

'224'?

First of all, welcome to *224*, the brand-new newsletter of the Deddington & District History Society.

If you are wondering why on earth it is called *224* you have a chance to do a bit of thinking. Your committee spent a good deal of time trying to think of a short and appropriate name when this rather off-the-wall title was suggested, and accepted.

There is a bottle of bubbly on offer to the member who can come up with the answer—and a consolation prize for the funniest.

Meanwhile *224* doesn't produce itself and if it never has anything in it not written by the committee it will get boring for them and dull for you. Please let me have your letters, ideas and even, in my wildest dreams, articles. Then we might even run to eight pages

Colin Cohen—*editor*

Provisional programme 1999-2000

Many of our speakers have now been booked and are as follows:

10 November: Bridgid Boardman on Mediaeval Gardens

8 December: Christmas Social

12 January: The Oxford Canal (to be confirmed)

Meetings normally take place at the Windmill Centre in Deddington at 7.30 on the second Wednesday of the month.

The Deddington & District History Society: what it's for:

The Society's aims are succinctly expressed in its constitution as:

- 1 To foster interest in the history and archaeology of the area,
- 2 To preserve records and objects relating to the history and archaeology of the area,
- 3 To carry out surveys of local buildings, churchyards, fields, hedgerows, and other objects of historical interest,
- 4 To record all work carried out on behalf of the Society,
- 5 To place copies of such records in the Society's archives and in the archives of such county and national organisations as may be interested.

Even in brief summary form, that is an impressive agenda. We can claim to be actively furthering number one on that list through our regular lecture series, which has been gratifyingly successful. Fulfilling the other four aims, however, will require us to expand our activities into other areas. There are various ways in which that can happen. It is possible, for instance, that the evening class (attended by several Society members) that has just started at the primary school with the purpose of undertaking an intensive study of sixteenth-to-eighteenth-century local wills and inventories will form the basis of a longer-term project, perhaps leading to publication. The Society's committee has talked over the possibility of carrying out a measured survey of property frontages in the older parts of Deddington, with the aim of trying to determine the location and dimensions of the original burgage plots of the borough, probably laid out in the late twelfth century. We would also like to undertake some field walking to see what we can discover in the way of archaeological fragments such as mediaeval or even Roman pottery. There are lots of interesting house histories to be followed up, and it would be good to have authoritative histories of the area's schools and of its inns and pubs.

There is almost no end to the list of things that could be done. Such activities will, of course, depend on tapping the energies and enthusiasm of our members. But they will be essential to the Society's long and successful life: without such variety we shall slip into being merely a lecture group likely to run out of steam after a few years. Needless to say, we would love to hear about any work currently being undertaken and about any of your ideas for new projects. This newsletter will provide news of what you are all up to, and a vehicle for publishing your findings.

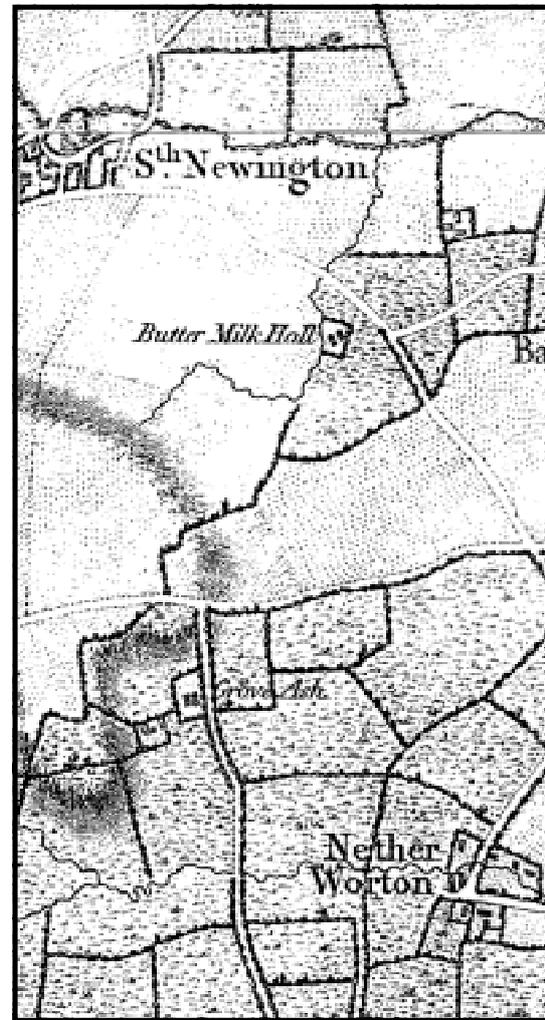
Just remember, if you don't call us we shall start calling you!

Chris Day—*Chairman*



Our first year included two 'non-lecture' events, something we are working on for the 1999-2000 programme.

These pictures show (above) members and friends enjoying a warm summer evening and the cold bubbly at Rousham Park and (below) as guests of the Adderbury History Society, in the gentle autumn rain on a conducted walk. (Photos: Eliane Aubain and Colin Cohen.)



Extracted from the Davis survey of Oxfordshire, in particular the background shading. At first glance the lines represent the boundaries of the pre-Enclosure Act, but should be interpreted with caution: for instance in this

Christmas entertainment

This Christmas, we are planning an 'entertainment' on a do-it-yourself basis. This would comprise a series of Christmas readings of a loosely historical nature.

Ideally, we would like local memories/occasions/happenings from members' own experiences.

But what we do want are volunteers: either to present your own reminiscences, or we can supply a suitable passage for your to read.

How about it?

'224' is the newsletter of the Deddington & District History Society, published three times a year and distributed free to members. The Society meets on the second Wednesday of the month during the season, normally at the Windmill Centre in Deddington.

Membership £7/12 pa single/couples, or £2 per meeting at the door.

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ire made in 1793 Most reproductions of this map have been very pale and as a result the fainter detail has been lost, in
 lance its regularity makes it look as if it might be a regular tint laid by the engraver. On closer examination it looks as if it may
 open fields—the only survey to show this detail. However, as with many surveys of the period precise detail must be
 case the field boundaries that are shown seem not to coincide with those of the present day.

Chipping Norton and Northwest Oxfordshire lecture series

The landscape of northwest Oxfordshire covers river valleys and limestone uplands, the remains of the Forest of Wychwood, and historic towns including Chipping Norton and Woodstock. The five speakers in this lecture series (organised by Rewley House, the University of Oxford Department for Continuing Education) will focus on the Chipping Norton area and the countryside of northwest Oxfordshire over 2,000 years of history and onwards into the future.

Tickets £20 for the series or £5 at the door. For more information call 01865 270391/270368 or 01608 641644.

The programme of talks takes place at Chipping Norton Town Hall on

Wednesdays at 7.30 and is as follows:

20 October 1999

The Romans in Northwest Oxfordshire, Paul Booth of the Oxford Archaeological Unit

27 October

The Anglo-Saxons in Northwest Oxfordshire, John Blair, The Queen's College, Oxford

3 November

Northwest Oxfordshire in the Middle Ages, John Steane, Consultant Archaeologist

10 November

Rebuilding the Landscape: the Chipping Norton area 1600–1900, David Eddershaw, Chairman, The Chipping Norton Society

17 November

The Chipping Norton area in the Twentieth Century and beyond, Mike Breakell, Oxford Brookes University.

Subscriptions for 1999-2000

Membership fees of £7 for singles or £12 pa for couples are now due, or you can pay £2 per meeting at the door.

Future newsletters and other information will only be sent to paid-up members.

Oxfordshire Family History Society

Saturday 16 October at Exeter Hall, Kidlington, 10am–4pm

An open day including a display by family history societies and other similar organisations, book, fiche and postcard sales, computer and Internet demonstrations and research facilities.

Free admission and parking

Membership report

Membership of the Society grew rapidly in the first few months to well over 60 people; at the end of our first year we now have 74 members. As expected they come in the main from Deddington, Hempton, Clifton and the Barfords, but a few come from Banbury and Bodicote for our meetings.

Members have been unfailingly supportive, enthusiastic and appreciative, helping on occasions with chairs in a crowded hall, pouring the coffee and always with interesting questions for our varied speakers.

It was wonderful to see so many enjoying the 'grand finale' at Rousham; we hope to see you all again during our second year and look forward to your ideas for yet more stimulating historical evenings.

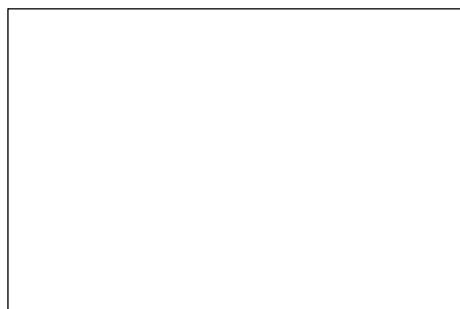
Sue Shattock—*Treasurer*

Deddington History

OnLine

The History Society and the editorial group of Deddington OnLine, the community web site, are working together to make historical material about the parish available on the web site. Some information is already there and over the next few months the history pages will be restructured and fleshed out. If you have any ideas about what information, be it text, data or images, we should put onto the history pages, please contact any member of the History Society committee.

If you have a computer and a connection to the Internet you can view the web site at <http://www.deddington.org.uk>. Alternatively, there is a computer in Deddington Library that holds a complete copy of the Deddington OnLine web site.



DEDDINGTON PAPER-MILL

Frances Wakeman

Deddington village, north of Oxford is situated near the River Swere, a tributary of the River Cherwell. At one time there were three mills in Deddington, but only one of them was a paper mill. Bobenhill mill was leased to Nicholas Trippet in 1583. He built a new corn mill in the mid-sixteenth century, known as King Mill or Old Mill. In 1660 Christopher Doyley of Adderbury asked leave of John Cartwright to convert Old Mill into a paper mill, but presumably it was not until 1684 when Michael Hutton of Hampton Gay made a similar proposal that the conversion began¹. There is no information available about the size of the mill or its production. However Michael Hutton died in 1716 and an inventory of his goods and chattels was made by his executors. The total of his goods came to £103. 5s. 3d. of which £29. 2s. 4d. was the value of paper, rags and other materials. His will mentions his five children, Michael, John, Thomas, Jane and Anne, for whom his goods and chattels were to be used for their livelihood, education and maintenance².

Papermaking at the mill was possibly continued by the Hutton family as in 1742 Thomas Hutton is recorded as taking an apprentice, Thomas Jomson³. By 1767 the papermaker was John Emberlin who insured his stock and drying house⁴. He is recorded as taking an apprentice Nathaniel Turner in 1768⁵. John Emberlin continued in business for several years and died at the age of 73⁶. His will dated 1 May, 1798 was proved on 23 March, 1799. Apart from bequests to his daughter and the children of his late son, Edwin he left the Messuage and Tenement of the mill to his son, John Emberlin⁷. John Emberlin II was recorded at the mill in the *London Gazette* of 6 May 1815 and he was granted the Excise Licence No. 257 in October 1816. The Emberlin family continued at the mill for many years. The Excise Number 257 was granted to Maria Emberlin on 31 August 1819, to William Emberlin on 28 November 1832, and again on 20 July, 1835 and to John Emberlin 27 October, 1837. The latter, born 1814, may have been a son of John Emberlin II, who died in 1836.

By 1833 Mrs, Emberlin was in financial difficulties and the mill's equipment was put up for sale as bankrupt stock⁸. However the Emberlin family continue to be recorded in the directories as follows:

1844 John Emberlin

1846 Sophia Emberlin

1847 Mrs. Sophia Emberlin

1854 Mrs. Elizabeth Emberlin.

According to the 1861 Census Joseph Hobday was the paper manufacturer at this mill employing two men and three women, but in 1870 the mill was reconverted to a corn mill and Christ Church bought the site in 1907. According to Mr. R. V. Clarke some of the cottages survive and some papermaking equipment is preserved.

CENSUS

1841 John Emberlin Paper manufacturer

Henry Malins (17)
Papermaking Apprentice

John Malins PaperMaker

My thanks are due to David Vaisey and Michael Twyman (formerly and presently of the Bodleian Library) for the use of their notes.

¹ Northants R.O: C (A) 4610. xx 2V. 8790 and C (A) 5990, 5996 for leases to Hutton in 1685 and 1707.

² Oxfordshire R.O: Oxford Wills Deddington 133/5/12.

³ 'Shorter' A. G. B. 50/80 (1742).

⁴ S. F. I. P. 249283.

⁵ A. B. P. R. O. I. R. I. 57/48.

⁶ Deddington Parish Registers.

⁷ Oxfordshire R.O: Oxford Wills Series I, vol 27, 1797-1804.

⁸ Christ Church archives Ms Estates. 70. f190 and *Oxford Journal* 31 January 1835.

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