

Cousins of mine visited Deddington last month from Brisbane, and another comes from Cairns this month. Why go to New England to experience the Fall, when you can tour Old England? The wind rain and frost may be ending it now, but who can remember seeing autumn colours in the Old Country so radiant in such brilliant sunshine? The colours are caused, Monty Don tells us, as the trees and shrubs are alerted to the approach of winter, not

by lowering temperatures, but by shorter days, and wisely store their strength for another year. A squirrel is doing the same with less success for itself, but nature knows it needs more trees to absorb the carbon emissions of profligate humans - using fossil fuels with little thought for the morrow and the needs of grandchildren. *CF*



## NOVEMBER DIARY

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Sat	1	Deddington Fire Station Barn Dance, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm
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Wed	5	Friendship Club: Harvest Lunch, Windmill Centre, 1 pm → p.10
Wed	5	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm
Fri	7	Tennis Club: Children's mini tennis, Windmill Centre. → p.9
Tue	11	WI: Jim Flux, <i>Voluntary Services in the Community</i> , Holly Tree, 7.30 pm
Wed	12	Deddington History Soc.: John Woolley, <i>The Great Train Robbery</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. → p.10
Sat	15	Banbury Symphony Orchestra concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
Wed	19	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wed	19	Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.30 pm → p.2
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Sat	22	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am ~ 12.30 pm.
Tue	25	Copy Date for December <i>DEDDINGTON NEWS</i>
Sat	29	Church Christmas Bazaar in aid of Living Rooms project, 11am - 2 pm → p.11
Sat	29	Books! Books! Books! an evening with Charlie Lee Potter, Parish Church, 7.30 pm → p.4
Sat	29	Babies & Toddlers Group: Parents Christmas Night out, Deddington Arms. → p.9

## DECEMBER DIARY

Mon	1	Monday Morning Club: Christmas Lunch at Banbury College. Bus leaves Market Place at noon.
Wed	3	Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. → p.10
Fri	5	Living Rooms Project Steel Band Concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
Sat	6	Christmas activities for children, Parish Church, 9.15 - 1 pm. → insert
Sat	6	Hempton Church Christmas Bazaar, 2 pm → p.12
Sun	7	Choros Carol Concert, Parish Church, 6.30 pm
Tue	9	WI: Christmas party, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Wed	10	History Society: Christmas event and Social. → p.10
Wed	17	Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Fri	19	Babies & Toddlers Group: 'You Know Who' comes to visit. → p.9
Fri	19	<i>Nutcracker and the Mouse King</i> , OTTC at the Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.

No *DEDDINGTON NEWS* in January. Copy date for February edition: Tuesday 20 January

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**Meeting in Town Hall - 15 October 2003**

PRESENT: Cllrs FLUX (chair), Alton, Ellis, Harvey, Haslam, Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Watts, Westley, Wood, C/Cllr Jelf, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 6 members of the public.

**GEOFF TODD**

Cllr Todd is ill and is now in the Horton Hospital. PC sent him best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**10-MINUTE OPEN FORUM**

Barry Haller, Deddington Mill, thanked the Chairman, PC, C/Cllr Jelf, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and all those who took seriously the OCC proposal to locate, on Deddington's doorstep, a transit camp for gypsies and travellers. He urged PC to keep the parish informed of developments.

Raymond Morris, Secretary of Deddington Royal British Legion Branch, and also of the Legion Club, summarised the events of 2002 and 2003 that led up to the application to the Justices for a change of Licence to a new, commercial organisation. No changes to opening hours etc would be involved. After several deferments there has still been no hearing by the Justices.

**PROPOSED TRANSIT SITE FOR GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS**

OCC's answers to the questions raised at September's Public Meeting (see October DEDDINGTON NEWS) were given within a week, and are available in Deddington Library and on the parish website. PC was formally advised on 10 October that OCC would not be progressing their planning application in October. An Executive Council meeting in December will review the County Council's strategy countywide, possibly bringing in neighbouring areas of Thames Valley. It is likely that their Scrutiny committee will look at the issues in November. This means that any planning application for a new Travellers' Transit Site would not be possible until the latter part of 2004. OCC emphasise that the potential for such a site in the Deddington area will be part of any amended strategy. Objections to planning proposals are taken into account only if they are made within the regulation 3 week period.

PC decided that no parish referendum is necessary, because the public meeting gave a clear mandate. However, opinion may not be unanimous and parishioners are encouraged to make their views known. Anonymous circulars are not wanted and should be ignored. PC will pursue ways of influencing OCC policy, with C/Cllr Jelf's advice on timing. The issue has not gone away. A solution must be found.

**IDEAS WANTED - 1**

Parishioners are invited to put forward suggestions for improving facilities/access for disabled people at public places. Contact the Clerk on 337447.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

Cllr Squires was elected PC vice-chairman in place of Cllr Harvey, who has resigned but will remain a Council member.

Cllr Wood succeeds Cllr Todd as Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Working Group.

PC is looking at all options for the management of grass-

cutting in the parish.

Deddington Colts were commended for their efforts to sort out car parking problems near the Castle Grounds on football days. PC Middleton is monitoring the situation.

**PLANNING AND PROPERTY**

PC no objections to (i) No 29 Gaveston Gardens - single storey rear extension. (ii) High Bank, St Thomas Street - fell conifers and reshape plum and damson. PC recommended replacement planting. (iii) St James Farm, Clifton - erect 2m high wall and gate, and make outbuilding into office. PC stipulated that it should remain one property. (iv) Mullions, Castle Street - convert existing garage to study/office with garage, to be sold as one property.

CDC approvals (v) Loke Cottage, Castle Street - fell silver birch. (vi) The Bungalow, Earls Lane - single storey extension and conservatory. (vii) Deddington Mill - re-roof SW elevation in reclaimed slate. (viii) Home Farm Clifton - new house, double garage and access. (ix) No 2 Archway Court, New Street - change from offices to residential. (x) Habitat, Hopcraft Lane - solar panels for swimming pool. (xi) The Finishing Touch, Market Place - alterations to shop front. (xii) Southgate, Market Place - replacement windows. (xiii) Cotswold House, New St - convert integral garage to office. (xiv) No 21 Gaveston Gardens - convert garage to living space.

**MORE NEWS IN BRIEF**

Deddington Map Group made over to the parish a further £500 from sales revenue.

Membership of Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council (ORCC) was renewed at £20.

Affordable housing is on the agenda at ORCC's AGM. PC to be represented.

**WINDMILL CENTRE**

Trustees wish to change the status to a Limited Company but with no change of objectives. PC agreed to transfer the lease to the new Company, subject to it being granted charitable status. (Cllrs Flux and Rollason declared interest.)

**IDEAS WANTED - 2**

PC has a young yew tree which is ready for transplanting. Where should it go? - outside the cemetery gates, perhaps, or somewhere along the Hempton or Clifton road? Suggestions, please, to the Clerk on 337447.

**PARISH FINANCES**

Invoices passed for payment totalled £5,686.59, including £1,397.18 imprest, mainly stewards' wages; £2,049.20 Playsafe Playgrounds for teenage shelter at BMX track; £765.22 DesignGro for grasscutting.

Investments totalled £533,100.86, of which £11,726.89 Barclays @ 0.1% instant access; £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days; £520,373.97 West Bromwich @ 3.4% overnight.

Accounts for 2002/3 were approved and will now go for external audit.

**NEXT MEETING 19 November, Town Hall, 7.30pm**

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](http://www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes)

Unbelievably, we are almost at half term with Christmas following closely at its heels. It was really good to see so many people at our recent Harvest Festival, donations from which will go towards supporting the "Living Rooms" project. I would also like to thank the Friends of Hempton Church once again for their kind donation to school following their Harvest service. This money will go towards school councillor badges. The School Council has a very high profile in our school and children work hard throughout the year on behalf of their friends.

Earlier this term all children enjoyed a theatre production entitled "Bully's Paradise". This was well received by everyone and led to some excellent discussion about the issues involved in bullying and friendship. Children throughout the school are encouraged to look out for one another and to inform an adult should they be concerned about the happiness of any of their friends. The School Council has been active in encouraging the use of "Listeners" and "Confidential Message boxes" to encourage an open and caring approach to these issues. *Lynne Stephens*

**Fireworks Night** - Saturday 1 November on Deddington CE Primary School Field, Doors, BBQ and entertainments open at 6 p.m., Fireworks Display 7 p.m.

Please come along for a great family evening out. As usual, all proceeds go towards the PTA fundraising for Deddington Primary School. You can help us by reminding your friends and neighbours as well! *Peter Tindale*



Lynne and Peter Stephens were in the Great Britain team at the Dog Agility World Championships held at Lieven in Northern France in September. The Great Britain team came third overall on points out of the 32 competing nations, including USA and Russia. In the Large [over 16" shoulder height] Dogs class the British team came first. Lynne's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel 'Quiz' was in the British Small [under 13.75"] Dogs team which came tenth. Peter's 'Nicson' was in the Medium [under 16"] Dogs team which came fifth. The height of the jumps is adjusted to the size of the dogs. The ethos of this sport is to combine fun with discipline which Lynne has been doing for 25 years - not inappropriate for a primary school headteacher, though she does not tolerate in the classroom the level of noise which 'Quiz' makes when he is competing! 'Nicson' takes part with spirit, as does Peter selling cars in Banbury. Both dogs qualified for Crufts this year and appear there again next March. *CH*

### BRASS BITS CONCERT

Over 100 people, young and old, filled the Parish Church on October 11 to listen to something a little different from "sweet singing in the choir". Grahame Wallington and his musicians made the place jump as the sound of their instruments rose to the roof. The first half of the programme included favourites such as There's No Business Like Show Business, a cha cha cha version of 's Wonderful (with child accompaniment) and three soloists: Keith Bailey on the E flat tuba, Les Taylor on the euphonium and Alison Stevens who sang I Dreamed a Dream, the first of her two solos. In the second half we were invited to sing along to Elton John's Crocodile Rock and, with a tear in the eye, to You'll Never Walk Alone. An encore, Offenbach's Can Can, raised hopes that two members of the audience were so inspired by the rhythm and pzazz of the performance that they were about to high-kick it down the aisles. Well, next time.

Brass Bits was formed about five years ago. The musicians, both men and women, come from as far away as Swindon and Milton Keynes, but regard Deddington as their home base and chose the Parish Church as the setting for their first formal concert. The vigour and variety of their programme (Grahame Wallington's back, as well as his baton, registered every crescendo, every change of tempo) had the audience asking for a return visit.

The concert was in aid of the Church's Living Rooms fund-raising (Brass Bits already supports two other charities) and we are promised further rousing evenings in connection with this project. *Kristin Thompson*

### AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

Deddington Players are known for the excellence of their home-grown pantomimes and also their enterprise in importing productions that were initiated elsewhere. Their latest offering was not quite like anything they've done before. Murdering at the Vicarage (10 and 11 October, Windmill Centre) began with supper and a glass of wine for a capacity audience. The play, specially written by 'H' Connolly, was about rehearsing an Agatha Christie-type play within a play.

The cast - Gina Bazeley, George Fenemore, Jim Flux, Pet Sawbridge, Martin Squires and Rachel Teare - were good actors required to act the part of bad actors acting over-acting. (OK so far?) Lively teamwork on stage carried a convoluted story-line along to a funny - and rather touching - conclusion, helped by charming costumes and props, and the most remarkable sound effects. The audience enjoyed the food and drink and loved the performance. Deddington Players - cast, backstage, front of house and caterers - gave us a thoroughly entertaining evening. But please - don't ask me to explain the plot. *Norman Stone 338019*

**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**

Sun	2	10.30 am	ALL SAINTS Morning Praise
		3.30 pm	ALL SOULS Commemoration of the Departed
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	5	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	6	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels (Prams and Toddlers)
Sun	9	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	12	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	16	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Eucharist and Baptism
Wed	19	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	23	10.30 am	CHRIST THE KING Sung Eucharist and Pledge & Children's Church
Wed	26	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	30	10.30 am	Thanksgiving for Animals (RSPCA)
		6.30 pm	ST ANDREW Sung Eucharist

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**St John Hempton in November**

Sun	2	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	16	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	23	6.00 pm	Evensong

From the Parish Registers

BAPTISMS: 21 Sept - Eden Sylvie Prest; 28 - Jack Samuel Richardson  
12 Oct - George Samuel Ley, Daniel Robert Turner

FUNERALS: 9 Oct - Mary Payne (Hempton);

17 Oct - Michael Palmer; 21 Oct - George Greaves

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

Boulderdyke House, Clifton [Jean Welford 338539] Wed 5, & 19 Nov, 7.30pm

2 The Leyes, Deddington [Liz Dickinson 337050] Wed 5, & 19 Nov, 7.30pm

**Charity of the Month** - each month a charity benefits from donations in the box in the Parish Church or St John's Hempton: the use by taxpayers of the pink *GiftAid* envelopes is commended.  
November: **UNITED SOCIETY FOR THE PROPOGATION OF THE GOSPEL** - [www.uspg.org.uk](http://www.uspg.org.uk)

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

Sunday morning services at 10.30 am

Nov 2, 9 & 16 Pastor Isabel Walton 26 John Neale 30 John Goulder

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street***Joyce Minnear 338529*

Sunday *morning* worship jointly with Wesleyan Reform congregation at 10.30 am

Sunday evening service and fellowship 6.00 pm, & Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month

Nov 2 Pastor Isabel Walton (and Communion)

9 John Hine 16 Jeff Elbourne 23 Tommy Falstead 30 John Hine

**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 is said at 4 p.m. on Saturdays to allow Catholics from the villages to attend by bus. As the Feast of All Saints falls on a Saturday, it has been transferred to the Sunday. Nov 1st will therefore not be a Holiday of Obligation. Masses will be said on November 2 as normal, the Commemoration of the Dead being celebrated on Nov 3rd, with Mass being said at Hethe at 10.00 am and at Adderbury at 7.00 pm

**THE LIVING ROOMS PROJECT -**

The Barn Dance raised about £300; the Brass Bits concert £200, plus £40 for truffles;

William & Edwards' Pie Stall £134.

**Coming Events** : Sat 22 November - 4 pm  
**ARTS FESTIVAL** Prose, piano and painting.

At the November Farmers Market: Children's Home-made Produce Stall; Shoe polishing while you wait.

Saturday 29 November, 7.30 pm : Charlie Lee Potter, author and broadcaster in a talk about Books! Books! Books!

In the last instalment of this survey of changes in the last ten years, we bemoaned the fact that two popular premises were closed, and we are delighted that both "the deli" (Foodies) and Bowlers have reopened. Returning to the S.W. corner of the Square, what is now the Police Office, (having in living memory been a tea shop and two separate restaurants) in 1993 became "Dexters" run by James Dexter Harrison. When he felt the need to expand and moved across the square into what is now Bowlers, the premises did not stay empty for very long but were turned into its present use. Moving a few yards further north we come to what is now again a private residence. Clydesdale had been home of the eponymous beautician's shop, which has now moved up a short distance into Red Lion Cottage. So this swap leaves the balance between residential and business premises unaltered. Next to the original Clydesdale is a house which used to contain a shop called the Sale Room, a slightly curious mix of antiques, second-hand furniture, electrical goods and crafted wooden articles. It has been turned into offices as an extension to the publishing office of Philip Allen, here again a firm bearing the name of its proprietor.

A recent change is the establishment of Bluebells the florists, formerly of Hudson Street, into part of the Old Bakery, most of which is now an estate agents' office and so no longer a retail outlet. Adjoining this on the corner of the Tchure, Viva has been selling ladies fashions for 11 years.

### **Mrs. McKERN'S CHESTNUT**

There has been quite a lot of talk about our Market Place in the DEDDINGTON NEWS lately, and that reminded me of Jane McKern's efforts with the Chestnut. In the early '80s, Leo McKern, the actor who played Rumpole so brilliantly, had bought the big house at the top end of Chapman's Lane. Leo was doing a succession of plays at Oxford Playhouse, and a TV Serial 'Our Mutual Friend'. The family liked their children to live at home, not to board, and were keen on education. So they followed Leo around the country, wherever job and school fitted together. Harriet went to Overthorpe Hall. That year, and it was an exceptionally dry and hot summer, two little Chestnut trees had been planted in the Market Place, one by the bus stop and the other outside Tucker's. The latter began to shrivel for lack of water and looked doomed. But along came Jane Holland, Mrs Leo. She was also an actress, a small, determined person with strong principles on conservation and diet. She never touched food before mid-day, it was said. But the tree: Jane decided that the tree must live, so every morning she walked up from Chapman's Lane to the Market carrying two heavy metal watering cans, filled and refilled them in one of the shops and watered the tree. The Chestnut survived and is now big enough to give shade to a bench under it. Thank you, Jane. Leo died not so long ago. He was a wonderful actor. Who will ever forget his Rumpole? But she, too, deserves to be remembered for what she did for our village.

*Marianne Elsley*

The east side of the Market Place is probably the most important retail emporium in the town, "the Co-op" or more simply The Shop. Until recently run as part of Bernard Hughes' chain of Acorn Stores, it was sold to the very large Oxford, Swindon & Gloucester Co-operative Society, and provides virtually all the basic essentials, which confers on Deddington amenities not enjoyed by so many other communities of our size.

On the South side the larger of the two shops is the "Finishing Touch" a salon in what was briefly in 1998/99 an antique shop. Before that it had been for generations the village butchers, but in 1998 the last manager gave in to the twin threats of a serious illness and an excessive rent review. So now we have three hairdressers and no butcher....

The last shop on that side is already almost in Hudson Street. "Little Princes & Princesses" provides chic children's clothes. It was established in 2001 taking over the tiny shop from Bluebells when that moved to its present shop in the Square.

*F.S.*



### **WELL REMEMBERED**

**MICHAEL PALMER** was born in Battersea in 1958 and came to Banbury with his family at the age of six, where he attended St. Mary's and Banbury schools. Unmarried, Michael lived with his parents in Banbury and then in Deddington. He worked in frozen food transportation, a job which gave him much satisfaction. His great passion was cars, in the repair of which he became highly skilled. He also enjoyed making models and his tea-drinking capacity was legendary. Michael was a contented and cheerful person whose willingness to lend a hand to anyone in need won him many friends.

*Hugh White*

**MARY PAYNE** (née Nelson) was born in Barford in 1918. Upon leaving school at 14 she went into service with a local family, Woolgroves. During the War years Mary's work at Alcan meant a long cycle ride into Banbury. In 1944 Mary married Albert Payne and they were blessed with one son, Michael. The family moved to their current home in Hempton in 1954 where Mary continued to work, this time as a carer at Stonelea. Mary played the organ in Barford Chapel and was also a member of the Barford Band. Hempton Chapel also benefited from her talent as an organist until its closure. Mary enjoyed tapestry and there are kneelers decorated by her in Hempton Church. She liked Quiz programmes on TV, the novels of Barbara Cartland and entertaining her friends to tea. Mary gave so much to the community and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

*Pam Dodd*



**TRAVELLERS**

The Parish Council was formally advised on 10 October that the County Council will not now be progressing this planning application in October. The notification stated that:

*"In coming to this conclusion, officers have taken account of the local opinion of Deddington residents, but, notwithstanding this, the potential for a transit site in this area will still be part of their amended strategy. They will now be taking a paper to the County Council Executive in December which will set out both the general approach and specific actions.*

*It is probable that the Scrutiny Committee will want to call this paper in prior to the Executive in which case the first public airing will be in the second half of November."*

The Parish Council will ensure that you are kept informed about progress on this matter.

The Council's working group will continue to monitor the situation and will report back to the Parish Council meeting on 19 November.

*Graham Pitts* Clerk to the Council

*The County Council's answers to the questions raised at the meeting on 29 September run to eight sides of paper, and the provisional findings of the Parish Council working group a further seven. These are available in the Library, for those without access to the Deddington website [www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/travellers](http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/travellers) Ed*

**Toleration**

*Some folk say they never will,  
Commune with the folk on Deddington hill  
'They're not one of us; they're not nice.  
And what would they do to my house price ?'*

*Alackaday, think on our plight.  
We won't sleep sound in our beds at night.  
To rob us and steal will be their rule  
And their kids will pollute ours at school.*

*So harden your heart, let your conscience stray,  
And send them packing on their way.  
From pillar to post we'll hastily lob 'em,  
And make them somebody else's problem.*

*We like our cottages with blue wisteria,  
But we're also prone to mass hysteria. *Bill Drake**

**ON THE FARM**

October has been another dry month here at Clifton, which has made for a very dusty planting time. The winter cereal crops for next year's harvest have now all been drilled leaving just the winter beans to be ploughed in during November. The lack of rain has meant that the August-planted oil seed rape has had a very uneven germination, with some seedlings only just coming through and other plants with 4 true leaves. The September drilled wheat is also very uneven, with large areas still to germinate and the last 2 fields planted in mid-October look more like rock strewn deserts than English arable fields. However as yet I have not seen any camels.



The grass keep for the sheep is becoming very short and we may soon have to start to give them some extra help, which will make things difficult if we have a long winter as we could run short of winter feed. The rams have gone out and are hard at it so we should see the first lambs in mid-March with the replacement Mule Gimmer lambs (Swaledale x Bluefaced Leicester) dropping their lambs in April.

The warm autumn weather has meant that the bees have had a good time with the ivy and they have now been put to bed for the winter with a good feed of sugar syrup. The warm autumn weather has also made for a very colourful back end to the year with the hedgerows ablaze with autumn colour - you could see them through the clouds of dust from the cultivators.

Our summer visitors have now all gone south for the winter and it was very sad that so few Swallows returned last spring to breed. Perhaps we shall see more next year and we shall soon see the first of the winter migrants arriving to stock up on the hedgerow fruits before moving on. The open warm weather has also meant that we have seen Dragonflies on the wing in late October and there has been a very late hatch of Brimstone Butterflies which are normally seen from March until June. I only hope that next year's numbers will not be reduced as it is the first Butterfly to hatch in the spring along with the Orange Tip, and you know summer is on the way.

*George Fenemore 338203*

What about an original image as a Christmas present?

archival quality on fine art paper

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FROM HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

As there is now a breathing space whilst the County Council reviews its choice of proposed sites for Travellers, may I make some suggestions in case the Deddington site is again put forward.

1. That sufficient time be allowed to circulate a clear statement of why this site was chosen. Not all of us have unlimited access to the Web so some old fashioned paper copies should be available.

2. That anyone wishing to make a point does so over their own name and address, and not anonymously. The deluge of unattributable leaflets and notices that has descended on the village debases the debate. A "hotmail" address is not an identity!

3. If a public meeting is called, those proposing the site be given sufficient time to make their case before questions or general discussion are allowed. If we are to approach an issue of this nature democratically and fairly, there has to be an informed debate and open discussion.

FROM SYLVIE SPENCELEY, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

Is there a case for arranging a meeting between a group of Parishioners and a group of Travellers to discuss the concerns and mutual expectations arising from any proposed Travellers' site in the Parish? Though I understand that the recent proposal (a transit site by the Milton Road) has been put 'on hold', this presumably will not be indefinitely. If various representatives of the community (PC, school, youth groups, church, businesses and concerned Parishioners generally) could meet a similar number of Travellers, and all agreed to listen as well as air their views, we might have a better idea of what we are talking about.

FROM REV DR. HUGH WHITE, DUNS TEW

So then, time to draw breath over the Travellers' site proposal. Time to consider the kneejerk first reaction. Time to assess dispassionately the responses to queries regarding the site. Time to reflect honestly on whether the site would be a disaster for Deddington. Time to allow anger and fear to subside. Time to grow, perhaps, in courage and generosity. Time to steal ourselves to accept a difficult challenge. Time to decide not to be dull, predictable and unimaginative, but to make a difference. Time for Deddington to propose a new identity for Middle England - trusting, open, caring, adventurous. (Time also to decide, because we are caring, to dig deep to manage compensation, if need be, for those who might seriously suffer from the site.) Time to look at a destiny and seize it. Time to opt for something startling, something selfless. Better this than nogypsiesindeddington (substitute blacks, Asians, Jews or gays for gypsies and see how it feels).

Are we up for it? Dare we do it? Let me know on vicarhugo@hotmail.com or phone 01869 349869. There's much at stake here and you have an opportunity to shape Deddington's response and - this is a big issue - to alter the temper of the nation.

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FROM GEOFF TODD, HOPCRAFT LANE, DEDDINGTON

No sooner had Joan and I returned prematurely from holiday than the village grapevine got to work. Soon I was receiving cards and calls in hospital wishing me a speedy recovery and offering Joan support. The latter was invaluable since she is currently unable to drive. May I say what a boost it has been to receive so many messages as well as visitors - Joan nearly had to organise a rota! I know I am in good hands in the Horton and it is comforting to know that Joan is being well cared for in Deddington. Thanks, everybody, for everything. I really appreciate just how special the village is.

FROM VIVIANE HALL, PHILCOTE STREET, DEDDINGTON

Walter Meagher asks (October DN) what is a stew?

According to my copy of the Concise Oxford Dictionary, a 'stew' is: 1) a pond or large tank for keeping fish for eating; 2) an artificial oyster bed. Either of these definitions, the first particularly, would fit his quotation.

FROM JACKIE ADKINS, WINDMILL STREET, DEDDINGTON

The photo in the October DN was of a Country Fair, I think in 1947 - a very hot summer after the big freeze. The fancy dress has just been judged. I'm with the doll's pram, dressed as a 'nanny' with lots of dolls in the pram and Family Allowance notices stuck to it. Family Allowance had just become available. Standing next to me as 'Alice Blue Gown' was Margaret Cox, née Spencer, Monty's sister, who now lives at Middle Barton. The man in a suit is Col. Dodds Parker, then the local MP, and the man with him, I think being presented with a prize, was Eddie Lines. Happy days!

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### The Flower Garden

I should have known better ! To praise the weather before the season is over is not a good idea. We had such a wonderful June and July, that it was hard not to comment on it. But it ended in tears. The drought went on and on, the flowers looked dreadful, together with a disappearing lawn - it was all very sad. So, the only thing to do is to draw a line under it all and start again.

I was very pleased with the hanging basket in the front of the house, though, it has been splendid, and that goes to show that a very small area of soil can be kept in good trim by constant feeding and watering. So, I shall get my Wisley 'Container Planting' tape out again, as I do every autumn, and refresh my memory with pictures of what they do at the RHS. The troughs and bowls will be emptied and refilled with new soil. I shall keep the trailing ivy to use again. Then come pansies and forget-me-nots; the latter self-seeding from the garden, the pansies bought. And in between lots of bulbs, Grape Hyacinths, white narcissus or whatever you personally prefer. The man on the tape urges his viewers to plant generously, which is all right for Wisley, but rather expensive for ordinary folk. The results will be lovely, I'm sure. Apart from the Wisley artistry, we have a few terra cotta pots, and those will be planted with small tulips, really bright ones, and pansies over the top.

Good gardening to you, enjoy yourselves out there.

*Marianne Elsley*

### Good Companions

What is worse than biting an apple and finding a worm inside? (Answer: Finding half a worm). We are getting to the time of the first P in gardening - Planning. The others of course are Planting, Potting and Picking but you could also include Protecting. I've been thinking about the sort of things to grow, whether to buy seeds, take cuttings or buy plants in the Spring and the question of Companion Planting arose. For those who don't know, this is making use of nature's preferences and planting crops which go well together. According to Bob Flowerdew in 'Go Organic,' beans and peas grow badly close to garlic and onions, but are very friendly with lettuces, strawberries and tomatoes. Brassicas enjoy being near celery, dill and nasturtiums. Many herbs grown around the vegetables are useful in keeping pests at bay and some will attract natural pollinators and predators of pests. Best of all, it seems, are French marigolds whose strong smell drives away many of the less attractive insects and so protects the crop, but plant old-fashioned varieties which have not had the smell reduced! Encouraging beneficial animals by not having the garden so squeaky clean that there are no hiding places for them to hibernate or nest in, is also helpful. We found a hedgehog in the kitchen recently, but felt this was taking things too far. I hope s/he is now shackled up under a pile of leaves and sticks, ready for the Spring and to feast on the slugs that chew my Hostas.



*Hugh Marshall*

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**1st Deddington BB Juniors**

In October we welcomed Max and Robert as new members. We now have 16 boys in the section and to enable us to offer them a full programme of activities and training we need a couple of additional helpers. If you feel you can offer the BB half an hour of your time every Wednesday between 5.15 pm and 6.45 pm to work with a small group of boys, please contact us as soon as possible.

*Brian Bushell* 338715

**1st Deddington BB Anchor Boys**

In October we welcomed George and James as new members. With 24 boys in the section we have now introduced a waiting list. If you have a son aged 4 or over and are interested in him joining the BB, please let us know and we will be pleased to add his name to the list. Our meetings are held in the School Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 3.15 pm. In October a group of 14 boys went to Kings Sutton and took part in an Anchor Boys activity day with members of other local BB groups.

*Nick Westbury* 337059

**Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group**

First, a big welcome from the group to all our new members. On 28 November we have 'Magic Martin' visiting our session to entertain the children with balloon modelling, a puppet show and magic. It is the turn of parents to enjoy themselves on Saturday 29 Nov, with a Christmas night out at the Deddington Arms. Finally, an early but important date for your diaries - a certain Father Christmas is rumoured to be in the area on Friday 19 Dec - don't miss him!

*Lucy Squires* 338442

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**1st Deddington Cub Scouts**

The beginning of this term has been a busy one for the Cubs. As part of our air activities we visited the air museum at Coventry: the journey was short, the weather perfect and the children were allowed into many of the planes. It was a great way to complete the requirements for the badge, which also included kite making and paper planes. Badges were awarded under the wing of a Vulcan - very fitting. We attended the district Sixers day at The Space Centre in Leicester. This was an interesting day with plenty of things to play with, but the most memorable was the televised weather broadcast by Edward, Adam and Ben. We are now on to our next project, a short play based on a story from the Jungle Book, which will form part of the Entertainers Badge.

*Jo Churchyard* 338071

**1st Deddington Scouts**

At the start of this term the Scouts welcomed Lewis who has moved up from cubs. Our numbers are now up to 9, which is the most we have had for many years.

The scouts prepared for the County Patrol Camp, practising fire lighting, simple cooking and menu and programme planning. It is a 'leaderless' camp that allows the scouts to fend for themselves (under gentle supervision) and teaches them how much they know (or don't know) about camping. At the camp the weather was fine and bright and the scouts cooked their own meals and participated in various activities. Everyone came home dirty and tired, so we will count this as successful.

We would like to start a Beaver Colony - for boys and girls aged 6 to 8 - in Deddington. If you have a child who would be interested in joining, or if you know someone who could run the colony, please contact me.

*Jo Churchyard* 338071

**Deddington Art Group**

Despite holidays we have been very active each Thursday all year - wonderful models and enthusiastic artists. We are all looking forward to putting work into exhibitions in Banbury - a chance to win a prize of £500 is offered by the Museum. We always welcome new members.

*Ken D Wilkinson* 337256

**Tennis**

Best news first! The courts have been securely re-netted and look very smart - hopefully we won't lose so many balls. Wednesday evening club nights have stopped, but we play on Sunday mornings instead and all members/prospective members are welcome to join in, some time after 10 am.

Deddington has 4 mixed teams playing matches in the floodlit league this winter and 3 teams in the weekend league. A new half term of children's mini tennis starts in the Windmill Centre on 7 November. It is open to all children aged 4-8 but a place must be booked in advance - ring me for more details. People are welcome to hire the courts at £5/hr from Cyclogical on Hudson Street.

*Katie McGovern* 338771

**Deddington Friendship Club**

On 8 October Mrs Beryl Suckling gave a most interesting talk on autobiographies written by Oxfordshire ladies early in the 1900s, both from the points of view of villagers and those living in the 'big houses' as they were called in those days! We hope Mrs Suckling will come again and regale us with more memories. More about our Ryton-on-Dunsmore outing in the December issue, but we are holding a Harvest Lunch on Wednesday 5 November at 1 pm instead of 2.30. New members welcome at our meetings.

*Joyce Minnear* 338529

**Deddington Town F.C.**

1st Team Results

Sinclair Res (h) Won 4-1 L.Rawlings (2), D.Clouston, J.Pearce.

Hornton (a) Drew 0-0

Fritwell (h)(Jersey Cup) Lost 1-3 Gary Smith.

Souldern (a) Won 2-1 D.Clouston, J.Pearce.

The First team are currently top of Division 1 after another good month of League results. Lloyd Rawlings was on target with two goals in the emphatic win over Sinclair Res. A useful point was gained in the goalless draw with Hornton; both defences were well on top in this game. A late strike from on-form Julian Pearce secured all 3 points in the victory at Souldern.

Reserve Team Results

Finmere (h) Lost 2-3 G.Smith, P.Kirsopp.

Cropredy Res (a) Lost 0-3

Decoma Sybex (h) Drew 2-2 A.Bliss, P.Gibbs.

The Reserve side had a tough month with the opposition providing a much sterner challenge in the higher division. Gary Smith was once again amongst the goals against Finmere and a late goal from Phil Kirsopp was not enough to prevent defeat. The team put up a spirited display against league leaders Cropredy Res before going down 3-0. In the game against Sybex the team came back twice with goals by Aaron Bliss and Paul Gibbs to earn a deserved 2-2 draw.

75 Club Winners all winning £50 are P.Chard, J.Hirons, G.Smith and A.Franklin

A polite reminder to all dog owners, please can you stop your dogs from fouling the playing surface.

*Steve Plumble* (01295) 278258

**Deddington Youth Club Report**

We had a good response to our flier in the DN for a Youth Leader and have held some interviews and have some interested candidates.

We are holding a special Youth Club Evening on Monday 3 November 7-9 pm at The Windmill Centre with the 'A' Team and clay modelling - so don't miss it. All young people aged 10 -15 years are welcome. We hope to continue regular evenings after this event.

*Gay Brewer* 338097

**Deddington & District History Society**

At our October meeting Verna Wass gave a fascinating lecture on the history of the hobby horse, which belongs to the ancient tradition of animal disguises. The hobby horse itself is recorded in paintings and stained glass from the 16th century. It was largely stamped out, along with May Day and other 'unseemly' festivities, by the Puritans and was rescued by folklorists in the early 20th century. Ironically Banbury, once a Puritan stronghold, now hosts an annual hobby horse festival.

By way of a complete change, our speaker on Wednesday 12 November (Windmill Centre, 7.30) will be John Woolley, whose subject will be that notorious local crime, the Great Train Robbery. Our Christmas 'event' and social will also be at the Windmill Centre, at 7.30 on Wednesday 10 December.

*Chris Day* 337204

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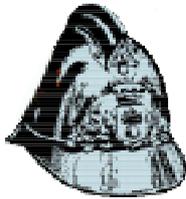


As a non-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers, the Map Group doesn't make profits. When we take in more money than we pay out, we call it an excess of revenue over expenditure, and at intervals we return this to the parish. In October 2003 we handed over a further £500 to the Parish Council, and hope to do the same again early next year. That depends on sales, of course. Look out for our special Christmas offers at Deddington Market on 22 November and 20 December.

*Norman Stone* 338019

### Deddington Fire Station

Since the last report we have received 16 calls: 1 train fire at Banbury Station, 2 car fires, 1 barn fire, 6 calls to stand by, 1 chimney fire, 1 tree set alight which had to be felled, 3 calls to rubbish fires, and we also attended the huge blaze at Orchard Field School in Banbury.



We've had our first chimney fire of the season. If you are now stocking up on logs and coal, ready for a roaring open fire, please make sure you have your chimney swept first!

We are also on a serious recruitment drive at present, I'm sure you will have noticed the banner at the station. If you want to find out more, please come to the station at 7pm on a Tuesday night for an informal chat, alternatively phone our recruitment hotline 0800 5870870, or make contact with me,

*Anne Waters* Sub Officer 338281

### Double benefit

Hundreds of Christmas cards and gifts have already been bought from Deddington Fair Traders through the colourful 'Traidcraft' catalogues that have been in circulation in the village. In over 60 pages, useful, ornamental or practical gifts nestle with the more familiar fairly-traded confectionery, cereals and cookies which are always on sale in the Church on Farmers' Market days. The stall is also open on some Sundays and will be at the Church Bazaar on 29 November. The wide range of Christmas cards, sponsored by several charities, have been very popular and will continue to be available into mid-December. Orders can be placed at any time and will be delivered, post-free, in good time for wrapping and posting for Christmas.

Every purchase from the catalogue or from the stall brings a unique double benefit. Not only will it bring pleasure to both the giver and the receiver but also it will be helping a producer somewhere in the developing world to carve out a better living for their family. Through fair trade, very many communities and families have been able to develop basic facilities of fresh water or sanitation, increase production and afford education and health care for the children. Here in Deddington we can 'fight poverty through trade.'

More details, catalogues and orders from 7 The Daedings, Deddington. *Hugh Marshall* 337761

### News from Hempton

The Harvest Festival service was held on 28 September, followed by refreshments and an auction of the produce. This raised about £95, which was donated to the garden at Deddington School. The Table Tennis season has just started and the team is playing in Division 2 of the Banbury & District league. They have started the season with two 6-4 defeats. The Christmas bazaar will be on Saturday 6 December at 2.00 pm. Donations of any gifts, prizes, cakes etc. will be very welcome. as well as help in selling draw tickets. There should be lots of stalls plus refreshments, so please support it if you can. On Thursday evening 16 October there was an accident at the notorious narrow gap in the village which resulted in one car turning over. Care must be shown here as only one vehicle can go through at any one time. Vehicles heading towards Deddington have preference, which are very difficult to see until you go past the 'Give Way' sign when you are travelling the other way. Barbara Chappell would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and telephone calls of good wishes following her accident on holiday. She is making steady progress. I end with the sad news of the death of Mary Payne who lived with her husband Albert and son Michael in Mount Pleasant. She and Albert married in 1944 and lived all their married life in Barford and Hempton. Mary played the organ and piano in Barford and Hempton chapels. She was well known to people in the village and this was reflected in her funeral service in Hempton Church when the Church was full. The family wishes to thank everyone for their support. Our condolences go to the family. *Les Chappell* 338054

### News from Clifton

During November the Parish Highways Working Group will be sending out a proposal to the residents of Clifton for the continuation of the footpath from Deddington. This will include a crossing point to improve pedestrian safety and affect traffic calming. Residents' comments would be appreciated by the Group.

*Carol Draumer*

## Deddington Church Bazaar Saturday 29 November 11 am ~ 2 pm

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- explore the Children's Corner
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## LIVING HISTORY

FREDERICK WILLIAM DAVIS (1888-1954)

As Topper Davis reflects, the village community must have had an especially soft spot for his father because he loved to help out in any practical way he could and had the drive and often quite cheeky confidence to achieve successfully what he set out to do. Fred the worker and Fred the jester therefore qualified for the honour of village nicknames. It follows that when Fred ferried passengers to and from Deddington and Aynho Station in his father's trap he became known as 'CABBY'. (Return fare 1/6d). To his merry mates in the pub however he was 'DONOGHUE' and was proud of this inferred likeness of him to the famous Irish jockey, Steve Donoghue, who rode 14 classic winners between 1915 and 1937. According to Topper his father was also well pleased when referred to as 'COLONEL' which no doubt reflected on the smart and competent way he sat and exercised any horse in his care.

No one can remember now what attracted Fred, who served in the Yeomanry in World War I, and who enjoyed the kudos of free village spirit, to become fettered to the Church in the job of Verger, Sexton, gravedigger, cleaner, decorator, organ blower, sidesman, bellringer of curfew, Vicar's instrument to toll the bell to announce a death to the village, groundsman in the churchyard and keeper of the keys to God's House. I have my own thoughts on the subject. The Vicar, Dr Frost, was just like Fred interested in the wellbeing of his parishioners. While he concentrated on their souls, Fred became the perfect counterpart to keep up their spirits. The formal proposal for his appointment as Sexton and Verger was seconded and carried by the PCC on 29 April 1931.

Naturally there had to be give and take in the relationship between Vicar and Sexton which is best explained by the following revelations. Vicar Frost was an avid bee keeper but needed Fred to coax them back into the fold whenever one of his swarms escaped to a neighbour's tree. And Fred needed the Vicar to keep both his eyes shut when, at the end of a perfect day's work in and around the Church, he did a bit of moonlighting giving 'short back and sides' to his mates. The barber's chair was safely stored in the stoke hole and customers queued up quietly in the church yard. We can well understand why jolly Fred needed a few extra pence in his pocket. His weekly Sexton's wage came to 27/6 and for every grave he dug another 7/6 was added. He was the sole supporter of a wife, three sons and two daughters and his dear wife made sure his wages got safely home, past the pub, by asking young Topper to collect them from the PCC Treasurer.

My brain reels by just imagining how Fred coped with the various tasks set out by the PCC. How he managed we will hear in the next instalment in tribute to this Great Deddingtonian. Topper remembers well his father's nightly saying: *"THE KEYS (Church) ARE IN MY POCKET, THE CAT IS AT MY FEET. I DO MY DUTY. GOOD NIGHT!"*

*Ruth Johnson*

*Ray Hall would welcome two hands on the third mower to keep the churchyard as Fred kept it. Any offers? Ed*

## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

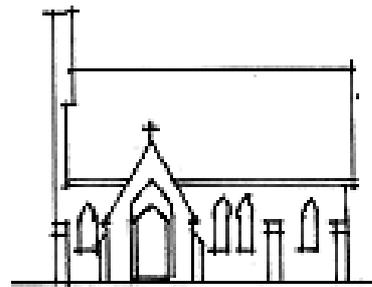
*The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the months of November and December 1853:*

- 1st November - Susan and I, having been specially invited, drove over to Bloxham and were present at Divine Service there, the day having been fixed on as the Inauguration of All Saints Grammar School there.
- 14th November - Went up to The Kings Arms to hear Justices cases - convicted 10 youths of breaking Mr. Gulliver's windows on Sunday afternoon, and also a woman and 2 children from Sandford of hurdle stealing and receiving the same with a guilty knowledge. Dismissed a case of an aggravated assault with intent to murder for want of evidence - complainant's name Simpson, a miller from Deddington Mill, defendant's name Parish from Hempton, brother-in-law of the miller - a sad case.
- 25th November - A woman from Hempton came for an order to see her daughter now a prisoner in the Castle at Oxford awaiting her trial at the next Sessions - granted her the order.
- 14th December - A man named Robert Baker came to look at some timber, he had just returned from St. Petersburg and had brought over with him a young black Russian bear, 4 months old, which followed him about like a dog.
- 19th December - Finch the gardener came about filling the Ice House.

*Buffy Heywood*

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**AUCTION IN AID OF ROSY**

On 18 October at the Windmill Centre, about 180 postcard-sized paintings by 49 artists working in and around Oxfordshire were auctioned to raise funds for the charity, RESPITE NURSING FOR OXFORDSHIRE'S SICK YOUNGSTERS, OF ROSY. Simon Davies of Bonhams conducted the sale with a sharp eye for the tentatively raised hand and a sharp bang of his gavel. The paintings were sold in lots and bids varied enormously. John Cheney, Bill Dickinson and Marie L. Smith commanded high prices and other Deddington artists - Peggy Baker, Maureen Dew, Jo Mace, Vivien O'Donnell, Audrey Scott, Norman Stone - also contributed handsomely to the fundraising total.



This was a most pleasant and civilised event. There was a chance to view the paintings earlier in the day and wine and snacks were available. During the interval John Cheney read a poem that included limericks on Van Gogh, Turner, Damien Hirst and Tracy Emin - as outrageously and appositely rhymed as ever.

The auction was masterminded by Peggy Baker and Debbie Spengler, supported on the practical side by John Credland (display screens), Steven Plummer, Barry Clifford (catalogues), Christopher Bate (paper bags), Bluebells (flowers), Deddington Farmers' Market Committee (poster boards) and with help with refreshments from many in the village.

And the bottom line? The auction not only entertained us but realised over £2000 for ROSY. *K I*



DOL exists to complement other sources of public information and means of communication. DOL has therefore posted the official papers concerning the proposed travellers' site on the Parish Council pages of the website. There is a link from the Home Page to the Parish Council index section where the papers can be found. Why not give your views regarding the proposed travellers' site on the Forum? It is a controversial planning matter that deserves sober debate. Contributions from all points of view should be heard and are welcomed provided they are not inflammatory, insulting or abusive. DOL will use its editorial right to remove any such material. *Rob Forsyth*

**Windmill Community Centre**

Clubs and organisations using the Windmill are reminded that they must have their own insurance cover while using the centre. The Windmill Management Committee has insurance consistent with its public entertainment licence; however, equipment brought into the centre for use by clubs, organisations or individuals is not covered. Groups should take out insurance tailor-made to their needs.

*Mary Robinson* mary.robinson@deddington.net

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**Computing  
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The Autumn programme is underway with priority being given to complete beginners. A couple of our tutors haven't yet rejoined us after the summer break - but plan to do so shortly - so, at the moment we are a little short-handed. We would welcome anyone who would like to do a bit of tutoring. In the meantime, if you are anxious to continue your computing education, you may like to consider attending the free sessions organised by Oxford & Cherwell College. They cover all of the basic applications and students are free to work at their own pace. Contacts are: Arthur Pine in Bicester on 01869 353939, Paul Williams in Kidlington on 01865 849754 and the Banbury phone number is 01295 252221. For more details, see the poster in the library. *Charles Newey* 338282 *Martin Ince* 338417

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### Weekly Meetings

<b>Mondays:</b>	<b>Brownies:</b> Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm.
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	<b>Deddington Guides:</b> Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm. → p.10
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<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<b>Boys Brigade:</b> Windmill Centre, 5.30 pm. → p.9
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<b>1st Deddington Girls' Brigade Explorers:</b> Parish Church, 3.30 pm.
<b>Thursdays:</b>	<b>Life &amp; Portrait Art Group:</b> Town Hall, 10-12.30 & 1.30-4 pm. → p.9
<b>Thursdays:</b>	<b>1st Deddington Cubs:</b> Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm. → p.9
<b>Thursdays:</b>	<b>1st Deddington Scouts:</b> Windmill Centre, 7.30-9 pm. → p.9
<b>Fridays:</b>	<b>Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House:</b> Parish Church, 10~12.
<b>Fridays:</b>	<b>Babies &amp; Toddlers Group:</b> Windmill Centre, 9.30 -11.30 am. → p.9
<b>Fridays:</b>	<b>Deddington Friendly Bridge Club:</b> Holly Tree, 2-5 pm.
<b>Fridays:</b>	<b>British Legion:</b> Prize Bingo and "Play Your Cards Right", 8 pm.

**Reminder:** If you are planning a village event, consult Jean Flux, our diary editor [338153], 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.