

"Think globally, act locally" is a widely quoted motto. The global internet opens up the world to a personal computer. The new computers in the Deddington Library - part of a national programme - give everyone the opportunity to 'surf the net', a window on the world which is, as always, a heady mixture of good and bad. Broadband connection means turning pages is as quick as in a book. It is good that volunteers are coming forward to share their skill with computer-phobes. As with swimming, the first plunge is fearful; a supporting hand gives encouragement. "Surf with a friend!"

Each month the **DN** is glad to carry reports of charitable generosity and appeals for support - channels for local action to meet world needs: the school supporting UNICEF and the pantomime the Friends of Chernobyl's Children; the logos are easily copied from the world-wide web.

The Cherwell District Local Agenda 21 group has arranged a series of meetings on environmental issues - further opportunities to Think Globally, and to challenge local decisions and life-style choices. *CH*



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 Thursdays: 1st Deddington Cubs: 6-7.30 pm, Windmill Centre.
 Thursdays: 1st Deddington Scouts: 7.30-9 pm, Windmill Centre.
 Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House: Parish Church, 10~12.
 Fridays: Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill Centre, 9.30 -11.30 am.
 Fridays: Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5 pm.
 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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MEETING IN TOWN HALL, 18 Dec 2002

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Ellis, Harvey, Haslam, Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Watts, Wood, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary, and 2 members of the public.

PC EMPLOYEES

For a trial period of 12 weeks, starting January 03, the Stewards will work a 4 day week (16 hours each), after which the current winter practice of reduced hours (24 hours per week in total) will be reviewed. In future, any work done for the Windmill Committee by the Stewards will be charged at full hourly rates (including overtime), instead of half, as now.

The Clerk and the Stewards are to receive a 3-stage pay award to bring them into line with the recommendations of the National Association of Local Councils.

PLANNING AND PROPERTY

PC no objection: (i) Hen Cloud, Castle Street - fell lawson's cypress. (ii) Greenstone Cottage, New Street - erect wooden shed at rear. (iii) Barn Cottage, The Tchure - change of use from store to dwelling.

PC objected: (iv) Mourne Cottage, Market Place - 2 storey rear extension with bay window and conservatory. PC voted 7-1 that design should be changed from single gable and flat roof to double gable. (v) Land adjoining and east of The Fishers, Clifton Road - change of use from agricultural to light industrial. PC concerned that lack of information prevents proper assessment of likely effect on noise, pollution, health and safety, possible additional buildings/alteration, traffic levels etc. PC asked that this application is considered by the Committee and not delegated to officials.

CDC approvals: No 4, New Street - demolition of outbuildings. The Knowle, Philcote Street - fell holly, plant robinia. No 16 The Beeches - 2 storey extension. Glencree, Philcote Street - fell rowan. Lime Cottage, New Street - refurbish windows. The Hazels, No 1 The Maunds, New Street - 2 storey extension.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

From 23 February 2003, a wide range of PC documents will be publicly available by appointment with the Clerk, any copying being charged at 20p per copy. Some of this information is already available on line (www.deddington.org.uk/pc).

During February, new Parish noticeboards will be installed at 7 prominent sites in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. The entire cost will be met from a donation of £5,000 by *The Deddington News*.

CLEARANCE WORK

Felling storm damaged trees at Hempton, and removing branches overhanging the Hempton Road, will cost £780.

Other clearance work remains to be done (for example, in the Castle Grounds). Clerk to report on relative cost/benefit of hiring a chainsaw or buying one outright (and providing safety equipment and training), or using a contractor.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £3,678.39

including £1,380.92 imprest account (mainly wages), £656.20 clerk's salary, £534 stewards' workshop, £446.50 P Bradley, tree felling.

Investments totalled £526,125.88, of which £13,306.45 Barclays (£4,683.83 @ 1% on 14 days + £5,700.90 @ 0.3% overnight + £2,411.72 @ 0.1% imprest + £510 @ 0.1% current account), £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days; £511,819.43 West Bromwich @ 3.75% overnight.

2003/4 Budget will be finalised in January 03.

MEETING IN TOWN HALL, 15 Jan 2003

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Harvey, Haslam, Rollason, Spencer, Squires, Swash, Todd, Wood, C/Cllr Jelf, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary, and 3 members of the public.

CENTENARY

PC to send congratulations to Mrs Mollie Sanders on her 100th birthday, 24 January 2003.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cllr Wood to join PC's Finance & General Purposes Working Group.

Vehicles are not permitted in the Castle Grounds. [*Quad Bike riders, this means you - NS.*]

Hempton Stonepits allotments to have free-standing water pipe.

No. 90 Bus Service (Middle Barton-Banbury) now departs Banbury at 1.30pm. not 12.30. This should mean that more use is made of the service.

PLANNING AND PROPERTY

PC no objection: (i) Parish Church, Deddington - extensive tree management. (ii) Chapman's Lane - erection of wooden stables on land west of sewerage works (for Hempton Road Stores). (iii) Holmwood, Chapman's Lane - erection of double garage with room over. (iv) No 1 Paper Mill Cottage, Oxford Road - single storey front extension and other repairs. (v) Castle Dene, Castle Street - single storey extension. PC observed that when a similar application was made some years ago, neighbours had strong objections and the application was withdrawn. No such objections had been noted this time.

PC objected: (vi) No 44 Mill Close - single and 2 storey rear extensions and 2 storey side extension. Reasons - over-development of site and obtrusive to neighbours.

CDC approvals: Hen Cloud, Castle Street - fell lawson's cypress: Flat 1, Thimble Cottage, Chapel Square - internal and external alterations: Barn Cottage, The Tchure - change of use from store to dwelling.

BRITISH LEGION CLUB

Trustees hold the British Legion Club premises in trust for the PC and ultimately for the use of the inhabitants of the parish. At their request, PC will meet the trustees to discuss the Club's financial position.

DEDDINGTON COLTS

PC's Environment and Recreation Group will meet Deddington Colts to discuss practical solutions to present difficulties such as parking requirements.

BMX

Final estimates for construction of BMX track are being

checked while Clerk finds out what grants might be available from CDC, Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association and others.

YOUTH CLUB

No official (paid) leaders have yet been found. For a trial 3 months, the 'A Team' - a travelling 'hit squad' for sports - will assist at £20 a time, out of funds that would normally be used to pay leaders. PC thanked those volunteers in the parish who are keeping things going.

PARISH FINANCES

2003/4 Precept - see *Special Meeting report below*.

Invoices passed for payment totalled £1,932.97 including £1,172.52 imprest account (mainly stewards' wages), £335 printing of carol sheets and £170.38 wiring of Christmas tree lights.

Investments totalled £524,238.28, of which £11,418.85 Barclays (£4,683.83 @ 1% on 14 days + £4,440.29 @ 0.3% overnight + £1,617.73 @ 0.1% imprest + £677 @ 0.1% current account), £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.25% on 120 days; £511,819.43 West Bromwich @ 3.75% overnight.

SPECIAL MEETING IN TOWN HALL, 22 Jan 2003

This was a meeting with a single-item agenda, called specifically to debate the 2003/4 precept - that is the sum of money the PC will need from Cherwell District Council to meet parish requirements, and which CDC will collect through Council Tax.

PAPERWORK

The Clerk and the Finance and General Purposes Working Group were complimented on the papers they had produced for the meeting. *[In all my years of reporting on Parish Affairs, I have not seen anything as good before. Congratulations - NS]*

BACKGROUND

From the sale of parish land to developers, and subsequent investment of this capital at the high interest rates available at the time, a capital fund of £1,000,000 was established. After extensive consultation with the community, the PC spent a substantial proportion of the capital on projects benefiting the parish. These included the Windmill Centre and its sports/leisure facilities. Income from the balance of the capital has been used to provide services such as the Village Stewards and a programme of grants. For the first couple of years there was a zero precept, the whole of the deficit being met from reserves.

THE DEFICIT

Interest rates are low, and the capital of some £500,000 is producing about £19,000 a year. Parish income from other sources - chiefly fees and charges - is projected to be around £7,700.

TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME 2003/4 £26,716

Assuming budgets are approved, expenditure on wages, administration and expenses will account for some £30,000. Recreation and environment, including grasscutting, will absorb £20,000. Other items of expenditure will cost around £18,000.

PROJECTED EXPENDITURE 2003/4 £68,405

Subtracting income from expenditure, we have

TOTAL PROJECTED DEFICIT 2003/4 £41,689

THE OPTIONS

If no precept is set, the entire deficit of £41,689 would have to be met from reserves. This would both deplete the capital and reduce income, which in turn would deplete capital - and so on.

If the precept is set to meet the whole of the deficit, without drawing on reserves, this would equate to a precept of £47.91 a year for a Band D dwelling.

The current precept is set at £19.60, and if this were repeated in 2003/4 - the standstill option - a sum of £17,050 would be raised, leaving a deficit of £24,039 to be met from reserves.

HOW DO WE COMPARE?

There are 77 parishes in Cherwell District. As one might expect, the highest precept in 2002/3 was set by Banbury at £95 for a Band D property. Six parishes, including Middle Aston, tied for lowest place, at zero precept. Adderbury was about in the middle of the league table, with a precept of £24.14. Deddington was in the third quartile, in 45th place, with a precept of £19.60

DISCUSSION

Points raised included

- everything is up for review;
- separate charity/trust for village funds was ruled out years ago (it's not permitted);
- legal requirement for PC to invest funds at low/nil risk prohibits even cautious speculation on housing or in money markets;
- there are areas of potential savings to be identified, and opportunities for more revenue;
- trial period of stewards' winter hours should run its full 12 week term;
- analysis of worksheets may reveal ways of helping stewards;
- stewards complimented on excellent clearance work in Castle Grounds;

Chairmen of Working Groups to review budget bids, costs and revenue, presenting a paper for agreement at next PC meeting.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Parish Council will:

- aim to preserve a minimum capital balance of £450,000;
- set a 2003/4 precept of £23,925, which equates to £27.50 a year for a Band D property;
- increase fees and charges by a flat 3% from April 2003;
- review parish investments to see if a better deal can be struck, within the restrictions imposed by law;
- make a sustained and systematic effort to reduce costs and increase revenue.
- work towards achieving a balanced budget in 3 years time, with a precept that meets the whole deficit;
- deliver explanatory letter from PC to all households;
- continue to keep the parish informed.

NEXT MEETING Wed 19 Feb, 7.30pm, Town Hall

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

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing Christmas. The children and staff have returned to school full of renewed vitality and are working hard towards this term's goals. Classes will be studying topics as diverse as "Homes through the ages", Invaders and Settlers, Egypt and the Victorians. As usual, many exciting activities have been planned for the children. However, if you have any particular interest or expertise in any of these areas, I am sure that class teachers would be very happy to talk to you.

Later this term there will be consultation evenings for all our parents and we hope to put on a short musical event featuring our school orchestra. Look out for news of this in the school newsletter, a copy of which is always available in Deddington Parish Church, or on our school website (www.deddington.ik.org.uk)

Also this term we will be joining with other schools across the country in the "UNICEF Day for Change." This will be held in school on Friday 7 February. The theme for the day will be "Building Peace" and children in school will be looking at some of the ways in which UNICEF is working in Tanzania and Cambodia to build peace after conflict. Children will be allowed to wear clothes of their choice on that day in return for a donation to UNICEF. All money raised will go to help children in these two countries. If you would like to contribute to our fund raising efforts, please leave your donation at the school office. *Lynne Stephens* 338430



A big thank you from the PTA to everybody who helped and donated during Santa's Float weekend, a staggering £1004 was raised which has already bought a new Multi Media Projector for the classroom. The PTA would like to especially thank the Co-op who kindly supplied Santa's sweets !!

Following on, Santa made his first guest appearance in the Town Hall Grotto at Deddington Market. He was overwhelmed with visitors who received a gift and had their photograph taken with Father Christmas ...it was a huge success, he ran dry of gifts and never anticipated such a demand!

The children will enjoy party discos on 31 Jan, 5-7pm (KS1) and 7 Feb 6-8pm (KS2) at school, cost £2 per child.

Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 1 March, 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre. This popular evening requires you to book early to avoid disappointment, so start quizzing your friends to join your team! Max of 10 people per team. Cost £5 per person, food included, contact Kevin Mayo to reserve your table. (Tel 337284 Mob 07816 847088; email kevin@weepingash.fslife.co.uk).

ADVANCE NOTICE ... 'HAPPY CIRCUS' comes to Deddington School on Sunday 21 September! A family show performed in a circus tent, this is a one-off event not to be missed. Watch this space!

For the latest up to date information, log on to the PTA's web site www.pta.deddington.net.

As announced in the December DN, the Governors' Admissions Panel will be meeting in February 2003 to allocate places for reception children for the school year beginning September 2003 - August 2004. If you have a child whose date of birth falls between 1/09/98 - 31/08/99 (i.e 5 years old between 1/09/03 - 31/08/04) and you wanted a place for her/him at Deddington School, you needed to FILL IN AND RETURN AN APPLICATION FORM TO US BY 31 JANUARY 2003. Application forms are available from the school office.

Christmas Eve Carols 2002

Around 400 villagers, relatives and visitors attended the traditional carol singing in the Market Place on Christmas Eve 2002. This year there were plenty of carol books thanks to the Parish Council generously providing new ones. The books feature Maureen Dew's cover design for the Christmas 2002 edition of *Deddington News* depicting the carol singing event.

As usual Jim Flux tried to keep all those attending in order, while Geoff Todd provided music with his Trueman street organ. Quietly but busily working under the Town Hall were Chris and Yvonne Twomey, Stan and Carole Horlock and Eirian Oxley who were serving mulled wine and mince pies. The refreshments were provided by the Unicorn Inn and the Deddington Arms - thanks Anton and Nigel. It is pleasing to note that the event raised £438 for Multiple Sclerosis.

Geoff Todd

[Could a stonger PA system be acquired to cater for such a crowd as well as the Farmers' Market? Ed]



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Parish Church in February

Sun 2	10.30 am	Morning Praise
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong
Wed 5	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu 6	2.00 pm	Squeals & Wheels (Parents & Toddlers' Service)
Sun 9	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 12	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun 16	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Mattins (BCP)
Wed 19	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun 23	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 26	10.00 am	Eucharist



Ash Wednesday - 6 March 10.00 am Eucharist
7.30pm Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes - Barford St Michael

St. John, Hempton

Sundays	2 & 16	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sunday	23	6.00 pm	Evensong

BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUPS Feb 3 & 17, 2.30 pm Derrick Wincer at 12 The Daedings (338004)
Feb 5 & 19, 7.30 pm Jean Welford at Boulderdyke, Clifton (338539)
Feb 5 & 19, 7.30 for 8.00 pm Bill & Liz Dickinson at 2 The Leyes (337050)

The Bishop of Dorchester will be confirming candidates in Deddington Parish Church on Monday 23 June. If anyone would like to be confirmed on this occasion, please contact the Vicar, Hugh White. Meetings leading to confirmation begin in March.

If you wish to enquire about Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, hospital or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev. Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew, (349869) or one of the Churchwardens, Liz Dickinson (337050) or Iain Gillespie (338367)

From the Parish Registers Baptisms: 8 Dec - Toby Boyd Coppin & Benjamin George Fenemore
12 Jan 2003 - Grace Swadling

Funerals: 19 Dec - Cliff Bond 6 Jan - Wayne Grant 16 Jan - Mary Wallin

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Sunday morning services will be held at the Wesleyan Reform Church with their congregation;

Sunday evening services and fellowship at 6.00 pm

2 Feb	Pastor I. Walton (and Communion)	9 Feb	John Hine
16 Feb	Mrs Connie Falstead	23 Feb	Andrew Cotton
2 March	Pastor I Walton (and Communion)		

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday morning services at 10.30 am

Preachers: 2, 9 & 16 Feb Pastor Isabel Walton, 23 Feb Mrs F. Sharpe

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

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.

Ash Wednesday 5 March Masses, with Imposition of Ashes Hethe 10.00 am, Adderbury 7.00 pm

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

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

On Friday 7 February we are holding a quiz night at The Unicorn - 7.45 p.m. for an 8.00 p.m. start. Teams of 4 at a cost of £8.00 per team - raffle and prizes for the winning team. If you would like to join in the fun, we look forward to welcoming you on the night.

Yvonne Twomey 337213

Deddington Youth Club

Before Christmas we held a disco party funded by our Jubilee Committee donation, and all enjoyed the evening. Sadly, we said goodbye to Amanda and Andrew Munson as leaders and thank them for everything they did towards the success of the club. It was agreed that it was important to keep the club going until a new leader is found, so there are club evenings on the first Monday of each month overseen by the management committee with the help of Irfana and the 'A Team'. We welcome Graham Darnell as Treasurer and Maureen Forsyth takes the new position of Vice Chairman. We are still looking for a leader - so please contact me if you are interested or know someone who might be.

Gay Brewer 338097

Deddington Art Group

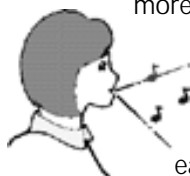
We meet every Thursday from 10 am-12.30 pm and 1.30 pm-4.00 pm in the Town Hall. This enthusiastic group enjoys painting and drawing professional models and there are portrait sessions too. The modest fee of £5 per 2.5-hour session includes refreshments. A warm welcome awaits artists of all standards.

Annette Murphy 337318

Deddington Song Circle

Our plea for more voices worked! We now have two more members so if you would like to join too, please give me a ring. No special talent is necessary, just a sense of humour and a wish to sing. We meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. for about an hour.

Annette Murphy 337318

**1st Deddington BB Juniors**

The new session started on 8 January at the Windmill Centre. On Saturday 18 January our football team were runners up to 1st Kings Sutton in the local BB 5-a-side football tournament held at the Spiceball Centre. In February our members take part in the county Figure Marching competition and a Junior Team Games tournament.

Brian Bushell 338715

1st Deddington BB Anchors

In December and January we welcomed Lewis Williams, George Mahon, Matthew Haslam, Daniel Massey, Edward Liebrecht and Lewis Wallington as new members. On 18 January our team won the county BB 5-a-side football tournament for the second year running.

Nick Westbury 337059

HELPER needed - see page 14

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results :-

Arncott(h) Won 3-1 M.Hewitt(2), D.Walker.
Charlton(a) Won 3-2 B.Durrant(2), M.Hewitt.
Arncott(h)(Jersey Cup) Lost 3-7 M.Hewitt, D.Walker(2).
Fenny Compton(h) Lost 0-3
Bloxham(a)(Coronation Cup) Won 3-2 D.Walker,
..Durrant, D.Clouston.

The first team are in the thick of a promotion race thanks to two victories over Arncott (3-1) and Charlton (3-2). Despite the defeat by Fenny Compton (0-3) the team are well placed for a promotion bid. A hard-earned victory over Bloxham (3-2) puts the team through to the last eight of the Coronation Cup.

Reserve Team Results :-

Vodafone Res(a) Drew 1-1 J.Rowland.
Sinclair Res(h)(Geoff Wilson Cup) Lost 1-6 J.Rowland.
Bishops Itchington Res(a) Lost 0-5
Heyford Ath Res(h)(Supplementary Cup) Won 3-2
P.Kirsopp(2), D.Gibbs.
Finmere Res(h)(Supplementary Cup) Won 3-0
P.Kirsopp(2), G.Smith.

The reserve side had a tough couple of months with two heavy losses against Sinclair Reserves (1-6) and Bishops Itchington Reserves (0-5). Recent form has improved and two wins in the Supplementary Cup give the team every chance of progressing to the semi-finals. Currently the Reserve side are in the top half of Division 3.

The 75 Club winners for December and January are Mrs M.Simons, Mrs M.Bradley, P.Smith, J.Hirons, P.Rudge and Mrs M.Plumbe. *Steve Plumbe* 01295 278258

Monday Morning Club

Coffee Mornings in February and March both take place on the 3rd of the month, 10 am-12 noon. We have some theatre tickets ordered on the basis of interest shown at the January meeting, which can be collected in February.

Jean Flux

Deddington Players

As I write the last minute preparations for the pantomime are in hand, though by the time you read this it will all be over. We plan to donate some of the proceeds from ticket sales and the proceeds of a small raffle to two charities*. Some will go to our own pre-school, and some to The Friends of Chernobyl's Children. The latter, founded by Sir Norman Wisdom, is actively supported by two of our families involved in the pantomime. Breaks away from their contaminated environment, and the extra medical and the nutritional care these children receive through the charity, increase their life expectancy considerably. We can't think of a more worthy cause. *Jean Flux* [*£300+; Well done !! Ed]

**Deddington Colts**

Race Night on Saturday 15 March at 7.30 pm in the Windmill Centre. A punt, a pint and live entertainment. NOT boring videos of American horses, but people you know doing some very strange things. Unmissable!

Hugh White

Deddington and District History Society

The sudden descent into snowy conditions on 8 January deterred a considerable number of our normally intrepid members from attending our meeting. Those present decided, with the agreement of our most gracious speaker, to postpone his talk until March. Charles Tyzack will now speak on the Decline and Fall of Wychwood Forest on Wednesday 12 March.

Our speaker on Wednesday 12 February will be Peter Allen, on 'The Cherwell Valley Railway: the social history of an Oxfordshire railway'. Those 18 members who ordered copies of his book at £4.99 (a 50% discount!) can collect and pay for them on the night.

Chris Day 337204

GOODBYE TO DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

Deddington Gardeners began in the early 1980s. Initially the Club was (and remained) a practical organisation, concerned to acquire compost for members' gardens at a discount group price. Joan Robins, Anne Kennedy and Betty Hill took delivery of the sacks which members then collected. Later, Elizabeth Tothill expanded activities, introducing trips, lectures and, in 1993, a successful Front Garden Competition. In 1994, the Club organised a plant swop and, in 1996, under Elizabeth's guidance, the Primary School created new flower borders around its classrooms.

After Elizabeth left, occasional trips continued, but on 15 October Betty Hill called members together to discuss the Club's future. No-one was willing to take on the administration and it was agreed to close the Club down. The Parish Council has been offered the use of approx. £552, left in the Club's current account. Members have asked that this be used for a long-term horticultural Parish project such as tree planting.

It's sad to say goodbye to the Club but if gardeners (eventually) grow old, gardens don't. Lawns, borders, shrubs and vegetables will continue to exercise our backs and promote friendship based on shared interests.

Kristin Thompson

News for Deddington Gardeners

Gardeners' Question Time - 14 March 2003 at 7pm at North Oxfordshire College. Panel: Peter Seabrook, Howard Drury and Daphne Ledward-Hands. Tickets £7.50 available shortly. Organised by the Rotary Club of Banbury. More information and to reserve tickets Geoff Todd (338532)

Deddington Pre School

We are delighted to welcome six new children to pre School this term. We have begun the term talking about Pets. Some children have brought their pets to school for a visit and we hope to see more before the end of term. We are also looking at patterns in the home or the natural world and working with clay to make clay guinea pigs.

Our Christmas fundraising was very successful and we all enjoyed our end of term Christmas activities very much. We would like to extend our thanks to all those

who have continued to offer help with our maintenance tasks and to those who have made their very generous donations of money, time and gifts. Thank you to you all.

Sadly we are about to lose our Joint Supervisor Sarah Wright who is moving on to bigger and better things. We wish Sarah well and I'm sure we'll miss her very much - she has been one of our strongest assets in the last couple of years.

Julie Westley

VACANCY Joint Supervisor - Deddington Pre School
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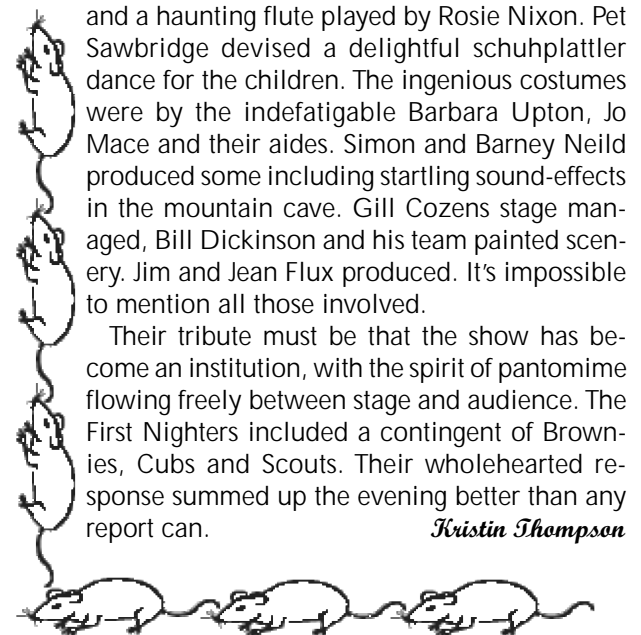
**DEDDINGTON PLAYERS' PIED PIPER**

For their 11th (yes, 11th) pantomime, Deddington Players' two Writers in Residence, Jean Flux and Molly Neild, adapted Robert Browning's *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*. R. Browning's original classic didn't reveal the half of it. In Deddington, as well as the commanding Piper (Colin Galloway) and the greedy Mayor (George Fenemore), we had a larger-than-life Mayor's Mother (Jim Flux), a passionate animal rights' activist, Asphodel (Pet Sawbridge), a sparky 'principal boy', Inigo, (Anna Teare), contrasting leading ladies, Trudie and Griselda, (Holly Mumford and Nancy Hall), a worried Treasurer (Ruth Johnson), a bumbling Magician (Martin Squires), and as likeable a group of village children and rats as you could hope to meet, not forgetting an endearing young rat called Roddy (George Richards).

The music, under the direction of Heather Nason, included original work by Donald Lane and a haunting flute played by Rosie Nixon. Pet Sawbridge devised a delightful schuhplattler dance for the children. The ingenious costumes were by the indefatigable Barbara Upton, Jo Mace and their aides. Simon and Barney Neild produced some including startling sound-effects in the mountain cave. Gill Cozens stage managed, Bill Dickinson and his team painted scenery. Jim and Jean Flux produced. It's impossible to mention all those involved.

Their tribute must be that the show has become an institution, with the spirit of pantomime flowing freely between stage and audience. The First Nighters included a contingent of Brownies, Cubs and Scouts. Their wholehearted response summed up the evening better than any report can.

Kristin Thompson



**FROM PC CLIVE MIDDLETON, THE POLICE OFFICE,
MARKET SQUARE**

As of January this year I have been appointed the rural beat officer for Deddington and neighbouring villages including Duns Tew and Steeple Aston. I am married and have one 17 year old son. I have been a serving officer of the Thames Valley Police for almost 27 years. I was initially stationed at Oxford before moving to Banbury where I was a traffic officer. I then had a posting to the force driving school after which I returned to front line policing at Banbury. Most recently I worked for a time within the custody suite at Banbury police station. I regard my current posting to Deddington to be a privilege and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. To this end I hope to arrange a police forum later in the year where you are all invited to discuss any concerns or problems you may have. In the meantime I can be contacted at the Deddington Police Office, tel: 338444, or email me at <clive.middleton@thamesvalley.police.uk> where I will endeavour to reply to you as soon as possible.

**FROM DEBORRAH DISMUKE <DEBORRAH.DISMUKE
@BTOPEWORLD.COM>**

I have composed a general knowledge quiz which is on sale in the deli Foodies in Deddington square. You can also pick up a copy at Field View Castle street Deddington. All proceeds of this quiz to The Prostate Cancer Charity. Thank you for your help.

FROM CAROLE WILLIAMS, CHAPEL HOUSE, HEMPTON

The family of Wayne Grant would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind tributes and condolences following Wayne's death in December. We would also like to express our thanks particularly to the local doctors, district and Macmillan nurses, the care team and Rev Hugh White for their professional and practical help.

.....
Please address letters to: KRISTIN THOMPSON, 5 THE LEYES,
DEDDINGTON <op@kristin.demon.co.uk>
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WELL REMEMBERED

CLIFF BOND was born in Somerset into a farming family. He moved to Kent where he met his future wife Gwen and found work as a grocer's assistant. After the war, in which he served in North Africa and the Gulf, Cliff worked on a milk round and then started a credit trading business. He became heavily involved with charitable work with the disabled and was Chairman of the Kent Association for the Disabled. Though heavily committed to such work - when he came to Deddington he helped with the transport for the Thursday Club at the Windmill Centre - Cliff also found time to give rein to his talents as an all-round sportsman; he played bowls for Deddington. Cliff loved his family, the countryside and his God and his gentle presence will be much missed in the village. *Hugh White*

MARY WALLIN was a Deddingtonian, born and bred. She helped run the bakery in the Market Place for many years with her husband Lawrence and her brother- and sister-in law. She will be remembered by her customers for the pleasantness of her service. She was married for nearly fifty years to Lawrence. Though she had no surviving children of her own, she enjoyed her large extended family in Deddington and was particularly close to her brother and next-door-neighbour, Jack.

Hugh White

WAYNE GRANT, after a long career in the police force, followed by a period working for Rothmans International, decided to set up on his own as an international investigator. He enjoyed both the challenge and excitement of travelling to many parts of the world and it provided him with a fund of funny stories with which those of us who shared his life became very familiar! One of his favourite expressions was, "sometimes you have to fly by the seat of your pants!" Wayne was very sociable - once met, never forgotten! He loved a discussion and would often take the opposing view just to stimulate an argument. His kindness was such that he always made time to listen to and, if he could, help anyone in trouble. He was generous and modest about that generosity: on one occasion buying equipment for a sick child on the proviso that his donation was anonymous. He also gave to local surgeries and Hempton's church roof.

In his leisure time, one of Wayne's passions was the sea and boats, the other was his garden at Hempton. Many Deddingtonians will remember the two open air services which Ken Reeves persuaded Wayne to hold in the back garden. Unfortunately during the first there was a deluge and everyone had to retreat into St. Johns On the second occasion, Wayne took no chances and hired a marquee. Needless to say the weather was fine, the service was uplifting, the sandwiches were not soggy and everyone was able to enjoy a walk in the gardens afterwards!

Carole Williams

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ON THE FARM

The breeding ewes came in just after Christmas and were glad to be out of the rain and mud. They will stay in the barns until their lambs are born in April. The old rhyme that goes 'February fill dyke, black or white' is yet another casualty of the changing weather patterns; the dykes and the river have been flowing since November and show little sign of going down, so again this year we have seen very few small Waders as the water is too deep for them to feed. I just hope it goes down before the Curlew come back or they too will move on to breed elsewhere.

The heralds of spring have already started to arrive. The snowdrops are in flower, the farmyard birds are staking out their nesting sites and DEFRA paper work is arriving by the sack full.

One document that cracked the floor tiles is entitled 'The Strategy for Sustainable Farming and Food'. It's a document that runs to 54 pages, long on gerrymandering and very short on anything new except yet more regulations. It is proposed to set up a number of experimental farms in different parts of the country to demonstrate the new agri-environmental strategy! Up till about 10 years ago there were a number of government experimental farms all over the country as well as an advisory service, but all were closed and sold off in the name of cost cutting, so what's new? We have another strategy document on animal welfare to look forward to in May. We still await last year's 'right to roam' maps and the government's 'spy in the sky' maps on which all future environmental and agricultural payments will be made, as the Ordnance Survey maps are no longer considered accurate enough, in the effort to stamp out fraud.

Despite the desperate fall in farm incomes, our masters over the last two years have retained a percentage of all EEC farm payments to help pay for the new agri-environmental schemes. To date, the money deducted from farm incomes amounts to £68 millions and the money paid out to the new schemes amounts to £30 million, so who's fiddling while Rome burns?

George Fenemore 338203



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NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Between 1995 and 1960, St James Farm was bought by Mr & Mrs Rawlings from Banbury (they were shopkeepers). They had some greenhouses, and their son Freddie used to drive a mobile shop around locally selling the fresh vegetables. After his parents died, and as the years went by Freddie became very much a hermit with only his terriers around. In later years he could be seen pushing or cycling his bike to Banbury and back. Thus he got knocked over turning back up Deddington hill. He didn't take to a nursing home and died soon after.



St James House was most dilapidated, but now having had much care and renovation will shortly be on the market. A draft plan has been sent to villagers showing four houses and a car park on the eight acre plot. The developers are offering to pay for traffic calming measures in the village.

St James used to be a pub called The Swan. What its future holds remains to be seen. *Carol Drawmer*

One of Deddington Charity Estates' Almshouses will be vacant shortly. The Trustees invite applications in writing from persons, aged 60 or more, stating their previous connection with this area - addressed to THE CLERK TO THE TRUSTEES, MAYFIELD, EARLS LANE, DEDDINGTON OX15 0TJ.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN CHRISTMAS TABLE

On page 1552 of her book on Household management, Mrs. Beaton presents her readers with a wonderful picture of a dinner table. It's all there, the linen, the silver, and the flowers. I suddenly felt that I would like a Christmas dinner table like that, and as Paul was clearing the ivy off the walls, I asked him to keep some long pieces. We washed them and drip dried them in the garage. Then we tied together several strands at a time and sewed them to the corners of the dining table which had a white linen cloth on it, with long swags in between. On top each place setting had a garland of ivy, as did the candlesticks. It looked stunning. The only snag was that there was no room for the food. So we had to dish up in the kitchen and keep our elbows in. Two useful purposes were gained, one that it looked super and lasted about three days. The other that it didn't matter that the damask cloth was very badly laundered. I am no good at starching and ironing pieces the size of a four acre field. But no one could see it under all that greenery. News of the Flower Garden is not very exciting. The relentless rain has given it an awful drenching. We stood and watched it tumble down. Mr and Mrs Noah must have felt like this. Good job we didn't put out the precious compost. That would have been sadly diluted. But the bulbs are coming through. The next copy of the **DN** will herald the blooming of snowdrops and crocuses. Spring is on the way.

Marianne Elsley



It's time to try turning all those winter dreams and fantasies into reality. Plant catalogues, gardening magazines and even seed packets can be to the gardener what fashion magazines, window displays and mail order catalogues might be to the shopper. I am easily mesmerised into thinking how good I might look in that sweater or those new trousers, just as it is easy to think how good my garden would be with some of the attractive produce and new variety flowers pictured in the catalogue.

Of course it is all fantasy and I know it will not be like that. Most real gardens are as unlikely to grow exhibition crops as fashion models are to be a normal shape or size. But we still try. This month put the dreams away and clear the kitchen window sill for seed trays and those clever little 'propagators' that are supposed to bring seedlings on safely.



Don't forget that with Easter being late it is tempting to think that there is plenty of time to get things going. Or that a May frost might not come and finish them all off. Remember too that however attractive fashion pictures may look, it is often the old clothes that are the most comfortable - and the old tried and tested plants usually do turn out quite well. So, this season I plan to keep both old and new on the go.

Hugh Marshall

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I forgot to let you know last summer's results of the on-going survey of the delightful Banded and Beautiful Damsel Fly of which we have healthy colonies along the Swere; Nancy White was monitor-in-chief as before. Though numbers of both species were down in 2002, John Brown, 'our' Woodland Trust Officer, feels this would only be significant if the trend continued. The chief monitoring problem is to be there at the right time: when it's sunny and preferably windless.

The wood has its own kind of skeletal beauty at this leafless season, and for a few days during the heavy rain there were magical effects of ash and willow reflected in standing water. Some of us are having a go at introducing or increasing the presence of some wild flower species - notably musk mallow, greater knapweed and field scabious - by trying to grow them from seeds taken from plants in the wood or its vicinity. We'll report progress.

It seems a small notice will be going up soon to explain the mystifying Heritage Tree post (see October 2002 DN).

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

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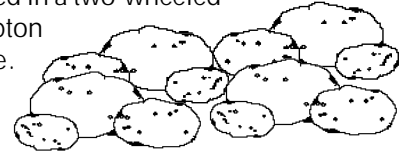
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Ronald Canning & the Deddington Allotments

Ronald and Daphne Canning live in Rose Cottage, The Stile, Deddington, Ronald's family home, where he lived until he went into the RAF. His father had a plot on the Hempton Road allotments, situated where the new houses of Wimborn Close now stand. Many after-school hours were spent there; water, not available on site, was carried from the cottage in The Stile, in 5-gallon drums hung from the crossbar of his push-bike.

Trenches were made for planting potatoes, which were dug and hauled in a two-wheeled cart from the Hempton Road to The Stile.

When these chores were done, there were more to do.



Allotments in Oxfordshire trace their descent from cottage smallholdings of pre-enclosure days; in the 1800s, allotment fields were set aside for landless labourers who might supplement their meagre wages with potatoes of their own digging and gain the moral benefit of a productive leisure. Enclosure, poor relief, and allotments were closely associated in the first half of the nineteenth century before social security.

There were several allotment fields in Deddington in the 1930s. Ronald Canning remembers five, one of which occupied part of the site of the primary school's new playing ground and the vicarage plot beside what used to be the tennis court and bowling green. The smallest was on the Clifton Road, east of Castle Farm house; one was in Chapman's Lane, where today, in a pony pasture wild rhubarb bespeaks the field's earlier service; and the Hempton Road and Satin Lane sites.

Field allotments are plots of land measuring between 0.25-5 acres (1-2 hectares). In contrast, garden allotments are plots of land up to 0.25 of an acre (1 hectare). Satin Lane Allotments in Deddington are sited on a field of 3.05 acres (1.22 hectares), owned by Swiss Life and Health Limited, and managed by the Deddington Parish Council; on the OS map of 1922 they are identified as 'Allotment Gardens'.

Busy Deddington shelters a little wildness in the allotment gardens. A basin of water is lined with a black plastic sheet, held down on all sides by large stones. Green teardrops of duckweed (*Lemna minor*) speckle the surface of the water; worm-like Canadian waterweed plants (*Elodea canadensis*) lie listlessly below the surface. Spiders hurry across open spaces; a female grass snake (*Natrix natrix*) lies along an earthy ledge, its long slender body exposed to the midday sun; when I move, she departs, in a commotion of curvature, into the tall grass.

Leaving the RAF after World War II, Ronald enrolled in Swanley College and obtained a certificate in horticulture. Expert in grafting and pruning, he and his wife, Daphne, share a lifelong interest in plants.

On fine days, they go to the Castle Grounds together and sit on the bench by the young apple trees. They take their secateurs, and discuss how John Scott might care for the trees he planted, were he in Deddington today.

Walter L. Meagher



FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

At last we have our four new PCs in the library with free access to the Internet together with a scanner and a colour printer! They are a wonderful asset for the parish and we are now exploring ways of making best use of them.

You can use the computers during library hours [See the **DN** back cover] by simply booking a time with Rosemary our librarian (tel: 338391).

If you want to learn some computing, we are organising some 'taster sessions' with guided learning provided by local volunteers who have some computing expertise. This is an experiment in which we are very much 'feeling our way'. Bearing in mind the responses to the recent questionnaire, we are beginning with some 'Getting Started' sessions which will be at the following times:

Monday 3 Feb: 3.00~4.00pm and 4.00~5.00pm

Wednesday 5 Feb: 10.30~11.30am & 11.30~12.30pm

Saturday 8 Feb: 10.00~11.00am

You will need to book with Rosemary.

We very much hope that these, and future sessions on word-processing, spreadsheets, browsing the Internet etc, will build up to a regular programme but, to be successful we need more volunteer 'tutors'. So, if you have computing expertise that you would be happy to share with beginners you would be very welcome as a member of the team; please contact one of us. Notice of future workshops will be posted in the library, in the Deddington News and on the parish website: www.deddington.org.uk/forum.

Rosemary Arnold 338391 (library hours), Sue Goddard 338122, Geoff Todd 338532, Charles Newey 338282 <charles.newey@deddington.net>, Kristin Thompson 337052 <op@kristin.demon.co.uk>



Investigations by DOL have revealed that the recent streetworks to connect Deddington Library to the Broadband in the

future does not imply early Broadband access for parishioners. The Library cabling is part of an Oxfordshire County Council network and the rest of us will continue to wait upon BT.

Revised business/club databases and material includes major updates to the Fire Station web page as well as entries for new businesses such as Wish and Little Princes and Princesses.

DOL has facilitated the tracking down of a baker's cart used in the Parish by the antecedents of an enquirer to DOL. Other Deddington related artefacts are being sought by use of the Web. DOL will be meeting folks from the newly established Chipping Norton Community website to exchange ideas and learning experiences.

Colin Clark 338064 <cclark@deddington.net>

News from Hempton

Several events during December proved to be both eventful and successful. The Christmas Bazaar certainly proved to be one of the best that this village has had, with plenty of stalls and attractions. It was well supported by the people from the village and people from surrounding villages. Total money raised exceeded £1,000 and will go to maintenance of the Church. The Carol Service was held just before Christmas and a good congregation enjoyed the carols and readings, led by the Deddington Church Choir. The Service was followed by refreshments of mince pies and sausage rolls, washed down with a nice punch. The Christmas Day Eucharist was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.



The Table Tennis Team's fortunes have improved since I last wrote, their record now is: Played 8, Won 4, Drawn 2, Lost 2 and they are also through to the 4th round of the Handicap Cup.

The Hempton Stonepits now looks to become allotments and will be an asset to the village.

An editorial omission in the last issue was thanking Barbara Chappell for helping deliver this paper in the village.

I end with the sad news of the death of Wayne Grant. Wayne lived in Chapel House which is the large house next to the Church. He moved to the village in the late 1980's and sometime after moving in, bought the fields at the back of his house and landscaped them into beautiful gardens with a large lake at the bottom. Wayne had several peacocks and sometimes they would escape and wander round the village and you would see Wayne shepherding them back to his grounds. He also allowed his gardens to be used for open air Church services. Our condolences to his family.

Les Chappell 338054

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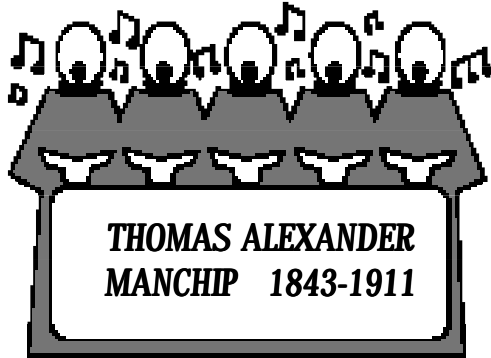
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ANOTHER GREAT DEDDINGTONIAN - 1879-1930



In the Church of SS Peter & Paul Deddington hangs a Memorial tablet above the Choir stalls. We read: "To the memory of Thomas Manchip, for 37 years Headmaster of Deddington Boys School and 34 years Choirmaster of this Church who died March 9th 1911, aged 68 years. This tablet is erected in affectionate remembrance and grateful appreciation of his work in this Parish by old boys, members of the choir and personal friends"

And in the Deddington Deanery Magazine of April 1911 his obituary includes praise for his ability and courtesy with which he fulfilled his offices: "He was always ready to aid any undertaking for the benefit and amusement of the people. His vocal powers were very useful....." were some of the comments.

Also in the Church of St Peter & Paul, in the Choir vestry, hangs a photograph, dated 1906. Here the jolly, rotund Headmaster sits to the right of the vicar surrounded by the Choir he developed over so many years. As Headmaster he had plenty of opportunities to "sell" MUSIC and CHOIR MUSIC in particular to his pupils and their parents, and judging from their numbers in 1906, he must have been most successful.

His life's work in the School also coincides with great events in the Victorian age. He and his pupils were the lucky contemporaries of such great names as Bell, Edison and Pasteur. He was able to tell his boys at first hand that the first successful transatlantic cable had been laid, that the Eiffel tower was being constructed and (dare I mention it in the same breath), the first ascent of the Matterhorn made! He would have been the first to embrace with approval teaching methods in our present, go-ahead Deddington Primary, where lucky pupils can surf the internet and contact every corner of our world. But, looking at the friendly face of Headmaster Manchip, I think I would rather sit at his feet, than stare at a cold screen, but that rather gives away my age!

Ruth Johnson

Better late than never ...

THANKYOU..... from all the Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies, their parents and especially their Leaders to Dave Morris who has been our treasurer since dinosaurs walked the earth! He leaves to spend more time with his family and we welcome Pippa, who slips into David's large sling-backs.

DOG, SKIP AND PARK

The Parish Council has highlighted three ways in which we can all help to make life a bit better for everyone.



1. SCOOP THE POOP !

Dog fouling is again becoming a problem. Please, be responsible and clear up your own dog mess. And don't let others get away with it.

2. DON'T ABUSE IT OR WE'LL LOSE IT !

Please don't overload the Cosy Lane skip, or CDC will withdraw it. They mean it - it's already happened in Steeple Aston.



3. TAKE CARE - DON'T PARK THERE !

Parking in the parish, especially in Deddington, is becoming more of a problem than ever. Please park with due consideration for others - NOT on yellow boxes ! Where and how we park does matter.

... and just in case - in the fridge ...

Message in a bottle is sponsored by the Lions Club all over the country. It was launched in Oxfordshire a year ago. It is aimed at the vulnerable and elderly in our society.

The idea is to get a special bottle. It contains two stickers with a green cross - one is to be stuck to the inside of your front door and the other to the outside of the fridge. There is a record sheet inside the bottle for your personal, medical and next of kin details. The 'bottle' is then placed in the fridge.



Why the fridge? If the worst were to happen, the last place to burn in case of a fire would be the fridge. The emergency services know, if they have to break into your home, that the information is available as long as the sticker is visible on the inside of the door.

If you would like more details, please contact Jayne Taylor or Ron Glynn at Banbury police station - 01295 754611, or e mail jayne-taylor@thamesvalley.police.uk.

If you want to, call into the Banbury police station and ask the person on the desk to give you a bottle, and tell them that they are stored in boxes on the turquoise shelving 'round the corner' of the office! There are some leaflets too somewhere on the shelves!

We have bottles available at the police station and some doctors and chemists have them in stock (depending on where the Lions Club have supplied them!)

Jayne Taylor Crime reduction advisor, Banbury

Climate Change

As Clifton has been yet again 'on-sea', a meeting on 27 November at Bodicote House was of particular interest. "Weather is what we get; climate is what we expect," Dr David Frame of the Oxford University Physics Department told the audience.

Climate is more predictable than weather. Scientists can measure global trends more readily than local variations. From scientific studies, Dr Frame predicted that 66% more hot days and fewer frosty days, a reduced daily temperature range, and more intense precipitation are highly likely. Also likely are severe storms, drier areas and more droughts, wetter areas and more floods. People in the least developed countries are most at risk because they live closer to the margins of tolerance and are more dependent on agriculture. By 2020 there could well be 150 million environmental refugees.

Dr Frame was supported by Tim Read of the South East Climate Change Partnership [President: John Craven - www.climatesoutheast.org.uk]. "Carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere have increased 31% in 250 years," he said. It took 100 million years to trap CO₂ in fossil fuel - 150 years to release it. By 2050, carbon emissions need to be cut by 60% if climate change is to be reduced. He recommended his listeners to switch to Green Energy by signing up to the RSPB electricity tariff - freephone 0800 0288 552.

Challenged that present global warming is part of the pattern between ice ages, Dr Frame pointed to a chart showing the readings from ice cores in the Antarctic indicating both CO₂ volumes and temperature. These demonstrate that CO₂ concentrations are now 60% higher than the highest level over the past 1,600 centuries: *see next column.* CF



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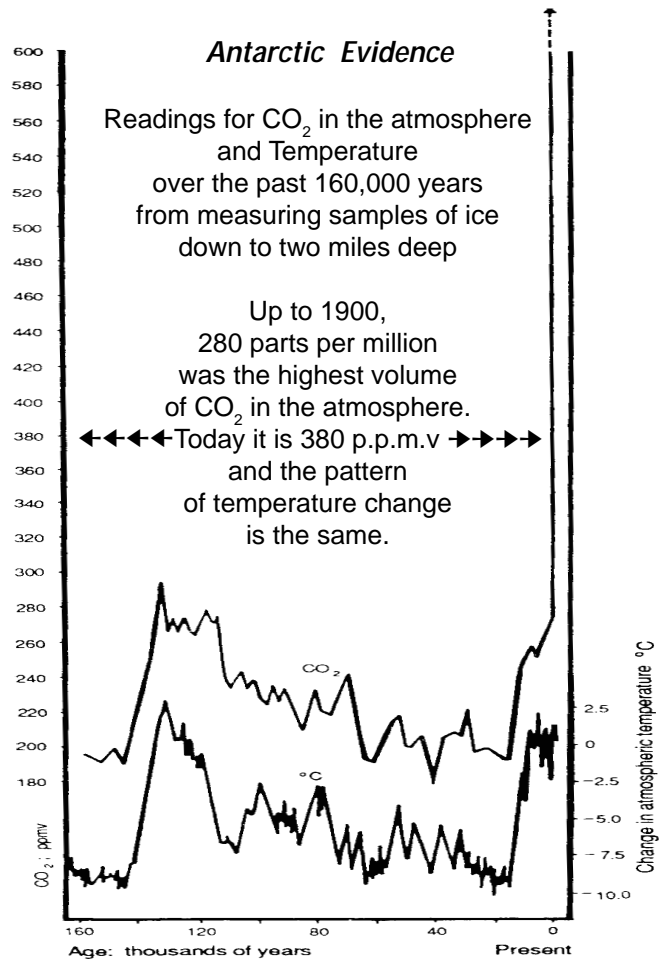
Our spring term is now up and running but we still have vacancies on a few courses : Hips, Bums and Tums, Aerobics, Stay Supple at Sibford, Fitness for Men, Drawing and Painting - daytime and evenings, Upholstery, Spring Flower Arranging (starting 3 March) with Ann Anson, and a new Sugarcraft with Spring in Mind course with Gill Judd starting 6 March.

We have a Beginners/Improvers computer course starting Thursday 27 February - 9.30-11.30 am for 5 weeks - with Pam Richardson, who will base the course around each individual's needs, so whatever stage you are at, however hesitant you are - you will gain confidence.

Our children's courses are well subscribed but we still have a few spaces on some - please ring for details.

We are holding Saturday Workshops on 8 March - 10.00am-3.00pm - and have vacancies on the following: The Art of Painting Flowers with local artist Julie Butler - enjoy a day drawing and painting flowers - all abilities welcome.

Parliamo, Mangiamo - let's talk, let's eat - Learn not



Helper Needed

A young woman who could spare an hour a week after school to help run a girls group in association with the Boys Brigade is needed - experience not essential; child care might be arranged. Contact Jean Welford 338539 or Jane Green 337837

only how to cook the Italian way but how to order the food in restaurants. A day combined with simple beginner's Italian language and cookery with Elaine Meek.

Dance, Drama and Music Workshop 2pm - 4pm - suitable for adults and children 6 years and upwards, who enjoy dancing and drama culminating in a 'musical finale' with Fay Huse.

On Saturday 15 March we have a Map Reading, Navigation and Basic Survival Techniques session to be held outdoors on the Great Tew Estate with our outdoor expert Cliff Osenton.

Cliff is also undertaking a "Woodland Coppicing" day for us on Saturday 22 March where you can learn how to restore woods back to life and train in axe techniques, also on the Great Tew Estate.

After the popularity of our hedgelaying and dry stone walling courses, we are currently taking names of people interested in these courses for the future.

For further information on any of our courses or with any ideas for the future, please ring 01608 730052 or contact the Community Education Office based in the Primary School in Hook Norton.