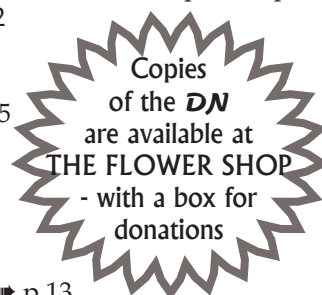


April

- Mon 3 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am -noon. ➡ p.13
 Tue 4 **Closing Date for Parish Council Nominations.** ➡ pp. 2&7
 Wed 5 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm.
 Wed 5 Tennis Club nights resume at 6.00 pm. ➡ p.13
 Sat 8 "Seven Words", a meditation in words, music and dance, Parish Church, 7.30 pm. ➡ pp.4&7
 Sat 8 Bowls Club: Race Night at The British Legion, 7.30 pm.
 Tue 11 Monday Morning Club: *Mrs Henderson Presents*, Chipping Norton Theatre. ➡ p.13
 Tue 11 WI: Sylvia Brown, *Thirty Five Years on a Milk Round*, The Holly Tree, 7.30 pm
 Tue 11 Windmill Community Centre: AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.12
 Wed 12 History Society: Angela Davis, *Families, Courtship & Change in C20 Britain*, Windmill, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.13
 Thu 13 Easter Holiday activities in the church for 5-11 yr olds, 10 - 12.30 pm. ➡ p.7
 Tue 18 Tennis Club: Children's week of tennis lessons start. ➡ p.13 *
 Wed 19 Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm. ➡ p.2
 Thu 20 Monday Morning Club: *Pride and Prejudice*, Holly Tree, 6.30 pm. ➡ p.13
 Sat 22 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am-12.30 pm. ➡ insert
 Sat 22 Youth Group: Scenes from *Grease*, Parish Church, 6.45 pm.
 Mon 24 Youth Club: first session of summer term. ➡ p.12
 Mon 24 Election of Churchwardens & Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Parish Church, 7.30 pm ➡ p.4
 Tue 25 Closing date for entries for Deddington Writing Competition. ➡ p.12
 Wed 26 Annual Parish Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.2
 Thu 27 Book Club: call Sally Lambert 338094 for venue. ➡ p.13
 Sat 29 Warriner Choral Society: Haydn *The Seasons*, Parish Church, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.5

May

- Mon 1 Parish Council: AGM, Town Hall, 7.45 pm. ➡ p.2
 Thu 4 Local Elections. ➡ pp. 2&7
 Sun 7 Tennis Club: Open Day, Windmill Centre, 2-5 pm. ➡ p.13
 Mon 8 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am-noon ➡ p.13
 Tue 9 WI: Resolutions, & Gill Cozens, *An Introduction to Broughton Castle*, Holly Tree 7.30 pm.
 Tue 9 Deddington Players: AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.13
 Wed 10 History Society: Martin Sirot-Smith, *Sulgrave Manor*, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm ➡ p.13
 Wed 17 Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm. ➡ p.2
 Sat 20 Bowls Club: Cake and Plant Stall under the Town Hall, 9 am.
 Sun 21 2nd Deddington Walk: start at the Windmill Centre from 10.00 am. ➡ insert
 Sat 27 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9am-12.30 pm. ➡ insert

**Weekly Meetings**

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| Mon: Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm. | Wed: Boys' Brigade Juniors: Windmill Centre, 5.45 pm. |
| Mon: Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm | Wed: Boys' Brigade Company: Parish Church, 7 pm |
| Mon: Bellingring Practice: Parish Church, 7.30-9 pm. | Wed: Tennis Club Night, 6.15 pm till dark. |
| Tues: Craft Group: Holly Tree, 2.15-4.30 pm. | Thu: Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10-4 pm. |
| Tues: Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm. | Thu: 1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill, 6-7.30 pm. |
| Wed: Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30-11 am. | Thu: 1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill, 7.30-9 pm. |
| Every other Wed: Friendship Club: Windmill, 2.30 pm. | Fri: Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30-11 am. |
| Wed: Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys: Windmill Centre, 5 pm. | Fri: Katharine House Coffee Morning: Parish Church, 10-12. |
| | Fri: Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 pm |

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Meeting in Hempton Church Hall, 15 March 2006

Present: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Collins, Cox, Haslam, Putland, Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Todd, Watt, Wood, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, C/ Cllr Jelf, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 11 members of the public. Lorraine Watling's post as Clerk was now permanent.

OPEN FORUM

Kevin Mayo raised objections to the proposed new wing for St Anne's Nursing Home in Clifton - *see next column*; comments on planning grounds should be sent to CDC Planning Dept. Yngve Granne was concerned at the speed of traffic through Hempton; incidents at the pinch point being reported to OCC and Police. John Sampson raised the need for road repairs to The Lane, Hempton.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Allotments - new Satin Lane allotments now ready - ONE spare plot left; four more possible. Contact the Clerk.
- Hempton Payphone - low usage means that BT propose to remove it as Barford's is within 1 mile, yet on main road it is the first coming from Chipping Norton. PC to object; others need to phone BT Payphone Customer Services by **3 APRIL**.

See NEWS FROM HEMPTON p.9 for details Ed

- Charter Housing has financial problems, but funds for local grants are ring-fenced.
- CDC Grants are available for local groups, arts and nature projects - both small and large up to £10k.
- Village Clean-Up - planned for Saturday 10 June. Trade rubbish on Clifton Road to be reported.
- Blue Wheelie-Bins available from CDC @ £25 - PC to negotiate discount.
- Save the Horton - PC to write to Health Dept, copy to MP.
- Parish Plan - data entry nearing completion.
- Wesleyan Reform Chapel - PC to offer £500 interest-free loan for 5 years towards repair of front windows.

HIGHWAYS

- Clifton Footpath - work started 20 March !*!*
- Hempton Road / Horsefair Crossings - near completion.
- Traditional Signposts - check responsibility for upkeep with OCC Highways.
- Windmill St Lighting - light level contrasts with improvement in Hempton Road.
- Earls Lane - school sign obscured by cars parked at surgery.
- Hempton Road - yellow lines need replacing after resurfacing at junction.
- Philcote St - paving being repaired.

PLANNING

PC no objection: (1): Orchard House, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington: external ramp for disabled access; gates to replace store door. (2): Monks Court, Castle Street, Deddington: external and internal alterations (working with conservation officer). (3) 16 The Daedings, Deddington: 2-storey side

Parish Council Elections -**Thursday 4 May**

only if more than 14 nominations are submitted to Bodicote House by **TUESDAY 4 APRIL**. Candidates need 2 sponsors. Download nomination form from <http://www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/files/publicationscheme/3374-103.pdf> or follow link from www.deddingtonnews.co.uk

extension with garage, 1-storey rear extension. (4) OCC depot, Banbury Road: improvements and extension of facilities into adjoining field, including 80ft 'Orange' phone mast. (5) Manor Farm House, Clifton: replace windows, make full-length window, replace door.

PC objection: St Anne's Nursing Home Clifton: 2-storey extension for 16 new residents - concerns: overlarge for site, off-street parking for extra staff and visitors; effects on neighbours.

CDC approvals: Featherston House, Deddington; Berwick House, New Street, Deddington; Glencree, Philcote Street, Deddington.

Appeal: 11 The Beeches, Deddington - turned down.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices [2 months] passed for payment totalled £4681.10, including £1022.25 for play area bark, £622.75 clearing allotments and £793.67 imprest account, mainly stewards' wages.

Investments totalled £546,360.33, of which £5221.07 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account; £255,917.87 Alliance & Leicester @ 4.2% on 30 days; £285,221.39 West Bromwich @ 4.45% overnight.

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

NEXT MEETING

Town Hall - Wednesday 19 April 7.45pm

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 26 April, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm

Topics: Cherwell Leisure Services, Anti-Social Behaviour

ROAD CLOSURE

Clifton Rd / Church St / Chapel Sq

Monday 10 April - 9.30am~4.00pm

Deddington Village Nursery

Our new nursery opened after half-term in February. The old Pre-School building has been freshly decorated and provides a very homely and happy environment for our two and three year-old children. Numbers are growing and we will be joined by two new members of staff after Easter. The nursery does still have some availability - if you would like any more information, please call Anna Justice on 337383.

Emma Durand

It's amazing to think that by the time you read this article we will be on our Easter break already. The year seems to be rushing past. The children have been very busy with their sporting activities this month. Congratulations should go especially to our Year 6 team who won the Indoor Athletics for the Warriner Partnership and our Girls Football team who won the Football tournament.

The school is starting up a gardening club this term, and although we have regular volunteers to get us started. The aim is to get children involved with growing plants and caring for their local environment, with emphasis on wildlife, recycling and sustainability. It will help the pupils take a pride in their school grounds, and possibly help us with fundraising (watch out for plant and produce stalls!) We are hoping to start with a 'snowdrop and primrose planting party', so if you are dividing plants at the moment, please think of us! Any snowdrops, primroses, primulas or cowslips would be very much appreciated. Later plans are to propagate herbs, fruit and vegetables to cook with, as part of school projects, and to sell, so again, any spare plants would be wonderful. Perhaps you've propagated more than you have space for? We are particularly thinking of crops that do not need too much attention (e.g watering) or harvesting when the children are on holiday, so plants such as rhubarb, root vegetables, leeks, onions, autumn raspberries and any culinary herbs. We are also going to recycle plant pots, so if you have any unwanted plastic plant pots (preferably washed), we will use them or send them onto a good home! If you have any donations, we can collect- please contact Sarah on 338536 or Hazel on 337822, or email andrew029@onetel.net.

Judith Tinsley 338430

PTA

The PTA's annual Quiz Night was a huge success! Thanks to all those who helped organize & support this event – we hope you enjoyed yourselves!

Our 2nd Deddington Walk is on Sunday 21 May and will start/end at the Windmill Centre. This event promises to be great fun for the children and all the family! An excellent opportunity to get the community walking together! This year local history will come to life on the Hempton loop; we have a competition for the children and some surprises en-route too. Back at the Windmill there will be entertainment, food, ice-cream, bouncy castle etc. For more details call Mike or Heather on 01869 338750 or visit our website at www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk.

We recently held our first "bags2school" collection which raised a massive £275.00! Essentially we turned all of our unwanted clothing, handbags, shoes etc into money for the school by organizing a collection by "bags2school" who distribute the items overseas – they pay us by the weight for the goods collected – excellent opportunity to help others as well as making money for the school! *



The annual Summer School Fete will be held on Saturday 17 June. We have lots of new attractions thanks to very generous sponsorship from within our community. Some old favourites have been re-invented and some new ideas are afoot too! Further details soon!

Stella C Neill PTA Chair

* Those from Deddington who visited South Africa last year discovered that this may not be such a good idea - November **DN** p5. See also OXFAM's view http://www.oxfam.org.uk/what_we_do/issues/trade/research_shc.htm and the company's <http://www.bag2school.com/csr.php> Ed

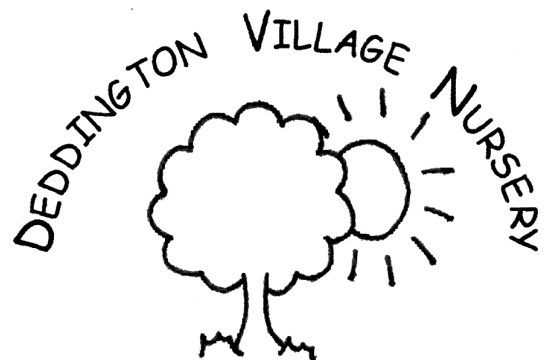
PFSU

We are now in our new premises based within the school grounds. The children have settled in nicely to their new surroundings and are enjoying playing with the new equipment that we now have. There is still work to be done in the grounds of the 'PFSU' and we will be developing our garden throughout the spring including laying new turf, planting some bulbs/shrubs and erecting the new playhouse.

Our topic for this term is 'Minibeasts' and the children will be exploring the outside world in relation to this. Our annual 'Easter Eggstravaganza' is to take place at the 'Village Nursery' on 31 March, with 'Easter Egg Hunt' and 'Face Painting' as part of our activities for the afternoon.

Sarah Payne

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Anna Justice on 01869 337383

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

Parish Church in April

Sun 2 10.30 am All Age Morning Praise
6.30 pm Evensong
Wed 5 10.00 am Eucharist
Thurs 6 2.00 pm Squeals & Wheels
Sat 8 7.30 pm **Seven Words** - see below
PALM SUNDAY 10.15 for 10.30 am Procession and Eucharist
Mon 10 9.00 pm Night Prayer
Tue 11 9.00 pm Night Prayer
Wed 12 10.00 am Eucharist
9.00 pm Night Prayer

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.00 pm Passover Meal in Parish Church; then Gethsemane, trial and Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY 10.00am Hot Cross Bun Service
3.00 pm Liturgy and Meditations

EASTER SUNDAY 10.30 am Family Eucharist

Wed 19 10.00 am Eucharist
Thur 20 2.00 pm Squeals & Wheels
Sun 23 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Morning Praise, Eucharist & Children's Church
Mon 24 6.30 pm St GEORGE Eucharist 7.30 pm APCM
Tue 25 6.30 pm St MARK Eucharist
Wed 26 10.00 am Eucharist
Sun 30 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Mattins

St John Hempton

Sun 2 9.00 am Eucharist
Sat 15 8.30 pm **EASTER EVE** Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter
Sun 23 6.00 pm Evensong

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS Funeral 3 March Jan Kite

LENT MEETING: Thursday 6 April, 7.30pm - "Seven Words for Three Hours" by Ed Newell

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

Aberford, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington [Jean Welford 338539] Wed 26 April, 7.30pm

2 The Leyes, Deddington [Liz Dickinson 337050] Wed 19 April, 7.30pm

Charity of the Month - April : **SEND A COW** - please use the special envelope to put donations [if a taxpayer, in a pink **GiftAid** envelope] into the Parish Church chest.

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday Mornings at 10.30 am: April 2, 9, 16 & 23 - Pastor Isabel Walton; 30 Geoff Lee

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338 529

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church with their congregation. Sunday evening services are at The Chapel at **3.00 p.m.**

April 2, 9, 16 & 30 Pastor D Walker (Oxford Bible Church); 23 Mr Michael Tong

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

The Revd A J Burns 277396

Adderbury PALM & EASTER SUNDAYS 8.30 a.m Mass

Hethe PALM SUNDAY 10.00 a.m. Procession & Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's

Supper, followed by Watching till Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY 3.00 pm Liturgy of the Passion &

Veneration of the Cross

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 9.00 pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter



For Baptisms, Weddings,
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in case of illness,
please contact the Vicar,
the Rev Dr Hugh White,
28 Duns Tew (349869),
John Dane (07903 478206),
or one of the Churchwardens,
Iain Gillespie (338367)
or Judy Ward (337187).

Seven Words

A meditation for Lent in words,
music and dance from St Paul's
Cathedral

'It's nothing short of stunning.'
Baptist Times

A two-hour version will be
performed in the Parish Church on
Saturday 8 April at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets available from The Flower Shop,
Market Place, Deddington @ £5 - cash or
cheque payable to 'Deddington Church
Council Fund'.



... not a happy one !

The Gilbert & Sullivan Concert in the church on Saturday 4 March invited participants to 'sing along' with the local talent on the stage. That enticement proved powerful enough to draw a large audience, and, supplied with word sheets, sing along they did, though less confidently than they might have done had there been a conductor to cue their entries in the selected

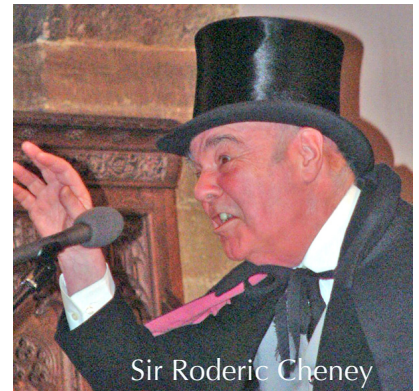


The planned Family Day on Sunday 18 June has had to be cancelled on that day, but some of the events will take place on

Sunday 25 June instead, including the lunches, beer bar and the children's Art and Craft afternoon. There will also be a cricket match between Deddington and a team from Banbury.

Singers, stage manager, and wardrobe mistress are needed for the Musical Play "King Leo". Workshops and rehearsals will take place on 3, 4, 8, 17 & 21 June and the performance itself, with afternoon rehearsal, is on 25 June. Contact Janet Lincé on 232618

choruses. The soloists on stage represented every section of the community from a thirteen year old to those over eighty and presented a programme that illustrated well Sullivan's versatility as a composer and Gilbert's infinite verbal variety. We tend to underestimate the difficulty of performing some of this music, because it makes no pretensions to be high opera, but the soloists acquitted themselves well. Inevitably, some singers were less audible than others, and the constant repositioning of the microphones was a little distracting, but in all it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening!



Sir Roderic Cheney

Jean Flux

If you missed it or look forward to an encore, the G&S evening is to be repeated during the Festival on 21 June.

Warriner Choral Society

Haydn ~ The Seasons

Saturday 29 April 2006 7.30 pm
Deddington Parish Church

Musical Director	Martin Quinn
Organist	Jeremy Meager
Soprano	Nicola Roberts
Tenor	Ian Muddle
Bass	Richard Evans

Tickets £8 (Concessions £6.50) from
One Man Band Banbury, Hayward White Deddington,
Bloxham Post Office or on the door
Contact: Jenny 01295 721224

Friends of Deddington Festival

Wendy Burrows' Gilbert & Sullivan evening on March 4 was a triumphant Festival fund-raiser, and everyone who joins the Friends helps to keep Wendy's momentum going.

Meanwhile, the Committee is planning Newsletter 3, which will be circulated to all Friends at the end of April. If you have any comments or suggestions for the Newsletter, please contact Sue Goddard: 338122. Or e-mail me: op@kristin.demon.co.uk

Kristin Thompson for FDF



For three months Deddington may see rather more of one of its up until now most influential residents. For the last 15 years, while Grahame Handley has been Chief Executive of Cherwell District Council, he has seen little of Deddington - partly from choice as a workoholic. His daily pattern has been to swim for half an hour before reaching his Bodicote House

office at 7.00 am. Some days he would be able to snatch an evening meal at home before a meeting or reception, making himself available to councillors. Keeping work and Deddington at arm's length was also to avoid any hint of Council favouritism, and to evade the disgruntled. While grass is growing he has been spotted keeping his frontage tidy. Liz has more than made up for Grahame's invisibility - organising the annual Christian Aid Week house-to-house collection and the DN's distribution. She has also been the DN's Clubs Editor and secretary to Deddington's 'Clerk in holy orders'. At the end of three months they will decide how to ensure that in future work and life is better balanced, keeping the diary open to impulsive excursions.

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WELL REMEMBERED

JAN KITE was born Janet Margaret Boyd in 1942 and lived at Hempton until she was five, when her family moved to The Paddocks in Deddington. She left school earlier than she would have wished, taking her first job at Twyford Seeds, aged fifteen. She married in 1960 and had two children, Steven and Sharon. Following her divorce, Jan worked extremely hard for her children; she had an unorthodoxly liberal but deeply committed style of parenting. In 1982 Jan moved to Las Vegas with her second husband and enjoyed a fulfilling career as General Manager of the Los Prados Golf and Country Club. In 2002 she returned to England to live with her daughter and to enjoy reading, gardening and her grandchildren Luke and Kate - a contented final period in a life packed with experience and achievement.

JW

Rosemary Arnold has retired from the Library

Rosemary Arnold nearly missed getting her job at Deddington Library in 1984 when her car wouldn't start, so she walked the four miles in the rain from her home in Somerton. She changed for her interview in Saunders ice-cream parlour. 21 years later she has turned our library into the second busiest branch in the county - second only to one with more space and longer hours, at a time when library usage was on the decline. She introduced jigsaws, and later videos, CDs and DVDs. When closure threatened in 1997, her loyal clientele rallied round as the Friends of Deddington Library to keep it open. The Parish Council and generous donors ensured that more books were acquired. The Library received a make-over, and thus became the first in the county to have broadband and public access to the internet. Rosemary took the conversion to computerisation in her stride and became an expert among her colleagues. If she was missing from the library, she was either on holiday, on the mobile library or looking for special books; in 21 years she had 3 days off sick. Follow that! ... On 3 April Margaret Boon arrives to take on Rosemary's mantel. From being librarian at Drayton School she will first need to be inducted into the County's library system.

Geoff Todd (Chairman FoDL) 338532



Anna presented Rosemary with a bouquet.

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FROM ROSEMARY ARNOLD, SOMETIME MANAGER, DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

It is difficult to convey fully my gratitude and thanks for the generosity and kindness that I have received from the people of Deddington and the users of the Library. Although I was very sad to be leaving, the evening at the Windmill was so enjoyable and at least I could say a proper goodbye to many of you. The flowers were beautiful, the picture amazingly flattering and the book of signatures overwhelming. As for the unexpected cheque, I shall use that to buy a new computer so that I can continue my search for my, so far, rather disreputable ancestors. Thank you to you all and especially to Geoff Todd and the Friends of Deddington Library for arranging everything. I shall miss the Library and all its users so much, but at least I shall now have time to read the books that over the years you have told me I must read.

FROM CHARLES NEWWEY, EARLS LANE, DEDDINGTON

[unelected Parish Councillor 1998 - 2002]

Do **DN** readers realise that decisions about what happens to our £500,000+ reserves, the level of the parish part of our community charge, formal views on planning applications and so on, are made by an unelected body? Because too few parishioners have been prepared to stand, there hasn't been an election for the full (14 members) Parish Council since 1994 – just a by-election and a number of co-options to keep the numbers up. Such apathy is very sad but, hopefully, it will be different this time.

The closing date for nominations to the new Council, Tuesday 4 April is getting close but there is still time for people to decide to have a go. If more than 14 people stand we all have a vote!

If an election is called, I hope the **DN** will find space in the May issue for the candidates to tell us all about themselves and what they stand for.

Please address all letters to:
KRISTIN THOMPSON,
5 THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON
e-mail: op@kristin.demon.co.uk
and include your name and address,
even if they are not for publication.

(Nomination forms are available from: the Parish Council Office (337447), the Elections Department of Bodicote House (01295 221535) and can be downloaded from: <http://www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk>

FROM REV. DR. HUGH WHITE, DUNS TEW

DN readers might like to know that our former curate, Ed Newell, now Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral, is bringing to Deddington his *Seven Words*, a Lent meditation in words, music and dance. The show has toured in the USA, and now venues in this country. Performers include the pianist and composer Adrian Snell, dancers associated with the Ballet Rambert and Canon Lucy Winkett, who featured in a recent television documentary about St. Paul's. We hope many of you will be at the Parish Church for the performance on Saturday 8 April at 7.30pm. There will be refreshments.

Seven Words begins Holy Week in Deddington. You'll find listed on the insert with this **DN** the services in our Churches over the Easter period. You might also like to know that from Tuesday 11 April to Saturday 15 April it will be possible to follow a *Way of the Cross* meditation in the Churchyard. Pick up a leaflet from the Parish Church and walk the Stations, which Year 6 of Deddington Primary School are designing and making. During the same period, there will also be a loop video meditation available inside the Church.

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For Primary School Aged Children
Deddington Parish Church

Thursday 13th April, 10am until 12.30pm

Come and prepare for Easter!

Cooking, craft workshops, chess and other games

Optional **Farm Visit and Picnic** leaving the Church at 12.30pm

Cost £1.50 per child

Application forms & general enquiries to: Kate Petty 338425
Sarah Liebrecht 337628
Sally Haslam 338216

Additional application forms are available from Deddington Parish Church and Deddington Primary School. Completed application forms and monies to be in by Friday 31st March to Kate, Sarah, Sally or the School Office OR to Jane Green at Weston House, Church Street, Deddington (Tel:337837) by Monday 10th April

We would be grateful to hear from anyone ready to help. Please contact Jane Green on 337837



A world filled with passionate people" was how Monty Don described the allotment gardeners whom he found in Birmingham and filmed for Gardeners' World on BBC2 last month. It must have been one of the largest allotment fields in the country and, presumably because it was close to the centre of the city, there was a waiting list for any of the 120 gardens that might become vacant. But then at a rent of £25 a year for a standard plot of 35 x 9 metres, it must be a great deal cheaper than moving to a house with a similar size garden.

Allotments, we were told, grew out of the Industrial Revolution to provide a creative leisure occupation, as well as fresh food, for some of the many workers who were crammed into narrow streets of back-to-back industrial homes. It was also to get the men 'out of the pubs and into the open air.' Circumstances are different today, but the basic requirement of digging the soil and to 'stick at it, little and often and keep the hoe on the go' is as true now as it was then.

As our Spring may soon burst through, I am sure that readers of the **DN** will wish those several new gardeners in Satin Lane, whose plots were started this year, many happy and rewarding hours and, hopefully, the satisfaction of growing-your-own.

Hugh Marshall

One spare plot at Satin Lane, but four more could be made available. Phone Parish Clerk - 337447. Ed

ON THE FARM

or Rumbles from the Lambing Shed

The February-born lambs are now out in the grass paddocks, but due to the very cold dry weather we are short of grass for this time of the year. The ewes are still on full winter rations. Although we always keep two years' hay in stock (in case of a wet haymaking season), the portents for the coming year suggest we may not have sufficient grass to be able to cut any hay this year. We could well be going into next winter's feed stocks by mid-summer, as we did in 1976 - not a very happy thought because we may well end up having to sell off a large part of the flock as we will not have enough feed for them, as in 1976. The main ewe flock started to lamb in the middle of March and at the time of putting pen to paper are about half-way through. The fall of lambs at the moment seems to be quite good with a large number of high birthweight lambs. Rather too many triplets for my liking, but better that way than being short of lambs, even if it means having to put some lambs on a milk substitute feeder.

The late spring and lack of rain is also delaying the spring field work. The oil seed rape should have had its first visit from the fertiliser spreader by the start of March, but the soil temperatures are still too low for it to do any good. With the hike in oil prices nitrogen is far too expensive a commodity to throw around in the hope that the plants will take it up.

The weather of late has also given the bees a hard time. Over the last few years we have experienced some very mild winters which have brought the queens into lay far too early. This year it is the reverse and it is too cold to risk opening the hives to see what is going on and give them a feed of sugar candy. But bees were around before the last Ice Age, and I expect they will survive this one.

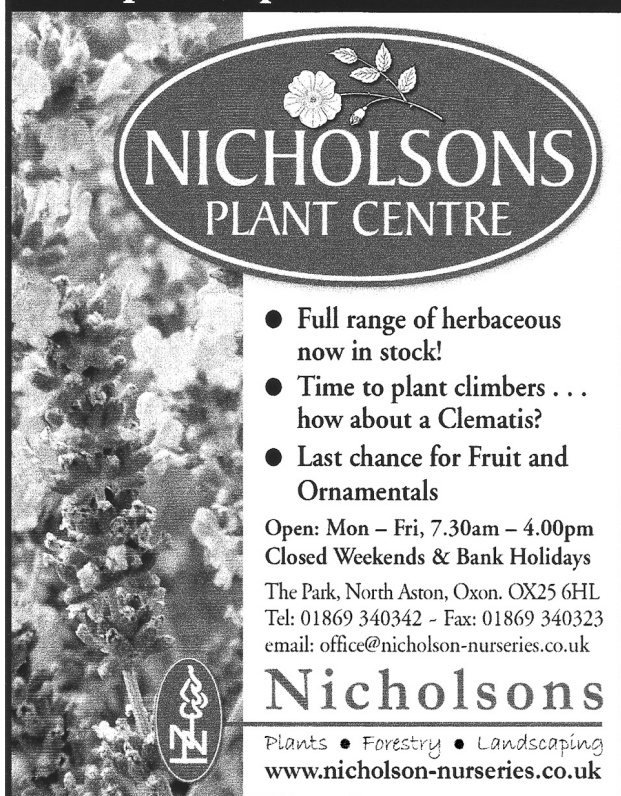
Work on the environmental stewardship scheme for the farm is well under way, with this year's hedge and tree work completed. The Curlews have returned to the meadows and I hope that they can find enough damp feeding areas to encourage them to stay and breed. In many ways it seems to be "sod's law" that the start of a project to increase the number of wet-land birds coming to the valley should coincide with the first year in living memory that the meadows have not flooded.

Oh well, that's life and you never know what next year will bring. I wonder if the powers that be will allow me to change the programme from wet-land birds to a camel breeding project, but even that would be fraught with a whole load of extra paper work in trying to work out which would be better, one hump or two. But that is something for another day; it is 2 a.m. and time for another round in the lambing shed before the day shift comes on.

George Fenemore 338203

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Parish Council held their March meeting in the Church Hall. The decision to move out of Deddington for this meeting was vindicated as ten members of the public attended and asked many questions at the open forum.

Further to my comments about the telephone kiosk in last month's issue, BT announced in the press that 6,000 call boxes could be scrapped. Every village should have one. The next nearest to us would be Deddington or Barford, both of which would be over one mile away. Maybe ours should be sited in a different spot, i.e. next to the mail box or bus shelter. Because of vandalism the Hempton box has been stripped. To demand its re-instatement, phone Payphone Customer Services on 0800 661610 - quoting SM2-UAA29 and the callbox number 01869 338314 - **NOT LATER THAN 3 APRIL.**

The Hempton Ladies' Tuesday Club celebrated its 6th birthday with a lunch at the Crown & Tuns in Deddington which was much enjoyed. They meet alternate Tuesdays in the Church Hall at 2.00 pm and spend a pleasant two hours doing crafts and hobbies, discussing days-out and finishing with tea. Anyone wanting to join please contact Dee Charles on 338490 or Pam Dodd on 338112.

The Friends of the Church will be having a Cake Stall under the Town Hall in Deddington on 6 May from 9.00 am. Donations of cakes will be most welcome - all proceeds towards the maintenance of St. John's Church.

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

I am sure many people will have noticed the road works going on in Clifton. I am delighted to report that this is the start of the much awaited footpath project, which will be welcomed by many.

Other news includes the co-option of Alan Collins, a Clifton resident, as our new Parish Councillor. Mr Collins will be standing in the May elections and encourages others to come forward too.

Mr Collins will be organising a voluntary litter pick between Clifton and Deddington, which is a good idea as it would be a shame to look at litter as we walk/cycle along the new footpath!

Easter Eggstravaganza: The Clifton Crew's Easter egg hunt is taking place in Welfords Piece (the park) in Clifton on Saturday 15 April at 11.30 am. There will be tea, coffee, cakes, tombola, raffle and of course lots of eggs waiting to be found. The entry fee to the egg hunt for the children will be £2.00 - all proceeds raised will be donated to the Katharine House Hospice. If anyone would like to donate an item for the raffle or tombola or bake a cake, please contact me.

Alexandra Jardine 337235

The Easter service at St. John's will be the Vigil and Service of Light on Easter Saturday, 15 April at 8.30 pm. We hope to see a large congregation at this very special service.

Les Chappell 338054

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NOSTALGIA RULES

Derrick Robbins' memories continue ...

Commuter Travel London - Deddington in the 1930s. Derrick writes: "I started travelling alone from about the age of seven. It was quite safe in those days. I would leave my home in Forest Hill, East Dulwich early in the morning, board a No 63 bus and travel about 6 miles to Peckham High Street. From there I'd take a No 35 bus to Paddington Station and catch the 9.10 am Express train to Wolverhampton making quite sure to climb into a carriage labelled "Bicester Slip" (normally the last 2 coaches on the Wolverhampton Express). Just before the train reached Bicester I was greatly relieved each time to feel it slow down, brakes grinding while the "Bicester Slip" coaches were uncoupled from the Express which speeded on, without stopping to Banbury. My fellow passengers and I could now safely cruise to a halt at Bicester Station. A steam tank engine would be coupled to our carriages to pull us down the line to Banbury stopping at all the stations in-between! I would leave this train at Aynho Station and walk through Clifton to Deddington and my favourite holiday home 'Tower View' in the Bull Ring."

"Just occasionally, 'Great Western Railway' (GOD'S WONDERFUL RAILWAY) forgot all about 'slip' coaches in which case I had to sit tight in the Express until it stopped at Banbury then jump on the next available bus to Deddington." (No synchronisation of rail and bus time tables then, just as now!)*

With Great Britain at war from 1939 Derrick became what he calls a private evacuee in Deddington, living with his aunt and Uncle Chris Ell at 'Tower View'. "At the beginning of the war my uncles Chris Ell and George Clarke built an air raid shelter in the back garden of "Tower View". I suspect it was the only one in Deddington. It became a great playhouse for my cousin Chris Clarke and me except for about 10 minutes one night when we all took shelter for real when a German bomber flew around over Deddington. I can't remember quite clearly now if that was the same night when 2 bombs were dropped into a field south of Deddington which failed to explode. But I remember well walking into that field with my aunt to inspect the 2 holes in the ground. Neither Police nor military personnel nor safety fencing stopped us from looking down those holes! My uncles dug out a second air raid shelter, not nearly as grandiose as ours, for Grandpa Bull and Mr Ell senior. My uncles reckoned, quite rightly, that neither of them would take shelter without puffing away on his pipe, which, during an expected lengthy stay under ground could have become a greater hazard to the rest of us than German bombs!"

Ruth Johnson

* [The 6.00 pm departure from Paddington on the same line used to slip a coach at Princes Risborough.

That connected with the 'Watlington Donkey' - a tank-engine and single carriage - except for the fortnight when the fireman was away on honeymoon.

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of April 1856:-

10th April - Ryan the gas man brought us our quarterly bill for gas - 1,900ft. at 8s.4d. per 1000ft. and 1s. 3d. per quarter for meter.

11th April - I committed two women to the House of Correction for 3 weeks for breaking Calcutt's windows, he having refused them relief - one was from Birmingham, the other from Bristol. I signed a warrant in a bastardy case for non-payment of affiliation order.

14th April - About 7 o'clock were alarmed by a cry of Fire, and soon found that the premises of Powers the Cooper, below us had ignited and burst into a flame, from the carelessness of his wife with a candle whilst putting the children to bed. The fire broke out at the back of the premises - and from its immediate discovery it was soon got under control without any serious damage being done, tho' the large engine was useless from being unsupplied with buckets - of a proper kind - i.e. there were no leather ones - and the supply of water could be obtained from pumps only. Had it broken out at midnight when nobody was about, the consequences would have been disastrous. The property was insured. I called before going to bed to see that due precaution was taken to prevent a fresh outbreak during the night, and found two men, Curly Gibbs and S.Knibbs were engaged to sit up as watchers. I should say from £20 to £30 would put everything in place again.

16th April - Powers, the Cooper, whose house unfortunately caught fire on Tuesday last came to ask if I would recommend him to go round the Town to beg a few pounds to make up his loss in certain articles and the injury done to them by the careless and reckless removal of them into the Street on the occasion by ignorant inconsiderate persons. Some articles were taken away at once by unprincipled persons, and had not been returned. I gave him £1 - and told him to use my name to others, as thinking him worthy of their charity - he having a wife and 8 small children and she ready to go to bed again any day.

23rd April - Mullis the Saddler came and I requested him to inform me of the price of Leathern Engine Buckets. Hill the Chemist came to ask my advice about Mr. Brogden's not paying his taxes for his dog - he said Mr. B. accused him of laughing at him and threatened to knock him down.

Buffy Heywood

Reminder

Farmers' Market Photographic Competition 2006

Theme: "Deddington Farmers' Market and its Producers" Entry forms available from Deddington Arms reception, F. Eagles and The Property Hive. So it's time to get snapping if you want to see your pictures exhibited in the Town Hall at the end of June, or even published. *Geoff Todd 338532*



Our 10th birthday plans progress apace and we currently have a debt of gratitude on three counts. Firstly to the **DN** for agreeing to carry a flier for our Family Picnic event (11 June) in the June issue; secondly to the Parish Council for kindly funding a loo for the event; and thirdly to the **DN** again for generously meeting the cost of the ISBN for our book *A Diary of Daeda's Wood*. This will be launched at the Farmers' Market in May. It will make a fine souvenir for all Daeda's visitors as well as, hopefully, lure even more to the wood that was once a cornfield.

The picnic will be on the lines of the ones we organised for the Millennium and the Jubilee, but in addition to our traditional programme – tug-of-war, treasure hunt – we have some other tricks up our collective sleeve.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

FROM THE FIRE STATION

Following the hectic start to 2006 I am pleased to say that things have calmed down considerably. In the last month we have received just 8 calls: one car fire, one domestic alarm, one fatal road traffic collision, and several calls to stand by at other stations.

Crewing wise we are much depleted in numbers, down to just 8 members now. We are trying desperately to recruit new people but it is proving very difficult. If you know anyone who is able to respond to Deddington Fire Station, day or night (we are short for both), please put them in touch with us! The recruitment Hotline is 0800 5 870 870.



I'd like publicly to thank the crew at Deddington. Despite the shortages they are keeping the Fire Engine on the run, almost 24 hours a day 7 days a week, this is no easy task and I thank them for their hard work and commitment to providing our community with such a high level of service.

Anne Waters Retained Station Manager 338281



I have now been on the Deddington Beat for 3 months and I am very happy with the positive response that I have had from the community. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome! The best way to stop any crime from occurring in your residence or place of work is to take simple crime prevention measures. We are very lucky to have a crime prevention advisor called Jayne Taylor who works from Banbury Police Station. If you are at all concerned about your home security, Jayne can offer advice to make your premises secure for the summer months when people leave their homes unattended as they are away on holiday. Jayne can be contacted on 08458 505 505. Another way to deter and prevent crime is to take an active part in the Neighbourhood Watch. If you are interested in any Neighbourhood Watch issues the co-ordinator is Deborah Tonks who can be also be contacted on 08458 505 505.

PC 1698 Phil Morris

Deddington OnLine

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

The Forum is back on online www.deddington.org.uk/forum. Our new software appears to be keeping the Mexico based hackers at bay. There is a dedicated section in the Forum on parking, goodbyes to Rosemary Arnold and a discussion on the old Clifton school. The Forum is accessible to everybody, however it is moderated and any inappropriate material is removed.

Our new Happenings section www.deddington.org.uk/community/happenings tells John Vaughan's story regarding the Fardon clock and announces the forthcoming diary on Daeda's Wood.

The British Library has agreed in principle to archive the website. This makes DOL available to future generations and offers a rich source of information on life in the Parish from the 1970s. The arrangements have yet to be finalised. We would welcome comments from anybody who has a concern over copyright.

Finally, Rob Forsyth has stood down as Chairman of DOL. Rob was a founding member and his wise counsel and drive will continue to be available as he remains a member of the Editorial Group. Colin Clark was elected as Chair. Full details of the Group are on the site and we always welcome new volunteers, [deddington.org.uk/aboutdol](http://www.deddington.org.uk/aboutdol).

Colin Clark 338064 colin.clark@deddington.net

Not YET History

More than £15 million was raised in last year's Christian Aid Week, nearly £1,700 of it coming from the collection and envelopes in Deddington parish. In addition over £200 was added through the signatures of those who signed for Gift Aid. The 'Make Poverty History' campaign did much to raise awareness of the needs of well over 50% of the world's population, and to spur politicians into taking at least some tentative steps towards achieving the goal. But there is still a long way to go.

Next month Christian Aid Week will again hit the streets in May 14th - 20th when we shall be looking for volunteers to visit every home in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton firstly by posting an envelope through each door and then calling to collect it – hopefully with a generous – and Gift Aided – contribution. We hope that many of last year's 40 collectors will be able to give the hour or so that it takes, BUT inevitably we are needing several new people. If you could help, please contact Pat Brittain (338685) or Diana or Hugh Marshall (337761)

This year the slogan 'You add, we multiply' will again emphasise the help that tax refund gives, whilst envelopes will bear a new logo and the motto 'We believe in life before death' – well, don't we all?

Hugh Marshall



Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Fancy a night at the races without leaving the village? Come along to our Race Night on Saturday 8 April at the Royal British Legion. First race comes under starter's orders at 7.30 pm.

Yvonne Twomey 337213

Deddington Cricket Club

The 2006 season starts at the end of April. We hope that the interest in the game as a result of the 2005 Ashes Series is maintained. The club is looking for new members both young and not so young. All are welcome and if you are interested please phone James Ransom on 01869 338151 or Derek Cheeseman on 338609.

The Club has entered the Brackley and District Midweek League again this season and are in the somewhat easier northern division. Fixtures are (mostly) on Wednesday evenings, starting on 3 May. We hope that all those who played for the Midweek side this year will be able to do so again.

Hugh White 349869

Windmill Community Centre

The Annual General Meeting of the Windmill Community Centre Ltd is on 11 April at 7.30pm at the Windmill. All users and interested people are welcome.

Jim Flux Treasurer

Windmill Thursday Club

This club, which is a charity, meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Windmill from 9.30am to 3.00pm. It provides a meal, activities, and a day out for up to 15 elderly and frail members of our community. It is funded by Social and Community Care augmented by its own fundraising and donations. Due to changing circumstances some of our volunteers have left or will soon be leaving us. We would like to replace them to ensure that this worthwhile club can continue to help older members of our community to a better quality of life. If you would like to help, even for an hour or two, please contact Jennie Fernbank on 01295 250083, call Jim Flux on 338153 or better still come along to the club on a Tuesday or Thursday to see the enjoyment of the people there.

Jim Flux Chairman

Youth Club

It was an enjoyable evening on 27 February when three football 5-a-side teams - two boys and one girls - from Middle Barton YC came to play our members on the all-weather pitch. Deddington played well and won all three matches. We intend to invite Middle Barton over again with more sports teams.

Soon there will be a netball court marked out and goals purchased, so providing another game for the girls to enjoy. In the autumn, perhaps, we can arrange a match against some of the Mums in the village.

Monday 24 April is the first session of the summer term after the Easter holidays, when we shall look forward to more outside activities.

Wendy Burrows

Deddington Writers Group

The closing date for entries in the Deddington Writing Competition 2006 is Tuesday 25 April, so there is still time to start writing! Before doing so get a copy of the

leaflet with competition rules and entry form, which is available from the library or can be downloaded from www.deddington.org.uk/arts/writing.html. Alternatively send an s.a.e. to DWG, 7 The Daedings, Deddington, OX15 0RT or [email hughm@fish.co.uk](mailto:hughm@fish.co.uk). Whether your style is poetry or short story, you are of junior age (11 & under), secondary (16 & under) or adult (110 & under) and you live in Oxfordshire, there is space for your entry. The competition judge is Rachel Woodforde of Oxford University Press who worked in Deddington until moving to OUP nearly 20 years ago. There are modest prizes for the winners and the distinction of being published locally but as always, "it's not the winning, but the entering..." So if you can write, even a little, give it a go!

Hugh Marshall

1st Deddington Brownies

We now have 21 members, with 4 girls making their promise this term. Thank you to the parents, who continue to support the pack by helping at meetings.

This term Brownies enjoyed their usual games evenings and completed their handbooks. Many girls are working on and gaining interest badges. We held a Valentine's theme night when the girls made a 'little box of love' as a gift and played Valentine's themed games. They enjoyed an evening making (and eating!) sweets. Several girls went to see the Oxfordshire Gang Show.

A big thank you to Ruth Dudfield who has been Assistant Guider at the pack for 4 years. Ruth has been involved in guiding and scouting in this area for a number of years. She is leaving the area and her support will be greatly missed. If there is anyone who is interested in helping on a regular basis, or even becoming a Guider, we would love to hear from you.

Deddington Brownies meet at the Windmill Centre on Monday evening from 6.00 pm until 7.30 pm during term time. Girls can join once they are 7. Please get in contact if you would like to put any names on the waiting list. *Jo Ransome. Brownie Guider 01295 269850*

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Deddington Players

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Lucy Squires 338442

Tennis Club

There is a lot of interest in children's tennis lessons so, this year, Steve Ashby is teaching on Tuesdays as well as Fridays. The 6-week course starts on 18 April and for more details phone 01295 263855.

We are looking forward to club nights resuming on Wednesdays and Fridays from 5 April at 6 pm. A rota is in place to ensure people get a game. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome to come along or come to the Open Day on 7 May.

Katie McGovern 338771

Book Club

We would like to thank Sylvie Nickels for taking the time to talk to us in January about her book 'Another Kind of Loving'. Our group came away from the meeting feeling inspired by her terrific achievement. During March we have read 'Runaway' by Alice Munro and will soon be starting 'Wide Sargasso Sea' by Jean Rhys.

For those of you who may be interested, here is a summary of our thoughts on 'Perfume: The Story of a Murderer' by Patrick Suskind: 'This excellent translation

from the German produced mixed reactions from the group. The story line set in 18th century France was reminiscent of European literature of that time. Some felt the wonderfully descriptive passages almost overwhelming (heavy as perfume?). A modern fable in the genus of the Brothers Grimm.'

Next meeting 27 April. Call for venue.

Sally Lambert 338094

Monday Morning Club

The bus for those going to Chipping Norton on 11 April to see 'Mrs Henderson Presents' leaves at 6 pm as usual. Our coffee morning in April is also our AGM, so please make an effort to be present. Thursday, 20 April is our next film evening, for which we have secured the latest version of Pride and Prejudice. That starts at 6.30 pm. Since the first Monday in May is the Spring Bank Holiday, we are holding our Coffee Morning on 8 May instead.

Jean Flux 338153

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results

Bodicote (h) Lost 0-3

Cropredy (h) Drew 1-1 K.Laird

Hethe (a) Lost 1-3 J.Pearce

Bodicote (a) Lost 1-4 J.Pearce

The 1st team had a tough month, playing most of the leading sides in the division. A creditable draw was achieved against Cropredy; the goal scorer was Keith Laird. The other games resulted in defeats, despite Julian Pearce finding the target on his return to the 1st team. The team still occupy a mid-table position and are hoping for a few more victories before the end of the season. A place in the Benevolent Final beckons if Barford can be beaten in the semi-final.

Reserve Team Results

Bodicote Res (a) (Eric Morris Cup) Won 2-1 M.Hewitt (2)

Heyford Utd (a) Lost 2-6 S.Murphy, L.Rawlings

Finmere Res(h) (Geoff Wilson Cup) Won 4-1 A.Kite,

D.Keys, L.Rawlings, A.Gray.

KEA (h) Won 3-1 J.Pearce (2), B.Durrant

Steeple Aston Res (h) Lost 1-2 A.Gray



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The Reserve side had an excellent month and reached two cup finals. Micky Hewitt scored both goals to defeat Bodicote Res. Danny Keys was one of the goal scorers in the victory over Fimmere Res. Bishops Itchington Res are the opponents in both of the finals. A useful league victory was achieved against KEA, with Ben Durrant finding the target in the 3-1 win.

75 Club Winners: 3/3/06 G.Smith £100; 10/3/06 D.Clouston £50; 17/3/06 S.Haynes £50.

Steve Plumble 01295 278258

Deddington Guides

We now have 15 guides! With lots of new members we have created another patrol. The patrols are busy completing challenges and planning and organising their own activities. These include making smoothies and fruit salad, all sorts of sports and games, and art and craft activities.

We dabbled in our own winter Olympics and tried a huge variety of fruit from other countries for our international Thinking Day celebrations. Pancakes were a huge favourite on Shrove Tuesday.

We are rehearsing our own production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. I hope we'll see you there.

Maggie Rampley, Guider 01295 810069

Deddington and District History Society

Our largest-ever audience came to the showing of *Twenty-Four Square Miles* and the sequel made by Central Television. We almost had our largest-ever fiasco as well, when for a tense period Cherwell District's digital projector and its operator seemed doomed to mutual incomprehension. Eventually communication was established and the evening took off successfully, if belatedly. We were delighted to welcome to the meeting a number of 'stars' from the films. We hope to identify more of those who appear in them: do please make yourselves known if you are one such, or if you know someone who is.

We hope that many newcomers who attended for the first time will come along regularly to our meetings,

where they are sure of a welcome. I am in any case making attendance at our next meeting (Wednesday 12 April) universal and compulsory: the speaker is one of my research students! Angela Davis will speak on '*Happy families? Kinship, courtship and change in 20th-century Britain, an oral history approach*'. On Wednesday 10 May Martin Sirot-Smith will speak about Sulgrave Manor, in preparation for our June visit. Please note that our meetings are at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm.

Chris Day 337204

Deddington Babies and Toddlers Group

Please come and help us celebrate Easter - as ever, there will be plenty of activities for all ages. We'll be at the Windmill Centre every Wednesday and Friday from 9.30 to 11.30 - apart from Good Friday.

We're also looking forward to Friday 21st April when we will be hosting a coffee morning in aid of the baby unit at the Horton Hospital. Everyone is welcome - with or without children!

Later in the summer, we will be going on our Summer Outing to Farmer Gows and planning a 'New-to-You' sale for the Autumn - so hold onto any unwanted baby items until then!

Emma Durand

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Company

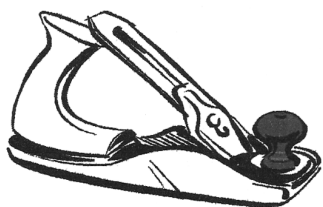
This term we welcomed Ben W into the Anchors, Jake A, Ollie M, James B and Wilf into Juniors and Zach into the Company. This term Mark won the Oxfordshire BB Table Tennis title and our Juniors won the Oxfordshire BB Team Games tournament!

In April we welcome the 1st Woodley BB Company who are camping in the village again. Watch out for a combined 1st Woodley/1st Deddington parade on 30 April, which will start from The Windmill Centre at 10 am led by our brass band.

If you would like to help the BB in Deddington, please let us know. With a membership of around 40 boys aged between 5 and 13 we are always on the lookout for new activities so we can continue to offer an interesting and stimulating programme.

Brian Bushell 338715

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Not everyone can end the financial year in good spirits, but for Deddington Fair Traders it has been a good year. Thanks in very large part to the number of regular and occasional customers at the Fairtrade stall in the Church during the monthly Farmers' Market, but also to the many who bought Christmas cards and gifts or who sometimes ring up with a 'have you got any...?' request, our turnover was in excess of £6,700, which is approx 30% up on the previous year. This means that 30% more business has gone to producers and growers in developing nations. Obviously, because we are just a very small, local concern the amounts are small – an increase of about £1,500. But think what a difference it could make to so many people if everyone increased their Fairtrade shopping by 30% in a year! See you on Market Day 22 April, or call me on 337761 if you want to ask 'have you got any...?' or to place an order.

Thank you, Deddington.

Hugh Marshall

**Parish Thickets and the Iron Age Hill Fort**

Thickets are briar patches, places where shrubs and climbers grow thickly tangled, where the rabbit eludes the fox, and the fox the hunter. Usually treeless and formed mainly or entirely of thorny species, thickets are often so dense that light is shut out, and a ground flora is sparse or absent. In Deddington parish, thickets are associated with steep and rough ground. The two largest are on Ilbury Farm: one on the ridge of Steepness Hill, the other on the eastern flank of the hill that was the site of an Iron Age promontory hill fort. Bramble, dog-rose and hawthorn are the bricks and mortar of Deddington parish thickets. Herbaceous species commonly found in deciduous woods - bluebell, cow parsley, ivy, lesser celandine, lords-and-ladies and sweet violet - are generally absent from thickets. Nettle is the most common herbaceous plant.

Junction Thickets

Peter C. Lack writes that 'hedgerow birds in general prefer those parts of a hedge near to intersections'.¹ There are two on Ilbury Farm, and on College Farm there is a junction thicket of exceptional height and density where the streamside vegetation of Sor (South) Brook meets the Duns Tew Road, where shrubs swell and bulge from the hedge.

Select Bramble-Dominated Thickets

The largest bramble thicket is on the west side of the A4260, across from the entrance to the Milton Gated Road. The longest thicket, about 145 m and with an average width of 8-12 m, is on Kestrel Ridge, Steepness Hill, and extends 50 m east from the Hempton Road.

Woody Thickets

'Scrub' is the term that the Ordinance Survey gives to what is here called 'woody thicket', a habitat, in Deddington parish, dominated by hawthorn and blackthorn. A blackthorn-dominated woody thicket occupies the steep western face of Mackley Hill (90-



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155m), the whole length of the face of the ridge north of the footpath that cuts across it. Snowy Bushes, a field on College Farm, is a woody thicket, jam-packed with small blackthorn, elder and hawthorn trees. The ground-storey is mossy. The woody thicket with the greatest number of hawthorn trees is the hilly land in Pest House field.

Thicket of the Iron Age Promontory Hill Fort

The southern flank of Deddington's ancient hill-fort site, which has such views to the landscape of the Tews as to afford notice of the advance of hostile archers or of dedicated members of the tribe, is covered in bramble. Trees 2,000 years old would have been welcome testimony to the venerable past, but a thicket (22 m above Sor (South) Brook) holds the ridge, and is not allowed to spread either on to the flat plain above, where the ground is cultivated, or lower down the hill-slope, where sheep graze. 'There are clear views of the surrounding terrain in all directions', but there are no clear views from any but the southern side of the site; and, while it is said that, 'The defences include a single rampart and outer ditch', only the outer ditch on the south side is visible - the rampart is not. The farmer, Ian Pauling, and his son, said there were once supporting stones on the southern side, but that these had been taken away.

Walter Meagher

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