

EDITORIAL

In the month of November, Remember, Remember :-

- Explosions terrify animals.
- Don't keep our retained firefighters busy - read Anne Waters' advice on page 14.
- Use well the freedom many still suffer or have died to preserve.
- Those we love but see no longer - and those who need comforting.
- You may be sorry if you miss the events advertised throughout these pages.
- Return the Library Computer facilities Questionnaire quickly - see page 14.
- There's no **Deddington News** in January, so our Diary Editor needs dates up to early February before the 26th of this month.



NOVEMBER DIARY

DECEMBER Diary on page 14

- Fri 1 Deddington Original Golf Society: dinner / dance at Rye Hill Golf Club.
- Sat 2 PTA fireworks night at the school: Open for barbecue at 6 pm, fireworks from 7 pm. → p.3
- Sat 2 British Legion Club: Halloween Fancy Dress Disco, 8-12 pm.
- Mon 4 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am~noon. → p.5
- Wed 6 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.
- Fri 8 Babies & Toddlers Group: Christmas sale, 9.30-11 am, Windmill Centre. → p.5
- Sat 9 Classical guitar concert by John Mills, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. → p.7
- Sat 9 *Four Great Queens*: Concert, Tingewick Hall, JR Hospital, Oxford, 7.45 pm. → p.14
- Sun 10 Royal British Legion: Armistice Day Parade, leaves Market Place 10.45 am → p.4
- Tue 12 WI: Peter Sheasby 'Spring in South Africa', Holly Tree, 7.30 pm → p.5
- Wed 13 History Society: Brendan Du Bock 'The History of S H Jones, Banbury' Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
- Fri 15 Babies & Toddlers Group: fund raising for CHILDREN IN NEED, Windmill Centre, 9.30-11 am. → p.5
- Sat 16 Deddington Colts: Quiz Night, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
- Sat 16 British Legion Club: Jumble Sale, 12- 3 pm. (Contributions gratefully received)
- Wed 20 Parish Council Meeting: Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. → p.2
- Wed 20 British Legion Club: Ladies Night, 8~11 pm.
- Fri 22 Deddington Beeches Bowls Club: Quiz night, Windmill Centre.
- Sat 23 Deddington Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9 am~12.30 pm. → p.11
- Tue 26 Copy Date for December **Deddington News**. *** - NO ISSUE IN JANUARY - ***

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

Reminder: If you are planning a village event and consult the diary editor before you fix the final date, she will be able to advise you whether any other group already has plans for the same day that might draw off your potential support. Of course, if you then register your fixture with her well in advance, she will be able to advise other groups to avoid competition.

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MEETING IN TOWN HALL, 16 OCT 2002

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Ellis, Harvey, Haslam, Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Todd, Westley, Wood, the Clerk, the minutes secretary, and 5 members of the public.

UP TO STRENGTH AGAIN

PC to coopt Jonathan Watts, of Hempton. This will bring PC membership up to complement. [In a future issue of *The Deddington News* we will publish updated details of Council members and working groups. NS]

HEMPTON STONEPITS

PC to publicise availability of Stonepits for appropriate non-commercial purposes. If there are no other applicants within one month after publication, Hempton resident's application for allotments will be granted. This presupposes that Stonepits ownership will be registered to PC.

WIMBORN CLOSE

Most remedial work is now done. CDC legal team to handle adoption by PC. This will take up to 4 hours at £65 per hour.

THOSE OLD CHESTNUTS

Problems with Market Place chestnut trees are common over the whole region. Stewards to carry out remedial aeration and manuring. If this fails to save the trees, they will be replaced. Other trees in the parish to be monitored.

ALL-WEATHER PITCH, WINDMILL CENTRE

Suggestions that the all-weather surface is dangerous were considered. PC concluded that with proper maintenance the pitch is acceptable, provided users wear suitable footwear.

BMX

The most suitable site for the proposed BMX track may be the sloping ground alongside the all-weather pitch. So far, only one contractor has been found who is willing to quote, so the District Auditor will be consulted on single-tender procedures.

PLANNING

PC no objection: (i) The Stone House, Market Place - replacement conservatory. (ii) No 4 New Street - demolish outbuilding to rear. (iii) Grove Barn, The Grove, High Street - detached double garage. (iv) Holly Tree Club - erect timber shed for Deddington Market Management Group (subject to approval of Holly Tree Committee). Cllr Todd withdrew for this item. (v) Webbs Barber Shop, Hudson Street - retrospective permission for change of use from garage to hairdressers. (vi) No 1, The Maunds, High Street - 2-storey extension. (vii) Corner House, High Street - fell weeping ash and reduce poplar (PC noted with pleasure that applicant will replant). (viii) Deddington Antiques Centre - replace existing garage doors with new door and window. (All the above are subject to the agreement of neighbours where appropriate.)

CDC approvals

Ilbury House, New Street - reshape silver birch; Castle End, Castle Street - reshape lime tree.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Deddington Players awarded £1,200 from Grants for All lottery funds.

Students receiving educational grants from PC have written/telephoned thanks.

PC still experimenting with meeting places other than Town Hall.

Chairman confirmed that due care is taken to monitor/control grass-cutting throughout parish.

PC allocated £50 towards repair of Steward's car, damaged by strimmer falling off roofrack.

Review visits with OCC to be arranged at Clifton and Hempton footpaths and Deddington traffic-flow problem areas.

TRAFFIC FLOW

The Highways Working Group is focussing on (1) creating calm, traffic-free, areas; (2) increasing pedestrian safety in critical areas; (3) improving the management of traffic volume.

CASTLE GROUNDS

Damage to the surface of the Castle Grounds playing area could have been caused by wild animals, pets or even humans. Fencing would not be appropriate, nor should pine trees be felled.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Mark Harman, CDC Environmental Health Department, has been invited to address the November PC meeting.

CEMETERY

PC accepted £302.50 quote from Cleford Essex for detailed mapping of cemetery. After considerable discussion, PC decided not to accept a request from a parishioner to join two adjacent gravestones by adding a base across the intervening pathway. Reasons given were hazard or inconvenience to cemetery visitors, increased difficulty of maintenance, and setting an undesirable precedent.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £6,357.30, including £1,500 interest-free loan to Deddington Market Management Group, £1,133 Mark Rogers for painting Town Hall, £972.30 DesignGro and J Boss for grasscutting, £848.78 imprest account for Stewards' wages etc.

Contracts - PC resolved to ensure that all papers relating to a contract are kept together and that all changes between invitation to tender and awarding of contract are properly and fully noted.

Investments totalled £533,423.35, of which £13,603.92 Barclays (£4,672.18 @ 1% on 14 days + £5,998.96 @ 0.3% overnight + £2,124.56 imprest and £808.22 current, both @ 0.1%); £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 2.68% on 120 days; £518,819.43 West Bromwich @ 3.75% overnight.

Budget 2003/4 - PC to review rents, charges, income and expenditure arising from/relating to parish services and facilities.

**NEXT MEETING Wed 20 Nov 7.30pm.
HOLLY TREE CLUB (please note venue).**

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website: www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes

How lucky we have been at the beginning of this new term to enjoy so much late summer weather.

In school everyone has been working extremely hard as usual and I am particularly pleased to be able to tell you about some of the wonderful work that has taken place during our multicultural focus over the last few weeks.

We began by joining in with "International Walk to School Day" on Wednesday 2nd October, when you may have seen many of our children walking to school waving their multi-national flags. Mrs. Churchill, our crossing lady, was particularly impressed with the number of walkers on that day and commented on how much safer the roads were with fewer cars.

Following this, the children have been studying life in other countries, looking at such issues as fair-trading, differences of faith, foods, the arts and music. One notable visitor to our school during this time was Irfana, our local Youth worker, who told the children many interesting facts about her own country, Pakistan. Irfana also showed us her traditional dress and taught us how to write a few words in Urdu, which can now be seen, displayed in school.

Hopefully some more of the children's work will soon be on display in the Parish church for your enjoyment.

Deddington PTA

A full year of activities is in the process of being planned.

Hopefully you will all be coming along to the fire-works display on Saturday November 2nd. Gates open at 6pm. BBQ, mulled wine, bar, fun fair rides for the kids. We need cookies and cakes; please get baking and bring them along in the afternoon or on the night.

Santa's float will be travelling the Parish on either Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December OR weekend of 14th and 15th December. Exact dates to be confirmed. His itinerary will be the same as previous years: west of the lights on Saturday, starting at Barford at 5pm, ending up at the Deddington Arms! East of the lights on Sunday, starting at the Duke of Cumberland's Head Pub, again 5pm. Please come along to help out, bring a torch and reflective clothing, children only if accompanied with an adult.

Please give generously when the elf knocks at your door and you will be rewarded with a little treat.

Santa's Grotto will be organised in conjunction with the Market Association at the Town Hall during the Xmas market. This is non profit making. The best value Grotto in the area (probably).

In the New Year we have KeyStage1 Disco: 31st Jan and KeyStage2 Disco: 7th Feb. Get them in your diaries now – the kids will never forgive you if they miss it.

All the PTA events are now on the web. The link will shortly be added to the main Deddington-OnLine site. Please check out www.pta.deddington.net

If you can offer any help at any of the events, please contact either myself, or any of the other committee members.

Kevin Mayo PTA Chair

337284



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Deddington Church Bazaar
Saturday 30 November
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- have soup & rolls for lunch
- * browse among the many stalls
- explore the Children's Corner
 - * buy gifts for Christmas
- enjoy competitions & games
 - * buy raffle tickets
- HAVE FUN

SS PETER AND PAUL, DEDDINGTON AND ST JOHN, HEMPTON*You will always be very welcome at any service in Church or Chapel***Parish Church in November**

Sat	2	All Souls' Day	5.00 pm	Commemoration of the Departed
Sun	3	10.30 am	Morning Praise for All Saints	
		6.30 pm	Eucharist	
Wed	6	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Thu	7	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels (Prams and Toddlers)	
Sun	10	Remembrance Sunday - Parade moves from the Bullring at 10.45am to the War Memorial for the Remembrance and Two Minutes Silence at 11am, and then returns to the Church.		
Wed	13	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	17	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
		10.30 am	Mattins (BCP)	
Wed	20	10.00 am	Eucharist	
Sun	24	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist - Christ the King	
Wed	27	10.00 am	Eucharist	

**St. John, Hempton**

Sun 3&17	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun 24	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)

Bible Study Home Groups Mons 4 & 18, 2.30 pm Derrick Wincer at 12 The Daedings (338004)
 Tues 13 & 27, 7.30 for 8.00 pm Bill and Liz Dickinson at 2 The Leyes (337050)

The Monday Club for 5-11 year olds at the Primary School: Mondays in term time - 3.15-4.00pm

If you wish to enquire about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, hospital or home visits in case of illness,

*please contact the Vicar, the Rev. Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew, (349869)
 or one of the Churchwardens, Liz Dickinson (337050) or Iain Gillespie (338367)*

From the Parish Registers

Wedding	Sept 28	Helen Rose & Roy Tooth
Baptism	Oct. 13	Amy Humphries
Funeral	Oct 17	Terry Fox (aged 29 weeks - "much loved and much missed")

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street*Joyce Minnear 338529*

Sunday morning services will be held together with the Wesleyan Reform congregation at 10.30am
 Sunday evening service at 6.00 pm

3rd	Pastor Isabel Walton (Communion)	10th	Mr Andrew Cotton
17th	Mr Dennis Eaton	24th	Mr John Hine
Dec 1st	Pastor Isabel Walton (Communion)		

A United Harvest Festival was held in our Church on Sunday, October 6th. Prayers were led by the Reverend Hugh Marshall and the Church Choir sang an anthem. Pastor Walton led the service and for her sermon took the theme "Do we know the God we are thanking for the Harvest?" Lessons were read by Mary Valentine, David Blakey, and Joyce Minnear. Favourite Harvest hymns were enjoyed by all. After the service the Harvest Supper was held in the Parish Church. Our thanks to them for hosting this and to the people who supplied the refreshments. We were sorry that the vicar, the Reverend Hugh White, was not well and thus could not share in the service he had planned. Again our thanks to all who helped decorate our Church and who provided so many goods. All the produce donated (which included lots of dried and tinned food was given to Polly, who is responsible for feeding some of the Banbury homeless. ('Polly Boxes' are kept in the Parish Church and Wesleyan Chapel for dried and tinned foods which are usually collected once a month.) The collection of £125 is being kept on account for Polly's future needs.

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square*Pastor Isabel Walton 337157*

Sunday morning services 10.30 am
 Suns Nov 3,10 & 17 - Pastor Isabel Walton; 24 - Dr Mike Graveney

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY*The Revd A J Burns 277396*

Hethe : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats -5.30~6.00 pm
Adderbury : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass.

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

DEDDINGTON MAP GROUP

From time to time we are asked why we do not sell prints of the section of the Millennium Map which assesses the age of buildings in Deddington. The answer has always been that prints of the required standard could not be produced at an economic price in the small quantities we would need. That has now changed, thanks to PryorSign of Rotherham, who produced the version of the Map now installed under the Town Hall arches. PryorSign have come up with a high definition print at a reasonable cost.

The Age of Deddington Buildings, a digital print in ultra-violet pigmented inks, on high stability synthetic paper, size 12 x 11.5 inches approx, will be on sale at Deddington Market on Saturday 23 November, price £10. A great Christmas present for friends and family and, of course, for yourselves.

Or what about a special Christmas package deal - 1 copy of the book *Discovering Deddington* and 1 copy of the Deddington Map for £11.50 (usual price £13.45 the two).
Norman Stone 338019

DEDDINGTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We enjoyed our Harvest Lunch on 2 October, which was followed by an unusual and entertaining quiz. Thanks to all who made it a success. We spent another pleasant afternoon at Barford playing indoor bowls, although we were beaten 9-11. The Barford ladies provided a lovely tea: our thanks to them. This is what Friendship Clubs are all about. Please join us, particularly any new members, at our next meeting on 30 October.
Joyce Minnear 338529

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We met on Tuesday 8 October for a member's evening. After a short business discussion we enjoyed our Harvest Supper, a joint effort supplied and shared by all, with wine kindly donated by a member. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12 November at 7.30pm at the Holly Tree Clubroom when the speaker is Peter Sheasby speaking on "Spring in South Africa" - just the thing to cheer a chilly November night!
Rene Mahony 338438

DEDDINGTON BABIES & TODDLERS GROUP

The committee met in early October to plan events for the coming few months. The Christmas sale is on 8 November and other plans include parents' night out, carols on 6 December and a party on 20 December. We are raising money for 'Children in Need' on 15 November, so could members bring cakes and biscuits to sell at coffee time and provide photos of themselves for a "guess the baby" quiz! The children are doing drawings that will be transferred onto mugs - ideal Christmas presents as well as a fund-raiser for the group. Finally, we have identified new toys and equipment to purchase: these include dressing-up clothes, a train set and more small tables. If anyone is interested in borrowing our small tables and chairs or our toys, in return for a donation to the group, please contact

Lucy Squires 338442 *Janet Watts* 337135

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB

Our recent Race Night was a great success and thanks go to everyone for their contribution - it was a very enjoyable evening. Now that our season has come to a close, I would like to thank Cathy and Anton and their staff at the Unicorn for their support throughout the summer.
Yvonne Twomey 337213

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

The 1st team had a mixed month with two excellent victories and two losses. Ben Durrant scored two goals in the 3-1 win against Hornton, with Michael Hewitt scoring the other. Brothers Marc and Dan Walker were both on target in the victory over Fenny Compton. The side is in the top half of Division One.

The Reserves had a superb month winning three of the four games played, which has helped the team to the top of Division 3. Phil Kirsopp was in great form scoring in all of matches played during the month. Youngster David Gibbs was also amongst the goals, one of which was a 25-yard strike against Langford Village.

The 75 Club Winners, all winning £50, are Mrs I Boyd, R. Berry, J. Plumbe and P. Rudge.

Steve Plumbe 01295 278258

MONDAY MORNING CLUB

We enjoyed two outings in October; both blessed with bright sunny weather, very welcome for our day at the Stratford racecourse and a bonus for our visit to Waddesdon House and Garden. There is still room for a few more to join us for our Christmas lunch on Monday 2 December, so sign up for that in November if you

wish to reserve a place. Seats have been booked for the Glyndebourne Touring Opera company production of Albert Herring on 5 December. The performance starts a little earlier than usual, so we will be leaving the Market Place at 6pm.
Jean Flux 338153

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

Pantomime rehearsals start at 3pm on 3 November. Casting details have not been worked out at the time of writing, but we will include all the children who turned out for auditions, including those who relied on The Banbury Guardian for information and were consequently given the wrong time. Don't forget the concert by John Mills on Saturday 9 November at 7.30pm.

Jean Flux

1st DEDDINGTON BB JUNIORS

The Juniors will be hosting their first Battalion competition on 8 November when boys from companies throughout Oxfordshire will be coming to The Windmill Centre to take part in Top Teams, a team quiz event. BB Juniors is open to boys aged 8 to 12 and we meet at 5.30pm every Wednesday at The Windmill Centre. For more information

Brian Bushell 338715

1st DEDDINGTON BB ANCHOR BOYS

We still have spaces for new members. The section is open to boys in years 1,2 and 3 and we meet at 3.15pm

every Wednesday in the School Hall. Our weekly sessions last for an hour and include games, crafts, badge work, quizzes and stories. Members also take part in competitions with other local Anchor Boy groups. For more information

Nick Westbury 337059

DEDDINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

On 9 October Tim Porter gave an excellent presentation on the activities and influence of Medieval women, to a packed house. The enjoyment and interest of the audience could be judged by the large selection of questions at the end of the meeting. Our next meeting, on Wednesday 13 November at 7.30pm, is special. Brendan Du Bock will speak on the history of S.H. Jones, the Banbury wine merchant. Brendan will then conduct a wine tasting. There will be a charge of £5 to cover the cost of the wine, refreshments and a selection of unusual soft drinks. We need to know numbers in advance, so anyone interested who has not yet bought a ticket should please contact Moira Byst on 338637 immediately.

Chris Day 337204

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

At a recent meeting to discuss the future of the club, Deddington Gardeners decided not to continue.

Betty Hill

... in hope of resurrection. Ed



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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Friends of the Church held A Pastimes Exhibition in the Church Hall on 12 October. A well put together event was let down by a very poor attendance despite being well advertised. Items on display ranged from wireless sets, tools, trains, embroidery, photograph albums and a large collection of beer mats plus many other things from yesteryear.

The Christmas Bazaar will be held on 7 December at 2.00p.m. Please see our advert in this month's issue. Items suitable for a Christmas event will be most welcome i.e. Crafts, Cakes, Bottles, Copper and prizes for the Draw would be appreciated. All profits to go to the church maintenance scheme, as a considerable amount of work needs to be done over the next few months.

At the recent A.G.M. of The Friends of Hempton Church, the following were elected to serve on the committee for the next 12 months: Pam Dodd, Leah Calcutt, Mavis Barton, John Temple-Smith, Ray Sones, John Sampson, Ian Wilson and Les Chappell.

I read with interest Walter Meagher's column in the last issue about Dennis Washington and the Horse Chestnut Trees planted on the Hempton Road, by him and John Scott. Dennis also had planted many thousands of daffodil bulbs which create a marvellous display as you approach the village in Springtime. His memory will live on as long as the trees are there and the daffodils are blooming.

The Hempton sign at the east end of the village is now back in its rightful place, after being found by a resident in a nearby field.

Les Chappell 338054

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Book this date for your diary

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th

Where? St John's Hempton

When? 2.00 pm

Why? Fund raising for our Church and Community Hall

What? A Spectacular Christmas Bazaar

Will? You come and support us?

Further details to come in the next issue but do join us in a fun afternoon with plenty for everyone
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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The residents at St Anne's Home would much appreciate some regular visitors to join them for tea and a chat. Building relationships can be fulfilling both ways, and makes a much needed break for visitor and visited.

There have been a number of changes at St Anne's over the past few months. Sarah Hawkins, who used to be Mrs Walsh's secretary, has moved with her husband Jamie to the legendary Tintagel - venturing into the B&B business. [If you want to visit, get in touch with me.]

Jan Walsh's new secretary, Tony Gaitskell, cycles the five miles from Charlton. It is hoped that the Friends of St Anne's Newsletter will soon be back in circulation.

Carol Draumer 338450

STOP PRESS - The sympathy of our villages embraces Jean Welford and her family after the death of Donald, for whom the Thanksgiving Service is to be on Saturday 2 November at 2.00pm.



The Business and Clubs and Societies data bases have been updated. Over 100 parish-based businesses (with over 150 cross-references) have taken advantage of their free 25 word entry. 22 Clubs and societies have registered their existence and contacts with their free 250 words. We believe that this picture of the Parishioners at work and play will provide not only essential information for enquirers but also a rich source of research material to synthesise with other Parish data in the public domain. Historians or those concerned with public policy may find the Directories to be useful. Please keep us advised of any changes needed to your entry.

10,000 visits were made to the DOL pages in September. One peak of visitors was on 23 September (the first day of college/university year). Interestingly, one of the visitors in September was from Brunei Darussalam. Community and tourist information was most frequently requested.

Colin Clark 338064 <colin.clark@deddington.net>

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FROM RON CHURCH, MILL CLOSE, DEDDINGTON
[<ronwchurch@btopenworld.com>](mailto:ronwchurch@btopenworld.com)

As an avid reader of your letters page (even when my wife and I were away for three years) I've been interested to note the large number of e-mails you receive. Would it be possible to print people's e-mail addresses - with their permission - to facilitate replies? For example, Nigel Oddy's e-mail about broadband I would like to know more about the advantages of a village broadband system. I would also like to comment on Rachel and Richard Teare's e-mail.

As a neighbour of the Windmill Centre, I see youngsters hanging around during the lighter evenings looking for something to do. I would totally support any initiatives for them, including the development of a BMX /skateboard area and, certainly, improvements to the all-weather pitch, including floodlights. My children have grown up and moved away, but it would be really positive to see much more for the youngsters in our village.

In future, with their permission, we shall include correspondents' e-mail addresses. Ed

FROM E.O.LESLIE, HORSEFAIR COTTAGE, DEDDINGTON

Am I the only one in the village who is irritated and frustrated by the blue boxes supplied for waste paper? When mine arrived I called the Council to voice my concern: 1) For those who have no back entrance the task of dealing with waste paper is a mammoth one; 2) The box is ungainly; 3) A little (unscientific) research established that the boxes were already being put to other uses - toy box, laundry basket. I talked to a CDC representative and my remarks were accepted as legitimate complaints. I have been collecting paper in a bag and transferring it to the box OUTSIDE the hall door, not a good idea in wet or windy weather. Why, may I ask, did nobody come up with my proposed solution: supply blue bags - at least to those who find the boxes impossible to manipulate? I wholeheartedly approve of re-cycling but my box is going back to the Council.

FROM CREINA GAHAN, BETHLEHEM, CT, USA

I am from the United States and had the pleasure to attend the Pastimes exhibition at Hempton's Village Hall last month. From the number of fascinating items on display I could see that a lot of time and hard work had gone into this event. Imagine my dismay to see how very few people came to visit it - in spite of the fact that tea and delicious home-made cakes were being offered. What a shame that so many in the community were not considerate enough to support such a deserving cause. It would be a calamity if this wonderful old historic church fell into ruin due to lack of support from the people who benefit most from having it. I hope that the Christmas Bazaar planned for December 7 will see far more people!

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 KRISTIN THOMPSON,
 5 THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON
 e-mail: op@kristin.demon.co.uk
 and include your name and address,
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FROM W.F.M. HUNT, DEDDINGTON CHARITY
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The Trustees of Deddington Charity Estates much appreciate being able to use the DN's valuable space to advertise the forthcoming availability of one of their almshouses (see page 12). They also appreciate the DN's assistance in the past when vacancies have occurred and wish to say thank you for the grand way in which all aspects of life in Deddington and district are covered.

FROM PATRICK O'FLYNN, Co ROS-
COMMON, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

I am writing this more in hope than expectation. My father's aunt Kate Thomas died at The Knowle, Deddington in 1963. Her maiden name was [O']Flynn. Kate had two daughters, Molly Wardle and Ella Haig. Any information would be much appreciated...

...addressed via The Editor

FROM VIVIENNE SHAY <douglasshay@hotmail.com>

Many years ago I lived in Twyford, Banbury and went to the Deddington School. I have been told that the school no longer exists? Is this true? I would like to get a picture of the school as it was in the years 1960 to 1962. Please do not tell me that I can come and see the school, because I live in the US and it is impossible. Are there any sites on the net that you know of that would have a picture?

FROM HAZEL HALL, GAVESTON GARDENS, DEDDINGTON

I would like to thank everyone who kindly helped to make my Macmillan Coffee Morning such success. We raised £232-00.

FROM THELMA DOVER, 19 GROVE COURT

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THE FLOWER GARDEN

The last few weeks have been so warm and summery that the garden started to get colour and blooms back. No sign of the end of the season and the usual tidying up. No chance either to clear the beds and divide perennials like the purple geranium plants which have become huge and need attention. I have got some newcomers bought at one of the excellent Farmers' Market stalls, they have all done well. Among them Penstemon, dark red and very pale pink, and a Sidalcea, all of which have grown and spread.

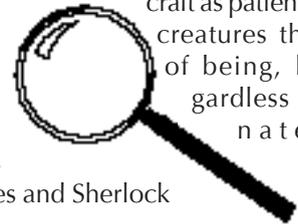
We have emptied one compost bin and have three bags of lovely stuff good enough to eat. That will be used for the perennial bed. No cutlery or earrings this time, nor have we found the clippers and the spud, which are hiding from us somewhere out there. We did surprise six or seven huge frogs when we took the covers off. They looked alarmed and scuttled off. I have no doubt that they will find No.2 bin just as comfortable in time.

The more tender plants have been potted up and clutter up the window sills. I really like plants outside better than indoors, and can sympathise with those gardeners who dump the lot at the end of the season and start again with new stuff each Spring. I don't think I could bring myself to be quite as extravagant as that, though we've got rid of a few plants. I really don't care for Hypericum (Rose of Sharon) which appears here and there, nor for Lavatera, so they went to keep the frogs comfortable. Before we know where we are it will be the Holly and the Ivy and all that. In the meantime have a nice autumn.

Marianne Elsley

The Lichen Man

Tom Chester came to Deddington from Evenley, where he lives, with a ladder, a kneeling pad and a 10x magnifying glass, and climbed to the lowest limbs of the lime trees to examine lichens not found on gravestones. With the pad to cushion his knees on the sharp stones, he knelt by the side of stone kerbs and found taxa [classes of lichen] he would not have found on the church walls. Tom practises his craft as patiently as a Stoic. Fascinated by creatures that stand low in the chain of being, he admires their structures regardless of their status, and discriminates between them as if lichens were great open-air puzzles and Sherlock Holmes their observer.



The greatest collection of stones in Deddington is not on the farm boundaries, as they might be in a northern county, but in the SS Peter and Paul churchyard. In England alone, there are over 16,000 Anglican churchyards, habitat for well over a third of the total taxa of UK lichens.

Tom Chester came five times to the churchyard, and after each visit he added taxa to the list. Without his help, we might take only passing notice of colour differences, and be able to sort five to ten taxa; from two days' work, his list reached 80. The key to taxa diversity is habitat diversity: lichens can be found on the church's north and south walls, boundary walls, surfaces of chests, kerbs and gravestones, and on the wooden gates, pathway soil, and bark and branches of trees.

Lichens are not plants, but a combination of fungi and algae. To see the symmetry of their structures, a 10x magnifying glass is essential. If a class from Deddington Primary School were taken to the churchyard, the magnifying glass would reveal a world of *Thalli* and *Sporangia* as well as a range of tints from which fabrics are dyed. Lichens can remain alive almost indefinitely when dessicated. Fresh rain awakens the photosynthetic algal cells. For some of their nutrition, lichens absorb minerals from their substrate, but primarily through the air and in rainfall; it is well-known that lichens are particularly susceptible to airborne toxic compounds. Some taxa are adapted to a particular stone-chemistry. For example, as Tom says, 'a striking example of this specificity can be found on the coping stones of the south boundary wall. A single stone is made of pink Triassic sandstone and is colonised by a cracked, pale green crustose lichen, *Lecanora polytropa*. There is no sign of this lichen on the dark Jurassic ironstones on either side, nor on the limestones further to the east, although all of these carry a rich variety of other species.'

Tom Chester's gift to Deddington is the record that the churchyard of St Peter and St Paul is home to 122 taxa of lichens, the richest in Oxfordshire, and among the top 25 in Britain. The complete list is available, with a short essay by Tom in 'The Living Churchyard' on www.deddingtonchurch.org. If anyone would like to meet in the churchyard to identify some of the more common taxa, let me know.

Walter L. Meagher

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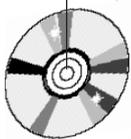
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Notes from Satin Lane

Walking around the allotment gardens on one of those very wet days in October I was struck by two things. First was the richness of the land where it has already been cultivated or dug over in readiness for the winter. No doubt the frost and rain will soon work their magic in breaking up the soil, encouraging the worms and bringing up the goodness from below. In places the old vegetation has been removed for compost, the more delicate foliage having first been blackened by the cold. But sprouts, cabbage, leeks and others were still in the ground looking forward to the winter chill to add extra freshness to their flavour.

Then there was the obvious ingenuity of gardeners who have a constant argument with nature in the form of pests and weeds. Weeds thrive on light and air so one way of control is to smother them with black plastic, old carpet, roofing material and anything else that can be held down by bricks or weights. Hardly the sort of thing to enhance a front garden, but very practical down Satin Lane. Other pests are more mobile and have to be controlled by fencing to keep out those with four legs, pellets for those slimy ones that creep and - best of all - shiny disks that glint as they hang suspended in the breeze. What better use could there be for those free CDs that drop relentlessly through the letter-box? I hope they work!



Hugh Marshall

[Yes they do. Ed]

DEDDINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

We welcomed eleven new children to the Pre-School at the start of this term; we hope they all enjoy their time with us.

We have had great fun looking at our topic of 'People Who Help Us' and carrying out the activities associated with this. We have also been lucky to have had visits from a local farmer, a policeman and the vicar to tell us about how their jobs can help us; many thanks to both fathers Jim Calcutt and Mike Lynch and to Rev. Hugh for coming in. We will finish our topic with a visit to the Fire Station - many thanks to Deddington Fire Service in particular Anne Waters, our Fire Fighter mum for inviting us! To support our Partnership with the Primary School we recently joined them and took part in their Harvest Festival Service at the church, the children performed their well rehearsed 'Autumn Leaves' rhyme beautifully.

To aid us in our fundraising efforts so far this term the children and their families have supported us in several events, we held a sponsored 'Colour Box' event which raised £400 and in the first few weeks of term we supported the National 'Genes for Jeans' campaign raising £40. We had some lovely gifts from children who left us to move onto the Primary School at the end of last term many thanks to you all for those and finally we have received a generous donation from the Calcutt family and Mr. Pauling for which we would like to offer our sincere thanks. From the end of October we are collecting Persil Stars from special packs of Persil Washing Powder, if we receive enough of these we can claim free 'Art and Craft Materials' for the Pre-School; if anyone has any of these 'special stars' and would like to give them to us we would be most grateful. Please post them through our letterbox in an envelope and we will add them to our collection!

For the rest of this term we will be doing lots of activities associated with our topic of 'Winter Festivals' and preparing for our annual end of term 'Carol Concert' Friday 6 Dec, 2pm Deddington Church. All Welcome.

Amanda Munson & Sarah Wright 337383



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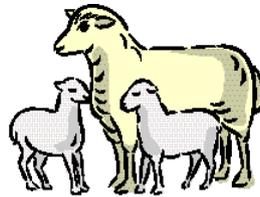
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ON THE FARM

We finished the planting for next year's grain harvest, just before it started to rain. The end of the longest dry spell of the year flooded the river meadows, and put an end to the late autumn grazing, on which we had hoped to finish the last of this year's lambs. They will now have to be sold on for some one else to finish - that is if we can find a way through the red tape and paper work involved in the post foot-and-mouth movement regulations.



The ewe flock has now been prepared, all the ewes have had their feet and tails trimmed, and have been given a drench for worms and liver fluke. The rams will go out in November, so we should see the first lambs in March. We still need to find 50 or so breeding ewes to make the flock up, but with the loss of so many ewes during the foot-and-mouth crisis, the prices are very high. The new movement regulations will make things difficult: if we move stock on to the farm, we cannot move anything off again for 3 weeks, except for slaughter. The new stock has to be isolated from the main flock for a time as well. If we buy in flock replacements before we sell the store lambs, we could end up being well overstocked until after Christmas, and having to hand feed a lot of sheep.

The oil seed rape has been sold and has now left the farm. The milling wheat price is showing a small lift, so we will sell 120 tons each month over the next 7 months

in the hope that the rise will continue, and we can get a better average price for the season.

The fall-out from last years foot-and-mouth is still crashing to earth. In last month's article, I mentioned the use of chicken manure, a by-product put to very good use for crop production. The use of by-products has always played a part in agricultural economics. Many pig farmers made good use of the waste from the catering and restaurant trade to feed their pigs (Pig swill), but its use was banned with the outbreak of foot-and-mouth, as it was deemed to be the vector for the virus from imported meat products used by the catering trade. What was a good little earner for the restaurant trade has become an expensive disposal headache. But help is at hand, it has now been proposed from on high, that, although the feeding of pig swill poses a very high disease threat to what is left of our domestic livestock, it is perfectly safe, and will have no effect on our bio-security to put this stuff untreated into land fill sites, or spread it on farm land and plough it in. EH what a pong!???

George Fenimore

THANKS FROM THE MARKET

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our anniversary market in September. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the carnival atmosphere. Even after a year the market continues to expand and we now have authentic Indian savouries and award winning cheeses. Come along on November 23 to stock up on a wide variety of fresh, locally produced foods. Take advantage of the wide range of goods to get your Christmas shopping off to a flying start and to order your meat and turkey. The Christmas market will be on December 21: forget the crowds in town - come to Deddington Market between 9am and 1pm to beat the queues and be sure of getting your last minute gifts and food. Special guest at the market will be Father Christmas, and you will find him in his grotto throughout the morning.



Jackie Williamson

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from Jackson's Oxford Journal for the month of November 1852:-

20th November - Our winter fair will be held on Monday next. Should the weather prove favourable we expect the fair will be well supplied with various descriptions of stock, particularly horses, for which it is noted, and we hope there will be a numerous attendance of buyers.

27th November - On the day of the funeral of the Duke of Wellington the shops in this town were closed, and the bell was tolled minute time for 4 hours.

At our fair there was a tolerably good supply of cart horses and colts, and a few nags, but owing to the wetness of the season and the dealers having purchased at Rugby the previous week, can colts were not so eagerly sought after; good prices were, however, obtained for those that were sold. There were but few cows, sheep and pigs offered for sale.

Buffy Heywood

Residing in the parish of Duns Tew I just occasionally feel a "foreigner" in the parish of Deddington. To describe a bit more clearly how I feel let me give this example. The other day I asked an acquaintance to tell me who had bought a particular house (not in Deddington) and she replied, "a foreigner". As soon as she had spoken she looked at me, caught her breath and said "no offence meant". Of course not! In this context I am delighted that even after living over half a century in dear old England my friends remember my country of birth and I am proud to belong, so to speak, to two nations.

But, coming back to feeling less than 100% Deddingtonian. It pleased me no end to read the following in the Deddington Parish Magazine, December 1880 under the title

"DISTRICT NURSE: Through the kind exertions of Lady Dashwood, of DUNS TEW Deddington parish with the parishes of Duns Tew and North Aston, is to have a district nurse. The person engaged has been duly qualified for her work at a Dublin Hospital, where she obtained her certificate. She will reside in Deddington, at Mrs Frank Berry's, Philcock Street, and will come on December 1st for three months on trial. Her work will be among the poor, to nurse the sick, - and for a small payment to attend poor women in their confinements."

One hundred years ago Deddington was always referred to as a town and unless it is a misprint, Philcote Street may have been known as Philcock Street. But how nice, that somebody from my village of residence instigated the wonderful service of District Nursing in the town of Deddington.

Ruth Johnson

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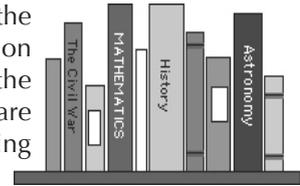
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- Wed 4 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.
- Thu 5 Monday Morning Club: Bus leaves Market Place at 6 pm for *Albert Herring* at the Apollo. → p.5
- Fri 6 Babies & Toddlers' Group Carols, Windmill Centre, 9.30-11 am.
- Tue 10 WI: Christmas party.
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- Sat 21 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am~12.30 pm. **NB Change of date from 4th Saturday.** → p.11

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Anne Waters

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