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What a delight it is, particularly on a lovely spring day, to see the Windmill Centre facilities in full use – people of all ages, shapes and sizes playing tennis and football, the latter soon to be replaced with cricket, youth groups, dancing etc. And congratulations to the Badminton Club for a very successful season! Whoever thought in the 1980s that the Windmill was not necessary?

DIARY

May

Sat	1	British Legion Club: Disco with Barney, 8.30pm
Sun	2	British Legion Club: Skittles and barbecue, 2.00pm
Wed	5	Monday Morning Club: Visit to Ashmolean, bus leaves Town Hall at 10.00am
Wed	5	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8.00–10.00pm
Wed	5	Photographic Society: Workshop by Yin Wong, 'Creativity and Composition in Photography', Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, 7.30pm, p14
Thu	6	District Council and General Elections, Windmill Centre, 7.00am–10.00pm, p6
Thu	6	Monday Morning Club: Film evening, <i>Then She Found Me</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm
Fri	7	DOGS: Full day's golf at Frilford Heath Golf Club, p14
Sat	8	British Legion Club: Live music with Ronnie, 8.30pm
Sat	8	Chipping Norton and District Choral Society Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm
Mon	10	Monday Morning Club: AGM and coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
Tue	11	WI: Resolutions, followed by 'Tasting the Past', Moira Byst, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
Wed	12	History Society: Liz Woolley, 'The Parish of St Thomas Martyr from Twelfth Century to Present Day', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm, p15
Wed	12	Deddington Police Office Drop-in session, 5.00–7.00pm
Sat	15	Maurice Frost Festival, details p4
Sun	16	PTA Deddington Walk: 'You'll Never Walk Alone', 9.00am and 11.00am, pp10 and 11
Wed	19	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm, p2
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Sat	22	British Legion Club: Darts challenge match, 8.30pm
Sun	23	Tennis Club: Open day, Windmill Centre, 2.00–4.00pm
Wed	26	Spring Dance Company with the Primary School, Parish Church, 9.0am–3.30pm, p12
Thu	27	Spring Dance Company with the Primary School, Parish Church, 9am–3.30pm
Thu	27	Parish Council elections, Windmill Centre, 7am–10pm, pp5–6
Sun	30	British Legion Club: Pool competition, 3.00pm

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting in Town Hall 21 April 2010

The meeting chaired by Jim Flux was attended by seven people from Clifton who nearly outnumbered Parish Councillors. The main points of interest in the meeting were planning applications.

Headlines

Parish Council Election: The election has been put back to Thursday 27 May. This is because the law prevents more than two elections being held on the same day. This is the first PC election to be held in many years because there are 15 candidates for the 14 seats. The delay means the candidates' list is still open but nominations have to be in by noon on 29 April. Deddington will be one of the few Parish Councils to have an election. This is a testimony to the community commitment in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton.

Max Pankhurst, the Parish Steward, was nominated as Council Worker of the Year in a national competition and although he did not win he was highly commended and his good work recognised.

A reminder to everyone who is interested in the affairs of the parish that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday 29 April.

Open Forum

David Morris, Chapel Close, Clifton and others attended the meeting to complain about a planning application for an adjoining property (Ash Cottage). The group was concerned that the development would be overbearing, would compromise privacy and complicate road access. It was also suggested that the architectural drawings were inaccurate and misrepresented the proposed development.

New Planning applications

1 The Paddocks: this is for an extension to the existing house to create four flats. DPC has objected because of access and inadequate onsite parking.

47 St John's Way, Hempton: two storey side and rear extension, no objection.

Ash Cottage, Chapel Close, Clifton: DPC will support the objection of the Clifton neighbours.

27 St John's Way, Hempton: single storey rear extension, no objection.

Land to the rear of End Cottage, The Stile: construction of a new bungalow, DPC objects because the 'back-land' development compromises the Conservation area.

Folly Cottage, The Lane, Hempton: single side and rear extension, no objection with qualifications.

The Orchard, Main St, Clifton: single storey rear extension, no objection.

36 Mill Close: fell one tree, DPC suggests replacement with a similar tree.

Daeda's Cottage, Market Place: fell two holly trees, no objection but DPC unhappy because of the damage to the Conservation area.

Hillcrest, The Lane, Hempton: single storey rear extension, is a permitted development.

Brief reports were received from the Finance and General Purposes, Recreation, Environment, Special Projects and Highways groups but there is little to report that was not been covered in last month's meeting.

Invoices agreed for payment £6,265

Investments of £557,983 at Barclays, West Bromwich BS, Santander and Anglo Irish Bank

Next meeting Wednesday 19 May 2010

These Parish Council notes are the view of our reporter Charles Barker, and not the official Minutes. To see those, go to <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/pc/pcminutes>.

BOOK CLUB

Last month we read *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam. 'Filth' – Failed in London, Try Hong Kong – is the nickname for Sir Edward Feathers, a very old, recently widowed, retired judge. Filth is an orphan of the Raj. As he reflects on aspects of his long life and career, a story of childhood cruelty and emotional deprivation is revealed. A compassionate book covering some deep psychological and emotional issues, but written with humour in a light and very readable style. Recommended by the group. Readers who enjoy this book may be interested in *The Man in the Wooden Hat* by the same author which features the same characters and events, but is written from the point of view of Filth's wife.

The next meeting is on 27 May. Please call for the title of the next book.

Sally Lambert
338094

DEDDINGTON UNDER 60S (DUST)

DUST is a vets' football team made up of local footballers 40 years and over in various states of decay. Throughout the football season (September – April) we play 11-a-side matches against other local vets' sides. We try to play our home games at the Windmill Centre, although this year, because of the weather, we were restricted to just two games here.

Our season has been relatively successful, having so far only lost once. Despite being finely tuned athletes, we do find some time for socialising, usually based around a fund-raising event. This year we're proud to say that we've made contributions to Katharine House, Help for Heroes and Deddington Colts. We have one game left this season followed by a six-a-side tournament we've organised to coincide with the World Cup.

Barry O'Connell
338988

DOWN ON THE FARM

Well, that's it for another year, the 2010 lambing season has finally ground to a halt. We started just a few days before Georgina Hall arrived to do her sheep placement with us as part of her Cambridge veterinary course. Georgina (Georgie) got stuck in and had lambed her first ewe within ten minutes of arriving in the sheep barn. Over the three weeks she was with us she sorted out a number of difficult deliveries including 'Big George', a breach presentation and the biggest new born lamb I have seen in 50 years of lambing. Despite the cold late wet spring, all of the ewes and lambs were turned out into the grass paddocks within 36 hours of being born, but due to the lack of grass they are still on full winter rations. The wet start to the year also made things difficult for the field work, with the ground destined for the spring beans being too wet to work until April. Even then we got that sinking feeling as we planted them. Water is a subject I have mentioned on many occasions in this column: it is always a problem in farming – we either have too much or too little. But when I read the news from Clifton in the April issue of the *DN* my first thoughts had more to do with empty vessels than full ones.

Our Clifton newscaster is well aware that the 'new Clifton spring' is a direct result of the new village footpath which both he and others of the now defunct Residents' Committee campaigned long and hard for. The new footpath was constructed on top of a 200 year-old stone drain which takes the water from the roadside ditch above Home Farm down to the river. The existence of the stone drain was made known to the Highways planning officer by me. I also suggested that, as the proposed new footpath was to be built along the same line as the old drain, it would be advisable to go a little deeper with the footpath footings and re-lay the drain with new pipework. However, as the highway maps did not show the drain the advice

was ignored. The construction work collapsed the stone drain and we now have the 'new Clifton spring'.

When the spring first appeared I was accused by both the Parish Council and the Highways authority of flooding the road with water running off my farmyards and was ordered to sort it out or face prosecution. After a few heated exchanges the existence of the old drain was acknowledged by the Highways authority and a mobile camera was put down the drain to check on its condition. This proved that the construction work had indeed collapsed the drain and it would need to be rebuilt, but as there was no money in the pot it would have to wait. We are still waiting. Our Clifton Parish Councillor Alan Collins is pursuing the matter of the Clifton spring with Highways and we are told that the drain replacement is within the programme. No starting date has been given as it is considered to be low priority.

The blocked drain has caused a great deal of damage by undermining the farm entrance, which will have to be re-laid once the work on the drain has been completed. No prizes for guessing who will end up paying for that or, just as last time, who will have to put up with the noise and disruption of the construction work and a traffic control light generator running day and night outside our bedroom window, to say nothing of being expected to provide, free of charge, parking for the contractors' vehicles and equipment. I can only hope that this time our telephone is not cut off for six weeks as it was when the footpath was built; not that any of this would be of interest to our Clifton correspondent as it is all a long way from his front door. After all, it's only a farm and as to the planning application for a bottling plant, that may well prove to be the 'springboard' to resurrect the Residents' Committee with Mr Bryce as its Chairman.

George Fenemore
338203

FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

Daeda's Wood is in the news. As the first of the Woodland Trust's Millennium Woods to be planted, it was featured in the spring edition of their magazine *Broadleaf*, in an article about their community woods ten years on. To appear in *Broadleaf* is not that surprising but a full page spread in the *Oxford Times*, in April, was a real coup.

Walking through the wood, you may have noticed some newly pruned branches, unless they have already been incorporated into the intriguing woven shelters which appear from time to time. We thought that pruning had come to an end for the moment but David Rees, the Oxfordshire Tree Project Manager, decided there was still useful work to be done. A group of us spent a morning pruning ashes and a few oaks.

The oaks, being so close together, produce very little lower growth. This cold spring weather makes it difficult to predict what will happen in May. As I write this, the only flowers visible are a few cowslips (*Primula Veris*) and the willow catkins which look spectacular against a blue sky. The bluebells we planted seem to have vanished, sadly. At least the trees will be coming into leaf in May; mid-April there are just a few willow and poplar leaves out.

Lastly, I must correct an error when I named purple willow as *Salix Viminalis* instead of *Salix Purpurea*. *Salix Viminalis* is the common osier. You will find both of them in the wood.

Elsbeth Cox, Chairman
337635

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

May

Sat 1	10.00am	Eucharist (SS Philip and James)
Sun 2	10.30am	First Sunday
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 5	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 6	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 9	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)
Wed 12	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu 13	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Fri 14	9.15 am	Eucharist (St Matthias)
Sat 5	6.30pm	Evensong and Songs of Praise
Sun 16	10.30am	Eucharist (celebrated by Bishop Colin Fletcher)
Wed 19	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu 20	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 23	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) (Pentecost)
	10.30am	Eucharist with Baptism
Wed 26	10.00am	Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)
Thu 27	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 30	8.00am	Holy Communion (Trinity Sunday)
	10.30am	Mattins

The first Sunday service for May, Sunday 2 May, will celebrate the lovely month of May and will include traditional dancing for the children and any adults who would like to join in.

The June first Sunday (6 June) will be a Pets' Service so please bring your dog and any other pet which will be safe during the service.

Sat 15 6.30pm Maurice Frost Festival at the Parish Church: Evensong sung by St George's Choir, Windsor, including refreshments. This will be followed by Songs of Praise sung by the choirs of Deddington Church, the Church of the Resurrection, Mmabatho, and the Sofiakyrkan, Jonkoping.

St John's Hempton

Sun 2	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 9	9.00am	Eucharist
Thu 13	7.30pm	Eucharist (Ascension Day)
Sun 23	6.00pm	Evensong (Pentecost)

From the Parish Registers

Baptism:

Sun 21 March	Kieran Conare Power-Lydon
	Malachy Patrick Power-Lydon

Funerals:

Fri 9 April	Maureen Bradley
Wed 21 April	Kathleen Bushell

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

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday mornings at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton except 23 May John Neale

Congregational Chapel, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church at 10.30am together with their congregation Bible Study Tuesdays 10.30am

Sunday afternoon services suspended until further notice

PC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Fr John Burns 277396

The celebration of the Feast of the Ascension has been transferred to the following

Sunday and 13 May will therefore not be a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Sun at 10am.

St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7 pm and Sun 8.30am.

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

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

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

DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE!

Our Parish Council election will be held on Thursday 27 May and the following nominees have kindly contributed some brief details to inform voters. There are currently 15 nominations for 14 seats although an extension period has been given for further nominations from 21 – 29 April 2010. This is after our copy deadline so there could be further nominations after *DN* is produced.

Brian Wood – Retired from a series of jobs as Managing Director, Finance Director etc and am a Chartered Accountant. National Trustee of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) (to July this year), past chairman of both Banbury and Oxfordshire CPRE. Present Treasurer of Oxfordshire CPRE and member of South East England Regional Group. Trustee of Oxfordshire Buildings Trust. Parish Councillor since 2003, chairman of the Finance and General Purposes working group, and I have prepared PC accounts since that date.

Alan Collins – Nearly fat, nearly bald and nearly 50, I feel qualified to continue to dabble in our local administration and do battle with the monolithic traditionally paced officers who deal with our highways, that for a second time has become my chair 'specialist subject'. I try to keep a low profile in the community by mugging my way through presenting the PTA quiz since 2004 with the fragrant Heather and Mike, banging a drum at the Remembrance Day parade and refereeing the Boys' Brigade football tournament. I seem to be the butt of sarcasm from Martin Bryce most months but tried very hard to run an effective consultation process over the wind turbine and relocating the war memorial. There should be more worthy recipients of your support for this august responsibility, but living in Lower Larkrise (having lived in both Upper Larkrise and Barford St Michael) in the last 15 years, perhaps you'll feel sorry for me?

John Day – I am 44, married to Sue, and we moved into Deddington approx two years' ago with our cat Spot. I relocated for work from Hertford 3½ years ago and spent the other 18 months in rented accommodation, waiting to purchase a property in the village as Deddington was where we wanted to live.

I am currently Sales Director for Cooper B Line and previously I have held various management roles including a stint of eight years running a family business with my father.

In 2009 I was co-opted onto the council with the hope that I could contribute to the village that I have chosen to make my home. I have enjoyed my time to date working on the council and I currently sit on the planning working group.

Heather Ward – I moved to Deddington 15 years ago and started a family here – one son is still at the Primary School whilst the older boy has since moved up to The Warriner. As a family we are totally committed to the village and I am actively involved in the football and cricket clubs, Primary School, the annual PTA Quiz Night and Deddington Walk. I also started up the Older Adults Exercise Class in the village back in the summer of 2004. I was co-opted on to Deddington Parish Council in 2008 and have enjoyed being a part

of the Recreation working group as my interests lie in the ongoing provision of sports and social facilities for young and old alike.

Helen Oldfield – My family has had a house in Deddington for about five years. I have retired and my husband and I will now be living in the village full-time. Until last May I was a journalist on the *Guardian* newspaper. For most of the many years there I was an officer in the union chapel, which meant I had a lot of experience negotiating but also of helping people with individual problems.

In my view Deddington is a quite exceptional village – beautiful and vibrantly alive with shops, pubs, restaurants, market and communal activities. As a Parish Councillor I would like to help the village remain that way – campaigning vigorously if the need arises, but not meddling if all is well.

Gardening, reading and walking are my main interests. We have two grown-up children.

Jonathan Watts – I was born in north Oxfordshire and, after moving away from the area with my job for several years, I returned to settle in Hempton in 1998. My wife Janet, chairs Deddington Primary School PTA and is involved in several other village groups. Our children, aged 11 and 9, attend the Primary School.

Being passionate about village life and wanting to contribute, I joined the council in 2002 and am a member of the Recreation and Environment group as well as the representative for Hempton. We were instrumental in resurfacing the all-weather court and the teens' play area at the Windmill, along with negotiating a more structured allotment group for Satin Lane. I also led the campaign to replace the diseased horse chestnut trees between Hempton and Deddington.

My key focus areas are sport, youth activities and traffic calming together with plans for more play/community areas across the Parish. I am a governor of Deddington Primary School and chair a local sports and social club.

AFF (Jim) Flux has owned a house in Deddington since 1972, retiring from overseas to settle in Deddington in 1989. A member of the PC for 16 years and is the current Chairman. He is Treasurer of the Windmill Community Centre, a Trustee of the Holly Tree Club, rings bells, and is involved with Deddington Players (usually playing the dame in the pantomime). He founded the Deddington Thursday Club for vulnerable older folk, and is Chairman of the Carers' Centre in Banbury which he helped to start in 1992. He also runs the Cherwell Community and Voluntary Service, which includes the Volunteer Bureau, the car transport service, and the Recycle Furniture Store. He was awarded the MBE in 2008 for service to the community.

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Martin Squires – I have been a member of Deddington Parish Council since 2002, holding the position of Chair for two years and Vice Chair for two years. During my time on the Parish Council I have been an active member of the Environment and Recreation group. Over the years this group has overseen the resurfacing of the all-weather pitch, a £20,000 grant funded investment in new teen play equipment, the creation of a separate allotment group to run Satin Lane, and the creation of separate 'Friends of the Castle Grounds' group to manage this area. Looking forward, our group is investigating ideas for a teenage drop-in club, a playing area for Hempton, and further improvements for Castle Grounds. By way of background I moved to Deddington in 1993, I'm married to Lucy who works at Deddington Pre-school and I have two young daughters attending Deddington School.

Jean Rudge – I am a retired teacher and have been serving on the Parish Council since 2006. I began on the Highways working group which was active in installing the VAS traffic signs in Deddington and Hempton and in overseeing the erection of the bus shelter in the Market Place. I was, and still am, committed to obtaining a safe west/east crossing place on the main road. I am now in the Environmental and Special Projects group and am pleased to be engaged in several projects, including the creation of wildflower 'hotspots' throughout the parish, the continued mapping of hedgerows and a survey of our swift population with a view to conserving and extending it. I very much hope I will be able to continue this work which is dear to my heart.

Geoff Todd – I have lived in Deddington since 1983. Having been a Parish Councillor for the last 20 years I am currently the council's longest serving member. A past Chairman of the Parish Council, I have chaired its Finance and General Purposes and Planning working groups.

Before retiring I was formerly the Area Police Commander for North Oxfordshire and latterly Emergency Planning and Safer Communities Officer at Cherwell District Council.

A founder member of the Management Group of Deddington Farmers' Market in 2001, I am currently its Chairman, having previously served as its Treasurer and Marketing and Public Relations Co-ordinator.

My interests include bowls, gardening and charity fund raising with my street organ.

Martin Ince – I am 64 years old and have lived in Deddington for 25 years.

I retired in 1999 after 30 years in the motor industry and I have spent my time on a number of small business ventures and being actively involved on the Parish Council.

Deddington and the wider parish has been very kind to me and I consider my work with the Parish Council to be in a small way payback for the privilege

of living here and the comfort and friendship I have received from its citizens.

I am part of the Environmental and Special Projects group and the highlights of the last four years have been: getting the rubbish and dog bins emptied regularly; hanging baskets and village planters refurbished; mapping the Hempton Road cemetery and updating all the forms and procedures; the 2009 Christmas tree totally funded by donations and installed and removed by a small army of helpers from the Parish.

James Privett – I have been a resident of the parish for almost seven years now, and Parish Councillor for the last four years, which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I am a family man with two children at the Primary School and have benefited greatly in being able to meet so many wonderful people via fund-raising events etc. Accordingly I believe that this has greatly helped in being able to communicate and identify with a large number of parishioners, particularly those with young families and, more importantly, I have been able to understand their requirements, desires and needs from the Parish Council. I am keen to offer my services for another term, to build on what has been achieved and progress and work on future projects within the parish.

Nominations have also been accepted from James Allison, Don Anderson and John Finnigan. Unfortunately we have not received any information from these candidates.

District Council Election

On Thursday 6 May, in addition to the General Election, we have an election for our District Councillor. The following has been received from one of the two nominations for District Council. Paul O'Sullivan is again standing on behalf of the Conservatives and has represented the Deddington ward for many years.

Ian Thomas, Liberal Democrat – I'm 40 years old, a divorced father of 9-year-old twin sons, Harry and Eliot, and live with my partner, Maxine. My sons play for the recently promoted Deddington Town Colts Cheetahs Under-10s. I work in London as a director of a marketing communications consultancy and am a former Parish Councillor in Adderbury, where I have lived for eight years.

As Deddington's district councillor I will:

- support the development of housing that respects Deddington's character but must offer affordable homes to young people and families in the village;
- work with Parish Councillors and villagers to stamp out speeding on the Oxford Road and Hempton Road;
- support District Council investment in both community-inspired economic initiatives, like the farmers' market, and vital services like improved day-time bus frequencies and more late-night buses linking Banbury, Deddington, Hempton and the Barfords.

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM REBECCA NORRIS,
OXFORDSHIRE ADVOCACY

I am writing from a charity called Oxfordshire Advocacy to ensure that people are aware of the work that we do.

Advocacy at its heart is very simple. It is making sure people get their wishes and choices heard and taken into account on matters of importance to them. Many people can find this difficult. Therefore we run various free schemes throughout Oxfordshire to provide advocates for people with short-term issues, with learning disabilities and with dementia.

We are always looking for new volunteers, each gaining an accreditation from the Open College Network, and we ask for one year of commitment. The time constraint is not large and there is continual support throughout, along with training sessions. If you would like to find out more about what Oxfordshire Advocacy can provide, or would like to become a volunteer advocate, then please look at our website www.oadg.org.uk or email oadg@oadg.org.uk.



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FROM JACINTA SANDS,
DUNS TEW

Have you ever thought of learning to ride a bike or want to ride better? Have you already got a bike but would like to know how to ... fix a puncture for example? Do you need to security code your bike?

Whatever you need, why not come along to our Bike Bonanza Day, Duns Tew Playground, Sunday 16 May, 2.00–4.00pm.

Our bike experts, trainers and mechanics will be there to help. We suggest a donation of £1 each or £4 per family. Bring any spare parts you don't need – even spare bikes – if you want to see them re-used or refurbished. Safety lights, jackets and helmets will be for sale too. Come to put the fun back in cycling!

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THE ALLOTMENT

Well, we've all been working like demons since the rain stopped. As I write this article the rain and cold already seem like a dim and distant memory.

My potatoes 'Charlotte' and 'Anya' are finally in the ground with the rows a foot apart to ensure earthing up is not a chore, unlike last year when I planted them a little too close together in a greedy attempt to pack in as much as possible. Whilst I still produced beautiful potatoes the earthing up was a little difficult.

Brussels sprouts should be set out in May to guarantee sprouts for Christmas according to *Gardeners' World*. Parsnips can continue to be sown into May. Now that the weather is more forgiving, plant your onion sets as they need plenty of leaf by May when lengthening days trigger bulb formation and scanty leaf at that time means meagre bulbs. Winter carrots, Autumn King and Chantenay types, can be sown late in April. There is just time to plant your leek seeds, sow

thinly 13mm (0.5in) deep in rows 15cm (6in) apart in a seedbed.

The beetroot 'Boltardy' has been given the AGM (the RHS Award of Garden Merit). This cultivar is particularly resistant to bolting and therefore ideal for early sowing. Bolting is the term applied to vegetable crops when they prematurely run to seed, usually making them unusable. A cold spell or changes in day length initiates this behaviour and, as we can never be sure of the weather, this might be a good one to try: the RHS thinks it is.

We can still have cold nights so have a fleece ready for early flowering fruit trees as a frost can decimate a crop. Avoid using insecticides on crops in flower. Try to keep on top of the weeds by hoeing or cover prepared beds with old carpets or black polythene to prevent the growth of weeds. Also beware of the slugs and snails!

Samantha Willis

samantha.willis@gmail.com

News from Clifton

It's a sad goodbye to Guy and Lorraine who have left us suddenly after 17 years, but the lambs have all been 'lambled', the buds are sprouting and there is even a goldfinch nesting in my garden so it must be time again for 'offSpring Watch', that periodic look at what the sons and daughters of the village are up to now.

This month we look at Andy Stiff who, as a key member of the Deddington cricket team, showed many of us his love of sport and reportage. Still an incurable 'Tractor Boy', he married Liz and they now have two daughters, Josie (6) and Jemima (3). Andy has continued his love of writing as he has progressed from a staff job at the *Banbury Guardian* to become Chief Sub-editor of the *Reading Gazette*. Some people predict him editing a national newspaper the day it declares Ipswich winning the Premiership. Most of us believe this inevitable elevation will come well before that.

Fears that the embryonic 'Fenemore Spring' bottling plant would be scuppered by the agricultural excavations along Candleford Road have proved to be premature. I am told it is hoped that the plant will be ready for full production in October (unless Geoff Hunt arranges the essential and overdue repairs that have been promised to our local busy-body in an email last month).

There is also fervent activity to select a captain for the new Clifton Aunt Sally team – practice sessions will soon precede book club once the pitch has been installed and I am told that interviews are on the book club agenda each Thursday at 9.00pm. I know – it's hard to believe... book club apparently has an agenda! Apart from this it's been a quiet month of pre-election contemplation down here so any news you might have – shove it though my virtual letter box.

Martin Bryce

MartinDNBryce@aol.com

News from Hempton

The Church Hall will be used for voting for the General Election on Thursday 6 May between 7.00am and 10.00pm. As a result the Parish Council elections will be on Thursday 27 May between the same times. Jonathan Watts from Old Plough Walk will be one of the candidates standing. He has been a councillor for some years and is a strong voice for this village, so please give him your support.

Services for St John's in May will have a different pattern from normal. There will be 9.00am services on 2 May and 9 May. Ascension Day service will be on Thursday 13 May at 7.30pm followed by refreshments. It is hoped that visitors from abroad will be attending. There will be no service on 16 May as there will be a large service in Deddington to celebrate Maurice Frost, a former vicar of this parish. Evensong will be on 23 May as normal at 6.00pm.

Deddington Festival organisers are looking for people who would be willing to have their gardens open over the weekend of 19 – 20 June. If you are interested, please give Joan Wright a ring on 338535.

Recently the Hempton Amenity Project wondered how people in the community felt about the idea of having an outdoor community space. They have been overwhelmed by the response. There was a huge show of support from all ages, many of whom said they would welcome the opportunity to have somewhere to sit and socialise. The first step would be to find a location not already in use and then raise funds through grant applications to buy or lease that land (for a minimum of 21 years). The team would welcome any help in finding a spot. The project would like to hear back from all residents so that we may take your views into account. If you have not yet returned your questionnaire there is still time. More copies can be found in the Church foyer.

Les Chappell 338054

Deddington Charity Estates Town Hall Project

Deddington Charity Estates is a registered charity run by voluntary trustees. Many of you will have read in November's issue of *DN* that the charity owns and manages the four almshouses in Church Street where an ongoing programme of restoration, refurbishment and repair has been carried out over the last five years.

A lesser known fact is that Deddington Charity Estates also owns the Town Hall which has been leased for the last 44 years to the Parish Council. In October this year this lease comes to an end and the building will revert to the ownership and responsibility of DCE.

The Town Hall is a visually and historically important building in our village; it is a Grade II listed building which was built in 1806 to replace an earlier structure on the site which dates from 1611. Substantially repaired in 1832, the Town Hall was used for community purposes with stalls beneath it on market days (a use now repeated by our current day farmers' market!).

DCE have felt for a number of years that this building has been under-utilised by the people of

Deddington and are planning a complete restoration and refurbishment of the Town Hall in order for it to be used as an up-to-date meeting-place for the people, clubs and businesses of the parish.

It is intended that the Town Hall will be restored and developed as a high quality venue, fit for the twenty-first century, to incorporate a comfortable meeting space with up-to-date facilities, including disabled access and lift, new heating, kitchen space, cloakroom facilities, WiFi and internet access. The room would be available for hire by all members of the community.

A planning application for the proposals for the restoration and refurbishment of the Town Hall is currently being submitted to Cherwell District Council. DCE will then apply for grants for the works and organise fundraising activities. It is anticipated that the works to the building will be carried out in 2011.

If you wish to find out more about this project please contact:

Fern Stringer 337728, fernstringer@hotmail.com
or **Terry Clinch 338711, terryclinch@tiscali.co.uk**.

DEFIBRILLATOR PRESENTED TO VILLAGE'S COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER

Deddington Farmers' Market Committee handed over a defibrillator to the village's first Community First Responder (CFR) at its market in March. Until now the village has not had a volunteer CFR with a defibrillator available to respond to cases of Sudden Cardiac Arrest before the arrival of an ambulance. Farmers' Market Chairman, Geoff Todd, handed over the device to Colin Stephens, Deddington's newly trained CFR and Dave England, Community Responder Training and Liaison Officer for South Central Ambulance Service(SCAS).

Dave England was present at the market with an ambulance to explain how the equipment works. He was aided by Colin and SCAS Staff Responder Matt Winsor. While at the market he was also seeking to recruit further volunteer CFRs for this vital role in Deddington and surrounding villages.

Geoff Todd 338532

geoff.deddingtonfarmersmarket.yahoo.co.uk



FARMERS' MARKET

You may know that some of the stalls at the market are 'community' stalls; these are run by local people who use Deddington Farmers' Market as their main outlet for goods. One such stall is run by Carl and Anne Gross who can often be seen selling their vegetables from the stall by the Town Hall, and wearing their distinctive 'Green Grosser' tops. What is not so well known is that apart from their offerings of wonderfully fresh vegetables being such exceptional value, all the takings go to charity and, when they are not at the market, it's usually because they are visiting the projects supported by their market activity.

Carl and Anne have been working many years now to bring produce to market so that we can buy it, and by doing so fund some exceptional charity projects in Thailand. Over the years they have supported an orphanage and various linked projects, helping disadvantaged children in some of the poorest conditions. This isn't a charity where a good percentage of the takings goes to make a difference; this is a charity where all the takings make a difference. If you say: 'keep the change', I know they won't!

As I write this, under an amazing spring blue sky, we have a total shut down of commercial flights over much of Europe due to ash spewing out of a volcano with an unpronounceable name in Iceland. I am reminded that none of the produce at the market will have been flown anywhere. It will be interesting to see if there's been any knock-on effect in terms of short-term availability of fresh food in our supermarkets. It would be such a pity if those early season barbecues were devoid of their seasonal food.

Paul Drawmer, paul@drawmer.net

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of May 1860:

1st May – The National School children came in procession with May Pole and garlands – not forgetting their money boxes – at 4 o'clock they had their usual treat of tea and cake at the School House.

3rd May – Heard another case from the Paper Mill here – a man named Price for running away from his work. He agreed to return to his work and to pay all costs and expenses attending his capture at Exeter, whither he had gone.

7th May – I walked on the Adderbury Road as far as 9 elms and back. [*I wonder if anyone knows where the '9 elms' were? BH*]

12th May – Goodman brought in 24 bushels of malt against Monday for brewing.

19th May – I went and inspected with Holford the pavilion now erecting in the Castle Grounds.

30th May – Our annual Club Festival took place today, the bands came and played as usual at the Unicorn and Plough Clubs – not the Exhibition.

Buffy Heywood
338212



Photograph of Castle Grounds pavilion taken from The Story of Deddington by Mary Vane Turner

Deddington Festival Open Gardens & Allotments

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 June from 2.00-6.00pm
This is a plea for garden owners in Clifton and Hempton to come forward to open their garden in aid of Deddington Festival. Whether your garden is small, medium or large, please allow others to enjoy and admire the fruits of your labour. Thank you.

Joan Wright, Organiser

338535 or joanwright@suffolkonline.net

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PTA

The PTA wheels are whizzing along in preparation for our next big event, the 6th Annual Deddington Walk, which will be held on Sunday 16 May. This year's exciting theme is 'You'll Never Walk Alone' – to get you in the mood for the football World Cup in South Africa this summer. Our actors will be out and about on our new route handing out more of our infamous trump cards. Make sure you are there to collect the brand new set!

Once again we will be starting from the Windmill Centre where sizzling hot bacon butties will await your arrival. On completion of the walk there will be more food, a bar and entertainment laid on for your enjoyment back at the Windmill Centre. Perhaps you would like to try out your skills 'playing the beautiful game'? Please remember to book early to secure a free food voucher.

We hope to have some lovely warm sunshine in which to bask after burning off all those calories walking. Entry forms are available from the library or from Heather on 338347. Take a look at our updated website – www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk. As usual, there will be three levels of walk: a toddler trail, a family walk or a challenging 12-mile hike, so there is something for all ages. This walk is NOT restricted to school children – anyone can come along and join in the fun! We look forward to welcoming you.

In last month's edition I promised to let you know the amount raised at our recent Quiz Night – £1,500! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this hugely successful evening.

Finally, another reminder for our school fete which will be held on Saturday 19 June. It is shaping up to be a bigger and better event than usual with new attractions. More details next month ...

Janet Watts
337135

WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Windmill Community Centre will hold its AGM on Tuesday 11 May at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are particularly keen to find a willing person to take over the job of Bookings Clerk from Joyce Minnear who has served us valiantly for nearly 25 years. Joyce reminds us that early booking is essential for anyone wishing to stage an event in the Windmill. The Centre is pretty well fully booked and it often necessitates a bit of juggling of slots to accommodate everyone.

Mary Robinson 338272

David Murray-Hundley of Clifton has recently won the prestigious European Business Leader of the Year Award 2010 from LinkedIn, an interconnected network of experienced professionals from around the world representing 170 industries and 200 countries. In his nomination he is described as a visionary leader with a 'never fail' mentality. In addition to turning around failing organisations, he also works at a national level providing the NHS with free consultancy on how they can utilise technology to improve patient care. The award was presented by PY Gerbeau, a serial entrepreneur perhaps best known for being Chief Executive of the Dome in 2000.

MR

Marathon Runners

By the time you read this Ruth Tuthill and Tamsin Levene, both of New Street, will hopefully have completed the London Marathon. They both have small children, are running for the first time and raising money for Whiz Kids and Help the Hospices. We hope to include an account of their experiences in next month's issue.

Sue Brown from Barford is also running with them. Does anyone know of anyone else running to raise funds for a special cause?

Buffy Heywood 338212



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Looking back over the spring term a special mention has to go to all the children (over 160 of them) who took part in our production of *Annie*; all three evening performances were well attended and as always the children, and Angus the dog,



were amazing. Ticket sales and collections on the night raised a total of about £1,200. The licence to stage *Annie* cost us £500, plus we had other overheads (costumes etc), but with monies left over we hope to buy our own spotlights. A lot of work went into the production and Mrs Tinsley, each evening, thanked everyone who helped behind the

scenes. A special mention needs to go, once again, to Alicia and Philip Rumsby for all the hard work and time they gave so willingly.

As we enter the summer term our Year 4s have been on a successful overnight residential stay to Grendon Hall, Northamptonshire, where they had the opportunity to take part in activities such as mountain biking and climbing. At present Year 6 are preparing for their SATs tests which they will be taking at the beginning of May; they've worked hard and we are hoping this is reflected in their results. Once SATs have finished we are looking forward to our Activities Week at the end of May. During this week we have a visiting dance group who will work with the children, an arts day and sports day, and Year 5 are visiting the Imperial War Museum as part of their First World War topic. Also during May we are looking forward to the annual Deddington Walk and Walk to School Week.

We are collecting Sainsbury's and Tesco vouchers for school, there are boxes in our reception area.

Jane Cross, Deputy Head
338430

PARISH BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Butterfly data for the year 2009, collected by members of the Deddington Parish Butterfly Group, will be published in a booklet funded by the Thames Valley Environmental Research Centre (TVERC), in time for this year's Deddington Festival.

We welcome observations for this year, 2010, for which we have a form available. Please keep your eyes open and note species seen and date. Information on plants on which the butterflies are feeding is useful, too. Contact Wendy Meagher for your copy.

wmeagher@gmail.com or 336216

PARISH PHOTO EXHIBITION

Villagers and visitors alike were able to visit Brian Carter's photographic exhibition of village faces over the weekend of 17 and 18 April. With around 500 photos on display in both the Town Hall and Holly Tree Club the event showed Brian's work over the past decade. He has captured many interesting characters and occasions throughout this period. One obvious omission though was a photograph of Brian himself because he needs to be recognised as part of this project and collection. Let's hope the collection can be archived for the future. Well done and congratulations Brian.

Geoff Todd, ageoffreytodd@aol.co.uk



Brian Carter at exhibition, pic: Colin Robinson



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The biggest overhaul of our village website was when the architecture of the site was changed so that everyone who wanted to take charge of their own pages within Deddington OnLine could do so by having access to the online editor via a password, and thereby make their own alterations and enhancements without delay. Those of you who have taken the trouble to learn how to use the content management system will no doubt be pleased to learn that a manual is in the process of being prepared, and should be ready RSN.¹

An update on the information about the ability to listen to SS Peter & Paul church services. You may have seen that it is possible to 'listen again' to some of the past services from Deddington Church; well, it is now possible to listen to live services via DOL. How many other villages in the country have live internet streaming audio from their parish church? So much better than boring traffic webcams!

Paul Drawmer, paul@drawmer.net

1 RSN – 'Real Soon Now' a compromise expression used where the marketing department wishes to describe the state of readiness for a project that hasn't started development yet. In this case, for our manual, it's actually much nearer than that, because it is being worked on. However if I were to suggest a date for availability, I might be compromising my safety!

DEDDINGTON NEWS WEBSITE

The *Deddington News* website is undergoing a transformation to bring it more into line with its sister site Deddington OnLine, and to make it editable by more members of the team (very much along the lines outlined by Paul Drawmer in his DOL piece). Until this goes live you can still see the existing site at <http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/>.

There you will see pictures of what is happening in Deddington now, for example pictures of Brian Carter's recent excellent exhibition of 500 or so photographs of Deddingtonians past and present. If anyone has pictures of events in Deddington that they would like to see on the website, please send them to editor@deddingtonnews.co.uk.

You will also find details, among other things, of how *DN* is run, copy dates, the current diary of events, helplines and club contact details.

Contributors to the printed version of *DN* should be aware that the monthly issues are posted online under 'Latest Issue' and then archived under 'Back Numbers', and therefore any personal contact details given are there for perpetuity. The archive is proving a valuable source of material for social historians interested in mapping the changes in Deddington parish since the start of *DN* in 1976.

Mary Robinson 338272

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

The new term sees us enjoying a new topic: mini-beasts. We look forward to minibeast hunts outside and to hatching our own butterflies in the PFSU classroom. The Nursery children are also very excited about incubating some eggs and hopefully getting some chicks as a result. We finished the Easter term with our traditional Easter Eggstravaganza, and a happy time was had by all, despite the rain! The PFSU children made a trip to Deddington Fire Station where they

learnt about the firefighters' job and about keeping themselves safe, explored the fire engine, and best of all had the chance to squirt lots of water! Many thanks go to Graham and Adam who hosted our visit. Finally we'd like to thank everyone who brought in vehicles to the settings last term. The children really enjoyed your visits.

**Lucy Squires
337484**

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Photographic Society

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society in April the Chairman gave an overview of the year, commenting on the continuing increase in the Society's activities over the past 12 months, which included three photographic exhibitions, together with the progressive growth to the present level of 45 members. The Treasurer tabled his financial report noting that, while funds were still relatively modest, the Society was considered to be in reasonable financial health at the end of its third full year of operation. The Programme Secretary reviewed the year's activities and the activities being arranged for 2010–11. These include a mix of formal presentations by guest speakers, workshops by the Society's members, photo-shoots at outside locations and social events for members. Members then discussed the Society's website (<http://www.adandd.co.uk/>), the results of the recent survey of members' interests and how the Society might progress in the future. Finally a member, Simon Lutter, gave a light-hearted workshop on the 'pinhole camera' in which members were encouraged to construct one of their own from everyday materials.

The next meeting of the Society is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 May in the Apricot Room of the Cartwright Hotel, Aynho, when guest speaker, Yin Wong ARPS, will offer a critique of members' themed photographs and give a presentation on 'Creativity and Composition in Photography'.

John Branton 01295 811071

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Our season starts with a home match against Banbury Borough on the evening of Tuesday 4 May. However, the Green is open from 20 April. If anyone would like to give bowls a try, proper footwear, woods etc are available, as is free tuition from our qualified coach. Please ring 337213 for further details.

**Yvonne Twomey, Hon Secretary
337213**

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

Our annual weekend away is scheduled for 18–19 July 2010. The venue is Tewkesbury Park Hotel and Golf Club. As in previous years the DOGS will be fundraising in aid of Katharine House Hospice. Notice for booking will go out to all members nearer the date.

David Darst 338589

The Monday Morning Club

This is to remind those who were not at the April meeting that the May meeting and AGM will be on 10 May because of the Bank Holiday.

On 5 May, the bus for the Ashmolean visit will leave the Town Hall at 10.00am. Anybody who signed up for 5 May, but did not attend the April meeting, should contact Jean Flux on 338153 as soon as possible.

Jean Flux 338153

1st Deddington Guides

It was wonderful to welcome Katie, Elen, Mollie and Lucy as members of the unit. The promise ceremony in the garden of Castle House was followed by an Easter egg hunt on a very cold spring evening. We then managed a few quiz questions exploring the Market Place before dashing for the warm indoors and hot chocolate and biscuits.

We attended a special service in Banbury for Thinking Day at which Mrs Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie was presented with an award in recognition of her years of dedication to guiding in running the uniform shop from her home. We'll be lost without her when she retires.

The Guides did a presentation about Australasia during the service with our terrific home painted flags. Thank you to Rainbow Connie for her help on stage.

Most of our time this half-term has been taken up with rehearsing and then presenting our annual entertainment – a variety show – at which we raised £164 to be shared between the RNLI and the Lymphoma Association: a great effort and thank you to everyone for your support. During the second part of the evening the six of us who had such a wonderful trip to Switzerland gave a presentation about it. The talk and photo show went very well and I was very proud of the girls who stood at the front with great maturity and confidence.

We are almost full this term with 30+ Guides and we will be operating a waiting list!

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Marion Trinder 011869 340806

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results:

13/03/10 Highfield Old Boys (a) W 2–1
20/03/10 ABK Sports (h) (CUP) L 1–2
27/03/10 Bishops Itchington Res (h) W 4–1
03/04/10 Heyford Athletic (h) W 5–1

Reserve Results:

13/03/10 The Swan (a) W 3–2
20/03/10 Bodicote Sports Res (a) (CUP) L 2–4
27/03/10 Cropredy Reserves (a) Cropredy forfeit

They say good things come in small packages. But what about letter bombs? They also say good things come to those who wait, and this may be a more accurate proverb. Both teams have to wait patiently for their boons. The First Team have finished their season superbly, resurrecting their title chances by beating closest challengers Highfield and finishing six points clear, with Highfield having games in hand. Intriguingly, Highfield contrived to lose the first of these, and now must win both remaining games to deprive Deddington of the title.

With some timely wins the Reserves have lifted themselves up to fourth, and can now claim to be 'best of the rest', a huge accomplishment after uncertain beginnings. Tragically, they missed the chance of a cup double against Bodicote Reserves, but the season could still well prove gilded: the Reserves cup final

CALLING MORE CLUBS

has been postponed until Saturday 24 April at Ardley FC, kick off 7.30pm. Show your support for the great efforts of your local team to drowse in times of drought!

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

Deddington Tennis Club

The tennis club at the Windmill Centre has started its summer programme with club nights from 6.00pm on Wednesdays. Anybody interested in joining can just turn up and play. There are group coaching sessions at the club on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings for all ages and abilities, including beginners. Please see our website for details: www.deddingtontennis.com.

On Sunday 23 May from 2.00pm the club has a free open day for people to visit the club. Families are welcome, so come along and meet the club members and coaches, play a little tennis and try your hand at the fastest serve contest.

**Steve Ashby
01295 263855**

Deddington and District History Society

On 14 April Mike Boyes gave an illustrated talk, 'A Victorian Rector and Nine Old Maids'. The rector was the Revd Robert le Marchant of Little Rissington, and the nine old maids in question were his daughters. At first sight this was to be a *Pride and Prejudice*-like story of a clergyman's daughters desperately seeking husbands, except that the ladies were remarkably unconcerned by their lack of marriage prospects, preferring sport and a full range of country pursuits. A fascinating talk was made more so because Mike illustrated their story with the fruits of another hobby of theirs, photography, a few images dating from as early as the 1850s. We hope to persuade Mike back to talk about le Marchant's five sons. In the meantime, we have bought a copy of Mike's book to donate to the library. It deserves to be a popular read.

On Wednesday 12 May Liz Woolley will speak on the history of St Thomas's parish in West Oxford. This will prepare us for our guided visit, led by Liz, on 9 June.

Everyone is welcome at our meetings: 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month at the Windmill Centre.

**Chris Day (Chairman) 337204
Moiria Byast (Secretary) 338637**

Deddington Badminton Club

We are able to celebrate four trophies this season: the Ladies Division 2, Mixed 2 and 3, and Men's Division 1. This is a fantastic feat for a club with a single court! Our club season has now ended and we will be back in September. Our AGM is in June, exact date and place to be confirmed.

**Mark Tyler
338056**

Cricket Club

The pavilion has been spruced, and the wicket looks fantastic as we prepare for the new season which starts on 1 May.

We are combining with the football clubs to improve the grass at the Windmill which has had a long hard winter and is not in good shape. What was deemed suitable for village playing fields in the mid 1980s is now, quite frankly, totally inadequate and due to the Parish Council not having sufficient funds we are having to maintain the grass ourselves. This will involve significant investment from all clubs but it is something we see as important for all sporting ages.

The Summer Ball on Saturday 19 June is taking shape, with the marquee, band, disco and caterers all booked. Our table organisers are beginning to confirm full tables but there are still tickets available. If you would like tickets or require more information please call Clair on 07905 104510 or contact us via the website www.deddingtoncc.co.uk.

With over 70 games of cricket scheduled and 100 members, of which 50 are Juniors under the age of 13, it promises to be an eventful season.

James Ransom 07769264446

DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW

Deddington Show will be on Saturday 4 September and the committee would like to encourage many more of you to enter this year. There are categories for all talents including vegetables, fruit, flowers, baking, art, photography and children's crafts.

While everyone hopes to win, part of the joy of entering is the growing, preparation, anticipation and going along on the day to meet friends and fellow exhibitors and generally having a good local day out.

April is the time to start growing vegetables and we would like to encourage you all to have at least one entry in the vegetable section this year. Remember you can grow in a garden, allotment, or in pots so you don't need masses of space to be able to participate. The classes were listed in the *DN* April edition insert.

So choose your favourite vegetables, check how many you need to enter that class (eg four carrots, three beetroot). The judges, who are all independent of the show, will look for vegetables of a good size, shape and colour in that order of priority (not necessarily the largest unless stated (eg the longest marrow or runner bean). Where more than one is required then uniformity of size and shape is important. However nature does not always produce identical specimens so don't expect to have to show 'perfect uniformity'.

Please don't be put off because you think your produce will not be good enough – it will be! And you can enjoy months of seeing them grow throughout the summer, exhibiting on the day, plus after the show you can take them home and eat them! Remember also, without competition there are no winners.

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Babies and Toddlers Group	Jenny Dahlan	337547
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Books on Wheels	Pauline Drake	338477
Bowls	Yvonne Twomey	337213
Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys (5 – 8)	Tim Cooper	337771
Boys' Brigade Juniors	Chris Mitchell	338010
Boys' Brigade Company Section	Chris Mitchell	338010
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Cricket	Derek Cheeseman	338609
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Deddington Market Management Group	Geoff Todd	338532
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