley



Summer Fun Activities For Primary School Aged Children at Deddington Parish Church

Craft workshops, cooking, chess, tennis,
drama & other games

Tuesday 3 August

Tuesday 10 August

Tuesday 17 August

Tuesday 24 August

10.00 am start, ends 12.30pm

Cost £1.50 per Child per session

Application forms & general enquiries to:
Kate Petty 338425, Sarah Liebrecht 337628,
Sally Haslam 338216

Additional application forms are available from
Deddington Primary School Office and the Church.

To guarantee a place please complete an application
form and return it to the School Office before
Monday 19 July, or no later than the Friday before
each activity morning to Jane Green, Weston House,
Church Street (337837).

We would be grateful to hear from anyone ready to help

SS PETER AND PAUL, DEDDINGTON AND ST JOHN, HEMPTON www.deddingtonchurch.org*You will always be very welcome at any service in Church or Chapel***Parish Church in July & August**

Thur	1	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels	
Sat	3	10.00 am	ST THOMAS Eucharist	
Sun	4	10.30 am	All-Age Morning Praise	
		6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	
Wed	7	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	11	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist, Baptism & Children's Church	
Wed	14	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Thur	15	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels	
Sun	18	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30 am Service of the Word
Wed	21	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	25	10.30 am	ST JAMES Sung Eucharist & Children's Church	
Wed	28	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	1	10.30 am	All-Age Morning Praise & Baptism	6.30 pm Choral Evensong
Wed	4	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Thur	5	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels	
Fri	6	6.30 pm	TRANSFIGURATION Eucharist	
Sun	8	10.30 am	Eucharist and Children's Church	
Wed	11	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	15	8.00 am	B.V.MARY Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30 am Service of the Word
Wed	18	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Thur	19	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels	
Sun	22	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Children's Church	
Tue	24	6.30 pm	ST BARTHOLOMEW Eucharist	
Wed	25	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	29	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
		10.30 am	Mattins (BCP)	

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

Sundays 4 & 18 July; 1 & 15 August 9.00 am Eucharist

Sundays 25 July & 22 August Evensong

From the Parish Registers

BAPTISM: 13 June Constance Ann Pullan, Louis Biswell, Jack Alexander Coppin

WEDDING: 19 June Harriet Alice O'Donnell & Edward James Palin

FUNERAL: 2 June Roger Nobbs (at Heythrop)

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

Boulderdyke House, Clifton [Jean Welford 338539] alternate Weds from 7 July, 7.30pm

2 The Leyes, Deddington [Liz Dickinson 337050] alternate Weds from 7 July, 7.30pm

Charity of the Month - each month a charity benefits from donations in the box in the ParishChurch or St John's Hempton: the use by taxpayers of the pink *GiftAid* envelopes is commended.July: **SANTAL MISSION**August: **FRIENDS OF CHERNOBYL'S CHILDREN****WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square***Pastor Isabel Walton 337157*

Morning services at 10.30 am

July 4 - Mike Graveny; August 29 - John Goulder; other Sundays - Pastor Isabel Walton

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street*Joyce Minnear 338 529*Sunday *morning* worship jointly with Wesleyan Reform congregation at 10.30 am

Sunday evenings: Service & Fellowship at 6.00 pm :

July 4 - Pastor Isabel Walton; 11 - Mr John Neale; 18 - tba; 25 - Rev Norman Bonnett

August 1 - Pastor Isabel Walton

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY*The Revd A J Burns 277396**He*the : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats -5.30~6.00 pm*Ad*derbury : 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 - including 14 August, the Eve of the Feast of the Assumption of the BVM.

ROGER NOBBS moved to Castle Farm, Deddington in 1991. After growing up on the family dairy farm and attending college, he learnt sheep farming at Dunthrop House, near Heythrop, from Nancybell Gregory, whose daughter Ann he married in 1967. Until their move to Deddington, they ran Dunthrop, winning many cups and trophies. Roger himself was a Crop Judge. In 2003 the Banbury Farmers Association gave him the Tony Baldry Award for 'an outstanding lifetime contribution to agriculture and farming clubs'. Modest about his own achievements, he was immensely proud of Fiona's and Duncan's. Deddington is indebted to him for clearing rights of way across his fields and creating extensive tree plantations on his land. *CF*



Christian Aid Week 2004

THANKS to hundreds of contributions from people in Clifton, Hempton and Deddington, a total of £1676.45 was raised during Christian Aid Week in May this year. This compares with £1605 given in 2003. A further £208 will be reclaimed from the Inland Revenue for all the Gift Aid declarations that were completed. A big thank you to everyone who gave, collected, counted or helped in other ways. Perhaps it is a sign of contemporary technology and reliance on zip-fasteners and Velcro that there were no buttons in the envelopes this year - just two round calculator batteries (expired).

Diana Marshall

NORMAN STONE is thankfully still with us, but, after reporting for the last fifteen years in the **DN** on the meetings of the Parish Council, he has decided to give it a rest. Meetings often take place only four days before the **DN** is printed. Norman and Angela have teamed up regularly to deliver his report to the editor in time to fit page 2. The **DN** now needs a volunteer to give readers just such an accurate, prompt, succinct and reliable summary in each issue. *CF*

The LIVING ROOMS PROJECT - One year on

The project was launched on July 2003 and much has happened since!

Our aim was to raise £40,000 to be shared equally between the new room inside the church (replacing the curtained-off area directly opposite the main entrance door) and for a support group in South Africa helping children infected and affected by AIDS. So far we have raised nearly £15,000 and aim to raise the rest of the money by the end of next year.

The project to build the room in church was given an excellent start thanks to some very generous donations and, as we have internal church planning permission, we are starting building soon. Bids are awaited from interested builders to start the work. The rest of the money being raised is needed to fit the room out.

We have already sent the first £5,000 to support the project in South Africa. This is being added to money raised locally to build a new church for the community so that their existing church can be used to house and support the orphans currently in an inadequate temporary building.

More details on the display board in the church near where the new room will be. *Tony Elvidge*

Ride or Stride

Sat 11th Sept 2004

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TICOS = TEAS IN CHURCH ON SUNDAYS

During July and August tea and coffee with home-made cakes will be served in the Parish Church every Sunday from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. Bring your family and visiting friends. A pleasant addition to summer Sunday afternoons. Proceeds to Church funds. *K.F.*

50/50

AUCTION

Windmill Centre
Sat 25 Sept - 2.00pm

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 A LIVING ROOMS PROJECT Event

FROM MOIRA BYAST, DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

I would like to thank all members of the Deddington & District History Society who gave time to bake cakes and help at the Oxfordshire Past conference on 22 May at the Windmill Centre. Members turned their hand to whatever was needed, from serving teas to washing up, to putting out chairs and taking them in again. These efforts made the day the success it was. I have received a very flattering letter from Dr Dodd of the Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society, thanking us for the great success of the occasion. The cakes and the caterer got a special mention !

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the large number of cars needing to be parked. We didn't know in advance that there would be so many.

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

FROM THELMA DOVER, GROVE COURT, DEDDINGTON

I was interested to read *Our County Flower*. I was born in Oxford and from when I was quite small have understood that the Snakeshead fritillary was the flower of Oxfordshire. It is used as the emblem for the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes and I have a very attractive badge with the flower on it.

I was born and lived in New Hinksey. As children we would go over the lake bridge to the water meadows between the railway sidings and South Hinksey where there was a huge meadow full of Snakesheads, as we

called them, and a very pretty flower we knew as 'Milkmaids'. There were Kingcups in the opposite field - those large and glossy Buttercup-like flowers. As children we did, of course, pick all of them in their season. A neighbour tells me that there is another large meadow full of Fritillaries at Ducklington, apparently coloured mauve because the flowers are so dense.

FROM LIZ HANDLEY, CASTLE STREET, DEDDINGTON

(Re: The Parish Cook Book in aid of the **LIVING ROOMS PROJECT**)

May I express my gratitude to the many of you who have forwarded, occasionally with gentle persuasion, a most varied collection of recipes? The response has 'gorged' my computer and a number of the recipes have been positively tested 'in house.' The copy has been typed, collation is under way, proof reading is the next stage. Following corrections and amendments, publication will occur in the not too distant future. Please keep an eye out for your 'must have' Parish Cook Book.

FROM LUKE GARRETT, ARCHWAY COTTAGE, NEW STRETT, DEDDINGTON

After studying Drama, Law and English Literature at Stratford-upon-Avon College, I plan to take a teaching skills course at Birkbeck College so as to take a Gap Year with "GAP Activity Projects", before reading for a Law degree. My 3-month GAP placement takes me to Paraguay, helping to teach English to children in the Asociacion Cultural Paraguayo-Britanica, [the Anglo-Paraguayan Centre]. This entails 25 to 30 hours a week with the additional opportunity to help at the local orphanage: 'El Redil'.

I write to ask for help to pay for the placement and teaching skills, to enable me to go to Paraguay and help children that are less fortunate than us. In return I would like to offer a presentation about my experience during the placement.

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GEORGE ROBERT WING - 1908-1997

"It's an ill wind that blows no good!" Had it not been for the outbreak of World War II and fears of raids on London, George Wing, teacher in a Fulham school, would not have been evacuated with his school to South Oxfordshire, and Deddington might never have known him as the distinguished Headmaster of the all age Elementary School and, ten years later, in 1951 as Headmaster of the new Windmill Secondary Modern School in Hempton Road. Although the Windmill was to remain in 'temporary' buildings for the next 16 years, there was nothing 'temporary' in what Headmaster Wing achieved with the youth in his expert care. Bob Stevens, Deputy Head Teacher at the school recalls: *"I always admired George as a man with a mission - a man before his time. He took pupils on school journeys all over the country culminating with exchanges in Denmark and Bavaria which proved to be the inauguration of European Studies. Many scholars had never travelled abroad and a boy peering out of the carriage window at German commuters exclaimed: 'They look just like us!'"*

George Wing certainly was an innovator. A founder member of the National Council for European Studies in Secondary Schools, he was also on the National Council for Environmental Rural studies. He had the first working farm attached to a school. He encouraged the study of Technology which, incidentally, brought fame to the Windmill when pupils of specialist teacher Douglas Ward won a national competition with their entry of a hovercraft and a racing car. During the war years George Wing was commissioned in the Home Guard and joined the Civil Defence team and still had the time to contribute a great deal to village life as Secretary to SS Peter & Paul Church Parochial Church Council and a Deanery Synod member.

Just writing of all his commitments makes my head spin, but there is more to come. He was also Treasurer and three times President of the Banbury & District NUT Branch. In 1967 he oversaw his school's move from the Windmill to the new purpose-built Warriner Comprehensive School in Bloxham and became the Warriner's first Head. He retired in 1973.

George Wing died in West Sussex, near the home of his daughter in 1997. On the 6 November 1998 his daughter and family, many friends, teachers, old pupils and a few Warriner scholars assembled in the grounds of the Warriner School to watch the planting of a Magnolia tree dedicated to his memory by the Revd Ken Reeves, Vicar of Deddington.

I visited the school grounds last month and am delighted to report that the late flowering Magnolia, well guarded against attacking geese, looks a picture of health. Its shiny green leaves are almost hiding the first huge red-purple flower with plenty of buds ready to open any day now. At the back of the school is the Farm and on a distant field graze a large flock of sheep. George Wing's spirit of innovation is alive and well, thanks to the many teachers who have followed in his footsteps.

Ruth Johnson

(With grateful thanks for much help received from George's daughter Pam Graham and Bob Stevens)

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the months of July and August 1854:

- 11th July - An unfortunate Navvie was killed near the Heyford Station by the train passing partly over him - he having fallen asleep between the sleepers - from drunkenness it was said.
- 13th July - A Breach of Promise of Marriage case tried at the recent Sessions, when the lady obtained a verdict of £400 damages against the defendant.
- 16th July - Left home for a month to go to St. Leonards at Hastings.
- 16th August - J. Calcutt came to talk over the conduct of certain persons towards him - in consequence of his proceedings at a recent Vestry for the purpose of deciding what was best to be done with the Town Pool in its present state. Mr. Brogden and others had behaved in this matter most disgracefully and partially (as Chairman) and is endeavouring to get Calcutt turned out of his office as Post Master. I wrote to Lord Canning the Post Master General on behalf of Calcutt - begging him to enquire into all matters laid to his charge by Mr. Brogden and 11 others.
- 19th August - I. Fortnum came on business and talked about the Town Pool - and the Pest House - in connection with the Feoffees,
- 28th August - We convicted a man named Sparks of Oxford, a returned 'Transport' [convict], for netting pheasants at Barton - sent to prison for 2 months.

Buffy Heywood

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THE FLOWER GARDEN

While those opening their gardens had plenty to do keeping everything tidy, we ordinary gardeners carried on with our usual tasks. The last of the bedding plants had to be put in and kept moist in an unusually dry spell. I was given some Fuchsia cuttings this year and hope for the best. Fuchsias are pretty; they have an amazingly long flowering period. They are quite easy to keep over the winter and don't take much kick-starting to get them going again in the Spring. Worth trying, even if they are not my favourites. I don't like the way you have to stand on your head to look inside the bloom. Besides, they are overdone, too much make-up for my taste, but undoubtedly very pretty blooms. The Fuchsia was brought to this country in the 14th century when men risked lives and fortunes to find new plants to please their monarch. A Dr Fuchs (the name means Fox) went on a voyage to Mexico and Chile and brought back seeds and plants. In those days medicine was looked down upon as a messy job and not greatly respected, whereas botany and related subjects were admired and Dr Fuchs got his rewards. This often meant that Botanical Gardens were regarded as medical gardens and attached to Hospices, like the one at Oxford. Anyway the Fuchsia settled down in our northern climate and all sorts of colours, climbers, bushes and standards were produced. As always when a plant is taken out of its natural habitat, allowances have to be made. They don't overwinter out of doors too happily but need the minimum of care once they are under cover. They make good attractive patio specimens and, like them or not, make easy arrangements. Try them!

The new bed we made with plastic under bark chips has done all that was required of it and has been easy to look after. A success story.

Are there any Thistle lovers out there? We have potted up a few and I shall be pleased to give them away for next year. Also seeds of the Lymnanthea 'Fried egg' edging plant. Just give me a ring and we'll arrange something.

Marianne Elsley 338251

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Open Gardens

Our gardens are essentially private. A place to relax, perhaps to entertain friends, to indulge in the creativity of trying to make a patch of land into a place of changing colour, with texture of plants and grass and trees. Deddington is like many another village where the houses nestle close together, are entered directly off the street, and have often been formed by the joining of several smaller cottages. Because of this, the gardens are surprisingly secret. So it was fascinating to discover a wealth of colour, interest and beauty when just twelve of the gardens of Hempton and Deddington were opened last month for the Living Rooms Project.

Although many of the gardens are the result of being cared for and developed over many decades, and include some large and some of modest size, others have been newly created or made over according to the needs and ideas of their present owners. Without exception - and including the immaculately kept Hempton allotments - they were full of interest, carefully maintained, and most important, clearly loved.

In any garden there is always the thought that 'you should have seen it last week', or 'do come and look again in a couple of weeks when this or that will be in flower,' but that is just part of the joy of gardening. However good it might be now, and all were excellent, the memories and the expectations are even better.

Thank you, gardeners, for inviting us into your private paradise.

Hugh Marshall

50 people were involved in this event, preparing and opening their gardens, helping to steward the gardens, making food for the teas and serving them. We raised a total of £1300 for the LIVING ROOMS PROJECT. *Jane Green*



Friends of Daeda's Wood

A date for your diary: do join us at the Windmill Centre at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday 17 July, for the gentle half-mile stroll down to Daeda's Wood. There are great views along the way and, if you haven't been there for a few years, I promise you a big surprise. No, not a Teddy Bears' Picnic, but a fully blown young wood where once a cornfield stood. Neil Chamberlain, our Woodland Officer, will be joining us to answer questions. And, talking of picnics, feel free to bring along drinks and snacks.

The other day Kristin Thompson and I did a preliminary survey of this year's flora. Some of the species are positively rampant, including the attractive blue meadow cranesbill, the vetches, and froths of creamy bedstraw. A relative newcomer is woundwort whose leafy stems produce a charming pink frill of flowers. It looks as though it will be a good year for damselflies too.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group

A reminder that we continue to meet all summer and that our programme is a full one! Well-behaved siblings are welcome to come along to our sessions. We go to Hatton Country World on 2 July. On Friday 6 August we have our annual teddy bears' picnic, and on Wednesday 18 August we have a bouncy castle. We will be enjoying the sunshine (hopefully!) - join us every Wednesday and Friday, at the Windmill, 9.30 - 11.30am.

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington Players

We aim to put on a one-act play on 15 & 16 October. Anyone interested in being involved - existing or new members - is invited to join us at the Holly Tree on Thursday 22 July, at 7.30pm to plan this further. Put the October date in your diaries and watch this space for more information. The Pantomime is on 20-22 January 2005 - watch out for special ticket deals nearer the time! All members are invited to an informal social at Ron and Pet's house in Aynho on Sunday 15 August, from midday. Please phone them on 819669 to confirm you will be there.

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington Tennis Club

Welcome to the people who have joined this year and to the Youth Club who have opted for tennis as one of their activities this month. We have 3 adult teams playing locally this summer - although the A and B teams are in the same division so will play against each other, unfortunately.

Well done to Oliver Tindale who won a mini tennis tournament at Banbury - our first mini tennis champ!! Friday afternoon coaching with Steve Ashby continues and he is doing a 3-day children's tennis camp in August through Cherwell Council.

There are now 2 slots for adult coaching - Friday 7-8 pm and the new popular Wednesday 10-11 am. Non-members are welcome to both, Phone Jane Plummer 338481 about the Wednesday session.

Katie McGovern 338771

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs: We are well into our camping season: in May the pack attended the annual district camp at Horley, which was based on the Olympics. Each pack chose an Olympic host country and wore costumes and decorated their camp accordingly. Our country was Russia, although our attempts to recreate St Basil's Cathedral were not very successful (it fell down!). The weather was fantastic and everyone had a brilliant time, which included archery, games, camp-fire and a parade of home made flags of all nations. The rest of the term has been based around 'outdoors', including compasses, country code, map reading and a short walk. The first weekend in July we are at Phasels Wood, the Hertfordshire Scout Camp, for a County camp. Weather permitting, we will use the climbing and abseiling wall, pot-holes and cresta run. The Cubs participated in a district football tournament in Adderbury. If you have a child

who is thinking about joining Cubs, please contact me to put him on the list - we are filling up fast.

Scouts: This term the Scouts have concentrated on outdoor activities - compass work, route planning and a walk. A group attended the Aqua Camp at Standlake, arranged by the county, and had the opportunity to kayak, canoe, sail, windsurf, row and build and sail rafts. The weather was kind (cold at night!), but they were wet most of the weekend anyway. The entertainment on Saturday evening was topped off with a firework display over the lake, everyone had a great time. Hopefully, during the summer break we will be able to arrange a camp at Horley, having walked there first! This will be practice for the County camp in October. We have ordered our new mess tent thanks to everyone who made this possible.

Jo Churchyard 338071

Deddington Town Football Club

At this time of year there is nothing to report on the playing side of things. Training for the new season will commence on Wednesday 14 July at 6.30pm; this takes place on the pitch at the Windmill Centre. All players are welcome - existing, old and new.

75 Club Winners: 21/5/04 Mrs M Plumbe £50; 28/5/04 R Cowley £50; 4/6/04 W Gibbard £50; 11/6/04 P Cox £50; 18/6/04 P Rudge £50.

Steve Plumbe 01295 278258

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

DOGS played their fourth annual match against Dorchester DOGS at Kirtlington Golf Course on 26 May



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26th. The day was notable for a hole in one by Mike Higgins at the 16th - only the second in DOGS 10-year history. The overall match score was 4-2 to Dorchester, but Deddington still lead in the series. Our only winning pair was Rob Forsyth and Hugh O'Donnell, whilst Barbara Budd and Sue Oddy ended all square in the ladies' game. Steve Plummer won the longest drive competition and, of course, Mike was 'nearest-the-pin'.

DOGS had a great society day at Burford golf club on 21 June when Steve Brown, Mike Roberts and Steve Plummer won the 9-hole Texas scramble. Steve Wilkes won the 18-hole Stableford competition with 41 points, Roy Hart won nearest the pin on the 15th and Dave Broughall won the longest drive on the 18th.

If you are not a member and would like to play in future events, please get in touch. *Roy Hart* 338871 roy.hart@deddington.net

Deddington Youth Club

We have had a very successful summer term with a good turn out each week. In the warm, light evenings we have been able to organise outside games and we have arranged to use the tennis courts on the nights when there are no matches. In May the Youth Leaders arranged for a group to join the Oxfordshire Association for Young People (OAYP) outing to Alton Towers, which everyone found great fun. It was also good to meet up with other Youth Clubs as well the OAYP staff to exchange ideas. An outing was arranged to go to QEK Global Solutions Ltd at Upper Heyford. They very kindly arranged transport, provided refreshments and showed the group round and we much appreciated their

generosity. All are welcome to a Coffee Morning to raise funds for much needed Youth Club equipment at The Stile House, New Street on Thursday 8 July 10.30~noon.

Maureen Forsyth

WI

On the evening of 8 June members met at the historic Tooley's Boatyard to enjoy a conducted tour and a short canal trip. Matt and Chris took us around and explained the workings of the boatyard, which has the oldest working dry dock in the country. A unique collection of tools and machinery in the tool shop was inspected and admired by the men in the party, and the blacksmith was working in the original small building demonstrating the art of metalwork. Matt and Chris were thanked for a most interesting and informative evening. Our cake and plant stall on 19 June was well attended and raised over £130 - a very good effort. Visit to Wisley - The date for this 10 August, not 19, as reported last month. A few seats are still available - contact Yvonne Twomey 337213 or Angela Sones 338027.

Rene Mahony 338438

Deddington Colts

Over 200 people attended the Annual Awards Evening at the Windmill Centre. Medals were awarded to all 120 players. Two guests from Deddington Town presented the main awards - Martin Alexander (Chairman) and Jason Timms (First Team Manager). The award winners are as follows:

	Most improved Player	Sports person	Players' player	Player of the year
U'7s	Josh Gibbins =1st	Harry Collins	Oliver Dawkin	Thomas Young
	Casey Northover & William Norrell			
U'8s	Kyle White	Lewis Foster	Daniel Firoozan	Daniel Firoozan
U'10s	Ben Ackland-Snow	Mark Cook	Matthew Satchwell	Christopher Pridmore
U'11s	Callum Laffar	Ollie Metcalf	Joe Thornton	Nick Worrell
U'12s	James Farries	Adam Webb	Matthew Teare	Christopher Callow
U'13s	Jonathan Hodson	Dominic Evans	Michael Schneider	Oliver Poole
U'14s	Jordan Kaye	Jack Harper	Ged Boyle	Ged Boyle
U'15s	Andy Alexander	Sam Gallant	Andy England	Manni Younis

Congratulations to the Under 8s on their recent success at the Charlbury six-a-side tournament.

NEW PLAYERS. Robin Gardner [337401] and Peter Robinson [07939 528831] are on the look out for new players to play in next seasons U11 and U12 squads.

David Rollason 337351

Book Club

This month we have been reading 'Atonement' by Ian McEwan; a story of a family torn apart by the consequences of the youngest child's fantasies. Our book for July will be 'The Poisonwood Bible' by Barbara Kingsolver. The wife and daughters of an evangelical Baptist, who moves his family and mission to the Congo during the time of that country's fight for independence, tell this story.

Our next meeting will be 29th July at 7.30pm. Please call Sally for location. *Sally Lambert* 338094

Monday Morning Club

Please note that the bus for Stratford on Monday 23 August will leave the Market Place at 6.15 pm. I still have three tickets available for 'Dog in the Manger' -

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we found it highly enjoyable, so do take advantage of the chance to see it.

Jean Flux 338153

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade

Throughout June the boys were busy preparing for the BB/GB Annual Display evening on the 30 June. On 19 June the BB ran the Pocket Money stall at the School Fete and, thanks to your kind support, £75 was raised towards PTA funds. The Anchor Boys are going to Kidlington on 3 July to take part in the annual Anchor Boys sports competition. We hope for good weather for our end of term party on 14 July, which will be held at the Windmill Centre with our friends from the GB. That will be the last regular BB meeting before the summer holidays. On 24 July the older Junior boys go to East Runton, Norfolk for a traditional BB Camp under canvas. Members of 12th North Suffolk and 12th Enfield BB companies will join the boys at Camp. On behalf of the officers and boys of the BB, have an enjoyable summer and please remember that Anchor Boys and Juniors restart on 8 September.

Brian Bushell 338715

Deddington & District History Society

Our summer programme has continued with a thoroughly enjoyable visit on 9 June to Tooley's Boatyard, followed by our traditional summer social, held in Banbury Museum. On 22 June we entertained 21 members of South Newington's Dyson Society. Unfortunately, our tour of Deddington took place in near monsoon conditions. Any discomfort was soon forgotten, however, in the face of yet another of Sue Shattock's customary feasts. Neighbouring societies are queuing up to visit us - they will put up with one of my tours if Sue's refreshments are promised to follow!

Moira Byast is arranging a historic Windrush Valley walk for the afternoon of Saturday 24 July. If you are interested, please phone her on 338637.

Our new season starts on 8 September with Alan Rosevear speaking on 'The Turnpike Roads of North Oxfordshire'.

Chris Day 337204

WINDMILL CENTRE

Following the recent AGM of the Windmill Management Committee, the following committee members were appointed: Chairman: Roy Hart, Treasurer: Jim Flux, Joyce Minnear (Bookings Secretary), Graham Cheetham (Tennis), Maureen Forsyth (Youth Club), David Rollason (Colts), Gary Smith (DT Football), John Stiff (Cricket), Rachel Teare (Uniformed Groups) and Mark Tyler (Badminton).

Work is about to start on resurfacing the all-weather court in Astroturf. Once this is completed the court will no longer be freely open for use, but will be available for hire. A tariff will shortly be drawn up and letting charges will be publicised.

Roy Hart



Deddington Parish Council Tertiary Education Grants

Applications are invited from those entering tertiary education this autumn.

The aim of the grant (value £100) is to assist with the purchase of books or other equipment. In order to qualify applicants must be residents and have lived in the parish for three years.

Application forms are available from Graham Pitts, Clerk to the Council in the Windmill Centre office on Mondays and Wednesdays - 9.0am-2.45pm - 337447.

Grants will be awarded at the Parish Council meeting on 15 September and applicants will be invited to attend.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Three gardens and the allotments have been open to the public over the last 2 weekends.

On 13 June Sue and Les Lane had their garden open and organised a treasure hunt round the village. Everyone had a good time and £350 was raised for Katharine House Hospice.

On 19 and 20 June Delphine and John Sampson and John and Maureen Ann Temple-Smith had their gardens visited. This was in conjunction with gardens in Deddington. Money raised from these went to the Living Rooms project which is ongoing in the parish. Also open were the allotments on the Duns Tew Road, all impressively well kept despite water having to be brought from home. It was a pity that it was a showery weekend.

On Saturday 11 September St. John's Church will be open to receive visiting cycle riders who will be taking part in the annual Oxfordshire Historic Churches sponsored Ride & Stride [see p.5]. Our Church urgently needs cycle riders, so if you would like to have a go, please let me know. Half the money raised goes to our Church and half to the Historic Churches.

It is proposed that we have a Harvest Supper in the Church Hall on Friday 24 September at 7.30pm. Tickets will be limited to 40 people. More details during August and in the September issue of this magazine.

Les Chappell 338054

CLIFTON IN YESTERYEAR

St James Church in Clifton was consecrated on 10 June 1853 and although it is now de-consecrated and used as offices, St James Day, 25 July, used to be a great day for everyone in the village with celebrations for the anniversary of St James Church, as described by Mrs Laurie Gardner.

Clifton held several Flower Shows in conjunction with St. James Day. Here is her account of the second Flower Show, held on Monday 16 August 1880, in Clifton School. (St. James Day fell on a Sunday that year, so the celebrations were held a few weeks later): 'On Monday, August 16th, a second flower show was held in the schoolroom. In the afternoon, the mothers of the children attending St James Sunday School, were provided with a capital tea at the residence of Mr. Day, the Schoolmaster. A number of races were afterwards held in a field, the winners afterwards receiving their prizes in money. Repeated cheers having been given for various friends, the company adjourned to the schoolroom, headed by Hones Band. The room in the meantime had been lit with numerous Chinese lanterns, which shed a pleasing glow on the flowers, fruit, etc. A few songs having been given. Most of the company made their way to a barn, where dancing was kept up with much spirit for some hours.'

A church service was held on St. James Day with the Choir singing on at least two occasions the Hallelujah Chorus, and there was always a band in attendance. Each year there was a Choir outing for the Choir boys. In 1886 the trip was to Rhyl in North Wales, and the return fare was 5/-. (25p)

On St. James Day in 1897, at a public tea, 'a handsome gift of a tea service for 60 persons was presented to the village by Mrs Hall of Boulderdyke, and Mrs. Gibbons, in memory of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.' In 1955 Mrs Gardner wrote: 'The tea service, though much depleted, is still used for Jumble Sales, Whist Drives, etc.'

In June 1903, the Jubilee of the Church was celebrated with a tea, to which 146 people sat down. A handsome Prayer Book, for the use of the officiating minister was presented to the Church by the parishioners, to commemorate the 50th anniversary. Two white alms bags were made and presented to the Church as a Jubilee gift, by Miss Mary Williams, of East Ham, who was granddaughter of Mrs Harris, late of Boulderdyke.

Notes: The Clifton School mentioned above is now a private house, just west of Castle Antiques. The Schoolmaster's residence was the house called 'Sedgehill', on left as you enter Clifton from Aynho. *Carol Drawmer*


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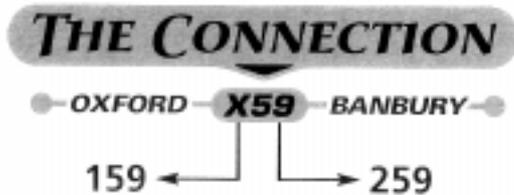
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DOLL

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

DOLL has arranged for a knowledgeable friend to visit the website this summer to check out its accessibility for people with disabilities. We are continually improving the content of the website and volunteers to help us are welcomed. Contact me if you are interested.

Colin Clark 338064 or Colin.Clark@deddington.net

Broadband4Deddington

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ADSL works over one of your current phone lines, allowing both voice (or fax) to work simultaneously alongside broadband access, which is always on. Your Internet Service Provider arranges for a BT engineer to fix the line, keeping your chosen phone number.

If more than one computer needs access to the line, you will need a router rather than a straight modem, which your ISP may supply free. An RJ11 cable is needed to link your BT socket to the computer - lengths up to 30 metres are available. Your phone plugs into an adaptor with a microfilter, which may cover all your extensions if they are all fed by the same line.

If you now have a second line (for a fax and/or internet access), broadband means that you could need only one. Broadband can save money on what you currently pay for the extra line as well as Dial-Up internet access.

The **DN** editor now has broadband. Discussions are in progress to see if each month's copy can be quickly uploaded as PDFs (Acrobat Reader freeware needed) to the D-o-L site soon after publication. Contact him if you, or distant friends, would like to be alerted by e-mail when it is available.

CH with thanks to Hamish Stoddart

Fire Service

Another quiet month with just 11 calls: 5 calls to stand by at other stations; 3 false alarms on automatic systems; 1 road traffic accident on the M40 and 2 car fires. Total for the year so far 90.



Recruitment : Ahcene Arfi who lives in the Paddocks, Deddington, attended the selection day on 19 June, and has been told he will start his weeks training in September. This is the first date that was available for his training to commence, so well done to him and the sooner he can join us the better.

We hope you are all enjoying the football from Portugal, plenty to eat and drink in front of the TV! [dateline 23/6/04 !] But when you go to bed, please make sure all the cigarettes are properly extinguished. If you are going away on holiday, please remove all the electrical plugs which are not important. This will help to keep your home safe while you are away. Please do have a safe holiday.
Pete Taylor Sub Officer 338281

Domestic Abuse

Last month Deddington Deanery Synod heard a presentation about Domestic Abuse, and was told that nationally it effects 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men. Victims are reluctant to seek help, but need to know where it is available when they screw up their courage to do so.

The Banbury Police unit says: "Domestic Abuse is bullying in your own home and is unacceptable. Whether there has or hasn't been violence, you can speak to people who understand your situation on the following numbers:

National 24 hour Domestic Violence Helpline - freephone 0808 2000 247 (this will not show up on a telephone bill). From September this number will be on the back cover of the *DN*.

Women's Aid - 01865 791416

Banbury Police Domestic Violence Unit - 01295 754625 - you can talk to the Unit members even if there isn't a criminal case going through and you just want advice in relation to your situation.

Citizens' Advice Bureau - 0845 120 2998

The Big Green Insulation Scheme

Until the end of August the insulation of lofts and cavity walls qualifies for hundreds of pounds of grants. Doing so reduces the cost of heating, and the saving of energy used helps to curtail climate change. Increasing loft insulation to 250mm (10") is now recommended, saving up to a quarter of heating costs.

A Free Home Energy Survey is available: Freephone 0800 107 0047, go to www.green-insulation.co.uk



A Larger Ark

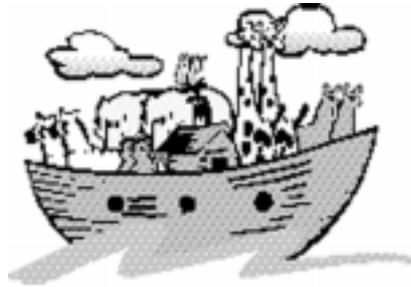
It was Darwin who made us think more broadly of species number: their variety amazed him. The prevailing notion was that species were constant and that all had been created, according to Genesis, in one day. Animals entering the ark were 'every species of cattle, every species of creeping things that creep along the ground, every species of bird, everything that flies, everything with wings.'

The notion of 'all species' was not so thorough in biblical times as it has become since the invention of the microscope (there are on average 500 species of microbes in the human mouth) and the rise of plant and animal taxonomy. We know, for example, that there are already more species of beetles than all other kinds of insects combined, and many more are yet to be found.

Last spring I had a chance to hear one aspect of Darwin's heritage with implications for life in Oxfordshire: Recording and Conservation Day at Wolfson College, sponsored by the Northmoor Trust. Any one of us may adopt an interest in a given species or family of organisms, and take up that interest as one would take up stamp-collecting. River voles, pipistrelle bats, and staghorn beetles - creatures precious in earth's green economy - have already drawn widespread attention.

Britain has only three native snakes. The adder (*Vipera berus*) was represented at Wolfson by a man who spoke

passionately for its protection. Few hunt for adders; few know their habitat (dry grassland). The guardian for Oxfordshire adders complained, with mock disappointment, that when folks happen upon an adder, they fail to tell him!



Bees and wasps had their representatives as well. Two recorders had netted flower-visiting species, trapped ground-nesting species, and compiled a list for Shotover Hill Park, Oxford. The naturalist's pleasure is recording. Each species added to a list excites the hope of another. Although ants belong to the same order (*Hymenoptera*) as bees and wasps, they were not collected on Shotover.

This is a pity, but also an opportunity, for ants, having evolved complex societies, are fascinating without being as toxic as wasps and bees.

The Longcot Churchyard Group came as representatives of a habitat, not a creature. In this they may have been more like Noah. The group is 30 activists from a village (which won the Best Small Village in Oxon award in 2002) with a total population of 500. The churchyard is the ark: a Peaceable Kingdom where they make compost, record gravestones, and compile lists of butterflies, beetles, birds and plants. In Deddington, SS Peter & Paul is an ark too: primary school children in red sweaters visited last summer and found centipedes under logs, ivy-leaved toadflax on the wall, and an orange lichen on a gravestone. *Walter L Meagher*

August Diary -

Tue	3	Children's Activities: Parish Church, 10am -12.30	➡ p.3
Wed	4	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.	
Fri	6	Deddington Babies & Toddlers: Teddy Bears' Picnic.	➡ p.9
Mon	9	Monday Morning club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am-noon.	➡ p.10
Tue	10	Children's Activities: Parish Church, 10am -12.30	➡ p.3
Tue	10	WI: visit to RHS Gardens, Wisley.	➡ p.10
Sun	15	Deddington Players: social in Aynho	➡ p.9
Tue	17	Children's Activities: Parish Church, 10am -12.30	➡ p.3
Wed	18	Deddington Babies & Toddlers: Bouncy Castle.	➡ p.9
Wed	18	Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm [to be confirmed].	➡ p.2
Mon	23	Monday Morning Club: bus for <i>Dog in the Manger</i> leaves Market Place at 6 15 pm.	➡ p.10
Tue	24	Children's Activities: Parish Church, 10am -12.30	➡ p.3
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Sat	28	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	

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September Diary

Wed	1	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.	
Thu	2	Deddington School: 2005 admission forms available	➡ p.3
Mon	6	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am-noon.	➡ p.10
Wed	8	Deddington History Society: Alan Rosevear, <i>N Oxon Turnpike Roads</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.	
Sat	11	Historic Churches: Sponsored Ride or Stride.	➡ p.5
Fri	24	St John's Hempton: Harvest Supper	➡ p.12
Sat	25	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	
Sat	25	Living Rooms Project: 50/50 Auction, Windmill Centre, 2.00 pm	➡ p.5