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What's new this month?

Have you potted your jam for the Parish Show?

Have you considered joining the Fire Service?

How often do you drive when you could walk?

What do you want to see in DN?

September

Mon	1	Monday Morning Club, Coffee Morning 10.30 am - noon
Tues	2	Badminton Club meeting, 6.30pm juniors, 7.30 pm seniors, Windmill Centre p14
Wed	3	Photographic Society Open Meeting, 7.30 pm Deddington Arms
Wed	3	Deddington Ladies, 8.00 pm Holly Tree
Fri	5	Deddington Colts, 7.0 pm Windmill Centre
Sat	6	Church Bazaar, Parish Church 9.00 am
Sat	6	Parish Show, 2.00 pm Parish Church p2
Sat	6	Deddington Town FC, 1st fixture p15
Tues	9	Craft Club, 2.30 pm Holly Tree
Tues	9	WI meeting, the Japanese Kimono, 7.30 pm p15
Tues	9	1st Deddington Guides meeting 7.30 pm Windmill
Wed	10	History Society, History of the Uses of Straw 7.30 pm Windmill Centre p15
Thur	11	Monday Morning Club Film Evening, 6.30 pm Holly Tree
Sat	13	The Crown Quartet concert, 7.30 pm Parish Church p2
Sat	13	Ride and Stride p3
Sat	13	Fire Station Car Wash 9.00 am p2
Mon	15	DOGS visit to Kings Norton Golf Club
Mon	15	Youth Club meeting, Windmill p14
Tues	16	PTA AGM 8.00 pm Deddington Primary School
Wed	17	Parish Council meeting, 7.30 pm, Town Hall
Sat	20	Alastair Welford Toybox Hair Dye, Hair Razors
Thurs	25	Book Club meeting p15
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Fri	26 &	
Sat	27	Photographic Society Exhibition, Adderbury Institute, from 10.30 am p14
Sat	27	Hempton Harvest Supper 7.30 pm p12
Sun	28	Hempton Harvest Festival 6.00 pm p12
Mon	29	Friends of Hempton Church AGM 7.30 pm p12
Tues	30	Fairtrade Catalogue Preview 11.00 am - 7.00 pm

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DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

2008 festival deddington

A mark of the success achieved this year is that there

are just too many helpers, sponsors, artists, and advertisers for us to thank them all individually but they know who they are so please accept our grateful thanks.

Our new venture, the Fun and Rocks Day attracted a lot of attention in spite of the rain, and it was very encouraging to see so many new faces enjoying the events.

The Open Gardens event was a welcome and very successful addition to the Festival this year - so heartfelt thanks to all the gardeners who spent so much of their time preparing their gardens and allowing us in.

Sue Cave attracted a full house for her Art Workshop courtesy of Christine Blennoft who allowed us to hold the event in her beautiful garden. All our other exhibitions and events were well received - Art, Craft, Flower Festival, Library, History Society and Daeda's Wood walks, School concert and Poetry Please.

Wendy Burrows and her cast of thousands worked extremely hard and gave us a community concert which attracted, as usual, a full house. Wendy has decided to step down from the Festival committee and she takes with her our best wishes

for every success with her new Parish Show which will take place on 6 September 2008.

Finally, sincere apologies are due for the inconvenience and nuisance caused by a delay in removing bins after the 5 July events.

Moving on to Festival 2009 - we are delighted to be able to offer you the chance to attend our first fundraiser for that year. Join us in the Parish Church on Saturday 13 September at 7.30 pm for a concert by The Crown Quartet. The quartet was formed in 2007 and comprises Rosalind West, Elizabeth Deacon, Sheridan Edward and Christian Bradley. They are young Oxford-based performers and together sing duets and quartets, as well as solo arias from various operas and oratorios. They have recently performed at Blenheim Palace, Headington Summer Music Festival and as part of the Hertford Lunchtime Recital Series.

In Deddington they will be performing pieces from Rigoletto, Cosi fan Tutte, Lakmé, Pearl Fishers, Faust, Carmen, Samson and Delilah, and La Bohème, amongst others. All tickets £5, under 16s free. Refreshments will be available. Please come along for what should be an enjoyable evening and if you could buy your tickets in advance that would be a great help.

Tickets are available from the Secretary on 338325, or eileenandersonuk@yahoo.co.uk, or on the door.

Eileen Anderson

Deddington Parish Show

SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

in the Church with the Church Bazaar

Come and support our first attempt at restarting the Show, preferably by entering one or more of the classes or just coming for tea, helping to judge the photograph classes or just a look around. Entries to be in on 2 or 3 September. Open to the public at 2.00 pm.

Wendy Burrows

From the Fire Station

July Shouts: We received 11 callouts in July. These included a kitchen fire (caused by hot fat left unattended); a car fire on the M40; hay bales and rubbish fire; a garage fire that spread through to three other garages; a bonfire out of control; a BBQ that was blown over and then spread to a gazebo and garden fence, and a bedroom fire. The bedroom fire was caused by children who had built a den in their bedroom out of blankets and duvets and, in order to warm up the den, they put on a hairdryer underneath the duvets. As you can imagine it didn't take long for the whole lot to go up in flames. Fortunately the parents were close at hand to throw all the burning bedding out of the window and nobody was hurt.

Home Fire Safety: Do you have a smoke detector in, or close to, your children's bedrooms? Children do have a huge amount of electrical equipment these days, so it's worth talking to them about not overloading sockets, not using laptops for long periods on the duvet (they can overheat as the fan gets

blocked), unplugging everything at night, no hair straighteners on the carpet, and of course not to use hairdryers as heaters!

August Shouts: We have also had a very busy August with 23 callouts: a house fire, two car fires and a van fire, a serious fire at Cropedy Gun Club, an overturned caravan, five road traffic accidents, two false alarms and several stand-bys to Banbury and Bicester. The house fire in Banbury caused serious damage to all of the upstairs and the roof of an end of terrace house. It was in the middle of the afternoon and the family was downstairs; they managed to evacuate safely when their smoke detector raised the alarm.

Calling All Women: Rachel and I are still in the minority at Deddington Fire Station and we would very much like to redress the balance! We will be holding an open day on 18 October for women to come along and find out more about being a firefighter, what opportunities there are for part-time, full-time, and flexible working, have a go at some of the selection tests and meet some of Oxfordshire's women firefighters who are already doing the job. Interested? Put the date in your diary.

Fundraising Car Wash: Need your car washed? Come to the Fire Station, Saturday 13 September, 9.00 am onwards. Proceeds to the Fire Fighters Charity.

Anne Waters, Watch Manager
338281

The British Microlight Aircraft Association has 4000 members who have a keen interest in flying microlight aircraft. The Association is run for the membership by the full time staff at offices in Deddington.

Job Vacancy: Pilot Licence Administrator

Working as part of the team, your prime responsibility will be the administration of the Microlight Pilot Licensing system. This includes:

- Checking, recording and recommending Pilot Licence applications.
- Maintaining Flying Instructor and Examiner records.
- Providing advice to licence applicants.

You will also assist in other roles within the Association:

- Processing membership applications.
- Issuing airworthiness documents.
- Servicing the On-line shop.
- Providing information to Association members.

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Further details and applications form from: Chief Executive, British Microlight Aircraft Association, Bullring, Deddington. Oxon OX15 0TT Tel: 01869 338888 or email to geoff.weighell@bmaa.org



GREEN PIECE

Use them or lose them

The nationals have been

full of the so called 'credit crunch'; we're all feeling the pinch. For those at work, the cost of commuting has become a major expense. It seems you can't pick up a magazine without there being something about green living in it. Whether or not you believe that climate change is man-made, it is certainly happening and we've got to learn to live with it.

The energy crisis is a separate problem, and Murphy's Law says that it is coincidental with global warming. Oil is bound to run out one day; the jury's still out on how soon. Meanwhile we have the prospect of domestic energy going up by anything from 40% to 60% over the next 12 months.

Batten down the hatches folks. Locally we can prepare by encouraging and supporting the shops, builders and other tradesmen in the parish and hereabouts, A-boards and all. The danger is that, as they struggle to keep prices down, we use the cheaper big boys and the small guys close. Then, if and when we really need local suppliers and tradesmen (who remembers the time in the 1970s when we were snow bound?), we'll be in real bothers. Till next month then – drive slowly.

Colin Robinson

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 Thur 4 2.00 pm Squeals and Wheels
 Sun 7 10.30 am All-age Worship
 6.30 pm Evensong
 Wed 10 10.00 am Eucharist
 Sun 14 10.30 am Eucharist
 (with Healing Prayer)
 Wed 17 10.00 am Eucharist
 Thur 18 2.00 pm Squeals and Wheels
 Sun 21 10.30 am Sung Eucharist
 Wed 24 10.00 am Eucharist
 Sun 28 8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Morning Worship
 Mon 29 6.30 pm Eucharist St Michael

St John's Hempton

Sundays 7 and 21 9.00 am Eucharist
 Sun 28 6.00 pm Harvest Festival Evensong

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

Bible study groups: contact Jean Welford 338539, or Liz Dickinson 337050 for dates, times and venues.

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30 am: Pastor Walton except
 21 September Faith Sharpe and 28 September Margaret Goulder

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**Congregational Chapel, New Street**

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church together with their congregation.
 Sunday afternoon services at The Chapel at 3.00 pm organised by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church.

Mrs J Minnear 338529**RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury**

Masses at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30 am, Sun at 10.00 am.
 St George's Church, Adderbury: Mass Wed 7.00 pm and Sun 8.30 am.
 Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30 – 6.00 pm and at Adderbury before Mass.

Rev John Burns 277396**Thank You**

Christian Aid Week may seem months ago but a letter from the Oxford office of Christian Aid, received in July, says 'A huge thank you for all your efforts and money raised for this year's Christian Aid Week. As you know, this is the biggest fundraising event of its kind and the part that Deddington has played in raising £2,036.73 is hugely appreciated. Please pass on our thanks.' So we do, with the comment that this total compares with £2,079.90 last year and our thanks to everyone who took part.

Pat Brittain and the Marshalls**Deddington Health Centre
2008 Flu Clinics**

Our flu clinics this autumn are as follows:
 Saturday mornings 4, 11 and 25 Oct 9.00 am - 12.00 pm.
 Thursday and Friday afternoons, 9, 10, 16, 17 and 24 Oct 2.00 pm until 3.00 pm.
 Late afternoon clinics 23 and 27 Oct, 3 and 6 Nov.
 If you come on the surgery bus, then clinics have been organised to fit in with bus times on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 14 Oct. You are eligible for a flu jab if: you are over 65 years old; you have a long-term condition such as asthma (if on a steroid inhaler), COPD, diabetes, coronary heart disease or chronic kidney disease; you are a carer; you work with poultry. Please phone us to book your flu jab appointment on 01869 338611.

Deddington Writing Competition

More than 220 authors entered the Deddington Writing Competition as part of this year's Festival. Most had never previously written for anyone except their friends or perhaps their class teacher. Stories and poems were invited and the competition was divided into three age groups. Those in junior or secondary school were given the subject, 'The Monstrous Machine', whilst entries for the Open Competition were asked to write on 'What If...'

In addition to modest prizes for the winners, each author shortlisted in the Open section was given a page of comments and advice by the judge, whilst those in the Junior and Secondary section were all congratulated on their work.

Prize winners were

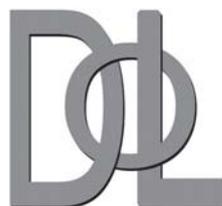
Open Competition Poem - Winner: Steve Bliss (Woodstock), *Special Prize*: Edith Bright-Butler (Wantage). *Story* - Winner: M S Clary (Chipping Norton).

Junior Competition Secondary age Poem - Winner: Thomas Fletcher (Bodicote); *Story* - Winner: Charlie de Haviland (North Newington)

Primary age Poem - Winner: Hannah Davies (Bodicote); *Story* - Joint Winners: Megan Blackmore-Sly (Charlbury School) and Benedict M'Caw (Steeple Aston)

All the winning entries can be read on www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk where an announcement will be made in December or January about any competition in 2009.

Hugh Marshall
337761



We have lost one of our members, and the loss will be keenly felt. The Deddington OnLine editorial group is no longer assisted by the extremely able Sylvie Spenceley. A founder member of the original group that got

our village website up and running, Sylvie has helped the group for over ten years. Despite not being a computer 'nerd', Sylvie allowed herself to be persuaded to add her skills and keen eye for accuracy and detail to the output of DoL. Now she has decided that it's time to retire, we shall miss her; so a big 'thank you' from us for the many years' help with this fascinating project.

We have been promising it for several months, and now we have the brand new Deddington OnLine website. It looks different, but the greatest change is that you can now 'own' your part of the village website. If you are part of an organisation within our parish, you can control how your information is displayed. You will be able to edit the content of your own pages, and so keep it as up-to-date as you would wish, all from the comfort of your own keyboard. If you want to use this facility please contact us at Deddington OnLine;

editor@deddington.org.uk

Paul Drawmer
01869 338450 (Home)
Email paul@drawmer.net

Banbury Court

There will be an Open Day at Banbury Court House, Warwick Road, Banbury on Saturday 18 October 2008, 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. All are welcome.

Eileen J Anderson
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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting in Town Hall 16 July 2008

Present Cllrs Flux [Chair], Alton, Anderson, Collins, Ince, Privett, Rudge, Squires, Todd, Watts, Wood, and DC O'Sullivan, the Clerk, the Minute Clerk.

Co-option

Heather Ward was selected as the co-opted Parish Councillor to replace Cllr Rollason.

Open Forum

Barbara Budd addressed the meeting regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Holcombe Hotel. She was concerned that the revised plan still compromised her security and privacy, and about the lack of some detailed dimensions. (See planning report.)

Environment, Recreation & Special Projects

- Oxfordshire Village of the Year - Cherwell division: Deddington won with a prize of £500
- Church clock: PC to take responsibility for investigating repair
- Allotments: good attendance at the meeting and a committee has been formed to administer the site. A vegetable and flower show has been arranged for September
- Bowls club security gate: waiting for second quote
- Planters: positive comments regarding new planting
- Town Hall: hire fees for the use of the hall to be in line with Holly Tree Club
- Coat of Arms: use of the arms would be charged at £50 for clubs and £100 for commercial enterprises
- Castle Grounds: hire charge will be made depending on purpose
- Noticeboards: need restoration
- Extended opening hours for school: some local schools have extended opening hours for the benefit of working parents. In spite of limited facilities the possibility will be investigated
- Cemetery: a 5% fee increase was recommended

Highways

- Hempton white lines: the hatched area and the position of the central white line to be re-examined
- Clifton footpath: has been cleared but will need regular weed-killing
- A4260 south: the 30 mph sign is obscured by vegetation, OCC to act
- Walnut Close, Clifton: verge needs cutting
- Pedestrian crossing point at traffic lights: OCC to assess feasibility of a pedestrian request button opposite the library
- Earls Lane speeding: OCC have monitored speed and the results are alarming, action required
- A-boards: control responsibility of OCC not PC
- Stile lights: all lamp standards to be reduced to

5 m, possibility of blanking out parts of lights causing light pollution

Planning

PC no objections: [1] Millbrook, Milton Gated Road, equestrian use, qualified approval; [2] The Old Vicarage, Church St, tree felling and trimming; [3] The Fishers, Clifton Rd, conservatory at rear; [4] 11 The Daedings, replace existing conservatory; [5] The Hollies, Tithe Lane, Clifton, renovation of dormer windows; [6] 4 Hempton Rd, scaled down rear/side extension, qualified approval; [7] Holcombe Hotel, High St, conversion of hotel to residential units, very qualified approval [with regret];

PC objection: [8] Old Corner House, Market Place, change of use residential to A2 business, insufficient parking.

CDC approvals: [9] 23 Gaveston Gdns; [10] 14 High St; [11] 30 Gaveston Gdns; [12] Manor Fm, Clifton.

Upper Heyford plan to build 1075 dwellings and associated infrastructure has been resubmitted and although outside PC's competence is causing concern because of 'knock on' effect.

Deddington Cricket Club have expressed concern regarding the siting of the proposed wind turbine.

Finance & General Purposes

External auditors have asked questions about trusteeship of Castle Grounds, Public Works Loan Board, and the Reserves all resolved satisfactorily

Internal auditors have approved accounts

Leeds BS have restricted account use, to be investigated

Youth Club, no short term funding required but later in October or November

Parish Finances

Invoices passed for payment £8,399. Investments totalled £545,259 at W Brom BS, Barclays & Birmingham Midshires BS.

Next Meeting:

7.30pm Wednesday 17 September 2008.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

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the Deddington Health Centre

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SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to yet another school year. By the time you are reading this we will all be back in the throes of term one. We welcome all our new children and families to the school and hope they will be very happy here as part of our large school community. This year we have 36 new children joining us, some as they start school for the very first time and others as they have moved into the area. Whole school assemblies will be cosy times with 207 children present!

Sadly we also say farewell to one of our great Teaching Assistants as she moves on to pastures new. Jenny Wimbush has been with the school for seven years and has offered fantastic support to teachers and children alike. Thank you Jenny and good luck in your new post.

This term gets off to a very busy start with our whole school trip to the New Oxford Theatre to see



the Jungle Book. We are really looking forward to going to such a big theatre and for some of our younger pupils it will be their first experience of live theatre.

Our new gardening plots are looking great and the potting shed and water butt are now in place so it will be all hands to the shovels to prepare for our autumn planting. If anyone would like to come and help us get this great project off the ground, please contact Miss Burn or Mr Fane at the school; I know any help would be appreciated. Thanks to Peach Pubs once again for their generous financial support for our Healthy Schools initiative.

Judith Tinsley
Deddington CE Primary School
01869 338430

Deddington PTA

We hope everyone had a lovely summer break (minus the summer!). Coming up is our PTA AGM on Tuesday 16 September at 8.00 pm in the school hall. It is so important that this meeting is well attended by parents and carers. Just to entice you along we are including a glass of wine in the proceedings but arm-twisting is strictly excluded! (Press ganging went out in the early 19th century – willing volunteers tend to be much happier and more productive!)

Now is the time to start clearing out your cupboards and garages again because we are planning to hold another car boot sale in the autumn. Further details to follow – look out for our adverts around the villages and in next month's edition of DN.

Our firework display this year will be bigger and better than ever and will be held on Saturday 1 November.

Please remember to visit our craft market every Farmers' Market Day in the Royal British Legion from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. We have some fabulous new stalls and the return of old favourites in September. It's never too early to start your Christmas shopping!

During the last academic year we raised the staggering amount of £13,700 and we would like to thank everyone who contributed to this fantastic sum. A new adventure playground is now standing proudly on the school field for all the children to enjoy. We are looking forward to another fun packed and successful fundraising year and, as always, thank you for your continued support.

Janet Watts
PTA Chair

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

Following the success of our summer holiday club, we are now looking forward to the new term and to welcoming our new children at both Nursery and PFSU at the start of September. The topic for the coming term will be 'All About Me'.

Thank you to everyone who supported our 80s School Disco back in July. We had a great night and raised lots of money to benefit the children at the Nursery and PFSU. On sale from 8 September is our new annual quiz sheet, only £1 per entry. Quiz sheets are available from Deddington PFSU, the Village Nursery and Hamptons International. Closing date is 31 October 2008. First prize is two tickets (one adult and one child) for Cotswold Wildlife



Park. Great fun for all!

Lucy Squires

Barfords Village Market

In the Village Hall, Lower Street

3rd Saturday of each month

10.00 – 12.30

Fresh meats from The Meat Joint, organic breads, fresh local produce in season. Cakes, savoury bakes, preserves, honey and chutneys. Cards, gifts and craft items, plus lots for the children.

Oxfordshire Village of the Year Competition

Deddington won the Cherwell section of the Calor Oxfordshire Village of the Year competition held at Yarn-ton Village Hall on 28 June, and organised by the ORCC. The judges were particularly impressed with the use of a good skills base within the village and the large range of initiatives like Daeda's Wood, and the proposed wind turbine and interactive website projects. CDC has awarded Deddington a prize of £500. The overall county-wide winner was Woodcote, in south Oxfordshire.

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM PAT BRITAIN, THE DAEDINGS

Thanks and appreciation to everyone who wished me well following the announcement of my Special Award. I am still in a state of shock, and very much aware of the help and support I have received over the years. Deddington is a super place in which to live, inhabited by very kind, generous and caring folk. I would not wish to live anywhere else. Thank you all very much.

FROM NICK WESTBURY, BLOXHAM

I would like to thank the officers and boys (and their parents) of 1st Deddington Boys' Brigade for their kind gifts following my recent retirement as an officer in the company. I have enjoyed my seven years in the company and would like to take this opportunity of wishing them all the very best for the future.

FROM HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS

Having spent rather longer in the Horton Hospital than I had anticipated for routine surgery, two things stand out in my mind. First, the wonderful care given by the hospital and the ambulance service. Who says the NHS is anything but excellent? Also, the tremendous strength to Diana and myself given by the messages, cards, prayers, visits and practical help from so many Deddington people, both through the time in hospital and during recovery at home, in all some 18 weeks. A big 'thank you' to all concerned.

FROM MARY DAVIES, HEMPTON

As a newcomer to the area I was delighted to receive through the door a copy of the Deddington News. What a great magazine, full of interesting and useful information. I was particularly impressed by the Church and Chapel page. As someone who is so often travelling, it was good to see at a glance where and when services were held in the various churches. So congratulations, for not only supplying this information but for seeing the need in this day and age of non-churchgoers!

We have found quite a few tradesmen too, from the magazine's advertisements, so thank you again.

FROM REBECCA AND CHRISTINE BLENTOFT, THE OLD POST HOUSE, NEW STREET, I would like to send a huge thank you to Deddington's local businesses: Arujo Organics, the Deddington Co-op and F Eagles for kindly donating produce for our charity tea stand. We sold tea, coffee, and strawberries and cream, despite threatening weather, with people managing to sit outside in patches of sun while enjoying the village Open Gardens event. Thank you to everyone who

supported us. We raised a little over £100 for the Brooke Animal Hospital that helps the owners of third world working donkeys and horses to learn to look after their animals properly, by providing simple things like free veterinary attention, fly fringes and portable drinking troughs.

May we also thank the organisers of the Open Gardens event for their superb organisational skills, and our wonderful volunteers who kindly gave up some of their free time to help with the smooth running of the day.

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

FROM LINDA DAVIES, CLIFTON

What a wonderful day Saturday 5 July was. OK, it rained a bit, but it wouldn't be a proper festival without a bit of rain. I thought the Festival organisers did a brilliant job and the whole

Fun/Rocks day was managed superbly with a very high level of professionalism. It was a shame about the weather because I felt that they could have packed the Market Place out in the evening - the bands were exceptional, especially *Cantaloop*, the headline act. But in the end they attracted the audience they were aiming at, the young people of Deddington, and that's quite an achievement. Deddington Rocks 2009, now that's something I'm already looking forward to.

The following letter, from JULIETTE SIEBOLD of JERUSALEM, was sent to DoL's Forum:

I am looking for anyone who knew Leon Bagratuni who lived in Castle House until his death in 1964. Please contact DoL on www.deddington.org.uk if you have any information.

FROM KATHRYN MARMION

Joan Wilson and family would like to thank the village so much for the wonderful out-pouring of support and affection after the recent death of Hewitt. The many touching letters of sympathy have meant so much at this sad time.

Police Surgery

Your local Policing Team will be holding a Surgery at Deddington Police Office between 5.00 and 7.00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month. This will be held as a 'drop-in' session, which will allow residents to discuss any issues, seek help and advice, and pick up informative leaflets. This is also an excellent chance to meet members of your local team, and ensure that concerns and issues are raised with the Police. Crime Reduction advice will also be available, as will information on Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the area.

IT'S ALL GROW

On the Farm

Normally, by the time I sit down at the keyboard to put together September on the farm, the harvest is safe in the barn and the combine seat has been exchanged for one on a tractor and it is full steam ahead with the autumn planting. Even last year which, according to the experts, was the wettest on record, the combine was back in its barn by the third week of August and the grain dryer had had little use. This year, however, is somewhat different. The harvest to date (16/8) has been a matter of grabbing it when you can and using the gas-fired drier to bring the grain



down to a safe storage moisture content, and there's the rub as you all know where the gas price has got to. So far we have been able to gather the oilseed rape and the oats but as yet we have still not been able to make a start on the wheat. Looking at the long-range forecast, that will be a 'bachelor's' harvest (get it when you can). Again, unlike last year, the farm gate price of wheat is dropping faster than the mercury as the rest of the world has had a bumper harvest, but I would not count on seeing the drop in farm gate values being reflected in your weekly shop.

The bee situation has taken a turn for the better as we have now been given the all-clear after last

autumn's problems. Despite the difficult summer weather, we shall go into the winter with more than double the number of hives over last year. The honey harvest has been better than expected but with the steep rise in the cost of the jars and labels it will cost more to produce. So please, if you can, return the empty jars, it will help to keep any increases in the price to a minimum, and don't try to remove the labels in hot water as it will anneal them to the glass. A good soaking in cold water overnight will do the trick - or leave it to us.

The farm's environmental project seems to be going according to plan and we have had some good results with the breeding waders this season. But, as a direct result of last summer's weather, this year's moth and butterfly counts are disappointing. The arable flower strips (weeds) have come up trumps with a good show of corn marigold, cornflower and corn cockle. The corn cockle is a very rare plant in this country today, with only two other known sites where it grows wild. Just how it arrived here is a matter of some speculation but the most likely answer is that it came as a contaminant in the imported German phacelia seed that was planted as a green manure crop on the set-aside land some years ago. But it doesn't really matter where it came from, it's corn cockle and it's here.

George Fenimore
338203

The Allotment

'The soil is rather like a bran-tub – you only get out of it what you put in.'

from RHS Encyclopaedia of Gardening

Asked to publish a piece on composting, I thought the above from *Gardening Lovers' Quotations* by Helen Exley an apt introduction.

What to compost

In theory you can compost anything organic – kitchen scraps, tea bags and coffee, eggshells, wood ash, hair, newspapers and cardboard, natural fabrics, garden prunings and weeds.

If you are not sure that you will achieve maximum heat, it would be prudent to leave out perennial weed roots, weed seeds, fish and meat (which might attract rodents) and any diseased material. The top growth of potatoes often contains potato blight and potatoes may sprout again, so don't take the risk. Brassica roots may have suffered clubroot. Cat and dog faeces should never be used for compost where you are growing vegetables. Prunings of evergreens do not decompose freely and should be left out. They may be used as mulch for pathways and other access routes if shredded.

How to make compost

Start the heap off with something coarse and twiggy to let in air. Collect and save a wide assortment of suitable materials, aiming at half green and half dry. Cut fabrics up into small pieces. Chop up or crush woody materials into small lengths and crush tough stalks.

Water any dry materials, such as straw, paper and cloth, and squeeze them out. If you have too much green material, particularly grass mowings, you will end up with silage. You want moisture but not sogginess, which will make the heap putrefy. Mix your ingredients together and let it settle by itself.

Turn at intervals of a few weeks. This will cause it to rot faster and present an opportunity to check progress. Add whatever it seems to lack – more water or green material if dry, more shredded dampened paper, rags or straw if too wet. Overall it should be as damp as a squeezed sponge. Mix it up again, add some activator and fork it in.

To get full value from your compost when it is ready, dig it in at the start of spring.

Next time I hope to cover some other methods of producing the right materials for our spring dig.

Tony Campion

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley for the months of August and September 1858:

30th August - Sears the Superintendent of Police came to say he had locked up at the Station 7 or 8 Germans for assaulting Butchers Thomas, French, Sturch & W Malings on the highway between the Fox at North Aston and this place.

31st August - I went up to the Police Station and was present at the settlement of the Affray case between the Germans (Musicians) and Butchers – they paid the complainants £5 and were then dismissed by me from custody.

3rd September - A monthly meeting of Magistrates at the Kings Arms, it being the annual licensing day. Applications were made for renewing the Three Tuns license and for licensing The Blacksmith's Arms beer house, neither of which were granted. I could not conscientiously have supported both – so I staid (*sic*) away. The Flower Show passed off well I believe. Today an additional Piscina etc were discovered at the East End of the North Aisle on scraping the walls.

7th September - I went with Mr Burgess (*the Curate*) to the Churchyard to see how the foundations of the new Vestry were going on. I was busied picking bones lying about in the Churchyard and putting them in the earth again, when the men dug up a small metal figure (it is supposed of the Virgin Mary) about 8 inches only below the surface of the ground near where the former vestry or an old chapel had stood.

8th September - I was busied all day nearly in the Churchyard – we re-buried 4 bodies, nothing found today beyond a few bits of tile and part of a small bell.

9th September - The day was observed as a day of Thanksgiving for the late abundant harvest by mutual consent amongst the farmers and others.

19th September - Our dear boy Willy was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of this Diocese at Cuddesdon in the Parish Church today with others.

22nd September - Heard the small pox was in the Town – a man named Joshua Gibbs had been removed to the Pest House.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 1925 – 2007

1960 onwards - The Intrepid Travellers

We've read how difficult it was in the 1940s, shortly after the end of the Second World War, to hire a coach with sufficient petrol for an outing. All this had changed by the 1950s when our village ladies again fitted educational and enjoyable outings into their yearly programme. A souvenir photo taken on 27 June 1962 shows them at Josiah Wedgwood & Sons' factory in Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent. If you look carefully you'll recognise Mr Kerridge, second row from the top, who no doubt drove his precious load of more than 25 ladies safely to Staffordshire and back. How convenient to have a much loved local man as guide and participant! The visit merits this short, down-to-earth comment in the Minutes: 'Everyone agreed that the outing had been most enjoyable but were glad that the Wedgwood factory offered the use of their canteen to members as the food at Stoke-on-Trent was disappointing!'

London beckoned in April 1968 and the Palace of Westminster in particular, where Neil Marten MP took time off to take his smartly dressed constituents on a guided tour, described in the Minutes as the 'highlight of the outing'.



Throughout the 1970s, outings continued to play an important part in WI planning and, in the 1980s, photographs abound of a group of local members invading the Continent. And why not? The WI is keeping a keen eye on matters to do with the Common Market. We see them on a trip to Holland and, later in May 1984, as reported by Mrs Ivings 'on a most enjoyable trip to the ancient cities of

Aachen and Trier followed by a short hop into the Moselle Valley including some generous wine tasting'. Not yet at journey's end, the group pushed south to Strasbourg where no doubt the European Court of Justice might have attracted their curiosity, although no

mention is made of it in the re-telling of their adventures at a meeting after their return. A year later, our experts on travel enjoy the sights of 'gai Paris' including the Palace of Versailles. Never a dull moment in this branch of the WI, there are some more surprises in store in next month's issue.

Ruth Johnson

Musical Notes

The midsummer months brought music in plenty through the Deddington Festival (26 June to 6 July). Some events had a familiar flavour about them, others were spiced up or even completely nouvelle cuisine, but all provided a satisfying repast whatever one's taste in music.

A large audience gathered in the church for the main concert of the Festival, to relish 'A Night at the Opera'. Unlike the film of the same name by the Marx brothers, this was not an evening of hilarious disasters, but one of the great hits of opera from Mozart through Verdi to Borodin. All the favourites were there, including the Procession and Chorale from the Mastersingers, the gentle Prayer from Hansel and Gretel, Nessun Dorma, the Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves and the Triumphant Scene from Aida. The soloists, Lucia Simon, Cathy Bell, Hugo Tucker and Jonathan Stainsby acquitted themselves with aplomb and the



choir, chiefly members of Choros and the OUP choir, gave their all in the rousing choruses. They were accompanied by an augmented Beauchamp Orchestra and the whole enterprise was skilfully welded together by music director, Janet Lincé. Our patron, Brian Kay, compered the evening with incomparable style and wit. A programme consisting of many short pieces from a wide stylistic range is difficult to perform and the operatic repertoire is especially taxing, but the musicians rose to the occasion and the audience clearly loved their evening of opera.

Stekpanna once more brought their special brand of contemporary jazz to the Festival. They perform with consummate skill and evident enthusiasm producing music that is sometimes comfortingly familiar and at others reaches out to strange harmonies that touch hands with contemporary classical music. Using the church as a venue for this sort of music is not ideal, but the provision of chairs will make it possible in the future to use the space more imaginatively.

Freecycle

As the downturn in the economic climate hits home, it seems that Freecycle, the complete antithesis of eBay and an extension of the old 'hand me down' lifestyle, is attracting more than 2,000 new members a day. Since we last mentioned it in the DN, Freecycle membership in the UK has more than doubled to well over a million. Give away stuff you no longer want and get bits you need with no money changing hands.

Check it out at <http://www.freecycle.org/groups/unitedkingdom/> at home or at the library.

There's similar system called FreeMesa 'Free Stuff from the Community, to the Community. All for free. Go to <http://www.freemesa.org/>

Appearing for the first time at the Festival, the Demon Barbers entertained us with a mixture of standard barber shop, close harmony and vocal trickery that turned the evening into a veritable cabaret act. They wooed us with old favourites and surprised us with musical sounds created by banging their heads with spoons! A 6.00 pm slot on a Sunday evening did not prove popular, but the smiles on the faces of the few that turned out and the enthusiasm of their applause bore witness to the skill and professionalism of this group.

In the Windmill Centre on 27 June, Wendy Burrows brought together musicians, speakers, actors and dancers, young and old from all corners of Deddington in a 'Celebration of England'. It certainly lived up to its billing as unashamedly sentimental and patriotic, and produced unrestrained enthusiasm from a packed audience. The plethora of acts makes it invidious to mention individuals. Though the standard was varied and the performance went on for too long, it mattered little, for the pride in achievement and commitment were there for all to see and enjoy.

What did you think of the music? Will you come again? Are we missing out on a genre you would like to be included? Do let us know and keep in touch through the Festival website – www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk

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Deddington Butterflies

The Deddington Butterfly Group, headed by Kristin Thompson, is participating in a work of value to the Thames Valley Environmental Record Centre (TVERC) - surveying the butterfly fauna of Deddington parish. One record is not enough to judge population change; but for Daeda's Wood we have a five year record; and for Home Farm a long life list. But a list tells us nothing of the most interesting aspects of the biology of butterflies. For example, how do butterflies defend themselves?

How Butterflies Defend Themselves

Being light and frail, they seem defenceless. In the butterfly world, dominated by avian predators, two qualities endear them to us: they are elusive and they are often colourful, even very beautiful. The

erratic pattern of flight is a defensive strategy; so are wings overlain with pigments that change colour depending on the angle of light that strikes them. Camouflage is the most obvious defence. Some species are naturally inconspicuous; others are inconspicuous only when they fold their wings. A butterfly has two appearances: wings open, wings closed. If a butterfly has eyespots on its hind wings, it can flash them, and startle a pursuer. 'My, this fellow looks too big for me!' is what we imagine the bird to say. Last of all is chemical defence. Not many species have toxins in their bodies, but (cabbage) whites do, and of course the monarch of North America does.

Walter Meagher

News from Clifton

Firstly can I say that I think it would be a good idea if the parents of those children who grew up in Clifton and have now flown the nest could do me a couple of lines on how they are getting on in life. They used to be key members of our little community and I'm sure many of us would like to see how they are getting on. An inspiration to our current crop of 'little darlings' perhaps?

Welcome Jonah and Noah to our little corner of heaven. A Clifton correspondent says of our most famous resident, Wellard, 'reports of *his* demise are greatly exaggerated' as he has been seen 'scenting the pub's door' recently. Also Dave Darst brought at least 30 'DOGS' to the pub the Friday before last. It was good to see so many familiar faces far from home so evidently enjoying themselves.

Harry Collins was placed fifth in class out of 30+ competitors in the Brackley Soap Box Derby. His efforts were all the more impressive after he had to stand on the steep launch ramp for 10 minutes and watch as the young girl running before him was stretchered off to hospital. Well done to Alan

(Harry's proud dad), Doug and Andre who were the constructors, and Harry wants to thank all who donated bits and the families Rose and Davies who cheered him on. Plans are afoot for next year after a good look round the pits. Mrs Collins is very pleased!

More sports news as I can report Andy Morris from Ashley House won the PTA Fete Penalty Shoot Out Competition, defeating ex-Clifton resident Rob Blyth with a perfect 6 out of 6 in the seniors' final, and Clifton again retained their unbeaten record in the Tug of War when Mark, Tim, John, Doug and Alan narrowly pulled over the valiant efforts of our Fire Fighters. The Fire Fighters were handicapped by totally inappropriate uniform footwear but they felt obliged to take up the challenge when the rugby/ football playing sportsmen of Deddington went strangely AWOL! Many a smoke alarm was checked in Clifton that night I can tell you! Will they ever forgive us?

More news always welcome neighbours – please!

Martin Bryce

News from Hempton

On the plus side, PR Alcock of Banbury have re-pointed and rendered the south-facing wall of St John's Church. On the down side, the church, along with many others in the area, has had the lead stolen from the roof. I would ask everyone to be on their guard, as other property may be targeted, due to the high value of scrap metal.

This month will be busy at the Church and Hall. Saturday 13 September is the annual Church Ride and Stride day, and St John's will be open between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm to welcome striders. Volunteers are required to be in the Church to welcome and offer refreshments to visitors. Saturday 27 September will be the Harvest Supper at 7.30 pm, followed by an evening of bingo. Tickets, available from me, will be £8.50 per head to include food and soft drinks. Sunday 28 September will be the Harvest Festival evensong at 6.00 pm. Following the

service the produce will be auctioned and the proceeds donated to a worthy charity. Monday 29 September is the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Church at 7.30 pm. This meeting will be open to everyone so please come and offer your views on what the Friends should be doing.

This is an early announcement about the Christmas Bazaar which, this year, will be on Saturday 29 November from 11.00 am. This is a week earlier than in previous years.

Dog fouling is once again occurring through the main street in the village, so please clean up. The dog warden will be patrolling the area.

Congratulations to Victoria and David Thomas from Folly Cottage on the birth of their first baby, a son named Sam.

Les Chappell
338054

Moth-Hunting in Daeda's Wood

On the weekend of 20 - 22 June 2008 we visited sister Nancy in Deddington and took a look at the moths of Daeda's Wood. Before our visit, Nancy had contacted the Woodland Trust, the site's owner, and secured the necessary permissions for us to record there.

On the evening of Friday 20, along with son George and his partner Liz, we took our equipment – a generator, a powerful Mercury Vapour lamp, and an old bed sheet - down to the wood, and set up our stall close to the second bench by the bend in the river. This was one of the few spots where we could see the water at all and we were amazed at how the vegetation has obscured views of the river in the few years since our previous visit. Weather conditions on the night were ideal for mothing, mild, overcast and with very little breeze. At dusk around 22:00 hours we turned the light on, and within half an hour or so the 250w lamp was attracting moths to our sheet. By midnight they were coming thick and fast and it was with some reluctance that we turned the light out at around 01:30 hours. Over this period approaching 200 moths of over 60 species had paid us a visit.

So what moths did we see? I won't list all the species here, but some of the attractions among the larger so-called 'macro' moths were two large hawk-moth species, Elephant Hawk-moth and Eyed Hawk-moth, and around 25 Geometrid species, including Blotched Emerald, Maiden's Blush, Blood-vein, Peppered Moth, and Clouded Silver, all with names as attractive as the moths themselves. Among the 30 or so generally heavier-bodied Noctuid moth species we recorded Shoulder-striped Wainscot, Poplar Grey, Setaceous Hebrew Character, Burnished Brass, Beautiful Hook-tip, Straw Dot and Snout, again names both attractive and descriptive. And among the usually much smaller 'micro' moths, mostly graced only with a Latin or scientific name, were *Scoparia pyralella*, *Udea olivialis*, *Epiblema roborana* and *Agapeta hamana*. The

distinction between macro and micro moths, incidentally, is purely one of convenience without any scientific basis. All moths were released unharmed at the end of our session. We had a bat detector with us too, and heard a few Soprano Pipistrelle and Daubenton's bats along the river; we understand both these have previously been recorded there.

On the following Sunday morning we took a short last walk round the wood, a warm sunny day, and among other species added to our list were Silver-ground Carpet, Blue-bordered Carpet, Yellow Shell and Angle Shades moths, plus a few Ringlet and Speckled Wood butterflies. George and I normally record moths at home in Cardiff and Kendal respectively, so it was good to see a few species unfamiliar to our home areas. I'll happily send our full Daeda's Wood list on to anyone interested; please email me on the address at the end of this article. And for information on any of these species take a look at the excellent website <http://ukmoths.org.uk/index.php>. Just type the species' name in the site's search box for illustrations, food plants, flight time of year etc.

Finally, thanks to Nancy, and to Loren and Nicola of the Woodland Trust for making this possible, and to George for his usual invaluable help in identifying some of the more difficult species. Maybe some day we'll have another session at this wonderful new site, perhaps at a different time of year when other species are on the wing. Persistent moth recording at Daeda's Wood through the seasons and over the years could well clock up a respectable total of perhaps 500 or more moth species. This would probably be far more than would ever have been found there had the woodland not been created, and stands as testimony to the hard work done there both by local people and the Woodland Trust.

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Police

Hello, I am PC Phil Morris and I am the Neighbourhood Specialist Officer for the Banbury Rural area.

There have been many recent thefts of lead and copper piping in the area due to the high scrap value of those metals. These offences are being taken very seriously by the Police. If you see any person acting suspiciously around any area where there is a large amount of lead or scrap metal I urge you to contact the Police immediately. These offences are taking place 24 hours a day and are not just confined to hours of darkness. The number to contact the Police for anything other than an emergency is 08458 505 505.

Neighbourhood Watch is an excellent way of reducing crime in your village; areas that have Neighbourhood Watch have a much higher chance of a lower crime rate. Neighbourhood Watch is co-ordinated in the Banbury Rural area by Deb Tonks

who is stationed at Banbury Police Station. If you require more information about Neighbourhood Watch or would like to start a Neighbourhood Watch in your street you can contact Deb on 08458 505 505.

PC Phil Morris

Dying to let street children live!

Alastair Welford is going to have his hair dyed bright pink and orange, the Toybox brand colours. Toybox is a charity for disadvantaged children in Latin America. This event will be held on 20 September and will be executed by local hairdressing establishment Deddington Hair Razors. Alastair is asking his business partners and friends to donate generously and hopes to raise an amazing £50,000 for Toybox. Supporters can donate towards the work of Toybox by visiting www.justgiving.com/alastairgoespink or go to www.toybox.org to find out more.

Jessica Reynolds

CALLING ALL CLUBS

1st Deddington Guides

The summer term seemed dominated by activities involving food (again) and fire lighting! We had a super sausage sizzle with the brownies at Castle House (thank you Vivien and Simon). The patrol leaders were brilliant; the guides showed the brownies 'the ropes' and they joined in enthusiastically. It was great to see 40 girls enjoying the evening together. Backwoodsman cooking was next – no utensils or pots – tasty foil parcels of lamb chops, sausages, burgers and bacon with baked eggs in oranges. Dampers on sticks with lots of jam toasted and burnt marshmallows – excellent! (thank you to Brian Fuller). We saved the cordon bleu menu to the end – Ready, Steady Cook over an open fire. The guides beautifully cooked soya mince, rice and mixed vegetables. It looked and tasted great. The second course of pineapple fritters and toasted (burnt) marshmallows was also delicious. Good team work, problem solving and fun! Well done girls and thank you Brian and Janet Bond for the venue.

Also this term we learnt some first aid, built shelters, put up tents and accepted a variety of challenges on a four-mile incident hike.

We now number 26. Girls of 10 years plus are always welcome to join us – come and see what you're missing. We still have stream walking and camp to look forward to before the autumn term starts on Tuesday 9 September at 7.30 pm.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Marian Trinder 01869 340806

Photographic Society

At the August meeting one of the Society's members, Cliff May, gave a presentation on his involvement in wildlife and landscape photography. Seeking greater relaxation in a country lifestyle, and the opportunity to indulge a passion for outdoor photography, he recounted his growing awareness of wildlife traits and habits with many personal experiences and amusing anecdotes. From his collection he showed some extraordinary photographs of landscapes and animals in their natural habitat, including buzzards, red kites, other birds of prey, butterflies, rabbits, and hares for whom Cliff has a special affinity. Overall it was a fascinating and absorbing presentation which was well received.

Future activities of the Society include two exhibitions of members' photographs: at the Adderbury Institute on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 September and at St Peter and St Paul Church, Deddington on Saturday 25 October. Free admission. All are welcome, so please come and see our efforts.

John Branton

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

Forty 'DOGS' and guests decamped and headed for Shropshire for our annual weekend away. The weather behaved (as did all of the DOGS) and a grand time was had. Our fund raising on behalf of Katharine House Hospice resulted in a fantastic £275! We also added three new members (all la-

dies): Judy Kirsopp, Barbara Lowe and Sue O'Brien. Welcome! A full report is posted on Deddington Online (DoL).

Our outing to Kirtlington Golf Club was held on 15 August. A full report is also on DoL.

Our visit to Kings Norton Golf Club is scheduled for Monday 15 September 2008. The last time we visited Kings Norton we had a marvellous time. Sadly, this is our final official DOGS day of 2008. Anyone interested should contact me on 338589.

David Darst

Deddington Badminton Club

Our new season starts Tuesday 2 September when we welcome old and new members. Juniors will start at 6:30 pm and the senior club at 7:30 pm at Deddington Windmill Centre. We will again have three men's, two mixed and a ladies team in the Banbury Town League. We are a great mix of people and are the second largest club in the Banbury Town league. Our night fee is just £3 and, should you decide to join, any night fees will be deducted from your full membership. Whether you are looking just to play social badminton or would like to play in one of our teams, why not come along? For more details, please contact Ian Cartledge 01295 720177 or Mark Tyler 338056.

Mark Tyler

Youth Club

We would like to thank those Youth Club members who took part in the Saturday activities in the Market Square during the Deddington Festival, and to those in the large audience who bought our tuck during the Celebration of England concert. We were very pleased to make some money for the club's funds and we very much enjoyed being involved.

We ended the term with a successful barbecue on a lovely fine evening. The committee would like to thank dad Stephen Barnes who provided disco music, which gave the evening a great party atmosphere, and also Bill and Trudie Varney who once again organised and cooked all the food. This year Activeten20 brought a climbing wall that was an exciting, if not a nerve-racking, addition to the evening.

We are very sad that Matt Varney has left due to work commitments. As one of our leaders he has contributed so much to the club and he will be hugely missed. We are very grateful that Nikki Kirk is going to continue to give some support to the Monday evenings until we find replacements.

The new term starts on Monday 15 September and we look forward to seeing lots of familiar faces as well as welcoming some new ones.

**Maureen Forsyth
338384
Chairman**



CALLING MORE CLUBS

Deddington Town Football Club

As the summer sun takes his hat off and hightails it over to our rival hemisphere it means the new football season is here again. Training has been underway since July, with a disappointing turnout. Hopefully this will pick up as we endeavour to arrange some friendlies before the real action in September. The majority of playing staff have stayed loyal to the club. We welcome some fresh young talent into the fold hoping to follow in the footsteps of local youngsters like Sam Rollason and Jack Davies, mainstays of the Reserves' line-up last season.

As usual we ask our loyal following to shout their lungs out and spur us on to some quality football in the great Deddington Town traditions! Either First or Reserve teams play at the Windmill Centre on any Saturday. We kick off on 6 September. Hope to see you there.

First team manager: Steven Fleming (07817 956428)

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

75 Club Winners

13/06/08	C. Smith	£50
20/06/08	M. Bradley	£100
27/06/08	B. Smith	£50
04/07/08	M. Bradley	£50
11/07/08	M. Reason	£50
18/07/08	E. Freeman	£50
25/07/08	B. Debenham	£50
01/08/08	C. Summers	£50
08/08/08	D. Doggett	£50
15/08/08	M. Cox	£50

Aaron Bliss 338798

The Deddington Colts

The Colts under 11 six-a-side squad travelled just down the road on Saturday 28 June for the Bloxham 2008 Football Festival. Having already won both the Brackley and Charlbury tournaments this summer the lads were confident but cautious – this was Bloxham after all. Bloxham have dominated youth football in this area for some years so for the lads to walk away with their third set of winners' medals in as many tournaments was no mean feat, but that is exactly what they did beating Bloxham in the final.

Another great result and another trophy for the Deddington Under 11 coach and team. Well done!

Ian Roberts (under 11 secretary)

Book Club

Please note that the book for September is *Keeping Mum* by Brian Thompson, which is a change from the book announced in July. At our last meeting we discussed *Letter from America* by Alistair Cooke and here is our review:

You can hear the writer's warm and familiar tones as you read this charming and incisive volume, which was enthusiastically received by the group. This selection of some of his most memorable broadcasts, spanning a period of 60 years, is beau-

tifully written and encapsulates momentous and mundane events with equally pithy phrase. Highly recommended.

Next book: *Shakespeare - The World as a Stage* by Bill Bryson and the next meeting is September 25.

Sally Lambert 338094

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We went to Chatsworth for our annual outing on 8 July. It is spectacular with superb views of the surrounding Derbyshire countryside and even more superb art collections in the house. A successful and enjoyable day for all.

On 12 August our speaker was Jill Bailey with a talk entitled *A kookaburra stole my tent peg*, as indeed it did. Jill spent time as a volunteer with Earthwatch in the sub-tropical rain forest of Eastern Australia. The serious intent to find and log if possible the many species of frog to be found in that region: it is difficult to imagine anything so different to our own idea of the grey-green frog. Such a wide variety: some beautifully coloured, almost jewel like, some small and some large camouflaged against rock. Members enjoyed her film of them and Mrs Bailey was a good speaker. Ann Neal gave a vote of thanks.

Ann Addyman speaks about the *Japanese Kimono* on 9 September. Visitors are welcome. Why not join us?

Rene Mahony 338438

Deddington and District History Society

The annual picnic and visit to Burton Dassett Country Park on 11 June was so successful that a repeat was organised for 30 August to examine recent archaeological work there. Our members also enjoyed a guided visit to Adderbury on 16 June led by members of their history society who were immensely hospitable. We hope to arrange more of these popular exchange visits with other societies.

Members can look forward to what should be another season of talks notable for their variety. Our 2008 - 09 season commences on 10 September when Florence Cross will speak on the history of the uses of straw, which was an important source of employment for women in particular. It will be an interesting piece of social history as well as an account of a craft that was once commonplace but is much less well known today. On 8 October Tony Yelloly will speak on the history of the Quakers in this area. Meetings cards, featuring another historic photograph, will be given to all members to pin on the notice board or prop up on a bookshelf or mantelpiece.

Our meetings take place at the Windmill Centre at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month from September to May. We look forward to welcoming back old members and to greeting newcomers.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204
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An account of those sentenced to be transported from Deddington to the Colonies

In recent editions of DN we have published articles on this subject written by Rob Forsyth. What follows is one of several further extracts that we will be publishing from time to time. The full article can be seen on DOL at <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/Transportees.pdf>. Should you not have a computer then please use the free internet terminals in the library. The librarian will assist you if you are inexperienced.

1827 25 July: Zachariah GIBBS (18) and **William WAITE** (19) were charged with breaking into the house of Benjamin Pritchett Jnr of Deddington on the night of 15 March, and stealing two spice cakes value two shillings. Gibb's death sentence was commuted to transportation and he was despatched to the hulk *York* and then to Bermuda for 10 years. He appears to have behaved himself well there and returned back to England after eight years only to re-offend and be transported again in 1837! Waite's death sentence also was commuted to transportation but for 14 years. He was sent to the hulk *York* with Gibbs but the assizes had decided to split them up for their final destination and, instead of Bermuda, he was sent to Hobart in Tasmania.

1827 25 July: Thomas WAITE (45) On the same day as Gibbs and William Waite were charged, the latter's father was also charged with stealing two sheets and one napkin, value 18 shillings, the property of John Verey of Deddington, and with stealing three bushels of wheat and two bushels of beans, value 30 shillings, the property of John Gilkes of Deddington. Interestingly, he was not sentenced to death and was only given a sentence of seven years' transportation for what, on the face of it, seem to have been much bigger offences than his son and his friend Zachariah Gibbs received. Thomas was married, had two children and was employed by Mr Churchill, the farmer who lived in Leaden Porch House. He was sent to the hulk *York* in Portsmouth and was transported on the same ship (*Marmion*) as his son William.

25 July was a busy night at the bottom end of New Street! Benjamin Pritchett Jnr lived in *The Stile House* (now belonging to the author) next to what was then called *Gilkes Style* wherein lived John Gilkes – a member of a well-established Quaker family.

There is then quite a difference of opinion as to what exactly might have been their subsequent fates. One source – the publication *Banished!* – says that William moved to Melbourne in Australia in 1852 as a free man and that Thomas may have lived to the age of 70. However, our contact in Tasmania says, from his own research in Hobart, that William was found drowned in the River Jordan, in southern Tasmania on 13 November 1860 and that Thomas was murdered by one John Johnson at Ross, Tasmania, on 15 December 1860.

Rob Forsyth

Hand-made Crafts Come to Deddington

Start your Christmas shopping list with some of the exquisite crafts from Traidcraft and you will be supporting skilled workers in developing countries at the same time as giving great pleasure to your friends. All will be on display at the no-obligation-to-buy Catalogue Preview of Fairtrade crafts, tableware, toys and Christmas cards from the Traidcraft Winter catalogue.

On Tuesday 30 September Deddington Fair Traders invite you to browse through most of the crafts and the full range of Christmas cards, calendars and wrappings from the exciting Autumn catalogue, which will be displayed to see and order. The Preview will be in the Church from 11.00 am to 7.00 pm.

The popular Bargain Table will include many cards and gifts in discontinued designs for sale at greatly reduced prices, all on first-come first-served basis. Free light refreshments throughout the day.

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Deddington Fun and Deddington Rocks 5 July

Two new events were added to the festival programme this year in an effort to attract a younger audience and extend the reach of the Festival. The day comprised a family fun afternoon and an evening of live music held in the Market Place. Motivated by the desire to put something back into their local community, Oxfordshire-based businessmen David Watt and Eddie Sinclair were the two major sponsors and organisers of the events and the Festival committee gratefully acknowledges their tremendous contribution.

Deddington Fun provided a classic village festival atmosphere and included food, craft and book stalls as well as fabulous outdoor performances. There was live music from Brass Bits, Phil King, Twisted Coalition and Sam Holmes, as well as energetic dance displays from the KC School of Dance, Deddington Ballet School and Oxford and High Wycombe Ceroc. Little Princes and Princesses hosted a children's fashion show, whilst there was face painting, a bouncy shoot and score, and a range of other games and activities for the whole family.

By 7.00 pm the Market Place had transformed into a music venue for Deddington Rocks, ably hosted by local businessman Steve Miller. The event team had built a 50 ft open air concert stage to host three bands: locals Fontaines and The Sirens Call, followed by the internationally-acclaimed Cantaloop, fresh from the stage of the Glastonbury Festival. Concertgoers came out in force, many in wellies and waterproof jackets, and the evening was a resounding success in spite of the poor weather.

Over 30 local sponsors were brought on board during Festival 2008, enabling the event team to provide a marquee, a fantastic stage set, extensive marketing and advertising, a programme and new website. Our thanks go to all those involved.

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