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Congratulations to Walter Meagher for his work on Portrait of a River which has helped to establish the River Swere Valley as a Conservation District - a significant achievement

### October

October						
Sat	3	British Legion: Disco with 'Barney', 8.00pm				
Mon	5	Monday Morning Club coffee morning, Holly Tree,				
		10.30am - noon				
Tue		Hempton Traffic Action Group, Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm				
Wed		Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8.00 – 10.00pm				
Thu	8	Monday Morning Club film evening, <i>The Duchess</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm				
Tue	13	WI: Harvest Supper and auction for Poppy Appeal, Holly Tree, 7.30pm				
Tue	13	DOL Open Meeting, The Unicorn, 6.45pm				
Wed	14	History Society, Andy Norton, <i>The Archaeology of Oxford</i> <i>Castle</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30pm				
Thu	15	PFSU and Nursery AGM: Deddington Village Nursery, 7.30 pm, <b><i>p</i>9</b>				
Fri	16	DOGS, full day's golf at Kenilworth Golf Club, <i>p15</i>				
		British Legion: Pool competition with refreshments, 3.00pm				
		Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm				
Sat	24	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9.00am-12.30pm				
Sat	24	Photographic Society: Exhibition in the Parish Church,				
		9.00am – 1.00pm, <b><i>p15</i></b>				
		Bowls Club Race Night, British Legion, 8.30pm, <i>p13</i>				
Thu	29	Book Club, for venue phone 338094, <i>p15</i>				
November						
Sun	1	Deddington Players: auditions for pantomime, Windmill Centre, 3.00pm				
Wed	4	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8.00pm				
		Photographic Society: <i>The Development of Photo</i>				
-		Manipulation, James Phelps & Chris Bobo, Deddington				

- Manipulation, James Phelps & Chris Bobo, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm
- Fri 6 Deddington School Fireworks Night, p9
- Sat 7 Warriner Choral Society Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Sat 7 British Legion: Disco with 'Barney', 8.00pm
- Sun 8 Remembrance Day Parade: Bullring, 10.30am, Act of Remembrance: War Memorial, 11.00am followed by Service of Remembrance, Parish Church
- Sun 8 African Children's Choir, Parish Church, 7.30pm
- Wed 11 Service in Parish Church, 10.45am

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# **DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### Meeting Town Hall 16 September 2009

*Present:* Cllrs Flux (Chair), Allison, Anderson, Collins, Day, Ince, Rudge, Todd, Ward, Watts, Wood, OC Cllr Jelf, CD Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk, one member of the public and the DN correspondent. *Apologies:* Finnigan, Privett, Squires.

Congratulations and appreciation were passed to the organisers of the Parish Show.

OCCIIr Jelf advised that someone from the Environment Agency would contact the PC about the wildflower meadow.

*Town Hall:* The current four-year lease was signed in November 2006 but there are ongoing problems of running costs and maintenance which exceed income by £1,100. PC has decided to give 12 months' notice to Deddington Charity Estates but hope that PC and DCE can work together for a long-term solution for the upkeep of the Town Hall.

### Finance & General Purposes

 $\pounds$ 1,000 was received from Cricket Club as first repayment against  $\pounds$ 4,000 loan.  $\pounds$ 1,392.31 remains outstanding from last year.

Student grants: There has been a significant increase in applications received for £100 concessionary grants for parish students starting at university. Level of funding to be reviewed next year in view of increase in numbers and grants to be given as book tokens.

### **Highways**

*High Street pedestrian crossing*: Petition for call button south side of Hempton Road available at Unicorn and Library.

*Hopcraft Lane parking:* OCC has recommended an extension of keep clear markings outside Innisfree/ East View and PC agrees.

*Hempton Traffic Action Group:* Members of HWG to attend meeting in October.

*Market Place pinchpoint:* Repainting of give-way and keep clear markings to be requested and possibly another priority sign.

*Road closures:* Annual request to be made in December for 2010 road closures for Remembrance Day parade, the Festival, fair and the rowing at the Farmers' Market. The Market Group received approval for a road closure for the next Farmers' Market on 26 September. *Clifton footpath:* Several complaints have been received about the poor state of the footpath to Deddington. Although the edges have now been cut it is in bad repair. Request to OCC for weed-killing and path to be made up to a proper standard.

*St John's Way parking:* Incidents of people parking on footpaths should be reported immediately to Police for action to be taken.

#### Recreation

*Castle Grounds:* Dog bin to be placed at far end. Enquiries to be made regarding bag roll dispensers positioned at dog bins. PC has decided against asking for no parking by-law to be revoked. *Windmill:* Swing at junior play area has been broken and will be replaced.

### Environmental & Special Purposes

*Christmas tree:* Offer by Cllr Day proved not to be suitable so further enquiries to be made and additional sponsorship sought. Cllr Day offered £50 towards the tree.

*Noticeboards:* These are now being repaired with help from Brian Clark. PC expressed thanks.

Hempton Road cemetery: Rates for burials to be updated. Decision made that burials of people with a close relationship with the parish only to be accepted. **Planning** 

*PC no objection:* (1) 6 The Beeches, single storey rear extension; (2) 10 High St, rear dormer window; (3) Clifton House and Home Farm Cottage, Clifton, vehicular access; (4) Holcombe Hotel, single storey extension to Charters Cottage, relocation of bar and gents' toilet in hotel; (5) 3 Philcote St, demolition of lean-to, erection of rear single storey extension; (6) Coombe Cottage, Hempton, two storey rear extension; (7) Sycamores, Hempton Rd, tree works; (8) Winmour, 3 Philcote St, two storey extension, flat roof to pitched roof, raise existing extension roof, remove bedroom ceiling, repair roof truss, new staircase to attic; (9) 22 St John's Way, Hempton, rear garden room; (10) The Stile House, New St, reduce and reshape lime tree; (11) Stone House, Market Place, fell conifer; (12) The Retreat, Chapel Sq, tree works; (13) Featherton House, Chapel Sq, various tree works; (14) 4 Hopcraft Lane, fell fir tree; CDC to liaise over pointing.

*PC objections:* (15) The Retreat, Hudson Court, conversion of retail unit to studio apartment; (16) Winmour, 3 Philcote St, create downstairs study, en suite for bedroom, two new bedrooms, attic room.

*Approvals:* (17) Corner House, High St, tree felling, replace door and door-frame; (18) Gaslight, Earl's Lane, tree felling; (19) Tays Gate, Earl's Lane, tree felling; (20) 14 Wimborn Close, two storey extension; (21) The Stables, St James' Farm, Clifton, self-catering holiday accommodation, conditions applied; (22) 2 Paper Mill Cottage, Oxford Rd, Adderbury, single storey extension; (23) Stonefield, Hempton Rd, front porch extension and conversion of attic space, garden room, conditions applied; (24) Ithaca, Hopcraft Lane, retrospective render.

*Other matters:* PC approval with conditions given to Cricket Club storage facility behind pavilion.

### Finances

Imprest £1,318.46 @ 0.1%, current £21,350.05 @ 0.1%, WBromwich £133,963.21 @ 1.5%, Alliance & Leicester £200,000 @ 3.2%, Anglo Irish £200,000 @ 3.25%.

### Next meeting 7.30 pm on Wed 21 October at Town Hall

### **DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO**

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of October 1859:

**28th September** - I heard from Brighton in answer to mine about lodgings – stating that we could take them for a month certain from the 5th of next month, terms 5gns. per week besides extras, coals and washing linen.

**4th October** - A woman named Edginton of Clifton came up for one of my out patient tickets to the Infirmary at Oxford for which I had proposed her – she was very grateful.

**5th October** - Hills the Photographist came from Oxford and took the inside of the Church (and also an outside view) with the Clergy and Choir.

**7th October** - I, Susan and Holford attended at the National School Room on the occasion of presenting a Piece of Plate and other presents to Mr. & Mrs. Burgess as a parting testimonial of regard and esteem from 289 inhabitants of this place, as well as in lasting appreciation of his teaching and preaching amongst us as Curate for the last two years and a half. Church service afterwards – the largest congregation on a week day evening since the Daily Services were commenced.

**9th October** - Sunday. Mr. Brogden resumed his duties as Vicar – all the Dissenters are at Church and others who for various reasons best known to themselves had absented themselves from Church during the ministrations of Messrs. Burgess, Cave and Egerton. The boys from Parker's Chapel were present in the gallery, Reform, Wesleyans and Independents were at Church – there were two services instead of three.

**10th October** - I started by the mid-day train to join Susan and Holford at Brighton. We remained at Brighton till Saturday, 19th November (Susan's, my dearest, birthday).

(No further entries until they return, 19th November.) Buffy Heywood 338212



#### Autumn down on the Allotment

Whilst I enjoy the autumn there is always an element of sadness as plants start slowing down for the cold months ahead. I can definitely feel the chill in the air at night so this is really the last month for growing tender vegetables outside. It's time to protect your lettuces, courgettes, peas and beans at night to encourage a few more weeks growing.

This month you can plant spring cabbages, onion sets and winter lettuces. With your spring cabbages if they have long stalks you can earth them up giving more support around their stalks and thereby help to prevent them from getting buffeted against the winter winds. You can also prepare your ground and plant broad beans; by sowing in autumn you can have beans as early as May. You can continue to plant broad beans throughout the winter but make sure the ground isn't frozen; if it is and you're determined to get your beans in you may want to warm up your soil by covering it with polythene. Watch out for frost as this can easily claim your hard work. I'd advise having cloches or fleeces on standby just in case the temperature drops.

If you have globe artichokes protect the crowns with straw. The tender plant does not react well to cold weather and will be damaged by heavy frost or snow.

Tidy up your strawberry beds, remove any of the yellow leaves and any remaining runners.

Take hardwood cuttings from current bushes if you want to propagate new plants. You can prune these plants now but you may want to wait until the leaves have fallen off and prune in December.

Pot up chives, parsley and dill for harvesting in the winter.

October is the time to start tidying up the allotment and start digging, something my little patch is in dire need of!

# Samantha Willis samantha.willis@gmail.com



# **CHURCH AND CHAPEL**

# Parish Church SS Peter and Paul October

Thur Sun		2.00pm 10.30am	Squeals and Wheels First Sunday A Family Service	
Gun	т	6.30pm	led by the Boys Brigade Harvest Festival Evensong followed by Buffet Supper (all	
			welcome)	
Wed	7	10.00am	Eucharist	
Sun	11	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist	
Wed	14	10.00am	Eucharist	
Thur	15	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	
Sun	18	8 10.00pm 3.30 for 4	Eucharist 4.00pm <i>Free Spirit</i> Informal worship led by the Band Telling Tales Tea, coffee and cakes served	

Wed 21	10.00am	Eucharist			
Sun 25	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)			
Bible Sunday					
	10.30am	Morning Worship			
Wed 28	10.00am	Eucharist with healing prayer			

### St John Hempton

Sundays 4 and 18 October 9.00am Eucharist Sunday 25 Oct 6.00pm Evensong

## From the Parish Registers

Baptisms: 13 Sept James Chichester Benson Fuller 20 Sept Bailey Hamblet-Bowes

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev. Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), or one of the church wardens, Glynne Bianchi (337743) or George Fenemore (337180).

### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday mornings at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton except 25 October Faith Sharpe

### Congregational Chapel, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Fr John Burns 277396

Sunday morning services are held at the Wesleyan Reform Church together with their congregation. Sunday afternoon services at the Chapel at 3.00pm organised by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church

### PC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30 am, Sun at 10 am.

St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7 pm and Sun 8.30 am.

Confessions at Hethe Sat 5.30–6.00 pm 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.

### E-MAIL FROM REVD DR HUGH WHITE

On 4 October at 10.30am at the Parish Church our Boys' Brigade company will be leading the new *First Sunday* occasion - family-friendly worship with refreshments to follow. Later at 6.30pm we have our Harvest Festival Evensong. This will be followed by a buffet supper. All are very welcome to either or both services and to the supper.

31 October will be a Gift Day in support of the Church fabric. I shall be at the Church porch between 9.30am and 5.00pm, looking forward to receiving contributions towards the upkeep costs of our church building.

On 1 November at 3.00pm we are holding the annual Commemoration of the Departed. This is a quiet, reflective service with an opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones. At 6.30pm there will be a Requiem Mass for the Departed, sung to the setting by Fauré.

On 8 November the Service of Remembrance will be held in the morning and in the evening (7.30pm) the African Children's Choir will perform in the Church. A single ticket will cost £6 (£5 concessions and children) and a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £15. The Choir will be staying in Deddington on the Sunday night and the following Monday and Tuesday nights. If anyone would like to help with the Choir's accommodation, please contact me.

Finally, I would ask dog owners to keep their dogs under control in the Churchyard and to clean up after them as necessary. Thank you. *Postbag continues on p6* 

## **Farmers' Market**

ctober Farmers' Market is on 24 October, just a week prior to the annual squash festival, which some folks call Hallowe'en.

As the nights get longer and the temperatures fall, one of the great comfort foods is a good soup. Homemade soup is really very easy to make, should taste very good, and you can use all sorts of tired-looking ingredients, saving money by using things you might have thrown away. If you make too much, invite the neighbours in or put some in the freezer. Avoid cabbage in the soup unless you live on your own!

I understand that Cherwell are about to introduce a food waste bin collection. If you have a dog and chickens, then food waste is probably unknown to you. If you only live with humans, then there will be the occasional leftover. If you have a compost bin, most will go in that, leaving the vermin-attractive stuff to be disposed of. If you make soup, there will be even less to throw away in the new Cherwell recycling initiative.

So, as you look round the Market, don't worry about what to do with the leftovers if you buy too much. Just think: soup, compost or recycle. And if you do end up carving a pumpkin lantern, you know what to do with the off-cuts.

> Paul Drawmer 338450 paul@drawmer.net

## **News from Hempton**

12 September was a perfect day for the Ride and Stride, which saw many people out riding and walking to raise money for their church. St John's had a record 134 visitors, and many people commented on our hospitality. Our thanks go to Pam Dodd and other helpers, both on the day and before. We had several teams riding for us, so well done to them. Sponsorship money will be known later.

Please remember the meeting in the church hall on 6 October at 7.30pm to discuss speeding and other issues. Everyone will be welcome. For more information contact Geraldine Lay on 337660 between 6.00 and 7.00pm.

The table tennis season is here and our team will be playing in Division 3 of the Banbury League after being relegated. It is time once more to think of the Christmas Bazaar which will be on Saturday 5 December from 11.00am with all the usual stalls plus hot lunches. Leah Calcutt is arranging a skittles match on Thursday 22 October at 7.30pm at Sandford-St-Martin Cricket Club; tickets at £10 per head include a fish and chip supper. A licensed bar will also be in operation. Ring Leah on 337276 for more information. Tony Rolfe of St John's Way thanks everyone who donated to Cancer Research UK in memory of Linda. Trinders Funeral Services sent a cheque for £504 during August for this charity.

Les Chappell 338054



# FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

# E-MAIL FROM ROB FORSYTH, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

I hope that many of your readers have now found their way to the large (and still growing) section in

Deddington OnLine about the part that our Parish played in both World Wars. My article in the last edition of the DN paid tribute to Michael Allbrook's research but I would like to say a further big thank you to all those others who have supplied stories, photographs and, most importantly, the names to match them, that are now on line. Lorraine Gillam, Arthur Lewis, Topper Davies, Clive Sanders, Joe Cowley, Derrick

Robbins (from the USA), Primrose Buckle (formerly Roberts and who lived in Deddington Manor during WWII), Buffy Heywood, Ruth Johnson, Joyce Minnear and Josie Stevens have all been most generous with their time, knowledge and photographs.

There has been one nice footnote to all this activity. Two cousins, who were previously completely unaware of each other, are now in regular touch and exchanging family information as a consequence of independently contacting me about the World War articles.

### E-MAIL FROM AARON BLISS, LINCOLNSHIRE

If there's one thing we have learnt from Stephen King, other than that unspeakable terror stalks isolated American coastal towns, it's that small town folk look out for each other. In this spirit I would like to convey my deepest gratitude to Daeda's people, who have offered nothing short of robust support and fondest wishes to me on my journey for intellectual redemption. I am sure this is testament to the wonderful legacy left by mother, who still haunts us with her chirpy sing-songs and enduring smile. I shall raise a glass of some nonalcoholic tipple to all of you in fair Lincolnshire!

# E-MAIL FROM HUGH MARSHALL, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

Deddington will have an opportunity to start Christmas shopping at the Fairtrade Preview and Bargain Day on October15th. Buying Fairtrade Christmas cards and gifts brings pleasure to the recipient and life-saving income to craftspeople and producers in developing nations.

Deddington Fair Traders offer a preview of a wide range of crafts featured in the Traidcraft catalogue, as well as the full range of 60 newly designed Christmas cards and Advent calendars. All may be bought or ordered on the day, with 10% discount. The popular Bargain Tables will feature discontinued Christmas cards and craft products at greatly reduced prices.

The Preview Day is Thursday 15 October in Deddington Church from 10.30am until 7.00pm. Free

admission and refreshments. For further details contact Hugh Marshall on 337761.

# E-MAIL FROM WALTER MEAGHER, HOPCRAFT

LANE, DEDDINGTON Even children walk, except when

they have to be driven, to school, to the cinema, to McDonald's, in our post-ambulatory age. Now it is suggested a car park might be desirable on the western edge of Castle Grounds. Maybe so, but consider this. Deddington Parish is approximately 1,670 ha (4,200 acres). There are about 18 sq km of woodland in 14 sites identified on OS 191 map, and about 20 sq km

of unidentified woodland. The total area of all mature wood in the parish is 38.5 sq km. Some woodland sites, solidly green on the OS 191, are not continuously wooded. The net total area of wood area occupied by woodland is 53.7 sq km. Deddington village, and the hamlets of Clifton and Hempton, with the associated gardens and farm homesteads, council depot and electricity substation, occupies 75.2 sq km of space. Measuring parish roads in the same way, they occupy 16.2 sq km of space. The total area set aside in these ways, houses plus roads, is about 91.4 sq km. Tarmacadam has nearly double the space given to woodland. A car park by the Castle Grounds will add very little to this preponderance, unless a car park were to occupy the disused field to the west.

# E-MAIL FROM CHRISTOPHER HALL, PHILCOTE STREET, DEDDINGTON

National Ethical Investment Week is 8-14 November. Everyone can choose green and ethical options for their finances and savings. Such investing can involve negative criteria - avoiding making money out of harmful activities. It can be chosen to have a positive impact on issues such as climate change, global poverty and human rights. Those with shares or paying into pensions can ask searching questions about how the companies, which they in part own, are behaving. In addition to recycling, buying local or fair-trade goods, it makes ethical, as well as financial, sense to consider how our money is invested. Shares in growing teak sustainably in Latin America have doubled in value in twenty years. Their growth has continued steadily throughout the economic downturn, such that one investment manager recently advised selling them to avoid unbalancing a portfolio. To find out more about the Week, visit www.neiw.org.

A further e-mail is under the Church and Chapel on page 4 from Revd Dr Hugh White.



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**Deddington Cricket Club...Bucking the Trend** A Pot Noodle costs pence, takes two minutes to prepare and probably less time to eat. A well-prepared roast dinner with all the trimmings will cost a few bob, take a morning to prepare and if accompanied by a fine wine can take hours to devour.

Cricket is most definitely in the roast dinner department of sports - ages to prepare and hours to savour.

Many villages have lost their cricket clubs as parishioners strive to adapt from iron forge to wi-fi, from Sabbath to Sainsbury's and competing against

an ever-increasing range of Pot Noodle leisure activities that can be 'fitted in between things'.

Had it not been for a valiant few cricketers over 20 years ago who resurrected the club, there is every chance there would be three football pitches on the Windmill and old cricketing windbags like me



would have surreptitiously to leave the village and feast at someone else's table.

The choice was to bite the proverbial bullet or choke on it. Fortunately, enough of us had sufficient teeth left to choose the former and so 2009 has been a massive year of investment in the Club. New nets, new mowers, new storage facility, new teams and, best of all, many new faces.

We are aiming for 100 members next year, to include the 30 Under 9s who regularly turned up on a Friday evening and the Under 11 squad of 15 who



are moving to Under 13s next year. Also to include the 20+ ladies who brought so many smiles and not a little glamour to the Windmill on Sunday mornings. And not forgetting our two men's sides with more than 40 players helping us win as many as we lost in an entertaining season.

It is not the sport that makes the Club, it's the people and we are encouraged by the numbers who are coming forward to chip in and ensure that we keep the momentum into 2010.

Increased membership will require more invest-

ment and what better way to start the close season than to announce that our Chairman, Derek, has thrown himself out of an aeroplane from 13,000ft, survived, and raised a considerable sum for Dogs for the Disabled and the Cricket Club. Well done Derek!

We are planning a Mid Summer Ball on 20

June next year and a Cricket Fête with Barrel Rolling and assorted events on 22 August.

The end of season do is on the 17 October at the Windmill and we would like to see everyone from the club there. Details on <u>www.deddingtoncc.co.uk</u> plus all the season's achievements and upcoming activities.

Many thanks to our sponsors, vice presidents and supporters for making 2009 a Slap Up Season!

James Ransom james.ransom@hotmail.co.uk



hoops, I guess I missed last month's copy date! The Green Goddess returned to her winter guarters on 12 September, having cut the last of the Spring beans. It was a great relief to get the last of the crops into store so that we can concentrate on getting next year's crops in the ground. It has been a difficult season. July was the wettest month for two years and the wettest July on record. The hay-making which, due to environmental restrictions on the traditional flower hay meadows, cannot take place until after 15 July, has to be left over until the oil seed rape and cereal crops had been cut and did not get started until the August Bank Holiday. Although it has a little colour it will be little more than 'fill belly' as the grass was well over its best by the time we were able to cut it. The oil seed rape was for once planted on time into some very good seed beds, but is now suffering from our up-side-down weather patterns (it was wet when we needed it dry and now it is dry when we need it wet) but at least the dry weather of late has kept the grey hoards at bay as the emerging seedlings struggle to come up.

The bees have had a much better time of it this year although we have lost a number of the smaller colonies through wasp predation. Despite the wasps, the number of hives that I am now preparing for the winter is well up on last year. The environment strips have come on well and we have some very good bird-seed strips. The pollen and nectar headlands are holding out well into the autumn with a good show of Alsike and late flowering Red Clover being enjoyed by the bees before the ivy comes into flower. The moths and butterflies have had a better year than the last two but the number is still well down on before the 'Big Wet', and it was nice to see a good second hatch of the Blue butterflies in late August, making good use of the Birdsfoot Trefoil that was planted in the pollen and nectar strips back in the Spring. It was pleasing to see a number of the Brown Argus Butterfly (Aricia Agestis) which has been missing from the Home Farm list for a number of years.

All our summer visitors have now returned to warmer climes. Both pairs of Hobbys had a successful season and managed to fledge four chicks between them and we had eight pairs of Swallows that set up home in the buildings with most producing two broods. But sadly the Cuckoo will be missing from my list this year, although I am told that there were some heard. Having lost most of my hearing I can only list the birds that I see - but there is always next year.

#### George Fenemore 338203

### **DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW 2009**

We had a great Parish Show on Saturday 5 September, well supported with a wonderful range of exhibits and plenty of visitors who helped to make enough funds for next year's Show.

The church made an excellent venue and, with most of the pews sold off and the stone floor installation completed, there was ample space.

The Show committee would like to thank everyone who so generously helped on the day, who gave donations and to everyone who exhibited to make the Show possible and worthwhile. Particularly impressive was the Flower Section, considering the poor weather we have had lately.

Next year's Show is Saturday 4 September, and we would like even more exhibits, especially from our children. Their

contributions on Saturday were a delight and we want more of them, please!

TROPHIES:

Welford Cup for Cookery Section: Joint 2nd Lesley Nelson & Sally Allbrook, Winner John Coley

Marianne Elsley Cup for Flowers Section: 3rd

Wendy Burrows, 2nd Philip Smithson, Winner Stan Nelson

Oliver Hawes Cup for Vegetables & Fruit: 3rd Sue Ayles & Wendy Burrows, 2nd Dennis Freeman, Winner Stan Nelson

Arts & Crafts Cup: Joint 2nd Sue Burrows & Margaret Jones, Joint Winners Lilian Curnow & Wendy

Burrows

Children 6 & under: Winner Florence Tuthill 7 to under 11: Winner Elen Squires

11 to under 16: Joint winners Laura Wallington & Oliver Burrows

Maureen Forsyth Cup for Child Champion: 3rd Beatrix Burrows, 2nd Charlie Tuthill, Joint winners Elen Squires & Florence Tuthill

Deddington Gardeners' Cup for Show Champion: 3rd Sue Ayles, 2nd Wendy Burrows, Winner Stan Nelson

The full list of results is on the church porch noticeboard.

> Wendy Burrows 338082



## SUMMER'S OVER

### THE SUMMER FUN HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

in the church in August lived up to their name. The weather was kind on the whole, so the children enjoyed clock golf, badminton, darts and French cricket in Castle House garden and a picnic on the last day in the Old Post House garden, by kind permission of Simon and Vivien Bouverie and Christine Blenntoft respectively. This year's music/drama workshop production of an African version of the Tortoise and Hare fable was a delight. We owe huge thanks to our loyal, regular helpers and to several other mums and teenagers without whom all this fun would have been impossible.

Jane Green green-jane@btconnect.com

### **Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery**

A new school year has begun and we are delighted to welcome new children at both sites. Everyone has settled in quickly and is making the most of the activities on offer. Our topic for the next few weeks is 'All About Me', and we will be learning about ourselves, our families and where we live. Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Deddington Village Nursery on Thursday 15 October at 7.30pm. It is vital that all families with children at the settings aim to attend. We are a parent-managed setting (charity) and need the support of parents to make decisions and elect a new committee. Please join us if you possibly can.

Lucy Squires 337484

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The PTAAGM was well attended on the 22 September and a new Committee was formed. Some members of the 2008/09 committee have been re-elected, and we are pleased to welcome some new faces to the team this year.

Our usual Firework Display will be held on the school field on Friday 6 November. Put a note in your diaries now as the fireworks get better each year!

We have a very exciting year planned and look forward to welcoming you to all our upcoming events. Thank you for your continued support.

Janet Watts PTA Chair 337135

### FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

The FDF AGM is on Thursday 12 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Church. The agenda will be sent out to all Friends a month in advance. Please come if you can. Apart from bringing you up to date with current membership, committee and financial matters, the Open Forum item offers a platform for your opinions, both on this year's Festival and on future developments. It's your Festival – your input is vital. Begin the evening with a glass of wine and take it from there.

> Kristin Thompson FDF Publicity 337052

# From Donald William Welford's Family History

Donald's great grandfather William, who we read was well on his way to prosperity, setting himself up as a coal and forage merchant in 1865, now diversified even further. He purchased small properties in Clifton and built his own house 'Roseville' in 1875 where he was to spend the rest of his life. He also bought next-door 'Ashley House' with stables and a blacksmith's forge, giving him his own horse-shoeing facility.

William and his wife Anne Shirley (from Clifton) had four children, of whom John Henry, Donald's grandfather was the eldest.

While enlarging the coal side of his business William suddenly realised that he rather liked the idea of producing hay for marketing. To this end he acquired grassland meadows from which he was entitled to take one crop of hay a year, allowing him gradually to extend his forage client base beyond the barge men of the Cherwell Valley to nearby towns such as Banbury, Brackley, far into the Cotswolds, to Oxford and even to the larger markets of London and Birmingham where, in the mid 19th century, the economy was still entirely dependent on horses!

Working with William in his expanding forage business were a number of highly skilled local men known as hay-tiers who would arrive with their hay presses wherever there was a rick to be turned into bales of hay for easy transport on horse wagons, or for long distance orders, in railway wagons. These men also had hay knives, gruesome weapons to be treated with the utmost care but in their hands useful in making neat trusses (bales), each truss weighing 56lbs. The farmer would then supply a horse to fetch the hay press which was made on two wheels so designed that a pair of shafts could be attached and the whole contraption pulled by a horse.

William now began to travel extensively. He met farmers who traded with him and to convince them of the quality of his hay, he took with him a really good sample, pressed in just the way that the haytiers did their bales, but to a size that would fit into his Gladstone bag. (In Donald's possession was the miniature hay press William used and showing it to many people over the years nobody ever recognised for what it was used.)

[To be continued]

Ruth Johnson 338355

## **Deddington Festival 2010**

At the moment we are busy with plans for next year and we will announce the 2010 Festival outline just as soon as we can.

### Dr Donald Lane

After five years as a director of Deddington Festivals Limited, Donald has decided to leave the Festival committee to concentrate on the work involved in organising the Writing Competition, as well as his other interests which include composing and conducting. Grateful thanks to Donald who has worked extremely

hard over the last five years, both as a committee member and as a performer. Thankfully we will shall be able to call on his expertise and advice in the future. Thank you, Donald.

The Writing Competition has become one of the most successful events of the Festival, attracting over 350 people from all over the UK in 2009 and the work-load has increased accordingly. Thanks to all involved.

Eileen Anderson 01869 338325 www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk

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### The Deddington Housing Association

The Deddington Housing Association is a small charity responsible for the management of the four Holly Tree Cottages in Earls Lane. The committee is made up of volunteers who meet formally four or five times a year to discuss and formulate plans for maintenance and improvement of the properties. In between times each member of the management committee looks after a specific aspect of management, so that, in addition to a Chairman, we have a Treasurer, a Secretary and members responsible for Property, Gardens, Health & Safety, and Tenant Liaison.

As well as the management committee we have other members who join in our meetings a couple of times in the year, to add their ideas and contribute to fulfilling the aim of the Association, which is to provide accommodation for the needy, elderly or infirm of the Parish of Deddington. We would like to increase our general membership in order to have a pool of volunteers to call upon to carry out the tasks of managing the Holly Tree Cottages, when the need arises. If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile task please contact our Chairman, Phil Plant, on 01869 338965, or e-mail him at philip.plant@btinternet.com.

# CENTREPOINT, an 18th century property with a 21st century use

### **Celebrating 20 years in Deddington**

Business Centres come in many shapes and sizes, few more unusual, however, than Centrepoint. This is no purpose-built property. Originally two homes, it became a butcher's shop, followed by an antique shop for a few more decades; eventually by 1989 the property was for sale. For the last twenty years, it has been operated as one of the region's best-known busi-



Good news: two Russian freighters last month completed the North-East Passage saving £55,000 worth of fuel for each ship if it had instead used the Suez Canal. Bad news: that means that the Arctic ice-cap has melted and is melting much faster than was forecast. The less ice there is, the less sunlight is reflected and the more warmth is absorbed by the sea - an accelerating vicious circle. Professor Tom Burke of Imperial and University Colleges in London warned three years ago, *"If climate change is not tackled in ten years, don't be under 40."* Today make that 'seven years', and 'under 37'. What does that mean for young parents and their children in Deddington now?

What does that mean for thousands of human beings already, quite apart from all the other species who share this planet? The Global Humanitarian Forum recently published *The Anatomy of a Silent Crisis.* It found that climate change already kills some 300,000 human beings a year. 4,000,000,000 people are vulnerable to climate change, 500,000,000 are at extreme risk. In half a lifetime 150 to 200 million could be permanently displaced by rising sea levels. Who will be watching migration then? Twenty years ago Bishop John V Taylor foresaw a future scenario: *'an affluent lifeboat on a sea of poverty from which the survivors beat back the multitude of unwanted people who are desperately struggling to clamber aboard.'* 

In December the fate of our children will be decided by national leaders at the Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen.

### Christopher Hall 338225

ness centres, providing many locals with photocopying and secretarial services.

The plan looked good on paper, but, as with all old buildings, this one held surprises. Internal manhole covers, 'cavity' stone walls three feet wide, and a water supply which follows a route from the road unknown even to the water company, all helped to make the early days eventful.

For those who wonder what the community might gain from local businesses flourishing in the village, Ian Sloan believes those working in the offices probably spend around £7,000 per year in the Co-op, mainly on lunches and upwards of £5,000 on stamps, even in the age of e-mail!

Can any readers remember the name of the antique shop which was located where Centrepoint is now? What other memories do you have of 1989? A final thought: 20 years ago Deddington had three petrol stations!

> lan Sloan reception@centre-p.co.uk

### **Banbury Rural North and South Neighbourhood**

Following a survey with the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG), speeding, parking and anti-social behaviour were identified as the most important issues and these will be tackled by the policing team and NAG over the next 12 months:

Deddington, Hempton and Clifton come into the South of the area covered.

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) Lana Smith, Nikki Dale and Neighbourhood Specialist Officer (NSO) Becky McLeod have been working their way around the villages and replacing the neighbourhood team posters, providing up to date information regarding our neighbourhood priorities as well as putting faces to the names of the officers responsible for your area.

We shall be conducting speed enforcement operations in a variety of locations in the near future. PCSO Nikki Dale is running Community Speedwatch for the rural area. If there is an area in your village that you feel is prone to speeding, please do not hesitate to get in touch to discuss the problem. We have access to a Speed Indication Device that I will use with volunteers in order to both enforce and educate drivers, if a location is deemed suitable. We launched the scheme in Hanwell, and had a positive reaction from both residents and motorists alike.

Unforunately, there have been some thefts across the area from outbuildings. These have included fuel and other items that are easy to sell. Once again we urge you to be vigilant and if you do notice anything out of the ordinary then let us know. In conjunction with our colleagues, we have being conducting extra patrols in the rural area. If you require any advice on crime reduction contact Jayne Taylor.

As we are sure you are aware, there have been recent distraction burglaries in Twyford and Adderbury. The offenders have targeted elderly and vulnerable people in the area. Please do not open the door to someone you do not recognise or are not expecting – always ask for ID. If the caller is genuine, they will be happy to return by appointment.

Do you live near to an elderly or vulnerable person? Please call us to become a Nominated Neighbour. This is a brilliant scheme that helps to protect those who are elderly and vulnerable from distraction burglaries and rogue traders. If the vulnerable person has someone come to the door, they can ask them to go to you for verification of identification. This is done without the person having actually to open the door - a yellow card with your house number is held up in the window. If they are genuine, they will come across to you, and you will be more equipped to verify that they are legitimate. We are interested in reinventing the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in several villages in the South. Many of these villages had a very active scheme a few years ago which has since gone stale. If you are interested in taking a proactive view in protecting yourself and the area in which you live, please contact Debbie Tonks in the Watch Office in Banbury.

Contact no 0845 8 505 505

## The River Swere

*Portrait of a River* was written by Walter Meagher and Peter Sheasby illustrated on the natural history of the river. Dr Robin Buxton, Chairman of the Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum reported that

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CONTACT LEE Van/Mob: 07815 288909 email: lee.mullins01@virgin.net all the species and habitats described were doublechecked by three botanists. Finding no fault with any descriptions, the River Swere Valley has been named a Conservation District. The head of this district has been named too: Craig Blackwell.



### FRIENDS OF DAEDA'S WOOD

With the coming of autumn, the leaves will soon be falling and the trees going into their dormant period. Not having had the predicted hot dry summer the trees have flourished and for those who comment that they are too congested, it is the current policy of the Woodland Trust to allow nature to take its course rather than to interfere and thin the trees.

The two main annual surveys, Kristin Thompson on butterflies and Nancy White and Sue Goddard on damsel-flies, have brought interesting and differing results.

The butterflies have been patchy, like the weather – good in April (with brimstones, orange tips, commas etc), poor until July (speckled wood, red admiral, tor-toiseshell etc) and then, during a few days in August, Kristin says the display was prolific, with numerous painted ladies.

The damsels, following the pattern of the last two years, have been less plentiful. The wood along the river is more overgrown, making it harder to survey and meaning that less of the river is in sun. However, of the two varieties there, banded and beautiful, the banded showed a slight increase on last year.

> Elspeth Cox Chairman elspethcox@waitrose.com

### **News from Clifton**

Footpath overgrown – Deddington cut off!

The footpath has often been a bone of contention in Clifton but recently it plumbed new depths and Deddington was to all intents and purposes cut off!

Many Clifton residents gave vent to their frustrations and wrote letters – so a campaign is now underway to allow the Deddington 'Ladies who jog' free and clear access all the way to our corner of heaven.

Also, this correspondent has received reports that adders have been seen in and around Welford's Piece. While we are delighted that this endangered species has found a haven in our midst, obviously care must be taken. They don't like noise so make heavy steps and plenty of rustling noises when approaching.

The Clifton job club has enjoyed another result as one of the members has settled in the leisure industry – so well done him, and there are thoughts of starting a local 'allotment club'. Just ask Robert next time you fancy a pint!

The walking club has hit a 'quiet time' following a night walk of 20 miles not going too well and finishing with a lift from the milk float at three in the morning! Oh well, we'll see if they get going again.

And finally we are wondering if the three holes in the road lately meant someone had taken the chance to fix the broken drain (see DN April 2008) at the same time as they seemed to be fixing the broken main. Martin Bryce 338031





## **1st Deddington Guides**

We celebrated the end of the summer term with our annual stream-walking event near Nether Worton. Congratulations to Danielle and Megan who made their promise in this unusual location. A terrific time was had by all – lots of squealing and adventures then just time for hot soup to warm up when, unusually for us on our fine weather Tuesdays, the heavens opened!

Camp was a glorious affair – sunshine all the way and a beautiful setting on a farm near Swalcliffe with a lovely welcome from Mr and Mrs Taylor. It was like The Darling Buds of May and Famous Five rolled together. A dawn mike and up at 0420 hours! Beautiful skies and rolling mists from our vantage point on Climp Hill; we sat quietly spell bound before going back to camp for bacon butties. We learnt a lot about farming and three-day eventing - meeting the horses, touring the horse box, collecting eggs, picking wild plums, hiking to Epwell and causing a shortage of glasses at the pump with our lemonade order! We also got soaked playing in the stream and on our water slide, tried out many crafts, camp fire singsongs, toasted marshmallows, cooked all our own meals on wood fires etc. The four older guides had their own camp next to us and had a great time. One highlight was the harvest tea when we joined local farmers and farm hands in the orchard for an amazing farmhouse spread - homemade delights in a lovely setting!

In 2010 it is 100 years since girls turned up at the first scout rally at Crystal Palace and asked Baden-Powell to create something for girls too. Many of us joined 2,000 other Guides, Rangers, Brownies, Rainbows and leaders at the Cotswold Wildlife Park for Girl Guiding's centenary launch. We had a great day out in the park and the sunshine.

Our numbers are increasing all the time. All girls over 10 are welcome.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069 Marian Trinder 01869 340806 Guiders

## 1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

Here we are back after a nice summer break and we've hit the ground running, as the Cubs have already been to camp at Horley, run by the Sealed Knot who provided a weekend of Civil War activities. The boys were taught pike drill and the art of musketry; they learned some 17th century crafts and visited an encampment where they struck an authentic Civil War coin. The activities were only interrupted when the cannon was fired at the end of each session.

At the campfire one of the Sealed Knot members told the story of how he joined the Parliamentarians and songs were sung before some very tired Cubs made their way back to bed.

We have three new Cubs, George, Henry and Rhys and we hope they will enjoy themselves with the pack.

During the rest of the term we shall be fire-lighting, making guys (look out for them at the market), attempting the astronomers' badge and making puppets.

Jo Churchyard CSL

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### Scouts

Two new boys have joined the troop this term, Hugh and Shaun, and some of our older boys have moved on to other interests (one has just moved) and we wish them all well.

This term we will join other Scouts at the annual JOTA/JOTI (Jamboree on the Air/Internet) held at Horley. At this event they will be able to contact other Scouts worldwide and spend a night under canvas.

During the rest of the term we shall organise a young persons' quiz night to raise money for Shelterbox, visit a Scalextric track and join other District Scouts at a firework display. At the same time we will work towards numerous awards.

> Pete Churchyard SL 338071 pete.churchyard@btinternet.com

### **1st Deddington Brownies**

A group of the Brownies were lucky enough to attend the Oxfordshire launch of the Girl Guiding UK centenary year at Cotswold Wildlife Park. They enjoyed crafts, a tour through guiding uniforms of the last 100 years, a picnic and a singsong, and a look round the park. The day was just the first of the year's celebrations, with many other events and activities planned. The girls have already begun to work on their Adventure 100 badge, a collection of challenges including possibly climbing the church tower!

Lucy Squires 338442

### **Deddington Players**

There is a committee meeting on Monday 5 October to discuss the pantomime and other matters. Please phone me if you need details. We plan to hold pantomime auditions on Sunday 1 November at 3.00pm at the Windmill. Everyone is welcome to turn up for these informal auditions and we are always pleased to hear from anyone who can help out backstage with costumes or with technical skills. Rehearsals will begin shortly afterwards and the performances will be on 21, 22 and 23 January.

#### Lucy Squires 338442

### **Deddington Beeches Bowls Club**

Our annual Race Night will take place at the Royal British Legion on Saturday 24 October starting at 8.30pm. We look forward to welcoming as many people as possible for an enjoyable night at the races.

> Yvonne Twomey Hon Secretary 337213

# CALLING MORE CLUBS

## **Deddington Town Football Club**

1<sup>st</sup> Team Results:

01/09/09 Heyford Athletic (a) W 6-2 Hall (3), McCrickerd (2), Thornton L

05/09/09 Drayton Village (h) L 3-4 Hall (2), Flemming J 12/09/09 Fenny Compton (a) [CUP] W 4-3 (aet) Gibbs

(2), England, Thornton L

Reserve Results:

05/09/09 Middleton Cheney (a) L 0-3

12/09/09 Bloxham (h) L 2-4 own goal, Kaye (pen)

A new dawn has broken. Both teams kicked off under new auspices; the First Team under the stewardship of Matthew Garstin. An extensive pre-season programme appeared to pay off as the team flew out of the blocks away to Heyford Athletic. Ex-Reserve star Simon Hall continued where he left off with a superb hat-trick, while new attacker Ryan McCrickerd demonstrated his prowess. Unfortunately a baffling defeat to Drayton followed. Deddington was in the lead and struck the woodwork a whopping five times before succumbing narrowly. Like any team with character, the players responded in style, beating Premier Division Fenny Compton after extra time with Matty Gibbs cracking a brace.

The Reserves have had a baptism of fire. Starting life in a new division with new players and a new management team of Mikey Large and Barry Debenham, the team have yet to find their feet. They lost both games, their second after being 2-0 up. Bright spots include promising young winger Will Hicks and former first teamers Mikey and Jordan Kaye adding a touch of class. The promise of a more settled line-up and fitness in weeks to come should bode well for future results. Let the clichés overflow: it's early days; no time to panic; notorious slow-starters; need time to gel; plenty more points to play for.

The games will come thick and fast now, so shirk ye not: show your love Deddington!

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

# Deddington Royal British Legion Branch and Club

Membership, which runs from 1 October each year, is open to all over the age of 18 and there is no requirement to have served in the forces. The cost is £16 per annum (£11 for pensioners) and covers both the branch and club and visiting other RBL branches and clubs worldwide. All are welcome to visit us without membership initially during opening hours. The Annual General Meetings for Branch and Club is on Saturday 5 December at 10.00am at the club.

The prime purpose of the Royal British Legion is to give assistance to ex-service personnel and their dependants in times of need. If you need our help, or if you know of anyone who does, please contact our Welfare Secretary, David Keats. There are many ways in which the Royal British Legion can assist but we can't help if we don't know. All discussion and help is in strict confidence.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We appeal to all to support the annual poppy appeal. At this time our brave men and women who are engaged in theatres of war all over the globe need to know that we support them and that, in the event of their suffering loss, we are here to help them and their dependants. The Deddington branch raises some £4,000 annually for the Poppy Fund. Let us be sure that this year is no exception. Collections at the Farmers' Market and door-to-door will commence on Saturday 24 October and most shops in the village will have poppies and collection boxes available. Please give generously.

### Remembrance Commemoration and Poppy Appeal Remembrance Sunday

The Royal British Legion invites all villagers to join them on Sunday 8 November in the parade and the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11.00am and in the Parish Church afterwards. The parade assembles at 10.30am in the Bullring and moves off to the War Memorial at 10.45am. After the church service all are welcome to the Royal British Legion club on the High Street.

### Wednesday 11 November

We will be marking the anniversary of the Armistice by a brief service in the parish church at 10.45am when the Deddington Royal British Legion Standard will be paraded. We hope that as many villagers as possible who can spare just a short time will join us in church, especially at this time of such heavy loss of life and limb by our brave service people.

> Raymond R Morris 338143 Club Secretary David Keats 337641 or 0774 525 0560 <u>DeddingtonRBL@aol.com</u> Branch and Welfare Secretary

## WI

Our speaker on 8 September was Gil Cane who has visited us before so we were pleased to be able to invite her again to talk to us. This time her talk was entitled 'My Royal Weekend' which, in fact, concerned a member of a European Royal Family. Gil's stories and anecdotes kept members interested and amused, causing much laughter. She was warmly applauded and Vivienne Bryant gave a vote of thanks.

On 13 October we have our Bring and Share Harvest Supper and auction for the RBL Poppy Appeal and at our meeting on 10 November Derek Parkes will speak on 'Being a Santa'.

> Rene Mahony 338438

# **CALLING EVEN MORE CLUBS**

### **Photographic Society**

Last month Steve Brabner from the Amersham Camera Club gave a presentation on 'digital club photography'. Adopting digital photography as far back as 1995, whilst employed in the USA, Steve recounted his own personal experiences and difficulties in adapting to the new technique. While the transition from film to digital simplified and dramatically expanded the scope of photography, it also introduced problems in the accurate colour rendition of images. Reviewing these difficulties, Steve took his audience on a journey through the pros and cons of equipment selection and processing software, emphasising the unsurpassed performance of all digital cameras from compacts to SLRs, and their ability to produce truly amazing photographs. He concluded with a series of thoughtprovoking audio/visual presentations, demonstrating the impact of this media format, followed by a personal selection of his own photographs. A comprehensive and absorbing tour-de-force by a gifted amateur which revealed many hidden aspects of digital photography.

The next meeting of the Society is at 7.30pm on 7 October in the Deddington Arms Hotel when there will be a presentation by Roger Neill on 'Better portraits than those of any painter'.

John Branton 01295 811071

### **Book Club**

At our last meeting we discussed *Hawksmoor* by Peter Ackroyd, a chilling murder-mystery set in 18th century and present day London. The basic premise of the story, the six churches built in London by Christopher Wren's apprentice, is based on fact. The narrative switches back and forth in time with overlapping characters and the same actions replayed over two centuries. There was a diversity of feeling among the group. Some found it intriguing, most found it baffling and a few found it unreadable. The historical parts are written in the style and vocabulary of the time which makes it far from an easy read. However, he does write a good atmospheric story about 18th century London with good descriptions of the Fire of London and the Plague. The present day parts are less convincing.

The next book is *The Music Room* by William Fiennes and the next meeting 29 October.

Sally Lambert 338094

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

We were very pleased to welcome several new members to the Society at our first meeting of the season on 9 September. Our series of talks began with an excellent presentation by Adrian Thornton of The Campaign for National Parks on 'National Parks – not ours, but ours to look after'. No one can complain about lack of variety since our next meeting, on Wednesday 14 October, will feature a talk by Andy Norton on 'The Archaeology of Oxford Castle'. Andy will reveal how the excavations that preceded the recent commercial development of the castle site have transformed our knowledge, not only of the Norman and later castle buildings, but also of the late Saxon suburb that was buried beneath them. Even if you think you know the castle site, this will prove revelatory.

On Wednesday 11 November Hilary Turner will talk about the 'Mr Sheldon's Tapestry Maps – an Elizabethan Panorama belonging to the Bodleian Library'.

We hold our meetings at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month from September to June. All are welcome to come along.

*Chris Day, Chairman 337204 Moira Byast, Secretary 338637* 

### **Deddington Badminton Club**

Our season is underway and we have our first win with our Mixed B team beating Marlborough 5-4. Our club night starts at 7.30pm with juniors an hour earlier at 6.30pm. Membership is still available. For more details call Mark Tyler 01869 338056.

## **Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)**

As the end of 2009 quickly approaches the final DOGS golf event is upon us. Our finale is at Kenilworth Golf Club on Friday 16 October 2009. This promises to be a special day as Kenilworth is a highly-respected course and a real challenge for even the most accomplished golfer! The format is a full day of golf with a 9-hole team competition and, following a break for lunch, an 18-hole individual competition. As it is our final DOGS day for 2009 some surprises will be the order of the day!

#### David Darst 338589

#### Weekly Diary

Mon: Brownies, Windmill Centre, 6-7.30pm Mon: Youth Club, Windmill Centre, 7.00 - 9.00pm Mon: Bellringing Practice, Parish Church Tues: Craft Group, Holly Tree, 2.00 – 4.30pm Tues: Tennis Club, Windmill Centre, 10.00am Tues: Deddington Guides, Windmill Centre, 7.00-9.00pm Tues: Badminton Club, Windmill Centre, 7.00 - 10.00pm Tues: Youth Group. Parish Church, 7.00 - 8.30pm Alt Tues: Hempton Ladies, St Johns Hall, 2.00 – 4.00pm Wed in term time: Caterpillar Music for babies and toddlers, Windmill Centre, 10.00am Every other Wed: Friendship Club, Windmill, 2.30pm Wed: Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys, Windmill Centre, 5.00pm Wed: Boys' Brigade Juniors, Windmill Centre, 5.45pm Wed: Boys' Brigade Company, Parish Church, 7.00pm Thu: Art Group, Town Hall, 10.00 - 1.30 & 2.30 – 4.00pm Thu: Cubs, Windmill Centre, 6.00 - 7.30pm Thu: Scouts, Windmill Centre, 7.30-9 pm Fri: Coffee Morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10.00am - noon Fri: Babies & Toddlers', Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.00am Fri: Friendly Bridge Club, Holly Tree, 2.00 - 5.00pm

# GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP

## for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton October 2009

The group offers help in a crisis or even with an everyday task such as collecting a prescription or doing some shopping. If you are unable to reach the appropriate person listed below, please telephone Molly Neild (338521)

## **DEDDINGTON**

**HEMPTON:** 

**CLIFTON:** 

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Linda Davies, 10 Walnut Close, 337360

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