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Well, the Parish produce show, the first for over 45 years, seems to have been a great success (see p. 5). Apologies to the contributors of regular articles (on this occasion the WI history and the transportees), whose pieces have had to be held over, and more apologies if you find your news a little streamlined. It is a mark of our thriving, dynamic community that we have problems fitting all your activities into our 16-page magazine!

Does any one have clean copies of the July and December 2007 issues of DN? We gather a pristine set together ready for binding, and those have escaped us. Please contact the DN editors if you can help.

DIARY OCTOBER

Wed	1	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm
Wed	1	Photographic Society: Yin Wong gives critique of members' photographs, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm
Sun	5	PTA Car Boot Sale, School Field, from 12 noon, setup from 10.30am
Mon	6	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
Wed	8	Deddington Police Office: Drop-in session, 5–7pm
Wed	8	History Society: 'History of the Quakers in this Area', Tony Yelloly, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Thu	9	Monday Morning Club: Film Evening, 6.30pm
Sat	11	Bowls Club: Race Night, Royal British Legion, 8 pm. First race 8.30pm
Sat	11	Deddington Players: Social evening, Windmill Centre, 6.30–8.30pm
Tue	14	WI: Harvest Supper, Bring and Share and Auction, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
Wed	15	Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm
Sat	18	Barford Village Market, Village Hall, 10am–12.30pm
Sat	18	Fire Station: Recruiting Open Day, 10am–2pm
Sat	18	Banbury Court Open Day, Banbury Court House, 10–4pm
Mon	20	Deddington Original Golf Society: Golf Day at King's Norton
Sat	25	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm
Sat	25	Photographic Society: Exhibition of members' photographs, Parish Church, 9am onwards
Fri	31	Deddington PFSU: Closing date for quiz entries

NOVEMBER

Sun	2	Deddington Players: Pantomime auditions, Windmill Centre, 4pm
Wed	5	Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8pm
Wed	5	Photographic Society: 'How to Succeed at Sports Photography', Gordon Roberts, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm
Thu	6	Friends of Deddington Festival AGM, Parish Church, 7.45pm
Sat	7	PTA: Firework display, school field
Sat	8	Recital by Elizabeth Tebb, Parish Church
Mon	10	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
Tue	11	WI: 'Statues and Monuments of London', Adrian Williams, Holly Tree, 7.30pm

For more November Diary dates, see p. 10

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting in Town Hall 17 September 2008

Present: Cllrs Flux [Chair], Alton, Anderson, Collins, Privett, Rudge, Spencer, Squires, Watts, CC Jelf and DC O'Sullivan, the Clerk, the Minute Clerk, and the DN correspondent.

Open Forum

Charles Barker drew attention to the pressure on parking spaces in New Street, causing parking on grass verges, leading to stress and friction among neighbours.

Environment, Recreation & Special Projects

- *Cemetery:* Fees to be increased to cover increased costs of grass cutting and repair to dilapidated headstones.
- *Wildflower meadows:* Communities are being urged to create 'rivers and hotspots' of wild flowers to give bumble bees, butterflies and other endangered insects a refuge. The unused part of the cemetery could be planted with wildflowers and other sites such as the Castle Grounds will be considered.
- *Satin Lane allotments:* Chicken keeping is to be conditionally allowed following consultation with neighbours and providing all who wish to keep chickens accept the standing rules and regulations.
- *Satin Lane Allotment Association:* To be asked to suggest what should be their responsibilities and objectives.
- *Hempton Bench:* Now installed and bolted to the ground.
- *Co-op:* The satellite dish on the south facing wall has been removed.
- *Market Place new oak:* Although it looks a little sick, it may be suffering from stress following transplanting. The tree will be left until the spring before taking any radical action.
- *Dog bins:* The bin in the Paddocks has not been emptied but will be in the future and, in Satin Lane, dog owners were asked to use the appropriate bin.
- *Blue recycling bins:* Blue bins have been installed at the Windmill CC, and two green bins (marked PC) by the Town Hall. These bins are exclusively for the use of the Parish Council and not to be used by adjacent businesses or members of the public.
- *Windmill CC:* The play equipment is to be inspected by RoSPA. The netball hoop is to be repaired. The practice goal has been installed and is being put to good use. A hole in the play area is to be repaired.
- *Cigarette butts:* Complaints about littering outside pubs and hairdressers to be addressed by businesses.

Planning

DPC no objection: [1] 38, The Daedings, demolition of garage and construction of extension and conservatory; [2] Gaslight, Earls Lane, felling tree; [3] The Homestead, The Lane, Hempton, re-roofing and repair of outbuildings; [4] The Willery, Clifton Rd, single story rear extension; [5] 19 The Paddocks, application for Certificate of Lawful Use to approve retrospectively internal works that did not require planning approval;

[6] Millbrook, Milton Gated Rd, amended application for a Certificate of Lawful Use to allow private equestrian use of site; [7] 4 Hempton Rd, amended application for extension, conditionally approved.

DPC objection: [8] Outbuildings adjacent to No. 3 Holly Tree Cottages, Earls Lane, application for a change of use from residential to chiropractic clinic. DPC objection because of insufficient parking as the application stands.

CDC approvals: [9] Stone Walls, Hempton, 1st floor extension; [10] Manor Farm, Hempton Rd, felling 5 trees; [11] The Old Vicarage, Church St, felling trees; [12] The Fishers, Clifton Rd, conservatory; [13] 11 The Daedings, replacement conservatory; [14] The Hollies, Tithe Lane, Clifton, renovation of dormer windows.

Highways

- *Hempton white lines:* Although the alignment of the central line had been changed it was so little as to make no difference. OCC to be consulted again.
- *Earls Lane speeding:* Remedial action required, local consultation and consideration for extra signage.
- *A4260 south:* The 30mph sign is still obscured by vegetation. OCC to act.
- *Traffic lights, High St:* Baffle to obscure red light to left turners from Hempton Rd to prevent them seeing a red light and stopping, which is believed to have been the cause of two recent accidents.
- *Anti-social parking disputes:* Residents have no right to any parking space near or outside their house. There are no dedicated spaces (except for disabled marked spaces and on drives or entrances).
- *Satin Lane:* A sign is to be erected to ask people not to park across the entrance to the allotments.

Finance & General Purposes

- *Audit:* Period ended 31 March 2008 audit has been completed. John Suckling will continue as internal auditor.
- *Town Hall rental:* Rates to be £3.50 (summer) and £4.00 (winter: Oct–Mar inclusive).
- *English Heritage:* A three-year management contract agreed for the Castle site at £1,900 pa.
- *Church clock:* DPC is historically responsible for the cost of maintenance. Smiths of Derby one of only two firms in the country who repair church clocks have quoted £2558 +VAT for replacing the missing hands from the south face. The PCC is to be asked to consider sharing the burden.
- *Banking turmoil:* Investments in West Bromwich and Birmingham Midshires BS to be reviewed.

Parish Finances

Invoices passed for payment: £8987.72

Investments: Totalled £553,092.55 at W Brom BS, Barclays and Birmingham Midshires BS

Next meeting: 7.30pm, Wednesday 15 October

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

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM KEVIN MAYO, CLIFTON

As a regular runner I am very aware that motivation gets harder as the nights draw in. If anyone is interested in meeting up for a regular run, then please get in contact. One of my regular training sessions is on Thursday evenings, to/from the Windmill Centre, consisting of two mile loops within Deddington, starting at 7.30ish and finishing by 9.15pm. These interval sessions will suit all standards, so please feel free to join me (email: kevin@mayo-family.co.uk).

FROM MICHAEL ALLBROOK, HIGH STREET

May I ask for your help, please? I am researching the people of Clifton, Hempton and Deddington who are remembered on the War Memorial and I plan to produce a booklet. However, I am struggling because I have no photos of them. Does anyone have any photos that I can use to illustrate the booklet? Please contact me on 338347.

FROM ALAN COLLINS, 'LOWER LARK RISE'

There are a number of social events on the calendar where us Lower Lark Rise residents get to compare shoulder chip sizes with Upper Lark Rise folk. Now I know the DN is committed to the 'Three in One' principle, but could you see your way to changing the cover of the DN to say, 'The Deddington News ... Our Parish'? This is not using 'parish' in the ecumenical sense but as the lowest division of English civil government. It would give us slightly less to grumble about and we may become more rounded people – perhaps! Kind regards, with clearly too much time on my hands.



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and include your name and address
even if they are not for publication

FROM REVD DR HUGH WHITE

Deddingtonians will remember that last year the Parish Church asked for contributions towards the upkeep of the Church building on the grounds that the Church is a well-used resource for the whole community and something most villagers would rather have than not have. We suggested that £10 per annum per household might be a reasonable level of giving in return for the benefits of an open and

available Church. We have to repair the floor and the tower louvres in the near future, besides dealing with the routine maintenance of a big medieval building. Grants may be available and we shall seek them, but there is an onus on those who benefit immediately from the Church building to contribute to its welfare.

So how about this year? I shall be in the Church from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 18 October – refreshments available all day – ready to receive your donation for this year (and perhaps your ongoing pledge for future years at whatever level you think appropriate). What you give will go solely to the upkeep of the building. I look forward to thanking you for your concern for the village's heritage and its future as embodied in our Parish Church.

FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, PHILCOTE STREET

In his article last month on convicts transported down under from Deddington, Rob Forsyth says they were, 'sent to the hulk, York'. No paddy wagons in those days. Around the walls of a chamber in Lancaster Castle is a long chain with neck collars at regular yard intervals. Convicts had to walk to the prison hulks thus chained together and with shackles on their legs. The York was moored a hundred miles away at Gosport.

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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Wed	1	10.00am	Eucharist
Thur	2	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	5	10.30am	All Age Worship
		6.30pm	Harvest Festival Evensong
Wed	8	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun	12	10.30am	Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Wed	15	10.00am	Eucharist
Thur	16	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	19	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	22	10.00am	Eucharist

Sun	26	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Morning Worship
Tue	28	6.30pm	Eucharist SS Simon and Jude
Wed	29	10.00am	Eucharist with Healing Prayer

St John's Hempton

Sun	5	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	19	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	26	6.00pm	Evensong

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

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

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am: Pastor Walton

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Congregational Chapel, New Street

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church together with their congregation.

Sunday afternoon services at 3.00pm at the Chapel, organised by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church

Joyce Minnear 338529

PC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Masses at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday (except Wed) at 9.30am, Sun at 10am. St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7pm and Sun 8.30am. Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00pm and at Adderbury before Mass. 1 November is the Feast of All Saints. As this falls on a Saturday the celebration has been transferred to the following Sunday so that no extra holiday of obligation arises.

Fr John Burns 277396

A BURNING ISSUE

Some parishioners still have open fires, mostly burning some form of coal; for a handful it remains their primary heating source. But some have log fires mostly 'cos they're cosy and comforting; they look nice in an inglenook. In an ideal world, we would try to stop burning fossil fuels; wood is at least renewable. Burning wood *per se* produces zero CO₂ emissions and while allowing for emissions in planting, harvesting, processing and transport, its emissions are still less than 10% of those from house coal or anthracite. An open fire sends most of its heat straight up the chimney and draws lots of air from the room with it, air on which perhaps we've just spent money warming with our central heating! When we're not burning a fire, warm air is still rushing up the flu to heat the sky. An open fire of any kind can only be 10% efficient max; whereas a wood-burning stove can be up to 85% efficient. And heat directly from wood costs around 1.5 p/unit as opposed to 5–8p for gas or electricity. So the running costs are low, but there's the

GREEN PIECE

capital expense of installing the stove – not cheap.

I will put links to some local suppliers of wood stoves with this piece on the DoL Forum. There are plenty of suppliers of logs in north Oxfordshire, people who will drop them at your front door even in convenient sacks. Look in Yellow Pages or the local press; be sure to check that the wood has been dried. Then you have to find somewhere to store it all. And there are no smoke control areas in the Cherwell district.

Postscript: If you are using biofuel in your motor diesel, now is the time of year to be going back to 50%. Biofuel thickens up in cold weather and makes for difficult starting and running. If you still have 100% old chip oil in the tank, top up with straight diesel to dilute it.

Colin Robinson colin.robinson@deddington.net

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

The Friends' AGM is on Thursday, 6 November at 7.45pm in the Parish Church. An agenda will be circulated in advance. Please do come. We shall be discussing future developments and everyone's views are important.

Kristin Thompson, FDF Publicity

DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW 2008

In spite of sunless, wet weather leading up to 6 September, people still managed to enter delicious-looking vegetables and attractive flowers for the show, so we clearly have some pretty good gardeners in the locality. The children's classes showed some gorgeously quirky creatures made of vegetables and some lovely miniature gardens on plates.

We also have many creative and artistically gifted adults and children, their talents clear for all to see in the Arts and Crafts classes. There was a huge range of beautiful embroidery, tapestry and knitted articles, paintings and, in the children's classes, wonderful designs for Christmas and birthday cards. The photograph classes proved very popular and we had people judging – the response was amazing.

The members of the organising committee were extremely pleased with the number of entries for this first year of the show, which has not been held in Deddington for at least 45 years. Sixty-eight people exhibited from Deddington, 8 from Hempton, 12 from Clifton and 27 from outside the Parish (all the classes were open for this first year). Can we do even better next year, please, so that in future, we could limit entries solely to Parish residents while still having a worthwhile show?

We were fortunate in having wonderful helpers, especially Elsa Williams, without whom we would have struggled with the cards, certificates and score sheets so essential for the running of the show and, on the day, she laboriously entered all the scores and filled in the certificates. Other people who deserve a mention are Moira Byast, Sally Allbrook, Margaret Arnold, Gay Brewer, Peggy Howarth, Sue Burrows and John Hodges – grateful thanks to them all. Our trophy donors were generous and our judges were kind, thorough and helpful, so huge thanks to them as well.

SHOW RESULTS – CLASS WINNERS

Produce: Jams – Briony Fenemore and Joanna Lee; Sponge – Helen Cox; Marmalade – Sue Montague; Chutney – Yvonne Howie

Flowers: 1 rose – Andrew Green; 4 roses – Andrew Green; Sweet peas – Helen Cox; 5 perennials – Philip Smithson; 7 flowers – Philip Smithson; Fuchsias – Helen Cox; Cactus dahlias – Alec Lovell; Pom-pom dahlias – P. Phillips; Foliage plant – Elsa Williams; Pelargonium – Diana and Hugh Marshall

Vegetable/Fruit: Odd vegetable – Kath Morris; 3 Onions – Robin Cox; Long runner bean – Robin Cox; 5 runner beans – Diane Jones; Marrow – Wendy Burrows; 6 cherry tomatoes – Philip Smithson; 4 tomatoes – Stan Nelson; Spinach – Barbara Larcom; 6 plums – Christine Blennot; 3 courgettes – Buffy Heywood; 4 leeks – Alec Wright; 4 potatoes – Stan Nelson

Arts & Crafts: Garden photo – Sally Allbrook; Plant photo – Peggy Howarth; Holiday snap – Wendy Burrows; Landscape painting – Peggy Russell; Embroidery – Lilian Curnow; Knitted article – Diana Vince

Children's Classes: Fairy cakes – Megan Squires; Shortbread – Joanna Watts; Big sunflower – Eddie & Lian Dancer; Mini-garden



A season of mellow fruitfulness – a table groaning with tomatoes, plums and courgettes at the Parish Show. There are more pictures of the show on the Pictures page of the [DN website](http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk).

– Elen Squires; Vegetable animal – Florence & Charlie Tuthill; Animal photo – Beatrix Burrows; Holiday snap – Gemma Petty; Christmas card – Lian Dancer; Birthday card – Molly Rolfe; Flower pot – Elen Squires

TROPHIES:

Produce: Helen Cox

Flowers: Philip Smithson

Vegetable/Fruit: Stan Nelson

Arts & Crafts: Sally Allbrook

Child Champion: Elen Squires

SHOW CHAMPION: Helen Cox (Aynho)

Runner-up: Stan Nelson

Alec and Joan Wright, Wendy Burrows, David Morris, Michael Allbrook (Show Committee)

PUDDING PIE ON THE WEB

The website 'Baking for Britain' (<http://bakingforbritain.blogspot.com/>) has a fascinating and lengthy piece on Deddington Pudding Pie and its possible alternative recipes. We've covered this in DN over the years, but it's good to see it reaching a wider audience on the internet. A Banbury company has revived the Banbury Tart (<http://www.puddingpie.co.uk/content/banbury-tarts/>). It resembles one of our Pudding Pie recipes, and it is available for sale in our local organic shop. Does anyone fancy cooking the Pudding Pie recipes? Let us know your results and we'll run another feature – *Ed*.

PARISH BUTTERFLY SURVEY

It's been a wretched year for butterflies and the promised Indian summer seems unlikely to materialise. Sightings will begin to tail off so please send your records to me as soon as you feel they are complete, by email to kristin.a@zen.co.uk or deliver to 5 The Leyes. Thank you to everyone who has participated. All records, however sparse, are of value.

Kristin Thompson

DOWN ON THE FARM

Our '08 harvest came to a soggy finish on the Friday of the August Bank Holiday with the last of the wheat going through the drier during the next week. This year's harvest has been the most difficult I can remember and, according to some, the wettest for 50 years. The oilseed rape produced a good yield but it all had to be dried down before going into store. The oats and wheat came off as expected, just slightly above our 5-year average, but the oats are badly rain-stained and the wheat, due to the bad weather conditions, has come in with a low protein content. So neither will make the grade for human consumption. Just as with the oilseed rape, it all went through the drier so we shall get a very hefty gas bill!

Although our harvest is in the barn, there are many thousands of acres across the country still to be cut, but as most of it, if not all, is now growing in the ear it may not be worth the cost of trying to salvage what is left. It will end up being ploughed in when soil conditions allow. But problems with the wettest harvest on record will not end when the last of the fields are finally cleared. As yet very few of the crops for next year's



harvest have been planted and it is almost too late to risk planting the oilseed rape. Many of the ruined wheat crops were destined to provide the seed for next year's crops, so seed may become difficult to find and it will be very expensive. As farmers we will always try to make the best of things and get the crops into the ground any way we can, but faced with farm gate values that have fallen back to the same levels

as two years ago and the sharp rise in costs (seed, fuel, sprays, fertilizers, etc.) it is almost certain that some land will be left fallow for next year. Food crops may therefore be in short supply next harvest, so it is difficult to equate the statement made by one of the

big supermarket bosses, in the press the other day, when he commented that food prices in the shops would soon be coming down as there had been a bumper harvest. But he did not qualify which harvest he was talking about – was it the harvest produced by his companies' profit margin or the harvest down on the farm?

George Fenemore 338203

WELL REMEMBERED – THE VENERABLE HEWITT WILSON

A thanksgiving service was held in Deddington Church on 9 July to celebrate a remarkable life and distinguished service with the RAF and Church. Hewitt Wilson was born in 1924 in Worcester, MA, whilst his father was working in the United States. He was educated in Ireland after the family returned there when Hewitt was two. He matriculated to Trinity College, Dublin where he read oriental languages and theology, graduating in 1947 with a first-class honours degree. He was also a high achiever at sport, winning his university colours in rugby, athletics and tennis. In the 1950s he was at one time the only non-international rugby player to represent the RAF.

Hewitt took a commission in the RAF Chaplain's department in 1950; he and Joan married in 1951, and as a team they embarked on a 30-year RAF career. With his warm, caring and compassionate nature, he fitted in comfortably with young military personnel and their families.

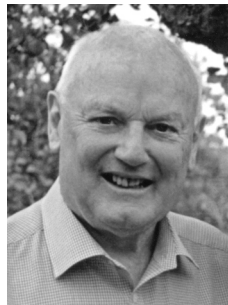
A string of high appointments followed, including that of Senior Chaplain at the RAF College, Cranwell (an 'inspired choice'). In 1972 he was appointed Honorary Chaplain to the Queen and, the following year, Chaplain-in-Chief of the RAF, a post that he held with distinction for seven years. He set and demanded high standards of his chaplains; he could be hard on them but was always fair and consistent. The quiet Irish lilt

could soften any rocket being handed out. Sincerity, integrity and a sense of fun and humour made him a most effective, respected and popular Chaplain-in-Chief. In 1978 Hewitt was made a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (CB) just before he retired.

Joan and Hewitt moved to Philcote Street in 1978 and in 1991 he was appointed Rector of Somerton, the Heyfords and Rousham, where he and Joan provided generous hospitality. Hewitt formed close ties with the USAF personnel at Upper Heyford, who benefited from his experience of relationships with local communities and how best to avoid conflict over controversial issues.

His retirement from this post was Deddington's gain, as Hewitt's generosity, good counsel and neighbourly support became more than ever available within the village, where they were greatly appreciated. He was quite without 'side', to which his distinguished career might have entitled him. In the final years of his life, Hewitt's health began to fail, but they were also years of continued fulfilment as he was able to devote them fully to Joan, Kathryn, John, Peter, Tim, Sarah and several grandchildren, a large family who always brought him great joy.

MR, with thanks to Joan Wilson for the address given at the service by Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine GCB, GBE, FRAES; the Daily Telegraph, Hugh White and the Valley News



SCHOOL NEWS

It is hard to believe October is upon us already. The children have settled in to their new classes and are working hard. At the time of writing we are looking forward to our annual whole school theatre trip, this year to the New Theatre in Oxford to see an adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*.

Year 6 are looking forward to embarking on their own mini pilgrimage to Barford Church; they have been studying pilgrimages in class and have also been inspired by the forthcoming pilgrimage by Rev. John Dane to Northern Spain.

In school the children are enjoying our new adventure playground which was installed at the end of last term, thanks to the money raised by the PTA. Let's hope we get a dry autumn so the children can make full use of it.

The following week sees the whole school joining together once more for our Harvest Festival celebration in Deddington Church. The theme of the celebration is farming, to tie in with British Farming Year. We will again be supporting Polly's Box Charity and encouraging all children to contribute generously. I'm sure they will – they never let us down!

On 17 October we will be opening our doors for our annual open afternoon; this is an opportunity for parents and friends to see how our school runs and what activities the children enjoy at school.

Jane Cross, Deputy Headteacher, 338430

From the Fire Station

The station received 20 calls in the past month. We attended three house fires, two of which were started by saucepans on the cooker left unattended; a call to flooding, one car fire, two road traffic accidents, and a few calls to stand by. A couple of false alarms were also received. We attended a garage fire, caused by a group of 16-year-olds playing with a lighter and can of petrol. They were extremely lucky not to have suffered serious burns in this incident, although they were very fearful of facing the wrath of their parents. On a lighter note, we were called to release an adult male trapped in a child's swing.

A big thank you to all those of you who supported our charity car wash day. We raised over £330 for the Fire Fighters Charity. Congratulations to Adam Franklin who successfully completed his HGV driving training last week.

On Saturday 18 October, 10–2pm we are holding a recruiting open day at the station. If you are interested in the role of the fire fighter, but are not sure what is required, fitness levels and selection processes, etc. please come along to find out more. Anyone over the age of 17 is welcome; we have no upper age limit; both men and women from all backgrounds are encouraged to attend on the day. We look forward to seeing you, it should be a fun and challenging day.

Anne Waters, 338281

Watch Manager, Deddington Fire Station

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UP THE ALLOTMENT

Last month I promised a little more on the use and production of compost, so here goes:

Making compost is a skill worth mastering. It is a speeding up of nature's own recycling process. As animal and vegetable remains rot down, the population of micro-organisms thrives.

The heap will heat up quickly and can reach the ideal temperature of 60°C (140°F) within a few days. This amount of heat should kill off weed seeds, pests and diseases. As activity slows down, the heap cools and worms and insects join other micro organisms to produce the best compost.

The heap will generally reduce by about half in size, be sweet smelling, dark in colour and crumbly, leaving the original contents unrecognisable. The humus enriches the soil for new cycles and generations of microscopic life. It improves soil texture, structure, water-holding capacity and drainage. You will need a good quantity to get the full effect – around 5kg (12 lb) per sq m (sq yd) applied on an annual basis.



COMPOST BINS

Where an open compost heap is out of the question you might consider using compost bins. If you decide to compost using bins, then may I suggest you acquire three of them – one ready to use, one rotting down and one being filled. The ideal bin will be bottomless to allow worms access. Small gaps are important to allow air to circulate and a lid to keep the rains out. For fast composting make your bin at least 1cu m (9cu ft).

SPEEDING UP THE PROCESS

To hasten the process use an activator 15cm (6in) or so through the heap. A little rotted compost from an old heap also works. Farm manure, human urine, nettles, seaweed meal, poultry or pigeon droppings (high in nitrogen), comfrey leaves and blood, fish and bone are excellent additives. Lime may be added if the heap smells or if you are working acid soil.

Tony Campion

News from Hempton

The Harvest Supper is at St John's Church on Saturday 27 September at 7.30pm, tickets £8.50 per head. Please give me a ring if you would like to come. The Harvest Festival service will be at 6.00pm on Sunday 28 September. Gifts of produce will be most welcome and can be left in the Church over the weekend. Following the service they will be auctioned and the proceeds given to a worthy charity.

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Hempton Church will be at 7.30pm on Monday 29 September. This meeting is open to everyone so please come along and give your views.

On Saturday 29 November, St John's Church will be holding its biggest money-raising event of the year, the Christmas Bazaar, from 11am. There will be plenty of stalls including gifts, cakes, tombola, a Grand Draw, diary date, children's games and refreshments with hot food. Please support this event whatever way you can. Gifts suitable for a Christmas Bazaar will be most welcome. Draw tickets will be on sale before the day and help in selling will be appreciated.

The Parish Council has installed a new bench outside the Church and it looks really good. This replaces the old heavy one that had been there for many years. Our thanks to Martin Ince and Max, the Parish Steward, for putting it in place.

Church people have asked me to thank everyone involved at St John's for what they do: flower arrangers, cleaners, people behind the scenes, and particularly, now the mowing season is coming to an end, Frank Neal and John Nason for keeping the churchyard neat and tidy.

Les Chappell, 338054

The Story of Deddington, Mary Vane Turner, 1933

As many readers of DN will know, several histories have been published about Deddington.

Perhaps the rarest of these is *The Story of Deddington* by Mary Vane Turner (a Google search shows not a single copy for sale anywhere in the world). The book is 'Dedicated to my daughter, Muriel Jones. Our First President', referring to her presidency of the Deddington WI. A note at the front of the book tells us that 'This village history was written for a competition held by the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes. Dr Marrett, Rector of Exeter College, Oxford, the Judge, awarded first prize to Shipton-under-Wychwood, second prize to Headington Quarry. Deddington and Churchill he bracketed together with Quarry as 'all extremely good and only a little behind the first in interest and general quality'.

The Deddington & District History Society, on its tenth anniversary, intends to republish this book as a facsimile, including the original eight illustration pages, with an introduction by our Chairman, Chris Day. The original book is about A5 size and has 96 pages.

Copies should be ready early December and cost about £9 – the final price will be published in the November DN, and it will be an ideal Christmas gift.

It would be a great help to me if readers could let me know as soon as possible if they are interested to help me judge how many copies to print; it is likely that copies will be available only for advance purchase. While this will probably be the only opportunity to acquire a printed copy, we intend to make it available on Deddington OnLine in a fully searchable form, using the money raised by selling printed copies to fund the work.

Colin Cohen, 337040, cohen@nehoc.co.uk

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

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

4th October – I had a conversation with H. Franklin about the intended alterations to the Town Hall – viz. inclosing the open part underneath and removing the old Lock up so as to make a proper place for receiving and keeping the Fire Engines in, rather than allow them to remain as they have done too long and most improperly under the Belfry of the Church.

8th October – The 30th anniversary of our Wedding Day. I attended a Parish Meeting to consider and consult about further memorializing the Poor Law Commissioners in London (about a small Union here) – on special grounds and thereby separate ourselves from the present Union at Woodstock from which place we are distant *10 miles* and pay *one fifth of the whole* expenses of the Union. I took the chair as requested and it was agreed to prosecute our object more strenuously and as expeditiously as we could and more so than we had hitherto done. A



large number of ratepayers attended, beside Mr. Wing from Steeple Aston, Mr. Jones from Souldern – & Mr. Smith from Somerton – who objected to the proposed alteration wishing to remain attached to Woodstock rather than be joined to Deddington – Mr. Painter of Worton attended and favoured our proposition as regarded Worton & Sandford.

9th October – I gave the Sexton a good lecture about the careless manner in which he throws bones out of the graves – without depositing them again carefully in the spot whence they had been dug up – and leaving exposed many of them above ground.

10th October – A soaking wet day throughout, I went to Clifton twice as usual, sacrament in the morning – 15 communicants beside myself – I gave notice that there would be only one service for the next 3 or 4 Sundays, an evening one at half past two o'clock, as we were going to the sea at St. Leonards. What a wretched day for our poor dear Willy to walk 7 miles to and from his Duty at Hambledon and its hamlet!

Buffy Heywood

PTA

The PTA AGM was well attended on 16 September and a new Committee was formed. Some members of the 2007 committee have been re-elected, and we are pleased to welcome some new faces to the team this year.

Diane Cogan finally stepped down from the committee after eight years as Treasurer. I am sure all parents both past and present would like to join us in thanking Diane for her tireless work. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers as grateful thanks for all the time and effort she has put into her role over the years.

We are kicking off the 2008–09 fund raising year with another mega car boot sale which will be held on Sunday 5 October from 12 noon on the school field, set up from 10.30am. It's a great way to clear out your cupboards for Christmas and earn some money at the same time! All are welcome at this all-weather event.

Please remember to visit our monthly craft market at the Royal British Legion from 9.30am on Farmers' Market days. We have a wonderful selection of unique gifts and crafts ... a perfect opportunity to buy some early Christmas presents whilst supporting our school at the same time. Fireworks Night promises to be a bigger and better display and will be held on the school field on Friday 7 November (not Sat 1 November as shown in last month's edition).

All in all, we have a very exciting year planned and we look forward to welcoming you to all our upcoming events. Thank you for your continued support.

Janet Watts, PTA Chair, 337135

PFSU and Village Nursery

We have had a happy start to the autumn term with all our children quickly settling into their new environments. We are enjoying the 'All About Me' topic, with painty hand prints at Nursery and fantastic self-portraits at the PFSU already brightening up our walls.

We are currently looking for one or two lunchtime helpers to work at the PFSU (at Deddington Primary School) from 12.00 to 1.30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. This is a paid position and would require the applicant to be CRB checked. Please contact the PFSU on 337484 if you might be interested. This month we would like to say a big thank you to Deddington Farmers' Market for their generous donation of £200 towards our work. Also thank you to Mark Robey for painting the Nursery door over the summer holidays. As a charity such support is always very much valued.

Lucy Squires, 338442

HEMPTON ROAD CEMETERY

If you are missing a glass vase from behind the headstone of a family grave, it has not been disposed of, merely moved for storage to the area by the water tank. This is to allow for the safe and efficient mowing of the grass. It would be appreciated if everyone could continue to store vases by the tank and also keep the pathways clear for the same health and safety reasons. We would also like to thank all those who have generously donated plants to help Martin and Max continue their work to make the cemetery an attractive place to visit.

Jean Rudge

Parish Council Environment and Special Projects

WELL REMEMBERED

AVIS BOLTON was born and brought up in Harrogate in 1926, one of three sisters. The war saw her joining the Wrens and posted to Wetherby, where she met Tony Bolton. Sixty years of mutually devoted married life began in 1948 and in due course a daughter Sue was born. As a service wife (Tony was in the Navy and then the RAF), Avis proved herself an excellent entertainer, a great party-giver; and this she was too within her own extended family. A much-loved sister, wife and mother, she was also a wonderful aunt and great-aunt, full of fun, a central figure in memorable family holidays. Avis came to Deddington in 1973 and soon became a valued friend and neighbour, providing various kinds of practical help to those around her. She spent much time looking after her older sister, Edith, and cared unstintingly for Tony when he became ill, despite her own ill health. Her concern for others will be remembered with appreciation and gratitude.

MARY MARTIN, the middle child of three, was the daughter of a Buckingham master grocer. From an early age and through her teens she helped out with the grocery business. At school Mary loved hockey; she was musical and good at maths. After the War, having been a St John's Ambulance cadet, she trained as a nurse/midwife and worked as a nanny in London. Marriage to David Martin, a farmer, brought an involvement in all aspects of farming life as well as the birth and bringing up of three children. When ill health led to David's giving up farming, he and Mary moved to Banbury, where Mary became school nurse at the newly-established comprehensive. Mary later worked at West Bar Surgery and then came to Featherton House. Here she was one of the sprightliest of the staff until well into her seventies and, when she finally stopped working, she enjoyed still being part of

the Featherton family. Mary became a regular attender at the Friends' Meeting at Sibford. She served on the Grove Court residents' committee. She loved cars, fast ones especially; she enjoyed motor-racing on the television, as she did sport in general. Singer, pianist and cornet player in earlier days, her CDs and Classic FM gave her great pleasure later on. Throughout her life, modest and unassuming as she was, her highest priority was care and concern for others.

MARJORIE COOK was born at Clapton-on-the-Hill in Gloucestershire in 1914, one of 15 children, and brought up in Bourton-on-the-Water. Aged 15, she went into service near Pershore and met and married Reuben Tinson, moving to Pinvin, where she raised five sons and an orphaned nephew. She also worked in market gardening and was caretaker of Pinvin Village Hall – she enjoyed her whist and her bingo. Following the deaths of her husband and her mother, for both of whom she cared devotedly in their decline, Marjorie married John Cook, widower of one of her sisters; so eight nephews and nieces also became her step-children. Marrying John, Marjorie moved to Duns Tew, where she much enjoyed her large garden. John died in 1990 and in due course Marjorie moved to Grove Court in Deddington. She became a regular attender at Hempton Church and a member of the Windmill Club. She enjoyed reading and a variety of radio and television programmes, but her greatest pleasure was her large family. She had a particular gift for getting on with young children and was delighted at the arrival of her two great-great-grandchildren. Marjorie was a forthright, determined and independent spirit, a brave and bold character treasured as such by her family, friends and neighbours.

HW

NOVEMBER DIARY (Contd from p. 1)

Wed	12	Deddington Police Office: Drop-in session, 5–7pm
Wed	12	History Society: 'Marriage in Georgian England', Dr Joanne Bailey, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Thu	13–	Annual Pudding 'n Pie Fair, Market Place
Sat	15	
Sat	18	Barford Village Market, Village Hall, 10am–12.30pm
Sat	15	Bell Ringers: Annual dinner
Sat	15	Warriner Choral Society concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm
Wed	19	Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm
Sat	22	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9–2.30pm
Sat	22–	Art at The Holly Tree Exhibition, Holly Tree,
Sun	23	10am–4 pm
Thu	27	Monday Morning Club Film Evening, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
Sat	29	Hempton Christmas Bazaar, Hempton Church Hall, from 11am

WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

A new goal post and net have been set up on the edge of the field for those who just want to kick a ball around. Hopefully it will suit those who think it's fair game to break into the all-weather court, doing a fair bit of damage in the process. Thanks to the Football Club for arranging the new post and net.

Lighting charges for the all-weather court have been raised from £2.00 per hour to £2.50 per hour, effective September 2008. This reflects the rising cost of electricity which we are all facing.

And also, in our ever-increasing energy conscious days, comments have been made about the Windmill security lights being on at night. At present they are on a time clock, and this is obviously done to deter vandalism – an ongoing problem at the all-weather court. But we are looking again at the balance between security and energy-saving. Lights activated by movement may be the answer.

MR

MUSICAL NOTES

After the flurry of musical activity during the Festival, this month there are just two concerts to comment on.

On 26 July, a recently formed London choir, Illuminations, gave us a varied evening of choral music entitled 'Sacred and Profane'. Under their respected conductor, Richard Crossland, this concert included music from the medieval period to the present day, contrasting, for example, Orlando Gibbon's setting of 'The Silver Swan' with one by Miriam Mackie, the founder of the choir. This artifice, though interesting, did not necessarily lead to a cohesive programme. The choir's voices blended well and achieved good dynamic contrasts, though intonation and attack were not always precise. Stephen Power delighted in making our church organ produce exquisite sounds in his organ interludes by Handel and Elgar.

A very different evening followed on 13 September. Four young Oxfordshire singers, the Crown Quartet, presented a medley of operatic masterpieces from Mozart to Puccini. Each had their share of solos, there were famous duets from Bizet's *Carmen* and Delibes' *Lakmé* and a splendid Verdi quartet from *Rigoletto*. Their powerful, well-trained voices filled the church to the rafters with glorious sound. Stephen Nash acquitted himself well in the taxing task of coaxing what should have been waves of orchestral sound out of our small church piano.

Neither of these concerts was well attended. This was a pity, for Deddington Church is ideally suited for singing and good music was on offer for low cost. Why? Were they not well advertised, were there rival attractions (like the Last Night of the Proms on 13 September), or is it that our village is just not interested in this sort of event? Feedback, please, through DN letters, or to me personally.

On a personal note, I return to conduct the Radcliffe Orchestra in a concert of English music (Vaughan Williams, Holst's *Planets* and a new composition of mine) 8 November, 7.45pm, Tingewick Hall, John Radcliffe Hospital.

Donald Lane, 337199

NEW WEB PAGE

The Deddington News website has a new page, 'Deddington at Large', which has three aims: to feature news of ex-Deddingtonians, whether their absence is temporary or permanent; as well as articles written by them, and by present-day residents where the content is not Deddington specific. Our first contributions are by Walter Meagher, now in Mexico, whose article on 'Butterfly Defences' was trailed in last month's DN; and Ruth Johnson on the Second World War Land Girls (of whom we have a very modest local member in our midst, now the proud recipient of the recently awarded Land Army badge). Other contributions to this page gratefully received!

Warriner Choral Society

(Musical Director Martin Quinn)

present

THREE JOYFUL WORKS

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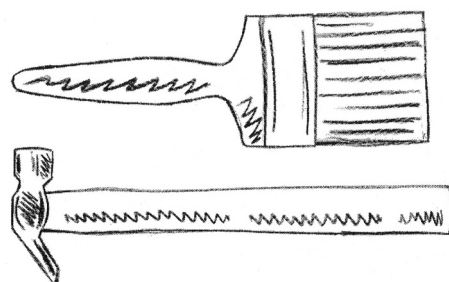
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CALLING ALL CLUBS

1st Deddington Guides

We rounded off the summer term with stream-walking on a lovely warm evening. The guides had a great time exploring and getting soaked. We warmed up with soup and a game of rounders.

We would like to thank June and Robert Stilgoe for their hospitality during summer camp. We and their cat, Spike, had a wonderful time! Spike spent the time with us sleeping on the guides' sleeping bags, sitting by the flagpole and joining us for meals and activities.

We were lucky with the weather and learned many campcraft skills, explored the old paper mill and loved the farmhouse kitchen when we were invited for mugs of hot chocolate and plates of biscuits. It was refreshing to immerse ourselves fully in the outdoors and learn a little more of life on a farm. Some of the guides even had a ride on the combine harvester.

Now we're back to a more indoor programme with many exciting events and activities ahead.

Our thought for the month: make us not like porridge, thick and stodgy, but like corn flakes – crisp and ready to serve!

Maggie Rampley 01295 810068

Marian Trinder 340806

Photographic Society

At the August meeting, Kath Morris of Sobell House Hospice showed a finished copy of the Sobell House 2009 Calendar, and thanked the Society for their contributions – all the photographs in the Calendar had been taken and supplied by members. This was followed by a mini-workshop in which one of our members, Simon Lutter, gave a practical demonstration of the various techniques that can be used in Photoshop to create black and white photographs from colour images. He also showed a number of different options to improve the creativity of the photographs in quite dramatic and extraordinary ways.

The meeting concluded with a review of the arrangements for the forthcoming exhibition of members' photographs at Deddington Church on Saturday 25 October. Free admission, so please come along and see our efforts.

John Branton, 01295 811071

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

One of the few completely dry days this summer came on Friday 15 August when the DOGS took to the links at Kirtlington Golf Club. After the golf we retreated to the Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton, for our gala summer barbecue. By all accounts all had a glorious day. Details are on DoL.

New date for the Kings Norton day: Monday 20 October 2008. Contact me for details.

David Darst, 338589

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Our bowling season has now finished, but we are holding our annual Race Night at the Royal British Legion on Saturday 11 October with the first race coming under starter's orders at 8.30 pm. All are welcome to join us for the thrill of the races without having to leave the village.

Yvonne Twomey, Hon. Secretary, 337213

Badminton Club

We have started our new season at the Windmill Centre, and are pleased to see some old and new faces. We still have junior places available; our junior club plays on Tuesdays 6.30pm–7.30pm, seniors at 7.30pm. We have a good mixture of players, so why not give it a try?

Ian Cartledge 01295 720177

Mark Tyler 338056

1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

We've started the term with several new members: Josh, Josh, Ben, William and Philip, and have said farewell to Chloe and five cubs who have moved into Scouts. When we ended the last term, the cubs had worked for and gained the adventure award and restocked the splendid planter at the Windmill Centre. Many thanks to the Windmill for the repairs to the planter. I've replaced the badge and it's a riot of busy lizzies. We joined the scouts on the last evening for a riotous game of 'vampires' in Daeda's Wood.

This term we will be trying some emergency aid, making guys for our charity collection, making paper gliders and visiting the air museum in Coventry. Our older cubs will be taking part in a survival camp at Horley.

Jo Churchyard, 338071

jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

James, Olly, Wilf, Hugo and Luca have joined us at Scouts; we hope they will enjoy their time with us.

Before we broke for the summer the scouts attended two camps. The first, aqua camp, was held at Stanton Harcourt and consisted of all things water-based. They canoed, sailed and made rafts and the weather was great. District Scout Camp followed (the weather was just as good), held at Horley; they took part in basic scouting skills and a cookery competition. At both camps our scouts were a pleasure to be with; they were polite, keen and funny and a credit to the troop.

This term we'll be making a racing trolley, comparing hike stoves, doing odd things with food and getting lost on night hikes.

Pete Churchyard, 338071

CALLING MORE CLUBS

Young Leaders

Three of our older Scouts – Ben, Sam and Jordan – who have moved into the Explorers are staying with the group as Young Leaders with the Cub section. They have already proved invaluable at camp and they are very popular with the cubs. As Explorers, they will be able to join in any activities organised by other units in the district, as well as dreaming up some of their own. At the moment they are creating a plan of the named houses in the parish for one of their awards. We hope to publish and distribute it in the near future.

Does anyone have an unwanted laptop? We need to update our computer at the Windmill. We would like to set up our own website, but I don't have a clue where to start and any help would be appreciated.

Jo Churchyard, 338071
jochurchyard@hotmail.com

1st Deddington Brownies

After the long summer break it has been great to return to Brownies. We welcome several new members and hope they will enjoy being with us. A few girls have moved on to Guides this term and we wish them well. We will be completing our 'Out and About' badge in the next few weeks – packing a rucksack for a walk and learning to use a compass. We are also taking on a major project that should last us for the year! As part of Girl Guiding UK we will be involved in 'Island Cafe', raising money for one of our branch associations in Anguilla. They wish to establish an Internet cafe where girls and young women can meet and socialise in a safe and secure girl-only space. This will also provide space for study and homework clubs. We will be raising money for this project with a variety of tropical themed events and activities, which promise to warm up the winter months ahead. Don't forget there is a long waiting list for Brownies. If you have a daughter who will

will be 7 in the next year or two and who may like to become a Brownie, it would be good to get their name on the list now! Please contact Brown Owl, Anne Kent, on the 1stDeddingtonowls@hotmail.co.uk.

Lucy Squires, 338442

WI

Our speaker in September was Anne Addyman with her spectacular, large collection of Japanese kimonos. From garments for tiny children up through school age and on to those worn for everyday and special occasions, Anne said kimonos had become her passion. After showing various fabrics and how they might be worn, Anne invited two members and a male guest to be dressed in the full regalia of Japanese dress. Once tightly fitted at the waist they became immediately elegant and with the decorative cummerbunds and packs at the back we could appreciate how lovely they would look. Members and guests enjoyed inspecting the collection and the interesting 'taste of the orient' that was shown to us.

Our Harvest (Bring and Share) Supper followed by an auction is on 14 October; and on 11 November our speaker is Adrian Williams on 'Statues and Monuments of London'.

Rene Mahony, 338438

Deddington Players

The pantomime has been decided upon. A new director waits in the wings. The drinks have been poured and the pizza cooked. It just waits for you to join us in the Windmill Centre on Saturday 11 October from 6.30 to 8.30 pm when all will be revealed! Are you interested in taking part in this year's pantomime? Then come along to find out what is involved, see the script and meet some of the previous participants. No commitment is required. This is your chance to find out more.

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CALLING MORE CLUBS

Following on from this sociable evening, auditions for this year's pantomime will be held on Sunday 2 November at 4pm at the Windmill Centre. This is the one not to miss if you fancy taking to the stage in January.

The pantomime will be at the Windmill Centre on 22–24 January 2009. Please put the date in your diaries and we hope to see you there.

Lucy Squires, 338442

Deddington Town Football Club

First Team Results:

13.09.08 Wroxton Sports (h)
L 1–8 Fleming, J

Reserve Team Results:

06.09.08 Steeple Aston Reserves (h)
W 3–2 Hall (2), Gibbs
13.09.08 Heyford Athletic Reserves (a)
W 2–1 Gibbs, Hovard

Forget summer; make way for everyone's favourite season – football season! The pre-season grind is over, and we are down to what we all came for. The season kicked off on 6 September, although the ridiculous deluges mean that the First Team are a game behind. They had what we hope can be described as a one-off aberration, collapsing 8–1 to Wroxton Sports. They are currently trying to get a lot of new and young players to gel, so time will tell.

The Reserves have made a fantastic start with two wins out of two, due in no small part to some awesome performances from Matty Gibbs and Jack Cumming. Simon Hall has contributed goals as usual, and there was a rare score from Pete Hovard! This is a tribute to the players coping with the loss of some key players promoted to the First Team. Keep that support coming!

First team manager: Steven Fleming
(07817 956428)

Reserve team managers: Aaron Bliss
Tim Spencer (07969 886247)

75 Club Winners

22.08.08 J. Keys £100
29.08.08 S. Fleming £50
05.09.08 S. Fleming £50
12.09.08 A. Perring £50

Aaron Bliss, 07969 886247

Deddington Art Group

Town Hall, Thursdays 10 am–4 pm. We have had a busy month and those who have been on holiday have returned. Our rent will increase soon and we need sponsors who will buy pictures to make up the gap. Please call me lunchtimes 12.30–1.30 pm.

Ken D. Wilkinson, 337256

Deddington and District History Society

Our first speaker of the season, Florence Cross, talked to us about the history of the uses of straw, which was a ubiquitous material for trades and crafts in the past. Few of us had any idea that straw came in quite such a range of sizes and varieties and had so many uses. It was an interesting piece of social history as well as an account of a once common craft.

On 8 October Tony Yelloly will speak on the 'History of the Quakers in this Area'. Religious, and political, nonconformity were once defining characteristics of Banburyshire and it will be fascinating to learn more about this subject. We shall have our AGM that evening, so if any member has a matter that they would like to see raised, would they please inform Moira Byast or me? Our speaker on 12 November will be Dr Joanne Bailey, on 'Marriage in Georgian England'. Swot up on your Jane Austen!

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

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204

Moira Byast (Secretary) 338637

Deddington Colts

The Colts have just started the 2008–09 season and have entered eight teams in the Witney and District League, plus one Under-16 team in the Oxford Invitation League. After the usual frantic organisation setting things up, the football can now get underway. The club is run by a volunteer committee and has managers and coaches dedicated to helping the players. We are always open for volunteers who would like to be involved in whatever way they think they can help. The teams are also open for new players to come along during the season.

We would like to thank our sponsors for the season who are:

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Under-16s: Elite Windows & Conservatories Ltd

If you would like to join in or have any questions, please contact me.

Mike Watling, Secretary, 337310

We are already planning for Festival 2009 when we are going to try

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something new. The proposal for next year is to organize the ever-growing programme into two blocks which will reduce pressure on volunteers and make attendance more manageable. Keen followers will have noted that our organization was presciently established as Deddington *Festivals*.

The classical concert will stay in its usual June slot and the family day, including Deddington Fun and Deddington Rocks, will move to August Bank holiday weekend.

Other events, like the Art and Craft exhibitions and Poetry Please, will be attached to one of these dates according to what best suits the nature of the event and the wishes of their organizers. We are also considering ways to build on the Deddington Writers' Group Competition, perhaps by holding a dedicated presentation evening for the winners.

Please keep an eye on our website at www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk for regular updates and information on plans for 2009.

If anyone would like to become involved in the festival organization, please let the Secretary know on 338325 or by email to eileenandersonuk@yahoo.co.uk.

One way to help is by becoming a Friend of Deddington Festival. The Friends now number over 100 and are an invaluable source of financial and organizational support. The modest membership fee is used to finance the many activities on offer. Please join us if you can and receive regular newsletters and an invitation to the annual Friends' Pre-Festival Reception. FDF contact: Sue Goddard, 338122.

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Summer Holiday Activities

About 40 children attended this year's Holiday Activities in the Church on each of three Thursdays, so this event, now in its seventh year, is as popular as ever. Miraculously we had good weather and were able to play outside again in Castle House garden, by kind permission of the Pleydell-Bouveries, as well as in the churchyard. Everyone enjoyed the usual indoor workshops and especially appreciated the return of the Bladon Junior Church with their drama workshop. Christine Blennotoft kindly invited us to the swimming pool in her garden for our final picnic – a memorable ending to this year's event. We owe huge thanks to the 30 adults and 8 teenagers who helped.

Jane Green



Unsolicited testimonial! At the end of an article about local recipes, including Deddington Pudding Pie (<http://bakingforbritain.blogspot.com/> – see p. 5), the writer says: 'Deddington has the most comprehensive and exhaustive website of local information that I have ever come across during my web research. If you have any interest in learning more about the town and its history, then I do urge you to take a good look at www.deddington.org.uk'.

One of the pleasures of this country is that provided you don't incite anybody to crime, you can disagree with government and regulators and tell as many people as you like. Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park is well known for its cranks and a truly impressive list of speakers who used it to tell the world of injustices and errors by those who seek to regulate us. It has no entry requirements, no rules, no class restrictions; no timetable and no agenda. Turn up, listen, and say whatever you want. Try the Forum on your village website: it's our own Speakers' Corner: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/forum/>.

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