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We're appearing a week late this month as the Primary School, where DN is printed, was closed for its half-term break at the end of October. Consequently we have left out any dates or news of events that precede our distribution date.

## DIARY NOVEMBER

Thu	6	Friends of Deddington Festival AGM, Parish Church, 7.45pm, p.8
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Wed	12	History Society: 'Marriage in Georgian England', Dr Joanne Bailey, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm, p.14
Thu	13	Annual Pudding'n Pie Fair, Market Place
Sat	–15	
Sat	15	Barford Village Market, Village Hall, 10am–12.30pm
Sat	15	Bell Ringers: Annual Dinner, Unicorn, 7 for 7.30pm
Sat	15	Warriner Choral Society concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm, p.11
Wed	19	Parish Council meeting, Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm
Sat	22	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm
Sat	22	Art at The Holly Tree, 10am–4pm, p.5
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Sun	23	Free Spirit: Film on a South African HIV/Aids Orphanage, Parish Church, 4pm
Thu	27	Monday Morning Club: Film Evening, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
Thu	27	Book Club: for venue, call Sally Lambert on 338094, p.13
Sat	29	Hempton Christmas Bazaar, Hempton Church Hall, from 11am, p.11

## DECEMBER

Mon	1	Monday Morning Club: Christmas Lunch, Holcombe Hotel, 12.30 for 1pm
Wed	3	Photographic Society: 'Faces of India', Philip Rigby, D. Arms, 7.30pm
Sat	6	Royal British Legion and British Legion Club AGMs, 10.00am, p.3
Sun	7	Choros Carol Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm
Tue	9	WI: Christmas dinner at the Unicorn, 7.30pm
Wed	10	Deddington Police Office: Drop-in session, 5–7pm
Wed	10	History Society: 'Sex, Drink and Death in the 17th Century', Tim Healey, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm, p.14
Thu	11	Monday Morning Club: Film Evening, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
Sat	13	PTA: Santa's Float
Sun	–14	
Wed	17	Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm
Sat	20	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm
Sat	20	PTA: Santa's Grotto, Town Hall

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting in Town Hall 15 October 2008

*Present:* Cllrs Flux [Chair], Alton, Anderson, Ince, Privett, Rollason, Rudge, Spencer, Squires, Todd, Ward, Watts, Westbury, Wood, CC Jelf & DC O'Sullivan, the Clerk, the Minute Clerk, three members of the public and the DN correspondent.

#### Open Forum

Lynda Lake-Stewart drew the Council's attention to the considerable work that had been undertaken by the new allotment association. Cynthia Napper from the Oxfordshire Nature Conservancy Forum explained the requirements of the new legislation which encourages councils to co-ordinate conservation activities and to consider the environmental impact of planning decisions. She particularly endorsed linked wildflower meadows to provide migration corridors for insects and other fauna. In discussion it was recognised that DPC was well informed and was in the vanguard of councils taking environmental initiatives.

#### Planning

*DPC no objection:* [1] Stoneyford, Main Rd, Clifton – conversion of garage into new accommodation, subject to the property not being split into two separate dwellings and that vehicular access was safe. [2] Pieris, 14a High St – trimming of tree.

*Amended application:* [3] 3 Holly Tree Cottages – adaptation for use as a part-time clinic, original objection still stands.

*DPC approvals:* [4] The Homestead, The Lane, Hempton – repairs and reroofing of outbuildings. [5] Holcombe Hotel – works associated with the change of use to four domestic dwellings, conditional approval. [6] Old Corner House, Market Place – change of use from domestic to business. [7] Old Corner House, Market Place – single storey extension to house disabled toilet. [8] 38 The Daedings – demolition of garage and construction of house extension. [9] The Willery, Clifton Rd – single storey extension.

*Possible non-compliance:* Ithaca, Hopcraft Lane – exterior work to the front of the house may not conform to original planning application.

*Cherwell Local Development Framework* – the next stage of the development plans has been published; however, most of the detail relates to Bicester and Banbury towns.

#### Environment, Recreation & Special Projects

[1] *Satin Lane allotments:*

- Rules and responsibilities under discussion
- Communal work shed conditionally approved
- JCB/digger for site clearance, approval deferred
- Apple trees have been planted too close to residence and may need to be moved
- Notice to prevent parking across entry from highway was referred to OCC

[2] *Castle Grounds:* car parking and changing facilities

under consideration for Colts football, as well as a possible fitness trail.

[3] *Youth Club:* volunteers needed for the committee. Funding will need to be reviewed after Christmas.

[4] *Bowls Club:* a padlock is needed for the gate.

[5] *Market Place oak tree:* looking less sick.

[6] *Dog and litter bins:* not enough bins and not being emptied regularly – referred to CDC.

[7] *Gaveston Gardens:* Wednesday 29 October suggested for clean up.

[8] *Cemetery:* implications of new health & safety requirements need to be considered by DPC.

[9] *Windmill Centre:* a wireless router is being installed for internet access. RoSPA have approved the play area and the netball ring has been repaired.

[10] *Hanging baskets* have been removed for winter; new bulbs going into planters at entry to the villages.

[11] *Bus shelter, Hempton Rd:* needs painting; ownership is unclear.

#### Finance & General Purposes

In the aftermath of the collapse of some banks and the exposure of both OCC and CDC to Icelandic banks, a discussion was held on the security of DPC's deposits. The problem for councils is that most banks do not normally offer gross interest. £330,000 (60%) of Deddington money is with the West Bromwich Building Society, a traditional building society following conservative disciplines and considered secure. A further £200,000 (35%) is deposited at Birmingham Midshires, owned by HBOS and now covered by government guarantees. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

- The Church clock has been repaired and the PCC are considering making a contribution to the cost
- A tertiary grant was approved for Sam Thornton of Mill Close
- The Tennis Club application for a grant was declined because they have sufficient funds available

#### Highways

- Earl's Lane parking and speeding – a site visit and meeting with the school governors and the HWG is being arranged
- A4260 crossing point – a survey was undertaken by OCC who found that no-one wanted to cross west-east over a one-hour sample period; further consultation to be undertaken
- A4260 New Street crossing – consideration for a crossing at the southern end was suggested again

#### Parish Finances

Invoices passed for payment £8301.

Investments totalled £545,425 at W Brom BS, Barclays & Birmingham Midshires BS

**Next meeting Wednesday 19 November, Hempton, 7.30pm**

These notes are a summary by DN's reporter Charles Barker, and not the official Minutes (<http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/pcminutes>).

## DEDDINGTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 9 November. The Royal British Legion invites all villagers to join them in the parade, as well as in the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial and in the Parish Church afterwards. The parade assembles at 10.30am in the Bullring and moves off to the War Memorial at 10.45, arriving at 10.55 in time for the Act of Remembrance at 11.00, and followed by a short service in the Parish Church. Afterwards the Royal British Legion Club welcomes everyone for liquid refreshment.



### Armistice Day

In recent years the government and the Royal British Legion have been encouraging the public to mark the anniversary of the Armistice that ended the First World War. The Armistice became effective at 11.00am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. As this is the 90th anniversary we are marking it by a short service in the Parish Church at 11am on Tuesday 11 November when the Legion's standard will be paraded, and we hope to be joined by local schoolchildren and villagers to mark this special occasion.

### Poppy Appeal

Once again the annual Poppy Appeal supports our brave men and women in theatres of war all over the globe. In the event of their suffering loss, we are here to help them and/or their dependants to thank them for their sacrifice. Here in Deddington, dedicated villagers work to ensure that we contribute some £4000 annually to the Poppy Fund. Let us make this year no exception. Door-to-door collections will take place from 25 October to 8 November and, during the same period, nearly all the retail businesses in Deddington will be making poppies and collection boxes available at their premises. Please give generously.

### Annual General Meetings

The AGMs of the Deddington Branch of the Royal British Legion and the Royal British Legion Club will be held at the Club on Saturday 6 December at 10.00am. They will include elections of officers and committee for the coming year. The meetings are open only to members, but if there are any villagers who feel they could make a contribution, large or small, to the running of the RBL, please contact the Vice-President.

### Welfare

The prime purpose of the Royal British Legion is to give assistance to ex-service personnel and their dependants in times of need. If any ex-service villagers or their dependants need our help, or if you know anyone in this position, please contact Ray Morris. There are many ways in which the RBL can assist, but we can't help if we don't know. All help is in strict confidence.

**Ray Morris, Vice-President, 338143**

[DeddingtonRBL@aol.com](mailto:DeddingtonRBL@aol.com)



*Clocking back on: the new hands go on to the south-facing side of the church clock (pic. Colin Robinson)*

### PHYSIOTHERAPY

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## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Thu	6	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	9	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		11.00 am	Service of Remembrance
Tue	11	10.45 am	R. British Legion Service in Commemoration of the 90th Anniversary of the end of the First World War
Wed	12	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	16	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)
Wed	19	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	20	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	23	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Feast of Christ the King
		10.30 am	Eucharist
Wed	26	10.00 am	Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)

Sun	30	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Eucharist: St Andrew
		6.30 pm	Advent Celebration

#### St John's Hempton

Sun	16	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	23	6.00 pm	Evensong

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

17 Aug: Baptism – Summer Prasher  
 23 Aug: Wedding – Harry Adams and Georgina Hill  
 11 Sept: Memorial meeting for Mary Martin  
 13 Sept: Interment of ashes – Hewitt Wilson  
 20 Sept: Renewal of marriage vows on 60th anniversary of wedding of Stan and Joyce Scrivens  
 9 Oct: Funeral – Gwen Bond  
 13 Oct: Wedding – Richard Gregory and Lauren Young  
 17 Oct: Service of celebration of the life of Maureen Bannister

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev. Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), the Rev. John Dane (337403), or one of the church wardens, Glynne Bianchi (337743) or John Osborough (07753 802841).

*Bible Study Groups:* Contact Jean Welford (338539), or Liz Dickinson (337050) for dates, times and venues.

#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

**Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

Sunday mornings at 10.30am: Pastor Walton, except 23 November: David Morris.

#### Congregational Chapel, New Street

**Joyce Minnear 338529**

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church together with their congregation. Sunday afternoon services at 3.00pm at the Chapel, organised by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church.

#### RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

**Fr John Burns 277396**

Masses at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday (except Wed) at 9.30am, Sun at 10am. St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7pm and Sun 8.30am. Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00pm and at Adderbury before Mass.

## FARMERS' MARKET

**D**eddington Farmers' Market celebrated its 7th anniversary at the end of September when 13 village groups each received a cheque for £200 from the outgoing Management Group Chairman, Althea Wood. At the close of the market, stallholders

gathered in the Unicorn to thank Althea for her years of service to the market. Later she received presentations from helpers and committee at the group's annual dinner at Otters Restaurant. Geoff Todd took over as Chairman on 1 October.

The group, set up in 2001 as a non-profit making organisation, had accumulated an excess and decided to make donations to a variety of local organisations, as well as the 'Help the Heroes' Fund, in accordance with its objectives of supporting the community.

The Farmers' Market will have a stall at the 'Food 4 Life' event at the Windmill Centre between 10am and noon on 12 November. The event marks the launch of the Rural Healthy Living Road Show run by the Oxfordshire Rural Children's Centre. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Geoff Todd, 338532**

*Cheques galore – Althea Wood and representatives of village organisations with their £200 cheques. Other pictures by Geoff Todd and a list of benefiting groups can be seen on <http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/pics.html>*



## News from Deddington School

After the half-term break we have another busy time ahead. Year 3 are looking forward to a trip to Sulgrave Manor on 26 November which will enhance their learning about the Tudors and promises to be a great day out. They will be dressing up and role-playing life in a Tudor Great House, an experience greatly enjoyed in previous years. Year 6 are honoured to have been invited to the Remembrance Day Service at Deddington Church on Tuesday 11 November at 11am.

It was good to welcome back the Rev. John Dane from his successful pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in Northern Spain. The children enjoyed tracking his progress, as well as sharing his experiences in a special school assembly.

Another event that the whole school is looking forward to is our Fireworks Night on Friday 7 November on the school field. Our wonderful PTA work extremely hard to ensure that this event always goes off with a bang – so fingers crossed for good weather!

**Jane Cross, Deputy Head Teacher, 338430**

## PTA

Firstly, I would like to thank the Farmers' Market Committee for their generous donation of £200 which was presented to us at the September market. It is a fantastic start to our new fund-raising year!

Unfortunately, our good luck with the weather ended abruptly on 5 October when we had to abandon our car boot sale due to heavy rain. However, I am hoping that we will have lovely clear skies for our Fireworks Night on Friday 7 November, which will be held on the school field as usual. We have again invested in a fabulous firework display to delight both young and old! The gates will open at 6pm when a tantalising aroma will be wafting from our sizzling barbecue to tempt your taste buds! There will be children's entertainment and lots of fun 'glow in the dark' products! We have toffee apples (thanks to the Co-op), and a licensed bar selling mulled wine and beer. For a special treat we also have hot chocolate with whipped cream. This is an all-weather event – we will not be rained off! We look forward to seeing you all there and hope you will support this annual village event. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Farmers' Market Committee for lending us their market stalls for this event, as they do every year – it is much appreciated.

Once again, our children have designed a wonderful range of Christmas cards. Many thanks to Mike Homer and Multiflow Print Ltd for assisting with their production. Cards can be obtained from the November Farmers' Market or from Janet Watts. And please do not forget our craft market in the Royal British Legion on Farmers' Market Day. There are some fabulous new stalls and it is a great place to get some unique and quality Christmas gifts.

**Janet Watts, PTA Chair, 337135**  
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## PFSU and Village Nursery

At our recent AGM, reports on the year's activities were presented and our new committee elected. We welcome the new committee and hope you enjoy working with us. Thank you to all the outgoing members for their hard work, particularly to Chair Emma Thompson, who has put in many hours beyond the call of duty. For those of you who don't know, both the PFSU and Village Nursery are parent-managed settings, run by local parents for the benefit of the children of the community. We are charities and are run neither privately nor by the LEA, as many people think.

After the holiday we will be learning about 'Festivals', finding out about Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas, and no doubt enjoying lots of glitter! The PFSU Christmas production (with the school F1 class) will be held in the Church on Monday 15 December, during the afternoon. We also hope to hold a decorations day when parents will be invited to join us to make the PFSU and Nursery look suitably festive.

Thank you to our recent visitors, Naomi and Tom with their hen Sweet, and Rachel with her hamster Rex. We love to have something different to show the children and would welcome you if you have a skill, hobby, collection, etc. that we might enjoy. Please do get in touch.

**Lucy Squires, 337484**

## ART AT THE HOLLY TREE

An exhibition by four local artists supporting  
Katharine House Hospice

Come to the Holly Tree, Deddington  
Sat 22 and Sun 23 November 2008, 10am–4pm  
Admission free

See the paintings, drawings, prints, cards

Have a cup of tea or coffee

Talk to the artists and, we hope,  
buy something you like

**Peggy Baker, Michael Baker,  
John Cheney, Norman Stone**



*In the Calor Village of the Year Competition Deddington was the £500 winner in the Cherwell category. Paul Blacklock, Marketing Manager of Calor, presents the plaque to Mary Robinson. Also in the picture: Jim Flux, Don Anderson and Brigadier Ian Inshaw, High Sheriff of Oxfordshire.*

## DOWN ON THE FARM

**I**t seems to have been a very long and protracted harvest and planting season, but at last the drill and cultivation equipment have returned to the barn for the winter. So after a very difficult and delayed harvest, which meant the oil seed rape was also some four weeks late in getting into the ground, the recent good spell of back-end weather enabled us to get the wheat crops in by 17 October. It was always said that the wheat should be in the ground by Banbury Fair week to give it enough time to establish itself before the winter set in, but then that was an old local saying, when we used to get a proper winter and before the advent of global warming.

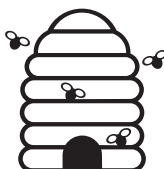
The ewes have been enjoying the good weather of late and despite the standing water in the meadows they are in fine fettle and ready for the rams to go out during Banbury Fair Week. This year we brought 100 mule gimmer (under a year old) ewe lambs (Swaledale x Bluefaced Leicester) from the North of England as flock replacements and these will go to the ram to lamb in late April.

The bees have been very busy during the last few weeks, gathering large amounts of ivy pollen to help see them through the winter months. In addition to their

foraging we have given them sugar syrup to replace the honey that was taken off during the summer. Now that the honey season has finished, they have also been treated for the dreaded varroa mite so, despite all the doom and gloom about the imminent demise of honey bees in this country, the bees of Home Farm are going into the winter in fine form. Just how they will come out next spring only time will tell. But one thing is certain, there will be honey on the market stall long after Christmas.

Although the bees have had a reasonably good year despite the weather, the same cannot be said for the other insects on the farm. The moth counts have been consistently very poor with only small numbers coming to the light traps. Although we have recorded 23 different species of butterfly on the farm this year, the numbers have again been very low, with no Marsh Fritillaries or Copper Skippers. As both of these frequent the river meadowland, last year's flooding and this year's low temperatures are the probable cause of their absence. However it was good to see a number of late-hatched Comma butterflies in mid-October and we can always hope that next year will be better.

**George Fenemore, 338203**



Adderbury is holding an Xmas Market on Sunday 30 November from 11am to 4pm outside and inside the Institute – see [www.adderbury.org](http://www.adderbury.org)

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in their care for  
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## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

EMAIL FROM LUCAS BENNETT  
[daleg1@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:daleg1@blueyonder.co.uk)

I believe my grandfather was called John Callow and lived in the Banbury area at some point during the late 1940s or early 1950s. He may have served in the Royal Electrical Engineers division of the army. Unfortunately I have nothing more than a name and a possible occupation, and am having difficulty tracking him down. My family were originally from the canal boat community and the rumour is that my grandfather was engaged to my grandmother who took particularly ill with epilepsy and was institutionalised, as was the procedure in the 1950s (she would have been unsafe on the boats). His daughter was raised by her mother's family, but I do not know what became of him. Does anyone have any further information on the name, or know of any



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Callows still living in the area who may be able to help?

FROM HAZEL HALL, GAVESTON GARDENS

Ray and Hazel Hall would like to thank everyone who kindly donated, helped and attended our Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses. We raised around £400.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, THE KNOWLE, PHILCOTE STREET

In his Green Piece Colin Robinson wrote: 'When we're not burning a fire, warm air is still rushing up the flu to heat the sky'. Instead of paying for a chimney balloon, our sweep said, fill a bin bag with crumpled newspaper and stuff that up the chimney and, before Fire Officer Anne starts objecting, tie a label to the neck which hangs down, to remind you that it's up there.

## POLICE REPORT

In November and December 2007 we surveyed communities to find what residents think the Police should focus on. The priorities were: (1) speeding, (2) burglary/dwelling, and (3) groups of youths congregating and indulging in anti-social behaviour.

Some facts and figures regarding the second priority: from January to October 2008 there were 29 reported burglary/dwellings in the Banbury Rural Neighbourhood (32 villages) which averages out at less than one burglary/dwelling per village this year so far. In the same time period last year there were 52 burglary/dwelling offences, 23 more.

I believe that this is due to the hi-visibility patrols conducted by the Banbury Rural Police Community Support Officers, plus the hard work of the Banbury Priority Crime Team, Crime Reduction and Neighbour-

hood Watch. Even though the number of burglaries is dropping, you should still be aware of home security such as locking all doors and windows when you leave the house, and not leaving doors wide open even when you are in the house. If you would like free and independent crime reduction advice, please contact Crime Reduction Officer Jayne Taylor at Banbury Police Station on 08458 505505.

Please also be aware of leaving valuable possessions on view in unattended cars. Do remove sat navs completely (including the holder), mobile phones and other valuables. If you have a van containing tools, please mark them clearly with your postcode and preferably remove them overnight. By being vigilant you can save yourself expense and inconvenience

*Phil Morris*

## FAIR TRADE FOR CHRISTMAS

The popular range of Christmas cards from Traidcraft is available in Deddington now. With over 50 new and exclusive card designs to choose from, they offer a wide a range of styles, sizes and shapes, most of which reflect the traditional Christmas story. This year inspiration, including patterns from fair trade products, has come from Traidcraft's producer groups in many countries. The added dimension is that each card that is bought helps a craftsperson, farmer or other producer to develop their skills and sell their products in world markets. Each pack of 10 or 20 cards is competitively priced and they are on sale at the Fair Trade stall in the Church during the Farmers' Market, or can be chosen from the free Traidcraft catalogue – available every day from the Church. Alternatively, please call Hugh Marshall on 337761 for a catalogue, to place an order, or with any queries.

**Deddington Fair Traders, 337761**

## PIANO RECITAL IN AID OF ROSY

At 7.30 pm on Saturday 8 November, Elizabeth Tebbly will be giving a piano recital in Deddington Parish Church in aid of Rosy. She will be playing three Preludes and Fugues by Bach, Beethoven's Sonata Opus 10 No. 3, Bloch's 'Poems of the Sea', a selection of Chopin pieces and Debussy's 'Feux d'Artifice'.

Rosy (Oxfordshire's Children's Respite Nursing Team) provides invaluable service to sick children and their families, and also a substantial amount of medical equipment and specialist toys. They have set a target of raising £150,000 this year.

Elizabeth Tebbly lives in Leamington Spa and is now giving piano recitals after spending most of her career teaching the piano and violin.

Tickets are £6.50 (concs £5.50) and are available from One Man Band in Banbury or at the door.

## UP THE ALLOTMENT

In recent months I have chatted on about compost and its importance to the vegetable gardener. I hope you enjoyed reading about its production and usefulness. One kindly reader thought he might enlighten me further about the production of commercial fertiliser and what happened soon after its invention.

Commercial fertiliser was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water hit it (at sea), it not only became heavier but the process of fermentation began again, a by-product of which is methane gas.

As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can understand what could, and did, happen. Methane began to build up below deck and the first



time someone came below with a lantern, *boom!*

Several ships were destroyed in this way before it was determined just what was happening. All future shipments were stamped with the term 'Ship High In Transit' on them, which was a direction to sailors to stow them high enough off the lower decks so that water entering the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term 'S.H.I.T' (Ship High In Transit) which has been passed down through the centuries and is still in use today.

You probably did not know the history of the word. Neither did I – and I had always thought it was a golfing term!

**Tony Campion, 337113**

## FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

The leaves may be falling and flowers scarce, but there is still plenty to see in Daeda's Wood if you know what you are looking for. I say this because, in the summer, Kristin Thompson was looking for butterflies when, instead, she saw an otter swimming in the River Swere. These shy animals are not commonly seen in the daytime when noisy humans and dogs are around.

And this is where the experts appear. Philippa Burell and Ellen Lee from the Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre visited the wood, armed with cameras, buckets and nets. Ellen, clad in waders, set off into the river and firstly showed us crayfish – unfortunately the American invader since the English crayfish in this part of the Swere have already succumbed to the fungal infection imported with the larger American variety.

They then went on to look for evidence of otter habitation. Otters are solitary and territorial, and move around their patch rather than settling in one particular place, leaving their spraints (or fishy/jasmine tea-scented droppings) on their favourite platforms and shelters. They soon found plenty of recent spraints in several different locations as well as fish scales and, to their great excitement, a large half eaten fish on a flat rock at the water's edge. We had probably disturbed its meal since it was a very fresh chub and I hope it returned after we had gone.

If you walk in the wood you are unlikely to see an otter or even spraints without guidance, but the thought that these beautiful, shy animals are there must surely enhance your pleasure.

**Elsbeth Cox, Chairman, 337635**

## FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

Just to remind everyone that the AGM is on Thursday 6 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Church (meeting begins at 7.45pm, time for a glass of wine beforehand.) Please come, there are some important issues to discuss. And please bring with you anyone who might be interested in joining.

**Kristin Thompson FDF Publicity, 337052**

## SATIN LANE ALLOTMENTS

The fantastic weather of the weekend of 27–28 September was matched by the enthusiasm and hard work of allotment holders who joined forces to clear and tidy the communal areas of the Satin Lane site. Clearing brambles on vacant plots, strimming and mowing paths and clearing rubbish was organised by the newly formed Allotment Committee who would like to thank everyone who gave their time and energy over the weekend. The hard work concluded with a communal barbecue and an agreement that the exercise should be repeated next year.

**Lynda Lake-Stewart, 336253**  
**Chairman/Secretary, Allotment Committee**

## THE STORY OF DEDDINGTON, MARY VANE TURNER, 1933

Following the notice in October's *Deddington News*, we now have further details on the Deddington & District History Society's new edition of the very rare *Story of Deddington* by Mary Vane Turner. We will republish the book as a facsimile for our tenth anniversary, with an introduction by Chairman Chris Day.

Just before we were going to press we discovered a lot of new material, including the original typescript, a corrected copy of the book and the originals of almost all the illustrations. We thus expect the quality of reproduction to be significantly improved. We also discovered that one of the rival histories was in part written by a 'ringer' – not only a man (this was a WI project), but a professional author and archaeologist!

We expect to have copies ready in December, an ideal Christmas gift. If you would like a copy, please send a cheque for £9 made out to the Deddington & District History Society to: Janet Broadbent, Stonecourt, Earls Lane, Deddington, Oxon OX15 0TJ.

Members of the D&DHS or WI can pay at their November meetings. The cost of postage for copies that need mailing will be posted in the December issue of *DN*.

**Colin Cohen, 337040, [cohen@nehoc.co.uk](mailto:cohen@nehoc.co.uk)**



## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

**A**nother year, another Deddington Farmers' Market Dinner with Clifton supplying 14 out of 33 diners. We should all be proud of the Market group and be very smug about how little old Clifton really does a lot more than its bit. Five people from Clifton set off on the Ride and Stride of Oxfordshire churches; only three made it out of the village, however, as Alice Collins took an enormous tumble by the mill and mum had to take her home to be tended by our GP. Linda Davies, Harry and Alan Collins got to 12 churches and greatly enjoyed the heroically fabulous spread at Hempton.

A fantastic measure to beat the credit crunch in Clifton is underway – making our own beer! Marcus has commissioned a local brewery to create the pub's very own Prince Rupert ale, to be sold for a yet to be disclosed credit-crunching price. Marcus has recklessly asked the Clifton Book Club to lend its considerable expertise in the selection of the hops and barley, the malting duration and mashing temperature. The Book Club honed this expertise by reading and researching their book, *300 Beers to Try Before You Die*. They are up to page 27 now and would welcome new members most Thursdays at 9.00pm in the Duke.

We also welcome Kelly and Tim to the village. Tim is from Banbury via Stowe and Oxford, but Kelly is from Washington DC, thus keeping our 'septic' count stable after a recent departure. A wedding is in the offing next year across the pond and we warmly welcome them to our little corner of loveliness.

Clifton also enjoyed its very own air show when Andre Tansley was flown in a North American Harvard 2-seater Second World War trainer, and proceeded to beat the village up in a series of rolls and wing-overs. This was a long-service award from his employer and a change from his usual aerial pootling with the Clifton Flying Club.

*Martin Bryce, 338031*

## FROM THE FIRE STATION

**T**he station received 21 calls in the past month. The fires included a timber yard in Charlbury, a tumble dryer in Middle Barton, a car fire near Bullingdon, a chimney in Croughton, a huge barn fire in Long Wittenham (Didcot), an electrical fire in a shop in Banbury, and two early unattended bonfires. We also attended three road traffic collisions and a chemical spillage in Chacombe.

I am looking forward to the introduction of satnav into the cabs as locating our destination is not always easy. If you live in a house with no number and you call the emergency services, please think about giving some landmarks for us to aim for, and get someone to be outside to meet us. We don't use sirens at night if we can avoid it; however driving up and down a long street looking for a house name, usually hidden by a bush, can be very frustrating.

We are very pleased to announce that our newest recruit, Graham Harding of Barford St Michael, has just passed his basic training. He will have a few weeks' training with us and then he will be 'on the run'. Congratulations Graham!

Well done also to Adam Franklin who has completed his LGV course; he will clock up a few miles driving at normal road speed before going on to his 'blue light' driving course next March.

We had a fantastic day on 18 October: 40 potential recruits – 16 women and 24 men – came from all over Oxfordshire to have a go at the fire fighter selection tests. I have seven possible recruits for Deddington, so I am delighted. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed it, apart from my crew who spent the entire day demonstrating the fitness challenges and were absolutely exhausted at the end of it. Well done team, and yes, I will stock up on plasters for blisters before the next one!

*Anne Waters, 338281*

*Watch Manager, Deddington Fire Station*

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## WELL REMEMBERED

### CYRIL TUSTAIN

Cyril was born at Chisnell Farm, Souldern, one of ten children, his mother and father being workers on the farm. The family came to Deddington when Cyril was five. He married Rene (a schoolmate) just as the War began. At the same time, having worked at the slaughterhouse in the Grove, Cyril went to Alcan. Here he spent the remainder of his working life, finishing as a supervisor with a large body of men in his charge.

Cyril and Rene moved into the Paddocks when the houses were first built, by which time they had three children, Brian, Peter and Pat. In 1961 they suffered the tragedy of losing Brian and Peter in a car crash. Despite this hardest of blows, Cyril managed to find contentment, particularly in his extended family. He delighted in his greenhouses and garden. In his younger days he played snooker at the Legion. He enjoyed football on the television (Manchester United was his team) and racing, with a flutter on the horses from time to time. He also played the lottery; he wanted a big win – not for himself but for Pat; after all, his family was everything to him.

### MAUREEN BANNISTER

Maureen came to Deddington only two and a half years ago, but she quickly established herself as a valued member of our community. She was an Oxfordshire girl, born in Witney, the daughter of an editor of the *Witney Gazette*. She spent much of her life in Hayes in Middlesex where she was immersed in the life of the community as a member of the literary and histori-

cal societies, the Church, and much else besides. In Deddington she became part of Grove Court; she joined the Windmill Tuesday and Thursday Clubs and the Parish Church. Her unassuming yet weighty presence, her open integrity, her lop-sided smile and, not least, her propensity for a nice cup of tea will be much missed. We should have had her longer.

### GWEN BOND

Gwen Bond lived most of her life in Dartford, the daughter of a philanthropic butcher. She married Cliff at the beginning of the War and had three children. Gwen caught her father's desire to help those in need and worked with the Red Cross Club for Disabled, the Kent Association for the Disabled and the Women's Auxiliary of the YMCA. In her time off from such activities she took part in amateur dramatics. Gwen and Cliff came to Mill Close in the early 1990s. They became members of the Bowls Club, Gwen took up hand-bell plate ringing and they soon found themselves committed to various charitable activities. A few years ago Gwen suffered the loss of a brother, a son and her husband in quick succession, a sequence of events from which, despite the ministrations of her family and friends, she never fully recovered. She met her own mental degeneration with a brave defiance. She wasn't going to dwindle uncomplainingly in meek submission to the cruel blows life dealt. And, as those caring for her at the end will attest, she didn't.

*Hugh White, 349869*

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 1925–2007

Congratulations are overdue to the research team who gathered together old Minute Books, photos and official notices to choose suitable items for entry in two interesting tomes, which now present a wonderful record of Deddington village life as seen through the eyes of Institute members.

In front of me lies a self-explanatory supplement, added in recent times, depicting the Jubilee Seat probably sat upon by most of us who visit the Holly Tree garden. The following comment is added to the picture: 'Reading through the Minutes for 1969–70 we discovered the Deddington WI discussed and made a gesture for Jubilee Year. This was to commemorate 50 years of the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes. We found the seat in the garden of the Holly Tree Club, close against the clubroom where we meet. None of the original photographs mentioned in the following Minutes have, as yet, been found. This picture shows the seat now, looking rather worn. It is our intention to revive it!'

In May 1969 the following suggestions to com-

memorate Jubilee Year were discussed: (1) a tree in each of the three villages [Hempton, Clifton and Deddington], (2) a teak seat for the Holly Tree Club garden, (3) crocuses planted on part of the village green, (4) waste-bins on strategic parts of the village to co-incide with the NFWI's anti-litter month of July. A vote at the May meeting decided on a teak seat. July 69: After studying prices it was agreed that a 5ft seat at the cost of 13 gns would be the best buy and it was proposed that the seat should be presented at the September meeting.

April 1970 meeting: 'The President welcomed Mrs Collin and Mrs Lewis and with very appropriate words presented the seat to the Holly Tree Club [then just a club for senior citizens, of which Mrs Collin was Hon. President]. Both Mrs Collin and Mrs Lewis thanked WI members warmly. Mrs Collin said she hoped that everyone would use the seat, not just the people belonging to the Club. Photos were then taken by Mr Garrett' (I well remember a photo of this event hanging in the clubroom).

*Ruth Johnson. 338355*



## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Nearly 40 people sat down to the recent Harvest Supper and enjoyed a good meal provided by the Friends of the Church. Afterwards there was an evening of prize bingo, with Barbara Chappell in good form as the caller. The next evening was the Harvest Festival Service with about 30 people in the congregation. This was followed by a sale of the produce, raising £72 for the Church School in Deddington. The following evening the Friends of the Church held their AGM before an improved attendance. The present committee was re-elected en bloc. During the past year John Sampson replaced John Temple-Smith as Secretary.

The Parish Council will be holding their meeting in the Church Hall on 19 November at 7.30pm. If you have any concerns to raise with the Council, please come along as there is a ten-minute Open Forum at the start of the proceedings.

Remember the forthcoming Bazaar on 29 November from 11.00am, with all the usual stalls and hot snacks. There will be a Grand Draw and I would appreciate help in selling tickets in the weeks before the event. Gifts suitable for a Christmas Bazaar will be most welcome.

The Church which has been open daily this summer will be closed from now and will re-open at the start of British Summer Time 2009. It was pleasing to see that several people had been in and signed the Visitors' Book.

**Les Chappell, 338054**



## SET DIAGRAMMS

Have you ever worked with set diagrams? If you use a set diagram to describe our community, you would have a series of circles for those formal divisions within the Parish, e.g. Clifton, Hempton, Deddington. The Parish Council would go around all of them. Then there are representations for the commercial aspects of the community: shops, offices, home-based businesses. Don't forget the organisations within us either: churches, school, Windmill Centre. And there are all our clubs and societies. Your diagram would begin to have a lot of circles, with many areas overlapping. How would you represent the Deddington News, and Deddington OnLine? Would you represent them with the widest circles of all?

In some ways, the strength of a community is to do with the diversity of interest – i.e. the number of circles – and the strength of communication, or the amount of overlap between the circles.

As a club organiser, you can use DoL to widen your circle and increase its presence by ensuring your information is complete and timely. Worried about the difficulty? If you can send an email, you can cope with keeping your text up to date. Training can be provided to help you on your way! The first workshops have been run, and now DoL is really getting better at being both for the community and by the community. Come and help us draw circles.

**Paul Drawmer, 338450, [editor@deddington.org.uk](mailto:editor@deddington.org.uk)**

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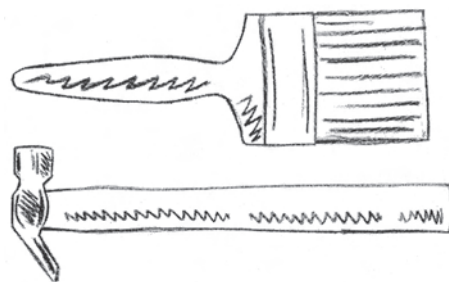
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## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### 1st Deddington Brownies

The girls have been working on their Out and About badge, packing rucksacks and learning to use a compass. Following this they learnt the Morse code. Sending messages to one another in the dark must rank as one of their favourite sessions this year! They also used the code to make bracelets with their names in dots and dashes. On another interesting evening they learnt some basic first aid, including who to attend first in the event of an accident and how to put a casualty into the recovery position. It is hoped that some more in-depth first aid can be studied at a later date, possibly leading to the First Aid badge. The Brownies would like to thank the Farmers' Market for their generous donation of £200. It will be put to good use.

**Lucy Squires, 338442**

### 1st Deddington Guides

Medals of all kinds were presented after our own mini-Olympics organised by the older Guides, a late reminder of summer before settling into our autumn programme. We've tried various crafts, enjoyed energetic games, including one in the dark. The Caterpillar patrol elected Natalie T as their leader. We've voted on our new unit guidelines and held a promise ceremony for five new Guides: welcome to Harriet, Lottie, Tori, Emily and Abbi.

We've been working really hard on our next awards and badges, and enjoyed beginning our new patrol projects. Recently we had a pet evening, everything from hamsters to guinea pigs, snakes, a rat and even an assortment of virtual pets. It was a great chance for each Guide to handle and learn about other pets and how to care for them. Next we are dividing into younger and older Guides and having a cinema evening.

**Maggie Rampley, 01295 810069,  
Marian Trinder, 340806**

### 1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

Another Jake has joined Cubs; we hope he enjoys his time with us. So far this term the Cubs have looked at home safety, including a survey of the Windmill Centre and spent a couple of evenings working towards their Emergency Aid badges. The Young Leaders acted as casualties, complete with gory wounds and a lot of overacting. Several Cubs also went to the Midland Air Museum at Coventry to complete their Air Activities badge. It was a very pleasant trip, and they were treated to a tour of a Vulcan bomber.

Three of the older Cubs attended the annual Sixers Day (or in this case, weekend) organised by the district. This year it consisted of a survival camp led by an ex-soldier and they learned different methods of fire lighting, including the best woods to use. They

made bashers, lanterns and stretchers, tried whistle signalling, and rescued and treated a casualty lost in the woods. The evening was spent eating dinner cooked in parcels on the fire and listening to lurid stories of survival. But the memorable moment was the exploding tin of beans!

**Jo Churchyard, 338071, [jochurchyard@hotmail.com](mailto:jochurchyard@hotmail.com)**

### Scouts

Scouts have also been to camp at the County Patrol camping weekend at Youlbury, Oxford. George, Jamie and Jack or 'Triple Trouble' represented us. Although the weather wasn't great, they all enjoyed themselves and returned unscathed. The rest of the troop tested a variety of camping stoves and lamps, gas, Trangia, solid fuel, etc. to assess their suitability for hikes and lightweight camps. They've solved problems such as how to light a match six feet away from the strike, and hunted each other in the dark. We are now working on individual badges from cycling to snow sports and are planning a night hike to Horley.

Many thanks to the Farmers' Market and Craft Group for their very kind donations; we'll let you know how we use the money. Christmas Post – I hardly like to mention it – dates and collection points in the next issue of DN.

**Pete Churchyard, 338071**

### WI

After a small amount of business had been dealt with at our meeting on 14 October, members enjoyed a Bring and Share supper with wine. The annual auction of suitable items followed which raised funds for the RBL Poppy Appeal. On 11 November Adrian Williams will tell us about the 'Statues and Monuments of London'. Our Christmas Dinner is on 9 December at the Unicorn Inn.

**Rene Mahony, 338438**

### Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Our recent Race Night was a great success and much needed funds were raised to help us maintain our green. May I thank all who sponsored races, bought horses and attended on the night, and also thanks to the Royal British Legion for allowing us to use their premises.

**Yvonne Twomey, Hon. Secretary, 337213**

### Youth Club

The term got off to a brilliant start with over 40 young people coming to Youth Club, making our evenings lively and good fun. We are pleased to announce that Dawn Franklin has taken over as leader and we are delighted to welcome Jon Cardy as second leader. We also welcome Clare Newcome back who will be helping

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

on a regular basis and Nikki Kirk will be returning to help out occasionally. In September Harriet Wimbush and Joe Manson collected £200 from the Farmers' Market. This generous donation will enable us to continue funding our health and fitness project. Thanks, farmers. We have already held some smoothie-making evenings, and we will be able to book the A team to run some extra sports activities. Unfortunately our Treasurer is unable to continue because of greater work commitments, so we are in desperate need of a replacement as soon as possible. If you are able to help, please get in touch with Maureen Forsyth on 338384.

**Pam Axten, 337919**

### Book Club

At our September meeting we discussed *Keeping Mum* by Brian Thompson and here is our review: 'a memoir about growing up in a dysfunctional family during the war years. This story of an extraordinary childhood, verging on child abuse, is told without self-pity or bitterness and after ultimately triumphing over his circumstances, the author is able to look back and laugh. The book stirred many personal reminiscences among the group and led to an animated discussion. Generally well written, though some found his style a little confusing at times. Recommended particularly for those who remember that era, it would also be of interest to younger generations'.

The next book is *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón and the next meeting is 27 November. Please call if you would be interested in joining our group – we are always delighted to welcome new members.

**Sally Lambert, 338094**

### Photographic Society

The exhibition of photographs by members, which took place at the Adderbury Institute for a day and a half over the weekend of 26–27 September, marked the second anniversary of the formation of the Society. A total of 75 photographs were displayed which showed the increasing creative ability of members during this period. Attracting over 100 visitors, there were many positive comments on the content, quality and diversity of the photographs. At our monthly meeting the Society again welcomed Yin Wong, a local photographer of some repute. Yin has previously given a presentation to the Society and returned to give an informal and light-hearted critique of members' photographs in his own unique style. The next meeting of the Society is on 5 November, when there will be a presentation on 'How to Succeed in Sports Photography' by an outside speaker, Gordon Roberts.

**John Branton, 01295 811071**

### Deddington Colts

The nine teams in the yellow and blues of the Deddington Colts are all enjoying their season to date with over 17 wins across the teams. The U-15s are taking pride of place topping their league undefeated. Deddington Colts are supporting the FA's 'Respect' initiative and as part of that we would like anyone interested in refereeing to contact the club as we can arrange certified coaching, after which there are lots of opportunities to get games and even some money. One of the U-9s managers, Jerry Wood, was also able to obtain a Football Foundation Grant towards a new set of goals for the mini soccer teams. Thanks to Jerry and also to the Football Foundation for supporting kids' football.

**Mike Watling, Secretary, 337310**

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## CALLING MORE CLUBS

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### First Team Results:

- 20.09.08 Souldern (a)  
W 5-1 Kaye, Large (2), Laird, Hewitt
- 27.09.08 Middleton Cheney (h)  
W 4-3 Fleming, J (2), Laird (pen.), Hewitt  
(Coronation Cup)
- 04.10.08 ABK (h)  
L 1-3 Large
- 11.10.08 Glory Farm (a)  
L 2-3 Fleming, S, Kaye  
(Lord Jersey Cup)

#### Reserve Team Results:

- 20/09/08 Fenny Compton Res (h)  
W 6-1 Hall (3), Gibbs, Thornton, L (2)
- 27.09.08 Steeple Aston Res (a)  
W 5-3 Gibbs (2) Hall (2, 1 pen.) Thornton, L
- 04.10.08 Drayton Village Res (a)  
W 6-2 Keys (2), Gibbs (2), Rollason, Hall  
(Geoff Wilson Cup)
- 11.10.08 Steeple Aston Res (h)  
W 5-0 Thornton, L, Hall (3), Giles  
(Eric Morris Cup)

We live in uncertain times. A potential worldwide financial meltdown looms, and it seems as if vapid buzzwords and tedious clichés will eat us alive. But amid the grating sounds of crunching and tightening its good to know that your football teams are doing you proud!

After a couple of morale-boosting wins, the wheels came off somewhat for the first team, but performances against top-of-the-table ABK and Glory Farm, where only a last-minute goal decided it, suggest a promising season. A nice balance of goals, with youngsters Jordan Kaye and Michael Large adding to strikes by veterans Keith Laird and Micky Hewitt. Definitely a great team in the making.

The Reserves offered their fans six of the best, with 100% victories so far, and some thrilling football as they soar to the top of Division 3. Simon Hall has two hat-tricks already, but perhaps the highlight was an astonishing free kick against previous league leaders Fenny Compton. Matty Gibbs, no doubt inspired by his manager paying out £20 after 15 goals, has struck in every game he has played before being unfortunately sidelined. Local lad Luc Thornton has burst on to the scene with a bundle of goals. With as many as 8 of the regular 11 under 21 years of age, this is a team that can only get better. These results, including three crushing victories against close rivals Steeple Aston, mean that the Reserves have lost just one of their last 16 matches in normal time.

Just a quick reminder that never seems to get through to some people – hopefully a small minority. As much as I enjoy clearing dog mess off the pitch be-

fore games, children and adults regularly play football on this surface. Would you like your children to slide about in it? If you can't bring yourself to clear up after your dog, please do not walk dogs across the marked pitch! Thank you.

#### 75 Club Winners:

19.09.08	C. Smith	£50
26.09.08	M. Walker	£50
03.10.08	G. Howard	£50
10.10.08	C. Smith	£50
17.10.08	R. Cowley	£50

**Aaron Bliss, 07909 642882**

### Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

The DOGS attempted to tame the mighty Kings Norton Golf Course on Monday 20 October; full details of the outcome are on Deddington OnLine. At this time of year golfers have a unique problem in locating their balls. The problem is leaves – everywhere! Even a spectacular golf shot could result in a lost ball buried under numerous leaves. That's life on the links in the autumn! Attention all DOGS members – the announcement of our AGM will be out shortly.

**David Darst, 338589**

### Deddington & District History Society

At our October meeting, which was also the AGM, Tony Yelloly gave a fascinating account of the history and impact of the Quakers in this area. Our next speaker, on Wednesday 12 November, will be Dr Joanne Bailey, on 'Marriage in Georgian England'. Then, on 10 December, we shall welcome Tim Healey, well-known writer, broadcaster and director of the Oxford Waits. He will talk to us about 'Sex, Drink and Death in the 17th century', following which we shall enjoy seasonal refreshments (not based on the theme of Tim's talk – we are a more or less respectable society!). If Tim doesn't tempt people out then nothing will, and we anticipate a bumper audience.

Our meetings take place at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month from September to May. All are welcome.

**Chris Day, Chairman, 337204**  
**Maira Byast, Secretary, 338637**

### Deddington Players

Auditions for the pantomime, *Captain Hook's Revenge*, by Richard Coleman, were held on 2 November, and rehearsals begin shortly. There are still opportunities to get involved if you fancy helping out with costumes, sound and lighting, or backstage. Please get in touch! The performances will be on 22–24 January 2009 at the Windmill Centre. We hope to see you there.

**Lucy Squires, 338442**



## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of November 1858:

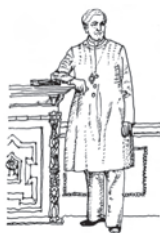
[During part of October and November the family were on holiday, firstly at St Leonards where they had lodgings at 5 guineas per week, paying extra for fires and shoe cleaning, then at Brighton where 'the town was crammed with visitors'.]

**13th November:** I called on Mrs Harris to tell her I had heard from her son in New Zealand – Dunedin, Nr. Otago – John Hyde Harris. Holford went hunting at South Newington and got a ducking in Deddington Brook.

**22nd November:** our Annual Fair took place and passed off quietly, not a large one.

**23rd November:** we filled the Ice House today.

**29th November:** I attended a large Parish Meeting, 31 ratepayers were present, to consider the propriety of applying again to the Poor Law Board to sanction the formation of a new Union here from certain parishes in the Woodstock, Banbury and Bicester Unions – for



certain special reasons in addition to those already stated. I was called to the Chair and certain steps were unanimously agreed to be taken. I was deputed to go to Lord Courtenay, the Poor Law Commission Secretary, on Friday and re-open the matter.

**30th November:** I drove to Souldern to see about the Parish joining us in forming a new Union here. They were undecided about the matter – and rather averse to it than not – and asked for information on certain points. The Board in London did not encourage the project, tho' acknowledging the hardship of our present position.

**1st December:** I called at the Vicarage and H. Franklin's and was seized with a shivering fit there. Came home and then the shivering and chilling increased so much that I went to bed before dinner. I took some of James's Powder, became worse with low fever and cough and continued confined to bed and house till January the 2nd 1859, Mr Turner [the doctor] attending me.

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## AN ACCOUNT OF THOSE SENTENCED TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM DEDDINGTON TO THE COLONIES

This is a further extract from Rob Forsyth's article, the full version of which can be found on Deddington OnLine at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/articles>. If you don't have your own computer, please do use the free internet terminals in the Library. The librarian will provide help if you need it.

**1835 5 March: Robert COWLEY (22) and John WHEELER (25)** were both charged with killing eight sheep belonging to Henry Dean the elder of Deddington – tenant of Earl's Farm – and also killing another sheep belonging to Henry Dean the younger and stealing its carcass. Henry and John Cowley were all involved in some way but escaped the charges. A very full transcript of the discovery of the evidence by the village constable, including discovering a leg of mutton hidden under clothes, bloody footprints and more, can be read in the publication *Banished!* in the Library. It is recommended reading. Robert Cowley was transported to Hobart in the *Aurora* where he arrived in October 1835 and was pardoned in 1846. John Wheeler was shipped out on the *Mary Anne* to Sydney where he arrived in October 1835. Nothing more is known about him after this.

**1836 4 January: William LEWIS (31)** was charged with stealing several thimbles, the property of Thomas Fardon\* of Deddington. When being pursued he threw away a bundle containing 'a crow bar, several skeleton keys and other housebreaking implements ...'. One would not be surprised to hear that he pleaded guilty! He was transported to Sydney on the *Moffatt*, arriving in August 1836. He was not from a Deddington family having been born in Lancaster.

**1837 27 February: Zachariah GIBBS (28).** 10 years on from his first offence and transportation to Bermuda

(see September issue of *DN*) – and none the wiser it seems! – Zachariah is charged with breaking into the house of Mary Butler of Stoke Lyne on '15th December last, and [having] stolen 10 loaves of bread, 30 lbs. of bacon, 12 lbs. of cheese and two silver spoons, the property of Elizabeth Butler'. Zachariah's eloquent defence is a masterpiece: 'My Lord, I got to say this I'm innocent of the crime. Well, my Lord, Nancy Butler and William Butler told me as if I wouldn't give 'em four pounds, they'd send me where their father and brother went to. Now, my Lord, I went to Nancy Butler's house and I slept with her. That's true and her picked my pocket of nineteen shillings and a pocket handkerchief and I found the pocket handkerchief in her drawer and her swore me out and out it wasn't the same. And her wanted me to pay for it and so accordingly I didn't and then she asked me 'will you lend me two pounds?' and I says no, for I think you've had quite enough off me, and her knows that's true. That's all I've got to say, my Lord'. Nancy Butler was called to give evidence, but she denied the whole of the prisoner's statement! This time he was transported to Hobart where he served out his time and died an old man in 1881.

\*Thomas Fardon was a very well-known Quaker clockmaker in the village; the church clock was built by him. A lot more about him can be seen in the October, November and December 1994 issues of the *DN* either in the Library or on the Deddington OnLine website (<http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/people/quakerclockmakers>).

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