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Obviously the short month caught out some of our regular contributors and some are missing this month and others are cut short! It would help our production if you could make a note each month of the copy date and let us have it in good time.

What a pity, now that spring is in the air, that there is so much unsightly rubbish deposited in our hedgerows. Max does a good job in the parish but why can't people take their rubbish home?

DIARY

March

Mon	1	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am-noon
Wed	3	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8.00-10.00pm
Wed	3	Photographic Society: Peter Suthert, 'Better Holiday Photographs', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
Sat	6	PTA: Quiz Night, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Tue	9	WI: AGM, followed by cheese and wine, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
Wed	10	History Society: Mike Boyes, 'A Victorian Rector and Nine Old Maids', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	10	Deddington Police Office: Drop-in session, 5.00-7.00pm
Thu	11	Monday Morning Club: Film evening, 'The March of the Penguins', Holly Tree, 6.30pm
Fri	12	A Capella Celtic Duo, charity concert in aid of Thailand refugees, Parish Church, 7.30pm
Wed	17	Deddington School: <i>Annie</i> , Parish Church, 7.00pm
Wed	17	Parish Council: Meeting Town Hall, 7.30pm
Thu	18	Deddington School: <i>Annie</i> , Parish Church, 7.00pm
Fri	19	Deddington School: <i>Annie</i> , Parish Church, 7.00pm
Sun	21	Sport Relief: Mile run, Warriner School, 9.00am
Thu	25	Book Club, for venue, ring 338094
Sat	27	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9.00am-12.30pm

April

Wed	7	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8.00-10.00pm
Tue	13	WI: Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
Wed	14	History Society: Gillian White, 'How Do You Solve a Problem Like Eliza, Portraits of Elizabeth 1st', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Wed	14	Deddington Police Office: Drop-in session, 5.00-7.00pm
Thu	15	Deddington Players: Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
Sat	24	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9.00am-12.30pm
Sat	24	Warriner Choral Society: Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm
Thu	29	Annual Parish Meeting: Windmill Centre

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting in Town Hall 17 February 2010

These brief notes are not minutes or anything like the official record of the DPC meeting. They are my own views of what was interesting or important for the readers of DN. If anyone feels that they would like to help and probably do a better job, I would be very happy to share the task. Contact the editor (editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk). CB

Present: Cllrs Flux (Chair), Anderson, Collins, Day, Ince, Privett, Todd, Watts and Wood. OCCllr Jelf and CD Cllr O'Sullivan, the Parish Clerk, Minute Clerk, and DN Correspondent.

Diary Notes

The date for the Parish Meeting has been changed to Thursday 29 April at the Windmill Community Centre, to avoid a clash with the local and possible national elections. The Ardley incinerator enquiry is due to start on 6 July.

Environment & Special Projects

The Parish is well served by this busy group who are pursuing a range of interesting environmental initiatives including planting wildflowers in a variety of sites, a hedgerow and swift survey, hanging baskets around the Town Hall, litter clearance of the Hempton and Clifton roads, refurbishment and care of the War Memorial and the Hempton Road cemetery, and are also going to undertake a community carbon footprint audit. [See p11 Greenpiece contribution – Ed]

Planning

Little planning activity this month, perhaps an indicator of local economic confidence.

New Applications: St Peter's and St Paul's Church windows have been attacked by vandals; the PCC would like to install steel guards for the main windows. PC agreed with the plan and hoped that the guards would be as unobtrusive as possible.

Winmour, Philcote Street: Various extensions and alterations to the rear of the property, all of which were passed by PC without objection.

Finance & General Purposes

This important group manages the valuable investments, all things financial and the related assets of the Parish. The main points of interest were:

Satin Lane allotments: The PC Public Liability insurance policy covers tenants working in the general area provided that they have the permission of the PC. PC members work for no fee but can claim expenses. The PC is formally to take possession of the roadway to the Castle Grounds.

Highways

This group struggles with the intractable problems caused by speeding and parking in the Parish, complicated by the superior powers of CDC, OCC and the Police. No reported progress on Deddington parking, Hempton Road speeding, High Street crossing point, the location of the Market Place post

box or the real time bus indicator board. However, what might be interesting is that the bus company needs to upgrade the bus stops in Deddington and various plans are being discussed to relocate and improve access and signage. No decisions have yet been made and this is a plan that will take a little time to work out; DN will keep you informed of developments.

Recreation

This group cares for Castle Grounds, the various play areas, sports clubs and the allotments and, although the Windmill Centre is run by a separate charitable body, the Recreation Working Group has a watching brief.

Windmill CC will be raising pitch fees by 5% this year. **Castle Grounds restoration:** English Heritage has offered a grant for 2010-2014.

Satin Lane allotments: Tenants' contracts have been redrafted to clarify border hedges and liabilities.

Hempton allotments: This very successful group has run without contracts for some time so a more formal management will be introduced gradually.

Parish Finances

Invoices passed for payment: £3,408.12

Investments totalled £544,598.64 at West Bromwich and Alliance & Leicester BS, Barclays, and Anglo Irish Bank

Next meeting: 17 March at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

Weekly Meetings

Mondays: Brownies, Windmill Centre 6–7.30pm

Mondays: Youth Club, Windmill Centre, 7–9pm

Mondays: Bell ringing practice, Parish Church, 7.45pm

Tuesdays: Craft Group, Holly Tree, 2–4.30pm

Tuesdays: Tennis Club, Windmill Centre, 10am

Tuesdays: Guides, Windmill Centre, 7–9pm

Tuesdays: Badminton Club, Windmill Centre, 7–10pm

Tuesdays: Youth Group, Parish Church, 7–8.30pm

Alternate Tuesdays: Hempton Ladies, St John's Hall, 2–4pm

Wednesdays term time: Caterpillar Music for babies and toddlers, Windmill Centre, 10am

Wednesdays: Boys Brigade, Anchor Boys, Windmill Centre, 5pm

Wednesdays: Boys Brigade, Juniors, Windmill Centre, 5.45pm

Wednesdays: Boys Brigade Company, Parish Church, 7pm

Alternate Wednesdays: Friendship Club, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm

Thursdays: Life and Portrait Art Group, Town Hall, 10–12.30 and 1.30–4pm

Thursdays: 1st Deddington Cubs, Windmill Centre, 6–7.30pm

Thursdays: 1st Deddington Scouts, Windmill Centre, 7.30–9pm

Fridays: Katharine House Hospice coffee morning, Parish Church, 10am–noon

Fridays: Babies and Toddlers Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30–11am

Fridays: Friendly Bridge Club, Holly Tree, 2–5pm

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

We have spent a very busy term finding about animals and celebrating Chinese New Year. We enjoyed visits from lots of pets and were able to hold some of them and to ask questions about them. The PFSU children made a visit to the May Fu

II restaurant where they looked at the decorations for Chinese New Year and ordered some food to enjoy back at school. The Nursery children made and enjoyed playing in their own May Fu III! Thanks are due to everyone at May Fu II and all the people who brought in their animals to visit us.

The Committee held a jumble sale in the church, raising well over £700, which will go towards purchasing new toys and resources for the direct benefit of the children. Thank you to our organisers and everyone who supported this event. Events like this really do make such a difference to us. Next term we will be finding out about transport and going on a 'journey' around the village. We'd love to have visits from some unusual vehicles (tandem, vintage car, boat anyone?) so please give us a ring if you might be able to help.

Lucy Squires
337484

Deddington Primary School

March is upon us and everyone at school is looking forward to our annual whole school production – this year it is 'Annie'. Any child who wishes to be part of the production is able to. We had more than ever auditioning for a role this year and hence it really is a 'whole school' production! Following on from the demand for tickets last year we have decided to put on a third evening performance this year; all performances are at Deddington Church at 7.00pm.

As well as most of Year 6 rehearsing for 'Annie' they are also going on their week long residential trip to Yenworthy in Exmoor this month. The week promises to be challenging but lots of fun, with rock-climbing, problem-solving and night walks being some of the exciting activities they will be participating in.

Also in March Year 5 are very lucky to have been offered an opportunity to attend a Science Day at Tudor Hall. This is the second year Tudor Hall has run such a day. It was a great success last year and the children are really looking forward to it.

We are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers again this year so if you have any please drop them in to the School office.

Now that the snow is behind us and the final preparations for 'Annie' are underway the children are working hard and looking forward to the spring and Easter; hopefully the better weather is not too far away!

Jane Cross 338430



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CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

March

Wed 3	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 4	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 7	10.30am	Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 10	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 14	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Morning Worship for MOTHERING SUNDAY
Wed 17	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 18	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Fri 19	6.30pm	Eucharist ST JOSEPH
Sun 21	10.30am	Eucharist
Wed 24	10.00am	Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)
Thu 25	6.30pm	Eucharist ANNUNCIATION
Sun 28	10.30am	Sung Eucharist PALM SUNDAY preceded by Procession from the Market Place
Wed 31	10.00am	Eucharist

St John's Hempton

Sundays 7 and 21	9.00am Eucharist
Sun 28	6.00pm Evensong

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funeral

21 January Peter Keith Boam

Baptism

31 January Martha Elizabeth Hyde Cruikshanks

Information on the meetings of other faith groups can be found at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/church/otherfaithsandbeliefs>.

From the Parish Registers

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Revd Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869) or one of the church wardens, Glynne Bianchi (337743) or George Fenemore (338203).

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday mornings at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton except

7	March	David Good
21	March	John Goulder
28	March	Geoff Lee

Congregational Chapel, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Following the winter suspension of the Sunday afternoon services, these will be resumed on Sunday 7 March. Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church together with their congregation. Sunday afternoon services at the Chapel at 3.00pm organised by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church.

PC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Fr John Burns 277396

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Sun at 10.00am.

St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7.00pm and Sun 8.30am.

Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00pm and at Adderbury before Mass.

The Eve of Sunday Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport.

On Sunday 28 March HETHE 10.00am Mass preceded by Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Procession. ADDERBURY 8.30am preceded by Blessing and Distribution of Palms.

NB Information about Easter services after Palm Sunday will be published in April *DN*

You're hired!

Cherwell District Council is launching an apprenticeship scheme aimed at helping young people into employment. The announcement coincides with national Apprenticeship Week (1 – 5 February) organised by the National Apprenticeship Service.

The council has been working with the Learning and Skills Council, Oxford and Cherwell Valley College, and Connexions to set up the scheme. Last year

Cherwell hosted a Skills Summit that identified a lack of suitably skilled and work-ready recruits in the district. To help remedy that, the scheme will encourage recruitment of young people currently not in education, employment or training.

For more information visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk or contact:

Tony Ecclestone 01295 227942
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BOOK REVIEW – LONG SHADOWS

Sylvie Nickels' trilogy explores conflict. The three novels, *Another Kind of Loving*, *Beyond the Broken Gate* and this, the final volume, *Long Shadows*, reflect her experiences as a travel writer, specifically in the former Yugoslavia. The traumas of the wars there in the 1990s are interwoven with personal, private traumas that have nothing to do with armed conflict but are nevertheless subject to the same need for resolution.

The action moves between Oxfordshire and Norfolk and on to Bosnia in 2007. During this period Mike Hennessey, the journalist hero of the trilogy, comes to terms with the loss of his wife and, through confronting a blocked-out episode from his troubled childhood, begins to discover the complicated nature of renewed love. Jasminka – Minkie – Mike's adopted daughter from Sarajevo, undergoes a similar journey of emotional discovery, realising in the end that Sarajevo and her Bosnian roots pre-empt the complicated ties she has formed during her years in England.

There is a rich cast of characters and, if occasionally the lives of those who live in Oxfordshire's Daerley Green can seem familiar, the novel draws strength from its Bosnian characters. Sylvie's eye for detail and understanding of cultural differences add insight and energy to the narrative. The trilogy ends in hope that the simple programme of reconciliation begun by Minkie and her friends and family in Sarajevo can begin to heal the bitter aftermath of ethnic conflict. **KT**



The Malings (or Malins) were farmers in this area from the late seventeenth century through to the early twentieth century; in consequence they were related by marriage to most of the well-known Deddington names, Fardon and Hopcraft among them. A

descendant of theirs, Jon Malings, who lives in Ireland, has extensively researched and written up the family history. This can be seen in the History/People section of Deddington OnLine under Malins/Malings. His article includes one Henry Churchill going missing owing them money, a wife dying in very sad circumstances, a 'Botanic Practitioner' whose practices were not acceptable to all ... and much more.

Rob Forsyth

robert.s.forsyth@googlemail.com

Congratulations!

Congratulations to John Neild and Frank Steiner. John has recently been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by Bicester Rotary Club. This is a prestigious award made by Rotary International for his many years of fund-raising for Katharine House Hospice by sorting and selling on foreign currency.

Frank Steiner has been awarded the Chief Constable's medal for voluntary work.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM THE REVD DR HUGH WHITE

Maurice Frost Festival

Quite a few people in Deddington remember the Revd Dr Maurice Frost, former Vicar of the Parish. Dr Frost was an eminent hymnologist and, to mark the 50th anniversary of the completion of his *Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Deddington Parish Church is holding a Festival. On Saturday 15 May at 6.30pm the Choir of St George's, Windsor (our Parish patrons) will sing Evensong, at which the Rt Revd John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford, will preach. An anthem by the distinguished composer, Cecilia McDowall, has been commissioned for this occasion. Evensong will be followed by the laying of a wreath on Dr Frost's grave in our churchyard and then, after refreshments in the church, there will be a *Songs of Praise* led by our own choir and those of our link parishes in South Africa and Sweden, whom we have invited for this celebration. (There will be a lot of foreign bodies around in Deddington in mid-May! I hope you will enjoy their presence and I'm sure you will make them welcome.)

The next day, Sunday 16 May, our 10.30am Eucharist will be led by the choirs of the three linked parishes. The Rt Revd Colin Fletcher, Bishop of Dorchester, will preside and preach at this service. In the afternoon of 16 May (3.30pm) *Tea and Hymns with Dr Frost* will be an occasion for villagers to celebrate Maurice Frost and to reminisce over tea, coffee and cakes about him and church life in Deddington in his time in the Parish Church.

All Deddingtonians are cordially invited to take part in these celebrations of an important person in the history of our village. The Parish Church is hoping to mount an exhibition on Dr Frost for the Festival weekend and I should be most grateful if those who

might contribute memories or materials about him would contact me.

FROM CAROLINE RICHARDS, AYNHO ROAD, ADDERBURY

I will shortly be running my first marathon – at Stratford-upon-Avon on 25 April – and am aiming to raise funds for Katharine House Hospice. Do look out for my sponsorship form in Deddington PO and other nearby villages: my mother, Margery Hawes, will also carry a form at all times! Alternatively, you can go to www.justgiving.com, type in my name, and your sponsorship money will go direct

to Katharine House.

I now live in Adderbury but some people may remember seeing me run round Deddington during the 16 years I lived there! Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

FROM ALL AT KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY

On behalf of everyone at Katharine House, we would like to thank the community of Deddington for the wonderful donation of £656.73, proceeds from the 'Carols Around the Tree' event held in the Market Place on Christmas Eve. Our grateful thanks to Geoff Todd for organising the event and to all the local hostellers and businesses that provided refreshments on the night. The continuing support of our friends in the community is vital for us to carry on our service. On behalf of our patients, their families, our staff and volunteers, we thank you.

FROM SUSAN ROYSTON

I am trying to find out the names of my great-great-great-great-grandparents.

My great (times three) grandfather was Richard Drinkwater who was born around 1802, and lived and died in Deddington in 1843. His wife was Mary Ann Taylor who was born in Shutford, and lived in Deddington after she married Richard in 1823.

I would be very grateful if anyone has any information about this family.

My email is susan.roy@talktalk.net.

FROM JORDAN CHANEY

I'm an assistant recreation and sports development officer for the Cherwell District Council. I am currently teaming up with Comic Relief to organise a Sport Relief mile event at Warriner school, Bloxham on 21 March.

It's going to be a fun-filled day with plenty of activities to keep runners and non-runners entertained, starting at 9.00am and finishing at 2.00pm. I look forward to hearing from you on 01295 221719 or [Jordan.chaney@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:jordan.chaney@cherwell-dc.gov.uk).



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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the months of February and March 1860:

2nd February – I signed a summons against Butcher French at The Tuns for drawing beer between the hours of 10 o'clock Saturday night and 1 o'clock on Sunday morning and allowing persons to remain drinking in his House.

13th February – A man from Bloxham and a blind lad with him, who stated his mother to be a Deddington woman, came begging for money to get him into some asylum. I told him I should give nothing tonight but would make some enquiries. They were very talkative, especially the blind youth, who said he considered he had a claim on people here.

17th February – I heard that the two men who called here the other night were imposters and getting alms by false pretences, ordered the police to look after them.

1st March – Powers the Cooper brought our new barrels and mash tub home - 4 in number holding 100

gallons each – made out of my own oak.

9th March – I and Holford went to the Town Hall to hear a case of arson against Lucy Tysoe – she had attempted to fire a cottage, the property of her landlord John Calcutt – this caused her to be watched by the Police who caught her in the act of firing Bennett's, a thatched hovel in Worton Lane. She failed in her first attempt but succeeded in her second. The fire was speedily extinguished by the policeman and two other men whom he had called to his assistance. She pretended she did not know what she had done or where she was till she found herself at the Police Station in custody. We committed her for trial at the next Assizes.

22nd March – Messrs. Peel and Warriner came and arranged about the spot in the Castle Ground for the erection of the proposed Building to be erected for the use of the Cricket and Archery Clubs in future.

30th March – Lucy Tysoe's husband, Joseph, came for an order to see her tomorrow in the Castle at Oxford where she is awaiting her trial – gave him a written one, so to do, to the Governor.

Buffy Heywood
338212

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL Open Gardens and Allotments

By the time you receive your current issue of Deddington News, spring will hopefully be approaching. On that basis my mind turns to the Open Gardens and Allotments in the Parish of Clifton, Deddington and Hempton. The dates for 2010 are Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 June from 2.00pm – 6.00pm.

I would be very pleased to hear from any gardener who would be willing to open their garden in aid of Deddington Festival – thank you.

Joan Wright, Organiser
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DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

The Festival programme is almost finalised. One significant change from dates published in last month's DN is that the 'Deddington Rocks' concert, which will feature Abba Magic will be on Friday 11 June, because the football World Cup will dominate June.

Registrations are coming in for the 'Come and Sing' Carmina Burana on Saturday 19 June. Further details are on the Festival website.

Other confirmed events are the Stekpanna jazz concert on Sunday 20 June, and the Daeda's Wood walk on Sunday 27 June, with a related workshop on Saturday 26th.

Deddington Festival Committee
www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk

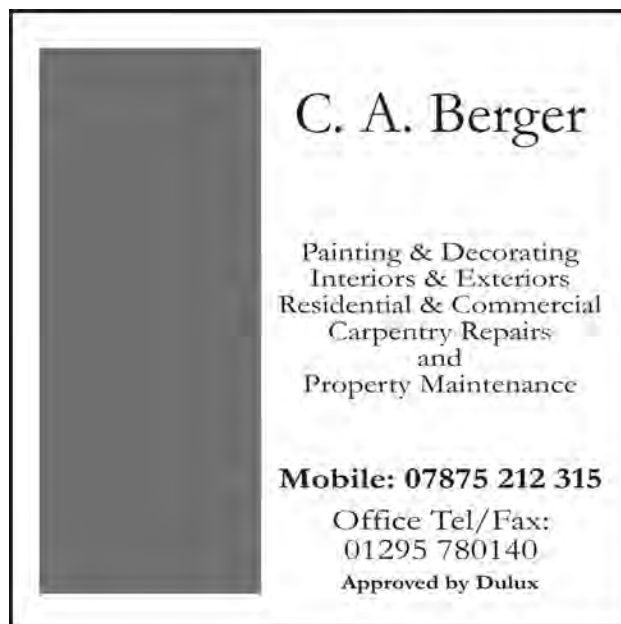


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WELL REMEMBERED

PETER BOAM 1929 – 2010

Peter Boam was born in Chesterfield in 1929. He worked in the scientific department of the National Coal Board, becoming a mines geologist and experiencing the Markham Pit disaster of 1973 and the miners' strike in 1984. He was briefly a Chesterfield Borough Councillor. He married Doreen in 1954 and the couple had two daughters. A few years after Peter's early retirement he and Doreen moved south to be nearer to Jenny, Alison and the grandchildren, coming first to Aylesbury and then, in 2005, to Deddington. Peter had many interests: words, aeroplanes, politics, geography, history, British comedy, and traditional jazz among them. A proud Englishman, he loved bacon and eggs, roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, real ale, the Scilly Isles – and cricket. Above all, he loved his family. Kindly, generous and with a way of connecting with all sorts of different people, Peter will be missed in a Deddington that would have wished to have had him longer.

HW

DEDDINGTON WRITERS GROUP

Linda Newbery is a local author who, as well as being a novelist, has published many books for children and young people. Some of her children's books have won national awards. Her latest book *Lob* was published last month. It is with this background that she has agreed to be the judge for stories in the Deddington Children's Writing Competition. Details of the competition, as well as of the Open Competition, are available in Deddington and other Libraries or on the Festival website www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk.

The judge for the Open Competition, which attracts entries from all parts of the UK, will be Oxford-based crime novelist, Jane Jakeman. Both competitions invite either a poem or a story.

Hugh Marshall
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As the weather warms up the weeds will start growing so you can consider covering your prepared areas with black polythene to prevent growth. Black polythene will also help to warm up the soil ready for planting.

In March you can start sowing outdoors, provided we're not waterlogged or freezing. Sow summer cabbages, spinach, early carrots and broad beans. You can still plant onion seeds in February but if you leave it until March I'd advise you to plant sets. If you buy heat-treated sets they are less likely to bolt (go to seed early). February is the last month to plant garlic as it requires a cold spell to encourage growing.

When planning your plant rotation, plant your brassicas where your legumes were planted last year as legumes are nitrogen fixing and brassicas like a lot of nitrogen. Also consider that absorbing nitrogen from the air requires energy so you may need to plant more peas and beans than you think you need for a good crop.

Also remember that as it starts to get warmer pests and diseases begin to appear. Check for aphids on your fruit. The first leaves open and can become infested. Also check for big bug mite on your blackcurrants; if the buds are unusually large and rounded and do not develop into leaves or stems, within the bud are hundreds of microscopic white mites. Infestation causes loss of vigour; to control this remove the buds on the plants.

Healthy plants will help combat pests so feed your soft fruit with a dressing of wood ash from the fire (potash) which will help fruiting and give them a good fertiliser.

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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

The Deddington Players' annual pantomimes began in 1993 and over the past 18 years their January production has become a parish institution. A glance at the current programme for *Beauty and the Beast* reveals how many people of all ages were involved. Apart from those we saw on stage – both favourite pantomime stalwarts and welcome newcomers – there are the dedicated and talented people who take care of direction, costumes, music, choreography, set-building, lighting, sound, make-up, props, publicity, front of house and refreshments. This is a team effort, names are invidious. A particular pleasure this year was the large number of children taking part. They enjoyed themselves and successfully communicated that enthusiasm to the audience.

Not everyone liked this year's choice of script – too bland and perhaps not making the most of all the talent available. There was nostalgia for the days when the scripts, tailored to the audience and using clever rhyme, were written by a certain Jean Flux and Molly Neild.

KT 337052

DOWN ON THE FARM

The year has once again turned full circle and we are only a few weeks away from the start of lambing. The expectant mums came into their maternity quarters during the first snowfall of the year and have been taking their ease and making good use of the twice-daily meals-on-wheels service ever since. The ewes are in good condition and have started to 'spring' (the udder starting to fill out), and by the time this offering has made it past the editor the ewes will have had their annual booster vaccination against the seven main clostridial diseases (lamb dysentery, pulpy kidney, tetanus, struck, braxy, blackleg and pasteurella pneumonia) all of which can cause heavy losses in the first few weeks of a lamb's life. As we do not scan the ewes to see how many lambs they are carrying, each one's body condition will be checked and given a score and batched up accordingly, extra high protein feed being given to the ewes with the lowest body score as they will most likely be carrying triplets. I have been involved with the lambing rites of spring for more years than I care to remember. No two seasons are the same and you can never say you have seen it all before.

This year we will have a new pair of hands on deck. Georgina Hall is a vet student and a cousin of Christopher and Viviane Hall. She will be spending a few weeks away from her studies to sample life in the lambing shed. Apart from lightening the load, this will give me the chance to hear something of the latest thinking on sheep husbandry and to pass on some of the tricks of the trade when dealing with a difficult delivery. After all, there's nothing like hands-on experience and you never forget the first time you assist in bringing a lamb or calf into the world. The first time I gave assistance to a ewe in trouble was on Easter morning 1958. The tradition was that the Bishop of Dorchester, the Right Revd Bishop Loveday, always took the early morning service at Warkworth church. Although not in his patch it was the church he attended as a boy. It was also traditional that the Bishop came to breakfast after the service. As Father and Mother were entertaining the Bishop I was sent round the sheep. As it was some way across the farm and I wanted to get back for my bacon and eggs I rode my grey pony Silver on the 'round' and I found a ewe in distress.

Having seen Father deliver a number of lambs before, I decided I would do it myself. Leaving the pony to wander off and graze, I caught the ewe and did what was necessary and produced two live lambs, then caught my pony and galloped home very pleased with myself. Having got changed back into my Sunday best I went in for breakfast. The Bishop asked me if the sheep were all right and I replied that I had to help one to have two lambs, whereupon he told me to come and sit by him and tell him about it. So I did, only to get a severe telling off from my grandmother for speaking about such things in front of the Bishop. This is something he reminded me of whenever we met.

Perhaps with the lambing season under way in many parts of the parish I should give a timely reminder about keeping dogs under control and on a lead, but this is not something that should be done just at lambing time. Our area is well served with foot and bridle ways and every farm in the parish has a number of different environmental conservation schemes running to help the wildlife. That rough grass headland strip or overgrown hedgerow may look to you like an idea place to let little Fido off for a run, but in fact it is a carefully managed wildlife haven and a dog hunting out these havens can do untold damage. Farmers are often accused of damaging the countryside while doing their job of providing your daily bread, but a dog chasing deer and hunting out cover strips and hedgerows, and walkers and riders going off the designated pathways, will do even more damage to the environment. So please keep your pet on a lead at all times, stay on the foot and bridle paths and do not take the short cuts. You can enjoy your walk happy in the knowledge that you have done your bit to help the wildlife and not put your pet in danger of being caught up in some fence by its collar or muzzle. This did happen recently but on that occasion there was a happy ending as the dog was found in the nick of time, but it may not end so happily next time.

George Fenemore
338203

Friends of Daeda's Wood

There was a good turn out for the AGM at the Unicorn on 27 January, at which there was a lively discussion as well as the usual reports. Since we have already completed the first formative pruning and the Woodland Trust, which owns the wood, has decided that no thinning of the trees will now take place, it was agreed that the principal and very important function of the Friends is to collect and collate data on as many forms of wildlife as possible. For this we need to encourage not just the Friends but also all dog walkers, walkers and everyone else using the wood to let us know what flora and fauna they see. The Friends will publish in the *Deddington News* each month suggestions on what to look for.

On a completely different note, this year, as well as our usual walk during the Deddington Festival, we are hoping to add a willow-weaving workshop.

If you would like to join the Friends (only £5 a year), give us information on sightings made in the wood or if you have any questions, please email elspethcox@waitrose.com or phone 337635.

Elspeth Cox
Chairman

An Account of those Sentenced to be Transported from Deddington to the Colonies

This is the long-awaited fifth of Rob Forsyth's extracts (May 2009 Extract 4). The full article can be seen on DOL at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/Transportees.pdf>.

1840. On 9th January John VINCENT (30) from London and William DAVIS (30) from Faringdon broke and entered into Deddington Parish Church and stole various items. The Rev Cotton Risley's diary contains nine separate entries (see below) relating to this sacrilegious offence and the events thereafter. As the first entry shows, he immediately went into a whirlwind of activity but, nonetheless, still had time to write up his diary extensively at the end of what was obviously a very busy day.

9th January – About 8 o'clock I was informed that the Church had been broken into and robbed by two men who presented pistols at the Sexton's head on his going to the Vestry Room previous to ringing the curfew a few minutes before 8 o'clock, they were secreted and had succeeded in breaking open the Parish Chest and ransacking it of the pulpit hangings, communion cloth and cushions. They broke the lock of the [unreadable] Register Chest but could not open it. They took away from the Vestry 13/-d. in silver belonging to me as fees taken by the Sexton for divers offices performed by me as Vicar. They cut one of the Altar cushions to pieces, but being disturbed left all things in confusion, together with 4 keys, one a skeleton, a screw driver, a cobbler's or plumber's and glazier's knife much worn and an old silk handkerchief. The Sexton was knocked down and stunned by a blow from the butt end of a pistol as he says and on recovering himself was compelled by their threats to let them escape by opening the Church Door for them. They had effected an entry by cutting away and breaking a portion of one of the Chancel windows, having forced out one of the iron bars which was found in the Vestry Room in the morning. I immediately drew up a Handbill offering a reward of £30 to be paid by the Parish and myself on conviction of parties, stating the facts of the case as well as I could collect them. I despatched the policeman in the direction they were supposed to have taken towards Oxford, and sent him afterwards to Bicester to inform the police there of the problem. I also sent Edmund my servant to Brackley on a similar errand. Two men, one short. one tall, were seen running away from the Churchyard gate about 5 minutes after 8 o'clock dressed in dark clothes; they had been seen between Adderbury and Deddington in the morning by a lad named Callow who was breaking stones on the road between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock and particularly observed them. Another lad named Sessions saw them near the Barber's shop opposite the Churchyard wall and running fast from the direction of the Churchyard gate.

10th January – The two men supposed to have been the parties concerned in the Church affair last night were apprehended late this afternoon, a woman with them, on their road to Oxford, by my order and brought to the cage by the policeman and Farndon the constable. I fixed to examine them in the morning. The

woman had 15 Pawnbroker's tickets in her possession.

11th January – Examined the two men taken up yesterday on suspicion of having broken into and robbed the Church, who gave their names as Mr. Davis, Plumber & Glazier, and John Vincent, Tailor. After an investigation and examination of two hours and a half, by which a chain of strong suspicious circumstantial evidence was obtained against the men, I fully committed them to take their trial for the sacrilege at the ensuing Assizes.

12th January – A hymn book and prayer book were found by John Parish in the Castle Ground, being a part of the property stolen from Banbury Church.

13th January – Thompson, the Banbury policeman, came to say he had succeeded in recovering the Communion Cloth stolen from Warmington Church near Banbury at a Pawnbroker's shop thereat; and that it was pawned at Saul's shop by the shortest of the two men I committed to Oxford on Saturday – for breaking into our Church.

15th January – The policeman came 3 or 4 times to see me with fresh intelligence relative to the men committed for robbing our Church.

(Note: 27th February Davis and Vincent were charged at Oxford Assizes with... feloniously breaking and entering the parish church of Deddington on the 9th day of January inst. and stealing therein a pulpit cloth and cushion, two altar cushions and cloth, thirteen shillings and other articles, the property of the parishioners of the said parish. Sacrilege.)

28th February – Attended the Courts in Oxford Town Hall, dined with the High Sheriff and Grand Jury at The Star, 35 magistrates being present.

1st March – Our Deddington Church breakers, Davis & Vincent, were tried for breaking into Warmington Church and stealing the communion cloth, the pulpit cushion, etc. a night or two before they effected their entrance into ours – they were found guilty before Mr. Baron Gurney and told that they would be tried on two other indictments for sacrilege on the morrow – for breaking into Banbury Church and ours at Deddington on Thursday evening, the 9th January.

3rd March – Davis & Vincent again tried by Mr. Gurney for the Banbury Church robbery and found guilty. He did not deem it necessary to try them for breaking and robbing ours – but at once sentenced them to transportation for life.

Vincent arrived in Hobart in 1841 but does not seem to have settled down to earn his pardon because *Banished!* lists a series of offences over the next 21 years. Davis also went to Hobart but in a separate transport. Davis was quickly into trouble with the authorities and 2 years after his arrival was sentenced to hard labour in chains at Port Arthur. Port Arthur was a punishment station for the worst offenders and hence had a fearsome reputation for the lash. He escaped by trying to swim across the bay but was never seen again and was presumed to have drowned.

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GREEN PIECE

In case you are not in the habit of reading the notes from the Parish Council meetings, this month's offering is a spotlight on the environmental initiatives planned for 2010.

Wildflower hotspots: We are planning to start by creating a wildflower meadow in the currently unused part of the cemetery. We have had an ecologist's evaluation and he says the site is ideal, so we are hoping to start planting in the autumn. We are intending to use plug plants rather than seed, as this method will be visually less intrusive in this sensitive site and we hope to have the place buzzing with bees and insects, as well as looking attractive. Other sites being considered are Gaveston Gardens, Mill Close and Castle Grounds. In Clifton we are looking at Welford's piece, but have currently no positive plans for Hempton. Any suggestions anywhere in the parish would be welcome.

Swifts will soon be returning and we would like to encourage them to extend their colony in Deddington. The first step is to record where the present nesting sites are. We know about the one in Hopcraft Lane, but are there any others? Does anyone remember a

colony at the school? I plan to enlist the help of Chris Mason from Kirtlington Wildlife group, but everyone is welcome to take part.

A pond survey is on the cards for some future date, so if you have a pond, please start to keep a record of the wildlife it attracts. (Anything unusual should be reported to Thames Valley Environmental Recording Centre – forms available at the Library or online).

The mapping of hedgerows originally undertaken by Walter Meagher is in the pipeline for completion at a future date.

Traditional orchards are at risk of being lost and are being recorded countywide. Do you know of any in our parish? If you are thinking of planting an apple tree, why not consider a Deddington Pippin, which was recently rediscovered. A supplier should be attending the February Farmers' Market.

For further information, to express your views and suggestions, or to help with any of these projects, please contact the Parish Clerk (337447) or myself (338110).

Jean Rudge

News from Hempton

I start this month's column wondering what I should write about; nobody has given me any news at all for this issue. I ask the question, is it worth continuing with an article about this village? How many people read it? Everybody I ask says they do, but I seldom get anything to put in except for church and hall news. If I miss a month we could lose our place in the magazine as space is limited, so I will continue at the moment. Copy date varies but any news to me by the 14th of each month would be in the next issue.

The weather remains very cold. St John's Church was just about to start a service in January when all the power went off. After checking that everything was all right in the fuse boxes it was apparent that something major had burnt out. The service continued with no electricity. Southern Electric replaced the main fuse next day.

The Mothers and Toddlers Group is enjoying using the hall; they meet on the first Thursday of each month between 3.30 and 5.00pm. It is nice for them to get together for a chat, cup of tea and games.

The Table Tennis Team have had some good results of late, beating Blessed George Napier 10-0, Bodicote and Bloxham both 9-1 and also beat Mollington in the second round of the cup by 357pts - 267pts.

I end with the sad news of the death of Mrs Grace Kirman, who lived in The Lane from the early 1960s until 1986 before moving to Banbury. Our condolences to family and friends.

Les Chappell 338054

Deddington Housing Association A Plea for Help

The Deddington Housing Association is a small charity responsible for the management of the four Holly Tree Cottages in Earl's Lane. The aim of the Association is to provide accommodation for the needy, elderly or infirm of the Parish.

The committee are all volunteers who meet formally four or five times a year to discuss and formulate plans for maintenance and improvement of the properties. Each member of the management committee looks after a specific aspect of management so that, in addition to a Chairman, we have a Treasurer, a Secretary and members responsible for Property, Gardens, Health & Safety, and Tenant Liaison.

We have a particular problem at the moment because two of our management committee, the Property Member and the Gardens Member, have resigned for personal reasons.

We are urgently seeking volunteers to take their place. For more information and if you are interested in helping with these worthwhile tasks please contact our Chairman, Phil Plant on 338965 or email him at philip.plant@btinternet.com.

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Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

By the time this appears in the DN the DOGS Annual General Meeting will have taken place on 24 February. All the DOGS are now keenly waiting for the spring thaw to commence!

Our finalised golf programme for 2010 will be in the next DN and on DOL.

David Darst
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Deddington Players

Another show passes and what a success it was, despite the best efforts of the wind and weather to get in our way. About 60 people were involved in the production so it was a real community effort. We entertained over 400 people, so thank you if you were one of them. We couldn't do it without you. We were delighted to be able to donate money from the raffle to Deddington PFSU and PTA, Help the Hospices and the Thursday Club. When we have caught up on lost sleep we will be thinking about next year. Auditions will be held around October. Look out for the posters or give me a ring if you fancy getting involved.

Lucy Squires
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Book Club

Last month we read *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. This book, set in a smart Paris apartment block, was a little too wordy and philosophical for most of us. The premise about an unassuming concierge who is more knowledgeable than she seems is an interesting one, but the story takes far too long to develop and is somewhat contrived. Positives are a few profound thoughts, some humorous passages and an excellent translation from the original French, but on the whole it did not match up to expectations. The next book is *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam and the next meeting 25 March.

Sally Lambert
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Photographic Society

At last month's meeting two of our members, Valentina and Anatoli, gave a presentation on 'Painting with Light, Tabletop Photography and other Photographic Matters'. Anatoli started with a review of the history of religious and other images, portrayed in ancient Egypt, in Greek and Roman decorations, as well as those of the Renaissance, the Dutch painters, Van Gogh and Cézanne. He discussed the influence of composition and light on paintings and photographic subjects and illustrated how geometry and symmetry has such a profound effect on how people see the resulting images. Anatoli then showed his own techniques for photographing inanimate objects using an ordinary lightbox and how he used composition and light to

achieve professional results from simple, straightforward equipment. He concluded his presentation by showing photographs of his and Valentina's work that employed these techniques.

Valentina introduced a short and unusual audio-visual presentation she had made on the theme of love, birth and death in which, uniquely, the subjects were portrayed as 'steel nails' in a nightclub setting. The audience was shown how emotion could be imaginatively and simply portrayed using everyday objects without the need for a human interface or more elaborate props. Valentina concluded by discussing the technique 'painting with light' in which a subject is placed in a completely dark environment and selectively bathed in a pencil beam of intense light from a hand-held torch. She gave a practical demonstration of this and members were then invited to try their hand at this with Valentina's active support. Overall, a most absorbing, instructive and interesting evening given by two accomplished members that was much appreciated by all those present.

The next meeting of the Society is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3 March in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, when Peter Sutherst LRPS will give a presentation on 'Better Holiday Photos – Put More Zip into your Images'.

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Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results:

23/01/10 Middleton Cheney (a) (CUP) W 3–2 Hall (2), England
30/01/10 Steeple Aston (a) (CUP) W 2–1 Hall, England
06/02/10 Bardwell (h) W 3–1 Thornton L (2), Waddelow
13/02/10 Woodford United (a) W 3–1 England (2), Thornton J

Reserve Results:

23/01/10 Priors United (h) W 3–0 Kaye (2), Large
30/01/10 Heyford Utd Res (h) (CUP) W 3–2 Large (2), Debenham
06/02/10 FC Naranja (a) L 0–6
13/02/10 Croughton Old Boys (h) D 4–4 Whitelock (3), Kaye

Snow long and thanks for the memories. It's always tragic to bid farewell to an old friend, but if we stick together we can get through this post-slush melancholy. Everything might look ugly again, but we find morsels of solace in the return of football action.

The first team have been formidable: a full house of decisive victories attained, with the usual suspects among the goals and Paul Franklin particularly keeping the stable door bolted. The triumph against Bardwell

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also took Deddington to the summit of Division One, a soul-stirring accomplishment we should savour while we may, as highly ambitious second-placed Highfield are only a point behind with three games in hand.

The Reserves have pulled themselves together and begun to accrue wins to lift themselves clear of the dead men. The attacking trio of Kaye, Large and Debenham scored in league and cup victories. A brutal footballing lesson from FC Naranja was immediately remedied with a valuable if disappointing draw at home to Croughton, a match that saw none other than your mild-mannered correspondent change in a phone box and take to the field of battle for the denouement of the match. Keep it up DTFC.

Aaron Bliss
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Deddington and District History Society

On 10 February we enjoyed an unusual and very moving presentation by Ed Frost, who gave an account of the Adderbury Village Morris Men's rediscovery of their early twentieth century predecessors and the resultant campaign to locate and honour the final resting places of those who failed to return from the trenches in France. This was an inspired piece of historical research and a remarkable tribute to the fallen, whose haunting faces looked out at us from the photographs Ed showed us.

Our next speaker, on Wednesday 10 March, will be Mike Boyes, who easily takes the prize for the season's best talk title: 'A Victorian Rector and Nine Old Maids'. How can you resist? No, I thought not. So why not join us at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm.

Looking further ahead, on Wednesday 14 April, Gillian White will speak on 'How do you Solve a Problem Like Eliza? Portraits of Queen Elizabeth Ist'.

Everyone is welcome at our meetings.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204
Moiria Byast (Secretary) 338637

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President, Beryl Suckling, welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Because the January meeting had been cancelled due to the severe weather, there was a certain amount of catching up to do during the business part of the evening but, following that, we heard a most interesting travel talk given by Sylvie Spencely.

A journey of some 1000 miles took Sylvie and her husband George from Los Angeles by various routes to the Mexican border. Having become members of Servas, an international organisation to enable travellers to make contact from a list of hosts who will offer accommodation for, say, two nights, they stayed in the homes of some interesting people. Her talk was illustrated with photographs of both the scenery travelled through and the hosts they stayed with.

A vote of thanks was given by Maureen Cox, followed by refreshments. This was a very pleasant evening.

Our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on 9 March with cheese and wine.

Rene Mahony 338438

Deddington Cricket Club Summer Ball

19 June 2010

It is hard to believe that the cricket season is less than three months away and, whilst most people are looking forward to the football World Cup in June, Deddington Cricket Club is also planning a major event in the same month.

The Club is holding a Black Tie Summer Ball in a marquee at the Windmill on Saturday 19 June. This is to raise much needed funds to extend facilities for our ever expanding men's, ladies and junior teams and also raise funds for a local Oxfordshire charity, 'ROSY' (Respite for Oxfordshires Sick Youngsters).



Marquee, champagne reception, three-course meal, band, disco and of course good company should help to make it a memorable evening which will help develop cricket in the Parish and also raise funds for a most deserving local charitable cause.

Further information will be posted on the Club website very shortly – www.deddingtoncc.co.uk – but if you would like further information in the meantime, please contact Clair Stevens on 07905 104510.

Indoor nets start again in March, details on the website, everyone welcome.

We are also looking for anyone keen to represent the club as an umpire for the coming season. You will be paid £30 per match including free tea and an opportunity to visit some of the nicest grounds in Oxfordshire. If you are interested, or know anyone who may be, please contact us.

More updates next month when we announce membership details and progress on the pavilion.

James Ransom
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1st Deddington Guides

A short half term but we've packed a lot in! A wide variety of games and challenges and some very interesting patrol-led activities – often involving food! New Guides have been learning about the Promise and older Guides have been working on challenge badges and the Baden-Powell award.

There were lots of opportunities for homespun entertainment with sketches, dances and mimes leading up to more serious rehearsals for our entertainment evening later in March, when we hope to raise funds for the RNLI and another charity of the Guides' choice.

In the meantime six of us will be heading for Switzerland as part of an Oxfordshire contingent joining a UK party. We will visit our chalet – a world guiding centre where there will be centenary celebrations – and we'll have a go at ice-skating, snowshoes and building igloos! We'll tell you all about it next month.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Marion Trinder 01869 340806



1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

It seems a very long time since Christmas, but we must thank everyone who helped with the post: the deliverers, the shops and library for having the boxes, and residents for using the

service. It was our most successful year so far collecting more than £200.

This term we welcome Tom and Toby to Cubs and hope they will enjoy their time with us as we attempt to gain the astronomy badge.

Congratulations to Toby and Josh who came third in the district Supercub competition and will now go on to the county event – their cardboard shelter was very impressive.

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Scouts

The Scouts finished the year with a quiz to raise money for the ShelterBox appeal. Thanks to the Guides they raised £85 that was matched, very generously, by the Farmers' Market and has allowed us to pay for a complete box at £490. Hopefully we will be able to track the box and find out where it is used. Our next fundraising event is a three-legged mile round the village for Sport Relief.

This term's topic is astronautics. Let's hope Josh, who has recently joined, will enjoy it.

If you shop at Sainsbury's don't refuse the Active Kids vouchers. If you don't give them to anyone else, please keep them for us.

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WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

New hire charges for the Windmill took effect from 1 February 2010. You can see these on the Windmill page of DOL at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/windmillcommunitycentre>. Typically, the main sports hall now costs from £6 per hour for Deddington club users, rising to £14.45 for outside bodies.

The annual Health & Safety check was carried out recently and showed the building to be in good shape; more maintenance improvements will be carried out during the year.

Sadly, we have decided not to go ahead with the plan to install solar panels on the roof – the economics just don't stack up. And lastly, talking about economics, a lot of lost property is accumulating in the changing rooms at the Centre and there are abandoned coats in the lounge. Please, sports clubs, get your members to take their kit away with them, or it will be binned!

MR

338272

PTA

Firstly, a huge thank you to Deddington Players for their kind donation from their recent pantomime. It is greatly appreciated.

The race is on to purchase tickets for the year's hottest event so far ... the PTA Annual Quiz Night! As usual, this is being held at the Windmill Centre on Saturday 6 March. This is always a night of great fun and frivolity and tickets (which are selling fast!) can be booked by emailing mikew@cherwell.co.uk or by phoning 338468. Tickets are £8 per person which includes supper and there is a maximum of 8 people per table. Who will be the 2010 champions?

Arrangements are gathering pace for the 6th Annual Deddington Walk which will be held on Sunday 16 May. We have a new route, new theme, lots of entertainment laid on and it is sure to be a fabulous day – make sure you make a note of the date and encourage your friends and family to join in. Further details next month or see www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk.

Finally, our summer fete will be held on Saturday 19 June – new attractions are planned so don't miss it!

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Janet Watts, Chair

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