

Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind..." wrote John Donne. Those who heard Dr Davidson's mother read her Victim Statement on the *Today* programme will have been moved, like the judge, to tears - and now another fatality on the same stretch of road. Too often it is only after lives are lost that the Highways Department is moved to spend our money on speed restrictions

and traffic calming, though these cannot avert insane driving or atrocious weather. No number plates are **007**, but every plate is a licence to kill as well as to travel. John Donne concludes: "... never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."



CJ

October

Sun	1	First Aid: course at Windmill Centre, 9.15 am-4.30 pm. £25 for B.P. Funds - Alan Rampley 01295 810069
Mon	2	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10.30 am -noon
Wed	4	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Wed	4	Friendship Club: speaker from Woodstock Museum, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Mon	9	Deddington PFSU & Village Nursery: AGM, School, 7.30 pm ➡ p. 3.
Tue	10	WI: Harvest Tales and Verses, Bring and Share supper, Auction, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Wed	11	History Society: Mallams auctioneers, <i>Antiques Road Show</i> , Windmill Centre 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 11.
Fri	13	Deddington Players: <i>I Keep on Thinking it's Thursday</i> , supper & music, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm ➡ p. 10.
Sat	14	Deddington Players: <i>I Keep on Thinking it's Thursday</i> , as above, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 10
Wed	18	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
Wed	18	ORCC: <i>Village of the Year</i> Prizегiving, Tackley Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 6
Wed	18	Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45pm ➡ p. 2
Tue	24	Monday Morning Club: <i>You must have Been A Beautiful Baby</i> , Steeple Aston, 3.30 pm
Thu	26	Book Club: call 338094 for venue. ➡ p. 10
Sat	28	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.00 am ~ 12.30 pm. ➡ p. 6
Mon	30	Deddington Festival: Open Meeting, Wesleyan Church, 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 6

November

Wed	1	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
Wed	1	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
Fri	3	Babies & Toddlers: Photographer's visit, Windmill Centre. ➡ p. 10
Fri	3	PTA: Fireworks, School - tbc. ➡ p. 3
Sun	5	Deddington Players: meeting to cast pantomime. ➡ p. 10
Mon	6	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am-noon
Tues	7	Friends of Deddington Festival: AGM, Parish Church, 7.45 pm
Wed	8	History Society: Jan Warner, <i>Survival of the Fittest: Child Rearing from the 17thC</i> , Windmill, 7.30 pm. ➡ p. 11
Fri	10	Babies & Toddlers: Autumn sale, Windmill Centre, 9.30 am. ➡ p. 10
Sat	11	Scenes from <i>Grease</i> : Parish Church, 7.00 pm. ➡ p. 10
Tue	14	WI: Jan Brady, <i>Aloe Vera</i> , <i>The Silent Healer</i> , Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Wed	15	Parish Council: Hempton Church Hall (tbc), 7.45 pm ➡ p. 2
Sat	18	Warriner Choral Society & Akeman Voices: Carl Orff, <i>Carmina Burana</i> , Parish Church, 7.30 pm
Mon	20	Deddington School: deadline for applications for 2007 Admissions. ➡ p. 3
Sat	25	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.00 am ~ 12.30 pm. ➡ p. 6



Weekly Meetings

Mon:	Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm.	Wed:	Tennis Club Night, 6.15 pm till dark.
Mon:	Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm	Wed:	Boys' Brigade Company: Parish Church, 7 pm
Mon:	Bellringing Practice: Parish Church, 7.30-9 pm.	Thu:	Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10~4 pm.
Tues:	Craft Group: Holly Tree, 2.15-4.30 pm.	Thu:	1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill, 6-7.30 pm.
Tues:	Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm.	Thu:	1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill, 7.30-9 pm.
Every other Wed:	Friendship Club: Windmill, 2.30 pm.	Fri:	Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30~11 am.
Wed:	Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys: Windmill Centre, 5 pm.	Fri:	Katharine House Coffee Morning: Parish Church,
Wed:	Boys' Brigade Juniors: Windmill Centre, 5.45 pm.	Fri:	Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 pm
		Sat:	'DYG': Parish Church, 6.45-8 pm.

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Meeting in the Town Hall, 20 September 2006

Present: Cllrs Flux (Vice-chair), Alton, Anderson, Collins, Privett, Rudge, Spencer, Todd, Watts, Westbury, Wood, the Clerk and 3 members of the public. Max Pankhurst welcomed as new Steward. [Cllr Rollason was given leave of absence for 6 months.]

Village of the Year 2006

Deddington came first as the Best Large Village in Cherwell - see report on page 6. PC prefers to spend CDC's £250 prize on an automated watering system for the Town Hall hanging baskets, rather than on artificial ones, to save water. Prizes to be presented at ORCC AGM, Tackley Village Hall, Wednesday 18 October, 7 for 7.30pm.

Town Hall

PC agreed with Deddington Charity Estates to pay £4000+VAT (plus £1000 if needed) for repairs. A new 'decorating' lease, for 4 years initially with rolling extension by mutual consent, is suggested; rent @ £100 per month, to which lettings now contribute c.£80 per month. Legal fees to date £2040+VAT. Grants towards major repairs are available to the Charity.

Parish Plan publication hoped for by the end of the year.

Youth Projects

There is a gap in provision for 14~18-year-olds, contributing to vandalism. Suggestions include 'teen-scene play area', discos and/or drop-in centre.

- Youth Club: PC had made grant of £594 for games equipment.
- The Fair was expected to return on Wednesday 16 November and leave on Sunday 19 November.
- Tertiary Grants were agreed for Daniel Roberts (International Studies) & Charlotte White (Sports Management).

Cherwell Environment Form

'The Future of Oxfordshire's Woodlands' at Bodicote House on Wednesday 11 October 6.30 for 7.00pm. - see details on page 12

- Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers had done excellently at Castle grounds; further tasks suggested.

Local Development Framework

30 residents had sent to PC copies of their objections/ comments re the Framework.

Planning

PC Objection: (1) Stoneleigh House, Victoria Terrace, Deddington - retrospective application for rendered walls without permission: not in keeping with Conservation Area.

PC No Objection: (2) Orchard House, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington - reduce height of trees next to 10 Hopcraft Lane. (3) 13 High Street, Deddington - exterior replacements and internal alterations if agreed by Conservation Officer. (4) Old Malthouse, Church Street, Deddington - felling 2 trees and

halving shrubs. (5) Priory Dene, Hudson Street, Deddington - removal of ceiling tiles and vanity unit BUT kitchen range of historical interest.

CDC Approvals: (6) St Anne's Home, Clifton - with conditions which meet many of those requested by neighbours and PC. (7) 6 Hempton Road, Deddington - amended permission.

CDC Refusal: (8) Land at Lower Farm, Hempton Road, Duns Tew - microlight flying school.

CDC Pending: (9) 7 Market Place, Deddington: PC still concerned about increased pressure on parking space.

Appeals: (10) The Chestnuts, Clifton - to erect one dwelling. (11) Bengal Spice, New Street, Deddington - take-away and extended hours allowed.

Highways

- Road Closure: Duns Tew to Hempton w.e.f 2 October for between 4 weeks and 18 months !
- Traffic Calming: PC agreed to seek a laser radar gun to gather evidence of speeding through Hempton and New Street to trigger action by OCC before more fatal accidents such as recently on A4260.

PARISH FINANCES

- Internal (unchartered) Auditor needed: moist reward - contact 337447.
- Invoices passed for payment totalled £6314.40 - including £2704.26 grass-cutting.
- Investments totalled £560,698.17, of which £16,896.99 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account; £298,709.76 West Bromwich @ 4.45% overnight; £55,223.01 Alliance & Leicester @ 2.6% on 30 days; £200,000 Birmingham Midshires 2-year bond @ 5.13%.

NEXT MEETING

Town Hall - Wednesday 18 October - 7.45 pm
Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website:

www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes

John Coleman - the village is shocked by the sudden death on 22 September of our former friendly Village Steward in a car crash in bad weather on the A4260. We extend our sympathies to his family, and to our Firefighters who found their friend mortally injured. We wish recently-married Steven Williams a full recovery from his severe injuries. *CJH*

See Fire Station report on Page 12

Minutes Secretary
needed by the Parish Council - to
attend meetings on third Wednesday
each month, and write up minutes
= 5-6 hours paid work.
Apply to the Parish Clerk - 337 447

Well, the new term is here at last and the weather on the whole has been very kind to us. The children have arrived back with keen smiles and lots of energy and the summer holidays seem a distant memory. Our new children in the Partnership Foundation Stage Unit have settled extremely well and are a pleasure to have. There have been very few tears and they feel very much part of the School.

There are lots of visits and visitors planned for the next few months, involving Roman re-enactment, Oxford Botanic Gardens and World War 2 experiences. We will be going to church on Tuesday 3 October at 9.15 am to celebrate our harvest festival. If you are free, please come along and join us; you will be very welcome.



Our main fundraising event this term is a 'Wear it Pink' day on 17 October for the breast cancer campaign. If people would like to make donations to the school's fundraising efforts please drop them into the school office. We also like to encourage children to sponsor a daffodil bulb later in the term for the Myasthenia Gravis Association. This will not only help support and research into this debilitating disease but also help make our school grounds look even more beautiful.

On a different note: parents with children who will be starting school next September need to collect the special Admissions Pack. It is very important that you apply before 20 November to ensure you get a place in the school of your choice. Preschool also have the packs available.

Judith Tinsley 338430

PTA

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA and helped to make the 2005/2006 year such a huge success. We had a great year! The result was a net of some £12k+ enabling us to provide many valuable resources for the school. The PTA AGM was well attended on 11 September and a new Committee was formed.

Some members of the 2005 committee have been re-elected, and we are pleased to welcome some new faces to the team this year. In order to provide some 'succession planning' for the PTA, I am very pleased to welcome Janet Watts who was elected as my Co-Chair for the coming year.

We have some very exciting plans for the 2006/2007 year. Fireworks Night promises to be a bigger and better display and for the 3rd year running we have increased our investment in this! Santa's Float and Santa's Grotto will be visiting before Christmas too, and we plan a whole school production of "Joseph" in March, which promises to be great fun.

All in all we have a very exciting year planned, some of our old favourites are back and we have some new events to plan for as well.

*Stella O'Neill & Janet Watts
Joint Chair Deddington PTA*

Deddington PFSU

The term so far is going well. The children have been discussing the topic for the term "All About Me" and bringing in photos of their families.

We will be planting bulbs shortly in the PFSU garden and getting it ready for spring, I'm sure those of you who have seen it have been astonished at how well the children did planting it up last year. If you have any bulbs to spare they would be gratefully received by us. The AGM will be held on 9 October at 7.30pm.

Please contact the PFSU if you are interested in visiting the unit with your child and speak to Anna Justice (Supervisor) on 377484.

Sarah Payne Secretary
NB Phone number - not that on the back cover. Ed


Village Nursery

May we say a very big thank you to both Pamela Ward and Margaret Arnold for their extremely generous donations to the Nursery garden? The children will take great enjoyment in seeing all the plants and shrubs growing through the seasons.

We would also like to remind all parents that our AGM will be held in conjunction with the PFSU on Monday 9 October. Please can all families of Nursery children ensure that they are represented.

Jane Privett

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

Parish Church in October

Sun	1	10.30 am	Family Eucharist
		6.30 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong & Farewell Supper Party with visitors from Mmabatho
Wed	4	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thurs	5	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	8	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist and Baptism
Wed	11	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	15	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	18	10.00 am	ST LUKE Eucharist
Thur	19	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	22	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Eucharist & Childrens' Church
Wed	25	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sat	28	10.00 am	SS SIMON & JUDE Eucharist
Sun	29	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Mattins (BCP)
		3.30 pm	Commemoration of the Departed

St John, Hempton

Sun	1	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	15	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	22	6.00 pm	Evensong

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS: Baptisms - 20 August Riven Smith; 9 Sept Matilda Cudaky
Wedding - 26 August Darren Whitworth & Rebecca Bryant
Funeral - 5 Sept Marion Scott

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

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

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday Mornings at 10.30 am: Pastor Walton - except 29 October - John Neale
Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338 529

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform church with their congregation.
Sunday afternoon services at The Chapel at 3.00 pm with Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church. Pastor Walker also broadcasts on *SKY Revelation* on Tuesdays at 6.00 pm

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

The Revd A J Burns 277396

Hethe : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats - 5.30~6.00 pm.
Adderbury : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass.
The Saturday evening Mass at St John's Banbury is said at 4.00 pm to allow Catholics from the villages to attend before the last bus leaves town.

Summer Fun Activities for August



The Holiday Activities at the church were once again very well attended on four Thursdays in August. We managed to dodge the rain and on the last day were blessed with warm sunshine for our final picnic in the

churchyard. We played many games inside and out, and cooked, coloured and cut. Special mention must be made of the splendid "Holiday at the Mountain" tableau built up over the four weeks: everyone must now go and see it at the back of the church. Another highlight was the Bladon Junior Church drama workshop on the last Thursday which produced a fine performance of a song from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat". As always, special, huge thanks to the many adults who worked so hard to give the children such fun.

Jane Green

Book the Date : Saturday 9 December - 10-12.30

"Preparing for Christmas"

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POVERTY STRATEGIST

Justin Forsyth was one of 50 British people, who share a commitment to improving lives and changing attitudes, included in *The Independent's* THE GOOD LIST 2006 printed on 1 September. Justin grew up in Deddington from the age of 12.

The *Indy* wrote:

"He was with Oxfam for 10 years, latterly as director of policy and campaigns. Expert at the interface of international policy, lobbying, media management and global campaigning, he is a serious strategist. Behind his soft manners he is a hardnosed performer, brutal in negotiations with the IMF and World Bank, tackling them on substantive policy issues rather than hurling moral condemnations. Significant modifications in the conditions attached to their HIPIC debt relief scheme were down to Forsyth. He left Oxfam two years ago to work in the Downing Street Policy Unit where he has shaped Tony Blair's policy on Africa which has embraced much of the Oxfam antipoverty agenda. A superstar of the development movement."

**WELL REMEMBERED**

MARJORIE DEW came from the Malvern area. Her mother died young, and Marjorie and her sister were brought up by her maternal grandmother and then an uncle. Marjorie married her husband Bert, a mechanical engineer, in 1940 and a son Alan was born in 1942. After the War, in Hintlesham, Suffolk, Marjorie, enjoyed home-making (baking cakes, knitting, the flower garden), country walks with the dogs, the friendship of good neighbours and the WI. Later, she delighted in her four grandchildren. Marjorie spent a first period in Deddington when she and Bert lived on Goose Green from 1986 to 1990. She returned to the village, to Grove Court, following Bert's death, the end of a strong and successful partnership of nearly sixty years.

HW

MARION SCOTT was born in Aldershot. She trained as a nursery nurse (she had a strong rapport with children). She married and had two sons. She came to Deddington later in life to keep house at the Old Vicarage for Betty Hasleden. In due course she moved to Hempton and then to Mill Close. Marion enjoyed the social opportunities of Hempton and Deddington and formed some strong friendships. She went to Hempton and Deddington Churches, helping with the Children's Church at the latter. She was a loyal member of the Friendship Club and of the plate-bell ringing group. Hempton and Deddington will miss her bright and cheerful presence.

HW

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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IMPORTANT DATE

Saturday December 2nd

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Come and join us for a drink, snacks and *bacon sandwiches* AND shop 'til you drop at the Hempton Christmas Bazaar. More details next month.

Watch for the insert in November's Deddington News

**St. John's Church Hall
11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.**

**Deddington
Church Bazaar
Saturday
4 November
11am - 2.30pm**

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Come to ...

- have light lunches
- * browse among the many stalls :
cakes, bric a brac, gifts &c
- enjoy competitions & games
- * buy raffle tickets
- HAVE FUN
- * Admission Free



DEDDINGTON has been awarded the prize for Cherwell District's Large Village of the Year 2006 in the Oxfordshire Villages of the Year Competition. The judges said: "Deddington showed itself to be a very active village with many activities at the Windmill Centre. The Deddington Festival also impressed judges, as did clear evidence of helping others through charitable

fund raising."

Cholsey was the Oxfordshire Large Village of the Year, and Cherwell's Small Village of the Year was Islip.

The prizes will be awarded at ORCC's AGM in Tackley Village Hall on Wednesday 18 October, 7.00 for 7.30 pm. The speaker will be John Bridgeman, CBE, Chairman of Oxfordshire Economic Partnership.



INVITATION

Something to say about the Festival? Come along on Monday 30 October, to the Wesleyan Church in Chapel Square, Deddington. Let the Festival Committee know what you think.

Suggestions to make? Questions to ask?

- Did we get it about right this year?
- What should we have done that we didn't?
- What shouldn't we have done that we did?
- Where do we go from here?

The meeting, which is open to all, will have an independent chairman, Martin Squires. See you on the 30th, at 7.30pm. *Norman Stone 338019*

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

I must begin by once again thanking the Friends for their contribution to the success of the 2006 Festival. Both financially and in terms of help given at Festival events, the Friends' support was invaluable.

New developments: Deddington Festival now has charity status. As a result, FDF, which is an affiliated body, is advised by the Charity Commission to adopt a more formal structure. We are therefore calling an AGM on TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER, 7.45 pm in the Parish Church, to discuss the way forward. Friends will receive a Newsletter this month, giving more details. The AGM is open to all current members. This is new territory for all of us and we hope that as many of you as possible will come, to contribute to the discussion.

Kristin Thompson for FDF Committee

Is

Deddington Farmers' Market your favourite farmers' market? If so, please support it by voting in Country Life's "Your Favourite Farmers' Market" competition. To do so go on line at www.countrylife.co.uk/competitions/index.php?id=914 before 12 October. If you prefer to have a FREEPOST voting form, contact Althea Wood on 337904 or me on 338532. With your help we could be regional or even national winners.



Geoff Todd (DMMGroup)

MAPS IN THE MARKET PLACE

The story of our village from before the Norman Conquest up to the Second Millennium, 2000 AD. Illustrated maps showing every building, every street, even trees, in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. All the fields in the parish each with its own historic or current name. The ages of the buildings. The earliest known photograph of the Market Place. All this and more will be on sale at the Map Group stall in the Market Place on Saturday 28 October (in good time for Christmas). We look forward to seeing you there. *Norman Stone 338019*

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E-MAIL FROM LINDA DAVIES, WALNUT CLOSE, CLIFTON

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all who attended Charles' wake and helped to make it a great celebration of a remarkable man's life. Thanks also to The Jolly Boys Jazz band and, especially, to all at the Unicorn Inn for their wonderful hospitality. The collection for Macmillan Nurses, in Charles' memory, raised a magnificent £550. Louise and I would also like to thank everybody for their cards and messages of sympathy. It has helped us enormously to know that so many people are thinking of us at this difficult time. Charles was part of our lives for five wonderful years; we feel privileged to have known and loved a man so valued by his community and who will clearly be missed by 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.

E-MAIL FROM LORRAINE WATLING, PARISH CLERK

I am currently in the process of getting a composter from CDC for the cemetery on Hempton Road. In the meantime, may I ask people not to put plastic flower wrappings in the brown bin in the cemetery as the rubbish collectors then refuse to empty it? Max (the new village steward) then has to sift through and sort everything out. Also, please put dog mess in the red bins provided and not in the cemetery bins as, again, Max has to take this out and dispose of it elsewhere, which is an unpleasant job. This may appear to be a small point but full bins containing dog mess could affect all mourners, not just Max. Thanks in advance for your help.

APPOINTMENTS

DEDDINGTON HEALTH CENTRE

2006 FLU CLINICS

Our Flu clinics this Autumn are as follows:-

Saturday mornings 9am -12.00

Oct 14th & 21st; Nov 4th

Monday & Wednesday afternoons

Oct 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th

Late afternoon clinics

Oct 20th, 23rd, 30th

Clinics have been organised to fit in with surgery bus times on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings from Oct 17th.

If you are over 65 years old or have a long term condition such as asthma, diabetes, coronary heart disease or chronic renal disease, phone us to book your flu jab appointment on 338611

E-MAIL FROM LEAH CALCUTT, HEMPTON

Deddington Charity Estates

The trustees of Deddington Charity Estates are currently seeking someone within the Parish to take on the position of Treasurer and Trustee to the Charity.

The Trustees are responsible for the running of the almshouses and Town Hall in Deddington. As Treasurer you would be expected to keep simple accounts and attend a small number of local meetings throughout the year.

If you think you could do this job please write a short paragraph about yourself and send it to: The Clerk, Radwell Grounds, Duns Tew Road, Hempton, Deddington, OX15 OQZ. calcutt@calcutfarms.wanadoo.co.uk

DO L

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

In mid-September, several members of the Deddington OnLine team met a couple of Deddingtonians. So? Ah, but these were Deddingtonians from Tasmania. Since discovering that we had an Antipodean namesake, DoL has been trying to make the historical connection. Could it be concerned with John Glover of Ullswater, Lake District landscape artist who emigrated to Tasmania and settled in 'their' Deddington in a farm called Patterdale in the 1830s?

Our recent visitors, Carol and Rodney Westmore, turned out to be sheep and arable farmers and current owners of John Glover's Patterdale in Deddington, Tasmania. They seemed very taken with England's Deddington. We took them for a stroll round the village, had coffee at Foodies, visited the Church, went for an amble round Daeda's Wood, and they were last seen heading for the Antique Centre.

As for the Glovers, we are still trying to make the connection between the John Glover of Ullswater and contemporary Glovers of north Oxfordshire. Any suggestions?

Sylvie Spenceley 338995



Friends of Daeda's Wood

Our visitors from Tasmania were not the first to notice the closeness of Daeda's trees. In places their canopy now quite blots out all light from the lower branches and the woodland floor. So, with relief, we report we have at last a new Woodland Officer, namely Loren Eldred, who will be taking up Daeda duties, amongst many others, towards the end of October. Hopefully more light will be filtering through before too long.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

Autumn, the season of mellow fruitfulness, is a season that in my book should start in October with the Hunters Moon. But this year it seems to have slipped in with the Harvest Moon in September.

My book on weather lore has nothing to say about October in September so we shall have to wait and see what crops up. However the one thing you can be certain of is that whatever the weather is I shall grumble about it. After all, you would start to worry if I didn't.

The oil seed rape went into the ground during the last 10 days of August although the wet August weather made life difficult in getting the harvest finished. It set the rape seed off to a flying start but unfortunately the same warm moist conditions also set the field slugs on the rampage so once again the battle is on to stem the advancing grey hoards.

By the time this comes off the printing press we should have the planting of next year's wheat crops well under way.

The ewe flock has had a good sorting out, with many of the older sheep being culled to make way for a number of flock replacements brought down from the

north of England sheep sales. Due to the hot weather the lambs are taking longer to finish and are now grazing the hay meadow aftermaths. Once that has been used up, any lambs that have not gone to market will be put inside to finish on brought-in feed to get them away before the ewe flock come in for lambing.

Once the autumn planting is finished and the bees have been put to bed for the winter we can start work on the next phase of our environmental plan. This will involve yet more hedge and willow tree coppicing, but first, if the weather holds, we have two more soil bunds to build and sluices to put in place to control the water levels on the meadows and keep some areas damp into the summer months to encourage wading birds to stay and breed. We also have the river to fence off to allow the riverside vegetation to grow up and improve the nesting habitat for a number of waterside birds. As the river

is at present the only water supply for the livestock when grazing the meadows, we shall need to lay in mains water before the river is fenced off. But the pipe line will have to go on the "scenic route" as the most direct line is through a recently discovered Romano/British settlement site and the powers-that-be would get most upset if I went through that with my JCB.

George Fenimore 338203



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Tucked away on a shelf or in a box in many a garden shed are half-used packets of seeds.

There were more beans than I needed for the row I was planting, and a friend had given some that she had collected from last year, but I kept them just in case the initial sowing failed. They are still there somewhere. At this time of year there begin to appear patches of ground in allotments and vegetable patches which will be unused until the Spring. Why not make use of both seeds and ground with a little planting to produce 'green manure'?

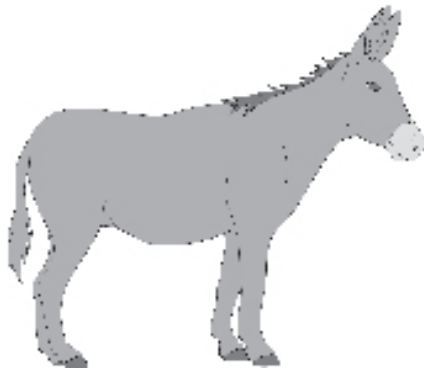
This is plants which are grown solely for the sake of helping the soil. Beans fix and mustard adds nitrogen when the foliage is dug in. Winter tares, field beans, clover, phacelia, and lupins are amongst those that are sold specifically as 'green manure'. Sown thickly now, they will soon germinate and can smother emerging weeds as well as adding valuable nutrients and organic matter when they are turned into the ground a few weeks before Spring planting.

Some parts of the garden may need rotavating now so that they are ready for potatoes, cabbages, pumpkins, courgettes or other weed-suppressing vegetables next year. Perhaps two or three gardeners might share the hire of a rotavator for a weekend in order to bring some of the unused parts of allotment gardens into production and keep the weeds down?

Hugh Marshall

Fred the Donkey Man, 1908-1982

Mike Boyd had carefully cut out and set aside an article and pictures from the Oxford Times of 5 February 1982 entitled 'Farewell to Fred'. On pictures surrounding the unsigned obituary we see Fred, entitled the "Ringmaster", in top hat sitting outside his "tent" on wheels with one of his dogs. In the background a donkey is tucking into a generous bale of hay. The story goes that one day in 1965 a hit-and-run motorist demolished his "wheely tent" leaving him and his circus of animals homeless. His friends and admirers quickly collected enough money to buy him a brand new three wheeled cart on which



was painted in big white letters: "FRED ABEL'S CIRCUS", and underneath in smaller capitals "AS SEEN ON TV". It appears that in his younger days Fred, lover of animals great and small, made himself

ringmaster over his collection to entertain folk on his travels, earning just enough to keep himself and his animal friends fed.

On yet another picture, probably taken in 1974, Fred is seen sitting outside his home, cuddling a little dog and holding up a fistful of £ notes. He is surrounded by children who have obviously just been told the story of his riches. It is a very sad story, luckily with a happy ending. Unthinking louts had broken into his cart and robbed him of savings he had scraped together over the years to buy himself a proper caravan. It is reported that this time his friends rallied round again and replaced all his money and a year later friends from Tadmerton Farm and Deddington Mill helped him buy a comfortable caravan complete with bunk bed, curtains and even a fitted carpet.

When Fred retired from entertaining and travelling, he settled in or around Deddington. Mike Boyd remembers that Fred was always very polite and ticked off children who used bad language. Fred spoke with a quite pronounced stutter, looked always rather scruffy, but it was felt that had he lived in more settled conditions in his early youth, he might indeed have had a very good upbringing.

Sometime in 1979 PC Alan Rampley found Fred very ill. He had suffered a stroke and had to be admitted to hospital, but only after the RSPCA Inspector had taken charge of the three dogs who, fiercely protective, would not allow the Ambulance crew anywhere near their master. I believe Fred never fully recovered. I remember seeing him in Horton hospital and being told that his friends from Deddington Mill, who had taken charge of his donkeys, had brought them to the ward window where Fred could greet them from his wheelchair.

Ruth Johnson

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of October 1856: (Banbury has been suffering arson attacks this summer, 150 years ago there was a similar outbreak on the farms round Bicester).

1st October - Mr. Dixon the policeman came to inform me of an awful system of incendiarism which had manifested itself in the neighbourhood of Bicester last night. Slade Farm had all 13 corn ricks destroyed, Bicester Fields all the corn and buildings destroyed, Stratton Audley one corn rick, the rest saved, Cottesmore Farm 12 ricks, all the buildings but the house, 3 barns full of corn and the poultry. It was reported since that 2 more fires had occurred about 4 miles from Bicester.

2nd October - Mr. Chater the relieving officer came to complain of two tramps having behaved improperly and using abusive language and threatening to break his father's windows - ordered them to the lock up till tomorrow morning, the case to be heard then.

3rd October - Committed 2 tramps to the House of Correction with hard labour for six weeks being their second offence before me.

13th October - Went to Oxford by the midday train to attend the Sessions. I dined in New College at the High Table, and slept at The Mitre as usual.

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Emma Durand

1st Deddington Guides

Rachel, Olivia, Freya, Annabel, Anna, Claire, Laura, and Jasmine say: "We had the best camp ever! Here are some of the things we enjoyed – food! no showers or baths, late nights, camp songs and our own entertainment, food! sleeping in the tents, swimming in the stream, seeing all the animals and plants, outdoor cooking, games, buckets for toilets, the wonderful environment, friendship of the other guides, food and loads and loads of fun! Girls over 10 - please come and join us! Come and join in the fun."

Maggie Rampley Guider 01295 810069

'DYG' Deddington Youth Group

Saturdays in Deddington Church: 4.00-5.00 pm 'GTT' Girls Tea Time, 13-18yrs; 5.30-6.30pm Grease Rehearsals; 6.45-8.00 pm 'DYG' Deddington Youth Group.

Up Coming Events: 11 November - 7pm Grease Show Scenes; 26 November after morning Service: Intro to

DYG Curriculum 'Building Community' by Youth Group; Advent 24/7 Prayer, 3~9 December - Open Creative Space for prayer, open to all 24hrs for 7 days.

Clare Newcome 07753743739 crnchia@hotmail.com

Book Club

During August and September we read 'Madame Bovary' by Gustave Flaubert and will soon be starting 'The Alchemist' by Paulo Coelho, our choice for October. The following is a summary of our discussions at our last meeting on 'A short History of Tractors in Ukrainian' by Marina Lewycka: 'Don't be put off by the unpromising title and cover. A little too slapstick for some but the exaggerated characters were nonetheless true to life. Sad and extremely funny by turns, masking some dark issues (old age/immigration/war). A worthwhile read after a slow start.'

Next meeting 26 October: call for venue.

Sally Lambert 338094

Deddington Players

We have had to change the programme for 13 & 14 October, but the show goes on! We will be presenting the short play, 'I Keep On Thinking It's Thursday'. (We hope to put on Derek Benfield's 'Bedside Manners', as previously advertised, in the spring.) Supper is included in the price of your ticket and during the meal musical entertainment will be presented by local favourites 'Brass Bits' (on Friday) and, from the heart of the Cotswolds, Chedworth Silver Band (on Saturday). Both evening's entertainment will commence at 7.30 pm at the Windmill Centre. Tickets can be obtained from The Flower Shop or from Jim Flux on 338153.

We are holding our first meeting to cast the pantomime on Sunday 5 November. Watch this space! Why not think about getting involved this year?

Lucy Squires 338442

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Deddington Town Football Club1st Team Results: -

Cropredy (h) Lost 0-4
 Hethe (a) Lost 1-5 B.Durrant.
 Wroxton (h) Drew 1-1 D.Keys.

The new season is well under way. The 1st team had a difficult start to the season, playing some of the more fancied sides in their opening fixtures. Danny Keys was on target in the match against Wroxton and, in the process, earning the team their first point of the season. Currently the team are in the lower reaches of the Premier Division, but it's early days yet.

Reserve Team Results: -

Bodicote Res (a) Won – Walkover
 KEA Res (h) Lost 2-7 P.Picking, B.Gray.
 Finmere Res (a) Won 2-1 G.Morbey, D.Sullivan.

The Reserve side made a good start to the season, collecting 6 points from the 9 on offer. Victory was achieved against Bodicote without a ball being kicked! Making a welcome return to the club, Guy Morbey scored one of the goals in the win over Finmere. These two victories have left the team in the top half of Division 3.

75 Club Winners – All Winning £50: 18/8/06 P.Cox; 25/8/06 P.Chard; 8/9/06 P.Rudge. **Steve Plumble 01295 278258**

Deddington and District History Society

Our season began with a talk by John Wilson of Cogges Museum on the highly topical subject of 'Harvest Home'. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11

October when, instead of a talk we shall have an unusual event, an 'Antiques Roadshow' conducted by Mallams Auctioneers. Please bring along small, easily portable items for valuation (though no stamps, please!). It should be a really fun evening.

Anyone is welcome to join the Society – simply turn up at the Windmill Centre for 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month and receive a warm welcome. Alternatively, give me a call or contact Moira Byst on 338637.

Chris Day 337204



Additional volunteers, both men and women, are required to staff the front desk at Deddington Police Office, particularly on Wednesdays and Fridays. For details ring Rosie White, Volunteer Co-ordinator, on 08458 505505.

Householders are again advised against unknown casual labour offering to do odd jobs in the house or garden. In particular, do not pay in advance for any work.

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News from Hempton

The allotment holders held their annual barbecue on 19 August. As it was a wet evening, they had to transfer the event to the open barns behind the cottages on the Barford Road corner. Everyone enjoyed themselves and thanks go to Marie and Geraldine for setting everything up at short notice.

Saturday 9 September dawned fine for the annual Historic Churches Ride or Stride and the weather stayed good all day. St John's Church had 103 visiting cyclists, one of which was the MP Tony Baldry who did a circular tour of this area. Thanks to everyone who staffed the Church, to our one rider, and to everyone who supplied refreshments. Once again we were praised for our food by the Milton Church team of riders. Thanks also to Pam Dodd for organising the day.

The Ladies' Tuesday Club continues to meet on alternate weeks. Over the last month they have been repairing the altar kneeler that was made some years ago in memory of Donald Stuart, a former resident of this village. Thanks to everyone concerned.

Is there anyone in the community who would like to look after the "planter" at the east end of the village? Spring flowers come up every year and it just needs a few bedding plants in summer. If anyone can help, please give me a call.

Les Chappell 338054

Senior Citizens Club

Volunteers are urgently needed to help at the Windmill Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm. If anyone is interested, please ring Debbie Harris on 07737 892745 for more information.

News from Clifton

Mrs Young of Clifton would like to thank all local villagers and friends who attended the recent barbecue in support of the charity 'Dogs for the Disabled' and gave so generously. Together everyone raised a total of £701.

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From the Fire Station

In the past month the crew have dealt with 4 car fires, 1 lorry fire, 1 cooker fire, 1 lockout, 1 haystack fire, 1 house fire, 5 stand bys and 3 road traffic collisions.

Emergency responders living within the communities they serve have a dread of attending a serious incident involving people they know. Friday afternoon 22 September was such an incident. A road traffic collision, just outside Deddington, two persons trapped. The crew worked exceptionally hard, in a very professional and competent manner. In these situations the mind seems to block out the reality of what it is faced with, whilst there is a critical job, to do it focuses on that only. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John's family and friends as they try to deal with this tragedy.

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