

At last month's **DN** party I was asked how many people does it take, not to change a light bulb, but to get the **DN** to you: 1 editor, 2 printing, 4 for the money, 18 producing copy, 24 collating & stapling, and 38 distributing - only the printer of the standard pages is paid. So much time gladly given is a sign of the well-being of the community. The **DN** now needs someone able to report on meetings of the Parish

Council. The Parking Task Force this month needs helpers to survey cars in the Market Place. The Parish Plan Working Group looks forward to a good turnout at the three Open Meetings listed below - bringing suggestions to make a good community even better.



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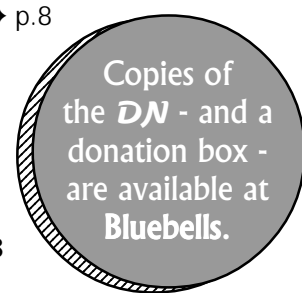
October Diary

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- Sat 2 Oxford Anchor Boys' Fun Day, Windmill Centre. ➡ p.9
- Sun 3 Boys' Brigade: Church parade, Parish Church 10.30am. ➡ p.9
- Mon 4 Parish Plan: Open meeting, Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton, 8 pm. ➡ pp.1 & 2
- Mon 4 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10am-noon.
- Wed 6 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.
- Sat 9 Royal British Legion: Harvest Festival, Club house, High Street, 8pm. ➡ p.7
- Mon 11 Parish Plan: Open Meeting, St John's Church Hall, Hempton, 8 pm. ➡ pp.1, 2 & 11
- Tue 12 WI: Neil Garvey, *Art Restoration*, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.9
- Wed 13 History Society: John Woolley, *The History of Policing*, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.8
- Fri 15 Deddington Babies & Toddlers: Autumn sale
- Fri 15 Deddington Players: supper with *The Real Inspector Hound*, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.9
- Fri 15 Oxford Classic Jazz Band: concert, cheese & wine, Parish Church, 7.30 pm ‡ p.4
- Sat 16 North Cotswold Choir: concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.7
- Sat 16 Deddington Players: supper with *The Real Inspector Hound*, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. ➡ p.9
- Wed 20 Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm. ➡ p.2
- Sat 23 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9 am - 12.30 pm. ➡ p.13
- Sat 23 Brownies, Cubs, Scouts & Guides: Fashion Show & Disco, Windmill Centre, 6 pm. ➡ p.7
- Mon 25 Parish Plan: Open meeting, Windmill Centre, 8 pm. ➡ pp.1 & 2
- Wed 27 Old Tyme Music Hall: 1st rehearsal, Parish Church, 7.00 pm ➡ p.4
- Fri 29 Deddington Babies & Toddlers: visit from Ian Taylor, photographer. ➡ p.8
- Sun 31 Deddington Players: Panto auditions, Windmill Centre, 3 pm. ➡ p.9

Weekly Meetings

- Mondays: Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm.
- Mondays: Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm ➡ p.9
- Tuesdays: Craft Group: Holly Tree, 2.15-4.30 pm.
- Tuesdays: Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm.
- Wednesdays: Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill Centre, 9.30-11am ➡ p.8
- Wednesdays: Anchor Boys: Deddington School, 3.15 pm. ➡ p.9
- Wednesdays: Boys' Brigade: Windmill Centre, 5.30 pm. ➡ p.9
- Every other Wednesday: Friendship Club: Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
- Thursdays: Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10-12.30 & 1.30- 4 pm.
- Thursdays: 1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30 pm.
- Thursdays: 1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill Centre, 7.30-9 pm.
- Fridays: Coffee Morning in aid of Katharine House: Parish Church, 10 am~noon.
- Fridays: Babies & Toddlers' Group: Windmill Centre, 9.30~11 am. ➡ p.8
- Fridays: Deddington Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 pm.



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Meeting in Town Hall - 15 September 2004

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Harvey, Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Watts, Westley, Wood, D/Clr O'Sullivan, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 4 members of the public.

Chairman to request Clr Ellis to state his intentions after many absences without apology.

EDUCATION GRANTS

£100 book grants were awarded to Aile Brice, Samuel Colley, Olivia Corradi, Sam Harper, Lawrence Putt & Nicholas Ryland - with best wishes for their higher education studies.

HEMPTON ALLOTMENTS

The solicitor has submitted papers to register the Parish Council's ownership with the Land Registry. Planning permission will be needed for a communal shed. Chickens may be kept, if adequate fencing is provided and fruit/veg cultivation remains the major activity.

PLANNING & PROPERTY

PC no objection: (i) Russet Cottage, The Stile, Deddington - erection of 1 & 2 storey extension (if neighbour is content). (ii) 2a Philcote Street, Deddington - felling 2 cherry trees. (iii) Holcombe Hotel, Deddington - conversion and alterations to outbuildings (if sufficient access provided). (iv) Manor Farm, Clifton – change milking parlour to workshop/display. (v) The Little House, Clifton Road, Deddington – 1st floor extension. (vi) The Red Lion, Market Place, Deddington - 5 new bedrooms and new restaurant in rear (if space for bins).

PC objection: (vii) New Vicarage, Earls Lane, Deddington - replacement, 2 new dwellings, and access: vicarage too close to Tays House. (viii) Primary School, Deddington - relocate car park: lack of space for parents collecting children. (ix) The Olive Restaurant, Market Place, Deddington - change of use: further pressure on daytime parking.

CDC approvals: (x) Castle Farm, Clifton Road Deddington – double garage. (xi) Stonewalls, Hempton - 1 storey building.

CDC objection: (xii) Habitat, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington - mis-erection of solar panels on garage.

Do neighbours always receive from CDC direct notification of planning applications as promised ?

PARKING TASKFORCE

Report on 7 September meetings in next column

PARISH PLAN WORKING GROUP

Proposals and publicity for open meetings approved: Clifton - 4 October; Hempton - 11 October; Windmill Centre - 25 October at 8.00pm.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Town Hall: considering disability access options.
- CDC Biodiversity Questionnaire - thanks to Walter Meagher for comprehensive response.
- Windmill Hard Play Area - work starting in October.
- BMX track: volunteer willing to encourage better use of the facility; damage to hard play area from debris to be curbed.
- Growth of Castle grass at times outstrips cutting at 3 week intervals.

- Market Place Christmas Tree: cheaper sources than CDC to be explored.
- Windmill Centre may apply to CDC for licence to sell alcohol at more than 10 events per year.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £6105.05, including £1561.03 imprest (stewards' wages); £955.74 NI/tax & Clerk's wages; £1700.92 environment; £734.37 pavilion roof repair; £411.25 audit fee; £600 education grants.

Investments totalled £573152.70, of which £15392.85 Barclays (£13750.96 current account + £1641.89 imprest) @ 0.1%; £1000 Bradford & Bingley @ 2.85% on 120 days; £556759.85 West Bromwich @ 4% overnight.

NEXT MEETING Wed 20 October, Town Hall, 7.45pm

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website:

www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes



PARKING

The PC organised 2 public meetings in the Town Hall on 7 September to discuss increased parking in the Market Place. A Task Force, headed by Rick Haslam and composed of concerned residents, has a 3-month remit to discover residents' views and devise an appropriate strategy. Comments from the floor at the second meeting included: • the difficulty of finding parking after 9am; • the apparent increase in commuter parking; • double parking around the greens and the eroding of the grass; • the importance to residents of being able to park freely for short periods; • how suggested parking restrictions could be enforced, perhaps by training local people; • and what monitored parking would cost. It was noted that the new butcher's shop expects to generate 80 plus customers a day. Parking will not get easier.

The Task Force proposes to survey traffic during October: **helpers are needed** to identify parking patterns in the Market Place. Comments and offers to help with the survey to be made to the Parish Clerk - 337447. The subsequent report should be available to all parishioners. Other suggested parking initiatives: questionnaire in the *DN*, suggestion box in the Co-op, a table at the Farmers' Market. Other parking problems around the village will be considered later. Any action will need to be taken with wider local authorities, such as OCC. Funding was discussed briefly, including financial aid from the PC. *J.I.*

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Moving away from Landfill

- A discussion on waste disposal in Oxfordshire.
- An update on CDC recycling and refuse collection.

Have your say!

Tuesday 5 October 6.30-9pm

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The summer holidays seem to be a distant memory and the routines of the school day are back in place. As the new Headteacher, it has been a real privilege to share these sunny early Autumn days with pupils and staff on our lovely playing field. My thanks also to Sue Lenihan (Assistant Head) for holding the fort last term. She did a wonderful job and helped the school to function as smoothly as possible. Everyone has made me very welcome and I feel at home already. We also said welcome to 30 new pupils in our foundation stage class, all of whom are only 4-years-old, and who have made a wonderful start in their school careers here in Deddington. There have also been other families who have joined us in other years throughout the school and we hope they too are feeling settled. At the end of September we bid our year 6s 'Bon voyage' as they travelled down to Devon for their activities week, hoping the weather is kind to them and they enjoy all that there is on offer.



The School has been very successful in the reassessment of the Basic Skills Quality Mark this month, when we passed with flying colours and the Mark was renewed for another three years. This recognises the schools commitment to the promotion and importance of basic literacy and numeracy skills.

Admissions Year 2005-06: Due to the new admission arrangements which are being co-ordinated by the LEA, we would like to remind parents that both the new COMMON APPLICATION FORM in the admissions book they received in the post and our School admission form need to be completed and returned to the School by **19 October**. Year 6 Parents: please note that the CAF for secondary school needs to be returned by **19 October**, either to the school or direct to Macclesfield House.

We have several developments that we are hoping will come to fruition this year, especially our partnership with Deddington Pre-school, and I look forward to sharing more exciting news as the year continues.

Judith Tinsley 338430

The 2003/2004 PTA committee had a great year fundraising for the school and are pleased to announce that a net total of £5691 was raised, which was spent, amongst other things, on the new Early Years Unit at school. The Committee would like to thank all those who contributed either by giving their time to help or coming along and supporting our events; the children and the Committee are very grateful.

The PTA AGM, held on 13 September, was well attended by parents and teaching staff. A complete set of minutes from the meeting will be available on the PTA website. Peter and John stood down as joint chair, and I was voted in as Chair for the 2004/05 year. I must have been in the wrong place at the wrong time!! On a serious note though, I was somewhat overwhelmed by the support I received and am sure that with the challenges ahead of us and the support of such a strong committee, we will have an extremely successful year.

The PTA very much look forward to the continued support of the parents and families of the children currently at the school, and the local community as a whole, to ensure that future generations of local children will benefit from a far broader learning experience than they might otherwise receive in these times of under-funding in our schools.

We have some exciting new events planned, including a Christmas 'drop, shop & bop' night for the children attending the Primary School, which will be held on 2 December as well as our old favourites, Firework night on 4 November and Santa's Float on the weekend of 11/12 December. I think we enjoy these more than the kids do!

Stella O'Neill - Chair

FIREWORKS

The fireworks season is fast approaching again and many of us enjoy these celebrations but they can mean total misery for animals and birds. Thousands are sedated each year, whether before or after the events. Others are so distraught that they bolt and get lost or are injured. Animals' hearing is more sensitive than humans', and so when an explosion is loud to us it is many times louder to an animal. We know the explosion is coming whereas it is unexpected by the animal. I know of one elderly Collie dog who was found last year, cowering in a ditch by the roadside some distance from his home in Clifton, having bolted unnoticed by his owner, due to the careless use of fireworks set off from a neighbouring property. Horses and sheep are particularly vulnerable to fireworks and can bolt into barbed wire fences and sustain horrific injuries. These casualties are usually not discovered until the following day. Bonfires too are sources of terror for small wild animals. A bonfire that has been laid some time before an event will surely contain hedgehogs, rodents and the odd rabbit. Nothing in the foregoing is new. We all know about it so please can we make an effort this coming season to set an example and give all animals and birds a break from this annual terror period?

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Sun	3	10.30 am	Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)
Tue	5	10.15 am	School Harvest Service
Wed	6	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	7	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	10	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist, Baptism & Children's Church
Wed	13	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	17	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Morning Worship
Wed	20	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu	21	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	24	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Children's Church
Wed	27	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	31	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Mattins (BCP)
		3.30 pm	Commemoration of the Departed

*For Baptisms, Weddings,
Funerals, hospital or home visits
in case of illness,
please contact the Vicar,
the Rev. Dr Hugh White,
28 Duns Tew (349869);
or one of the Churchwardens,
Liz Dickinson (337050)
or Iain Gillespie (338367)*

St John Hempton

Sundays 3 & 17 9.00 am Eucharist
Sunday 24 6.00 pm Evensong

From the Parish Registers

WEDDING: 11 Sept - Lara Piercy and Ian Bateman

FUNERALS: 16 Sept - Stanley Alfred Kettley; 23 Sept - Nan Harris

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

Mews House, Castle Street, Deddington [Jean Welford 338539] alternate Weds from 20 Oct, 7.30pm

2 The Leyes, Deddington [Liz Dickinson 337050] Weds 13 & 27 Oct, 7.30pm

Charity of the Month - each month a charity benefits from donations in the box in the Parish Church or St John's Hempton: the use by taxpayers of the pink *GiftAid* envelopes is commended.
October: Toy Box : Street Children in Latin America

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

Morning services at 10.30 am.

31 October - Mike Graveny; other Sundays - Pastor Isabel Walton

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street*Joyce Minnear 338 529*Sunday *morning* worship jointly with Wesleyan Reform congregation at 10.30 am

Sunday evenings: Service & Fellowship at 6.00 pm :

3 - Pastor Isabel Walton (and Communion) 10 - John Hine 17 - Ross Adkins

24 - John Hine 31 - Rev. Albert Fox

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY*The Revd A J Burns 277396***Hethe** : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats -5.30~6.00 pm**Adderbury** : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass.

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

JAZZ IN DEDDINGTON CHURCH

The Oxford Classic Jazz Band (featuring Debbie Arthurs & Norman Field), supported by Just Jazz (Chipping Norton School's sensational young band) promise an exciting evening of jazz music for The LIVING ROOMS Project, on **Friday 15 October** at 8.00pm (doors open 7.30pm). Tickets are £12.50 and include Cheese and Wine. Tickets from Sally Haslam (338216) or One Man Band, Lion Walk, Banbury (01295 266788).

**Old Tyme
Music Hall**planned for 26 February 2005
Contact Wendy Burrows 338082.First Rehearsal on
Wednesday 27 October 7~9pm
in Parish Church

Jan Walsh

Those whose relatives and friends have been so lovingly cared for at St Anne's Home, Clifton, are very sad to hear the news that Jan Walsh is leaving there - not as sad as Jan herself. She has written a letter to all the staff and friends of St Anne's, including these words: *"St. Anne's has been my life for twenty years and my home before that. It breaks my heart to have to leave, but I am 'battle weary'; and as my daughter says 'There is life outside those gates.' I have worked hard over the years to try and make a place of excellence with the usual constraints of money, time, staff, etc. We as a team have worked together to produce a home with high standards, a caring place with well-trained staff, a happy atmosphere and excellent reputation, and I thank you all for your support and help."* Those who have seen for themselves how she has cared will fully endorse her own assessment of what she has achieved. Not for nothing do some call it 'St Jan's Home'.

The home is being sold as a going concern to a partnership led by Mr Brahmbhatt, which has two similar care homes, providing the sale is approved by the Commission for Social Care Inspection. Jan is not leaving Clifton, hard though it will be for her to pass by those gates. She may find a role spreading her good practice through the Oxfordshire Social Care Network.

Those who wish to contribute to a **THANK JAN** present may send it to The Editor of the *DN*, The Knowle, Philcote Street; cheques should be made out to 'Canon A C Hall'. Please make that widely known. *CF*

NEW CURATE

John Dane has travelled a long way to reach Deddington. Born within the sound of Bow bells, he grew up in Kent. After a period in the flight simulator industry, he went to the United States in 1982. There he graduated with a Masters degree in Addiction, and spent seven years in Miami working with drug addicts. He even found himself helping Orthodox priests in St Petersburg come to terms with the alcoholism to which Soviet rule had driven them. As director of a treatment centre in Arizona, native Americans were his patients.

There he married Valerie, a Mexican-American, and in 2000 they moved to Woodstock, where he has been a free-lance computer consultant, as well as doing a 12-month theological course at Plater Hall. In Deddington he is to be a 'licensed lay curate' for two years, as part of a 'mixed-mode' training for ordination, which includes 11 weeks each year at St John's College in Nottingham. His college training will overlap with being made deacon in 2006, and ordained priest in 2007. Valerie and John, with Clare, Patrick, Andreas and Tobias, cannot wait for the new vicarage to be built so that they can be part of the community they serve. *CF*

**Di & Dave Keats**

The Windmill Fish and Chip shop has been in Deddington for over 20 years - about the same time that Di and Dave have lived in the village. Dave originally came to the area as the village 'Bobby'. Di worked in the Red Lion and the British Legion, before taking over the running of the Fish and Chip Shop six years ago. They have served over 250 customers each week - some from Chipping Norton and Bicester on a weekly basis, with visitors from Yorkshire returning enthusiastically each year. They have supported many institutions' functions and fund-raising activities.

Three years ago, Di secretly supplied fish and chip suppers to the aspiring England World Cup Rugby winning team who were training at Heyford - one of the cornerstones on which they built their success. They have even been acknowledged in a national newspaper for the 'best Fish and Chips'.

With great sadness we say 'Goodbye' to Di and Dave as our village 'Chippy', thanking them for their hard work and wishing them well in their retirement. I'm sure it's not only my children who will miss the cheerful way in which Di greeted them each week and let them climb and fiddle with the Lava fish lamp.

Although they closed with modest celebrations on 25 September, we were told that after a period of closure, the chip shop will be re-opening. *Julie Westley*

**WELL REMEMBERED**

NAN HARRIS - Nan and her husband Ted were two of the first people I got to know when I came here 18 years ago. Nan had been a teacher at Tudor Hall and she was a prime mover in saving St. John's Church when it was threatened with closure. She was the first secretary of the Friends of Hempton Church and helped in so many ways. Nan used to write *News from Hempton*. She only stopped writing when forced to do so by ill health. But she still remained interested in everything. Nan was a great community person, and everyone in the village will have been sorry to hear of her death. *Les Chappell*

STANLEY KETTLEY was born in Leamington Spa and educated at Oundle. The outbreak of war in 1939 prevented him from establishing a civilian career and he served throughout the war in the RAF, being eventually demobilised as a warrant officer in the technical branch. He made his career as a Sales Engineer in an international company, serving in London, Sheffield and eventually as Regional Manager in Birmingham. In 1983 he and his wife Brenda came to Deddington to be near their daughter and her family, and settled in Grove Court. He lost his wife four years ago and in the last year was increasingly incapacitated by his eventually fatal illness. He will be widely missed. *FS*



Email from JACQUI BROADWOOD (of Thames Valley Police)

On 28 August (Market Day) I had a car full of shopping and could not park where I live in Philcote Street. As it was only 10am and I was expecting to move my small car at 1pm, I parked between the two large driveways halfway down the street – without blocking either access. When I returned at 1pm I was mortified to find a note on the windscreen advising me that I was parking inconsiderately for fire engines and police cars. The hope was expressed that I would be blocked in and unable to move my car the following week... How neighbourly is that? The note was anonymous, of course.

I cannot understand what I did wrong. There are no yellow lines on this part of the road and as I pay my

road tax I had every right to be there, like the people parked opposite my house who were attending the Market. If a fire engine were needed, I was home, only a few feet way and could have moved my car. A police car could have got up there without a problem. Deddington attracts lots of people to its Market and relies on people outside our village. Luckily this note was left on a resident's car rather than on a visitor's. Otherwise we could have lost a customer through pettiness.

Please address all letters to:
 KRISTIN THOMPSON,
 5 THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON
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 and include your name and address,
 even if they are not for publication.

A bit of forethought would not go amiss before horrible notes are left. This resident should look at the bigger problem of abandoned cars in towns and cities and get things in perspective.



The tale of the Fleming family continues with their trip through Canada, the first destination on their year-long, round-the-world backpacking trip.

As we left Deddington behind us, with just a backpack each, it was like

the beginning of a normal family holiday. But by the time we'd touched down in Vancouver we'd all begun to realise that leaving the UK for a year was committing us to a life of moving hostels every few nights. Packing for a year long trip is only marginally more stressful than a two-week holiday, and there's added focus when you know you have to carry everything all year.

The first week in Canada was spent on the small Saltspring island, a short ferry trip from Vancouver. We lived in a wooden cabin on a lake shore, cooking over a log fire, and watching the beavers building up their nests on the opposite shore. After the hectic nature of our departure, it was one of the most relaxing locations in the world, and definitely stood out as a 'must return' place. Then it was time for some exploration - out to Victoria to see a city that looked more British than Oxford, off to see the Orcas and Minki whales drifting around the edge of the Pacific, and then inland to pass through the stunning landscapes around the Whistler ski resort. In July the crowds have gone, but the stunning mountains still stand out on the blue, cloudless sky.

After just two weeks of travel, we met up with the BBC Holiday crew who'd flown out to make a programme about our 'gap year' trip. Things started ominously when raging forest fires caused 10,000 people to be evacuated from the town where we were due to meet them, and closed roads meant that Day-one was 18-, rather than 6-hours long. However we soon got into the swing of things - pretending you weren't being followed by a film crew when you were, and having to do everything four times, from different camera angles. For ten days we climbed mountains, played on glaciers, swam in hot springs, drove thousands of miles and travelled in cable cars, floatplanes and tugs. And all the time, keeping an eye on the children, the sound man and the camera man, and trying to sound

vaguely intelligible when constantly asked "What do you think of this?" or "Why are you doing this?". We'd decided that the year was one to do adventurous and exciting things that we'd not tried before - the trip round Canada was both, but doing it with a TV crew in tow meant that we ended up with a rather special holiday video at the end!

Canadians are one of the most friendly nationalities we met on our trip, and as we left after a month, we were glad we'd made it there. But we were looking forward to the States, our next country - and we were mighty relieved to be on our own again! *Ray Fleming*

For more details on their time in Canada, you can read the full diary on the family's website at www.rfleming.net

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Deddington Badminton Club

We have started our club night - Tuesday from 7 pm with Juniors (9-15 year olds) from 6 pm. Our first match of the season resulted in a 9-0 victory to Deddington Men's B team against Marlborough. For more details see www.btbl.org.uk or call. *Mark Tyler* 338056

Cubs and Scouts

At the start of a new year at Cubs and Scouts we welcome Oliver, William and James to Cubs, and Tom to Scouts. Good luck to those who have moved on to pastures new.

During the summer break the Scouts walked to Horley from Deddington for a weekend camp. No one got lost and the only injury was a wasp sting. During their stay the Scouts had a visit from 'The Axe Man', who taught them how to use an axe and knife safely. They cooked on an open fire and built a bivvy in the woods, but did not sleep in it.

Many of the Cubs gained their outdoor award at the end of last term and are now working towards the Silver Award, the highest they can earn at Cubs.

We have received our new mess tent; it is wonderful, many thanks to everyone who helped us to raise the money to buy it.

We offer a well-balanced programme in both Cubs and Scouts covering not just outdoor pursuits but also creativity, global awareness, fitness and faith.

If you would like to know more about either section, or would like to put your child's name on the waiting list, please contact me.

Jo Churchyard 338071
jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Deddington Royal British Legion Branch & Club

On 29 August we organised a barbecue, raffle and social afternoon to raise funds for Katharine House Hospice. Music was provided free of charge by Kelly's Heroes and Kelly did a superb job as Master of Ceremonies during the raffle. The proceeds of our weekly meat draw were added to the raffle and the generosity, not only of members and supporters, but also local businesses resulted in £1,000 being raised. Norman West presented a cheque to Pat Brittain, who received it on behalf of the hospice. This was followed by a celebration evening with music by Barry Ash.

We were hosts to our local firefighters' annual "Race Night" on 18 September in aid of the Fire Service Benevolent Fund. A thoroughly enjoyable evening resulted in an excellent donation to the Fund.

On 9 October we hold our annual Harvest Festival at 8.00 pm. It is our main local fund raising activity for the Royal British Legion apart from the Poppy Appeal and the monies raised are retained locally for specific help to ex-service men and women and their families in this area. All villagers are welcome to this open evening, which is held in the clubhouse on the High Street and commences with a brief act of remembrance and thanks to all those who have served in the armed forces. It is followed by a raffle and we would be most grateful for any raffle prize donations, which may be left at the

clubhouse on Friday evening (8th) or Saturday morning (9th). Any donations by villagers will be gratefully received: cheques should be made payable to Deddington Royal British Legion. The latter is a part of the nationwide RBL Charity and is separate from the Deddington RBL Club. Anyone seeking more information on the work of the RBL can contact me.

Raymond Morris 338143 Raymorris@aol.com

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results

Chasewell Park (a) Drew 0-0

Cropredy (h) Lost 1-2 K.Laird.

Broughton NN (a) Won 2-1 J.Pearce, A.Shepherd.

The 1st team made a solid start to the new season following their promotion to the Premier Division. The opening game proved a very tight affair ending in a useful 0-0 draw. The next match against pre-season title favourites Cropredy proved equally close: the visitors edged the match despite Keith Laird scoring for Deddington. The first win of the season came against Broughton and North Newington and goals from Julian Pearce and Andy Shepherd secured the 2-1 win. Currently the team sit mid table in the league.

Reserve Team Results

St John's (h) Won 2-0 D.Keys, P.Gallant.

Souldern (a) Lost 1-2 M.Walker.

Langford Mustangs (h) Lost 1-5 P.Ward.

The Reserve side started the season in fine style, winning their first match 2-0 with goals scored by Daniel Keys and Phil Gallant. A late winning goal from Souldern deprived the Reserves of a deserved point; player

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manager Marc Walker scored the Deddington goal. A weakened Reserve side fell to a heavy defeat against Langford Mustangs, going down 5-1. The Reserves are playing at their highest ever level this season and are in mid table in Division 1.

75 Club Winners: 27/8/04 B.Humphries £100; 3/9/04 B.Smith £50; 10/9/04 Mr C.Smith £50; 17/9/04 P.Trinder £50.
Steve Plumble (01295) 278258

Deddington Friendship Club

Our first autumn meeting was on 15 September with club meetings and indoor bowling held on alternate Wednesdays starting on 22 September from 2.30 pm onwards. A new committee has been appointed to make arrangements for future meetings, speakers, outings, etc. We have a few new members and are pleased to welcome more.
Joyce Minnear 338529

Deddington & District History Society

We got off to a splendid start this season with a talk by Alan Rosevear on the development of the road system in this area, especially the turnpikes in the great age of stage coaching before the arrival of the railways. It turned out to be a fascinating subject, explained by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable speaker. Members will be delighted to know that on Wednesday 13 October John Woolley is returning to talk about the history of policing. On Wednesday 10 November Audrey Linkman will speak about interpreting Victorian photographs. She will be happy to look at any brought along on the

evening. All are welcome at our meetings - 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre.
Chris Day 337204

Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group

There is a committee meeting on 14 October - please sign on the list if you want to join us. Committee membership is not onerous - two meetings a year and occasional 'opening up' duties. We urgently need new members as several of our group has moved on. Please talk to any of the existing committee if you would like to find out more before committing yourself. Other October dates are the annual autumn sale (clothes, cards etc) on 15 Oct and a visit from photographer Ian Taylor on 29 Oct. Both could have you thinking towards Christmas already!
Lucy Squires 338442

Book Group

In September we read Asne Seierstad's *The Bookseller of Kabul*. Though this reads like a work of fiction, it is in fact the result of the author spending four months with an Afghan family. The book is a unique, warts-and-all portrait of family life in Afghanistan.

Our book for October is *The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. This is quite a short book, so speedy readers may wish to read a second book in the series as well!

Our next meeting is 28 October. We welcome any new members. Call for location. *Sally Lambert* 338094

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For all those wishing to take part in the Pantomime next January, there is a meeting and read-through at the Windmill Centre on Sunday 31 October at 3.00pm. Make sure you are there if you want to be a part of this great show - if you are not an actor you might wish to think about being involved behind the scenes. See you there!

Lucy Squires 338442

1st Deddington BB Anchors

The new session started on 8 September, when we welcomed Hugo, Tom, Jake, Rory, Ben and Louie as new members. On 2 October Deddington is host to the Oxfordshire Anchors Fun Day at the Windmill Centre. BB Anchors is open to boys aged between 5 and 8. We meet at Deddington School on Wednesdays at 3.15 pm. We currently have 18 boys and 3 leaders in the section.

Heather Westbury 337059

1st Deddington BB Juniors

The new session started on 15 September when we welcomed Matthew, Edward, Oliver and Ashley recently promoted from the Anchors. We also welcomed Gareth and Harry as new members and congratulated Mark on his appointment as a leading boy. BB Juniors is open to boys aged between 8 and 11. We meet at the Windmill Centre on Wednesdays at 5.15 pm. We currently have 16 boys and 3 leaders in the section.

Brian Bushell 338715

1st Deddington BB Brass Band

In September the boys were issued with new trumpets and the band will lead the BB Church parade on 3 October. The band is open to BB Juniors, and beginners' classes will open for new band members in the next few weeks.

Graham Wallington 338088

Deddington Youth Club

What a start to the autumn term! We are really pleased but quite overwhelmed by the number of youngsters turning up to our first two Monday meetings. With these numbers we need to rethink our meeting format and have more groups for the various activities. To do this we need more helpers! If you have a skill or hobby you think may be of interest to this age group (11 - 16 years), even if you can only find time to come up to our Monday meetings once a term/year, I will be very pleased to hear from you.

Mauveen Forsyth 338384

WI

It is with sadness that members learned of the recent death of Nan Harris. Nan was a WI member for many years and will be missed by her friends. We offer our

condolences to Ted, Josie and Christopher.

On 14 September, after a brief business meeting and comments on the successful outing to RHS Wisley Gardens, our speaker Mark Ashley of Holloways Auctioneers took the floor. An entertaining and informative meeting followed, much enjoyed by the well-attended meeting. Items submitted by members were commented upon, generally explained and, more importantly, the probable value estimated if presented for auction. This, of course, was of great interest to all.

Our next meeting is on 12 October at 7.30 pm in the Holly Tree Club Room with a return visit from Neil Garvey to talk about art restoration.

Rene Mahony 338438

WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

The committee is delighted to welcome Christina Mezciems as its new secretary! Work on the new surface for the all-weather court will begin in the third week of October, and the court will be ready for use by November. The court will be kept locked and is available for hire (tariff to be announced). Work on the gents' urinals and both shower room floors will also be carried out at the end of October. With a view to improving security of the building, the committee is considering installing new security locks on all entrances and restricting the number of key holders.

Roy Hart 338548

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THE FLOWER GARDEN

By the time you read this issue of the *DN*, we should have finished with all the digging and heaving. Dear old Mr. Middleton, who wrote about gardening in the '40s, made sure that his garden was trench dug in readiness for the next season. I notice that nowadays there is less emphasis on digging, it is just mentioned in passing, and that as far as I am concerned is quite enough. Things grow in spite of us, take my word for it, and a bag or two of compost will do wonders. The bulbs and perennials will be there as usual.

But today a word or two about herbs. They sound easy enough but to make them look good is a work of art. Somehow they fall between vegetables and flowers. They have a way of growing too much or too little. You don't want them in a bed that's difficult to get at or looks out of place. Fennel, for example, grows like Jack's beanstalk. Lovage is a fierce grower, so is Mace, and below these giants are the tiny Thymes. So what about a narrow bed by a wall (and near the kitchen!) fronted by a row of the little things? But, you say, we thought she was going to go on about the flower garden, I was just about to do that: Mint has a delightful flower, so does Cat-nip. Chives have very pretty flowers and Sages come in all colours. So try a herb/flower garden next season and enjoy the scent. As a bonus pick a bit of Rosemary and put it under the hot tap in your bath. Gorgeous!



Fennel

Marianne Elsley 338203

Gardeners are amongst the most economical of people. Not only is growing vegetables healthy work in itself, but it can also help to keep the housekeeping costs down, although this means not falling for the alluring offers of gadgets and miracle cures that are advertised in gardening magazines. Recycling compost and farmyard manure by using these as soil conditioners and fertilizers means that the soil itself can be kept healthy. However, these do need to be very well rotted in order to allow most of the seeds and pests to be killed off rather than be returned to wreak more havoc in the garden next season.

Again, because good gardeners are aware of the need to conserve the world's non-renewable resources, the move away from the over-use of peat in commercially produced compost, and the encouragement of natural predators and complementary planting to control insects rather than using chemical sprays, is making the best use of the resources of nature. For some of us it all too easy to use plastic, wire and metal poles for supporting plants and soft fruit when cane or wooden stakes from renewable timber and biodegradable cord would do the job just as well and not add to land-fill problems or clutter up the shed once they have finished their work. In these times of emphasis on preserving the planet, it is sometimes helpful to notice some of the important little ways through which we can contribute.

Hugh Marshall

November Diary

- Wed 3 - Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.
- Tue 9 - WI: Marianne Allitt, *The Essence of Aromatherapy*, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
- Wed 10 - History Society: Audrey Linkman, *Interpreting Victorian Photographs*, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
- Sat 13 - Banbury Symphony Orchestra: Concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
- Wed 24 - Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.45 pm.

APOLOGY - The Parish Clerk's no is 337447 - please do not ring the number that was on the back cover last month.

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ON THE FARM

With harvest behind us, it's full steam ahead to get next year's crops in the ground. The oil seed rape was planted during the second week of September using our own version of minimal cultivation. It worked well last year in a dry season and all looks well at the moment, but it all depends on how well we can keep the slugs and flea beetles at bay. The fields in which we shall be planting wheat for next year have been ploughed and cultivated, and, if the weather holds should be planted by the start of October, with the beans going in at the start of November - well, that's how the plan looks on paper, but I expect the goal posts will get moved before it can happen. The bees got off to a flying start with a good crop of honey coming in during May and June, but since then it has been all doom and gloom with no honey to extract in July or August which are usually our best months. I have been feeding them with sugar syrup just to keep them going, so let's hope that St Luke's little summer will start soon and they can work the ivy before we get any frost. The rams have gone out with 100 of the ewes so we should see some lambs at the beginning of February, with the rest of the flock being tugged to lamb at the end of March. Although we had a very difficult harvest season we have not fared too badly compared with other parts of the country and I am relieved to say that all our wheat has made the milling standard. Although the new CAP arrangements come into force at the start of next year they are already giving us some major headaches. We have already received a number of explanatory booklets and forms from DEFRA, all of which will need a degree in gobbledygook to understand. Apart from the SFP (SINGLE FARM PAYMENT) we shall need to be involved in one or more of the new environmental schemes. This is something we have already started to look at, but there is a barn full of paper work and forms to get through so we shall need some professional help to get it sorted out. Even after that expense there is no guarantee that we will be accepted into the scheme. So there is a rather uncertain air of foreboding down on the farm at the moment, but I expect nanny knows best and perhaps next year may be better.

George Fenimore 338203

BUTTERFLIES

In Sylvie Spenceley's absence, her minions continue to monitor Daeda's Wood. After a slow start, the DW butterfly list was good this year, varied and with a new addition, the Marbled White, not rare but not that common either. But August was a wash-out, in every sense. Very little was on the wing apart from Speckled Woods and the ubiquitous Whites (and you'd write to *The Times* if you didn't see Whites). One reason could be that the maligned thistles flowered and seeded almost a month early and were not there to attract last August's ('03) dazzling display of Peacocks, Tortoiseshells and Painted Ladies. No food plants, no butterflies. September too, has been unrewarding. There's always next year. *JK*



Friends of Daeda's Wood

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Parish Council will be holding a Parish Plan meeting in St. John's Church Hall on Monday 11 October, a most important meeting for residents of this village.

St. John's Church had 85 visiting cyclists on Historic Churches Ride or Stride Day. Many thanks to everyone who staffed the Church to offer refreshments and to Pam Dodd for organising the day and to everyone who made cakes etc., all much appreciated.

Many people in the village go to a great deal of trouble to keep the grass mown outside their homes. However they are being upset by the fact that people walking dogs do not clean up after them. There are plenty of notices warning people, and new receptacles to put the bags in. One resident has said he will stop cutting if things do not improve.

Les Chappell

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

'Cycling Along The Nile' - Sponsorship

Tony Gaitskell, office manager of St. Anne's Home has volunteered to help raise some £2500 for AGE CONCERN by cycling some 400km along the east and west banks of the Nile. AGE CONCERN is a charity that targets the needs of older people, be it their personal rights and dignity, or by promoting independence and active living. Anyone interested in making a pledge towards sponsorship, please tell Tony, or send a cheque or Charity Credit made payable to 'Age Concern England', c/o St. Anne's Home, Clifton OX15 0PA.



Correction Following last month's item about events that took place at Post Office Cottage, it has come to light that Albert, one of the twins supposedly born there in 1924, was in fact born at Mill Cottage, now Four Winds, and that it was Albert Amos and Fanny Wheeler who raised both boys. Thanks to Mrs Jackie Hall (née Wheeler) from Coventry for setting our records straight !

Carol Drawmer, Eleonore Bruyere-Cordin

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of October 1854:

2nd October - Edmund (his groom) asked to go to Oxford for the day - his wife's mother having died of cholera yesterday morning there. The Bells rang all day on account of the Fall of Sebastopol on the 25th

September - as announced in the Times paper today.

3rd October - We heard that the cholera had broken out in Banbury - a man had died yesterday of it there.

6th October - Dean's wife came again and I recommended her to go and try and live peaceably together with her husband again, and not to summons him this time. The report of the fall of Sebastopol was contradicted by the Times paper today - tho' probably it will fall shortly into the hands of the Allies.

8th October - Willy received notice not to return to Exeter College till Saturday, 21st, in consequence of the cholera now raging in Oxford.

10th October - R. Franklin came to tell me he was going to live in Oxford and retire almost from business. I lent him a wagon to load part of his goods on. Mr. Turner (the doctor) mentioned that a married woman named Robinson of Clifton had fallen with the small pox - but was going on favourably.

11th October - G. Ford came and I gave him instructions about brewing in R. Sessions' place - who had spoiled a quantity of beer, 5 or 6 hogsheads, from improper brewing.

(I was ill and confined to my bed and the house to within a few days of the end of the month.) *Buffy Heywood*
Readers may not realise that all these extracts have to be deciphered from Victorian handwriting. Ed

Age concern ?

In yonder years when my husband Ted was young, fit and well, he was to be found in SS Peter & Paul churchyard every Saturday in the growing season mowing the grass, cleaning out the gutters and killing offending weeds growing out of masonry in the Church tower. (The latter demanded a good head for heights, and occasionally the powerful strength of George Fenemore holding onto his legs while he hung from the top of the tower squirting weed killer on the offending growth.)

Word of his activities must have spread as far as Devon where an Old Deddingtonian picked up the phone, introduced himself to Ted mentioning that both his parents were buried in the churchyard: "Would Ted be kind enough to occasionally place flowers on their grave?" From that day onwards Bernard Dodwell sent his contribution for flowers, which Ted bought and took to his parents' grave. Ted is now well past the churchyard mowing, cleaning and tower-climbing age, and Bernard has put his 90th birthday behind him. Both men occasionally bemoan their aches and pains which must have prompted Bernard to forward to Ted a poem, entitled "*I'm Fine Thank You*".* Bernard may be over 90 but his sense of humour hasn't deserted him, nor has his excellent memory of his childhood in 1920s Deddington. These fascinating tales, beautifully written in long hand, are now in my possession, together with Bernard's permission to publish anything relevant to Deddington. With what great love and joy he remembers his youth we shall read in the next edition of our *Deddington News*. *Ruth Johnson*

* See it at www.geocities.com/Wellesley/Atrium/6167/

The River Swere in Deddington Parish

The Swere forms the northern boundary of Deddington, reaching from Deddington Mill to the Cherwell. The river enters the parish under cover of a shady wood, like a dignitary arriving incognito. On leaving the still mill pond, the water becomes animated, rushing down a sluice beside the mill house, forming a curlicue to a horse pasture, and then, entering Daeda's Wood, becomes the meandering Swere again.

The alternation of straight and sinuous reaches, of pool and riffle continues, as do other characteristics of the stream: its firm silt and clay banks held above by grasses, herbs, crack willow and hawthorn trees. Past Adderbury Bridge, the river is confined by a channel periodically dug out, with the help of the former Water Authority, to limit flooding of farmers' low-lying fields.

With the first heavy autumn rains, the river rises quickly, and perilously, ending the [usually] dry days of August. On 14 October 2002 the river depth was 8cm. After 3.83cm of rainfall the next day's depth was 35cm, 101cm 5 days later, and 138 cm the following day. The small floating plant, common duckweed (*Lemna minor*) was swept away; branched bur-reed (*Sparganium erectum*), tall plant of summer's river edge and coagulant of the shallow channel, was pressed beneath the rising tide of water.

In a gravelly reach of the river below and west of

Adderbury Bridge, caddisfly larvae are plentiful beneath the rocks, and branched bur-reed has crossed midstream, forcing summer's river to lace through its stems. The water below the bridge is yellow-green where the elliptical rosette-leaves of a dense colony of a water-starwort (*Callitriche stagnalis*) has congregated; duckweed occurs above and below the bridge, idle in the slow stream.

By the lower course of the river the trees and shrubs are infrequent, irregularly spaced on the high banks: one or two alders, an apple, ash, a few crack willows. But the dog rose (*Rosa canina*), which festoons common hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), bends toward the water, heavy in fruit.

In the late 17th century, the corn mill on Adderbury Grounds Farm - one of the three mills recorded for Deddington in 1087 - was converted to a paper mill, but by 1835 the paper-making equipment was sold as bankrupt stock. This is the only mill of the nine inventoried along the Swere in 1087 that has not been converted into a private house and at the same time retains its workings. The damp brick wall below the mill is the site, and the only site anywhere in the Swere valley, of an impressively large population of an attractive fern, maidenhair spleenwort (*Asplenium trichomanes*), quite content in its neglected residence. *Walter L. Meagher*

... to be continued



Carved Pumpkin Competition

It's a very good year for pumpkins. Carl Gross, who raises money for charity through his market vegetable stall, has 55 pumpkins in his allotment! So what better than to have a competition for pumpkin carving at the October Market? There will be prizes for Primary School children and for adults, with Carl - who has carved many a pumpkin - as judge. There will also be copies of recipes for the healthy eating of the contents, including the seeds. Carl will be spending some time in the Primary School helping pupils create their designs and to appreciate the various other uses of pumpkins. Of course, there will be lots of places selling pumpkins, but, if you would like to buy one of Carl's, he will be selling them at the Town Hall on Saturday 16 October from 9.00am. Bring your carved pumpkin with you a week later to the October Market: judging will take place upstairs in the Town Hall and the winners will be announced at noon.

Charles Newey 338282

DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL 2005

Amateurs and professionals, musicians and artists, writers, potters, craft workers, businesses, school, church and chapels - let's all get together to make Deddington Festival 2005 a celebration of all the talents and interests in our amazing community. Concerts, exhibitions, competitions, demonstrations - the possibilities are there, waiting to be developed. Under the chairmanship of Hugh O'Donnell, the Festival Committee consists of Eileen Anderson, John Cheney, Donald Lane, Janet Lincé, Norman Stone, Hugh White and Eva Williams. We want to exchange ideas with you. We are working out a programme of events, but with your help we can do so much more. Next summer, Deddington Festival 2005 will centre on the long weekend of Friday-Sunday 24-26 June. It will be your opportunity, your showcase, in fact your Festival. Give us your suggestions, offer your help. Contact Eileen Anderson 338325 <eileenandersonuk@yahoo.co.uk>, or any Committee member.

Norman Stone



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

The Deddington & District History Society would like your help to identify some countryside pictures of this area taken in 1959/60. At that time Major Schuster and Major Robb of Tew Park led a successful campaign to prevent North Oxfordshire being turned into an Ironstone open-cast mining site. The history of this campaign and some wonderfully evocative pictures, are at www.deddington.org.uk/history/ironstone. Do you recognise any of them that are not titled? If so please email the address on the webpage or myself.

Colin Clark 338064 colin.clark@deddington.net

Fighting poverty....

"It makes me really mad....", said a customer at the Fair Trade stall, referring to those friends whose Christmas cards had clearly not been bought from a charity. Someone else was overhead saying "I always like to send good quality cards so never buy from a charity." On finding that Traidcraft cards are part of a joint production by several caring agencies (including Christian Aid, Cafod, Traidcraft and Sciaf and so support development work amongst the world's poor in a range of ways, and that the quality and variety are of a high standard), the second remark became muted. With almost 40 designs to choose from there is likely to be something for everyone.

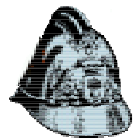
Not only that, but the range of gifts, decorations, foods and clothing, sourced from all parts of the developing world make the Fair Trade catalogue a very good starting point for Christmas shopping.

Prices are good, too as you would expect from an organisation that offers fair prices to both producers and customers. In Deddington cards, catalogues and the full range of gift ideas and goodies can be had at the Fair Trade stall in the Church on Farmers' Market days or from Hugh Marshall (337761). Orders placed this month will be delivered free of charge, often within a short time of being placed.*through trade.* *J.M*

FIRE SERVICE

We have been called out 43 times since 23 June, to 1 grass fire; 3 house fires; 1 garage; 1 extractor; 1 fire in a generator room; 1 road traffic accident; 1 chimney fire; 1 kitchen fire; 1 lorry; 1 controlled burning; 4 false alarms; 3 car fires; 1 call to smoke issuing; 1 lightning strike; 22 calls to stand by at other Stations. The total for this year so far is 133.

On 18 August about 1pm, lightning struck a bungalow in Piers Row, Deddington, setting the loft contents on fire. It took 4 fire engines and 1 support unit to deal with it. The smoke travelled into the loft of the property next door. The people who live nearby were quite shaken by the experience, as we all know the unexpected can happen, but we think it won't happen to us. This was a small fire with a lot of smoke, and it is the smoke that can do more damage to you than the fire. This makes it so important that you test your smoke alarms once a week and change your battery once a year. For this, choose a special day like a birthday or anniversary. If you need anyone to visit you about smoke alarms or general fire safety in the home, please telephone us at the Fire Station on the number below. If no one is in, leave a message and we'll get back to you.



Recruitment : I am pleased to tell you that Ahcene Affi has passed his week's training and will soon be on the run. But sad to say Jeremy Bolduc will soon be leaving us to move to Banbury. He and his family will be missed very much and we wish them well.

On 2 October, 10-4pm, we will be part of the Fire Service Benevolent Fund fund-raising car wash event. So please don't wash your car; bring it to us at the Station and make a donation. *Pete Taylor* Sub Officer 338281

GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton October 2004

The group offers help in a crisis, or even with an everyday task such as collecting a prescription or doing some shopping.

If you are unable to reach the appropriate person listed below,
please telephone Angela Waller 338970

DEDDINGTON -

BULL RING, HORSEFAIR, VICTORIA

TERRACE:

Wendy Burrows, Market Place Cottage 338082

PHILCOTE STREET:

Molly Neild, 1 Philcote Street 338521

EARL'S LANE, BANBURY ROAD:

Janet Broadbent, Stone Court, Earl's Lane
338173

HIGH STREET, HUDSON STREET:

Joyce Minnear, 2 Holly Tree Cottages 338529

CHURCH STREET, MARKET PLACE, THE

TCHURE:

Pat Swash, Foresters Cottage, The Tchure
338920

ST THOMAS STREET, CHAPMAN'S LANE,

GOOSE GREEN, HOPCRAFT LANE:

John Burdon, Kempster Place, Philcote Street
338150

NEW STREET:

Angela Waller, 5 New Street 338970

THE DAEDINGS, PIERS ROW:

Helen Worrell, 18 The Daedings 338189

HEMPTON ROAD, THE PADDOCKS:

Josie Stevens, The Sycamores, Hempton Rd
338305

WINDMILL STREET, WINDMILL CLOSE,

MACKLEY CLOSE:

Pat Brittain, 28 The Daedings 338685

MILL CLOSE:

Margaret Reid, 39 Mill Close 337283

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Adele Sullivan, 10 Gaveston Gardens 337485

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Catherine Young, w.338832, h.337140

HEMPTON

Rene Mahony, 15 St John's Way 338438

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Katie McGovern, Roseville, Chapel Close
338771

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AGE CONCERN	01295 278040
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	01865 242373
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SOCIETY	01295 750622
BANBURY BENEFITS ADVICE	01295 255863
BANBURY FAMILY CENTRE	01295 275507
BBC OXFORD ACTION DESK	01865 889026
BRITISH RED CROSS- home from hospital	01295 229257
CARDIAC SUPPORT GROUP	01295 229373
CARERS' CENTRE	01295 264545
CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU	0870 220 0608
COUNCIL OF DISABLED PEOPLE	01865 792226
CRUSE BEREAVEMENT ADVICE	01295 768119
DIAL-A-RIDE	01295 263777
DIALABILITY	01865 791818
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, CDC	01295 252535
Pollution Control	01295 221632
for noise complaints out of office hours	01865 266000
FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICE	01865 741781
HEALTH POINT	0800 665544
KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE	01295 811866
LIFE PREGNANCY COUNSELLING	01869 245777
LONE PARENT HELPLINE	0800 0185026
NORTH OXON DRUGS AGENCY	01295 273511
PEST CONTROL	01295221937
RELATE - Marriage Guidance	01295 258141
SAMARITANS	01295 270000
SOCIAL SERVICES	01295 252421
VICTIM SUPPORT	01295 277990
VOLUNTEER BUREAU	01295 279515
YOUNG HOMELESS	01295 259442