

**T**he Sponsored Ride or Stride features on this year's DN cover as the event includes the three churches in Deddington, and Hempton church which is noted for the hospitality it provides for its visitors. Now is not too soon to get ready for the annual Bicycle Ride, a nationwide event on the 2nd Saturday in September. In Oxfordshire it has recently been renamed the Ride or Stride (StRide) to include walkers. 540 churches are visited by over 900 cyclists and walkers, and at least 2,000 people help keep these churches open from 10am to 6pm. StRiders are sponsored for the number of churches they can visit in the day. Ask Jane Green - 337837 - for a list of the churches taking part, so as to work out a route - together with forms to collect sponsors. Hempton, the Barfords, South Newington,

Milcombe, Bloxham, Bodicote, Adderbury and Deddington make a possible circuit for cyclists - plus Banbury for the energetic, many of whom roam even further afield. Or bus into Oxford and make a circuit on foot of its wide variety of churches. Those who welcome the StRiders at churches on 8 September can also be sponsored - even for keeping their traps shut for 8 hours!

Since it was started in 1986 the annual ride has raised over £1.5 million, half of which has gone to the churches nominated by the participants and the other half to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. Last year the Trust gave £216,300 to 41 churches; it gave £2000 to our Wesleyan Chapel the year before. **CH** (see advert on page 9)



### July Diary

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| Sun | 1  | Festival: Art Exhibition, Holly Tree, 10 am-4 pm.  |
| Sun | 1  | Deddington Guided Walk: Meet outside the Town Hall, 2pm.   |
| Sun | 1  | Brian Kay, <i>But What Do You Do For A Living?</i> , Parish Church, 7.30 pm > <b>p.5</b>           |
| Mon | 2  | Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am  |
| Mon | 2  | Deddington Colts: AGM, Deddington Arms Hotel, 7.30pm > <b>p.14</b>                                 |
| Tue | 3  | Stekpanna: Royal British Legion, 7.30pm > <b>p.5</b>   |
| Wed | 4  | Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm.  |
| Sat | 7  | Nursery & PFSU: Fundraising party, <i>Grass Skirts &amp; Loud Shirts</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Sat | 7  | Reading Male Voice Choir, <i>Songs from The Shows</i> , Parish Church, 7.30 pm > <b>p.5</b>        |
| Sun | 8  | Deddington Church Choir: Open Day, Parish Church, 3~6pm > <b>p.4</b>                               |
| Tue | 10 | WI: <i>It's a girls' life in the army</i> , Gillian Cane, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm > <b>p.12</b>        |
| Wed | 11 | Deddington Players: AGM / social night, The Unicorn, 7.00 pm > <b>p.14</b>                         |
| Sat | 14 | Friends of Daeda's Wood: annual walk leaving Windmill Centre, 6.00 pm                              |
| Wed | 18 | Parish Council: meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm.   |
| Tue | 24 | PFSU & Village Nursery: annual sports day, 12.15 pm > <b>p.3</b>                                   |
| Thu | 26 | Book Club: call Sally 338094 for venue > <b>p.14</b>   |
| Sat | 28 | Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am-12.30 pm.   |

### August Diary

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|-----|----|--|
| Wed | 1  | Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm.                                |
| Mon | 6  | Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am.         |
| Tue | 14 | WI: outing to Beaulieu House, Grounds & Motor Museum > <b>p.12</b> |
| Wed | 15 | Parish Council: meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm - tbc                  |
| Sat | 25 | Deddington Farmers' Market: 9am-12.30 pm.                          |

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|------------------|--|
| Sun:             | Teas in Church, 3.00 - 5.30pm.                 |
| Mon:             | Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30pm            |
| Mon:             | Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9pm             |
| Mon:             | Bellringing Practice: Parish Church, 7.30-9pm  |
| Tues:            | Craft Group: Holly Tree, 2.15-4.30pm           |
| Tues:            | Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9pm      |
| Every other Wed: | Friendship Club: Windmill, 2.30pm              |
| Wed:             | Boys Brigade Anchor Boys: Windmill Centre, 5pm |
| Wed:             | Boys Brigade Juniors: Windmill Centre, 5.45pm  |

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| Wed: | Tennis Club: 6.15pm till dark                        |
| Wed: | Boys' Brigade Company: Parish Church, 7pm            |
| Thu: | Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10-4pm         |
| Thu: | 1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill, 6-7.30pm              |
| Thu: | 1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill, 7.30-9pm            |
| Fri: | Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30-11am         |
| Fri: | Katharine House Coffee Morning: Parish Church, 10-12 |
| Fri: | Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5pm              |
| Sat: | 'DYG': Parish Church, 6.45-8 pm.                     |

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**Meeting in Town Hall 20 June 2007**

**Present:** Cllrs Squires (Chair), Alton, Anderson, Collins, Ince, Privett, Rollason, Rudge, Spencer, Todd, Watts, Wood, C/Clr Jelf, the Clerk, the Internal Auditor, and 6 members of the public.

Open Forum - Members of the Deddington OnLine editorial group made a visual presentation offering DoL to facilitate communication between the PC and the parish. 60% of the public now have personal access to the worldwide web [plus at the Library]. DoL website receives 1000 visits a day. PC invited to appoint member to DoL group.

New Model Code of Conduct - PC members are required to update their list of registerable interests for CDC, and to declare 'Personal & Prejudicial' interests in agenda items where their judgement might be prejudiced by a personal financial impact. In such cases members will be barred from voting and must absent themselves if item is debated.

**Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) signs:** PC agreed to signs in Hempton and at St Thomas Street junction; cost not to exceed £6k. Interest expressed in further temporary signs in the light of experience.

**Market Place Bus Shelter** - quote accepted for shingle-roofed wooden shelter with seat and laminated glass, and agreed to order separate bicycle rack - applying for 50% grant.

**Doves** - agreed to prevent nesting under Town Hall next season. PC will explore options on re-locating birds to nest boxes.

**Castle Grounds** - agreed to allow Colts to use one pitch area for next two seasons, with agreement that all extra costs will be met by them; no parking to be allowed near castle grounds; games most Sat mornings (trying to avoid market days); goal posts not permanent. CDC consulting to ensure local development plans match provision of pitches to need.

**Teen Scene** - imminent questionnaire to establish options preferred by young adults.

**Planning**

**PC No objection:** (1) Roseleigh, New Street, Deddington: loft conversion with 3 front dormer windows. (2) 1 & 2 Goose Green, Deddington: Fell 1 conifer, 2 hazels, 1 laburnum - CDC tree officer to advise. (3) Emohruo, St Thomas Street, Deddington: 2 storey rear extension. (4) Old Vicarage, Church Street, Deddington: change internal & external doors. (5) 63 Mill Close, Deddington - fell poplar; tree officer to advise replacement. (6) 69 St Johns Way Hempton: 2-storey side extension and alter access (amended). (7) Ilbury House, New Street, Deddington - convert existing building to 2 bedroom dwelling - only as ancillary to main house. (8) The Barnstead, The Lane, Hempton: pave driveway across OCC verge.

**CDC Approvals** (9) Johnson & Co. Chapel Square, Deddington: Fell 1 Holly 1 Ash and 1 Sycamore. (10) 5 The Paddocks, Deddington: 2 storey rear extension, raising roof over existing utility/store area, new vehicular front access - obscured west windows; no additional openings without prior

permission. (11) Ashley House, Chapel Close, Clifton: replace double garage with room above and rebuilding of boundary wall.

CDC consultation on planning applications to be a mix of email and post, plus use of website for online comments.

**Shorts**

- Steward renewing plant troughs around war memorial.
- Village Clean-Up - thanks to those who took part, and Spencers for sponsorship.
- Parking in Clifton - some persistent offenders.
- Earls Lane - Health Centre staff absorb space for patients parking.
- Wheelie Bins - CDC to leaflet those who leave their bins out.
- Windmill Centre access - 'Caution - small children' sign agreed.
- Play Areas - Windmill Centre area closed during repainting.

**PARISH FINANCES**

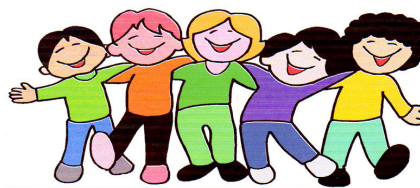
- Invoices passed for payment totalled £6,429.53, including £2749.48 employee costs, £3758.23 grass-cutting & weed control. £70.45 surplus on year 2006/7.
- Investments totalled £555,073.67, of which £13,397.27 Barclays @ 0.1% interest and current account £341,676.40 West Bromwich @ 5.10% overnight; £200,000 Birmingham Midshires 2-year bond @ 5.13%.
- John Suckling thanked for work as Internal auditor.

**NEXT MEETING****Town Hall**

Wednesday 18 July - 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](http://www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes)

**Summer Fun Activities for August**

Children aged 5 – 11 years come along for crafts / tennis / cooking / Chess and other games and much more.

We advise booking early to avoid disappointment for the following workshops at St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church, Deddington:

|                      |                  |
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| • Thursday 2 August  | 10.00 – 12.30 pm |
| • Thursday 9 August  | 10.00 – 12.30 pm |
| • Thursday 16 August | 10.00 – 12.30 pm |
| • Thursday 23 August | 10.00 – 2.00 pm* |

\* Bring and share picnic for parents and siblings follows the end of the session at 12.30pm until 2pm in the Church grounds

Application forms & general enquiries to  
Caroline Tindale 337962  
Sarah Liebrecht 337628  
Sally Haslam 338216

Additional application forms are also available from Deddington Parish Church  
Cost: £1.50 per child per day (please enclose with application form)

Completed application forms and monies to be in no later than the Monday before each activity morning to Caroline, Sarah, Sally, the School Office (during term time) OR to Jane Green at Weston House, Church Street, Deddington (Tel: 337837)

If you are willing to help on any of the above dates please contact Jane Green 337837 or Sally Haslam 338216



**S**ummer is here at last and we have had an incredibly busy time both inside and outside school. Year 2 have visited the Sealife Centre in Birmingham. This was a huge success and greatly enjoyed by the children and staff! Year 4 had their annual residential at Youldbury Scout Camp. They had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the climbing, archery, sketching and eco-activities. My thanks must go to Mr Fane, Mrs Goffe and Mrs Moore for making this trip possible and all their hard work.

Our charity fundraising has also been a success: a grand total of £297.00 was raised for



Katharine House Hospice with our non-uniform day and smoothie-making (a big thank you to our local Co-op and Peach Pubs for their continuing support of this activity). We have also had a great response from the local community with our Sainsbury and Tesco vouchers this year. Many thanks for this: the closing date for these is the end of June.

On a final note I would like to thank all the staff, parents and Governors for all their hard work this year - it has been so successful and this is down to their wonderful work. The pupils have also worked extremely hard and our great results reflect this. **Judith Tinsley 338430**

#### PFSU

Our joint annual Sports Day with the Village Nursery will be held on the last day of term, Tuesday 24 July from 12.15 to 1.45pm. The children will be taking part in the egg and spoon race, obstacle races and the 'balance the bean-bag on your head' race – all technical stuff! Straight on from that event will be our 'Family Fun' afternoon which will include a bouncy castle, face painting and lots more family fun to finish off the term. Children of all ages are welcome. This will also be a lovely way to say a fond farewell to our wonderful Manager Anna Justice who is sadly leaving us to move to Canada. Anna's been such an asset to the village and has worked so hard with her team to provide the community with the fabulous Early Years childcare that we are so lucky to have. Thank you Anna for all your hard work, from the staff, committee, parents but especially the children – we will all miss you.

We need someone to help with lunchtime cover at the PFSU from September from 11.45 to 12.45pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. This is a paid position; please speak to Anna on 337484 if you would like more information

**Emma Thompson**

#### VILLAGE NURSERY

The joint Nursery and PFSU holiday club will run for the first three weeks of the holidays from Monday 30 July. Sessions will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for either a whole day (9am to 3pm) or mornings (9am to 1pm). Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the PFSU and Village Nursery's 'Tropical Beach Party' on Saturday 7th July from 7.30pm at the Windmill Centre. Tickets are £22.50 each and can be purchased from the Nursery (337383), PFSU (337484), and Deddington Antiques Centre.

If you missed our open morning in May but would like to visit the Nursery to discuss available sessions for September please contact Anna on 337383.

**Emma Thompson**

#### PTA

Would we be lucky again this year.....? This was the question foremost in our minds as the Met Office forecast thunderstorms and flash floods timed to coincide with our annual School Summer Fête! However, thankfully, our little part of North Oxfordshire was spared (apart from a short sharp shower towards the end of the afternoon) and our Fête was a huge success. Some even declared it was the best school Fête they had ever visited!!

It was a wonderful afternoon when the community came together to enjoy camel rides, quad bikes, a jousting horse and all the individual class stalls that the children had designed themselves and run. The Toe Heel Stompers gave a great display of line dancing in the arena while the Clifton team (through injury and non-attendance) reluctantly relinquished their Tug-of-War title to the "Camping Dads"!! The fun continued into the evening with our BBQ, licensed bar and some fantastic entertainment thanks to our very own "karaoke king" - Tony Kent! *(Mike - don't give up the day job!!)*

A very BIG thank you must go to everyone who gave up their time to help. We very much appreciate all their hard work and support in helping to make this a very successful and enjoyable afternoon. Thank you also for the most generous donations and sponsorship we have received.

Well, that is nearly it for the 2006/7 fundraising year. We have had a great time, worked extremely hard and are very pleased to have been able to provide essential equipment and resources for the children in our School. Thank you all for your tireless support - we couldn't do it without you!

**Janet Watts and Stella O'Neill Joint PTA Chair**

**PARISH CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL****July**

|      |    |          |                                    |
|------|----|----------|------------------------------------|
| Sun  | 1  | 10.30 am | Ordination Service                 |
| Tues | 3  | 6.30 pm  | Eucharist - St Thomas              |
| Wed  | 4  | 10.00 am | Eucharist                          |
| Thur | 5  | 2.00 pm  | Squeals and Wheels                 |
| Sun  | 8  | 10.30 am | Eucharist                          |
| Wed  | 11 | 10.00 am | Eucharist                          |
| Sun  | 15 | 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayer |
| Wed  | 18 | 10.00 am | Eucharist                          |
| Thur | 19 | 2.00 pm  | Squeals and Wheels                 |
| Sun  | 22 | 8.00 am  | Holy Communion                     |
|      |    | 10.30 am | Morning Worship with Eucharist     |
|      |    | 3.30pm   | 'Free Spirit @ The Windmill'       |
| Wed  | 25 | 10.00 am | Eucharist                          |
| Sun  | 29 | 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (BCP)               |
|      |    | 10.30 am | Mattins (BCP)                      |

**August**

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|------|----|----------|---|
| Wed  | 1  | 10.00 am | Eucharist                                     |
| Thur | 2  | 2.00 pm  | Squeals and Wheels                            |
| Sun  | 5  | 10.30 am | All-Age Morning Praise                        |
|      |    | 6.30 pm  | Evensong                                      |
| Mon  | 6  | 6.30 pm  | Eucharist - Transfiguration                   |
| Wed  | 8  | 10.00 am | Eucharist                                     |
| Sun  | 12 | 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist with Baptism                   |
| Wed  | 15 | 10.00 am | Eucharist - Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Sun  | 19 | 10.30 am | Sung Eucharist (with healing prayer)          |
| Wed  | 22 | 10.00 am | Eucharist                                     |
| Thur | 23 | 2.00 pm  | Squeals and Wheels                            |
| Fri  | 24 | 6.30 pm  | Eucharist: St Bartholomew                     |
| Sun  | 26 | 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (BCP)                          |
|      |    | 10.30 am | Morning Service                               |
| Wed  | 29 | 10.00 am | Eucharist                                     |

**ST JOHN HEMPTON**

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| Suns | 1&15 | 9.00 am | Eucharist |
| Sun  | 22   | 6.00 pm | Evensong  |

**ST JOHN HEMPTON**

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| Sun | 5 & 19 | Eucharist |
| Sun | 26     | Evensong  |

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism: 3 June - Anna Louise Westley, Elizabeth Jane Westley. 10 June - Rebecca Emily Richardson.

Confirmation: 17 June - Patricia Rose Adkins, Karen Sandra Bond, Grace Georgina Hancock, Peter William Treeby Hancock, Maddi Alice Idun, Jane Louise Maharry.

Admitted to Communion: 17 June - Wiliam Liebrecht, Edward Liebrecht, Anna Louise Westley, Elizabeth Jane Westley.

Wedding: 2 June - Ryan Giles Pickering & Lindsey Wright

Bible Study Groups: Contact Jean Welford 338539, Liz Dickinson 337050 or Iain Gillespie 338367 for dates, times & venues.

Charity of the Month - July: N.Oxon Careers Centre - August: Banbury & District Housing Coalition.

Please use the special envelope to put donations [if a taxpayer, in a pink 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 29 July - John Goulder

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street****Joyce Minnear 338529**

Sunday morning services 10.30 am united with Wesleyan Chapel

Sunday afternoon services 3.00 pm Pastor Derek Walker of Oxford Bible Church

**R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY****The Revd A J Burns 277396**

Holy Trinity, Hethe : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats -

5.30~6.00 pm. St George, Adderbury : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm;

Confessions before Mass.

The Feast of the Assumption of the BVM [15 August] is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be said at 7.00 pm on the previous evening at Adderbury, and the Mass of the Feast itself at Hethe at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm.

The Saturday evening Mass at St John's Banbury is said at 4.00 pm to allow Catholics from the villages to attend before the last bus leaves town.

**CHOIR OPEN DAY**

Deddington Church Choir invite past members and friends and all passers-by from the villages to an "At Home" in Deddington Church on Sunday 8 July from 3 to 6 pm! A display is planned with items of Choir history dating back to the late 19th century with many photographs of special events, tapes, even some videos. We would be most grateful to receive addresses of past members who no longer live in the area. The occasion will be very informal and end with song for everybody. Entrance is free, refreshments can be bought.

**Ruth Johnson 338355**

**CHURCH BELLS**

Have you ever wondered how they were rung? There will be an opportunity to find out on Saturday 28 July, the day of the Farmers' Market.

During the morning, the ringing chamber will be open to visitors to see the bells and how they are rung. If you are interested and would like to take a look, please gather at the base of the Church Tower at any time between 10.00am and mid-day where you will met by one of our members.

**Colin Cox**

**Deddington Church Bell Ringers**

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### Deddington Festival 2007

The fifth Deddington Festival is well underway with just a few events remaining:

**Sunday 1 July at 7.30 pm- Brian Kay** concert in the **Parish Church**.

The Festival is indeed fortunate in having a Patron who gives us more than the use of his name for publicity. Brian Kay, the popular broadcaster and concert performer, has kindly offered to stage an evening's entertainment to raise funds for the Festival. Brian will be presenting a One Man Show entitled 'But what do you do for a living?' and we hope that as many people as possible will come along to support his generous contribution to the Festival. The performance will be a mixture of songs and sundry stories drawn from Brian's extensive and varied career as broadcaster, musician and former King's Singer, with Janet Lincé, Festival Artistic Director, providing accompaniment on piano.

**Tuesday 3 July at 7.30- Jazz Trio Stekpanna** at **The Royal British Legion Club**

Stekpanna is an Anglo-Scandinavian contemporary jazz trio, comprising Deddington resident Steve Kershaw, Mads Kjølby (Denmark). and Petter Svård (Sweden). The trio celebrated its tenth anniversary last year and has been internationally acclaimed, having performed in 25 countries. Come along to hear contemporary jazz with a difference.

Steve and his colleagues will also be holding a music workshop at Deddington Primary School, facilitated by Deddington Festival, as part of its

commitment to encourage and support the Arts in the community.

**Saturday 7 July at 7.30 pm - Reading Male Voice Choir** with soloist Lori Tingay in the Parish Church

Reading Male Voice Choir will bring the Festival proceedings to a rousing close in the wonderful setting of the Parish Church. The aim of the Choir, which is closing its 36th season with the performance in Deddington, is not only to entertain but also to help raise funds for charities and worthwhile causes. The proceeds of the concert will be shared with Katharine House Hospice - so we offer no apologies for making this one last call on your purses and wallets. The Choir Secretary, Allen Appleby says 'There couldn't be a better way to end our concert year. The Deddington Festival has achieved so much in its short five years and we're proud to be part of it'.

Tickets for all concerts: Available on the door, from The Deddington Arms, Hayward and White, The Flower Shop, and from the Festival Secretary on 01869 338325.



### Daedas Wood

The annual evening walk to Daedas Wood will take place on Saturday 14 July. Those wishing to walk to the Wood should meet at the Windmill Centre at 6.00pm. Those wishing to meet at the Wood should be there at 6.30pm.

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E-MAIL FROM ANNE HAYWARD, DEDDINGTON  
(Unavoidably held over from last month.)

Rodney and Anne Hayward would like to thank everyone for their cards, letters, visits and good wishes during the last few weeks. Rodney is now recovering and your kindness and support are much appreciated.

FROM JOHN CHENEY, GROVE COURT, DEDDINGTON

A few months ago I wrote a fairly light-hearted letter about the traffic on the main road. I won't be liked for going on about this, but something more must be said. The speed and inconsiderate driving are now perilous. Most car drivers ignore pedestrians. Only lorry drivers (the best on the road) give us a chance.

We have the great and the good and those who are set in authority over us: 1) The Parish Council. 2) CDC (the most zealous tax collectors since Zacchaeus - see St Matthew 19). 3) Oxon C.C. 4) The Thames Valley Police. Surely, apart from focusing their hatred on me, they can individually or collectively do *something*? It isn't funny any more.

E-MAIL FROM SUSAN GETCHELL AND SHAUN FISHER

The family of Beryl and Dick Fisher, who died on 2 & 21 April respectively, would like to extend their deepest thanks for the messages of sympathy and the wonderful support from everyone. The kind words and sentiments are very much appreciated. Our thanks, in particular, to Karen and Stella O'Neill and also to Noreen and George Brian, the staff of Katharine House and the district nurses, for their unwavering support during this most difficult time. Over £100 was raised and has been donated to Katharine House Hospice in memory of Mum and Dad. There are too many people to mention but a heartfelt thanks to everyone. Keep both of them in your hearts.

### CLIFTON

*There has been a considerable reaction to Patricia Harris' letter in last month's Postbag. As the correspondents' letters often covered the same ground, it's been necessary to make some cuts.*

FROM SUE STANNARD, CLIFTON

I feature in the rather patronising letter from Ms. Patricia Harris. I do not normally respond to such comments but in this case I feel that I and other residents of the village have been grossly misjudged.

I, like many people have the dubious pleasure of being the owner and guardian of a 17th Century house with listed building status. I am therefore well aware of the bureaucracy and restraints put upon any remedial work. I was scrupulous in complying with requirements and very careful to keep my neighbours informed at all times. They have been helpful and supportive during the three stressful years it has taken to complete this project. A stream of well-meaning signed notes through my door would have added to the stress.

The accident-prone wall has always been repaired speedily, without inconvenience to anybody and with retention of the owner's sense of humour.

I have lived in the village for 26 years. For most of that time parking, with the consideration and co-operation of residents, has not presented too much of a problem,

apparently until now.

It does not seem to have occurred to Ms Harris that anything upright and wooden is a notice board in Clifton. A notice placed on any pole outside any house is never directed at that particular resident, dog owner or not.

I don't know the details of the untimely death of the resident mentioned but I do know that he was repeatedly asked to remove a hazard that could have caused a fatal accident. Although his disability was understood, parking his vehicle on his own land would have involved some four or five additional steps to his front door, if that.

Finally, in reference to Ms. Harris' penultimate sentence, if she would identify herself more fully and supply her address, I would be more than happy to comply!

FROM LINDA DAVIES, WALNUT CLOSE, CLIFTON

I have no idea who Patricia Harris is and, more importantly, considering her remarks about Clifton, I don't know if she is a Clifton resident, so I was furious to read her remarks about Clifton's lack of community spirit. For

Patricia Harris' information, the part of Clifton I live in is very community minded – a Parish Councillor, a School Governor, a Clerk to the Governors, a PTA Committee member, a Deddington Walk Marshall, 2 members of Deddington

Market Committee, 6 members of Deddington Market set-up crew – and that's from just 10 houses! All volunteers, all working for their community. The only thing that "puts a wedge in", as Patricia Harris says, is unhelpful letters such as hers.

FROM DR. CATH ROSE, WALNUT CLOSE, CLIFTON

I was surprised to read Patricia Harris' letter – "p.p. Clifton". She does not describe the village I live in. Unfortunately the occasional un-neighbourly incident can occur within any community, but to combine these isolated events and slur Clifton's residents seems excessive. Since moving here 18 months ago we have enjoyed a warm welcome in a sociable community, actively involved in parish life. I hope Ms Harris will perhaps "take a more neighbourly approach" and knock on my door one day so that we can discuss it further.

FROM MRS. B.J. SMALL, CLIFTON RESIDENT

I have been a very happy Clifton resident for 16 years. May I suggest that before putting pen to paper Ms. Harris checks her facts?

1. Collapsing wall: Yes, I believe various residents have photographed it and one person telephoned in regarding the collapse but, on the whole, we found it a source of amusement.

2. Underpinning: The Clifton resident whose house was underpinned suffered much stress. Those of us who have lived here for many years had no complaints.

3. Dog fouling notice: The notice was not pinned to anyone's house or wall. It is our country way in Clifton to use electricity poles for all manner of notices.

4. With regard to the gentleman who sadly died, I gather he had been asked to move his car on many occasions as it was parked in a dangerous position. Parking is a perpetual problem in Clifton but with a little understanding we can all learn to live together - with our cars!

Please address all letters to:  
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e-mail: [kristin.a@zen.co.uk](mailto:kristin.a@zen.co.uk)  
and include your name and address,  
even if they are not for publication.

**WELL REMEMBERED**Alan Gardner

Alan was born in Hackney in 1924, moving to Edgware following the death of both parents when he was in his teens. He started work in the Railways and was based at St Pancras, managing goods movements. He was called up in 1942 into the Royal Engineers. After the War he worked for an electricity company and in 1948 married Pat, with whom he had two daughters and a son. Alan moved into local government, becoming in due course Town Clerk of Northam, near Bideford, and then, having obtained a degree in law from London University and qualified as a barrister, coming to Deddington to be Assistant Secretary (Legal) with Cherwell District Council. After this post he spent some years as Assistant Bursar at Bloxham School.

He became Parish Clerk of Deddington and was heavily involved in the procedures for the development of the old Windmill School site. Alan's leisure interests included scouting, music and sport: he followed county cricket and rugby, but his passion was for West Ham United Football Club, with whom he was a season ticket holder until recently. He was an undemonstrative person, not a born socialiser, but a loyal friend. His devotion to Book of Common Prayer services at the Parish Church befitted his quiet dignity.

*Hugh White*

**Thank you  
Deddington.**

In spite of several wet days in early May, **Christian Aid Week** came and

went as did the 40 or so volunteers who called at every home in the parish to deliver and then to return and collect the familiar red envelopes. The aim was to 'help poor communities to grow a future' through the development work that is carried out with Christian Aid's partner organisations in many overseas countries. This year Deddington again beat its previous year's record total with a grand total of **£2079.90** a modest, but most welcome margin of £71 above the 2006 total. To this will be added £280 from the Government through tax refunds on 130 Gift Aid declarations.

Once again a very big 'Thank You' to everyone who collected or gave in order to achieve such a good total – not forgetting Gordon Brown who has made Gift Aid so much simpler.

*Pat Brittain, Diana & Hugh Marshall*

**Deddington OnLine**  
http://www.deddington.org.uk

**Apology** There has been a lot of work going on at your village website – but hopefully

you won't notice most of it! Last month we were hit by the effects of malicious hacking into the servers on which the information for the site resides. This resulted in Deddington OnLine being rather more Deddington OffLine until order was restored by our Web Masters who had to reconstruct the site from back-up data. Unfortunately the Forum has suffered as well; and although the sections have been 'rebuilt', we have lost the data to all the posts.

**Greening the Parish** Deddington OnLine supports ideas to help with environmental issues. From the main page there is a link to our 'Green Pages', a series of five linked pages providing information on local and North Oxon resources and facilities. If you know of any additions we can make to this information, please let us know so that we can build it into a good reference site. There is a special area on the Forum for Green Matters with items about wind power, solar power, batteries etc.

**Parish Plan** The draft Parish Plan is now available on DOL. If you look in the forum under 'Parish Council' you will find a link to the Plan, and a place to give your feedback.

*Paul Drawmer 338450 paul@drawmer.net*

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### News from Hempton

I have not heard anything about the Parish Clean-up Day, which is a pity. I had asked for a 'well-remembered' article about the late Mrs Agnes Stuart. Please, I need more information from people about things that happen in the village.

Two months ago I reported that Ivan Rowland was doing a sponsored walk from Boston to Seattle



accompanied by Alan Ashmore in a back-up car. As they had to complete the trip within 6 months they have had to reduce the walk from 3,300 miles to 2,350 miles and are walking from Chicago to Seattle. They should be back in England in

late September.

8 September will be the Churches Ride or Stride. This is a sponsored event to raise funds for St John's Church and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. If anyone would like to take part, please give me a call. St John's Church will be open from 10.00am - 6.00pm to welcome people. Volunteers are required to staff the Church.

On 29 September the village will be holding a Harvest Supper in the Church Hall. Tickets will be limited to 40. Food and soft drinks supplied.

The Church Hall continues to be used. A Prayer Group has been using it on Monday evenings for 6 weeks and recently a children's birthday party was held there. As it was a nice day they made use of the lawn at the back.

**Les Chappell 338054**

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### From the Police

I am PC 1698 Phil Morris, the Neighbourhood Specialist Officer covering the Banbury area. I am also the village Police Officer for all of the villages in the North Banbury area.

This year there have been many burglaries on both dwellings and non-dwellings. To combat this, please make sure to lock all doors and windows overnight and when you are away. There have also been numerous incidents of distraction burglary in Oxfordshire and surrounding areas. Distraction burglary is when a person (or people) will attempt to get into your home by posing as an official from the Council, the police, health organisations, gas or water or electricity companies. Someone might even call at your home asking for a glass of water. While one person is inside, another will search for cash or other valuable items. They look for large amounts of cash, so do not keep a large amount of cash in your home.

To stop distraction burglary do not let anyone into your home of whom you are not 100% sure. Call the company from which the people claim to be. Genuine callers will always be happy to make an appointment to call and will carry an identity card with a photograph. Never use a number they give you, always look it up independently. IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT. Burglaries in the Banbury area are dealt with by the Priority Crime Team, based at Banbury Police Station and led by DS Bick.

If you require any further crime reduction service, contact Jayne Taylor at Banbury Police Station. If you require information about Neighbourhood Watch or are interested in setting up a scheme, please contact Deborah Tonks at Banbury Police Station. Jayne, Deborah and I are contactable at Banbury Police Station on 08458 505 505

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**On the Farm**

'A dripping June puts everything in tune.' To date June has been one big drip with a distinct lack of sunshine, and when it was dry overhead it was wet underfoot. The river meadows still have some standing water on them which has delayed completing the soil bunds in the dykes that cross the meadows - that is more than a little ironic as these bunds are designed to keep the water on the meadow land for the breeding wading bird project. The wet weather has also delayed the laying in of the mains water for the livestock so that the river can be fenced off to protect the reed beds and bank vegetation from grazing and prevent the sheep from getting into the river. The banks are now so eroded through lack of maintenance by the Environment Agency that there is little chance of a sheep getting out alive once it has fallen in. So with harvest fast approaching and the haymaking still to be done we are in for a busy time of it, weather permitting.

The bees seem to be having a good time of it as the damp warm weather has kept the flowers going. We have already taken one extraction of honey and should be able to get another in before harvest as the pollen and nectar strips have come into full bloom just in time for the "hungry gap" in between the field flowers and the hedgerow blossoms. The expansion programme is well on track with all the nuclear hives I made up in spring having taken, plus the added bonus of 20 swarms which have been

collected from around the district.

As I sit and bash out this offering, the ewes await the barber. With any luck, and weather permitting he will have arrived before this hits the press, but sadly the wool price is, if anything, lower than last year and the farm gate value for the fat lambs is at an all-time low for this time of year. This is due to a considerable hike in the amount of sheep meat being imported from around the world.

Although the oil seed rape spent the winter and early spring with wet feet and is now best described as a botanist's dream, the wheat crops look quite promising. This is just as well, if the recent press reports are anything to go by, as they predict that this year's global grain stocks will be the lowest since records began, with many traditional grain exporting countries banning all exports until they see what their harvests are like. The situation is no better nearer to home as, due to the much demanded reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, the stocks of butter, meat and milk powder have been dismantled, as have the intervention grain stocks. Food prices have already started to rise in the shops, but as yet the rise in food prices has not filtered down to the farm gate. With the world population growing at the rate of 73m a year the food supply situation is set to get worse. Home production will need to increase - not decrease - which our present anti-British farming masters seem to be trying to achieve.

Oh well, I expect it will all come out in the wash, weather permitting. **George Fenemore 338203**



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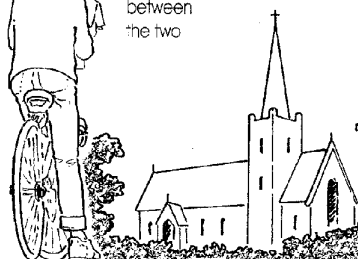
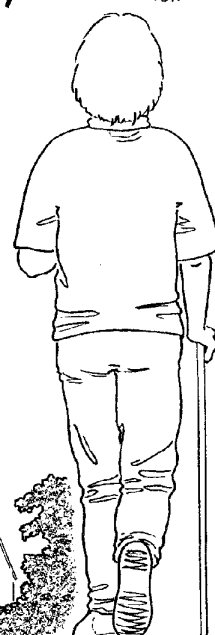
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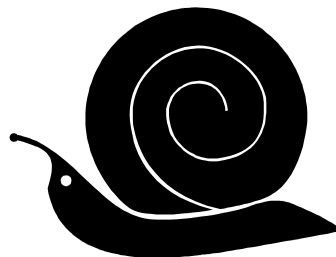
A more leisurely pace and the enjoyment of delicious summer produce is on the books in the hottest months of the year. During July and August harvesting, storing and watering become intensive for the fruit and vegetable gardener. Stock should be taken of achievements and consideration given to sowing and planting for autumn and the winter season.

Tomatoes, beans (French and runner), peas and courgettes will need to be collected in daily. Shallots and garlic will be ready this month. New potatoes, already in use by some at Stone Pits, are much enjoyed. Summer fruits - late strawberries, raspberries and currants will have to be picked before the birds take their fill. Gooseberries, quite well formed this year, will continue to ripen into August. Early July offers a last chance to sow fast growing carrots for autumn consumption. Salad and successional vegetables - beetroot, turnips, spinach and salad onions will provide into early winter.

General maintenance: Keep abreast of the weeds, stake and tie in. Young vegetables like tomatoes and aubergines require a daily watering. Lots of vegetables and herbs bolt if starved of water. Remember to give a good soaking in preference to light sprinkling. Seasoned gardeners recommend a regular (every evening) sprinkling of runner beans to assist in flower and pod forming. Courgettes, marrows and squash are thirsty vegetables and place a high demand on water. Feed tomatoes, melons and courgettes. They are greedy and enjoy a good feed. Look out for plant disease. Mildew is not uncommon in dry weather; a well watered plant rarely suffers. Leaf spot and rust can present especially after a damp period following a hot spell;

try to improve air circulation if troubled and burn all infected leaves. In the event of potato or tomato blight remove stalks immediately and burn. Start to collect seed for next season. A kindly neighbour to tend the plot whilst on holiday is a must.

Comment on slugs in previous contributions stimulated some interest among readers. Some personal approaches were much welcomed. On one occasion, over lunch with a delightful lady, she recited the following, taught by her father, when a schoolgirl. Yet another angle on the little pests.



### The Snail

The life of a snail is a fight against odds,  
Though fought without fervour or flummox,  
For you see he is one those gastropods  
That has to proceed on their stomachs.  
Just think how you would like to go round

Especially if it were gummy

And wherever you went

You left on the ground

The glistening track of your Tummy!

**Tony Campion**

### Wisteria

A Daily Mail report on allotment insurance by Nick McDermott included an interesting article on a foreign bug attacking wisteria in this country. I feel sure those who nurture the many wisteria in our DN catchment area will appreciate sight of same.

"Wisteria could be devastated with a bug from abroad, gardening experts warned yesterday. There are fears that the pest introduced on imported plants could also kill sycamore, elm and types of fruit tree. The insect, known as the wisteria scale, was first seen in a London garden in 2001 but yesterday experts warned that it has spread to other parts of southern England and is likely to move further afield. Growing to about 10mm long, it bites into the stems of plants to suck the sap. It produces thousands of eggs and left unchallenged, its offsprings can overwhelm a plant in a couple of years. The bug can be tackled with both organic and conventional treatments"

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### KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE MIDNIGHT WALK

Volunteers are being sought to help at the Katharine House Hospice Midnight Walk on Saturday 28 July.

The number of walkers is expected to exceed 400, so a large team of marshals will be needed to support the event. All volunteers will work together in pairs and will be provided with official T-shirts and high-visibility fluorescent jackets.

**For more information, please call Sue Lane on 01295 812161**

**DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO**

*The Rev Cotton Risley has now recovered from his broken leg and commenced writing his diaries again – the following are extracts from them for the months of July and August 1857 :-*

25<sup>th</sup> July - I heard an orchard robbing case against a boy, 10 years old only, who had stolen nearly a gallon of apples from Hatton's orchard. He did not press the charges against him, so after a reprimand and ordering him to be placed on a form in the school and to stand thereon for an hour so as to point him out as a little thief to his schoolfellows (during school hours) I dismissed him.

6<sup>th</sup> August - Our friend Payne, the Rural Dean, came and inspected the Church and ordered the south gallery to be removed conditionally – i.e. subject to an architect's or builder's opinion thereupon, as it was injuring the walls of the Church. He and his wife dined and slept here.



7<sup>th</sup> August - Captain Owen the Chief Constable came and we decided on purchasing some additional ground and buildings towards rendering our present lock-up more complete – and to enable us to have a magistrates' room to meet in for our Petty Sessions instead of at the Kings Arms – as we now do and have done till the present time.

10<sup>th</sup> August - I ordered 30 tons of coal against the winter.

20<sup>th</sup> August - Mr. Street, the Diocesan Architect, came and dined here after having inspected the large gallery in the Church, having been applied to by the

Parish so to do, in consequence of its having done injury to the walls of the fabric and the roof of the south aisle. He made his report recommending its removal.

27<sup>th</sup> August - Vestry meeting, a Church Rate for current expenses of 2d. in the £ was agreed to unanimously.

**Buffy Heywood**

**DEDDINGTON SOCIETY**

Present day festivals, festivals organised by the Deddington Society in the 1970s, Deddington village festivals of 40, 70 or more years ago all have and had one wonderful aim: to set alight from time to time the glowing spark of community spirit.

The Deddington Society has left us programmes of Festival 1973, Festival 1974 and plans for Festival 1975, as well as a consensus of opinion at a Nov '75 Committee meeting that that year's Festival had been a success. I well remember a most unusual carpet of living flowers in the Parish Church created by Betty Francis. Betty told me she had the early visions of this magical work, lying sleepless in bed at night, planning, in her mind's eye on the ceiling above, the glorious colour scheme for her floral carpet. Being a true artist she then set to work recreating her dream with blooms gathered throughout the village. A picture of her magic carpet [right] used to hang in Church but like other little treasures was either lost, or had faded to insignificance. I also remember Mrs Ware's Georgian Tea Party at the weekend of Festival 1975. Village ladies and gentlemen wandered round the Market Place gorgeously costumed in period dress out of Mrs Ware's treasure trove dressing-up chest.

Sadly the collection of Deddington Society news, minutes, letters and programmes dries up rather abruptly by the end of 1975. I cannot imagine that the Committee simply threw in the towel after a more or less successful run of 3 years. It is more likely that the contents of the red box handed to me are not complete. Be this as it may, Deddington Society worked relentlessly to keep open a 'Community Hall' on the site of the old Windmill School for social and educational activities until the building of the new Windmill Centre could begin. They jollied along the Parish Council on matters of street lighting, bus services and the nuisance of

heavy traffic thundering through the village. They reinstituted Festivals, after what was thought to be a 40 years absence. They organised Carol singing in the Market square, supplied the Christmas tree and lights and distributed a regular Newsletter. If the Society folded up rather abruptly, it must have left the taste for reinvention. Maybe our present Deddington News is an offshoot, as well as our great once-a-year summer Festivals of the 21st century?

**Ruth Johnson**





**WINDMILL CENTRE**

The AGM of the Windmill Community Centre was held on 24 May. In 2006/07 the finances were consolidated, and total assets now approach £11,000. Maintenance of the all weather court is the major expense at nearly £2,500 p.a. and this means that we must continue to hire out the court rather than have it freely available. There continues to be some vandalism at the court, and also at the cricket pavilion. Total lettings are up from 2005/06. There are now over 40 organisations as well as individuals using the Centre which is let to nearly full capacity. Booking well ahead is now advised. A Health & Safety policy for the Centre has been drawn up and this is available for inspection by any user. Annual H&S audits are in place.

Plans for 2007/08 include: (1) An audit to improve energy efficiency at the Centre. (2) Feasibility study for the installation of a wind turbine to help reduce fuel bills and carbon footprint. (3) Redecoration and recarpeting of the lounge viewing area. (4) The building is already a No Smoking area; extra notices will be posted in accordance with the 1 July law on smoking in public places. (5) Letting fees will be increased by 3% in September 2007 (last increase 2005).

**Mary Robinson for the Trustees**

**W.I.**

On 12 June we enjoyed an evening visit to Tile House Plants at Finmere, run by Buzzy Lepper, a very talented plantswoman. She demonstrated potting in some unusual containers for us, including the wrecked innards of an old upholstered kitchen chair. Then members were invited to walk around the large plants area, which is colour co-ordinated, and the garden itself. As this is a working farm, the nursery is a additional enterprise which has been running successfully for some years, with all plants being grown on site. After selecting some plants we wished to buy, we were served refreshments in the garden. Buzzy made us most welcome, and we all agreed this was a very pleasant evening.

10 July - 'It's a Girl's Life in the Army' - Gillian Cane and 'Specimen Bloom from the Garden' - collection for A.C.W.W.

14 August - Outing to Beaulieu House, Grounds and Motor Museum. If you wish to join us, please contact Angela Sones (338027) or Yvonne Twomey (338213)

**Rene Mahony 338438**

**Tennis Club**

Our best news is that we have a new team in the summer league. Aply co-ordinated by Rachel and Barbara they are already winning matches in the 3rd division. This is what we hoped for when the coaching programme kicked off a few years ago - there are more people playing regularly and having the opportunity of playing a match or two. The Wimbledon tickets have been allocated, so 12 pairs know they can go without having to queue from the early hours. Our new website is up and running: it is

<http://www.deddingtontennis.com/> so take a look. This is the busiest time of year for court usage with up to 4 matches a week, so check availability on the club house window or at Cyclogical, Hudson Street who kindly book the courts for non-members. For details of adults and children's lessons including the Summer Tennis Camp, phone the coach, Steve Ashby on 01295 263855

**Katie McGovern 338771**

**1st Deddington Scout Group****Cubs**

Two new Cubs have joined the pack, Hugo and Chloe; we hope they will enjoy their time with us.

During the past few weeks we have concentrated on traditional scouting skills: knots, pioneering and of course camping. We attended the district Cub Camp at Horley that had the theme of 1000 years of Oxfordshire. The Cubs joined in games loosely based on Olympic sports and put on a performance based on a historical event from their village. We retold the building of Deddington Castle complete with a re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings, quite a feat with only 5 cubs! We must have impressed the other packs as they voted us the winners of the coveted Ivy Miles Trophy. We all enjoyed the weekend even though it poured with rain: the new bell tent was a great success. We also attended the Centenary Camp at Sibford School and the district activity day where the Cubs spent a day trading and competing with other packs. During the summer we will visit Gilwell Park (scouting headquarters) for one of their fun days and the World Jamboree in Chelmsford, which should be a fantastic day.

**Jo Churchyard 338071 jochurchyard@hotmail.com**  
**Scouts**

We recently invested Seb into the troop and our numbers now stand at 17. So far this term the Scouts have looked at maps and the landscape around Deddington, helped erect tents for the Cub camp and repaired tents after the battering they were given at the Centenary Camp. We also found time for a trial and many games of rounders and fox and hounds. All sections attended the Centenary Camp made up of groups from the Banbury district. We took Cubs and Scouts on what turned out to be the coldest, wettest and windiest weekend recorded in May. However they joined in with everything on offer, including starring in the birds of prey display, swimming, ice skating, racing camels (winners) and riding a mechanical bull. We even had a fly past by the Red Arrows.

We will be camping at Horley in July and on Stratford Racecourse in September.

Many thanks for everyone who collected Sainsbury's vouchers for us; we have enough for a complete rounders set, beanbags and a hockey set. Also thanks to Vic Toplisek for the go-cart that they will recondition before hurtling down the nearest hill. We are now looking for an empty 15 kg calor gas canister (blue) if you have one cluttering the back of your shed.

**Pete Churchyard 338071**

Calling Old Scouts

To celebrate the Centenary of Scouting we will be holding a reunion party in October. Do you know of any old scouters and do you have any scouting memorabilia including photos? The party will be open to anyone who ever attended Scouts or Cubs anywhere. Keep an eye out for posters.

**Jo Churchyard 338071 jochurchyard@hotmail.com**

**1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows**

We've had 3 new Rainbows starting in the last couple of weeks, which is great. Welcome to Maddy, Imogen and Josie. We have 13 in the unit, with 2 more girls waiting to start before the end of term. The last month has been busy: we've had fun trying Fairtrade chocolate and bananas. The week after that we made smiley mouths to colour in, reminding us to brush our teeth twice a day. They were very colourful! Oak leaf rubbing was fun: we made mini oak leaf corsages to celebrate Oak Apple Day on 25 May. At the moment we're making a scarecrow of 'Noah and the first rainbow' for the Barford Scarecrow competition. Hopefully he won't get too soggy - he may need an umbrella!

**Hazel Neal 337822**

**1st Deddington Brownies**

At meetings the girls have been hard at work preparing for their part in the Deddington Festival youth concert. They have also made Brownie bags using fabric pens and planted pumpkins in anticipation of Hallowe'en! On May 19 the Brownies joined others from Banbury and the surrounding villages for an adventure day with a round-the-world theme. Each girl was given a passport and 'visited' different countries by completing an activity from each. These included making African masks, joining in with European singing games, creating a rainforest placemat and learning a Polynesian dance. All had a fantastic time.

**Lucy Squires 338442**

**Deddington Colts Football Club**

Premiership footballers from Reading Football Club, Bobby Convey and Dave Kitson presented the awards at the Deddington Colts Football Club Annual Award Ceremony on Sunday 10 June 2007 at the Windmill Centre in Deddington. More than 150 youngsters from the club were introduced to the players who were photographed with each team and afterwards spent time signing autographs on paper, footballs and shirts! Pictured are Bobby Convey, Reading midfielder and USA international signing the shirt of Sebastian Gardner (U13s squad) and Dave Kitson, Reading striker, surrounded by keen autograph hunters from several squads. Established in 1995, the Deddington Colts is a Football Association Charter Development Club (one of only four in the County). The club currently has teams in eight age groups, ranging from under 8s to under 16s with a vibrant mini soccer squad of under 7s. The Colts aim to bring soccer to as many

youngsters as possible, and, in its effort to attract more female players, aspires to establish several all female squads within the next two to three years.

For more information about the Colts please ring 01869 337077. Anyone interested in joining the Club or knowing more about its work is welcome to attend the AGM at 7.30pm on 2 July at the Deddington Arms Hotel.

**Richard Teare richardteare@btinternet.com**



Dave Kitson (Reading) signs autographs for the Colts.

**Deddington Town Football Club**1st Team Result

Finmere (a) Lost 2-4 B.Durrant, M.Morse.

In the final game of the season the 1st team suffered a 4-2 defeat at the hands of Finmere when top scorer Ben Durrant scored one of the goals. The team finished in the bottom two Premier League positions and it looks like the team will play in Division 1 next season.

**Reserve Team Results**

Cropredy 'A' (h) Won 2-1 A.Bliss, D.Keys.

KEA Res (a) Won - KEA Unable to Raise a Team

The Reserve team finished the season on a high. Danny Keys and Aaron Bliss were the scorers in the victory against Cropredy. The team finished in a mid-table position in Division 3.

There was one final game played this season - an all Deddington clash! The 1st team beat a determined Reserve side in this 'friendly' match, which was played to christen the new kits.

Presentation Night: Thank you to the British Legion for hosting the presentation evening. The players who collected individual awards were:

**1st Team: Players' Player of the Year** - Mark Morse;

**Manager's Player of the Year** - Ben Durrant;

**Leading Goal Scorer** - Ben Durrant.

**Reserve Team: Players' Player of the Year** - Paul

Franklin; **Manager's Player of the Year** - Simon

Murphy; **Leading Goal Scorer** - Aaron Bliss.

**Special Awards;**

**Young Player of the Year** - Mike Large; **Most Improved Player** - Dick Paull.

There was also a special award to club President Cliff Smith. He was presented with an engraved

watch for his very long and continued service to the club. This is a thoroughly deserved award for everything that Cliff has done and continues to do for the football club.

The club held its AGM in May and once again there will be 2 teams competing in the league next season. Jason Timms has decided to step down as 1st team manager, a role he has performed for 15 years. Everyone associated with the club would like to pass on their thanks to Jason for performing this hard job for so many years with such dedication – Thank You Jason. Current 1st team player Steve Flemming will take over as manager. Aaron Bliss and Tim Spencer will continue to manage the Reserve Side. Training for the new season commences in July.

**75 Club Winners** – All Winning £50 - 27/4/07 J.Boyd; 4/5/07 Mr C.Smith; 11/5/07 Mrs M.Plumbe; 18/5/07 K.Anderson; 25/5/07 P.Cox; 1/6/07 P.Rudge; 8/6/07 D.Keys.  
**Steve Plumbe 01295 278258**

### Deddington Players

We are holding a social night on Wednesday 11 July in the upstairs room of the Unicorn from 7 pm. All members are invited to join us as well as anyone interested in becoming involved in the future. Actors/actresses, costume-makers, make-up or backstage all very welcome! Even if you would just like to find out more about us and what we do, and us please come along. The evening will also double-up as the AGM where we will discuss plans for the coming year.

**Lucy Squires 338442**

### Book Club

During June we read 'Heart of Darkness' by Joseph Conrad and we are now on the point of starting 'The Bluest Eye' by Toni Morrison. Our book for May is 'The House of the Spirits' by Isabel Allende was a detailed family saga spanning four generations set

in a mythical South American country, most likely the author's native Chile. Here is the Group's review: 'Generally well written, but in our opinion does not live up to its enthusiastic reviews. Rich in pictures of South American life, but

we felt that it was crammed with too many stories and sub-plots and there was rather a patchwork of characters. Interesting historically, with real events forming the background to the fictional story. The final chapter changes stylistically to feel more like reportage and this section was for us the more powerful and thought provoking part of the book.'

Next meeting 26 July - no meeting in August.

**Sally Lambert 338094**

### Deddington and District History Society

On a warm, bright June afternoon 36 History Society members gathered for a tour of Ditchley Park. It was a fascinating afternoon. Not only is the

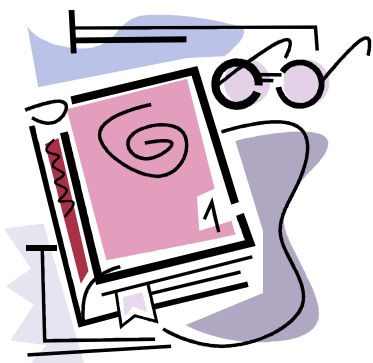
house extremely interesting as a building, but also its recent history as a meeting place for well-known public figures was intriguing. Support that with an excellent guide followed by a cream tea on the terrace and you have a perfect English summer celebration. A successful end to the History Society's year. The weather, fine and dry until the cream tea was



being packed away, then changed. The downpour on the way home was extraordinary with rain too strong to drive through, almost, what a contrast.

The new season starts on Wednesday 12 September, 7.30 pm at the Windmill Centre.

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