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What with the national Census Day in March, the Royal Wedding in April, and Referendum Day in May, social historians of the future will have much to browse over. But no street parties in Deddington on 29 April? Are we all anti-monarchist, happy to see the wedding of William and Kate on the box or down the pub, or go to the allotment instead? Closer to home, the annual Parish Meeting takes place on 4 May when an open discussion will take place on potential residential housing developments in Deddington.

DIARY MAY

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| Sun | 1 | British Legion: Barbecue from 2pm |
| Tue | 3 | Bowls Club: First match of outdoor season against Banbury Borough, Windmill Centre, 6.15pm |
| Wed | 4 | Photographic Society: Chris Palmer, 'Order Out of Chaos, How Great Photographers use their Skills', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 4 | Annual Parish Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Thu | 5 | Referendum Voting Day, Windmill Centre 7am–10pm |
| Fri | 6 | Lyra Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 7 | Bowls Club: Cake and plant stall under the Town Hall, 9am |
| Mon | 9 | Monday Morning Club: AGM and coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon |
| Tue | 10 | WI: Resolutions, followed by PC Miller, Holly Tree, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 11 | History Society: Juri Trede, 'Romans', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 11 | PFSU: Informal parents' evening, 7–9pm |
| Thu | 12 | Monday Morning Club: Film Evening, <i>Scouting for Boys</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm |
| Fri | 13 | DOGS: Event at Studely Wood Golf Club, tee off 9.30am |
| Sun | 15 | PTA: Seventh Annual Deddington Walk, Windmill Centre, 10.30am |
| Wed | 18 | Parish Council meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 18 | Photographic Society: Photoshoot in Banbury with Simon Lutter, 6.45pm, members only |
| Sat | 21 | Warriner Choral Society: Concert, Bizet's <i>Carmen</i> , Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 22 | 90th Anniversary Parade of Royal British Legion, leaving War Memorial at 10.15am |
| Thu | 26 | Book Group: Call Sally Lambert on 338094 for details |
| Fri | 27 | Friends of Deddington Festival: Progressive Fund Raising lunch, for info call 337635 |
| Sat | 28 | Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm |
| Sun | 29 | Babies and Toddlers' Group: Mums and Dads' Curry Night, call Rebecca on 336298 |

(June Diary dates on p. 18)

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

20 April 2011, Holly Tree Club

The meeting, chaired by Jim Flux, was attended by only five DPC members and was just a quorum, OCClr Ray Jelf and one member of the public also attended.

Open Forum: Dr Martyn Chambers, Deddington Health Centre, raised the application that has been made to Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust to open a new dispensing pharmacy in Deddington. The rules could result in residents (all those living within 1.6km of Deddington Health Centre) having to use the new dispensary for all their prescriptions. However, a new pharmacy would be able to dispense a wide range of over-the-counter drugs that are not at the moment stocked by the Health Centre. The matter will be raised at the Parish Meeting on Wednesday 4 May and is referred to in the Planning Working Group report.

Highways: Oxfordshire County Council Highways department have responded to the several outstanding issues that were detailed in previous issues.

Speeding: Monitoring is in progress, supported by the Police and OCC, on the Hempton and Clifton Roads and Earl's Lane. On the Clifton Road 25% of westbound traffic was found to be exceeding 46mph. OCC have recalibrated monitoring kit to conform to county standards.

Postbox: The present location outside the Post Office and Co-op is recognised as unsuitable for many parishioners. A new location is proving difficult to negotiate. DPC would welcome suggestions or ideas about suitable relocation sites.

Clifton footpath: OCC have undertaken work to clear overhanging trees and bushes and widen and improve the path.

Market Place verge damage: Careless parking around the Market Place and Church Street is damaging the verges. Various remedial solutions are being investigated to protect the grass.

Planning

New Applications:

Castle Barns, Castle Street, amendment to previously approved plan, no objection.

Castle Farm Cottages, Earl's Lane, this is a re-submission after the previous application to demolish two semi-detached cottages and replace them with detached cottages and garages was turned down by CDC. DPC did not object with the following conditions: the garages must not be converted into living space and suitable materials be used in the construction.

Ithaca, Hopcraft Lane, trimming a silver birch and the felling of a cherry tree. The trimming was approved but an explanation of why an axe was being taken to the cherry tree has resulted in an objection.

Woolgrove House, Duns Tew Rd, Hempton, variation on an earlier plan, no objection.

Appeals:

Ash Cottage Chapel Close Clifton, This has been approved despite strong objections by local residents and the Parish Council.

New Pharmacy: Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust are considering an application to open a new pharmacy in Deddington. The matter will be discussed at the Parish Meeting on 4 May (see notice), and it was agreed that DPC would agree only if the dispensing services at the Health Centre remain unaffected.

New housing development Banbury Road north: This will be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting, meanwhile DPC were seeking professional advice and consulting the School and Health Centre.

Emergency Response Plan: A questionnaire will be circulated with DN to gather information about resources and vulnerability to emergencies in the Parish.

Library: £300 voted for the Library defence group for a newsletter to be printed professionally.

Castle Grounds Bench: The late Betty Hill has generously stipulated a legacy in her will to install a bench in the Castle Grounds.

Invoices agreed for payment £7,655.

Investments of £573,104 at Barclays, West Bromwich BS, Santander and Anglo Irish Bank.

Next meeting: Wednesday 18 May 2011 at the Windmill Centre



Deddington Parish Council ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Windmill Centre Lounge
Wednesday 4 May 2011 , 7.30pm

Agenda

- PC Chairman report on Council activities
- Rural Affordable Housing: Oxfordshire Rural Community Council representative
- Open discussions, including potential residential developments
- Application for new pharmacy in the village

Please come along and hear what the Parish Council has been doing on your behalf. This is your opportunity to have your say!

The notes are the view of our reporter Charles Barker and not the official minutes (see <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/pcminutes>).

Wednesday 29 June, Parish Church 6.30pm

Friends of Deddington Festival Reception

The Festival opens with a reception for the Friends of the Festival and the Champions of Deddington Rocks

Thursday 30 June, Parish Church, 7.30pm

Community Concert In Praise of Musicals

The traditional Community Concert in the Parish Church featuring a historical look at musicals down the decades, with all your favourite songs led by our village talent. Tickets: £5 (under 16s free)

Friday 1 July, Parish Church 6.30pm (Free)

Writing Competition Awards Evening

The winners of the annual Writing Competition will be announced and judges will read and comment on some of the winning entries; the evening is open to all

Saturday 2 July, Parish Church, 7.30pm

The Armed Man, Karl Jenkins, Festival Chorus and Orchestra (see the Festival website www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk for details of the workshops)

Deddington residents and members of local choral societies will be rehearsing during the day with musical director Martin Quinn. The evening concert will be a performance of Karl Jenkins' popular choral work and the orchestral *Palladio Suite*. Tickets: £10

Sunday 3 July, Unicorn Inn, 7.30pm (Free)

Open Mic Night

Tuesday 5 July, Unicorn Inn, 7.30pm (Free)

Poetry Please

The legendary John Cheney will preside over the popular and informal Poetry Please evening in the Unicorn Inn. Come and read your own poem, a

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

29 June – 10 July 2011

www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk/

favourite poem, or just enjoy listening

Wednesday 6 July 6.30pm (Free)

Clifton Farmland Walk

George Fenemore will be leading a Farmland Walk in Clifton; meet at the Duke of Cumberland's Head

Friday 8 July, Market Place from 5.00pm (Free)

Deddington Rocks

An open-air concert, starting with a children's disco and then featuring local bands the Breakfast Men, Indigo Child and the Blue Meanies, followed by the nationally acclaimed Beach Boys tribute band, Smile

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 July, Holly Tree Club, 10.00am–6.00pm

Art Exhibition

The annual exhibition of work by local artists; phone 336195 to find out how to submit your work

Saturday 9 July, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm

A Night at the Moulin Rouge

Organised by the Deddington PFSU as a fund-raising event. Party the night away with a ten-piece rock band and supper; ticket prices to be confirmed

Sunday 10 July, Parish Church, 3.00–4.30pm

Teas in Church with Live Music

Enjoy tea, homemade cakes and music in the Parish Church with guitarist Joe Newman

Sunday 10 July, Parish Church, 7.30pm

Stekpanna

Join local musician Steve Kershaw with his Russian-Anglo-Scandinavian band Stekpanna for a wonderful evening of contemporary jazz. Tickets: £10

Farmers' Market

The May Farmers' Market will be on the 28th. That will be two Bank Holiday markets in a row. That usually means a good attendance by buyers to enjoy the best of local produce. The schedule for the Deddington Parish Show has been published and I'd like to draw your attention to Section D, Photography, Class 58, 'View of Deddington Farmers' Market or farm etc. supplying the Farmers' Market'. I hope to see lots of photos of our market at the show in September.

The market is in a healthy state. There have been recent updates and additions to the equipment used for both the market and its transport and storage. We do still need more help, particularly with the take down work after each market. The team do a fantastic job in all weathers and without them the market won't function. What did you do for the market, daddy?

Paul Drawmer paul@drawmer.net

FIRE SERVICE

We have had a very quiet month with only 11 fire calls: five were standbys to other stations, four false alarms and two road traffic collisions. One of the RTCs involved a car and a van; the crews had to use hydraulic cutting gear to remove the door to extract the casualty, who luckily had only minor injuries.

By contrast we have been busy with new recruits; we have had four enquiries from people interested in joining us, and we could find ourselves with a maximum complement of firefighters. Our present Station Manager Gary Mattingley is on the move, off to the warmer climates of Abingdon, and we all wish him well. At present I am not sure who his replacement will be. Please have a look at the new notice board under the Town Hall; it has all our contact details and latest fire safety campaigns.

Chris Fenemore, Watch Manager 338281

PTA

The PTA wheels are whizzing along in preparation for our next big event – the 7th Annual Deddington Walk on Sunday 15 May. This year's exciting theme is 'Can You Rise to the Challenge?' Our marshals will be out and about on our new route handing out more of our infamous trump cards together with a few surprises; make sure you are there to collect the brand new set. Once again we will be starting from the Windmill Centre where sizzling hot bacon butties will await you on arrival. On completion of the walk more food, a bar and entertainment will be laid on for your enjoyment back at the Windmill Centre. Please remember to book early to secure a free food voucher. We hope for lovely warm sunshine in which to bask after walking off all those calories. Entry forms are available by phoning 338468, emailing info@deddingtonchallenge.co.uk or by downloading a form from our updated website – www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk. As usual, there will be three levels of walk: a toddler trail, a family walk or a challenging 12-mile hike, so there is something for all ages. The walk is *not* restricted to school children – anyone can come along and join in the fun. We look forward to welcoming you.

Finally, another reminder that our school fete will be held on Saturday 18 June. It is shaping up to be a bigger and better event than usual with new attractions. More details next month.

Janet Watts 337135

Referendum Day, 5 May

For many people in the UK, Thursday 5 May 2011 is Election Day, not a general election, but for some members of district or parish councils. Not for us in Deddington, though. Instead, in common with the rest of the UK, we are being asked to vote in a referendum on the future voting system for electing Members of Parliament at Westminster. The question to be voted on is:

'At present, the UK uses the "first past the post" system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. Should the "alternative vote" system be used instead?'

The details of the two systems are laid out in a booklet which every household should have received. Is the alternative system fairer, but is it more complicated? This is not a party political issue; the 'yes' and 'no' camps straddle all political parties. To find out more information, go to www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or call 0800 3280 280.

This is the first time we have been asked for our views on changing the national voting system, so it would be a shame to waste the opportunity. The issue is not really grabbing the country right now, but the outcome is important. Our polling station is the Windmill Centre between 7am and 10pm.

MR

Please note: The Saturday opening times given in the ad for Nicholson's Nurseries are wrong: they should be 9am to 12 noon, not 9am to 4pm.





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Down on the Farm

So it's back to record-breaking weather. The experts say we have just experienced the driest March for 50 years and the warmest April for 100 years, but we are not alone as some of the major crop-growing countries in the world are also experiencing weather-related difficulties. The southern states of the USA are already in the grip of a prolonged drought, while the northern states are too wet to plant the spring crops, so we could be in for some interesting times on the world food front. Here, the crops are beginning to show some drought stress and the only place the grass is showing any real growth is on the lawn. Oil seed rape is now in flower but we shall need some good steady rain to get the pods to fill out.

Despite the annual complaints about the 'yellow peril', OSR has become one of the most important crops we grow in this neck of the woods, and those who complain about being surrounded by 'the stuff' should take a look in their weekly shopping baskets and remember that the vegetable oil listed on the package is actually rape oil, produced from the yellow peril. But don't stop there, take a look in the bathroom. Rape oil is used in the manufacture of soaps, shower gel, hair shampoos and tooth

pastes, shower curtains and the loo seat. Move to the dressing table and you will find that his/her repair and decoration kits all contain vegetable oil from OSR. It is also used in the manufacture of the contents of the medicine cupboard. If you drive a diesel car or take the bus to do your shopping, the yellow peril has a hand in that as well, to say nothing of the plastic bag you bring your purchases home in. So, not bad for a small but much maligned yellow flower.

The bees have all been sorted out and are hard at work and it will soon be time to get the honey extractor into action. The ewes and lambs are all back on the river meadows and the lambing paddocks will soon be 'shut up' for haymaking. The wild life crops have also been planted but we need

some rain to get them and the mowing grass going. The swallows returned to the farm on 4 April and we now have six pairs setting up home in the buildings. The house martins put in an appearance on the 14th of the month, so all we need to say that summer is really here are the swifts, and they can't be far behind. Has anyone heard the cuckoo yet, the feathered sort, that is? [Loud and clear in New Street on Easter weekend – Ed.]

George Fenemore 338203



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		6.30pm	Evensong
Mon	2	6.30pm	Eucharist: George
Tue	3	6.30pm	Eucharist: Mark
Wed	4	10.00am	Eucharist: Philip & James
Thu	5	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	8	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (with healing prayer)
Wed	11	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	12	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	15	10.30am	Eucharist (Baptisms)
		3.30pm	Free Spirit (for 4pm)
Wed	18	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	19	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	22	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Eucharist
Wed	25	10.00am	Eucharist (with healing prayer)
Thu	26	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	29	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Tue	31	6.30pm	Eucharist: Visitation

St John's Hempton

Sun	1	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	15	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	22	6.00pm	Evensong
Sun	29	10.30am	Rogation Service Calcott Farms, Hempton

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Sun	1	10.30am	Eucharist BStM
Sun	8	10.30am	Family Service BStM
Sun	15	10.30am	Family Service BStM
Sun	22	4.00pm	Evensong BStM
Sun	29	4.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) BStJ

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

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sundays at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton

Sun 22 May 10.30am: Geoff Lee

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Fr John Burns 277396

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

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

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

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

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

The Tastebuddies Eat at The Unicorn Inn

The Tastebuddies lunch out every two months to assess local pubs and restaurants within a 20-mile radius of Deddington. We hope you will find our observations useful.

Where? The Unicorn Inn, Market Place, Deddington OX15 0SE, tel: 338838.

Food served: Monday to Saturday 12–2.30pm and 6–9pm; Sundays 12–3pm and 5–8pm.

Cost: Average cost of starters £5; main course £12; desserts £5.

Are they pleased to see you?

The service in the restaurant was good, but we felt that the front-of-house welcome could have been better.

Is the restaurant attractive?

The pub has been recently renovated and offers a family-friendly and inviting environment. There is an attractive terrace for outside dining and a cosy

area with sofas for drinks and bar meals, as well as a separate room for family gatherings or private parties.



Was the cooking good?

The menu was varied and had something to appeal to everyone, including vegetarians. Our starters included a baked Camembert and an excellent crab risotto, and our main courses were sea bass, ham, egg and chips and a first-rate fish and chips (lovely crispy chips!). For dessert we shared an indulgent but not too heavy chocolate dish.

The house wine was good and there was an adequate list of reasonably priced wine by the bottle.

Good value for money?

We felt that it was very good value for money. This was excellent pub food at reasonable prices.

Would we go again?

Yes – and again and again.



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‘Books besieged by a great many powerful embattled enemies’ Tolkien at Deddington Library, December 1956

The following is an extract from a newspaper article unearthed by Helen Oldfield in the archives of the *Banbury Advertiser*, 19 December 1956.

“Nowadays books are besieged by a great many powerful embattled enemies, some of whom have been strongly entrenched, and to be here at the opening of a strong point from which troops can be sent out against those enemies is a great honour.” Any schoolboy who noticed a similarity between those words spoken by Prof. J.R.R. Tolkien at the opening of the Deddington Branch Library and an adventure story he had recently heard would not be far wrong. For Prof. Tolkien is the author of *The Lord of the Rings*, a remarkable fairy romance for which he invented 700,000 words, and which has in its three volumes been broadcast extensively on the BBC schools programme. Prof. Tolkien was speaking after the official opening by Mrs. Lionel Hitchens, formerly the chairman of the Oxfordshire Education Committee.



J.R.R. Tolkien

Mind without Food

Libraries, he said, were to blame for him, because of the fascination of finding fairy stories on the same shelves as primers of the Gothic language. “Out of these things have come my books,” he said. “The wealth of books to be found here is food for the mind, and everyone knows that for the stomach to go without food for a long time is bad, but for the mind to go without food is even worse.” He concluded with a verse from one of his volumes in the musical fairy-like language that he invented.

Mobile Library

The library will also be the headquarters of a brand new Austin 3-ton library truck which will carry 2,000 books around the Deddington area, including villages within a 10-mile radius. Arrangements for the visit of the mobile library to villages are not completed yet due to petrol rationing.’

Two aspects of the above extract are striking: Mrs Lionel Hitchens appears to be a more important personage than Tolkien who clearly at this time hadn’t achieved his cult status; and the petrol rationing was a temporary measure as fuel was in short supply fol-

lowing the Suez Crisis in November 1956. Even in times of national austerity, the opening of a branch library is significant enough to go ahead. How times have changed!

Tolkien Letters

Two letters from Prof Tolkien relating to his visit are still in existence, one accepting the invitation to speak ‘though I dislike talking (in this sense), lecturing, or addressing a gathering’ and the second after the opening in which he speaks of being ‘depressed at my wretched and inadequate performance. I do not think it could merit any fee and I should feel it much more suitable that I should present a volume to the Deddington Library in memory of a pleasant occasion ... a copy of my next work (if any), supposing that it seemed worthy of or suitable for inclusion?’ Sadly no such volume has come our way.

We have copies of these letters; the originals were lent to OCC Museum Service in 2000 for an exhibition in Oxford of the Inklings, a group of literary enthusiasts who encouraged the writing of fantasy. We are in touch with OCC in an attempt to trace the letters and have them returned – so far without success. We’ll keep you posted, as they say ...

MR

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Solar Panels in Deddington

Windmill Centre going green

The Parish Council is installing a rack of 50 photovoltaic solar panels on the south-facing roof of the Windmill Centre. The installation, which will generate electricity for the Centre, is being carried out under the government's Clean Energy Cash Back Scheme; it qualifies for feed-in and export tariffs which are locked in for 25 years, and are adjusted for cost of living.

The PC will retain ownership of the panels to ensure that it receives the tariffs. This means that the PC is responsible for the insurance once installed. A risk assessment will be completed by Cllrs Alan Collins and Jim Flux.

Is this the first real 'green' action the PC has taken? At last?

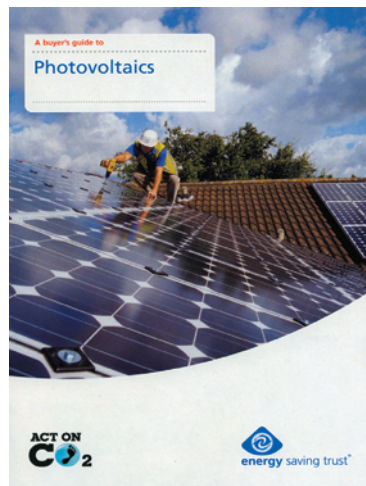
Domestic households

A recent presentation at CDC by the Energy Savings Trust on photovoltaic installation and feed-in tariffs succeeded only in submerging the audience in facts and figures. The EST has, however, published a leaflet entitled, not surprisingly, 'A Buyer's Guide to Photovoltaics' in which all is clearly laid out. To get hold of a copy, phone free on 0800 512012 or visit energysavingtrust.org.uk. A more general guide, 'A Buyer's Guide to Renewable Energy' is available from the same source.

What most householders in the audience were interested in knowing was what CDC planning policy is on solar panel installation

in a conservation area. Cllr George Reynolds, the portfolio holder for Environment, said there was 'little flexibility'. Applications were dealt with on an ad hoc basis and applicants need to talk to CDC planners. 'Environment' is, apparently, pressing 'Planning' to come up with guidelines for householders. Watch this space – does the phrase 'fiddling while Rome burns' come to mind?

This was the view of the CDC Design and Conservation Team in March 2009: 'Solar panels and photovoltaics are not necessarily non-starters for listed buildings or conservation areas if they can be located away from the roof facing the public domain (for example on an inner facing slope, on an outbuilding or free-standing in the back garden).' Let's see if Environment are successful in their bid to get them to update their thinking. In the meantime, English Heritage has a leaflet 'Small Scale Solar



For the technically minded:

The 50 panels will cost £30,960.74 including VAT at 5% (£1,474.32) which the PC can claim back. So the cost to the Parish is £29,486.42.

The annual output has been estimated at 8336 kWh. Via the feed-in tariff, this will bring in 36p for every kWh generated whether it is fed into the grid or used in the Windmill: £3,000.96. Plus, via the export tariff, 3p

for every kWh not used on the property. It is assumed that this will be 50%: £125.

So, the total benefit to the PC for the electricity generated is £3,125.96 per annum for 25 years against a capital expenditure of £29,486.42. The payback time is 9.4 years. This will give the PC a more favourable return (8%) on their capital than from savings accounts.



Electric (Photovoltaics) Energy and Traditional Buildings' available from <http://www.englishheritage.org.uk/content/publications/docs/49357-solarelectric.pdf>.

Several Deddingtonians who live outside the conservation area have already installed photovoltaic panels on their property and we hope to bring you the experience of one of them shortly. If anyone within the conservation area has successfully done battle with CDC we would love them to share the experience with us. Do get in touch.

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Friends of Deddington Festival Lunch

Last month we announced our fund-raising lunch. This is a reminder for all those who missed the first invitation. The Festival will soon be in full swing, but before that we have a festival taster – a three-course lunch.

We move to a different house in the village for each course (transport provided for those not wishing to walk). You dine well and also give much-needed help to the festival funds, all for £25. The date is 27 May, so book now. Contact Elspeth Cox on 337635 or elspethcox@waitrose.com

Fatal Accident on Clifton Road

A 16-year-old boy from Kidlington died after a car collided with his moped on the Clifton Road about 9pm on Friday 15 April. Thames Valley Police said an Audi A6, driven by a 52-year-old man from Banbury, collided with the stationary Aprilia bike. The boy was taken to the Horton in Banbury but died from his injuries. The Audi driver was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving; both he and his passenger were unhurt. Police have appealed for witnesses.

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM MAGGIE PALIN, BRITISH RED CROSS

Red Cross Appeal Week is a nation-wide annual fundraising event, during the week 1–8 May. Please be 'One in a Million' and give generously. Your help makes a real difference to the lives of vulnerable people. Red Cross has been severely stretched this year from floods in Cumbria to Pakistan, earthquakes in Chile, Haiti and Japan and working in a host of other places, trudging through snow to the needy in Scotland, or lending wheelchairs and home nursing aids, helping people home from hospital; endeavouring to give those in crisis the help they need. Local schools are being invited to 'Dress in Something Red' on Friday 6 May to encourage support and raise awareness of the good works of Red Cross.

As little as £1 can: feed a malnourished baby for a week; provide 375 litres of clean water in Pakistan; buy a bandage to teach first aid; provide six months' counselling for a child affected by conflict in Sierra Leone; buy toiletries for a family who have lost everything in a house fire. Log on to www.redcross.org.uk to see for yourself.

FROM ELEANOR GREEN, MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Do you want to be a major part of one of the UK's most successful fundraising events, the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning? We are looking for talented individuals to join the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Fundraising Team to manage this project from start to finish. This is a chance to gain fantastic skills, be part of a supportive and inspiring team and to help Macmillan improve the lives of two million people living with cancer.

We are running internships, 3–5 days a week, Monday to Friday from 4 July to 7 October 2011 in Launton, aimed at people interested in fundraising, events, PR or marketing and those wanting to move into the charity sector. If you are interested, visit www.macmillan.org.uk/internships or contact Eleanor Green (322279, or egreen@macmillan.org.uk).

FROM PAT BRITTAIN, DIANA AND HUGH MARSHALL, DEDDINGTON

Last year £13.2 million was raised in Christian Aid Week (though not all of it in Deddington) to make a real impact on global poverty. This year we hope to raise our contribution to £2,500 if everyone who can do so helps.

Please be ready when the volunteer collector calls in CAW 15–22 May, and greet him or her with a smile and a generous contribution in the red Christian Aid Week envelope. On behalf of the people whose lives could be changed, thank you.



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FROM KRISTIN THOMPSON, THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON

In a village that has been here since at least the 7th century and houses indigenous families and long-time residents, it's perhaps a bit uppity to make a song and dance about my scant 16 years as a Deddingtonian. But I'm old and need to croak and caper while I can.

I want to say thank you for all the positive pleasures of living here. To begin with negatives. Deddington isn't wildly wealthy or flashily fashionable. (I'd have been long gone if it were.) It's no latter-day Eden, no silver-set stone, no demi-paradise. But ditch John of Gaunt's death-bed hyperbole and he had the nous to appreciate Deddington's more grounded qualities – friendship, a concern for others that doesn't smother, an innovative vitality that leads to achievement. The village list of activities is awesome and residents become involved – or not, as they choose. Candidate or Candide, the community imposes no norm.

During my 16 years, the village has (and apologies for omissions*): planted a wood, mapped its past, saved its Public Library (in 1997 and now again?), inaugurated a Local History Society and a Farmers' Market, created its own websites, forged ties with church communities in South Africa and Sweden, recorded and published booklets on local wildlife, started a Festival of the Arts and revived the Parish Show, researched the history of its armed services, been successful in the Village of the Year competition, renovated allotments, renewed its Parish Church roof, corralled local talent for the annual pantomime and other theatrical productions, hosted concerts, played sports at the Windmill Centre, installed IT to broadcast church services, formed youth groups, written, painted, sung and crafted, tentatively welcomed the 'green' revolution, cared for the elderly, supported national and local charities and unobtrusively helped those in trouble. Our Primary and Nursery Schools flourish, with strong parental support. The PC and PCC, the *DN* and a long list of clubs and organisations continue to find people willing to serve. Established shops, restaurants and hostelrys interact with village life.

Does the above sound smug? There is a sense of reality here that pre-empts prolonged navel gazing and there are too many individual spirits to allow for a congress of saints. Thank heaven for the vitality of differences and opposed opinions. Thank heaven also for the genuine kindness that walks the streets. Illness, a flat tyre, a snowbound driveway – someone materialises and quietly helps.

[*Can *DN* readers supplement this list? It's good to be reminded of just what a special place it is that we live in – *Ed.*]

News from Clifton

Lucy Sydenham has followed a long Clifton tradition of endurance athletes (Cath, Linda and Iron Man Mayo) by competing in the London Marathon (results next month). I'm sure many of you would love to reflect the great effort made during months of training by supporting her fundraising for the Multiple Sclerosis Society through her website: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LucieSydenham>.

Here you will join the Book Club which sponsored a sweepstake for her time with all proceeds going to Lucy's charity. Speaking of the Book Club, there is something of a wrangle going on. It appears some of the MemSaabs who have recently started a Book Club of their own have moved in on the traditional meeting night. Now some of us are all for supporting the ladies in bettering themselves by reading books but they don't take the task at all seriously. They flit from book to book, sometimes not even finishing it before a brief chat and on to the Chardonnay. Contrast this with a fine body of people who read and re-read the work. They challenge the findings, checking and re-checking the author's verdict until they are all confident they have the subject very well understood. This conflict has led to the Clifton Book Club writing a book of their own! Yes, in these times of threat to the literary fabric of the parish, here are people keen to add to the scope of the written word available to us all. It's all a bit hush-hush at the moment as serialisation rights are under negotiation, but I hope to bring you more details very soon. Can't wait, did I hear you say?

Martin DNBryce@aol.com

PRIMARY SCHOOL

The month of May is a quiet time at school due to Year 2 and 6 taking their end of Key Stage SATs and the rest of the school taking Optional SAT assessments. Therefore the school's contribution to this publication this month is a review of our production of *The Wizard of Oz* by some members of Year 4.

'We were very lucky to see Deddington Primary School's production of *The Wizard of Oz*. We thought it was a very first-class play. We thought that Dorothy (Heather Rumsby) was astounding, we thought the lion (Monty Ng) was hilarious and the scarecrow (Angus Sinclair) and the tinman had fantastic voices. All the actors were extremely realistic and emotional. The lyrics were very well spoken – you could hear all the words! We thought the production of the show, from the dancing to the acting, the costumes to the make-up, the singing to the props, was excellent. This play was the greatest play yet out of all our plays. Overall we thought it was an extraordinarily "wizard" production!'

Reviewed by: Harry Turberfield, Patrick Mitchell, Archie Sinclair, Theo Smith and Dan Turner (Year 4).

Jane Cross, Deputy Head



News from Hempton

I start with two apologies resulting from last month's issue: Jean Rudge's email address should read jeanlrudge@hotmail.com. The 'l' in the middle is most important. Also her phone number is 338110. In my Well Remembered column I reported that Angela and Ray Sones were married in Christ Church in Banbury, when in fact they were married in Reading. Congratulations to Heather and John Nason of Little Barn on becoming grandparents to Chloe, born to their daughter Laura and Steve, also to Kath and David Morris of Netherhill on the son born to their daughter Pippa and Nicholas.

The new doors in the Church are in place and make a big difference to both Church and hall. They can be opened up for large services or social functions. The Church is open every day during British Summer Time. It is proposed to have the doors dedicated by the Bishop of Dorchester at the Ascension Day Service on Thursday 2 June. More details in next month's issue. The Friends of the Church have spent all their money on this project, plus a generous grant from Oxfordshire Historic Churches. A new heating system is now needed, plus other work our architect says needs doing on a five-year time scale. Fundraising will be needed and, as subscriptions are now due, any donations will be most welcome. They can be sent to our Treasurer, Mavis Barton, at 23 St John's Way or to me at 4 The Lane. Subscriptions are £5 minimum per family; many thanks in advance. In addition to the regular services in May there will be a Rogation Day service on Sunday 29 May at 10.30am at College Farm on the Duns Tew Road, by kind permission of Leah and Jim Calcutt. Everyone is welcome.

Les Chappell 338054



The Wizard of Oz

The musicals put on by the staff and children of the Primary School seem to get better and better.

The Wizard of Oz gave us an evening of pure pleasure and it was obvious that the audience's delight was shared by the cast. The music was impeccably timed and the little voices mastered it smoothly. The four main characters formed a beguiling quartet, bringing back the magic of the old story. The discipline and commitment of the dozens of players and singers was remarkable on and off the stage and here it is the school staff who must be congratulated. Doing exactly what one is told and still having fun is not easy but the children appeared to do both, thanks to many rehearsals run by talented and patient people. In all, a lovely performance. I look forward to the next one.

Molly Neild 337719

PFSU and Village Nursery

As I write this the children are enjoying their Easter holiday club, which we are running right through the holiday for the first time this year. The end of the spring term saw the Nursery children enjoying an Easter bonnet parade and the PFSU children having fun searching for Easter eggs around the garden. We also made cards and gifts for Mother's Day, and enjoyed the early spring sunshine! We have been lucky enough to obtain a grant for the Nursery garden and now have a fantastic new canopy, a soft play surface and new swings and slide. We will be celebrating with a family tea on 19 May from 4 to 6pm, at the Nursery, at which everyone is welcome. Next term the PFSU children will be learning about minibeasts and the Nursery children will be finding out about 'people who help us'. Our fundraising Moulin Rouge party event (for adults) will be held on Saturday 9 July. Please put the date in your diary and join us if you can.

Lucy Squires 337484



DN CONTACTS LIST

The DN Contacts leaflet will now be published annually as a loose insert to accompany the September issue. As usual it will contain details of Club Contacts, the Good Neighbour list and outside Helplines. Additional copies will be made available.

Deddington 'Making History'

A forthcoming edition of the BBC Radio 4 programme 'Making History' will feature Ann Heymans (descendant of the Deddington Appletree family of Castle House), Civil War historian Mark Stoyle of Southampton University and Chris Day, Chairman of the Deddington Local History Society, discussing the impact of the Civil War on North Oxfordshire families in general and on the Appletrees especially.

Thomas Appletree (d.1666) was a prominent and active Parliamentarian, but one whose family and friends included Royalist Catholics. Did he take the opportunity of official appointments to plunder his family and neighbours, or was he perhaps a double agent – after all, he was pardoned by Charles II? To find out the answer, or to make an educated guess from several possible answers, make sure to tune in to the programme. We don't have the transmission date yet for this particular programme in the series 'Making History' which goes out on Radio 4, Tuesday afternoons at 3pm. If it is scheduled before the next published *DN* we'll flag it up via the *DN* website (www.deddingtonnews.co.uk) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/deddingtononline).

BBC TV programmes featuring Deddington – the History of the Apple which includes the Deddington Pippin, and the Antiques Road Trip show on the Antiques Centre – still have not been transmitted, as far as we know.

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The Deddington Challenge
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Sunday May 15th

Enjoy the kids "collectables" hunt, BBQ, bouncy castle, & bar. Tickets - adult £7, family - £17.50. Book early to secure free food

Great new route!

For further details, contact Heather on 01869 338468, email info@deddingtonchallenge.co.uk or visit www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk

Organised by Deddington PTA (reg charity number 1052715). All proceeds to local Deddington Youth Projects.

ON THE ALLOTMENT

There are two main cultivation jobs you need to keep on top of in May. First, keep the weeds at bay by hoeing off the small seedlings. This dry weather is perfect for hoeing the weeds as they will dry out and will not have a chance to recover.

The other cultivation job outdoors is to thin out carrots and parsnips. Before you do this, water the seeds well as this will help you pull them out without breaking the roots, as the smell would attract the carrot fly. Aim to leave the seedlings 2–4cm apart. If you want to put a barrier round your carrots the height should be 45cm, as adult insects only fly below this; alternatively cover them with horticultural fleece. Bob Flowerdew has used tyres in his vegetable patch if you're looking for an alternative barrier.

If May is dry, it is a good idea to soak your seed drill before sowing and then just water with a fine rose after.

If your plants are large enough, you can plant out brussels sprouts, summer cabbage, celery, celeriac and leeks now. With leeks, a good rule of thumb is to get the seedling about as thick as a pencil.

'Easter is the traditional potato planting time. If you have a comfrey bed and it has sprung back, the first cut laid in the trench under the potatoes will provide nutrition to get the potatoes off to a good start. Comfrey tea will also help to have a great crop of potatoes. Many novice growers wonder why they have small crops of

potatoes and most often this is just down to lack of food for this hungry crop' (Allotment.org.uk).

In this dry April thin the crop to encourage big gooseberries.

Samantha Willis

samanthawillis@gmail.com

WELL REMEMBERED –

DERRICK ELSEY

Derrick moved to Mackley Close from London after retiring from a career in engineering, to live with his newly widowed sister Peggy in 1988. They both made new lives for themselves in Deddington with their springer spaniel, Charlie, who Derrick loved to walk, meeting other people to chat. Derrick had many interests, music of many styles, from jazz to fairground organ music, photography, steam engines, trains and politics – which he liked to debate with anyone who would listen. When his sister died in a car accident, Derrick had to adapt to life on his own again. He died on 25 February, exactly five years after his sister. When his health was failing, many people helped out which meant he could remain independent as long as possible. His family would sincerely like to thank everyone involved in that. It meant a great deal to Derrick and to us.


Betty Walton

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TIME ONLY AMBLES IN ENCHANTING DEDDINGTON

The second extract from an article written by S.P.B. Mais and printed in the Oxford Mail of 9 September 1955

VILLAGE SMITHY

Almost next door to Mr Bletsoe stands the village smithy presided over by Horace Tibbetts, who still, I was delighted to see, uses a hand-pumped bellows of gigantic size. He still shoes horses but his main source of income comes from his petrol pump and repairing farm implements. He showed me an exquisitely dainty wrought-iron fire-guard that he had forged 20 years ago. 'The demand for hand wrought-iron work has gone,' he said, lifting two thin rods out of the fire. 'That's what I do now, make iron chair legs for London.' Mr Tibbetts must be one of Deddington's youngest craftsmen. He is still quite a long way short of 80. And he has worked in that forge for 59 years.

In the same street lives Alfred Stanley, last of the woodcarvers who used to work for the famous firm of Franklins, who did the wood carving for Magdalen and Marlborough chapels. Alfred and his father carved the pulpit in the church with such skill that one guide-book writer was deceived into describing the work as Jacobean.

VICAR 31 YEARS

The Vicar, the Rev. Maurice Frost, like everyone else whom I met, is a character. I was disappointed at first by his extreme youth. He has, I fear, quite a few years to go before his ninetieth birthday. Mr Frost has been Vicar of Deddington for only 31 years, so he cannot be expected as yet to have got quite into the Deddington rhythm. Mr Frost may be handicapped on the score of age but he too is a man of remarkable gifts and outstanding individuality. He is a craftsman of the first order. When he first showed me 'The Shepherds' Kalendar 1956' with its 12 crystal clear medieval woodcuts printed on thick cream paper I admired it for its originality and exceptional artistry of production. It wasn't until I turned to the back and read 'Eighty copies printed privately by M.F. at Deddington Vicarage for subscribers to Deddington Church School, of which this copy is No. 14' that I realised I was in the presence of a worthy successor to William Morris.

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It wasn't until I had conned the pamphlet 'A Touchstone for This Time Present' which opens with Charles Lamb's famous toast to the memory of 'Goode Kinge Herode' and ends with the abrupt command: 'We must rayse the summe of £4,750 during ye next seven or eyght yeres' that I realised that I was in the presence of a humorist, a scholar and a first-rate beggar. I am prepared to bet that the response to the Vicar's ap-

peal that the 400-year-old church school shall continue to provide a Christian education will be indeed magnificent. When I read his irresistible appeal to his parishioners to enter into a covenanted subscription agreement for seven years or life, thereby depriving the Treasury ('the modern counterpart of Zachaeus') of incalculably large sums of taxable income I thought that Mr Frost had missed his vocation. He should be instantly promoted to the appeals organiser to the National Trust. I left his presence poorer in pocket but substantially richer in spirit, clutching my 'Shepherds' Kalendar'.



'THE WHOLE POINT'

Just before leaving the village I ran into a close friend of mine who said, rather unkindly: 'I expect you have missed the whole point of Deddington.' 'I am sure I have,' I said, 'What is it?' 'It is quite simple,' he replied. 'It is this: The families at the top, the old aristocracy who lived for centuries in the big houses, have quietly vanished. They have been succeeded by a retired admiral, a retired general, a retired major, the widow of a one time Governor of Victoria, the head of the Aluminium Company, and so on. They are all right but they have no roots here. On the other hand, the yeomen who have lived here for centuries – the Frenches, the Hopcrafts, the Stilgoes, the Calcutts and so on – are still here, still thriving.

'DIRTY AND DRUNKEN!'

'And the new stratum, the new rich who live in the new council houses that are not, as they should be, built in the heart of the village but in a separate colony on the road to Hempton, remain segregated, having neither part nor lot with us. It is an odd situation and I can't see what the future is going to bring forth.' 'So long,' I repeated, 'as the yeomen continue to flourish I really can't see any cause for worry.' One last word. 'Dirty and drunken' are the epithets applied in the old jingle to this enchanted village. I have never known a village where these adjectives have less justification.

[What a delightful reflection from 46 years ago – and how times have changed! We'd love to hear your comments. Article reproduced courtesy *Oxford Mail* (Newsquest, Oxfordshire). To see the full article and contemporary ads, go to www.deddington.org.uk/history/articles/955oxfordmail – Ed.]

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Well, it's that time of year again for the Bowls Club. It's the end of the indoor season at Woodgreen in Banbury and we now transfer to the outdoor season on our green (behind the Windmill Centre).

Our first game is against the Banbury Borough Club at home on 3 May, 6.15pm start. If anybody in the village would like to come up and have a look at us or support us, you will be most welcome. Also, if you fancy having a go then contact us on the telephone number below. We can loan bowls and shoes and tuition is available. Come on your own or with some friends, it really is a good sport once you get the basics. We look forward to seeing you. We have a homemade cake stall on 7 May at 9am under the Town Hall.

Yvonne Twomey 337213

Deddington Tennis Club

Club nights have started on Wednesdays from 6pm, also Tuesday mornings from 10am and Sunday mornings. Summer league matches have started with some good results. Please come along and talk to members if you are interested in playing.

The summer coaching programme starts in May with classes for ages three years up to adult beginners. Non-members are welcome to join the classes, but there is a discount for members. Our LTA qualified coaches run classes on Tuesday and Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Details about the club, including coaching, can be found on the club's website: www.deddingtontennis.com.

Steve Ashby 01295 263855

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

Our golfing ranks have been reduced due to ill health. Speedy recovery wishes go out to Barbara Budd, Steve Kirsopp, Mark Harper and Jackie Vaughan. We hope to see you all back on the links soon.

We held a first ever pre-season warm-up at Heythrop Park on Friday, 15 April. It was very well attended with 23 golfers coming out to brush up on their skills.

Our first scheduled event is at Studley Wood Golf Club (OX33 1BF for sat navs) on Friday 13 May 2011. Bacon rolls etc from 8.30am, first tee is 9.30. This is an 18-hole day with both team and individual competitions. Prize giving will be immediately following the round. I have ordered good weather – so no excuses for not making this event.

David Darst 338589

Deddington and District History Society

Our speaker in April was the remarkable Tony Hadland. His careers have included chartered surveying, information science, and a period in the 1970s as a disc jockey that has left him on familiar terms with some legendary rock groups of that era (Led Zeppelin and Steeleye Span caught my attention, though I fear that our members are of a higher mind than their chairman

and had come only for the talk on museums). Given the range of talks that Tony offers (everything from the history of recusancy to the history of the bicycle), I think we will be able to keep asking him back for a decade or more without repetition. On this occasion he gave us a wide-ranging overview of Oxfordshire's museums, which are astonishing in their number (40 or so at the last count) and in their variety, ranging from the world-renowned Ashmolean to small but nevertheless excellent museums such as that in our neighbour Bloxham. He offered many suggestions and words of advice on setting up and running a small local museum, leaving our members looking very thoughtful. A Museum of Deddington Life, anyone?

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11 May, when Juri Trede will talk on 'The Romans'. No-one can complain about lack of variety! The meeting will take place at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204

Moir a Byast (Secretary) 338637

Deddington Players

Following our March AGM, plans are already afoot for the 2012 pantomime. We are in the process of selecting a script and our new costume team is raring to go. We hope to move our Saturday performances a little earlier in the day in order to cater better for our younger audience members. Auditions for the show will be held in the autumn. The important dates for your diary are 19, 20 and 21 January 2012.

Lucy Squires 338442

Photographic Society

On 16 March members Valentina and Anatoli gave a workshop on the use of Adobe Photoshop. Valentina gave a practical demonstration of the various software techniques while Anatoli looked at the variety of 'add-ons' that are currently available. They concluded with an audio-visual presentation that highlighted the points made in the workshop.

At the AGM on 6 April, Chairman Philip Rigby said that membership had grown to 55 members and that there are photographic activities twice a month, usually a presentation by an outside speaker on the first Wednesday of the month and a workshop on the third Wednesday. He also noted that the Society's website is well established with an average of 220 visits each week. Treasurer John Prentice reviewed the Society's finances noting it was on a reasonably sound footing for a group formed only five years ago. Programme Secretary Bob Bell handed over his responsibilities to George Sainsbury. Members Steve Sykes and Barry Singleton then gave a personal and very interesting account of their individual journeys into photography. On 4 May Chris Palmer ARPS APAGB will give a presentation on 'Order Out of Chaos – How Great Photographers Use their Skills' and on 18 May there

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CALLING MORE CLUBS...

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is a photoshoot in Banbury led by member Simon Lutter, which is for members only. On 1 June there is a presentation by Peter Lovelock on 'Colour Management' and a workshop on 15 June, subject to be advised. Everyone is welcome, just come along to the meetings at 7.30pm in the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, and you will find us there.

John Branton 01295 811071, www.adandd.co.uk

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On 12 April Dr. Tony Maisey, 'Dr. Spare Parts', gave an interesting, and sometimes humorous, talk on the spare parts now available to us, from the hip bone and metal ball to the improvements in pacemakers, which were circulated for member to handle. The cost and effectiveness of these operations were discussed, with members making comments to Dr. Maisey. This, together with the problem of organ donation and the stem cell research now being undertaken, made for a fascinating and informative talk.

At our meeting on 10 May two resolutions will be voted on, which will be followed by talk by PC Richard Miller and a collection for Associated Country Women of the World.

Rene Mahony 338438

1st Deddington and Barford Rainbows

We started March making native American 'dream-catchers' from willow circles, wool, beads and feathers, which looked wonderful. It's amazing how different the girls' crafts look when they all have the same materials to choose from. The Fenemore family very kindly let us descend on Home Farm so that we could see the lambs, including one that was 10 minutes old. This is always a highlight in the Rainbow calendar, for the parents as well.

We sowed cress in pretty patterns and planted nasturtiums in decorated pots for Mothering Sunday. We attended the Mothering Sunday service in Deddington and the St George's Day parade in Banbury. As ever, the Rainbows were very smart and beautifully behaved - well done girls.

To finish the term we had fun at the Castle Grounds playing games, identifying wild flowers and plants and finishing with an Easter egg hunt organised on behalf of the Easter Bunny by Robin, with help from Millie and Connie. We say goodbye to Indigo, Hannah, Lilli and Phoebe, who are all off to Brownies, but will be welcoming four more girls after the Easter holidays.

Sadly, we also say goodbye to Gillian (AKA Rabbit) who is no longer able to be assistant leader due to increased work commitments. She has done a huge amount over the past few years to keep Rainbows running smoothly, with various family members helping out too, often at short notice (thank you Stoat and Mole - you know who you are). Several mums have offered to step in and take over some of the various

roles Gillian had, so my organisational skills are not going to be tested too far - thank you to them too.

If you are interested in a place for your daughter, please contact me as soon as possible - we have a very long waiting list.

Hazel Neal 337822, hmkn@sky.com

Deddington Toddler and Baby Group

What a busy few weeks we have had - and some messy ones! Our children enjoyed potting up spring plants for Mother's Day at the beginning of the month, although there was more compost on the floor than in the pots at the end of the morning! Our Easter egg hunt was also great fun. The weather was warm and dry and the children loved searching for the brightly coloured foil-wrapped chocolate goodies. They also made Easter cards and yummy chocolate nests - their chocolate covered faces a good indication that they were having fun!

We are currently planning our crafts for May and June. If anyone has any suggestions please do let us know. We are also organising a May raffle to raise funds for the group. Tickets will be £1 a strip. All donations for prizes will be gratefully received.

We thought it was time our mums and dads had a treat and so we are planning a mums/dads' curry night out for Sunday 29 May. All our mums and dads are welcome. Please let Rebecca or Anna know if you would like to come along.

If you are a mum, dad, carer or grandparent living in Deddington or the surrounding villages and look after a child aged 0 to 5 years then we would love you to come along and join us. We meet every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30am at the Windmill Centre. If you would like to know more about the group or would like to join us but are nervous about turning up without knowing anyone then please give Rebecca a call on 336298. We look forward to meeting you.

Rebecca Moss 336298

Book Club

In March we read *Snowdrops* by A D Miller, which is a modern depiction of corruption and avarice in Russia seen through the eyes of a naïve English lawyer who is lured into a web of intrigue by two scheming girls. The book is fairly well written but we thought that the narrative was rather flat and the characters were not particularly well drawn. However, it is deeply atmospheric and cleverly evokes the dark and seedy side of modern Russia and the corruption that lurks at all levels of Russian society.

The next book is *The Guernsey Potato Peel Pie Literary Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. The next meeting is 26 May.

We are always very happy to welcome new members, so if you think you might be interested please do call.

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... AND YET MORE CLUBS

1st Deddington Scout Group

Thanks to all the boys who attended St George's Day parade, a really good turnout at the beginning of the school holidays.

Cubs

Most of our topics have been based around the patron saints, leading up to our St George's Day parade, which was held early this year due to Easter etc.

On the first warm evening the cubs ventured outside to try some tracking. The sixers and seconders laid trails of sticks, stones, chalk and peanuts that the rest of the boys had to follow. Of course being boys they made the trails hard to follow, not quite the point! We also made Easter boxes and started learning basic knots.

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Scouts

Our hike to Barford was a great success. We always manage to arrive on time; I'd like to think that it is down to our fantastic skills, but I'm sure a bit of luck is involved.

During national science week we organised a number of experiments showing how parts of the body work. The scouts made an ear drum, measured their lung capacity and tried to identify smells while blindfolded.

Now we are mainly outside, the scouts are trying pioneering. The first project was a surprisingly sturdy ladder which they used to climb into the playground.

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1st Deddington Brownies

The highlight of the last month was the Brownies' fantastic trip to London. After meeting at the Windmill Centre early on a Saturday morning they travelled to Icando, one of Girl Guiding UK's activity centres, in the heart of London. In a busy day the girls gained their Wildlife Explorer badges by observing the wildlife in St James's Park (including a pelican), taking bark rubbings, making bird puddings and enjoying a range of wildlife-themed quizzes and games. They also found time to spend lots of pocket money in the shop. Well done to the Owls who were brave enough to take a group of 7, 8 and 9-year-olds on such an ambitious trip. What an adventure!

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Deddington Vets Football – DUST

The secret of success for any team is to ensure the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. In our case some of Deddington's ageing footballers' parts are missing altogether let alone whole. But we managed fine performances against Honnington and Kineton. Against Honnington, Deddington Vets took a two-goal

lead thanks in part to Barry Grant striking a perfectly timed volley from the edge of the box. We held our breath; Barry held his groin – an ongoing 'niggle' which has seen him out of action for most of the season – as the ball slammed into the back of the net. This deserved lead was doubled before half-time. In the second half, in a show of sporting generosity, we gave Honnington one of our players to cover an injury. Local beefcake Joe Davies inspired his new teammates to pull a goal back to make the final score 2–1. Next up Kineton. On a day best described in true tabloid tradition as 'phew, what a scorcher', Deddington Vets rolled back the years and played the most fluid football we've seen all season in a 1–0 win for DUST.

Barry O'Connell 338988

Deddington Town Football Club

1st team results:

- 19.03.11 Bishops Itchington (a) (Cup) W 4–2
Thornton, J. (2), Garstin, Hall
- 26.03.11 Sporting Hethe (h) (Cup) W 4–1
Hall, Thornton, J. (2), Thornton, L.
- 29.03.11 Woodford United (h) (Cup) W 5–2
Hall (2), England, Thornton, J., Thornton, L.
- 02.04.11 Bishops Itchington (h) (Cup) L 2–4
Hall, Thornton, J.
- 09.04.11 KEA (h) L 1–2 England
- 12.04.11 The Bell Sports (a) W 6–0
(scorers unknown)

Reserve team results:

- 19.03.11 Priors United (h) L 0–5
- 02.04.11 Middleton Cheney (h) L 0–2

'When Alexander saw the breadth of his domain he wept, for there were no more worlds to conquer.' For the mighty First Team, there is but one world left to conquer; one mountain left to scale; one great beast to slay: the foaming leviathan of the Oxfordshire Junior Shield. By the time you have read this, their fate will be determined, but, win or lose, they have already reached unheralded peaks of accomplishment. Not since the 1920s has a Deddington Team still been standing, and the final will be a showpiece occasion to be savoured. Elsewhere, the First Team's cups overfloweth, as it were. They are now playing twice a week minimum in order to accommodate all their knockout and league fixtures: the price of success. They have fallen behind in the title race unfortunately, but hope still springs eternal for the glory of glories.

The Reserves are lamentably heading in the opposite direction, having lost their last six matches, the last three without even scoring, despite home advantage. The distant trouncing of Swis FC could prove crucial, but even more vital is your continued support to roar them on to survival, for the First Team's glory would have a hollow ring to it should the Reserves fall from grace. March on you fighting sycamores, march on.

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About a year ago the Church set up streaming of services live via the internet which has proved to be both popular and a bit of a media hit. The best summary of this project is a news item made by BBC South Today which can be seen at <http://youtube/QO7Ppeq3UmY>.

The aim was to reach out to house-bound church regulars, but the audience has grown to include Green Pastures, Radio Horton and listeners here in the UK and abroad.

After consultations with many local organisations, the feasibility of an online radio station for Deddington has been investigated and much background work carried out. The web address www.deddingtononair.org.

Deddington OnAir Expands

deddingtononair.org has been acquired and further details can be found there. The station has recently been used to broadcast live commentary of Deddington v Thame football final by Aaron Bliss, and this and other varied programmes can be heard on the website. The intention is to have non-stop Radio 2-type music interspersed with local, national and world-wide news, interviews with present-day Deddington residents, and archival recordings covering life in Deddington in earlier times.

We want to involve both young and old, and already some young people are using Deddington OnAir as part of their Duke of Edinburgh

Awards. By having a youth-driven approach, we hope to achieve an audience across the age spectrum.

David Rogers has made this exciting new venture possible through his vision and technical skills and by donating the necessary equipment. However, to have a sustainable long-term future, Deddington OnAir is looking to engage with local businesses and community to see how its vision can be put on a firm footing. More details will emerge over the coming weeks but anyone interested in providing support of a volunteer or financial nature (or both) can contact David Rogers or Eileen Anderson at studio@deddingtononair.org.

Eileen Anderson 338325

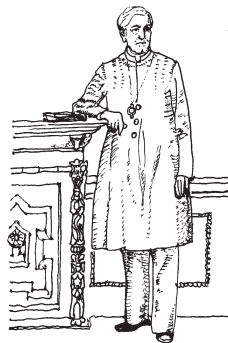
An account of those sentenced to be transported from Deddington to the Colonies

In June 2008 we started publishing accounts of those transported from Deddington to the Colonies in the 19th century. Four articles were printed (see the June, July, November, December 2008 and March 2010 issues of *DN* on www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/back-issues/backnumbers), and the rest were put on hold due to lack of space. This is the fifth article. The full works can be also be seen on DoL at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/Transportees.pdf>.

1855. 12th July. Charles CHANCE (25) and **William Henry SMITH** (22) were both committed by three magistrates (Rev Frands of Broughton, Rev Lloyd of Drayton and Rev Cotton Risley) on 31st May for offences committed on 1st May of breaking and entering farmer John Tim's house in Barford and stealing £10, three watches and 'other' articles. Risley's involvement was almost certainly because Barford was within his jurisdiction rather than that the offenders were locals.

Thomas HIRONS (33) and **Alfred SMITH** (22) were charged with the same offences as Chance and William Smith but their committal did not involve Risley

– probably because their warrant was not signed until the day of the trial by another JP – i.e. very late arrests. **Hirons** had lodged at Tim's Farm previously and was probably the 'inside' man and also would have had Deddington connections.



The Revd Cotton Risley, the Deddington magistrate involved in the hearings

His story is particularly interesting involving more offences, numerous brushes with the law, several escapes – on horse back and down drains! – until the law finally caught up with him. He boasted that no gaol in England could hold him.

The report of their trial is also interesting because it was quite a violent assault which involved John Tims and his wife being told to be quiet or they would 'blow

their brains out'. There is a large amount of witness evidence and detail in *Banished!** which is well worth reading.

William Smith got 15 years transportation to Western Australia where the only subsequent mention of him is that his 'remains' were found in 1888. He would have been 55 years old. One cannot deduce from this whether he died in the bush or from other causes.

Chance also got 15 years and also went to Western Australia. So far as we know he married and lived happily ever after.

Hirons received a sentence of transportation for life and was sent to Western Australia where he received a pardon in due course.

Alfred Smith was sent to Western Australia where he was pardoned in due course.

* *Banished!* by Carol Richmond is a record of sentences of transportation of all those sentenced at Oxford Assizes between 1787 and 1867, obtainable from the Oxford Records Office bookstall in St Lukes, Temple Road, Cowley, Oxford, or from Deddington Library.

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THIEVES ABOUT

An insecure black Raleigh push bike was stolen from Philcote Street at the beginning of April. The Police ask that all push bikes are secured and locked away when not in use.

On Sunday 10 April the Red Lion was broken into and money stolen from the fruit and cigarette machines. The following day, Monday 11 April over £2,000 worth of clothing was stolen from Viva Sacs in the Market Place between 3.45 and 4pm. Co-owner Hillary Barker was in the shop at the time and was horrified at how quickly the theft took place: '£2,000 of clothes went in seconds'.

Police describe the offenders as an Eastern European couple: the woman aged about 25 to 30 years old, 5ft 1in approx, round build, shoulder length curly brown/red hair; the man also about 25 to 30 years old, 5ft 9in approx, chubby build, round face, short dark slightly curly hair with a distinctive green tattoo on both sides of the neck.

An ongoing investigation is in progress here, and anyone with any information in relation to these incidents should contact PC Richard Miller as soon as possible on 08458 505 505.

If you have any problems or concerns please phone the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number on 08458 505 505, or email banburyruralneighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. In an emergency dial 999.

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Freelance Writers

A small, friendly fundraising consultancy based in Kirtlington is looking for someone with excellent writing skills who would be interested in part-time freelance fundraising work on an ad-hoc basis. The work will involve applications to trusts and foundations for a range of interesting clients, focusing on the heritage sector. Experience of fundraising and trust applications would be preferred. An ability to write accurate, compelling text is essential. The hours will be flexible and you can work from home or from the office in Kirtlington.

If you are interested, please send your CV and a covering letter to Helen Shone at helen.shone@development-partners.co.uk.

We are also considering running a training course for people who would be interested in learning to write for fundraising. If you would like to know more, please contact Helen Shone.

www.development-partners.co.uk



JUNE DIARY DATES (Contd from p. 1)

Wed	1	Photographic Society: Peter Lovelock, 'Colour Management', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
Sun	5	Bowls Club: Open Afternoon, Windmill Bowls Green, 2.30pm
Mon	6	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
Thu	9	Monday Morning Club, Film Evening, <i>Nowhere Boy</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm
Sat	11	History Society: Visit to the Court Barn at Chipping Norton led by Alan Crawford
Tue	14	WI: Carole Richardson, 'Troikas, Tea Parties and Tall Tales', Holly Tree, 7.30pm
Wed	15	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm
Wed	15	Photographic Society: Workshop, Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm
Sat	18	School Fete, School field, 2pm
Sat	18	Akeman Voices Concert, 'Viva Italia', Parish Church, 8pm
Sat	25	Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm
Wed	29	Friends of Deddington Festival, Reception, Parish Church, 6.30pm
Thu	30	Deddington Festival, Community Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of May 1861:

1st May – The National School children came down with their garlands and flags as usual, at 4 o'clock they were entertained with cake and tea in the School Room, they played in our Park for an hour or two previously. The Telegraph people called about lopping certain of our trees in the plantation down the road.

4th May – I wrote to Mr. Kilby, the Agent of the International Telegraph Company, informing him that I intended summoning two of his men before a magistrate for wantonly and maliciously sawing off a large branch of an acacia tree, my property, and taking away to the Tuns Beer House without my leave or consent – for the purpose of making room for the telegraph wires to work properly. They did this within 20 yds. of my own door. [The acacia tree is still there.] They did not deny the fact, they gave their names reluctantly, and said Mr. Kilby ordered them to cut away all boughs interfering with the wires.

Sadly we do not know the result of the summons. There are no further diary entries until September 1862 – I presume the volume has gone missing over the years. As from next month I will research some entries on Deddington from old editions of *Jacksons Oxford Journal*.

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