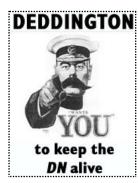
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### **Deddington Food Festival**

22 September ~ 7 October.

The Lord Lieutenant, Hugo Brunner, met Althea Wood, who chairs the Market Group, on his visit to the September Farmers' Market. The Market's 6th birthday saw the beginning of "British Food Fortnight" when village chefs and shops are offering seasonal dishes using locally sourced produce.





### **October Diary**

Mon 1~Sun 7 Deddington Food Festival.

Mon 1 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am-noon

Wed 3 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.

Sun 7 PTA: Mega Car Boot Sale, School Field from noon >p.3

Mon 8 PFSU/Nursery: AGM, Village Nursery, 8 pm >p.6

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\*\* Tue 9 WI: Bring and Share Harvest Supper, Auction, Holly Tree,7.30 pm >p.14

Wed 10

Deddington Players: 'An Evening Together', Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm >p.14 Sat 13

Wed 17 Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.45 pm

Thu 18 Monday Morning Club: Film Evening, Holly Tree, 6.30 pm.

Deddington School: Open Afternoon from 1.30 pm >p.3 Fri 19

Thu 25 Book Club: call Sally Lambert 338094 for venue >p.14

Sat 27 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am-12.30 pm

Sat 27 PTA: Craft Market, Holly Tree Club, 9am-12.30 pm >p.3

Sat 27 Deddington Festival: From Harvest to Hallowe'en, concert in Parish Church,7.30 pm >p.4

Sun 28 Deddington Players: Pantomime auditions, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm >p.14

### November

Fri 2 PTA: Bonfire Party, Deddington School >p.3

Wed 7 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.

Wed 7 Monday Morning Club: bus for Henry V at Stratford leaves Market Place at 6pm.

Friends of Deddington Festival: AGM, Parish Church, 7.15 pm >p.5 Thu 8

Sat 10 Warriner Choral Society: Handel's Samson, Parish Church, 7.30 pm >p.8

Tue 13 WI: Songs and Stories, Mo and Maddy, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.

Wed 14 History Society: Barry Davis, History of the Christmas Card, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm >p.14

Thu 15~Sat 17 Annual Funfair, Market Place

Wed 21 Parish Council: Meeting, Hempton Church Hall, 7.45 pm.

Sat 24 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am-12.30 pm.

Sat 24 PTA: Craft Market, Holly Tree Club, 9am-12.30 pm >p.3

Thu 29 Monday Morning Club: Film Evening, Holly Tree, 6.30 pm

### **Weekly Meetings**

Wed: Boys Brigade Anchor Boys: Windmill Centre, 5pm Mon: Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30pm Boys Brigade Juniors: Windmill Centre, 5.45pm Wed: Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9pm Wed: Boys' Brigade Company: Parish Church, 7pm Mon: Bellringing Practice: Parish Church, 7.30-9pm Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10-4pm Thu: Tues: Tennis Club: Windmill Centre, 10am 1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill, 6-7.30pm Thu: Tues: Craft Group: Holly Tree, 2.15-4.30pm Ist Deddington Scouts: Windmill, 7.30-9pm Thu: Tues: DYG, Parish Church, 7-8.30pm Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30-11am Fri: Tues: Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9pm Fri: Katharine House Coffee Morning:Parish Church, 10-12

Every other Wed: Friendship Club: Windmill, 2.30pm Fri: FriendlyBridgeClub:HollyTree,2 - 5pm

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### **DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### Meeting in Town Hall 19 September 2007

Present: Cllrs Squires (Chair), Alton, Collins, Flux, Ince, Privett, Rollason, Rudge, Spencer, Todd, Watts, Wood, D/Clr O'Sullivan, the Clerk and 3 members of the public..

Market Place Bus Shelter - installed on 14 Sept to wide approval. Lord Lieutenant to be one of the first users of the bicycle rack.

Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) signs: now installed on triangle at St Thomas Street junction, and entrance to Hempton [this needs to be higher and partially blocking sign needs to be moved]; perceived to be effective in reducing speeds.

**Earls Lane Parking**: Health Centre seeking costs and possible grants for extra hard standing.

Teen Scene - stakeholders consulted; responses from 196 potential users favoured play 'wall', pod swing and aeroskate; £20,000 grant approved by Big Lottery Fund via CDC; should not need planning permission (to be confirmed); recurring costs to be estimated - before final approval in October. Future users request CCTV coverage for own safety and security of equipment.

Youth Drop-In Shelter - Vicar has suggested church crypt.

**Windmill Security** - Police more visible; Police Support Officer soon; Security patrols costed; expanded CCTV to be reviewed.

OCC Top Priorities: Affordable housing and Transport - CDC way behind target for affordable housing; local need for affordable housing yet to be assessed.

**Parish Plan:** executive summary with this issue of DN.

Wheelie Bins - action can be taken if obstructing pavement after collection.

**Green Spaces**: Gaveston Gardens residents thanked for caring for their patch; more frequent grasscutting and siting of benches to be reviewed. PC to highlight need for more sport pitches in CDC planning review..

**Tertiary Education Grants**: 5 applicants - 5 years residence in parish to qualify (even by end of degree course).

### **Planning**

PC No objection: (1) Grove Court, Deddington: replace timber windows and french doors with uPVC. (2) End Cottage, The Stile, Deddington: convert storage to 1 bedroom flat over new garage and workshop for 3 South View - provided never a separate dwelling. (3) Unicorn Hotel, Deddington: new signs and illumination, if in keeping with conservation area lighting. Also smoking shelter at rear. (4) Home Farm Cottage, Main Street, Clifton: rear extension, if drive space allows forward entrance and exit. (5) Hempton House, Snakehill Lane, Hempton: extend gable, 1st floor extension, lean-to. (6) The Homestead, The Lane, Hempton: 2 storey extension, car port and 2 hovels\*. (7) Holcombe Hotel, Deddington: increase height of roof, if obscured glass in rooflight. (8) Ilbury House, New Street, Deddington [amended]: convert existing building to 2 bedroom dwelling - only as ancillary to main house; concern about on-street parking. (9) Castle Barns, Castle Street, Deddington: reconfiguring linked buildings, roof line, and gate entrance. (10) Old Church Studios, Main Street, Clifton: 3 Velux rooflights; inhibit rear overlooking. (11) Manor Farm House, Clifton: loft conversion with dormer windows & rooflights, 1st & 2nd floor alterations with new windows, arrangements for bats; conservation officer involved.

PC objections: (12) No 1 Stoneleigh House, Victoria Terrace, Deddington: support owners of No 2 objection to storage area reaching 1st floor. (13) Ash Cottage, Chapel Close, Clifton [land adjoining]: 2 x 5/6-bed dwellings with garages - over-development and traffic concerns.

### **CDC** Approvals

(14) Roseleigh, New Street, Deddington: loft conversion with 3 front dormer windows. (15) Emohruo, St Thomas Street, Deddington: 2-storey rear extension. (16) Holmwood, Chapmans Lane: erection of new rear gable. (17) Old Vicarage, Church Street, Deddington: change internal & external doors. (18) (3) Home Farm, Clifton Road, Deddington: certificate of lawful use for storage. (19) 19 Gaveston Gardens, Deddington: 1st floor side extension. (20) Kempster Place, Philcote Street, Deddington: fell lilac. (21) Orchard Bank, Goose Green, Deddington: fell 3 plum, 1 laburnum.

### **Shorts**

- White Doves: majority of PC agree to inhibit further nests under Town Hall.
- Christmas Tree: Cllr Spencer to explore improvements on 2006.
- Neighbourhood Action Group: PC Morris invites PC to nominate "well-standing member of the community" to join nominated PCIIr to form 'NAG' to identify needs to improve the community. Any offers?
- Road Signs being stolen for scrap: report suspicious activity by unmarked personnel to police - 0845 8 505 505.

### **PARISH FINANCES**

- Invoices passed for payment totalled £18,608.19.
- Investments totalled £571,942.16, of which £23,794.83 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account £348,147.42 West Bromwich @ 5.70% overnight; £200,000 Birmingham Midshires 2-year bond @ 5.13%.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

Town Hall - Wed 17 Oct - 7.45 pm
Hempton Church Hall - Wed 21 Nov - 7.45 pm
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

[\* hovel = open shed or outhouse]

he start of term is now well under way and I have to say it has been one of the calmest and most pleasant I can remember.

and most pleasant I can remember.
The sun has shone and playtimes and lunchtimes have been enjoyed by one and all. Already we have had some trips out. Year 4 enjoyed a beautiful sunny day at Chedworth Roman Villa as part of their Romans week. They loved handling the genuine Roman artifacts and looking at the bath house. Dressing up as Roman slaves was very

bath house. Dressing up as Roman slaves was very exciting and they all made a cure for headaches using an original herbal recipe.

We have started our Harvest Festival practices with lots of singing coming from the classrooms. Our charity for this year is Farm Africa, so the

children will be learning about the differences between farming here and in Africa.

Our newest pupils have settled in remarkably quickly; it was lovely that they could join the whole school for the start of term assembly in the Church. The application forms for next year's intake have arrived in school, so, if you need one, please pop in and collect it. In addition we have also welcomed six new children higher up the School. I am sure they will enjoy their time as part of our School family.

We will be having our Open Afternoon on Friday 19 October from 1.30pm; please feel free to join us for this. We will be also having the official opening of the refurbished ICT suite at 3.00pm.

Judith Tinsley 338430



### **PTA**

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA and helped to make the 2006/7 year such a huge success. We had a great year, nearly £13000. enabling us to provide many valuable resources for the School. The PTA AGM was well attended on the September and a new Committee was formed. Some members of the 2006 committee have been re-elected, and we are pleased to welcome some new faces to the team this year. Stella O'Neill finally stepped down from the committee after 4 years (3 as Chair) as her son has moved on to Secondary School. Stella's drive and commitment to her duties have been second to none. She is a true professional and will be sorely missed. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers as grateful thanks for all the time and effort she has put into her role over the years.

We have some very exciting plans for the 2007/8 year. Deddington Primary School's first "Mega Car Boot Sale" will be held on Sunday 7 October from mid-day on the school field. There will be a delicious BBQ, refreshments, bouncy castle and lots of fun for all!! It's a great way to clear out your

cupboards and raise some money at the same time! All are welcome at this all weather event. Cars £6, Cars & trailers £7, vans £8.

The Holly Tree will be the home of another brand new venture for the PTA when we host our first "Craft Market" alongside the Farmers' Market on 27 October. Come along and you may just find that special Christmas present you've been looking

for! Refreshments will be available. The Craft Market will be held on the 4th Saturday of every month to coincide with Deddington's hugely successful Farmers' Market.

Fireworks Night promises to be a bigger and better display and will be held on Friday 2 November in the school field. A 2008 School Calendar will be available from mid-October with some fantastic photos recording events

that happened throughout the 2006/7 school year along with some stunning shots of Deddington. What a great present for friends and relatives far and near! These will be on sale in school and at the October Craft

### CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### PARISH CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL October

Wed 3	10.00 a.m	Eucharist
Thur 4	2.00 p.m	Squeals & Wheels
	10.30 a.m	All Age Morning Praise
	6.30 p.m	Evensong
Wed 10	10.00 a.m	Eucharist
Sun 14	10.30 a.m	Eucharist with Baptism
Wed 17	10.00 a.m	Eucharist
Thur 18	2.00 p.m	Squeals & Wheels
	6.30 p.m	St Luke - Eucharist
Sun 21	10.30 a.m	Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Wed 24	10.00 a.m	Eucharist
Sun 28	8.00 a.m	Holy Communion
	10.30 a.m	Morning Worship
	3.30 p.m	Free Spirit @ Windmill Centre
Mon 29	6.30 p.m	SS Simon & Jude Eucharist
Wed 31	10.00 a.m	Eucharist

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Funerals, hospital or home
visits in case of illness,
please contact the Vicar
the Rev Dr Hugh White,
28 Duns Tew (349869),
the Rev John Dane (337403)
or one of the Church
wardens, Iain Gillespie
(338367)
or Judy Ward (337187).

### ST JOHN HEMPTON

Suns 7&21 9.00 a.m Eucharist Sun 28 6.00 p.m Evensong

### From the Parish Registers

Baptisms - 19 Aug: Maddison Hannah Payne (Hempton); 9 Sept: Archibald Swash-Hardie

Wedding - 1 Sept: David Royle & Linda Smith

<u>Bible Study Groups</u>: Contact Jean Welford 338539 or Liz Dickinson 337050 for dates, times & venues. **Charity of the Month** - October: **Church Mission Society**, please use the special envelope to put

donations [if a taxpayer, in a GiftAid envelope] into the Parish Church chest.

### WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday Mornings at 10.30 am: Pastor Walton, except 28 October - John Neale Bible Study/Fellowship every Thursday at 3.00 pm at 3 Castle Street

### CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Sunday morning services 10.30 am united with Wesleyan Church

Sunday afternoon services at 3.00 pm at The Chapel, arranged by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church. Details to be announced from week to week

### R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

### The Revd A J Burns 277396

Masses at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wednesday at 9.30 am, and on Sundays at 10.00 am. St George's Church, Adderbury: Mass on Wednesday at 7.00 pm at and on Sundays at 8.30 am. Confessions at Hethe on Saturdays 5.30 to 6.00 pm and at Adderbury before Mass. Thur 1Nov is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation: for the vigil of the Feast mass will be said at Adderbury at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 31 Oct and on the day itself Masses at Hethe at 10.00 a.m and 7.30 p.m

### FROM HARVEST TO HALLOWE'EN

A journey from ripe cornfields, through autumn colours, to moonlit witches, carried on a carpet of poetry, song and imagery.

Mary Small, Suzie Tomlin; Sopranos Kristin Thompson, Amanda Gray, John Sampson, Hugh White: Speakers Devised by Donald Lane Deddington Parish Church 7.30pm Saturday 27 October Tickets £7 at the Door

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### MIGRATION:

Christians discuss its ethical implications.

Sir Andrew Green, Chair Migration Watch;

Canon Nicholas Sagovsky, Westminster Abbey;

Nick Spencer,

author 'Asylum & Immigration'

Sunday 25 November

3.30 pm, Parish Church

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and include your name and address,

even if they are not for publication.

### FROM WENDY BURROWS, MARKET PLACE COTTAGE, DEDDINGTON

I know that Deddington already offers a huge number of activities of many kinds, but I wondered if there would be support for resurrecting a traditional

annual or biennial Village Show? We have many keen gardeners, excellent cooks and artistic children in the village - there may even be country wine makers. So, how about it? We could have classes for flowers,

flower arranging, cakes and home-made preserves, vegetables and lots of other ideas, including "the biggest weed" or 'the oddest potato"!

We could start in a small way with a few well-chosen classes and if there is enthusiastic support, we could develop it over the years. It would be a fabulous total community event with something for everyone. (Tel: 338082)

### FROM CANON JOHN BRYAN, 3 SAXON ROAD, BARNACK, STAMFORD

My great-great uncle Richard Bryan had a hair-dressing business in High Street, Deddington c.1861-91. He died in Brackley in 1898. Please tell me if there is any trace of him, his business and numerous progeny in Deddington records?

### FROM JANE GREEN, WESTON HOUSE, DEDDINGTON

A record 75 children came to the Holiday Activities in August: fortunately not all at once! As usual they played tennis, chess and other games, and cooked,

stitched, snipped, stuck and painted. We believe that the secret of the fun we all have is the 1:3 ratio of helpers to children, so to the 26 adults and 3 teenagers (one French) who helped over the four weeks this summer we are

most grateful. If anyone would like to help at a future event do phone me on 337837

### AND FINALLY...

It is now possible to download the latest issue of the DN from our website. That this is 'widely' appreciated is shown by the following brief e-mail from NETIA PIERCY:

"Many thanks. It keeps me in touch in Turkey!"

(May we remind correspondents that, while full postal or e-mail addresses are rarely published in the Postbag, they must accompany all original letters. Thank you. K.T.)



### FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

With the 2007 Festival behind us, we are now planning for 2008. Fundraising events are an important part of the Festival and we look forward to Donald Lane's concert – *From Harvest to Hallowe'en* – in the Parish Church, 7.30pm. on 27 October.

The Friends' AGM is on Thursday 8 November at 7.15pm., also in the Church. Please come if you can. Although basically a legal requirement, the AGM will give members a chance to discuss the Festival's much broader programme planned for next year. We offer a glass of wine at the end of the meeting to help restore spent energy.

It's almost time to renew memberships. Your fees (and the generous unsolicited donations that often accompany them) are a vital part of the Festival budget and are reflected in the quality of the performances. Renewal forms go out with **Newsletter 6**, which will reach you at the beginning of October and give more information about all of the above. **Kristin Thompson FDF Publicity** 

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years. From being a good idea by a couple of blokes in the pub, DOL has grown to be a major source of information about the parish today, and a wealth of information about our past. Ten years ago the internet was used by 7% of the population. Now, some 60% of the UK population access the internet regularly. When the site first went live, each hit was counted as a mark of success. Nowadays DOL averages over 2000 page views every day! A remarkable success story. Read here about how DOL started, who looks after it, and what it is all about. http://www.deddington.org.uk/aboutdol.html

Paul Drawmer

### PFSU & THE VILLAGE NURSERY

You may be aware that we suffered some vandalism at both The Nursery and PFSU this summer. This was a dreadful shock for staff, parents but especially the children who were unable to use the outside play area for several days whilst the 'clean up' operation was in progress. Since these incidents Deddington Cricket Club very kindly made a donation towards the costs incurred by the vandalism at The Nursery. Thank you very much - we do appreciate having nice neighbours.

On a happier note we can report that the children are settling in well at the PFSU and The Nursery. Our topic this term is 'all about me'; my family, my school and me! The PFSU children will be taking a walk around the school and village and all the children will be drawing pictures of themselves and their families. We are holding our AGM on Monday 8 October at 8pm at The Nursery, Hempton Road when the new committees will be elected. It is very important that parents attend so please put this date in your diaries.

\*\*Emma Thompson\*\*



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### Village of the Year Competition

Deddington once again took part in the Oxfordshire Village of the Year Competition sponsored by Calor. The judging took place in Kennington on 18 August. Deddington was represented by the Vice-Chair of the Parish Council, the Festival Secretary and the DN Editor.

We came second in Cherwell District winning £200, and were highly commended in the Business section for the Market and Festival winning £125. Steeple Aston was the overall Oxfordshire winner.

### **Fair Trade for Christmas**

Gift ideas and Christmas cards are a major feature of the new Traidcraft catalogue, and all its 700 or more fairly traded products are readily available in Deddington. Along with one of the foremost ranges of charity Christmas cards supporting several agencies (including CAFOD and Christian Aid) there are many useful gift ideas: attractive jewellery and fashions all at a range of prices, toys and crafts, table ware, gift hampers and more. Many were on display at last month's Christmas Preview and all can be ordered through Deddington Fair Traders (tel: 337761). As it is impossible to show everything at the stall during Farmers' Market, do not hesitate to ask for a catalogue or pick one up from the Parish Church at any time. By fighting poverty through trade, every purchase helps a Third World producer to earn a living wage. Hugh Marshall

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### On the Farm

The harvest finally came home on the August bank holiday weekend after yet another delay with wet weather. The harvest period can best be described as difficult. The oil seed rape crops spent most of the growing season with "wet feet" and only achieved about half their normal height, which reduced the yield as the number of flowering bracts that produce the seed were reduced. The "big wet" also gave the crop and us a number of problems as the storm struck just as the crop was ready to cut and we lost about 25% of the seed with pod shatter and when we did finally get in with the combine the green goddess regularly got that sinking feeling. Although I have seen a number of wet harvests in the 47 years that I have sat behind the steering wheel of a combine, I have never before been cutting crops while dazzled by the sun shining off the flood water on the Clifton meadows. The cereal crops fared little better; although they stood the heavy storms very well the yield was back on last year. But this is not just a problem in this country, all major food producing countries of the world have experienced weatherrelated problems with their harvests this year, with many of the countries that we rely on to supply us with cheap food restricting exports to protect their own food supplies. Farm gate grain prices are rising on an almost daily basis which, after over 10 years of very low grain prices, may be good news for the arable sector but will only make things even more difficult for an already beleaguered livestock industry.

To date we have not been able to sell any of this year's lamb crop. Although they have grown well the almost continual flooding of their grazing has made it difficult to get any "finish" on them. On the very day

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we were able to put a lorry load together for market we were hit by the second foot and mouth standstill order in as many months.

It is said that problems come in threes. We have already had problems with the weather and the livestock and now it is the turn of the bees. As you would expect, the summer has been very difficult for them and they have not produced any surplus honey



since the end of May. During my usual end-of-havest inspection I noticed a problem in the brood chambers of three hives and called in the local DEFRA bee inspector. She confirmed an infection of American Foul Brood, which is, like foot-and-mouth, a notifiable disease in which all infected hives have to be destroyed and all associated equipment burnt. But

unlike foot-and-mouth there is no compensation and we have lost 75% of our hives, equipment and the honey that was on the infected hives. This is a difficult situation at the best of times. Normally the bee officer would inspect all the hives and destroy any infected ones but as the country is under foot-and-mouth restrictions the bee officers are not allowed to visit farm land, so I have been obliged to undertake the task myself. It is not an easy thing to do to drop a match on 25 years' work. The source of infection is as yet unknown but the most likely source was one of the swarms I was asked to collect. Although all collected swarms are kept isolated from the main apiary the infection was unknowingly transferred on my protective clothing. Needless to say, from now on all requests to collect swarms will be refused.

George Fenemore 338203

George, I am sure you have the deepest sympathy of all DN readers. Ed

### The Allotment

As I sit to produce this month's contribution I rejoice over the warm, sunny spell we have just experienced during the past couple of weeks, however the weatherman warns of rain and colder temperatures approaching from the north. Not so good for the gardener especially those with heavy soil. October will almost certainly bring low temperatures and clear, frosty nights are likely in most places as the evenings draw in

As the Autumn harvest is gathered and the beds are cleared a decision has to be taken on how to leave them over winter. I prefer leaving heavy soils roughly dug to allow the wintry conditions to break them down. Light soils could be covered with green manures or polythene to prevent leaching from heavy rain. This is a good time

with less time to work the allotment plot.

to increase the number of raised beds. For those readers who enjoy growing their own, this is a good month to plant fruit trees while the soil is still warm.

General maintenance tips might be; make a big

General maintenance tips might be; make a big compost heap to rot down during the winter months (burn anything affected by pests or disease) rake up falling leaves and pile them up for making leaf mould or add them to the compost heap. If you can find

some horse manure, a big heap will rot down over the long winter. Remember to feed the birds. The national papers report that wildlife is thriving in town allotments, parks, gardens and churchyards while the countryside is experiencing a worrying decline. A plentiful supply of food throughout the winter will help keep our birds alive. Many of them die of hunger when the ground is frozen. Feeders should ideally

have a little roof to keep them dry and remember that once you start feeding, don't stop as the birds become dependent on you. Plant garlic, autumn onion sets and spring cabbage. Sow a few winter lettuce (like Artic King or Winter Density) in the cold

greenhouse. Radishes may be grown in the old grow bags that have been used for the tomatoes. Give them a regular liquid feed and place cloches over the plants when frosty conditions prevail. Broad beans can be sown now. It is my experience they produce a better crop than those sown in spring, especially this year.

On the whole pests should be in the decline in the cooler weather. I can't imagine the great number of slugs and snails reported in the press this summer, continuing to grow into the winter.

**Tony Campion** 

### BABE Rally 2007

From BA (Big Apple) to BE (Big Easy), a total drive of 1500 miles in four days, in a banger yank tank costing less than £125. In a moment of

madness, Martin Ince and friends entered a team -'Queen and Country'. "We needed a car with acres and acres of metal and rust, a decent set of brakes, an engine and gearbox that stood chance of getting us 1500 miles. A custom paintjob on a 1994 Oldsmobile 88 was done. We carried a full toolkit comprising two screwdrivers, a mole grip wrench, three rolls of duck tape, a pack of Wrigleys gum, a few cable ties, a tin of WD40 and a small roll of baling wire. At the end of

May we set off from New York with 'New Orleans or bust' ringing loudly in our ears, raising money for Save The Children."

The aim was to be the oldest car, and to earn points photographing as many States registration plates as possible. Going into the last day they were

in second place 40 points behind the leaders as their "Old Car" was beaten by a 20s Model T Ford. "We drove for 2 hours round the huge Birmingham Alabama Airport car park picking up 90% of our haul

of 47 plates. Screams of delight echoed round the car park when we found Alaska. The final points: 1st - Misfit Toys Racing - 3790; 2nd - Queen and Country - 3640. If we were going to be beaten it could not have been by a better Team."

Martin drove back to New York meandering through Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia to Washington. "The plan was to raise the Union Jack and claim back the USA for the Crown however I got distracted for

some reason and got moved on by the local constabulary who had never heard of the right of a freeman of Deddington to both graze his sheep and park his chariot any where on past Colonial soil. Onwards back to New York and the completion of a 4500 mile trundle round America."



### WELCOME

Karen Judd has come from Cherwell Heights PO to succeed Sheena Hughes as manager of Deddington Post Office.

arriner Choral Society will perform G.F.Handel's oratorio *Samson*, on Saturday 10 November, in the Church of SS Peter & Paul, Deddington.

This great work was composed very soon after Handel had completed *Messiah*, and it attracted similar acclaim. It derives originally from the grand story of Samson in the Book of Judges, via its elaboration in Milton's *Samson Agonistes*. It enacts the final days of the hero. Crushed, blinded, captured and taunted, Samson in a final, inspired, Herculean act brings down upon his enemies and himself death and ruin. A triumph in tragedy, and a heroic theme for this magnificent work.

The choir and soloists (Soprano: Keren Davis; Contralto, Jeannette Agar; Tenor: Brendon McBride; Bass: Robert Williams) will be accompanied by orchestra, and led by Martin Quinn, Musical Director. The Concert starts at 7.30 pm and tickets will be available in mid-October from Hayward White, Deddington. There will be refreshments during the evening.

### Warriner Choral Society

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Refreshments during the evening.

### From the Fire Station

<u>Calls</u>: A quiet month compared to the previous report, 10 calls received, including a car fire on the M40, a field fire, several false alarms, a muck heap fire and a



fire in an electrical motor at Spiceball Park Sports Centre, along with a few calls to standby at other stations.

<u>Crew</u>: Firefighter Parker has successfully completed his Breathing Apparatus training and is now able to

wear BA at incidents. Well done Tim.

Recruiting: We have another potential new recruit, Graeme Killick, a firefighter from Croughton Base. He has recently moved into Earls Lane and has set up a car valeting business. If he can establish a good customer base in Deddington he will be able to give us some very valuable cover (subtle hint folks!)

Question: "Why was the fire engine parked outside the station?" The doors were broken, and we could not open nor shut them! I'm pleased to report that the doors now have new tracks and are back in good working order. *Anne Waters, Watch Manager, 338281* 

### **News from Hempton**

Saturday 8 September turned out to be ideal for those taking part in the Historic Churches Ride or Stride day. Not too hot but nice and dry all day long. St. John's had 103 people sign in at the Church, which equalled our total for the previous year. Well done to our striders, people in Church and those who supplied our top of the range refreshments. Sponsorship raised will be known at a later date.

The Harvest Supper will be this Saturday 29 September at 7.30. Tickets are £7.50 per head which includes food and soft drinks. The Harvest Festival Service is on Sunday 30 September at 6.00pm. followed by the sale of the produce; money raised to be donated to the new Oxford Children's Hospital. Gifts of produce will be most welcome and can be left at the Church that weekend.

Alan Ashmole and Ivan Rowland have completed their walk across America and are now back home.

Although Christmas seems a long way off, it is time to think about the Bazaar which will be on Saturday 1 December in the Church and Hall from 11.00am. Gifts suitable for a Christmas Bazaar will be most welcome nearer the event.

On a disturbing note a resident has told me that a motorcycle stand has gone missing from his garage. So please make sure that garages and sheds are locked at all times.

A warm welcome to the new families at Top Thatch and Folly Cottage.

Les Chappell 338054

### **News from Clifton**

As regular readers of this column will know, Clifton will no longer be the best kept secret in the Parish. Since we last went to press Clifton has enjoyed the wedding of the decade with marquees et al. in Main Street. The horde of residents who greatly enjoyed the Deddington Pre-School Hawaiian Evening and walked

### Fireworks and Bonfires

Once again we are entering the fireworks season. Fireworks are increasingly associated with other celebrations such as birthdays, weddings and religious festivals. If you must use fireworks for these celebrations, please think of the neighbouring animals.

Back garden displays cause distress and suffering to thousands of animals each year. Dogs and cats are particularly vulnerable, and near by farm animals such as horses and sheep tend to bolt and run into barbed wire fences with horrific results. Bonfires too are the source of terror and death to small animals such as hedgehogs, rodents and the odd rabbit.

Why not this year make a change, and instead of having a bonfire or fireworks display in your garden or in a convenient field behind your house, make a point of attending the local public display. This is usually organised by professionals and is safer and probably less costly. Please explain all of this to your young children and give all animals a chance.

Ted Johnson. RSPCA. 338355

home (mostly down the middle of the road because the path is so over grown. Come on the Council!) saw the after-effects. It looked memorable.

Mario's 40th passed with the usual street barbeque (amidst the smugness of us oldies to see another join our ranks) and plans have been made to enter the Brackley Soap Box challenge with Mario as the pay load. Much 'O-Level Physics' revision has been in train I can tell you and any wider input is essential to his survival — please let me know! Clifton Flying Club continues apace with flights to Manston and Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden, Le Touquet for lunch beckons next. The Village undergraduate Sam Colley recently completed a cycle ride from St Malo (France) to Valencia (Spain) and succeeded in raising £1300 for the Meningitis Trust. He'd like to say thanks to everyone who sponsored him. Well done Sam I say but next time Dad, buy him a train ticket!

Martin Bryce [Italics to protect the guilty - Ed]

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### **Some 19th-century Deddington characters**

Deddington in the 19th century was in some respects a place in decline: its population in 1901 (c.1500) remained what it had been in 1801, an apparent stability that disguised a relentless flow of emigrants seeking a better life elsewhere. Life for many in Deddington was hard indeed. Despite, or perhaps because of that, the place abounded in interesting families and individuals. Some of the



better known are described in other articles in these 'Cover Stories'. A few of the less familiar nevertheless merit our attention. Deddington's role as a market and service centre brought professionals to live here. Notable

among them was Charles Duffel Faulkner (d.1871), Coroner and temperance advocate, whose reputation as an antiquarian earned him election to the Society of Antiquaries. He rebuilt the house called the Priory, in Hudson Street, including on the upper floor a museum in which to display his collections free to the public. They were dispersed to various museums at his death, but some remarkable fossils survive in the grotto that he built across the street from his house, the building now being used by Cyclogical.



Joseph Wilkins (1820-91) of The Stile was a self-taught signwriter and artist now best known for his remarkable bird's-eye views giving a unique insight into the topography of the area. His bird's-eye view of Deddington made c.1865 introduces us to another character of that period, John Knibbs, who died in 1901 at the age of 94. The view contains a local joke at John's

expense, noted by Mary Vane Turner in her Story of

Deddington (1933): when looking closely at the original, one can see the Deddington Rifle Corps 'drawn up by the town hall, while away far off in St Thomas's Street is their drummer, beating the big drum, quite alone'. The joke is given added point if you know that the errant drummer, John Knibbs, was also ale taster to the manor court!

The Stilgoe family, farmers and millers, is perhaps the longest established in Deddington, recorded from the 16th century. The family house (now Orchard House) in Hopcraft Lane bears dates of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. It is worth noting that most farmhouses were then in the village, outlying farmhouses mostly being built after enclosure in 1808. Nathaniel Stilgoe farmed mainly at Souldern and Adderbury but lived for the latter part of his life

in Deddington. He was a great friend of the Revd Cotton Risley, vicar and self-appointed squire of Deddington, who relied upon him for farming advice. Nathaniel's brother Henry was the first Stilgoe to farm at Adderbury Grounds Farm, which is still in the family's occupation.



Finally, this is a good opportunity to lay to rest a tenacious myth that William Bowler (b. 1808), for whom the eponymous hat is named, lived for a time in New Street at Eastleigh, now Bowler House. It seems that later members of the family lived there but never William himself. Even worse, the New Dictionary of National Biography questions William's very invention of the bowler hat, his part in the creation being the manufacture of the stiffened felt used in the hat's manufacture. Is nothing sacred?

Chris Day

### **DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO**

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of October 1857:-

2<sup>nd</sup> October - I attended a monthly meeting of the Justices at the Kings Arms; we refused a second time to renew the Licence of the Tuns Public House, on account of complaints by the police of his having kept a disorderly house – on 3 or 4 separate occasions.

6<sup>th</sup> October - I received notice from Davis Taylor our laundress's husband to quit our house on the 15<sup>th</sup> - he being a weekly tenant. I had been obliged to speak about their taking in Lodgers without informing me that they wished to do so, and also about her giving way to her temper when spoken to about not sending home our things at times in a proper state from the wash.

7<sup>th</sup> October - The day was observed as a general fast throughout the Kingdom - in consequence of the Indian Mutinies and horrible massacre and scenes of bloodshed recently perpetrated by the Sepoys in diverse parts of that benighted country. Had two services in Clifton and collected in aid of the sufferers abroad.

9<sup>th</sup> October - I granted a summons for drunkenness, convicted him up at the police station, Mr. H. Churchill and Serjeant Welch being present. He was to pay 13/-d. fine and costs in a week, sit in the stocks 6 hours, or go to gaol for 21 days.

12<sup>th</sup> October - Susan and I drove to Broughton Castle to call on Lord & Lady Saye & Sele on their wedding.

15<sup>th</sup> October - The timber yard I found shut up today, Stroud and the sawyers having gone to Banbury Fair.

22<sup>nd</sup> October - Mr. Burgess (*the Curate*) mentioned Mr. Brogden having given notice to his creditors previous to his passing through the Insolvent Debtor's Court.

26<sup>th</sup> October - Stroud the carpenter called about setting a tramping brother chip to work for a week to finish an oak seat for Clifton – at Deddington prices for labour.

**Buffy Heywood** 

### REMEMBRANCE

This article is most fitting for the time leading up to Remembrance Sunday. It was written by Dan Prosser, only slightly abridged for want of space. Dan is the nephew of Alan Collins from Clifton who organised the meeting described below and who tells me that his nephew is a 19-year-old aspiring

writer/journalist who recently won the Motor Sport News Young Journalist of the Year award. But this is just an introduction and a hope that we hear more from Dan whose account follows.

"In a World War II Nissen hut, flyers young and old met. With an endearing eccentricity the elders would call senility, three RAF veterans discussed their

days in the force. It was a social evening at the Enstone Flying Club, Oxfordshire, with Fred Ellis. Bill Drake and George Spenceley as special guests. All three live a Wellington's wingspan from one another in the village of Deddington. Club members and enthusiasts had gathered to hear the stories of their days in the service in the RAF, and shortchanged they most certainly were not. Immediately, the audience was struck by the honest sense of modesty that surrounded these gentlemen.

All three of them were utterly shocked that anyone cared about what they had to say, convinced that their tales were unremarkable.

First up was Bill Drake, a navigator who recalled a crash landing following difficulties with the landing gear. Calling ahead, Bill requested permission to land on a nearby hockey pitch. "Of course Not" was

the reply, "there's a match going on, and you'll ruin the grass"! Bill later flew in a Canberra, a craft whose idiosyncrasies had major implications for him; the pilot had an ejector seat, whilst Bill didn't. This caused something of a dilemma. A RAF crew are such a tight knit group: they live together, fly together, and do everything in their power to

ensure that they don't die together. This meant that the pilot would never leave Bill in an emergency. Bill tried to convince the pilot that if ever the situation occurred, he should eject, reasoning that it was better that one person survived than none. Bill sat down on account of "having spoken far too long". He made way for radio operator Fred Ellis.

Ruth Johnson

(Dan's article will be continued next month with Fred's and George Spenceley's remembrances)



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### Bus Shelters - the Survival of the Fittest ?



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Congratulations to whoever had the imagination, skill and sense of humour to supply the village with the amazing temporary shelters bus in the Market Place! Each modification has given pleasure to many people and become a talking point. And they have not been spoilt by any form of misuse. The real thing, however practical in keeping with the village, can never have quite the same appeal! But I hope it will be treated with equal respect.

Viviane Hall



### **Deddington Beeches Bowls Club**

Our bowling season has now finished, but we are holding our annual Race Night at the Royal British Legion on Saturday 29 September at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to join us for the thrill of the races without having to leave the village.

Yvonne Twomey, Hon Secretary, 337213

### **Deddington Youth Club**

We welcome back members old and new. After a successful summer with our contributions to the Primary School fête, the Celebration of Youth and Deddington Rocks, as well as a great end of term barbecue, we look forward to an exciting programme of activities this term. Our 'Awards for All' lottery grant has enabled us to buy in help and we are booking a dance expert to run some sessions on street, hip-hop and capoera. We are also looking forward to some



sessions run by a graffiti artist. We plan to buy some blenders for smoothie-making evenings with members devising their own healthy mixtures. Our leader Nikki and helper Matt are going on a training course to enable them to run some short FOR ALL games sessions such as Ultimate Frisbee and parachute activities. We continue to

hold A-Team evenings with youth leaders from CDC who bring their own equipment and expertise. We hope there are some activities that appeal to everyone. Come along and join in on Monday evenings from 7pm to 9pm at the Windmill Centre.

Pam Axten, Secretary

### **1st Deddington Brownies**

The girls have returned to Brownies for the autumn term and several new members have joined us and we say welcome to all of them. Brown Owl has lots of exciting activities planned, from tie-dying and line dancing to learning Morse code! The girls will take part in the Remembrance Day parade and service in November. Our very busy Brown Owl would welcome some help to run the pack, so, if there is an aspiring 'owl' out there who would be free to help out on a Monday evening, please make yourself known to Ann Kent on the1stdeddingtonowls@hotmail.co.uk. She would welcome your support.

**Lucy Squires** 

### **Deddington Town Football Club**

1st Team Results

Fenny Compton (h) Lost 2-5 B.Durrant, J.Pearce. Drew 2-2 J.Pearce (2). Wroxton (a)

The 1<sup>st</sup> team gained their first point of the season in the 2-2 draw at Wroxton and Julian Pearce scored both of the goals. Deddington took the lead on two occasions, but were pegged back by their hosts. Julian has made an excellent goal scoring return to the club, also hitting the back of the net in the season opener versus Fenny Compton.

Reserve Team Results

Slade Farm Res (a) Lost 0-3

Drayton Village Res (h) Won 3-2 P.Hovard, S.Rollason, M.Gibbs.

The Reserve team made a good start to the season with a 3-2 victory over Drayton Village Res. The younger players in the team scored the goals, Pete Hovard, Sam Rollason and Matt Gibbs - all aged 18 or under.

Race Night: We would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Race Night and made it a very enjoyable evening. The event, hosted by the British Legion, was set up by Bill Smith to raise money for one of the football players who was seriously assaulted in Adderbury. The Unicorn, Red Lion, Andy Perrin, Bill Smith, D.T.F.C, Chris Fowler, Daniel Keys, Roy and Janet Dickson, Richard Paull and the British Legion were all race sponsors. We raised over £700, which will be donated to the Neurological Intensive Trauma Unit, John Radcliffe Hospital, as per the family's wishes.

75 Club Winners: 17/8/07 B.Smith £50; 24/8/07 J.Keys £100; 31/8/07 V.Reason £50; 7/9/07 Mrs C.Smith £50

Steve Plumbe 01295 278258

### 1<sup>st</sup> Deddington Scout Group

Cubs - At the end of last term we invested Hugo and Chloe into Cubs while they balanced on a very large ball. We also welcomed George and Mika to the pack; may they spend many happy times with us. During the holidays we took a group of Cubs to Gilwell Park for a Cub Scout Fun Day. Of course it rained, but they still had loads of fun rafting, climbing, flying down a huge zip wire, trying their hand at archery and many other activities. Chloe and Luca queued very patiently for a ride on the biggest and scariest swing I've ever seen. On 1 August we joined other Cubs from the district at Sunrising Hill to renew our promise at the same time as Scouts all round the world. Afterwards we walked back to Upton House for a very good breakfast. A trip to the World Jamboree in Chelmsford came next - on a sunny day. We walked round the huge site (40,000 people camping), swapped badges and met Scouts from many different countries, a once in a lifetime experience for some of us. Coming soon, a sixers' day trip to GWR Swindon and a Children in Need evening at The Windmill.

### Jo Churchyard 338071 jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts - Well, so much for planning. The camp at Horley in July was rained off, the campsite awash like Jurassic Park. The floods then cancelled the trip to Stratford as the racecourse was still out of action. Rather than do nothing a few of us hiked to Horley and camped overnight, trying our hand at shelter building (James actually slept in his) and survival cooking. This must have been a success as we did all survive. In August James represented us at the Jamborette in Holland and had 10 days of fantastic fun. So far this term, Chloe and Marcus have moved up from Cubs, we've cooked a hearty meal and hiked round Clifton searching for caches. Coming soon - a night hike to Horley and the County Patrol Camping Weekend at Pete Churchyard 338071 Youlbury.

Keep an eye out for our 'Guys' in the market place; this year's theme is superheroes.

### **CALLING MORE CLUBS**

### **Deddington Players**

We are holding 'An Evening Together...' on Saturday 13 October, a chance to share a meal and enjoy entertainment from our members and friends. Please join us at 7.30pm at the Windmill for what promises to be an enjoyable evening. Contact Deddington 338153 for tickets. Don't forget the pantomime auditions on Sunday 28 October at 2.30pm at the Windmill. New members are very welcome, both adults and children. You need to be able to make rehearsals on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons, also Saturday afternoons after Christmas. As far as possible children will only need to attend on Sundays until after Christmas. The pantomime will be 17~19 January.

Lucy Squires 338442

### **Book Group**

We were a small group at our last meeting but our book, 'The Bluest Eye' by Toni Morrison, provoked some interesting discussion. I know that many people are not able to attend the meetings, but still enjoy reading our book selections, so I hope this review is helpful: 'A disturbing story, written in the 1960's, about racial self-hatred. The graphic descriptions of abuse, while shocking, add power to the story. Rather a fragmented structure, which we found confusing at times, but very well written with clever characterization. A thought provoking work, recommended by the group in spite of the sometimes grim content.' We warmly welcome new members; so if you think you might be interested, please do join us for a glass of wine and some lively discussion. 'English Passengers' by Matthew Kneale is the book for the next meeting on 25 October. Please call for venue. Sally Lambert 338094

### **Deddington and District History Society**

Our tenth season got off to a lively start, thanks to Carl Boardman's entertaining history of the county gaol in Oxford, 'Life on the inside'. We were pleased to welcome several new members to the Society

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and hope to greet further newcomers in the coming months. At our next meeting, on Wednesday 10 October, Hugh Hinde will speak to us about the 'History of Duelling'. On 14 November Barry Davis will give us an illustrated talk on 'The History of the Christmas Card'. Our meetings take place at the Windmill Centre, at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month. If anyone would like to know more about the small research group studying wills and inventories from this area please contact Moira Byast, who will provide details. No prior expertise is required. We hope eventually to publish the results.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204, Moira Byast (Secretary) 338637

### W.I.

On 11 September our demonstrator was one of our own members, Barbara Upton. Barbara is, of course, well known for her very skilful and artistic flower arrangements in the church, but this evening she demonstrated for us. Using unusual props, beautiful flowers. foliage and many arrangements were created - modern, continental style and a sweeping traditional pedestal. All agreed the results were spectacular. A raffle was held for the four arrangements, so four lucky members went home very happy indeed. President Beryl Suckling gave Barbara a vote of thanks, with members showing their appreciation. The Members' Evening on 9 October will be a Bring and Share Harvest Supper, and Auction.

Rene Mahony 338438

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### THE USE OF HEDGES

n data for the watershed of the River Swere, October and November are the rainiest months. September is relatively dry, with 20mm of rainfall; the next two months in 2002 had a 140mm of rainfall. The river's channel coped efficiently with the rapid run-off from tributary streams and farm fields. But what if in those fields the cross-banding of hedges had been removed?

The answer was given last autumn in Nuneham Courtenay, in a week of exceptionally heavy rainfall.

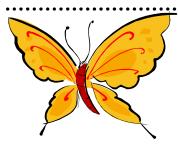
Up to half the average monthly rainfall fell in the space of just one hour during a morning. Water rushed across fields where once hedgerows would have acted as barriers to the flow and as impoundments for sediment. Could this happen in Deddington parish?

Hedges have an aesthetic value,

conferring an ordered beauty to the landscape; and a biological utility, providing nesting sites, feeding stations, and 'sanctuary' for birds, as well as a breeding ground for lesser creatures, some beneficial and some harmful to the farm economy. But in an epoch of changing weather patterns, and of more and more sudden and violent storms, there is another reason for protecting hedges that are robust and restoring hedges that are degraded.

Hedges here were surveyed for their woody species. The ones with the fewest species (1-3), usually ash, elder and hawthorn, are the most degraded, soonest to become gappy and lose the fortitude with which they were originally endowed.

Hedges with 4-6 species often include blackthorn, crab apple, elm and oak. Incontestably these hedges of the middling kind, ordinarily robust,



### PARISH BUTTERFLY SURVEY

As many of you know, Walter and Wendy Meagher are following up their excellent booklet on the birds of the parish with a publication about

butterflies. This has received financial backing from TVERC's Small Grants Scheme. Sadly (for us) Walter and Wendy are now back in Mexico. During their absence next year I've promised to co-ordinate butterfly sightings. So please send your lists to me at: <a href="mailto:kristin.a@zen.co.uk">kristin.a@zen.co.uk</a> or: 5, The Leyes, Deddington. and I'll liaise with Mexico.

A number of people, including Deddington's bird watchers, are already keeping lists. Are there any other butterfly enthusiasts out there? If so, please join the Parish Butterfly Watch. There won't be much on the wing until next April/May but all identified sightings are valuable. Kristin Thompson

deserve the most vigilant protection so that, by neglect or misuse, they do not become degraded. In the category of excellence are hedges with 7 or more species; they alone suggest the time before the enclosures after 1808 (old enclosures extended to 495 acres in Deddington parish). Species that enhance richness include crack-willow, field maple, hazel and wayfaring-tree.

There are over 800 parish hedges, and many are degraded. Hedges degrade for more than one reason, but I have found a close association

between elder in a hedge and weakness. Elder is self-sown and thornless, with tall and widely spread stems. With flowers for wine, and fruits for birds, man tolerates a shrub that does not form a tight mesh like hawthorn. On the other hand, hawthorn is a living chain mail of branchlets,

providing dense cover and food for small perching birds; for these benefits it is permanently valued. The least rich hedges are usually 'cross hedges', running between boundary hedges; were they taken away, by initiative or default, they would open a rain-swept field to the greatest danger of erosion.

Walter L. Meagher

Go well in Mexico, Walter & Wendy, but haste ye back, Ed



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