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the Deddington news

I wonder what the Austrian observer of our 'sleepy village' (see p. 7) would have made of Deddington Rocks! 'A festival to treasure' said another commentator. There was so much to enjoy in our midst in the last month and we should salute those who work so hard to bring these events to us. Well done Festival Committee, PTA, Cricket Club, all!

DIARY

JULY

Fri	2	PFSU: Sports Day, School Field, 11.00am
Sat	3	Choros workshop: Parish Church, 9.30am–4.30pm
Mon	5	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
Wed	7	Photographic Society: John Credland, APAG, 'Freelance Frenzy, What a freelance photographer does', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
Thu	8	Monday Morning Club: Film evening, <i>Slumdog Millionaire</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm
Mon	12	Deddington Players: AGM, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
Tue	13	WI: Outing to Wimpole Hall and Home Farm, Cambridgeshire
Tue	13	DOL: Quarterly Open Meeting, Unicorn Inn Snug, 6.45pm
Sat	17	PFSU and Nursery: Monte Carlo Casino Night, Windmill, 7.30pm
Sun	18–	DOGS: Event at Tewkesbury Park Hotel and Golf Club
Mon	19	
Wed	21	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm
Sat	24	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm

AUGUST

Sun	1	Photographic Society: Photoshoot at Colegrave Flower Nursery, (members only), 2–6pm
Mon	2	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
Wed	4	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm
Wed	4	Photographic Society: Philip Rigby, 'A visit to Istanbul and an introduction to lightroom', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
Tue	10	WI: 'ACWW, What it is and what it does', Mais Appleton, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
Fri	13	DOGS: Half-day golf at Kirtlington, followed by an evening social function
Sat	28	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Wed	1	Photographic Society: John Hurlinger, 'Printing Quality Images Effortlessly', Cartwright Hotel, 7.30pm
Wed	1	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm
Sat	4	Parish Show, Parish Church, exhibitors 9am, open to public 2pm
Mon	6	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
Wed	8	History Society: Deborah Hayter, 'The Seventeenth-Century Village', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Thu	9	Monday Morning Club: Film evening, 'Revolutionary Road', Holly Tree, 6.30pm
Sat	11	Oxfordshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 15 JUNE 2010

This was the first meeting of the new term and so the first step was the election of a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, supervised by the Clerk, Lorraine Watling. Jim Flux was re-elected as Chairman and Alan Collins as Vice Chairman. The meeting continued with the re-elected Chairman back in his reassuring position. The Chairman first welcomed Helen Oldfield to the Council. However there are still two vacancies on the DPC because both James Privett and Jim Allison have resigned; the DPC are looking to co-opt two new councillors. The Parish of Deddington is valued and cherished as a special place. To keep the Parish working in good order requires people who care to give some of their time. No special qualifications are required other than the time and wish to help make the Parish a good place to live. If you think you can help or know someone who can and is willing to join the DPC, please contact Lorraine Watling (337447 or parishcouncil@deddington.net).

Headlines of the Meeting

The administrative work of the council is undertaken by Working Groups (or WGs). It was decided to divide the work of the Recreational WG between Finance and General Purposes (F&GP) and the Environment WG. A schedule of members of the WGs will be published in the full DPC minutes which are posted on the Notice Board outside the Town Hall.

New Planning Applications

18 Hempton Rd: First floor rear extension is proposed to provide extra bedroom accommodation. The problem as with similar properties is light denial and oversight of neighbouring properties. No objection was raised but conditions were applied.

Stone Court, Earl's Lane: Single storey front extension that does not extend beyond the building line. No objection.

14 The Daedings: Single storey to create a front porch. No objection.

Geggs Nook, Hempton Rd: Ground floor limestone flooring in a listed building. No objection.

12 The Daedings: Rear and front extension. No objection was raised but conditions applied on the use of a home office.

Previous Applications:

Land to rear of new vicarage, Earl's Lane: This development has been approved by Cherwell DC in spite of many local objections; however the approval comes with a number of conditions.

Oxford CC Highways Depot, Banbury Rd: The plan is to extend the depot to include permanent office accommodation and improved parking, storage, working space and recycling facilities. The plan is to extend into part of the vacant field north of the site. The original plan was approved in May 2006 but has been modified to take into account concerns expressed by DPC and others.

1 The Paddocks, Deddington and Ash Cottage, Chapel Close, Clifton: DPC had a range of objections to both these developments but no decision yet from Cherwell DC.

Reports were received from F&GP, Recreation, Environment, Special Projects and Highways. Important work is done by these committees because the Parish could not run without them. It involves the management and maintenance of areas such as Castle Grounds, the play areas, allotments, the cemetery, paths, grass, War Memorial and Parish finances.

Invoices agreed for payment £9,490. Investments of £552,082 at Barclays, West Bromwich BS, Santander and Anglo Irish Bank.

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 21 July, Town Hall



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Music at Deddington Festival

Well, if you weren't there in person to see Deddington Rocks on 11 June, you could hardly miss the sound! What a cracking night, with non-stop music from 6.30 until 11pm. Local groups Indigo Child, Skyny Nyrds and the Blue Meanies were warm-up bands for the highlight of the night, the nationally acclaimed Abba tribute band, Abba Magic. The square filled up with families, the pubs did a roaring trade, there was no trouble – just what the doc ordered.



Organiser Mike O'Brien says: 'We had the weather, we had the families and we had the bands. From the feedback following the event, there seems to be a universal feeling of success and a desire for more of the same next year. We have learned a lot from this experience and anyone with constructive views should email me at michael.ob@btinternet.com. Finally a great big thank you to all our sponsors and advertisers – with your continued help Deddington Rocks has a life beyond 2010'.

(Below) Deddington's classical guitarist Joe Newman playing in the Church on Sunday; (below right) the Blue Meanies lead singer, Dickie White, at the rock concert (Pics Julian Elkins and Mike Rudge)



'Agnetha' and 'Frida', the two Abba girls, in fine voice at Deddington Rocks (Pic Colin Robinson)

Cricket Club Summer Ball

Deddington Cricket Club's first ever summer ball was held on 19 June and was hailed as a great success by the 170 guests. Members of the club scrubbed up well and brought their dinner jackets out of mothballs, and all the ladies looked extremely glamorous in their finery. A substantial sum (figure not yet finalised) was raised to be split between the Oxfordshire children's charity, Rosy, and the club. This was achieved by holding an auction and raffle which were generously supported by both local businesses and guests. In addition the mostly young people who waited at table gave their time and energy free of charge, for which we extend particular thanks. Thanks also go to Clare Stevens and James Ransom who both did sterling work to make the evening such a success. Full details of the club's more usual activities and results can be found on our website, www.deddingtoncc.co.uk.

Derek Cheeseman 338609

Community Concert, 17 June

Our very own 'Dad's Army': (l to r) Iain Gillespie (Capt Mainwaring), Ted Johnson (Frazer), George Fenemore (Jones), Ross Fenion (Silly Boy Pike), Stephen Turner (Walker), John Hodges (Godfrey) and John Sampson (Sgt Wilson).

If you missed the Community Concert of WWII songs and stories or would like an opportunity to hear again John Cheney's immaculate rendering of 'Mairzy Doats and Dozy Doats', then go to the DOL home page and click on 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' under 'What's New on DOL'.



Pic Jill Cheeseman

Town Hall Refurbishment Project

A progress report on this exciting project: the Deddington Charity Estates are pleased to announce that we have received both planning and listed building consent for the renovation work to the Town Hall. Our architect Tony Herring is now busy producing tender documents in order for us to obtain quotations for the work.

Deddington Charity Estates will very shortly be releasing a website; this will detail all aspects of the charity's works including the histories of the Alms Houses, Pest House Field and Deddington Town Hall – more information on this soon.

Initial consultations with various user groups show a very positive response to the proposals for the Town Hall, with many people keen to see this building used more and a positive interest shown in the facilities we are planning to provide. We are currently in the process of formalising our consultation process with questionnaires going out to known possible users. We will also be showing plans and proposals at the August Farmers' Market, so please do come and view.

Now to the thorny issue of funding the project: we intend to do this via a mixture of grants, local fundraising and donations. Once we have received quotations for the building works this process will begin in earnest – watch this space!

If you would like more information on the project or would be interested in using this building for your club/society or just for yourself please contact:

Fern Stringer 337728, fernstringer@hotmail.com

Terry Clinch 338711, terryclinch@tiscali.co.uk

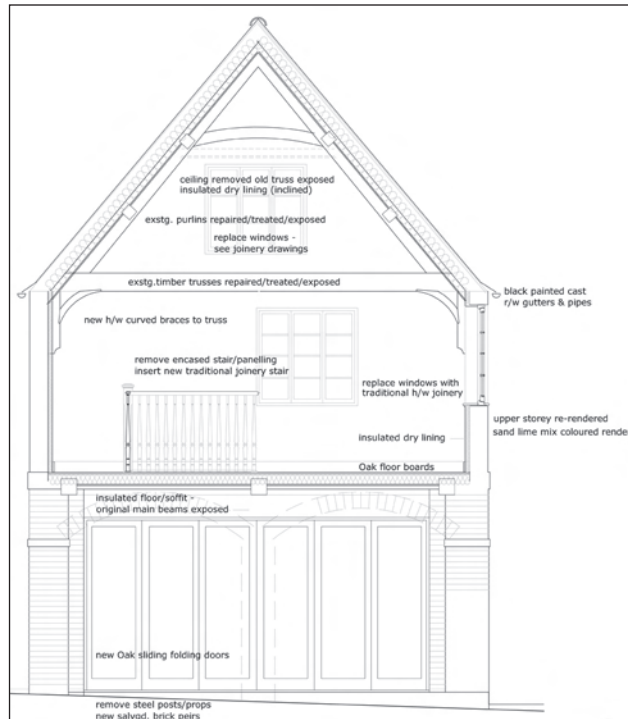
There are lots more pics of Deddington Festival, the Town Hall plans, primary school fête and the PTA walk on the DN website:

<http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/pics10.html>

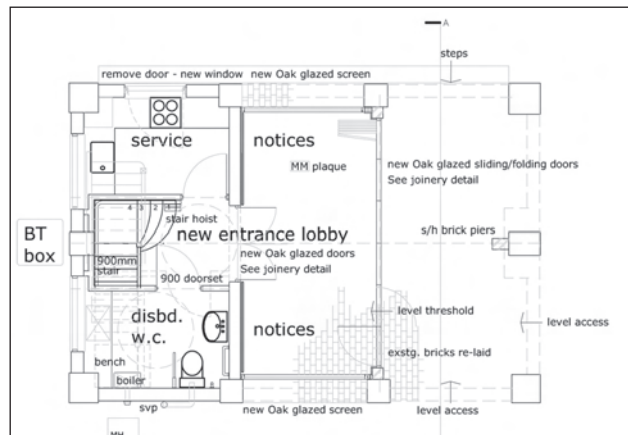
(Left) the Deddington Bollywooders dancing in the central arena at this year's school fête on 19 June; and (right) 'You'll Never Walk Alone' – the football theme of this year's Deddington Walk to which 217 people turned up to enjoy a walk in our beautiful countryside



Pic Alan Collins



New south elevation: the undercroft has oak sliding doors half way across enclosing a lobby area. Bus passengers can still take cover from the elements!



The new ground floor plan: the existing door is removed, and entrance is now via the lobby. New features in the staircase area are a disabled lavatory, the kitchen and a stair hoist to the first floor



Pic Kevin Mayo

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM PAT BRITTAIN, DIANA & HUGH MARSHALL (CA Week organisers in Deddington)

We have received a letter from Professor Edward Kairu, Director of Maji na Ufanisi, Christian Aid's partner organisation in Kenya. He writes: 'With the help of Christian Aid, we empower people to improve their own lives. We give people the

tools they need to speak up for their rights and to take practical steps to reduce illness and ensure they can live with dignity. When I heard that you were giving your time freely and encouraging people to fundraise voluntarily, I could hardly believe it, and I wanted the opportunity to thank you. Around the world, Christian Aid Week is changing lives. For us, your continued support is helping us reach new generations, like Elizabeth Waithera and her youth group, which runs one of the settlement's five water and sanitation blocks and organises rubbish collections. "I want to see a community that has changed," says Elizabeth. "Thank you and please do not tire in the commendable work that you are doing."

During May's Christian Aid collection, Deddington gave generously and, with Gift Aid on many contributions, the total was £2043.83. Thank you – everyone.

FROM JON MALINGS, COUNTY WEXFORD, IRELAND

My ancestors and their relatives lived in Deddington for 200 years. I am trying create a picture of (some of) 19th-century Deddington by mapping out the houses and occupants of Philcote and surrounding streets. It's easy to find out the names of the people who lived there from the census. It's much more difficult to identify the actual houses they lived in. If anyone knows the name of any 19th-century occupant of any specific house in Philcote St, Chapel Square, Satin Lane, The Stile, Goose Green (The Green) or St Thomas' Street, I would like to hear from you at jon_malings@hotmail.com. With a few 'fixed points' I can better identify the houses and occupants in between. Many thanks for any help.

FROM SEAN PARSONS, HEMPTON

As a Friend of Hempton Church and a past donor to the bell appeal, I was interested to see the leaflet in last month's *DN* about changing the doors between the Church and Village Hall. The project, I'm sure, would be helpful. But the leaflet seemed to refer to the project as going ahead, with no consultation with the Friends, and needing £11,000 – an alarming sum of money. I'm sure people would willingly contribute their time to any project keeping the Church and the Hall at the heart of the village, but what sort of funding is available and is changing doors the best way to benefit the community? Recently mothers in the vil-



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lage canvassed opinion on a play centre. I don't know the result of this exercise but at least people's voices were heard. I in no way wish to belittle the efforts of those behind the Friends of Hempton Church who put in time and effort maintaining the Church but, also, I do not want to be part of a silent majority who feels that the money

involved is disproportionate to the end result. I hope a fuller consultation will take place. Whether you are an active member of our village, or just someone who enjoys coming home to a beautiful corner of our country, please make sure that our village continues to move forward.

FROM CLAIRE PLANT, THE DAEDINGS

I would like to say a big thank you to the team at Deddington Fire Station and in particular Fire Fighter Graham Harding. I currently volunteer as a mentor through Oxfordshire County Council's Youth Mentoring Service and take a 10-year old boy out once a week. He has dreams of becoming a fire fighter when he is older and Graham and the team have been excellent in giving him an idea of what it involves. They have allowed us to visit on five occasions and have demonstrated various pieces of equipment to him, let him wear the kit, have shown him the 'BA Shuffle' and best of all they have let him use the hose (getting me wet on a few occasions!). They were called out twice during our visits which was fascinating to watch, particularly the speed with which they responded to the call considering the station is retained. He (we!) loved every minute of it and he now wants to join the Fire Cadets when he is 12 to get even more experience. I cannot thank Graham and the team enough for their time and for what they do. Finally, if anyone is interested in becoming a mentor they can request further information at oym@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

FROM SHIR HUNT,
MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE



Marie Curie is asking the people of Oxfordshire to hold their own tea parties from 12 June to 12 July. Whether it is a pretty garden party, afternoon tea or just a simple gathering of friends for a cuppa, every tea party, however big or small, will allow the Oxfordshire Marie Curie Nurses to provide more expert care, totally free, to patients with terminal cancer and other illnesses in their own homes.

If you would like to support Marie Curie Cancer Care, please call 0870 0340040 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty to register today or call Shir Hunt, your local fundraiser, for more information on 01869 246655.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

JULY

Thur 1	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sat 3	10.00am	Eucharist
		ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Sun 4	10.30am	First Sunday*
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 7	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 11	10.30am	Sung Eucharist, with healing prayer
Wed 14	10.00am	Eucharist
Thur 15	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 18	10.30am	Eucharist and Baptisms
Wed 21	10.00am	Eucharist
Thur 22	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheel
	6.30pm	Eucharist MARY MAGDALENE
Sun 25	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Eucharist
Wed 28	10.00am	Eucharist

AUGUST

Sun 1	10.30am	First Sunday
	6.30pm	Evensong
Wed 4	10.00am	Eucharist
Thur 5	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Fri 6	6.30pm	Eucharist TRANSFIGURATION
Sun 8	10.30am	Sung Eucharist, with healing prayer
Wed 13	10.00am	Eucharist
Fri 14	6.30pm	Eucharist MATHIAS THE APOSTLE
Sun 15	10.30am	Eucharist, with Baptisms
		BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Wed 18	10.00am	Eucharist
Thur 19	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 22	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Eucharist
Tues 24	6.30pm	Eucharist BARTHOLOMEW
		THE APOSTLE

* Includes saying good bye to Judith Tinsley as she leaves the Primary School at the end of the summer term, and welcoming the new Curate, Daniel Inman

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

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton

Congregational Chapel, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church together with their congregation

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

Wed 25	10.00am	Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Sun 29	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Mattins

St John's Hempton

JULY

Sun 4	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 18	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 25	6.00pm	Evensong

AUGUST

Sun 1	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 15	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun 22	6.00pm	Evensong

The Barfords

JULY

Sun 4	4.00 pm	Eucharist (Bfd St M)
Sun 11	4.00pm	Evensong (Bfd St M)
Sun 18	4.00pm	All Age Worship (Bfd St M)
Sun 25	4.00pm	Eucharist (Bfd StJ)

AUGUST

Sun 1	4.00pm	Eucharist (Bfd StM)
Sun 8	4.00pm	Evensong (Bfd St M)
Sun 15	4.00pm	All Age Worship (Bfd St M)
Sun 22	4.00pm	Eucharist (Bfd StJ)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

<i>Baptisms</i>	21 March	Kieran Conare Power-Lydon
		Malachy Patrick Power-Lydon
	23 May	Ruby Holly Spengler-Peck
	20 June	Albert Arthur John Kitchen
<i>Funerals</i>	9 April	Maureen Bradley
	21 April	Kathleen Bushell
	17 May	Gertrude (Trudy) Ward
<i>Interment of ashes</i>		
	21 April	Grace Kirman
<i>Weddings</i>	5 June	David Murray-Hundley and
		Katrina Lockwood
	12 June	Marc Steenkamp and
		Kate Robbins

RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Fr John Burns 277396

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Sun at 10.00am

St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7.00pm and Sun 8.30am

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

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

This year the Feast of the Assumption of the BVM on 15 August falls on a Sunday, so there is no extra Holy Day of Obligation

TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US ...

One of the best things Nigel Farage, the controversial and hot-headed Ukip MEP, ever did was that he put Banbury on the map. Inadvertently, of course, but on election day, 6 May, his plane crash made headlines all over the country and in every news item there was a mention that the injured politician was taken to Banbury hospital.

While my fellow Johnny Foreigner correspondent colleagues were busily looking up Banbury on the map, I was watching them with a contented smile: thanks to my friend Frank Steiner I had already been to this beautiful town in Oxfordshire and to each and every one of my colleagues and friends I strongly, and knowingly, recommended a visit once time allowed.

Because this is one of the deepest regrets we foreign correspondents here in Britain have. Life in London is usually so busy and everything in this country is so much focused on the capital that we hardly ever get the chance to discover and explore the beautiful and diverse country that is such a generous host to us.

Would I ever have known about Burton Dassett, Farnborough or Deddington without Frank Steiner and his inexhaustible educational zeal? Luckily, I met Frank, and therefore I am in the hugely privileged position to know Deddington from personal experience.

This also allows me to wholeheartedly support the appeal, as reported in the venerable Parish Council News section of the March issue of the *Deddington News*, that 'the bus company needs to upgrade the bus stops in Deddington'. Equally I share the concern that there is 'no reported progress on the real time indicator board'. This is, I gather, the local way of expressing

utter dismay. Where I live, in the east end of London, there would be a barrage of f- and c-words instead.

Not so in Deddington, sleepy and lovely village, sadly criss-crossed and surrounded by a spider's web of motorways and main roads. Here, in the acoustic shadow (if such a thing exists) of the almighty M40, lies the England we foreigners all dream about and hardly ever see. The pub with the beer garden, the mighty old church, the little Co-op shop and the Thames Valley police which occasionally doubles as a tourist information centre. How reassuring a message this is about crime in the area!

You will find all you ever need and want to know about this lovely little place outside Banbury in the *Deddington News*, an endearing monthly produced with great enthusiasm and professionalism. Here you will learn everything about council affairs, the Mass schedule for the coming months and many other things that shape a community and hold it together.

Browsing through the ads in one of the recent issues I was hugely encouraged that England still has an economic base outside the financial sector. Living within sight of Canary Wharf and dividing most of my professional life between Westminster and the City of London this was some comfort indeed!

For this alone there is reason to salute the *Deddington News*. But more than that I sincerely want to express my admiration for this wonderful publication and the kind of community spirit it equally thrives upon and upholds.

Axel Reiserer, UK correspondent of the Austrian national newspaper Die Presse

PARISH SHOW, 4 SEPTEMBER

In the past two months I have covered entries for the vegetable and flower sections. This month it's the turn of crafts. The cookery section has proved popular in the past and we hope for a similar response this year. There are sections for jam (soft and stoned fruit), jelly, marmalade and chutney. The cake section includes a Victoria sponge, a fruit cake, scones, bread rolls, biscuits and shortbread. There is also an entry for a quiche and new this year for the boys a men-only cake, so all you budding Jamie Olivers, now is your chance! Also new this year is a category for six hen's eggs for those of you with chickens.

The arts section this year will feature photography with photos of a garden, plant or flower, a creature (animal, bird, insect etc), a building and a water scene. In the painting section there are classes for a watercolour landscape, a painting of a flower or plant and a still life with fruit or veg. The craft section will include items of cross-stitch, a hand-knitted adult garment, a hand-knitted accessory and a soft toy.

Once again, there will be a large section for children with age groups for 5 and under, 6–9 years,

and 10–15. There are ten classes for each age group with entries such as: (under-5s) pictures and models of subjects such as a monster, my house, a creature made of vegetables and a decorated biscuit; (6–9s) a photograph of a pet, a collage of paper or fabric, a junk model and a paper aeroplane, a castle made from boxes and four decorated fairy cakes; (10–15s) a photo of a pet, a soft toy, a drawing or painting of a country scene, a person made from vegetables and six sweets/fudge/chocolates.

The full list of categories is on the entry form which will be available from sites around Deddington. So with six weeks of school holidays before the show there are plenty of opportunities to keep your children occupied. Also new this year is a limerick with the first line to be 'A Deddington woman called ...'. Have some fun with that one!

We hope you will enjoy the summer and spend a little time working on your entries. Enjoy yourself preparing and have a great day with your friends on show day. Hope to see you all there on the day.

Stan Nelson, stanley_nelson@hotmail.com

News from Clifton

Blimey, champagne corks are popping all over the place down here this month. Firstly David from St Michael's has won a business award for his company Adaro Red and as a result has Debra Meaden (from *Dragon's Den*) as a mentor. David married TV producer Trina in Deddington early in June and they are looking forward to spending a lot more time in our little corner of heaven, so a belated welcome to them both when they wrench themselves away from their Tuscan honeymoon). More champagne corks for the christening of Eden at New College Chapel, Oxford, by Kirsty and Andy from the Nook (well they didn't actually do the christening of course) after a fairly spectacular party the night before.

And finally we were really proud of Harry Collins who got a podium finish in the Brackley Soap Box Derby from a field of 15 competitors. Really brave considering his dad nearly killed him last year with a cart that rolled over not once but twice. This year he made all three runs without the assistance of the St John's Ambulance Brigade. Harry would like me to thank Louise, Chloe, Olivier, Alice and Hatty who made a fabulous banner and Sandy, Di and Linda who brought them along to support him.

The whole place has been bursting with joy this month and it's been uplifting. It's exactly the sort of karma my therapist thinks will help me feel better.

Martin Bryce, MartinDNBryce@aol.com

News from Hempton

The new doors project at St John's Church is gaining momentum. A donation from the Friends of the Church can be added to a grant from the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. However, more is needed: any donations will be appreciated and can be sent to Mavis Barton, 23 St John's Way or to me at 4 The Lane – many thanks in advance.

Sue and Les Lane of 45 St John's Way will be opening their garden on Sunday 25 July between 2.00 and 5.30pm to raise funds for Katharine House Hospice. This is the last garden to be open in the KH Festival of Gardens scheme that runs from April to July. Sue's garden is evolving, with shrubs, flowers and herbacious borders and lovely views. A mini brass band will be on offer, thanks to Grahame and Ross Wallington, a children's treasure hunt, the hospice stall and cream teas. Entrance is by donation and all funds will benefit nursing care at the Hospice. Let's hope for a nice day (and maybe get Les interested in gardening).

Speeding throughout villages continues to be an issue, including in Hempton. As reported before, the speed indicator did not work on either of the occasions it was tried; let's hope new equipment will give a better result. The new Police Constable for this area, Richard Miller, will no doubt come with new ideas; a new rural Sergeant, Bruce Riddell, will join us shortly.

Les Chappell 338054



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Well, the end of another busy year is looming and we are well underway with our preparations for the end of term events. Year 6 pupils are preparing their leavers' service in the Church on the last day of term. This is always an emotional event for all concerned and I am sure we will all have our tissues at the ready as we bid them farewell. We wish them good luck as they move on to the next stage of their education.

Sports morning, which we had at the end of May, was hugely successful and although the wind was chilly the sun shone for us. Congratulations to all the pupils in Castle Grounds on winning the event this year. We also had a very enjoyable activity week which covered art, music, sport and dance. The children were busy making and doing all week! We have just had all our arts endeavours recognised with the presentation of the national Artsmark Award. We have all worked very hard to gain this so well done to Mrs Haselgrove and all the staff and pupils.

This end of term will be one of change for Deddington School as staff move on to pastures new. Mr Fane will be leaving us after nearly five years at the school. He will be greatly missed and we wish him all the very best at his new school. Mrs Sampson will also be going on maternity leave and we await the exciting news of a new arrival for the Sampson family in September. I myself move on to a bigger school in Witney after six years here. The time has flown by and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, pupils, governors, parents and the church communities who have been so supportive of both me and the school. I hope I have made it a special place in the community that is valued and appreciated. It has been a privilege to be the headteacher of such a fantastic school and I wish it even greater success in the future.

Judith Tinsley, Headteacher 338430

PFSU and Village Nursery

We are already half way through the final term of the school year. This time of year is always busy with outings planned and our children preparing to move up to the PFSU or on to school. We are looking forward to our joint Nursery and PFSU Sports Day, on the school field on Friday 2 July. Also coming up on Saturday 17 July is the Monte Carlo Casino Night, our major fund-raising night of the year. Please support us as we really do rely on the funding this event generates. Tickets at £20 include a welcome drink, two-course dinner, two live bands and gaming money. There will be a bar, auction, raffle and four gaming tables. Tickets are available from the PFSU and Nursery. We have places available at both settings from September so if you would like to find out more, receive a prospectus or come and visit us to see what we do, please get in touch. Deddington PFSU (337484) for children aged 3–4 (in their pre-school year); Deddington Village Nursery (337383) for children aged 2+.

Lucy Squires 337484

PTA

Once again I am writing this just before one of our major fund-raising events and can only hope for warmth and sunshine for our Summer Fete. So much time and preparation has gone into the event and I hope everyone has a fabulous time! I'd like to thank all those who have supported it in one way or another. Many thanks in particular to the Deddington Market Group for the loan of the market stalls together with a superb raffle prize. Thanks also to the Deddington Arms and the Peach Pub Company for very kindly donating the two major prizes in our raffle. Many other local businesses also contributed to our raffle for which we are very grateful. It is fantastic the way the whole community comes together to support our village school. A huge thank you! Lastly, we must not forget *everyone* who gave up time to help and for all the generous donations we received. It is very much appreciated.

Well that is nearly it for the 2009–10 fundraising year. We have had a great time, worked extremely hard and we hope to have been able to raise in excess of £10,000 (including monies raised at the fete) which will be used to provide more laptops and a charging trolley for our children [the mind boggles! – *Ed.*]. Confirmation of the final sum raised this year will appear in the next issue of *DN*. Very many thanks for your tireless support – we couldn't do it without you!

Janet Watts, PTA Chair 337135



We have lift off! Deddington Library is getting ready to launch children into orbit for an intergalactical adventure that will keep them reading throughout the school summer holidays ... with Space Hop, the 2010 Summer Reading Challenge. It's all free and fun, which is out-of-this-world news for parents!

The Summer Reading Challenge adventure starts on Saturday 10 July and runs throughout the summer holidays. Join Finn, Jessie, Nabil and Safiya – the crew of the *Ex Libris* – as they embark on their mission to set up the first lunar library. But watch out for those dastardly Spacekatz who might lead them into the nearest black hole ...

When children register at the library, they are given a fold-out poster and holographic membership card. They then embark on their mission to read six books. There are three stages: Blast Off!, Space Race and Lunar Landing, each with great prizes and scratch and sniff stickers. New this year are glow-in-the-dark spinners and buzz cards. When children complete their challenge, they are awarded a rainbow pencil, certificate and medal.

An interactive Space Hop (www.spacehop.org.uk) website has also just been launched, linking children with top authors and illustrators, and giving them space to talk about their favourite books and share reading ideas. Look out for great new books, Space Hop puzzles, and activities at the library too!

Stella O'Neill, Library Manager 338391

WELL REMEMBERED

KATHLEEN BUSHELL (1933–2010)

Just over 98 years ago a ship sailed out of Belfast, Northern Ireland. On board was a certain Mr John Huddleston, a master carpenter who was engaged with finishing off the grand staircase and the captain's cabin. When the vessel reached Liverpool, John disembarked – which was fortunate as the ship was the *Titanic*. He returned to Barrow-in-Furness, married and raised a family; Kathleen was the youngest of the five children.

Kath qualified to undertake the residential care of children, taking up a position in Frodsham, Cheshire. A year later she was in North London where she worked at the Caxton Chocolate Company, becoming PA to the retail sales manager. This is where she met Brian and they married in March 1962. They have one son, Timothy, who lives in Milton Keynes with Sarah and children Hannah and Samuel.

Brian and Kath lived in Enfield and became involved in running a Young People's Fellowship at Bush Hill Park Methodist Church. Kathleen also assisted the Methodist archivist Rev Dr John Bowmer in cataloguing the life and activities of John Wesley. She was church secretary for a number of years and also an active member of the weekly luncheon club, providing meals for the elderly.

In 1988 the Caxton Chocolate site was closed and relocation to Deddington followed. Kath was a bit concerned about moving away from the big conurbation of Enfield, but she soon adapted to the rural life because Deddington folk made us so welcome.

Kath helped out at Marlborough Road Methodist Sunday School and the Youth Club management team for some time.

Throughout our married life Kath always supported me in my Boys' Brigade activities including attending a large number of annual camps. At a group camp

meeting in March 2003 she showed some distress whilst managing the preparation of the food for lunch. Kath was not her usual bubbly self at camp that August, and the following February Alzheimers was confirmed. Kath seemed to take this news very calmly. She will be sadly missed.

Brian Bushell 338715

MARY HAYWOOD

Born in 1916, Mary was brought up in Croydon. She had an aptitude for maths and her first job was in the accounts department at Croydon Airport, working for Imperial Airways. Mary married in 1937 and her husband's work as an electrical engineer meant a peripatetic existence prior to the war. The war years saw Mary in Weston-super-Mare working in accounts for the Bristol Aeroplane Company. In the 1940s two sons were born. The family lived for a while in Wales and then moved to Chingford. Besides having a part-time job as a receptionist at Claybury Hospital, Mary became wardrobe mistress for the Chingford Amateur Dramatic and Operatic Society and played bridge, at which she was highly proficient, as much as she could. Bridge was a great part of her life in Deddington, to which she came in the late 1970s, and continued to be so following her move to Featherston House and despite failing eyesight. This playing on heroically was one manifestation of her strength of will and firmness of purpose; she was a 'character' who made her mark on Deddington, where she will be missed. **HW**

Beyond the Call of Duty!

In spite of two broken bones in her right wrist, Pat Swash – without a word of complaint – gallantly joined me as usual to print the June DN in the sweltering heat of the upper room at the Windmill. How's that for devotion to *Deddington News*! Our thanks and appreciation to Pat. **RJ**



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Maurice Frost Festival, 15–16 May

Volcanic ash, visa issues and the British Airways strike added to the excitement in the days leading up to the Maurice Frost Festival. Would our visiting choirs from Sweden and South Africa get here? Preparations for the Festival began over two years ago and it would be a shame if things fell apart at the last minute. But, as they say, 'Che sera, sera' ...

But everyone got here, no one, through the generosity of Deddingtonians and others, had to sleep on the street, complicated catering was managed with aplomb, the Deddington hostellers and Bakers Coaches did us proud, bishops preached, the community gathered – and the singing was great.

The Choir of the Church of the Resurrection sang (and danced) to raise awareness of the huge problem of HIV/AIDS in South Africa. At the sign-off concert in Bloxham School, pupils and staff were wowed by the energy and verve of African sound and movement. An extremely large donation from the School towards the Tsogo Centre for children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS in Mafikeng/Mmabatho was received with great gratitude.

It went beyond Deddington on Radio Oxford and over the internet – people in Sweden and elsewhere tuned in to the Sunday morning Eucharist – some service! The Swedes joined our own choir and the Boys' Brigade brass to bring off a difficult Vaughan Williams piece, there was African – and Swedish – music and Setswana and Swedish as well as English were used in said parts of the service, which has probably never happened before anywhere. You can find a recording

of this service and other Festival items (and a lot else besides) on www.deddingtonchurch.org.

Maurice Frost, our former Vicar, would have liked best the traditional Evensong sung splendidly on the Saturday evening by the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor and featuring a composition commissioned for the occasion by the distinguished composer Cecilia McDowall. Dr Frost would have been intrigued, too, by the hymn and reminiscence session on Sunday afternoon when a number of those who knew him contributed anecdotes – always interesting to find out how others see you! – and he would have been touched by the exhibition mounted about him and the Deddington Choir of which he was such a supporter. (Copies of the excellent brochure produced to complement the exhibition are still available in the Church.)

There were many other wonderful moments: the Africans and the School together in Church for an Ascension Day Eucharist, and balloons flying away from the tower; the Swedish rite Eucharist in Hempton the same day, and that cake! the Afro-Anglo-Swedish toyi-toyi in celebration across the green, which brought people running with their cameras. The Festival was about recognising a contribution to Church music made by a Deddingtonian and about demonstrating how Church music can help to bind together communities widely separated geographically and culturally. It was also about having fun: there was much joy and our visitors loved it. Thanks to all of you who joined in and made it happen.

HW



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Please use your police office. It is staffed by a dedicated team of volunteers who deal with general enquiries, requests to produce vehicle documents, lost property, etc. If you need to attend a police station, before driving to Banbury or Kidlington, please consider whether you could just as easily deal with your local Deddington office.

Do you have an interest in the police, public service or volunteering? PC Miller would like to hear from anyone interested in giving a few hours a week to help run your office. By having more volunteers we can use this valuable service to its maximum, enabling greater partnership between public and police. Full training and support will be given, resulting in a recognised volunteer's qualification.

If you have any problems or concerns please drop into the office or call the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number on 08458 505 505 or email banburyruralneighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. In an emergency please dial 999. A 'Have Your



Say' meeting will be held at the CDC offices at Bodicote House between 4 and 8pm on Friday 6 August 2010. Please feel free to drop in to meet the team.

The office opening hours are: Monday 12.00–16.00, Tuesday 12.00–16.00, Saturday 09.00–12.00. **RM**

From the Festival: *Carmina Burana*

On 19 June, singers from Deddington and county-wide choral societies joined together for a day of intense rehearsal, culminating in an evening performance of Carl Orff's 1930s' setting of 13th-century secular poems, *Carmina Burana*. Solo voices, two choirs and orchestra combine to create a dazzling sound, at times a pastiche of early music, at others 30s' kitsch, raucous and tender in turn, full of rhythmic vitality and percussive surprises. It has proved ever popular with audiences for nearly 80 years, and this performance was no exception. Conducted with skill and evident enjoyment by Martin Quinn, the Akeman Voices formed the core of the chorus, with some of the rest of us reading the music for the first time. The language proved the most difficult part, a mixture of middle English Latin with goodness knows what else. It always seems a pity if the singers, let alone the audience can't understand the words. The solo voices were presented with excruciatingly difficult passages well beyond the pitch range of 'regular' music. Baritone Robert Davies was outstanding, soprano Lara Martins' voice sailed into the stratosphere, as did the conductor's when he sang the only tenor solo from the podium. The two pianists and the multiple drum and percussion players provided exciting and vivid colour to the accompaniment. That glass of wine at the end was most welcome and well earned.

Donald Lane 337199

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

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

5th July – Mr. Stilgoe bought us an Alderney cow at Auction at the Red Lion Hotel, Banbury, with a cow calf by her side – 2 years old – price £17.

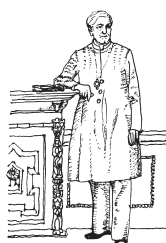
10th July – Our first Archery Meeting took place in the Castle Grounds today – and ended with a Dance – about 70 persons were present and the whole thing passed off very satisfactorily.

12th July – Holford and I started by the first train for Oxford to be present at the Assizes where we had 2 cases for trial – Lucy Tysoe for Arson at Deddington and John Clarke of Duns Tew for stealing 10 fleeces of wool from his Master, Mr. Dashwood. They were both found guilty – the former received 5 years penal servitude as her sentence, the latter 4 months imprisonment in the House of Correction with hard labour.

13th July – Attended the Law Court today and heard an interesting case against a quack doctor at Brighton for unskilful treatment of a bad knee in the

person of a Farmer and Horse Dealer of Chipping Norton who put himself under his care whilst at Brighton in 1857, 58 and 59. The case was tried by a special Jury who gave the plaintiff £300 damages.

18th July – A total eclipse of the sun took place between 1 & 2 pm, lasting till about 3 pm, it was very visible.



21st July – Holford and I heard a case against a boy named Coles for robbing his Master (under the Juvenile Offenders Act), which being clearly proved we committed him to the House of Correction with Hard Labour for 14 days and to be once well whipped.

24th July – The Inspector of Police came and reported two tramps in custody from Abingdon – they were found sleeping in Mrs. Hatten's hovel near the road side – they stated themselves to be butchers out of employ – they had two dogs with them. Dismissed them with a reprimand.

28th July – I heard from Mr. Courtenay again stating that the Windsor Chapter would give £100 towards the purchase of Hempton Chapel conditionally – as stated in his letter.

Buffy Heywood 338212

FIRE STATION

This month we have had 23 calls, of which nine were fires, and one a road traffic collision at Souldern. The fires were varied, and include a house fire in Portway, Banbury, in which sadly one woman died. We also attended a fire in Deddington in the early hours of the morning, which we believe was started by a candle which burnt through the garden table it was standing on. This in turn set fire to a wooden structure and pergola, which then burnt the outside of the wooden kitchen window, and through the main electricity cable feeding several properties. We were met with quite a spectacular display of mini explosions, so much so that I thought that fireworks were involved. The residents did have a working smoke alarm and they were alerted to the danger before the incident had time to escalate into a more serious house fire.

We have been making use of the summer evenings to do practical drills. This has given our newest member Richard, a chance to become familiar with our kit since he has been certified as safe to ride the appliance. The previous weeks involved lots of ladder and pump drills to ensure that he can function as a crew member at incidents.

Some of us are training for the Adderbury half marathon on 10 July. We will be running primarily to raise funds for the Firefighters Charity, along with another charity yet to be named. We have all been so busy that we have left it slightly late for fundraising, so I hope that you will support us by putting some of your extra cash into our buckets at the local fetes that we are attending over the coming weeks or perhaps sending us a cheque to the fire station for the attention of our charity organiser, Firefighter Adam Franklin.

Finally we had a request to remove an article of clothing from the flagpole at the British Legion club. Realising that this might cause a distraction to passing motorists we rescued the article and if the owner would like to call in at the station we would be happy to return it. We will as always be discreet to avoid any unnecessary embarrassment!

F/F Graham Harding

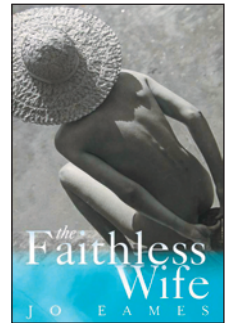
Our local fire engine and firefighters Tim Parker and Richard Day at the recent PTA fête



DEDDINGTON WRITER PUBLISHES NOVEL

Jo Eames, who has lived in Deddington for nine years, has published her first novel. *The Faithless Wife* is a story of love and loss set on the island of Menorca, a place Jo has been visiting and learning about for over 20 years. The book tells two intertwining stories, one from the present day and one from the Spanish Civil War, in which the island played a surprising and little-known role.

Typeset and printed in England, and with a cover designed in Banbury, the book is the first product of Jo's newly formed Peach Publishing, an offshoot of the 'reader-friendly' Peach Pubs. Jo believes pubs are great places to host reading groups. The book was on sale at the June Deddington Farmers' Market, and is also available direct from www.peachpublishing.co.uk or by contacting Jo at jo.eames@peachpublishing.co.uk. *The Faithless Wife* is £9.99 in paperback, including a £1 donation to CancerResearchUK for each copy sold.



MR

FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

Two months ago I reported on the good press that Daeda's Wood had received recently. This month we provided publicity for the Woodland Trust. As the first of the Woods on Your Doorstep, Daeda's Wood, together with eight other woods, was used for a promotional film for the Woodland Trust's latest project.

The wood looked good with plenty of colour from buttercups, campion and meadow cranesbill. On the previous day, Sylvie and I had heard chiffchaff, willow warbler and black cap and Sylvie commented that it was good to know that some of our summer visitors from Africa had found us. In contrast, on the day of filming tractors prevailed, unfortunately.

Please keep the reports coming; a couple of weeks ago, Jill Cheeseman told us of a day when the wood was literally swarming with mayfly.

Elsbeth Cox, Chairman 337635
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Down On the Farm

By the time your long-suffering Features Editor has made sense of this, the summer solstice will have come and gone, and on the farm the lazy hazy days of summer are about to get fast and furious. Any day now the ewes will lose their fleeces, not that I will be working up too much of a sweat over this as, due to age and a metal hip, my days in the shearing shed are just a pleasant memory. I have to be content with being the tea boy and keeping the catching pens full. Once the wool is delivered to the grader it will be time to start haymaking, quickly followed by harvest which will signal the mad rush to get next year's crops safely in the ground by November.

The bees made good use of the oil seed rape and are now working the spring beans and clover in the headland strips. This year I decided to experiment with some of the pollen and nectar strips that were due to be replanted. The strips are 8m wide, so we planted 4m with a legume mix and 4m with a phacelia/borage mix which will come into flower just as the clover mix goes over. The clover mix will then be allowed to set seed before being cut with a flail topper. This should bring the strips back into flower in October to give the bees and other insects a top up before winter. That's the theory – we shall have to wait and see if it works.

The saga of the Clifton spring has taken another twist as the water coming out of the damaged drain undermined the carriageway, causing it to collapse.

The drain and the road in this section have been repaired, and only time and the onset of the summer monsoon (which usually arrives just as the combine comes out of the barn) will tell if this repair has solved the problem.

It is often said that we are a nation of animal lovers, and our animal welfare regulations are second to none. But during the recent hot weather when temperatures often went above 25°C, a few of our dog-owning community could be seen on the rights of way on the farm and the Clifton highway out for a run with their pet on a lead. The dogs were visibly distressed, panting hard and trying to keep up. Although the runners went prepared with sun hat and bottle of water there was nothing for the dog.

I have trained and worked sheep dogs and gun dogs all my life and would never allow a dog to work for any length of time in hot weather without a good break in the shade and a swim in the river. Whatever the distance you cover, it will be doubled for your pet, so please, if you must take your pet on your run, take it in the early morning or the cool of the evening, let him have a rest before you make the return trip and take two bottles of water, one for yourself and one for your pet. The combination of heat and dehydration is lethal, especially for dogs, and you could end up returning home without your dog.

George Fenemore 338203



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Photographic Society

At last month's meeting Don Byatt ARPS spoke on 'Keeping it Simple – a talk with digital prints'. Don explained he was one of the early converts to digital photography in 1996 and, since then, his work has been exclusively digital. His preference is to photograph people, animals and other wildlife, although he finds it difficult to resist photographing really unusual landscapes. Emphasising the need for creativity, Don showed a set of his own prints that demonstrated his individual approach to capturing people and wildlife, including cropping photographs to dramatically enhance composition. Don's other interests are macro-photography of flowers and insects and the use of photographic friezes and panels to tell a story; he showed a series of personal photographs that illustrated the points he raised. The presentation concluded with a discussion on the use of photo processing to enhance images, again accompanied by many of Don's personal images. It was an extremely interesting, informative and well-presented talk by a most accomplished photographer. Looking ahead, the Society has several events in the coming months. At 7.30pm on 7 July in the Cartwright Hotel there is a presentation by John Credland APAGB entitled 'Freelance Frenzy – what a freelance photographer does'. For members only there is a summer barbecue on 25 July and a photo-shoot at Ball Colegrave nursery on 1 August. A presentation by member Philip Rigby on 'A visit to Istanbul and an introduction to lightroom', is at 7.30pm on 4 August in the Cartwright Hotel.

John Branton 01295 811071

Deddington Branch Royal British Legion

Just a reminder that we plan to run a weekday trip to Bletchley Park Museum in September (see letters in June *DN*). The cost is about £25: contact David Hood 338200 or Ray Morris 338143 or DeddingtonRBL@aol.com.

We are still looking to co-opt a Secretary and a Treasurer – neither job is particularly onerous or time-consuming but would be extremely helpful in the charity work of Deddington Royal British Legion.

Albert Humphries, Chairman/Secretary 338943

Deddington Royal British Legion Club

We had an active month enjoying our new skittles alley and hosting the DTFC race night, as well as one of our members celebrating his 21st birthday at the club – some really enjoyable evenings. We are continuing to post our events on notices on the club door and gate, which is especially important, as there is no *DN* in August.

We look forward to having our new front windows installed (courtesy of the Lottery Fund) in the next week or two.

A reminder that membership is open to all over 18

(no ex-service requirement), cost £16 per annum, pensioners £11, which includes Branch Membership.

Come and visit us during opening hours Friday 7pm to midnight, Saturday 11am to midnight and Sunday 11am to 6pm. For more details contact as below:

Chairman Raymond Morris 338143, Secretary Nina Fairns 338878, DeddingtonRBL@aol.com

Book Club

In May we read *The Broken Word* by Adam Foulds. This is a narrative poem depicting an 18-year old boy's brutal transition from innocent teenager to manhood during the Mau Mau rebellion in 1950s Kenya. The story features some barbaric acts of violence, but the writing, while shocking, is full of strikingly beautiful descriptive language. The author's clever, vivid use of language allows him to convey the story concisely in a few well-chosen words. Recommended.

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting is 30 September. Please call for the title of the next book.

Sally Lambert 338094

Deddington Town Football Club

The beautiful game. Theatre of the working class. Soccer. Whatever you call it, football is pretty glorious and never more so than right now at 'the greatest show on earth'. No, not the circus, the World Cup! But I digress. Let us reflect on a glorious period entirely within our own parish. Deddington First Team have been promoted to the Premier Division, so top class football awaits our intrepid populace next season, while the Reserves have another trophy on the sideboard to go with last season's two. In deference the club held a presentation evening to decide which heroes deserved special recognition and the winners are as follows:

First team top scorer: Simon Hall; first team players' player: Simon Hall; first team manager's player: Steven Flemming; reserves top scorer: Mikey Large; reserves players' player: Rob Bradford; reserves manager's player: Tom Stevens; 'clubman' of the year: Marc Walker; young player of the year: Joe Thornton.

So kudos to these stallions who fought on when all around were falling, who never stopped believing and who kicked down the bolted door. Save some of your applause also for the unsung heroes without whose tireless efforts the club could not prepare the pitch, changing rooms or events. They know who they are and most likely so do you. As for my World Cup predictions, let me just say this: only seven teams have ever won the tournament. As we can rule out France, I'd say the winner would most likely come from the six remaining teams: Italy, Brazil, Argentina, Germany, England or.... Uruguay. Stranger things have happened. Hope to see you all pitch-side next season with your vuvuzelas at the ready!

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CALLING MORE CLUBS

Deddington Youth Club

Our very own business initiative – face and body painting – is up and running at the Farmers' Market. Look out for our VW camper van and beautifully painted customers – we would love you all to pay us a visit to boost our Youth Club funds.

We still have several busy weeks left this term and would like to thank all our volunteers and helpers, in particular Ken Wilkinson for his many years of voluntary support. Ken continues to be a very popular member of our team and we are extremely appreciative of his time, enthusiasm and commitment to the Club.

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Ruth Power (woolsmith), a member of the Hook Norton Guild, was our speaker at our meeting on 8 June. Ruth, seated at her spinning wheel, had several items for display made from the finished cloth, together with many skeins of wool spun from various sources. Ruth explained how colours were obtained using vegetable dyes and passing around a skein of wool for members to handle, invited a member to try her hand (and foot) on the wheel. After taking some questions Ruth was warmly applauded and Betty Davies gave a vote of thanks.

A successful cake and plant stall was held in the Market Place on 12 June. Thanks to all members who donated to it and helped on the day.

Rene Mahony 338438

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

Our always-popular Burford golf day was held on Monday 14 June. Although it rained on the journey to the course, it was actually dry when we got there. The weather stayed fine all day as 36 golfers turned out (some in very bright colours!) for a wonderful day of golf. John Stiff was the overall winner and took home a fantastic vase for first place! Full details can be found on Deddington OnLine. Our next event is the annual Deddington decampment, this year to Tewkesbury Park Hotel and Golf Club. This two-day event on 18–19 July is our massive fundraising effort in aid of Katharine House Hospice.

David Darst 338589

Deddington Players

Don't forget the AGM on Monday 12 July at 7.30pm at the Holly Tree. This is where we make our plans for the coming year, so if you'd like to be involved it would be great to see you. Everyone is welcome.

Lucy Squires 338442

1st Deddington Brownies

Our budding gardeners have now turned their talents to art, spending a messy evening in Brown Owl's garden decorating plant pots. Some of these may

well have ended up as Father's Day presents, so we hope you liked them! A slightly less sunny evening was spent in the hall learning skipping rhymes and trying them out. By the time you read this it will almost be the summer holiday. Have a good one!

Lucy Squires 338442

Deddington and District History Society

On 19 June Liz Woolley, our May speaker, gave many of us a guided tour of St Thomas's parish in West Oxford. Though greatly changed since it was regarded as a 'no-go' area for the respectable, it remains all but unknown to most of us. It retains many links with the past, all of which Liz introduced us to in one of our most interesting and enjoyable excursions. It was a terrific event, and we are very grateful to Liz for her expert guidance. We shall invite Liz to speak to us again at the earliest opportunity.

By the time this appears we shall have welcomed members of the Adderbury History Society, who we shall treat to a conducted tour of Deddington and to refreshments, as a thank you for their hospitality last year.

Our programme will recommence on Wednesday 8 September, when Deborah Hayter, who has been such a success on previous visits to the Society, will speak on 'The 17th-Century Village'. We shall provide members with the new season's programme in good time. Anyone interested in joining us need only turn up at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm on 8 September to be assured of a warm welcome.

Chris Day, Chairman 337204

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Farmers Market

The next Farmers' Market will be on 24 July and to serenade us whilst market shopping, the popular Jug Band, once described as 'the drinking man's Pink Floyd', will be visiting us again.

The Farmers' Market has provided the hanging baskets that are now enhancing the Town Hall and Library buildings in Deddington. The management committee decided to sponsor the hanging baskets as a way of saying thank you to the village for its support of the market over the years. The baskets were made up by Jean and Patrick Gardner from Upper Grove Mill Nursery at Bloxham, who trade at the Farmers' Market each month and grow all the plants themselves.

A business from the market has been a finalist in a new section of 2010 Oxford Business Awards. Congratulations to the Meat Joint who are one of the three finalists in this competition.

Several traders would like to come to Deddington market if only we had space. New stalls do appear from time to time, and it's worth having a look at them as they are selected to make sure that they can offer the quality and value that you have come to expect.

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