

## Happy New Year !

February may seem too late to be wishing "Happy New Year !", except for four thoughts.

- This is the first **Deddington News** of **Jubilee Year 2002** - and a new editor.
- Alexander Solzhenitsyn said: *"Today is the first day of the rest of your life!"*
- The response of a Muslim to a Christian friend's New Year greeting was: *"It is always a happy new year for those who love God."*
- February 12 is the first day of the Chinese New Year, so let us wish each other and the Chinese in our community: 恭喜發財! "Kung hei fat choi" meaning "Congratulations ! Get Rich !"

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### FEBRUARY DIARY

- Sat 2 Deddington Colts Race Night, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.  
 Sun 3 Deddington Old Boys Golf Society, Annual dinner at The Unicorn.  
 Mon 4 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am~noon.  
 Tue 5 Song Circle meetings recommence.  
 Wed 6 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm  
 Thurs 7 Cricket Club Quiz Night: Unicorn, 7:30 for 8:00  
 Tue 12 WI: Geoff and Joan Todd with their street organ, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm  
 Wed 13 Deddington History Society, David Vaisey 'Treasures of the Bodleian' Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.  
 Fri 15 Circus Bezerkus present *A Komedy of Errors*, Windmill Centre, 3 pm  
 Mon 18 "**Golden Jubilee**" open meeting, Town Hall, 8.30 pm.  
 Tues 19 Copy date for March Deddington News  
 Wed 20 Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.  
 Thu 21 Bridge Club: instead of usual Friday, Holly Tree, 2-5 pm.  
 Sat 23 Farmers Market in the Market Place, 9 am~1pm.  
 Wed 27 Monday Morning Club: Bus for *Midsummer Night's Dream* leaves Market Place at 6 pm.

### MARCH DIARY

- Mon 4 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am- noon.  
 Wed 6 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8-10 pm  
 Sat 9 Cornelius & Jones present *The Diary of a Nobody*, Windmill Centre, 8 pm  
 Tue 12 WI: Annual General meeting and auction, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm  
 Wed 20 Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.  
 Sat 23 Farmers Market in the Market Place, 9 am~1 pm.  
 Sat 23 Art Exhibition, Holly Tree, 10am~4 pm. Admission free
- Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10~12.  
 Fridays: Babies and Toddler Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am.  
 Fridays: Bridge Club, The Holly Tree, 2-5 pm. (Thurs 21st instead of Fri 22nd Feb.)  
 Fridays: British Legion, Prize bingo and "Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm

**Reminder:** If you are planning a village event and consult the diary editor before you fix the final date, she will be able to advise you whether any other group already has plans for the same day that might draw off your potential support. Of course, if you then register your fixture with her well in advance, she will be able to advise other groups to avoid competition.

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**DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting in Town Hall - 19 December 2001

PRESENT: Cllrs Clinch (chair), Bell, Clarke, Cosgrave, Cox, Davies, Flux, Hart, Hill, Newey, Swash, Todd, Walker, the Clerk, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, and 2 members of the public.

**OCC Highways? He say YES!**

Market Place: The whole area - Bull Ring, outside Co-op, around Town Hall - is to be resurfaced in March - before the Market on 24th. Leaflet campaign needed to ensure area is totally clear of vehicles.

Victoria Place: OCC had 'lost' the drains; a sucker will come to stop flooding.

East-West Road: complete repair either side of traffic lights in 2002/3 programme.

Traffic Calming: 'gates' to be erected on verges by relocated 30mph signs, plus 40mph buffer zone.

Earls Lane: co-operation needed with Health Centre users to ease parking.

Clifton footpath: within village planned before April - PC to pay £6k, OCC £6k+; extension down to Mill will need residents to agree to surrender land.

Hudson St: residents' petition to make One-Way being considered. [Ed: ? effect on bus route.]

**QEII Golden Jubilee - June 2002**

Few at meeting on 10 Dec. Suggestions:

- village market;
- street party;
- sports event.

PC encourages events, but will not run them.

**GRANTS & DONATIONS**

- Thames Valley Air Ambulance - based in Wokingham - is Deddington within range ?
- Pre School: fence "damaged by footballers" - repair estimate £4k: seek 50% from CDC. Can/should Pre School afford contribution? - terms of lease and state of accounts to be explored.

**PLANNING & PROPERTY**

PC no objection - 1. Castle View, Goose Green - replace shed. 2. Dragon House, Bull Ring - conservatory. 3. Library - disabled access.

PC objection - 4. Shop in High St: PC on principle to retrospective application by Estate Agent. 5. Co-op: wholehearted support for local shop, but not for single storey extension at rear. Problem of delivery lorries blocking Church St, and neighbours' objections. Meet architect to explore alternatives.

PC queries - 6. Roseville, Clifton: subject to Highways' approval; possible restriction on sale as separate dwelling.

CDC approvals - St Anne's Home, Clifton; Fernleigh, Hopcroft Lane.

CDC refusal - Land adjoining 7 The Paddocks

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

- Cemetery gate is green oak, and should not have been varnished.
- Cricket club request for hoarding for sponsors to advertise not acceptable.
- Top up recreation area with tree bark chips to safety levels. [Carried out in January.]
- BMX track in Castle grounds.

**PARISH FINANCES**

Final 2000/01 Accounts approved: £5432 surplus on revenue budget so only £6k capital spent. Assets have not been formally valued for several years.

Invoices: £3620.40 total approved; Monthly Imprest a/c limit to be increased to £1500.

Investments: total £542,037.91 [Barclays 14 days £13,049.29 @ 2.75%, overnight £3,266.42 @ 2.3%, current £475; B&BBS 120 days £19,970 @ 3.4%; WBromwichBS overnight £505,277.47 @ 4.05%. Notice to switch B&BBS balance to WestBrom to be given.

Capital spending: Cllr Bell is researching early use of Windmill windfall.

Precept: Cllr Davies had prepared presentation.

[Ed: does the parish pay for the future in the present, or live off the past ?]

**NOTICES**

Parishioners should refer Highway matters to Colin Carritt (OCC Area Engineer, London Road, Bicester OX26 6HA - ☎ 241144.)

Streetlight faults should be reported FREE on 0800 317802 quoting the lamppost number.

Matters for possible attention of the Parish Stewards should be phoned to the Clerk on 337 447.

Health Centre problems should be referred direct to the Practice Manager, Mrs Dina Bentley, at the Earls Lane surgery.

The Windmill Centre and **Deddington News** are free-standing bodies and are not appendages of the Parish Council.

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website: [www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes](http://www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes)

**DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting in Town Hall - 16 January 2002.

PRESENT: Cllrs Clinch (chair), Clarke, Cosgrove, Davies, Flux, Haslam, Newey, Swash, Todd, the Clerk, C/Cllr Matthews, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 5 members of the public.

The meeting focussed mainly on 2 themes - highways and finance.

**HIGHWAYS**

Using the 10-minute Forum, Mr Yngve Granne, of Hempton, said that he had had many years experience in civil engineering and with local authorities. He had carried out surveys of local traffic in 2000 and concluded that effective design of traffic signs was as important as where they were placed. He offered his own proposals for comparison with OCC's.

Mr Colin Carritt, Area Highways Engineer, addressing the meeting by invitation, said that OCC's current priorities are traffic calming and pedestrian crossings. They look for 'partnerships' with parishes, and aim for consistent policies - for example, on speed limits - throughout the region (although circumstances can always alter cases).

He agreed that good design helps to convey information and reinforces messages. He expected that traffic management schemes at the 8 entry points to Deddington, Hempton and Clifton would be in place by mid-summer this year, including yellow-backed speed-limit signs, roundels and sharks teeth.

Other schemes in progress or under consideration include traffic calming in Earls Lane, improved safety measures in Hempton, and extension/completion of footpaths. These have varying priorities and must compete for funds. C/Cllr Matthews outlined the categories under which funds could be available.

Parish Councillors quizzed Mr Carritt about a range of problems and options. He said he would not 'over promise' and could give no cast-iron guarantees.

Deddington Market Place and Bullring will be resurfaced before the end of the financial year, timed to fit in with the Saturday Market timetable.

**PARISH FINANCES**

Final accounts 2000/2001

Capital reserve £546,121.31. Revenue surplus £5,423.69. Assets (land, buildings, plant, equipment) £1,075,000.

Investments total £537,338.15, of which £12,090.68 Barclays (£11,549.29 @ 1.5% on 14 days + £141.39 @ 0.1% overnight + £400 @

0.1% current); £19,970 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days; £505,277.47 West Bromwich @ 4.5% overnight. Bradford & Bingley account to be closed (120 days notice has been given) and balance transferred to West Bromwich Building Society.

Invoices passed for payment totalled £1,336.20, including £632 to Peter the Plumber for Town Hall improvements.

**PRECEPT 2002/3**

Realistic targetting, tight budgetting and cost saving gives a forecast expenditure of £46,350, a 10% reduction on the current year.

To cover this expenditure, the parish has 3 main sources of income (a) interest earned on capital; (b) other income chiefly from rents; (c) precept.

Projected interest income (4% on £496,500) will be £19,800. Other income estimated at £9,500. This leaves £17,050 to be raised by precept, equivalent to £19.60 a year for a Band D property [an increase of less than 16p per month on this year].

**PLANNING & PROPERTY**

PC no objection (1) Monks Court, Castle St, Deddington - fell silver birch. (2) No 2 Castle End, Deddington - fell sycamore. It is PC policy that for every tree felled another should be planted. (3) No 1 Old Plough Walk, Hempton - 2 storey extension. (4) No 3 Gaveston Gardens, Deddington - ground and 1st floor extensions. A PC 'no objection' is conditional on neighbours agreeing.

CDC approvals Hill Barn, Deddington; No 4 The Beeches, Deddington; Roseville, Chapel Close, Clifton.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

Golden Jubilee open meeting, Town Hall, Monday, 18 February, 8.30pm.

JP Transport granted permission to use Deddington Coat of Arms for commercial purposes. Fee £100.

Cost of the new parish noticeboards will be spread over 2 years.

BMX track to include children's shelter. Two more quotations needed. Work should start this Spring.

PC suggest that School Governors' Fund might pay for a set of Parish Millennium Maps for school project work.

PC to write congratulating Mr Albert Humphries on his MBE Award.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Wed 20 February, 7.30pm, Town Hall**

Once again there are already lots of exciting things planned at school. Children in Key Stage Two enjoyed taking part in a drama workshop on the first day back and there is a visit to the Ashmolean Museum planned for our Year Threes later in the term.

Looking even further ahead I would like to inform you of our plans to get the community **Jubilee celebrations** off to a really good start. On Friday 31st May the children will be enjoying a 1950s street party in the school playground. We hope to have tables decorated with red, white and blue and laden with 1950s style sandwiches, cakes, jelly and blanc-mange. We are also aiming to put on some 1950s entertainment in the form of music and perhaps maypole or country dancing. Everyone will, of course, be dressed in 1950s attire.

As usual we would be thrilled to welcome any members of the community who might like to witness the spectacle or who would like to help out or participate in some way. You might even be able to meet the Bishop who has accepted our invitation to lunch and will be blessing our new classrooms during the afternoon.

If you think you could help us out in any way with this event we would love to hear from you. Please contact me at school.

Calling all **Sainsbury's shoppers**. Once again, Sainsbury's are giving away free equipment to schools. We have been very fortunate in the past to be able to purchase four Big Book Boxes and a tripod screen with the points saved on our behalf. The school is already registered in the scheme and all we would ask you to do is fill in a form (available

in store) nominating Deddington School. Then, as you shop and acquire customer bonus points, the school will also benefit with no further effort on your part. No vouchers to collect and deliver. Thank you for the support we have received in the past and for your hoped-for future support.

We are once again looking for a "**Handy Person**" to work in Deddington Primary School for one day per week (6 hours). Hours could be arranged to suit your current schedule and could be flexible. You may prefer, for instance, to work two half days. You would be joining a friendly and supportive team. However, none of us are experts at general maintenance jobs around the school! We need someone able to replace door handles, put up shelves, replace light bulbs, generally decorate, clear gutters, repair fences ...and mabe alert us to other urgent jobs, which will need future attention. In addition to the above you would enjoy being around young people and possess a good sense of humour. In return we would offer you a friendly and supportive working environment. All applications to Mrs Lynne Stephens, Headteacher, Deddington School, Earls Lane Previous applicants are welcome to reapply.

*Lynne Stephens* 338430.




**ART EXHIBITION**  
**SATURDAY 23 MARCH, 10am-4pm**  
**Holly Tree Clubhouse, Horsefair, Deddington**  
 Michael Baker, Peggy Baker, John Cheney,  
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|      |    |          |   |   |
|------|----|----------|---|---|
| Sun  | 3  | 10.30 am | Family Service for Candlemas  |  |
|      |    | 6.30 pm  | Choral Evensong (BCP)   |   |
| Wed  | 6  | 10.00 am | Eucharist   |   |
| Thur | 7  | 2.00 pm  | Squeals and Wheels (Pram and Toddlers)  |   |
| Sun  | 10 | 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist  |   |
| Wed  | 13 | 10.00 am | Eucharist for Ash Wednesday [7.00 pm Barford St Michael]                                |   |
| Sat  | 16 | 2.30pm   | Memorial Service for Arthur Selmes  |   |
| Sun  | 17 | 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (BCP)  |   |
|      |    | 10.30 am | Mattins (BCP)   |   |
| Wed  | 20 | 10.00 am | Eucharist   |   |
|      |    | 7.30 p.m | <b>The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers</b> - Dr. Carolinne White [Oxford University] |   |
| Sun  | 24 | 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist  |   |
| Wed  | 27 | 10.00 am | Eucharist   |   |
|      |    | 7.30pm   | <b>Franciscan Spirituality</b> - Canon John Whitwell                                    |   |

**St. John, Hempton**

Sundays - 3 &amp; 17 9.00 am Eucharist

Sun 24 6.00 pm Evensong (BCP)

**BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUPS**

Mondays 4 &amp; 18 2.30 pm at 12 The Daedings (Derrick Wincer, 338002)

Wednesdays 6 &amp; 20, 7.30 pm at 2 The Leyes (Bill and Liz Dickinson, 337050)

7.30 pm at Boulderdyke, Clifton (Jean Welford, 338539)

The Church Club meets every Monday in term-time at the Primary School from 3.15. to 4.p.m

**If you wish to enquire about weddings, baptism, funerals, hospital or home visits in case of illness, contact the Vicar, the Revd Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), or the Churchwardens George Fenemore (338203) or Ray Sones (338027)**

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS;

**Baptisms** - Jan 13: Toby Sykes, Christopher Burland; Jan 20: Martha Westbury**Funerals** - Nov 15: Emily French; Jan 18: Milson Westbury; Jan 21: Eve Bird

**MILSON WESTBURY** was born in Aynho, where his father was gamekeeper at Aynho Park; he was a lover of the country and fine scenery throughout his life. Milson did his National Service in the REME; he served in Cyprus and Egypt. He came to Deddington with his wife Jean and worked as a heating and plumbing engineer, often doing jobs at Heyford Airbase. He had a passion for aircraft and spent much of his spare time making and flying model aeroplanes. He also enjoyed gardening; one of his contributions to Deddington life was to mow the churchyard, until ill-health prevented this. Milson was standard bearer for the British Legion for some 30 years and represented Deddington in that capacity on one (televised) occasion at the Albert Hall. Milson was a quiet, dignified person who, nevertheless, took great pleasure in the company of his family and friends. He will be greatly missed and remembered with much affection in the village.

**BILL MITCHELL** was THE postman here for 20 years, assisted by his wife Dorothy for 12 years. Six days a week they left home in Windmill Street at 4.30am for the sorting office, and delivered mail to every house in Clifton, Deddington, Hempton and The Barfords between 7 and 11 - all with a wonderful sense of responsibility and efficiency, and also much charm and grace in all weathers. Bill had served in the Royal Navy for 12 years, and after retirement worked at the USAF airbase. His family remember a delightful and warm-hearted man who bore his long illness with inspiring courage.

**Wesleyan Reform Chapel, Chapel Square***Pastor Issy Walton 337157*

Services on Feb 3,10 &amp; 17 - Issy Walton; on Feb 24 - Marion Roberts, Kineton

Tues 5 7.30 pm **Christians in Pakistan** - Irfana Riffat

Wed 6 7.30 pm Taizé Worship

**Congregational Chapel.** New Street - For the month of February the congregation will join in the morning service at the Wesleyan Reform Chapel

*Joyce Minnear 338529***R.C.Parish of Hethe with Adderbury***The Revd A J Burns 277396***Hethe** : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats -5.30~6.00 pm**Adderbury** : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass

**DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY**

On 9th January Martin Greenwood gave a wide-ranging survey of life in this area in Edwardian times. He covered employment and social life in detail, emphasising the impact of improved transport. He had much of interest to say about the impact of the bicycle in particular. On the great question of whether or not the Edwardian period was a 'Golden Age', he noted that references to it as such are almost all from the period after the First World War. Although living conditions had shown some improvement, life for many remained harsh. We hope that Martin will return next year, perhaps to talk about schooling in this area from 1800 onwards. On Wednesday 13 February David Vaisey, formerly Bodley's Librarian, will give an illustrated talk on 'Treasures of the Bodleian Library'. This talk should be a red-letter day in the diaries of all our members. Looking a little further ahead, on Wednesday 13 March David Mander of the Bletchley Park Trust will speak on Bletchley's war-time work. As always, we shall meet at the Windmill Centre at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

*Chris Day* 337204

**DEDDINGTON OLD BOYS GOLF SOCIETY**

Our Christmas bash was as usual one to remember. Thanks to everyone who turned out on a cold winter's morning, to Greatworth for their company and to the Unicorn for their quality hospitality. We now look forward to events in 2002 starting with our Annual Dinner

at the Unicorn on 3 February, and the keenly contested Deddington-Greatworth challenge in March.

*Mike Matthews* 337215

**1st DEDDINGTON BOYS BRIGADE COMPANY**

**Anchor Boys** In the last few weeks we welcomed William, Samuel and Lewis as new members. December started with the boys parading through Deddington led by the bugle band of the 1st Kings Sutton. We also enjoyed our Xmas party which was held at the School. In January our 5-a-side football team took part in a local BB tournament at Spiceball Park. The team consisted of Ben Lewis, Tom Salt, Mark Cook, Josh Rackley, Tom Westbury, Sebastian Gardner and Eddie Lynch who won all their matches against other Anchor Boy teams from around Oxfordshire to win the tournament. Early in February our older members will be taking part in more BB competitions to be held in Witney.

*Nick Westbury* 337059

**DEDDINGTON BRANCH: ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

Formal figures for the 2001 Poppy Collection from house-to-house and business premises in Deddington reached £2,760, added to which was the Church collection on Remembrance Sunday of £360 (not £60 as quoted in Dec. DN), making a grand total of £3,120. This was only possible with the generosity of the villagers and local businesses and the determined work of our house-to-house collectors, to whom we express our gratitude. Thanks must also be extended to our President, Norman West of North Aston, who has organised these collections for very many years.

*Ray Morris* 338143

**THE DEDDINGTON BRITISH LEGION CLUB**

The Club has had a good Christmas and New Year period again with members new and old taking advantage of the refitted bar. As always, we continue to put on entertainment including regular group and theme nights and a quiz night every Tuesday night. Friday nights are as always family nights with big prize Bingo and Play Your Cards Right (please see the Diary dates for upcoming events). All due subscriptions must be paid by the end of February although those wishing to join for the first time may do so at any time in the year. As a Club we can only continue with the support of volunteers both as Committee members and others who can provide help in different ways. We would like to pass on our thanks to those who continue to support us including George Reason and Bill Smith for their kind donations of furnishings and time. We are currently looking for a new Treasurer and Secretary on the committee - if anyone would like to volunteer their time and energy, please contact the Steward at the Club

338449, or  
337037

*Hugh Morris*

**DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB** 1st team results:- Chasewell Park (a) won 6-1 M Hewitt (2), C Smith (2), B Durrant, D Clouston. Fenny Compton (h) (Corona-

tion Cup) won walkover. Barford (a) (Dave Wood Cup) lost 2-3 C Smith, M Hewitt. Fenny Compton (a) won 7-1 C Smith (3), B Durrant (2), M Hewitt, D Clouston. Islip (a) (Charity Cup) lost 1-3 M Hewitt. Vodafone (h) won 3-1 C Smith, D Churchill, B Durrant. The 1st team have had a good couple of months, winning 4 or the 6 games played. Chris Smith and Ben Durrant have been consistently amongst the goalscorers. The team stand a real chance of promotion if the good form continues. Reserve team results:- Barford Res. (h) won 4-0 P Kirsopp (2), S Colley, D Watson. Wroxton Res. (a) won 5-0 S Colley (2) C Schneider (2), J Rowland. Hethe (h) (George Reynolds Cup) lost 1-3 A Bliss. Wroxton Res. (h) won 3-1 G Smith, G Mitchell, A Bliss. Bodicote Res. (h) lost 0-2. Sinclair Res. (h) lost 4-8 P Kirsopp (3), own goal. Lesme (a) won 6-0 S Colley (4), P Kirsopp, G Mitchell. The reserve side have also had a good 2 months, the 4 league wins have moved the side into the top half of Division 2. Sam Colley and Phil Kirsopp have also been in good goalscoring form, both scoring hat tricks in recent games. 75 Club Winners 14.12.01 - R Berry £50, 21.12.01 - J Spencer £50, 28.12.01 - D Doggett £50, 4.1.02 - J Spencer £100, 11.1.02 - J Plumbe £50, 18.1.01 H Hirons £50.

*Steve Plumbe* 01295 278258

#### DEDDINGTON LIFE AND PORTRAIT ART GROUP

Our members are staying at roughly 9 people for the morning and afternoon sessions. If you are thinking of trying us, come a little before the sessions to find a

good painting position. The cost remains the same £5 per session (10.00 - 12.30 & 1.30 -4.00) and we meet every Thursday. Many thanks to the Parish Council and Dennis for the improved toilet facilities.

*Annette Murphy* 337318 *Frank Palmer* 01608 659330

**DEDDINGTON SONG CIRCLE** We are intending to resume singing from Tuesday 5 February. My apologies for giving the wrong dates in the last copy of DN. Current thinking is that everyone can sing and that it is good for you - if you want to join us to prove or disprove this notion, please do. Our present happy songsters make no extravagant claims about being singers but we do like the noise we make!

*Annette Murphy* 337318

**WINDMILL THURSDAY CLUB** The Club would like to thank all those who help and support the Club, especially the Parish Council for the recent grant, and Deddington Town Football Club and the Deddington Players for their donations. Maggie Moojen, our co-ordinator, will be leaving the area at the end of March after running the Club for nearly two years, so we are looking for somebody to take over. If there is anyone interested please contact Jim Flux 33153 or Kenneth Holt 338154. The post is for 8 hours per week (6 on Thursdays) and the salary £6-50 per hour. David Moojen has been our Treasurer for almost the same period so we are looking for someone to help out in this area. Our thanks go to Maggie and David for all their good work and we wish them the best for the future.

*Jim Flux* CHAIRMAN 338153

**MONDAY MORNING CLUB** The February coffee morning will be on Monday 4th, 10.00 - 12 noon, as usual. We have some more theatre excursions planned so remember the proverb about the early bird.

*Jean Flux* 338153

**DEDDINGTON PLAYERS** The pantomime is over once again and the only remaining task is for me to thank all those who contributed to its success, on stage, behind the scenes, front of house or in the audience. Our young prince deserves a special accolade. She injured her foot after the first performance but refused to abandon Snow White to her fate and performed on crutches with great aplomb for the rest of the run. Our raffle was well supported: the children who won the King's computer were delighted. This year we announced that we planned to donate some of our takings to local charities. Cheques for £100 will shortly be presented to Deddington Thursday Club for the frail elderly, to the Windmill Babies and Toddlers Group, and to Banbury Young Homeless Project. We received a last minute plea from Ted Johnson on behalf of Oxford RSPCA for which he works so tirelessly, so a small donation will also be made to them. After all, I have a rescue dog who, like the dwarfs, was abandoned by her original carers, and who attended rehearsals as assiduously as the performers.

*Jean Flux* 338153

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**DEDDINGTON BABIES AND TODDLERS GROUP**

The group continues to go from strength to strength - welcome to all our new members. Our cake stall on Saturday 19th January raised £100. - may thanks to all those who made cakes or bought them. This money will be added to our Parish Council grant to replenish our stocks of toys. Amongst other items, we hope to buy a farm set, toy cars, and dressing up clothes. Another parent's night out is planned for early February - this time we have invited the Dads along as well to see what we get up to! An outing for the children is planned for early March, when we hope to visit Kinderkids at Witney - watch the notice board for more information. And finally,



as always, if you are a parent or carer with a baby or toddler, and are looking for an enjoyable morning out in good company, please join us at the Windmill Centre, every Friday morning between 9.30 and 11.30.

*Lucy Squires* 338442

**DEDDINGTON W.I.** On 8 January after a very short business meeting when we were pleased to welcome a potential new member, our speaker for the evening was introduced. Mrs Sprittlehouse is a member of the Guild of Embroiderers and her subject is 'Stitchery', covering a wide variety of methods from early samplers to present-day techniques. Many pieces had been brought along, some dating from the 1930's, to demonstrate the advances made in the craft. Of particular interest was the use of paint, with silver, gold and black thread making a landscape scene. Mrs Spittlehouse was an excellent speaker, welcoming members interest afterwards. On 12 February we will be pleased to welcome Mr and Mrs Todd, together with their barrel-organ, not only to entertain us with their music, but to tell us about their many experiences. The competition will be a hand-made Valentine card.

*Rene Mahony* 338438

**DEDDINGTON COLTS FC** Plans to play all home games to the Castle Grounds can no longer be pursued. The Club has been in touch with Cherwell District Council and they have indicated that any plan to develop a pavilion and changing rooms at this English Heritage site would not meet with Planning approval. Consequently, the Club has been in consultation with representatives of the Parish Council to explore alternatives. The Pop Quiz held at the Windmill Centre in early December was a resounding success and raised over £500 for the Colts. Parishioners and supporters from further afield pitted their memories against the ravages of time in an effort to identify golden oldies from the past 50 years. This event would not have been possible without the support of the Rhind family from Duns Tew. Club Secretary, Ged Rhind, organised the Quiz night. Sharon, Ged's

wife, helped with the catering and their three teenage children assisted with the bar, door and music. None of the Rhind children play with the Colts and thus it is even more heartening to see their commitment to Deddington. Between Christmas and New Year the first ever Junior Christmas Party for players and siblings saw over 90 young people between the ages of 5 and 14 taking part in team games such as the 'Jaffa Challenge' and the 'Balloon Hop'. The children were split into mixed age teams with the older, Under 13s being appointed 'team captains'. Team Celtic won the party competition and George Holland won the free raffle prize of an autographed Spurs football. Player behaviour was exemplary and, if the tabloids are to be believed, in sharp contrast to some of the antics at certain Premiership Xmas parties! **DIARY DATES.** The Gold Cup Challenge 'Race Night' is taking place at the Windmill Centre on Saturday, the 2nd February. Paddock opens at 7.30 and the first race is at 8.00. Advance tickets may be obtained from Nikki on 337036 or Dawn on 338738. A General Knowledge Quiz is taking place at the Windmill Centre on the 13th April. The Annual Awards Evening is scheduled for the 15th June. As at the 20th January the Witney Boys League positions of the Colts' seven teams was as follows:



| Position       | League         | P  | W | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------|----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 9th out of 10  | Friendly North | 16 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 46 | 10  |
| 10th out of 12 | Under 10 B     | 14 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 14 | 37 | 10  |
| 8th out of 12  | Under 10 C     | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7  | 24 | 33 | 15  |
| 4th out of 10  | Under 11 A     | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6  | 35 | 43 | 22  |
| 9th out of 14  | Under 12 B     | 15 | 4 | 2 | 9  | 26 | 38 | 14  |
| 7th out of 10  | Under 13 B     | 14 | 6 | 0 | 8  | 47 | 42 | 18  |

*David Rollason* 337351

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### Why Here ? ... Jane Plummer

Jane Plummer came to Deddington in June last year. Since October she has been the Parish Clerk. Why did she come to Deddington ? "I got lost, and found it!" (like Columbus and The Americas.) She so fell in love with the village with all its amenities close at hand, that after 4 years in Middleton Stoney, she and her husband Stephen bought Dragon House in the Bull Ring. Stephen, a carpenter by trade, is now visibly doing up the property, which in 1747 is recorded to have had 'two wells of good water.' Jane's roots are in Devon, but Stephen has an intricate net of relations in N Oxon. They have two daughters aged 6 and 3, whom they hope may go to Deddington School. Jane sees the Parish Clerk's job as a contribution to community life, as is her continued commitment to the 'Buggy service' at All Saints, Middleton Stoney. Jane brings to the role a track record in property

management with an estate agent, and as PA to a bank MD who is now an MP. She is contracted to be in her office in the Windmill Centre 9-5 on Mondays & Wednesdays [337447], but meetings and oversight of the parish stewards, Town Hall and cemetery generate much unscheduled busyness.

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## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Work to improve the footpath along the main road between Clifton and Deddington should start before the end of March but news is not so good for the lower end of the village towards the mill. Colin Carritt of OCC says the provision of a footpath along that stretch would be a major project and very low priority. Even if the PC shared the cost OCC would only offer a small percentage. If you feel strongly about this, write direct to OCC, copying your letter to the PC. OCC say they will not erect 'Dead Slow' signs at the entrance to Walnut Close, but the owners of the fishing lake will do so at their own expense. Now for the latest in the saga of the widowed swan. A pair of swans visited the lake recently but their friendly overtures were rejected by the lone resident and they fled. If you see a swan apparently stuck in the ice during wintry weather make sure it isn't just resting in its personal water hole before you rush to call the RSPCA ! What is your estimate of the amount of rainfall in Clifton in 2001 ? We will give you the answer in this column next month. And finally ... if your dog has lost four jolly sausages on a length of rope and wants them back, please call me or email jackie.williamson@deddington.net

*Jackie Williamson* 337128

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## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Christmas Bazaar was a great success, probably the best that the village has had. Everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. At the end of the day over £1000 was made which was a great effort. This money, and more, will be needed for maintenance of the Church this year. Much of the success of the bazaar was due to a concerted advertising campaign which attracted people not only from the village but from further afield. Another enjoyable occasion was the Carol Service. A good congregation was well supported by the Deddington Church Choir. Afterwards everyone enjoyed mince pies, sausage rolls and a delicious punch.

It is hoped to hold a wine tasting evening on March 22 at 7.30 p.m. but I am waiting for confirmation from S.H. Jones of Banbury. Tickets will be limited to 50 and will cost £10 per head which will include wine tasting and refreshments. Full details next month.

Ground is being cleared at the top of the lane to build two new house. A new road and parking lot has been put in front of Batchelors Road Cottages. This is a large improvement for the people living there and enables vehicles to turn round.

The Table Tennis team has reached the halfway point of the season. Its record at the moment is: P11-W9-D0-L2. The League is wide open at the moment with 3 Blessed George Napier teams, Bloxham and ourselves evenly grouped.

*Les Chappell*

338054



Friends of Daeda's Wood

**Daeda's Wood** celebrated its 5th birthday a few weeks ago. Anyone remember the field of barley it replaced? You will find a reminder of it in our well-illustrated display *The Birth of Daeda's Wood* currently in the entrance hall of the Primary School (many thanks to Lynne Stephens for allowing us the space). We have our eye on other venues later in 2002. Please also watch this space for details of our Jubilee Family Picnic planned for around midsummer.

*Sylvie Spenceley* 338995

## WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WINDMILL WINDFALL ?

FROM MARTIN HAYWARD,

HEMPTON ROAD, DEDDINGTON

I was not surprised to see two replies to my letter (DN, November issue, replies in December issue).

First I would like to reply to Mr. Blakey. His letter, giving details of funds for the past 12 months, is irrelevant. The points I raised concerned diminishing funds back from now to 8–10 years ago. Secondly, the points mentioned by our PC Chairman, Mr. Terry Clinch. He will probably remember, better than most, that 9 or 10 years ago two thirds of our Parish Councillors resigned. A relative of one of those who resigned has informed me that when that happened there was well over £1,000,000 in hand. I also have in my possession editions of the DN for the past 13 years. I quote: Parish Funds in March 1992 - £1,019,716: June '92 - £1,020,437: February '93 - £1,045,623: April '93 - £1,042,930. The interest rate at that time on over £1 million was over 10%, now on half that sum it is approx. 4%.

I think the above figures confirm what I previously pointed out – that over £1 million has diminished to just over half.

FROM GEORGE FENEMORE,

HOME FARM, CLIFTON

The two letters in the December DN, from the Parish Council Chairman and its recently retired Clerk, only compound worries raised by Mr. Hayward and others as to the future of the Parish Fund. As a member and a Chairman of the pre-1990 PC that fought to put the Parish Fund in place, I find Mr. Clinch's lapse of memory astonishing as he was a member of the village action group that did much to prevent the pre-1990 Council from raising the money that formed the present Parish Trust Fund. If Mr. Clinch had researched the PC's archive from 1980 to 1990 he would have found he was incorrect in the amounts he quoted in his letter. I have a complete set of minutes, correspondence and documents covering that period. True the amount banked in 1988, after the old Windmill School playing field was sold, and after deducting the costs of purchase and construction of the present, larger playing field, was £777,000. It was invested by the then Council and produced £85,000 in interest in the first year. Some of this interest was spent: £32,000 in loan repayments to CDC, £1,800

on bus tokens for Parish OAPs, a loan of £6,000 to the DN for new equipment and a loan to the Deddington Play Group. The Fund was then frozen on legal advice, pending the outcome of legal action taken by the village action group. By the time of the 1990 PC elections the Fund had grown to some £994,560. It is worth noting that most of the old Council, including myself, did not stand for re-election and that Mr. Clinch and most of the action group were elected. By October '91 the Fund had been reduced to £777,000. By October '92 it had gone up to £1,048,992, but by October '93 it had fallen again to £880,000 and has continued to fall to its present value of £548,258 in October '01. All of these figures are taken from old Parish Minutes and my copies of the DN and show a rather different picture from the Chairman's account.

The letter from Mr. Blakey states that the Council's bank account for October 16, '01 stood at £548,258.17. Does this mean that the Parish Fund has been mixed with the Council's own funds and is not being administered by trustees in accordance with the wishes of the 1989 Parish referendum, which voted that the Trust Fund should be administered by a body of trustees drawn from the PC and elected members from the Parish? And what happened to documents setting up the Trust Fund? Were they ever completed by the new Council? (I have a draft copy of them.)

*(In accordance with DN practice copies of the above 2 letters were sent to the Parish Clerk earlier this month.)*

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FROM COLIN COX,

WINDMILL CLOSE, DEDDINGTON

In recent months the number of bellringers at Deddington Parish Church has dwindled to such an extent that we do not always have enough people to ring. Despite efforts to recruit new ringers the situation is getting worse and the bells could fall silent. I appeal to readers who have rung before and would like to come back, and to those who have thought about learning, to join us before it is too late. We are not a religious group and you do not need to be a member of the Church. We are a small friendly group whose interest lies solely in the art of bellringing. It is not hard physically and could best be described as light healthy exercise. People of all ages from 12 upwards can learn. A simple start can grow, if you wish, to change ringing, which develops your sense of number and music along with physical exercise.

We ring on Sunday mornings from 9.45 - 10.30 am. Our practice night is Monday, 7.30 – 9.00 pm. If you would like to try something different, come to the Church tower on Monday evening, and have a look. We could have a Beginners' session from 7.00 pm. You will be most welcome. Alternatively call Yvonne Twomey on 337213 or me, on 337486.

FROM ARTHUR LEWIS,

CHAPMANS LANE, DEDDINGTON

On December 1, 2001, my wife and I attended the

Christmas Lunch organised by Deddington Ladies for the over sixties at the Holly Tree. The wine and meal were very enjoyable, with, later, cheese, biscuits and Xmas cake. Each person was given a box of chocolates on leaving. Ken and Doreen Ashton again provided the entertainment – music by Ken, singing by Doreen, with a few carols and songs by Topper Davis who was, as usual, in good form. We all joined in the sing-song, making this a very enjoyable occasion. Grateful thanks to Deddington Ladies for their hard work and well-organised arrangements.

FROM KATIE MCGOVERN,

CHAPEL CLOSE, CLIFTON

On behalf of Deddington's Elves, Pixies, Gnomes and Imps (and their families), we would like everyone in the Parish to know how much the Brownies appreciated Moira Byast being the Brown Owl for an extra five months. We did say a proper thank-you and farewell last July, but she kindly carried on up to Christmas which kept the Brownie Pack going until new leaders could be appointed. Thank you !

FROM THE WESTBURY FAMILY,

MILL CLOSE, DEDDINGTON

Jean, Jill and David would like to thank everyone who came to the Thanksgiving Service for Milson. Special thanks to the Revd Dr Hugh White for all his help.

## FIRE SERVICE

### CONGRATULATIONS, ALBERT!



Albert Humphries has been awarded the MBE for services to the Fire Service. I'm sure you will agree with me that this is a very fitting honour in view of his 33 years of dedicated service to our community.

**Fire calls :** Those of us left behind

have been kept very busy over the last couple of months: 25 calls in December and 12 to date in

January. These were: 4 house fires; 4 road traffic accidents; 3 chimney fires; 2 car fires; 1 fridge; 1 thatched roof; 1 barn; 1 excavator on fire; 12 false alarms with good intent; 1 malicious false alarm and 10 calls to stand by at other Stations.

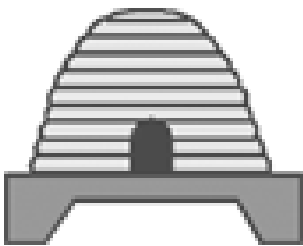
**Candle safety :** Many people, myself included, will have received decorative candles, oil burners or aromatherapy candles for Christmas. Please remember the following safety points when using them. A simple tea light candle can cause a devastating house fire. Never leave candles unattended, keep both candles and matches out of reach of children. The temptation is great and all children have a natural fascination with fire. Pets too can be hazardous as wagging tails can easily knock candles over to cause a fire to spread. Always use candles on fireproof surfaces, away from curtains or any other fabrics. Last year there was an incident with a tea light candle burning through a bath. This created copious amounts of toxic fumes rendering the occupants of the house unconscious and causing a serious house fire. Please don't let this happen to you.

*Anne Waters*



## ON THE FARM

The apocalyptic old year has passed taking the worst outbreak of Foot and Mouth ever known with it. We are now being told that the whole sad and sorry episode was made far worse by the ignorance and the incompetence of the experts whose job it is to protect the nation from just such a national disaster. So far we have been denied any explanation as to the real cause or the reasons why so many animals had to be shot. However, at least Brussels seems to be willing to conduct its own enquiry into the epidemic and into the need for tougher controls on meat imports from outside the EU. We have many lessons to learn. This time it was a very contagious animal disease that was imported into this country, costing the lives of millions of animals. It will devastate the lives of many farming families for years to come, and some will never recover. Unless our bio-security is improved the same thing could happen to the human population of this country, and what will the experts do then, shoot us? After all we, like farm animals, are mammals, but we travel the world. The sheep will come 'in' for lambing in the next week or so and we should see the first lambs at the end of March, a month later than last year. The reason for this is that for the last 2 or 3 years the meadows have been flooded in March and delayed 'turn out', which has led to overcrowding and mis-mothering. With the ewes 'off grass in early ' April we should be able to get some early nitrogen on to push the grass forward and reduce the need to give extra bought-in feed.



The mild weather in the second half of last month made it possible to open the bee hives and feed them. All seems well so far but some were not too pleased to be disturbed. I shall feed them again next month

to give them a flying start for next summer. Many of our resident birds have already staked out their territories for next season and are now busy defending their chosen patch. The mild weather has also brought out the Pipistrelle bats, the Snowdrops in the garden and the Hazel and Alder in the wood, so let's hope we are in for an early Spring. Many thanks to all who asked after my old sheep dog, Kim. I am pleased to be able to say that he is well on the way to a good recovery and has once again taken up his duties of meeting anyone that comes to the farm and supervising the work with the sheep and horses.

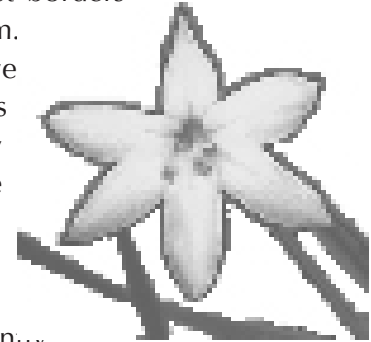
*George Fenemore* 338203

## GARDENING NOTES

If somebody asked me to name my favourite garden flower, I'd probably say that the Dianthus family comes high on my list. Yes, I know they are not at their best in February but it's nice to think about them.

We call the ordinary garden variety Pinks, not because their colour is pink but because the petals have pinked edges. The most common one used to be the white one with the lovely scent called 'Mrs. Sinkins'. Most borders had a clump of them.

growers have moved on to other colours and shapes. A variety called 'Doris' came next in popularity. It came and went, alas. I bought several lots but they evidently



thought they were annuals and disappeared during the winter. I really like the single small flowered ones.

You can grow them from seed; the colours are a bit unpredictable, ranging from white to deep pink, but they are pretty tough. I was given a box of seedlings when we moved into this house more than twenty years ago and I still have a clump or two left. Carnations, the posh Pinks, are a different matter. The fact that they are so much used by florists and travel so well has downgraded them. In a garden they need staking and de-budding. They are really best for a picking bed, and for that you need a biggish garden. The other garden variety of Dianthus are Sweet Williams. They look best massed and one needs space for them. Did you know that in Yorkshire people call them Stinking Willies for political reasons?

Talking of picking beds, I was interested to read about two completely different sorts of garden. Dear old Mr. Middleton whose book 'Outlines of a Small Garden' was a respected handbook in the thirties, reckons a garden measuring 48ft. x 30ft. is the average small plot. When Vita Sackville-West wrote about 'small' gardens she meant an acre and a half at least. You can take your choice.

*Marianne Elsley*



*'I grant indeed that fields and flocks have charms,  
For him that gazes or for him that farms.'*

GEORGE CRABBE

What can one write in January about allotments? Very little - the ground is either frozen hard or too wet. Seed catalogues can, of course, be scanned by those dedicated enough to plan, but me, I think about it while out walking. Recently on a cold grey and dreary day I walked to Hempton and stood watching the field by Tomwell Lane being ploughed. The ground appeared so soggy I thought at one point that this huge machine, when turning round, was going to overturn. Soon the whole field was a rich freshly brown soil with expectant crows gathering for worms. As evening was drawing in and I reached the warmth of home I looked out towards those fields. There were now two machines, obvious by their lights, preparing for, I can only presume, spring sowing, of which crop we will find out in Autumn.

*Shelma Dover*

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• *There are some spare allotment plots. The Parish Clerk will be glad to give details to those who contact her on 337447.* •  
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**MARKET PLACE CAROLS**

Christmas carols and songs sung around the Christmas tree in the Market Place, Deddington, on Christmas Eve raised £370 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Under Jim Flux's direction and accompanied by Geoff and Joan Todd's street organ a crowd in excess of 300 sang merrily while drinking mulled wine and eating mince pies. Refreshments, arranged by Anton Hayter, courtesy of The Unicorn and Deddington Arms were ably served by John and Jan Boyt, Chris Twomey, Carol Garrett and helpers. Canon Christopher Hall ended with a prayer for peace.

*Geoff & Joan*

*Helen*

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**SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS**

On stage, backstage and off stage, upwards of 60 people, from young and tiny to mature and full-scale, brought Deddington Players' pantomime to a capacity audience at the Windmill Centre. Everyone concerned deserves a mention but space will not allow and this review must be unfairly selective.

Elizabeth White was as pretty and tuneful a Snow White (no relation) as anyone could wish for, and Heather Doole as gallant a Prince as ever strode (or in this case, hobbled on crutches) across the boards. Wicked Queen Pet Sawbridge was totally in command of her part, and also of her husband, though Colin Galloway's delightfully doddering King came up trumps in the end. George Fenemore was in good voice as the bucolic Tantivy, while Nurse Jim Flux sported a bosom as big as his talent. Ably led by Miles Galloway, the seven very individual dwarfs won our hearts (oh, yes they did!) As musical director, composer and performer, Elizabeth Reed was a tower of strength.

In any stage show, and especially in pantomime, what you see - or think you see - is as important as what you hear. So full marks for production values - the set that cleverly used gauzes and vignetting; the colourful costumes (lovely dancers); the lighting and sound effects (what an astounding flash-bang as the magic mirror shattered).

Now for the serious bit. After 11 consecutive pantomimes, writer/producers Jean Flux and Molly Neild would like to give up the production side and concentrate on writing. So here is a chance for younger people to step in as producers. Over to you, readers.

*Norman Stone*

IT SEEMS ALONG TIME AGO NOW, but the three concerts that took place in the church at the end of last year deserve mention. The **Banbury Symphony Orchestra** regaled us on November 24th, and on December 2nd **Choros** delighted us once again with carols by candlelight in a program ranging from mediaeval times to "I am the day", a piece composed a few years ago.

Then, on December 8th, the **Kineton Calypso Steel Band** treated us to a totally different kind of music. Some of us were a little daunted at first, but we were rapidly won over by the beaming smiles of the eight young performers, and their skill and cheerful camaraderie. We had some carols too, including the most idiosyncratic rendering of Silent Night ever. The band comes from Kineton School. After all the gloom about secondary education in the newspapers, they were a very positive advertisement for the unstuffy virtues of modern education.

*Jean Flux*

## THE WAY WE WERE

### Deddington 150 years ago

As the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for 1852 are missing, I have looked through old copies of Jackson's Oxford Journal of that date for references to Deddington, and have found the following. The first refers to the introduction of gas to the village - there was a gasometer and gas works behind 'The Old Gas House' at the junction of Earls Lane and the Clifton Road. The second finds the Cricket Club in good heart and the next two tragic entries are a reminder of how vulnerable small children were and the last tells of the commencement of the building of the school on its present site.

1st February - Gas: We are glad to hear that this matter is again in agitation, and that there is every chance of the company being speedily formed and carrying out their scheme.

Cricket: The members of the Cricket Club met at the Unicorn Inn on Monday last, when the officers and committee for the ensuing season were elected and the rules revised and corrected. We hear that the Club is about to improve its ground, and to make an engagement with the

Nottingham bowler who is coming to Banbury for one or two days a week. We are glad to hear that S. Field Esq., the President, with his usual kindness, has promised the use of the Castle Grounds for the whole of the season, which we hope may be a merry and prosperous one.

Died: Feb 12, at Deddington, aged 3 years and 7 months, Bernard, 3rd son of the Rev. Geo Venables, Curate of Nether Worton. 21st February - Died: Feb. 14th, Ambrose, 4th son of the Rev. G. Venables of this town, aged 2 years.

The New Schools: The following circular has been issued:- 'The Treasurer of the Deddington National Day and Sunday Free Schools, the Rev. Dr. Wilson, begs to inform the friends and subscribers to those institutions that, through the generous liberality of W.C. Cartwright, Esq., of Aynho, a suitable site has now been secured for the proposed new Schools, and that measures will be immediately taken for the commencement of these erections.'

*Buffy Heywood*

## GLEANINGS FROM THE PAST - PARISH AND DEANERY MAGAZINES

Sometimes like ever increasing circles, researching a specific subject in these magazines leads to quite unexpected discoveries.

Take THE NATIONAL ANTHEM for instance. While composing the history of Deddington Church Choir I got chatting to Topper Davis, who was a local Choir Boy in the 1930s. He let me peruse his most precious book of *BRITISH SONGS for BRITISH BOYS* by Sydney H Nicholson under whom he remembers enjoying training days for choirs. (Sir Sydney Nicholson, founder of the School of Church Music). I was immediately very interested in notes by Sir Sydney footing the National Anthem. As we have just entered the year of the Queen's Golden Jubilee and will no doubt hear and sing this anthem many times, I would like to share Sir Sydney's annotation in *British Songs for British Boys* published in 1903, and I quote:

'The question of the authorship of the National Anthem is a one which has yet to be settled. The tune, as we now have it, has generally been attributed to Henry Carey (1692-1743), but probably without much foundation. Strong claims are advanced, however, in recent works, in favour of James Oswald, an Edinburgh musi-

cian, on the one hand, and Dr. John Bull, the famous composer, on the other. "God save the King" first appeared, words and music, in the "Gentleman's Magazine" for October, 1745, and had been performed at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, in September of that year, on reception of the news of the defeat of Sir John Cope's army at Prestonpans. The claim of OSWALD is based on the following, amongst other facts:- 1. "God save the King" is named, in 1769, on the dial-plate of the chimes of Windsor Church, as "OSWALD'S ARE." 2. In 1761 Oswald was appointed chamber composer to George III, over the heads of better known musicians. 3. The numerous fictitious names under which Oswald published, prove that he was not anxious to make public claim to much excellent work. 4. "God save the King" was published (anonymously) by John Simpson, about 1745, in a work called "Harmonia Anglicana". Oswald was doing a great deal of work for Simpson, at the time of its publication. These facts undoubtedly make out a very strong claim for Oswald."

(In the next issue of the Deddington News, I shall offer the claims of authorship of Dr John Bull in the continuation of Sir Sydney's footnote).

*Ruth Johnson*



## Golden Jubilee Celebrations

The Christmas and New Year celebrations have now passed and therefore it is time to look ahead to 2002.

The Parish Council have been assessing how to celebrate the Golden Jubilee in the Parish in June 2002. An interesting article from the 1977 DN highlights all the celebrations the parish organized for the Silver Jubilee. These included a carnival, tea parties, Jubilee Fete & Disco....

Therefore a brainstorming / planning meeting is to take place on **Monday 18th February** at The Town Hall at 8.30pm.

The school are already planning to start the village Jubilee celebrations by having a 1950's street party on Friday 31st May 2002.



It is proposed the celebrations will continue over the Bank Holiday week-end and could include a re-creation of the Pudding and Pie Fair or should we have a May Pole with have floats and village displays ???? etc....

Anybody interested in providing ideas / offering support can attend. Please note as time is running out this will be the last meeting to decide if the parish is to organise any combined special celebrations for all the parish to enjoy.

*Rick Haslam* 338216

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## DEDDINGTON MARKET

The Management Group is delighted with the success so far (!) of Deddington Market. Continuing success will depend on your supporting it and coming regularly, and on our keeping the publicity going. Pass the word.

As part of the publicity, for the week before each market we put staked notices on the verge at the four road entrances to Deddington. Strangely, for the past three months the boards on the Clifton Road have been knocked over, and on January 22 the two boards on the Oxford Road entrance disappeared ! OC Highways and CDC are happy for us to put up the notices as they are for local village events. And our feedback from commercial outlets in the Market Place is that the Market is welcome. So, if there are people in the Parish who have a problem with the re-introduction of the Market, we would like to hear from them.



*Charles Newey* 338282

*[For the first time it rained on Market Day in January, so some stalls sought shelter in the parish church - as did Geoff Todd and his organ. Some raised eyebrows at 'traders in the temple', but lowered them again when they were reminded that it was not the trading but the daylight robbery, for which the traders were upset. ED.]*

The Police Office is now open from 9am to 12pm on Deddington Market days.

According to survey forms, collated by Councillor O'Sullivan, people complain that the Office is never open. This is the 3rd market day I have opened and so far only had about two callers.

Visitors are welcome to pop in. However we reserve the right to close at short notice, if an emergency occurs.

*P.C. Bob Donohue*

For Lost and Found, to swap anything, to air your views, try the **FORUM** on our website.

Volunteer readers and contributors are always welcomed. Access to a computer is not required. You can do something

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worthwhile for your community without even getting out of bed! We have great plans for 2002. We would welcome suggestions for new ideas, especially in this Jubilee year.

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# FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Refurbishment of the library is due to take place between February 4 and March 14. No closures should be necessary. Entry may need to be by the back door while the ramp is being constructed.



The changes will benefit us all.

Sue Goddard 338122 Geoff Todd 338532

It has been agreed to bind two sets of all the copies of the **Deddington News** - the one in the Library, and the one kept by the Editor. He would be glad to hear from any reader who knows of a skilled bookbinder locally. This is in addition to the project to put all the past content on the world-wide-web.

## ACCUSTOMING MOTORISTS TO WALKING AGAIN - GRADUALLY



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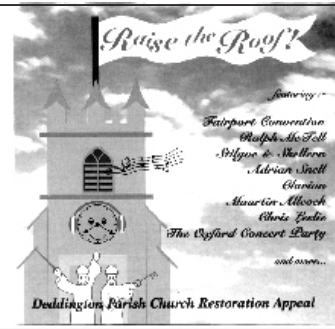
## RIPPLES

Kristin Thompson won second prize in the recent national competition run by 'The Lady' for her short story 'War of the Roses'.

A couple of years ago, her 'The Language of Flowers' came second in an international short story competition by World Wide Writers. Double silver against very tough competition.

## GOING FOR A SONG

Renowned artistes with local connections perform on this CD - exclusively available on Market Day in the Church kitchen -



**LECTURE** On January 22 at the Wesleyan Chapel, Christopher Hall introduced Bishop Colin Scott who spoke on **Pacifism**. Bishop Scot defined pacifism as a positive attribute, no easy option. A pacifist is a 'maker of peace'. A Christian pacifist believes in the advocacy of love and in answering evil with good. Clearly this is easier on a personal level but the teachings of the New Testament show that the work of the peacemaker is relevant to ethnic and racial hatred and to reconciliation. This excellent series of lectures has explored the Christian response to the events of September 11.

*Kristin Thompson*

The next lecture will given by Irfana Riffat on Tuesday 5 February. Irfana is the Deddington deanery youth worker. She will speak about her experience as a **Christian in Pakistan**.

A series of talks on different styles of **Christian Spirituality** will be given in the parish church on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7.30 pm. Each talk will last about 45 minutes, and will be followed by an act of worship.

- Feb 20th: *The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers*, Dr. Carolinne White (University of Oxford)
- Feb 27th: *Franciscan Spirituality*, Canon John Whitwell
- March 6th: *Iona Spirituality*, Dr Tony Phelan (Keble College, Oxford)
- March 13th : *The Spirituality of the Northumbria Community*
- March 20th: *Eastern Orthodox Spirituality*, Bede Gerrard (Churches Together in Oxfordshire - County Ecumenical Officer)