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**CHRISTMAS COVER:**  
Wendy Burrows

I don't know about you but I've found this year's Remembrance services more poignant than ever. I'm not from a service family, but I've recently been researching the story of a great-uncle who won a Military Cross at the Battle of Arras in 1917; he was badly injured, but survived. And recently a great-nephew returned from his first tour of duty in Afghanistan. Whatever the politicians say about the rights and wrongs of this campaign, with no exit strategy in sight the human cost is increasingly difficult to bear.

There's much to reflect on in this month's issue: reports of the local British Legion Remembrance events; and a personal reaction to the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. We also look forward to an active 2010 with another Festival, more Farmers' Markets, and our many sports teams hopefully doing themselves proud. At the end of another decade, the DN team is now 50 strong, editorial and production teams, collators and distributors, volunteers all. Our contributors are the lifeblood of the magazine, and our loyal advertisers' revenue pays for it all. We thank you all (and thanks to Wendy Burrows for this month's cover); we wish you the compliments of the season, whether it go by the name of winter solstice, Christmas or whatever!

**MR**

## DIARY DECEMBER

Wed	2	Photographic Society: John Chedland, 'Freelance Frenzy', Deddington Arms, 7.30pm
Wed	2	History Society: Linda Maud, 'The History of Pantomime', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Thu	3	Deddington Scouts: 'No Wrinklies' Quiz for Ages 10-14, Proceeds to ShelterBox, Windmill Centre, 7.30-9.00pm
Sat	5	Royal British Legion Club: Branch and Club AGM, RBL Club, 11.00am
Sun	6	Choros Advent Carols: Parish Church, 6.30pm
Mon	7	Monday Morning Club: Christmas lunch, Holcombe, 12.30 for 1pm
Tue	8	WI: Christmas and Birthday meal, Deddington Arms, 7.30pm
Thu	10	Monday Morning Club: Film evening, <i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i> , Holly Tree, 6.30pm
Sat	12	Children's activities: Parish Church, 10am-12.30pm
Mon	14	Primary School: F1 & F2 Christmas production, Parish Church, 2pm
Mon	14	Youth Club: Christmas Party, Windmill Centre, 7-9pm
Tue	15	Primary School: Key Stage 1 Christmas production, Parish Church, 4.30pm
Wed	16	Parish Council: Meeting Town Hall, 7.30pm
Thu	17	Primary School: Key Stage 2 Christmas production, Parish Church, 5.00pm
Sat	19	Farmers' Market: Market Place, 9am-12.30pm
Tue	22	Badminton Club: Final Meeting before Christmas, Windmill Centre
Sat	24	Carols in the Market Place, 6pm

## JANUARY 2010

Mon	4	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am-noon
Tue	5	Badminton Club: Seniors' first 2010 meeting, Windmill Centre

*More January dates on p. 11*

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting in Hempton Church Hall 18 November 2009

*Present:* Cllrs Flux (Chair), Anderson, Collins, Day, Finnigan, Ince, Squires, Ward, Watts and Wood, County Cllr Jelf and the Parish Clerk, Minute Clerk, 8 members of the public and the DN correspondent.

**Open Forum:** Geraldine and Derek Lay, Deborah Labuschagne and others drew attention to the excessive speed of vehicles passing through Hempton and to the flooding caused by the poor state of the drains. The meeting was informed that the drains had now been repaired and that the speeding problem would be referred to OCC. A number of remedial suggestions and traffic-calming measures were discussed and these suggestions would be passed to OCC.

David Westbury, Chair of the Friends of Castle Grounds, briefed the meeting on progress at the Castle Grounds in consultation with English Heritage and Natural England. The work EH has suggested will require funding and a request for funds will be made which will have to be put forward by the PC on behalf of the FOCG. Cllr Flux confirmed that the land is owned by DPC.

#### Recreation

*Sports clubs:* The fees charged to clubs to cover DPC-related insurance and maintenance costs are to be reviewed.

*Youth activities:* DPC to take the initiative supporting the Youth Club and seek support from CDC to offer sports sessions for 11–16 year olds.

*Dogs:* Owners are reminded that dogs must not be allowed to foul playing areas and that there are dog bins.

#### Environment & Special Projects

*Wildflower meadow:* A grant of £500 is being sought from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment for the creation of a wildflower meadow and 'hotspots'.

*Christmas tree:* DPC acknowledges the support of Phil Rudge, Cllr John Day and the *Deddington News* for sponsorship and decoration of this year's tree.

*War Memorial:* The possible relocation or alternatively the refurbishment of the war memorial is being reviewed.

*Hempton and War Memorial cemeteries:* A programme of refurbishment and maintenance is being undertaken.

#### Planning

*PC no objection:* (1) Lime Cottage, New St, hand rail for front steps. (2) Holcombe Hotel, High St, technical amendment to previous application and various internal enabling works. (3) Corner House, High St, refurbishment of brickwork and drain restitution. (4) Ivings House, Philcote St, two-storey rear extension. (5) Knowle, Philcote St, fell laurel. (6) Heathfield House, High St, fell one Leylandii and trim one holly. (6) Her-

mitage, Market Pl., trim one yew and fell another. (7) Calder Cottage, Philcote St, replace interior wall.

*PC objection:* (8) 1 The Paddocks, conversion of house into four self-contained flats, concern about traffic flow but aware of the need for low-cost housing, qualified objection.

*Approvals:* (9) 22 St John's Way, Hempton, rear garden room. (10) 27 Gaveston Gdns, side extension and garage conversion. (11) Featherston House, Chapel Squ., various tree works. (12) Manor Farm, Hempton Rd, fell one sycamore.

*Withdrawals:* (13) Winmour, Philcote St, two-storey extension and various internal works. (14) 9 The Daedings, various alterations. (15) 1 & 2 Castle Farm Cottages, Earl's Lane, conversion of semi-detached dwellings into two separate bungalows.

*Other matters:* (16) Castle End, Castle St, remedial work on the diseased ash resulted in the tree being condemned and will have to be replaced within two years.

#### F&GP

*Deposit interest revenue:* the low interest rates are having a great impact on DPC income, expenditure is going to have to be vigorously controlled and reduced from original budget.

*Tennis Club:* have requested trimming of surrounding trees, DPC to decline and suggest Tennis Club undertake work themselves.

*Earl's Lane footpath repair:* OCC responsibility.

*Satin Lane allotments:* request to clear ground for more allotments, DPC to decline.

#### Highways

*Parking:* no progress.

*Earl's Lane speeding:* no progress.

*Wimborne Close, Hempton Road speeding:* no progress.

*Pedestrian crossing New St:* no progress.

*Post box moving:* no progress.

*Bus shelter arrival indicator:* to be replaced in the next two years.

*Hempton speeding:* no progress, see Open Forum.

*Market Place pinch point:* no progress.

*Clifton footpath:* maybe some progress to clear foliage and weed clearing.

Clifton storm drain is reported blocked; OCC to be informed.

#### Parish Finances

Invoices passed for payment: £1316.47

Investments totalled £549,887.97 at West Bromwich, and Alliance & Leicester BSs, Barclays, and Anglo-Irish Bank

**Next meeting: 16 December at 7.30pm in the  
Town Hall**

## Deddington Royal British Legion

### Remembrance Sunday: 8 November

In spite of the overcast and drizzly weather, over 200 people attended the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. The parade left Horsefair and marched to the War Memorial led by the Boys' Brigade band. In the Church afterwards there was standing room only for a most moving service. Captain Ted Johnson MC (retired), one of our members who was a prisoner of war, gave the address and described his experiences (see also <http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/05-08pdfs/2007/dec07.pdf>, p. 9).

Our President, Major David G Hood MC (retired), led the parade back through the Market Place where the salute was taken by Ted Johnson supported by members of the PC, the Vicar and Pastor Isabel Walton of the Wesleyan Reform Church.

Our thanks to all who joined us at the War Memorial and in Church, the Boys' Brigade band, the Vicar the Revd Dr Hugh White, the choir, organist and bell ringers, Pastor Walton who led the prayers, and everyone else who was involved. Once again we thank George Reason of Windmill Street who erected and maintained the Memorial Garden in the Market Place.

### Armistice Day: 11 November

In accordance with modern practice we held a short service in the Parish Church at 11.00am on the 11th day of the 11th month to commemorate the Armistice which marked the end of the First World War in 1918.



*George Brain, Dave Keats (Deddington RBL standard bearer), and Arthur Lewis (Past President, Chairman and Secretary of Deddington RBL) at the head of the Remembrance parade on 8 November. The Boys' Brigade band is behind (Pic. Di Keats)*

We were pleased to be joined by the senior classes from the school. This service was very well supported and we hope to be able to do this again in future years.

### Poppy Appeal 2009

Yet again the residents of Deddington and surrounding villages gave generously, as did the customers of the 35 shops and offices, the school and Featherton House who undertook to have our Poppy Boxes and collecting tins. The provisional results are very similar to last year's which is amazing in the present economic climate:

House-to-house collections	£2461
Shops, offices etc.	£972
Churches' contributions	£867
Wreaths	£259
Donation	£100
	<b>£4659</b>

If anyone is able to assist in door-to-door collections next year or in any other way, please contact our Poppy Appeal Organiser, Norman West on 340368.

**Ray Morris, Vice-President 338143**

[DeddingtonRBL@aol.com](mailto:DeddingtonRBL@aol.com)

[A quick trawl through DN back numbers shows how the Poppy Appeals have grown over the years, reflecting no doubt the value we citizens put on them: 1979: £357; 1989: £1198, 1999: £2555; and now £4659 – Ed.]



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## CHURCH AND CHAPEL

### December 2009

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Wed	2	10.00am	Eucharist
Thur	3	2.00pm	Squeals & Wheels
Sun	6	10.30am	First Sunday
Wed	9	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun	13	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (with healing prayer)
		4.00pm	Christingle
Wed	16	10.00am	Eucharist
Thur	17	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	20	10.30am	Eucharist (with baptisms)
		6.30pm	Carol Service
Wed	23	10.00am	Eucharist
Thur	24	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
		11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Fri	25	10.30am	Family Eucharist
Sat	26	10.00am	Eucharist: St Stephen
Sun	27	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Morning Worship
Mon	28	10.00am	Eucharist: Holy Innocents
Wed	30	10.00am	Eucharist (4th with healing prayer)
Thur	31	11.30pm	Watch Night service

#### St John's Hempton

Sun	6	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	20	9.00am	Eucharist
Fri	25	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	27	6.00 pm	Evensong

### January 2010

#### Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

Fri	1	10.00am	Eucharist: Naming & Circumcision
Sun	3	10.30am	First Sunday Epiphany
		6.30pm	Eucharist
Wed	6	10.00am	Eucharist
Thur	7	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	10	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (with healing prayer)
Wed	13	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun	17	10.30am	Eucharist
Wed	20	10.00am	Eucharist
Thur	21	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	24	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Mattins
Mon	25	6.30pm	Eucharist
			Conversion of St Paul
Wed	27	10.00am	Eucharist (with healing prayer)
Sun	31	8.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Eucharist

#### St John's Hempton

Sun	3	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	17	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	24	6.00pm	Evensong

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

#### From the Parish Registers

*Funerals:* 14 October, Ken Smith

10 November, Honor Aitchison

*Baptisms:* 15 November, Myla Grace Monaghan-Stride

22 November, James Joseph Christopher

#### Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

##### **Pastor Isabel Walton 337157**

Sunday mornings at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton

Sun 6 & 13 Dec Advent Service

Sun 20 Dec Carol Service

Fri 25 Dec 9.30am United service with  
Congregational Chapel

Sun 27 Dec 10.30am Post Christmas Service

Sun 3 Jan 10.30am Covenant Service

#### Congregational Chapel, New Street

##### **Joyce Minnear 338529**

Sun 6 & 13 Dec Both services as normal

Sun 20 Dec Carol Service

Fri 25 Dec 9.30am United service with the  
Wesleyan Chapel

Sun 27 Dec 3.00pm Afternoon service as normal

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

Sunday afternoon services at the Chapel at 3.00pm are organised by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church

#### RC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

##### **Fr John Burns 277396**

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

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

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

Thu 24 Dec 11.30pm Hethe Carols  
12.00am Hethe Midnight Mass

Fri 25 Dec 9.00am Adderbury Mass

10.30am Hethe Mass

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#### Other Faiths

Deddington OnLine carries details of the meetings of other faiths: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/church/otherfaithsandbeliefs>. If any of these organisations would like details of their services to be publicised in Deddington News, please contact the editors.

## The Berlin Wall – A Memory

In 1989 I was working as the Librarian at the American Library in Geneva. This was a large English language library, but its membership included more than 40 nationalities and my volunteer desk staff came from all over Europe, the UK, America and frequently from beyond.

Many of the staff were retired professionals, who had worked for international organisations or for their country's Foreign Service and had now settled in Geneva. They were intelligent, realistic, not given to undue displays of emotion. Then came 9 November and the collapse of the Berlin Wall. As befitted an international city, there were scenes of bounding happiness in Geneva's streets and homes, and among the many people with first-hand experience of the anguish of divided communities and illiberal regimes. Everywhere, there was an almost tangible sense of euphoria. The collapse of the Wall represented so much more than just one city's journey to unity.

In the Library my European staff forgot protocol. They forgot to speak English, momentarily greeting their fellow countrymen in their own language. They forgot to check date-dues and fines but clasped hands and looked at each other, often with tears of joy as they exchanged brief reminiscences or mentioned names and places from the past. A past, you felt, that had rarely been spoken of in public spaces. Several members became so lost in happiness that they forgot to return their books. It didn't matter. Most touching was a kind of cracking of the carapace of experience. It was suddenly all right to hope. Peace, freedom, brotherhood, justice, all the unattainable wish-list words were newly validated. Cynicism evaporated. We were children again, believing in the perfectibility of the world. The euphoria didn't last of course, but while it did, it became one of the most moving experiences of my life.

**Kristin Thompson 337052**

## Edward Woodward

The multi-talented actor, Edward Woodward, died recently. He was widely known for his TV and film work, especially *Callan* and *The Equalizer*, but was also an accomplished Shakespearean actor. Those who were lucky enough to be here for our huge Deddington Carnival in 1981 will remember him opening the show, along with his wife, Michele Dotrice. **MR**



Pic: Colin Robinson

## Christmas Eve Carols

Once again I will be playing my street organ for the traditional Christmas Eve Carols at 6pm by the tree in the Market Place. Jim Flux will be leading the singing, while Chris and Yvonne Twomey, Stan and Carol Horlock and Pat Brittain serve the mulled wine provided by local businesses. All are welcome to this event which is in aid of the Katharine House Hospice.

**Geoff Todd 338532**

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM MRS DOROTHY MANNING, MIDDLETON CHENEY

Re War Memorial: this must in no way be moved, so no further suggestions or recommendations to be made on this matter. Please do not cause upset to the relatives of those named on it – and there are many.



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FROM CHRISTINE BLENNTTOFT, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

Christine and Rebecca Blenntoft wish all their friends in Deddington a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. We will not be sending local Christmas cards again this year, but donating to the Brooke Animal Hospital.

FROM VALERIE CARTER, COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER, KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE, ADDERBURY

Stuck for Christmas gift ideas? Why not buy your friend or relative 20 weeks' membership in our popular lottery? For £1 per week, there is a chance of winning £1,000 every Friday! We also have a wonderful selection of Christmas cards for sale and our Calendar for 2010 features local scenes. These are available from all our shops and via mail order (call Fundraising on 01295 812161). Or you can send a hospice 'gift' card. Instead of a present, you send a donation to Katharine House Hospice and we will produce a personalised greetings card for you to send. Further details and an application form can be seen on our website [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk).

Finally a huge thank you from all of us at Katharine House to all our friends in Deddington for their help and support over the past year. As you may know, we make no charge for our service, which this year will cost £2.4 million to provide. Of this, we must raise at least £1.6 million ourselves from voluntary sources. It is through the support of our friends in the community that we are able to do this. Our best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas and New Year to you all.

FROM HUGH MARSHALL, 7 THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

Fairtrade exists to 'fight poverty through trade' as every purchase of a Fairtrade certified product helps to lift people, usually in far off places, to build a better life for their families by selling their products at a guaranteed and sustainable price. So what is sold from the Fairtrade stall in the Church on market days (this month 19 December), through the school on 2 December, at the Church on some Sundays, or direct from Hugh Marshall (337761) as we approach Christmas is very much in the spirit of the refugee baby born in an out-house all those centuries ago.

Buying fairly traded foods, gifts, Christmas cards and stocking fillers really does make a significant difference to the lives of millions – especially when it is multiplied by thousands of other local outlets all over Britain, as well as through the Co-op and most supermarkets. Do come and see what we can offer, or perhaps order a virtual Gift for Life and make a difference this Christmas.

FROM MAUREEN FORSYTH, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

I am very pleased to be able to announce that Helen Spencer and Fay Hand, despite having young families, have generously come forward to take over the jobs of Chairman and Treasurer respectively, for the Youth Club. However, the Club still needs a Secretary and more committee members to support them.

I leave feeling that my years as Chairman have been hugely worthwhile and rewarding and I have really enjoyed being involved with many of the Deddington young.

I could not have done the job without the unremitting commitment and support of Barbara Lowe (Treasurer), Pam Axten (Secretary), the youth leaders, Dawn Franklin and Jon Cardy, the youth workers, Ken Wilkinson and Louise Cowley. They all deserve a big thank you from myself and the Youth Club. I wish them all well in the future.

FROM VANESSA LOACH, THE THRESHING BARN, POUND COURT, EARLS LANE, DEDDINGTON

You are warmly invited to an informal discussion over tea and cake with outreach workers from the Banbury and District branch of the Alzheimers' Society on Sunday 17 January 2010 at 3pm in the Parish Church. Come and find out what resources are available to us locally.

FROM THE REVD DR HUGH WHITE, DUNS TEW

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council, I should like to thank all those who contributed to the upkeep of the Church building at the October Gift Day. £1,539 was contributed. When Gift Aid on some donations has been recovered, the Church will receive a total of £1,737. This is particularly welcome at this time in view of damage inflicted on the east window of the Lady Chapel recently by stone throwers. Though the Church is insured against such damage, the cost of protecting the windows with grilles against similar attacks in the future will be over £5,000, which is not recoverable through our insurance.

PS: Do drop in at the Church in the first week of December to see the exhibition of bronzes and/or to take part in the reading of *Paradise Lost* – or just to listen to it.



## News from Hempton

Leah Calcutt wishes to thank everyone who supported the skittles evening at Sandford St Martin, in particular Ingrid Robey for selling tickets and Jim Calcutt for organising the night. The fish and chips were great. £165 was raised and everyone enjoyed the evening.

There is an idea in the pipeline to replace the doorway between the Church and the hall. The original doors were removed in the 1960s and lost, and the Gothic archways were filled in. Portfolios of the idea can be seen in St John's and the Parish Church.

The Carol Service will be on Friday 18 December at 6.50pm followed by refreshments of a Christmas nature. The Deddington Church choir will be singing so bring the family along and join in. The Christmas Day Eucharist will be at 9.00am. Please note that there is no Evensong on 27 December. Our normal pattern of services will resume on 3 January 2010 at 9.00am.

Many thanks to the four families who rode for the church on the Ride and Stride day and to their sponsors. £300 was raised, of which half will come back to St John's, the other half going to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches.

The Table Tennis Team has started the season quite well. They are playing in Division 3 of the Banbury & District League after being relegated. Their record to date is P7, W5, D0, L2 and they are through to the 2nd round of the Handicap Cup, winning an exciting game against Bodicote E by 312pts to 308pts.

**Les Chappell 338054**

## Awards for George

George Fenemore has won one award from Banbury Agricultural Association and been short-listed for another by *Country Life*. He has received the 2009 Savills Challenge Cup from the BAA for doing 'the most to demonstrate how to balance the demands of farming with landscape and wildlife conservation'. His sponsor, Alasdair Lowe, commented on the considerable enthusiasm and personal input that George has put into his conservation work on the farm: 'This is obvious when visiting the farm; the site is used by Natural England as a "training ground" for new recruits and for other environmental stewardship events'. George did not collect his prize at the BAA Annual Dinner because he was elsewhere giving a talk about his beloved bees!

*Country Life* and the Church of England sought nominations for an 'Unsung Hero of the Rural Church'. George is included in the final shortlist of 12 invited to Lambeth Palace on 4 December – his first visit to London for 36 years! He was nominated *inter alia* for being churchwarden, choir member and crucifer, Warriner Choral Society chair, *DN* and *Four Shires* contributor, speaker on farming and beekeeping, pantomime actor and stage-set builder, hosting farm walks and Rogation services, making the church wrought-iron gates, sanctuary lamp, and candle stands, plus wooden tables and staging. The Christmas edition of *Country Life* will carry the result.

**CH**

## News from Clifton

Deddington PC recently managed to persuade the powers to be that Clifton is worthy of a Saturday bus service from Bicester to Banbury starting on 19 December. More details to follow, but it's kids off to Banbury and Mums off to Bicester village, eh! Get the golf clubs out dads – you won't be missed. I feel an inaugural ceremony coming on!

This bus service will be good news to our other eco warrior, Sam Colley, who recently was promoting the [www.350.org](http://www.350.org) in the village. These people think that there will be a natural disaster if atmospheric concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> remain above 350 parts per million. We are currently at 390. Sam is hoping to arrange a screening of a video about this campaign especially for the children. I'll let you know his progress.

There was a great party at the Duck recently for the whole village and featured Clifton's very own band 'Heat Seeker' who were 'banging' and 'massive – in it', playing tunes from the golden era of the 60s and modern stuff right up to the PM's favourites, the Arctic Monkeys. It was good to see some villagers who we don't see much get out and have a great old boogie. Many thanks to Rob, who also hosted a great 5 November firework display and is also offering to host the carol service on Christmas Eve (following the confusion over the 'Chapel Square/Chapel Close' last month) as he offers a multitude of seasonal entertainments for the whole village from noon onwards (some hope Sarah and Billie can make a return visit!).

I have moved into the 21st century and I'm now 'up the web'! I must say this interweb thingy is very interesting. I've started to print it off for some bedtime reading. So any news – [MartinDNBryce@aol.com](mailto:MartinDNBryce@aol.com) is my chat room front door letter box! Of course if you have any complaints about the fuel co-operative then use Cllr Collins's email address featured in last month's column. I understand he's been trying to take the credit for these inane ramblings – you couldn't make it up!

**Martin Bryce, [MartinDNBryce@aol.com](mailto:MartinDNBryce@aol.com)**

**Stop Press:** Unfortunately the recent Main Street excavations (see *NfC passim*) have not fixed the blocked drain – so expect more digging soon.

## Ride and Stride

Eleven groups took part in the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event on 12 September – some singly, some in pairs, some in families. Some rode bikes, some strode and two rode on horseback, all enjoying themselves on a beautiful sunny day. They raised through sponsorship the magnificent sum of £1,267 which is being divided equally between Deddington Parish Church and the OHCT for their fund to meet maintenance appeals from the county's churches. The organisers are extremely grateful to all the Riders and Striders not only for taking part, but also for all the sponsorship money they raised. They also wish to thank all the sponsors in the village and beyond very much indeed for their generous support.

**Jane Green 337837**

In 1997 a group of 12 Deddingtonians got together to create a map of the parish of Deddington – that is, Deddington, Clifton and Hempton and the surrounding countryside. Their aim was to mark the passing of the millennium with a kind of snapshot of the end of the 20th century. Deddington's Millennium Map was launched in November 2000. This ambitious project was three years in the making, and involved a specially commissioned aerial survey, painstaking hand colouring, artistic illustrations, historical research and computer technology.



The Deddington Millennium Map and posters can now be viewed on line, not just as scaled images, but full size with the ability to move around to view detail.

To see these publications in their full glory go to: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/mapgroup/millenniummapsandposters>. Or follow the links from the DOL home page to Community/Map Group/, then click on the small image of the map on the right-hand side of the page.

On the maps and poster page, click on the image you want to explore, and you can then zoom and pan by following the instructions on the page. If you use Google Maps, you will find the controls work the same way.

Deddington OnLine would like to express their thanks to the Deddington Map Group for permission to show this content, and to Martin Reed our Webmaster for making it all work so well.

**Paul Drawmer 338450, [paul@drawmer.net](mailto:paul@drawmer.net)**

With apologies, limitations on space have meant that we have had to hold over another episode of Rob Forsyth's Transportees' story, and also the final part of Ruth Johnson's story of William Welford. Hopefully we can run both of these early in 2010.

**MR**

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**A**s you read this, leaders of 190 nations meet in Copenhagen for the critical Climate Change Conference. Justin Forsyth, who grew up in Deddington, has been closely involved in the preparations as a key advisor to Gordon Brown, and may well be there.



A recent *Times* poll found that only two in five people in Britain accept as an established scientific fact that global warming is largely man-made. It doesn't help that popular broadcasters like Clive James confuse their listeners by confusing weather and climate. Not all weather forecasts prove accurate. Forecasting climate is different; it deduces clear trends from the evidence of hundreds of centuries. There is far more CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere now than for the past 130 millennia, and the increase has soared in the 150 years since the industrial revolution – 29% and rising since 2000.

Ostriches will keep saying: 'Don't confuse me with the facts; my mind is made up'. If you are not an ostrich, have a look at the interactive map on the Department of Energy and Climate Change's website (<http://www.actoncopenhagen.decc.gov.uk/content/en/embeds/flash/4-degrees-large-map-final>). It graphically illustrates, with supporting evidence, what the Met Office Hadley Centre and other leading impact scientists agree is likely to happen to people in each region of the world if apathy combines with vested interests to allow the average temperature of the planet to increase by 4°C, and 6°C is now likely if the nations fail to agree. The Met Office has also produced *Warming: Climate change – the facts*, a readable guide for those who still have an open mind: [http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/climatechange/guide/downloads/quick\\_guide.pdf](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/climatechange/guide/downloads/quick_guide.pdf).

[Climate change *will* without doubt be coming to a village near you! – Ed.]

**Christopher Hall 338225, [achall@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:achall@globalnet.co.uk)**

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## Down on the Farm ...

**T**here is very little weather lore connected with December, but one that predicts a good spring and summer to follow runs 'sun though the apple trees on Christmas Day means a fine crop is on the way'. These old country sayings have been handed down over the generations and many have more than a grain of truth in them, which is more than can be said of most of the modern-day forecasts. As yet we have had little in the way of frost, so the crops which should by now be in their winter dormancy period with their leaves 'waxed up' to protect them against frost are still growing away. This is a little worrying – if we get a sudden drop in temperature the growing spike which will produce next year's crop could be damaged.

Although the bees have been put to bed for the winter the mild weather has kept them awake and many of the hives are still flying out to forage on what is left of the ivy. A close watch will have to be kept, as if they are active in the hive and not 'clustered' up in hibernation we shall need to give them extra feed to get them through into next spring.

We have been pollarding a number of willow trees around two of the farm ponds which will be opened out to form shallow pools for amphibians. I know it looks rather drastic action to take but pollarding willows at this time of the year is the traditional method of crack willow management. Willow trees grow very fast and if

they are just left to grow away they become top heavy and collapse, which would split the main trunk and ultimately kill the tree. I well remember as a boy going with the men to pollard the numerous willow trees on the farm. This was done in rotation about every ten years or so. The coppiced branches were trimmed out with a bill hook (usually the boy's job) and used either for post and rail fencing or 'binding' the top of a newly cut and laid hedge.

Another source of fencing materials that grew on the farm were the ash 'stools' which grew in the hedgerows. These were the stumps of ash trees that had been cut off at ground level and left to produce a number of shoots which, when big enough, were again coppiced off and split (cleaved) for fence rails. An ash rail could last for over 20 years but an ash fencepost will rot at ground level in less than 12 months.

The Clifton sea has started to rise so it will not be long before the ewes will come inside in preparation for the rites of the new lambing season. Although I have spent over 50 years playing midwife to a load of belligerent ovines, I always look forward to the start of a new season, a magical time of year and I wouldn't change it for the world.

Happy Christmas, and see you at the pantomime.

**George Fenimore 338202**

## ... and on the Allotment

There is definitely a chill in the air, so now is the time to protect your produce. Put straw or bracken around the crowns of globe artichokes. Ideally you should lift and store your root crops such as carrots, beetroot, turnips and swedes. However, if you don't have storage space and still have root crops in the ground, cover them with a thick layer of straw, bracken or leaves. Alternatively put cloches over them. Parsnips can be left in the ground as they taste better when frosted.

Protect your brassicas from wind rock by earthing up the bases or staking them. If you have Brussels sprouts ready for harvesting, pick the largest sprouts from the bottom of the stalk first. Remove any yellowing leaves to prevent the spread of disease. You may also need to protect your brassicas with netting from hungry pigeons.

Spread a good thick layer of manure round fruit trees and current bushes. Rhubarb needs cold to trigger spring growth after the first hard frost, so collect the old stalks and throw them on the compost. Then spread a layer (5–8cm) of compost (or leaves or hay) to prevent winter winds from drying out your roots.

Prepare your greenhouse for the winter: lag the pipes – bubble wrap is excellent – and clean your greenhouse thoroughly to prevent the spread of pests and diseases and to allow as much light in as possible. Happy Christmas to all!

**Samantha Willis [samantha.willis@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.willis@gmail.com)**

## Windmill Community Centre

Over the last year there have been difficulties with the number of TENs (Temporary Event Licences) to allow the sale of alcohol, since these are limited to 12 for each location. The committee has recently been granted a premises licence with conditions on times, etc. This has been made possible with the help of Stella O'Neill of the Unicorn Inn who is now the Designated Premises Supervisor.

For any event where alcohol is sold or raffled for consumption on the premises, 21 days before the event the organiser needs to obtain the permission of the Management Committee through Joyce Minnear, the booking secretary; and then to liaise with Stella on the supply and supervision of the sale of alcoholic drinks. This new arrangement will give users far more flexibility. There will be a fee of £21 in line with the cost of a TEN. The committee is grateful and thanks Stella for her help and support in this change.

Hiring rates will be increased by 2% from 1 February 2010 to help cover the increases in utility costs.

A substantial grant of £39,835 has been made by the government's Low Carbon Buildings Programme towards the installation of solar panels. The committee will be looking into how to raise the additional £10,000 or so to make this project a reality.

Any unauthorised vehicles found parking overnight at the Windmill Centre may be clamped or removed.

**Jim Flux, Treasurer 338153**

## PTA

Despite the inclement weather, the crowds still enjoyed a fabulous fireworks evening once again! Mulled wine and hot chocolate kept us warm whilst the barbecue did a roaring trade with delicious sizzling sausages and burgers. It was fantastic to see the field full of children and adults laughing and having fun. Thank you all so much for supporting this event. We raised the amazing sum of £2150. Special thanks must go to the Co-op and Farmers' Market Committee who supported us. Finally a huge thank you to all those who gave their time to help organise and put on the event – we are very grateful.

Christmas is rapidly approaching and, once again, we have our ever popular range of Christmas cards designed by the children. Samples of the cards are available should you wish to 'try before you buy'; just contact Janet for a sample pack or to place an order. The cards can also be viewed on the school website [www.deddington.ik.org](http://www.deddington.ik.org).

Santa's Float will be landing in Deddington on the weekend of 12 and 13 December. As usual, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Please see the advert below for the route plan. Santa's Magical Grotto will be in the Town Hall on Saturday 19 December during the Farmers' Market. Santa is really looking forward to meeting all the children so please come along and help him make your Christmas special! Our dedicated carol singers will, once again, be singing in

the Church during the morning of the December Farmers' Market. Do come along and listen to the spirit of Christmas or even join in!

In the meantime, on behalf of the PTA, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

**Janet Watts, PTA Chair 337135**  
[janet@janetwatts6wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:janet@janetwatts6wanadoo.co.uk)

## Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

This term we are thinking about celebrations, including Fireworks Night, Diwali and of course Christmas. As part of our Christmas celebrations our PFSU children will be doing a Christmas production of Happy Birthday Jesus with the F1 (Reception class) children, in the church on Monday 14 December at 2.00pm. Join us if you can! We will also be holding special 'decorations' afternoons at both sites where parents can join their children for a creative afternoon and help to make the settings look festive. Our special reindeer food made to Santa's secret recipe will be on sale during the last week of term and at the December Farmers' Market – only £1 a bag! We will also be raffling a Christmas hamper, so keep a look out for us at the market on 19 December. All money raised goes to support the PFSU and Nursery.

**Lucy Squires 337484**

### Deddington School PTA

## Santa's Float



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## Committee

Following the Friends of Deddington Festival AGM we are pleased to announce the appointments of

Heather Nason, Elspeth Cox and Althea Wood to the FDF committee, to serve alongside Lesley Milroy. Althea will also represent the FDF on the Festival committee.

Sue Goddard and Kristin Thompson have decided to stand down after five years of loyal and dedicated service. We are delighted that Kristin will continue to help with the Writers' Group Competition and we know that Sue will continue to support the festival as she has always done.

Another change on the committee has been the recent resignation of Janet Lincé. Janet produced and conducted the very first concert in 2003 and has been involved ever since, producing fine classical concerts, as well as serving on the committee. We are very grateful for the hard work and dedication Janet has shown the festival and of course we shall still be able to enjoy her work in the village at her April Choros concert and at her Advent concert, both of which are performed annually in the magnificent surroundings of Deddington Parish Church. Thank you, Janet.

*Present Committee Members: Chairman, Hugh O'Donnell; Treasurer, Ralph Stewart; FDF Rep, Althea Wood; Mike O'Brien; Don Anderson; Elsa Williams; Eileen Anderson*

*Friends of Deddington Festival Committee members: Convenor, Heather Nason; Publicity, Althea Wood; Fundraising, Elspeth Cox; Membership, Lesley Milroy*

## Festival 2010

Although we are still finalising details we are able to announce that the festival will run from 17 to 20 June 2010. Although all our events hold the same importance to us, we may be forced to take a few events out of this main weekend. More details later.

Very many thanks to Joan Wright who will be organising the highly successful and enjoyable Open Gardens event again. John Cheney and his 'Poetry Please' evening will feature, as will the Writing Competition Winners' Presentation evening. There will be an Art Workshop with local artist Sue Cave ([www.suecave.com](http://www.suecave.com)) and we hope to offer the enjoyable annual Art and Craft Exhibitions.

Elsa Williams will be writing and producing the Community Concert, which will be a celebration of Deddington's role in the Second World War – with the Evacuees, the Land Girls, Dad's Army, Vera Lynn and the Andrews Sisters! A most sincere welcome back to Wendy Burrows who will be helping Elsa with this popular event.

Martin Quinn is going to direct a 'Come and Sing' performance of Carmina Burana. Local choirs and singers will be joining us and there will be workshops in the morning and afternoon of the 19 June 2010,



followed by a performance in the evening with professional soloists and instrumental ensemble. Mike O'Brien is in exciting talks with Steve Miller and it is hoped that we will be able to offer the village a Rock Concert once again. Stekpanna will delight jazz fans as usual with their annual festival concert ([www.stekpanna.com](http://www.stekpanna.com)).

Visit our website for updates and further information [www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk). As ever, we need and welcome new supporters – please consider becoming a Friend of Deddington Festival for an annual subscription of £10. Contact Lesley Milroy on 337614 or [amilroy@umich.edu](mailto:amilroy@umich.edu).

Would you like to join in or help with the Community Concert or the organisation of the 'Come and Sing' event? Would you be willing to help us with the Rock Concert? Please contact me for further information

**Eileen Anderson 338325**

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## Deddington Writing Competition

Launching the 2010 Deddington Writing Competition will not be quite on the scale of the publication of a new Harry Potter book, but it is eagerly expected by a number of writers. Watch the website [www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk) where full details will appear in mid-January. Alternatively an email to [dwgcomp@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dwgcomp@yahoo.co.uk) will ensure a response if you specify interest in either the Open Competition or the Children's Competitions, as will a letter to DWG Competition, Applewood, Castle Street, Deddington OX15 0TE, but please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. If all else fails telephone 338094. In mid-January be among the first to know.

**Hugh Marshall 337761**

## DIARY for JANUARY 2010 (Contd)

Wed	6	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8–10pm
Wed	6	Photographic Society: John Prentice, 'Comparison of Photo Manipulation Software', Deddington Arms, 7.30pm
Tue	12	WI: 'Tasting The Past', Moira Byast, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
Wed	13	History Society: Martin Way, 'The Cotswold Wool Trade and Shepherding', Windmill, 7.30pm
Thu	14	Monday Morning Club: Film evening, <i>Brideshead Revisited</i> , 6.30pm
Sun	17	Alzheimers' discussion: Parish Church, 3pm
Sun	17	Photographic Society: Annual New Year Dinner, Deddington Arms, 7 for 7.30pm
Wed	20	Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm
Thu	21–	Deddington Players: <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> ,
Fri	22	Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	23	Deddington Players: <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> , Windmill Centre, 2.30pm and 7.30pm
Sat	23	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm
Wed	27	Friends of Daeda's Wood: AGM, Unicorn, 7.30pm
Thu	28	Book Club meeting, for venue ring 338094



## CALLING ALL CLUBS

### Photographic Society

Last month Chris Boba and James Philips of Corel software gave a presentation on the 'Development of photo-manipulation software'. Introducing Corel's newest product for 2010, 'Paint Shop Pro Photo X2', Chris took his audience through the capabilities of the software. Recognising that the market leader in photo-manipulation is Adobe Photoshop, Chris explained that Corel's design philosophy is to create a product that is both intuitive and easy to use, and provides the majority of functions required by digital photographers – all at a reasonable price. After demonstrating a range of the product's features, Chris and James then responded to questions from the audience and distributed disc copies of 30-day trial versions of the product for members to use. (A number of these trial versions are still available for anyone interested; please contact me.) In summary a very interesting, albeit somewhat technical, presentation by those at the centre of this industry. The Society has two events next month: a presentation by a member, John Prentice, on 'The comparison of photo-processing software', on 6 January at 7.30pm in the Deddington Arms; the second is the annual New Year Dinner on 17 January for members and their guests only.

**John Branton 01295 811071**

### Book Group

Last month we read *The Music Room* by William Fiennes. There are two strands to this book; one is a memoir of an extraordinary childhood, growing up in a magical castle (Broughton), and the other an honest account of the effects of his brother's epilepsy on his family. His elder sibling, Richard, is by turns disruptive, aggressive, delightful and charming, but the family handles his mood swings with patience and great love. The book is interspersed with accounts of scientific research into epilepsy. A couple of our readers thought that the writing was a little disorganised, but we mostly agreed that it was a wonderful book, full of beautiful imagery which will stay with you forever.

The next book is *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. There is no meeting in December; our next meeting is 28 January 2010.

**Sally Lambert 338094**

### 1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

All our current Cubs have been invested and two have made the transition to Scouts. At the moment all places are reserved, but please put your child's name down if you would like a place in the future.

The collection for ShelterBox was a huge success, many thanks to all the market users for contributing; we raised £311 even though the weather was a bit dismal. We hope to raise another £150 which will pay for an entire box and allow us to track its use.

Recently the Cubs have found out where their parents were born, marked it on a map, measured the distance and made a finger post indicating the direction from Deddington – some of them were quite exotic! We shall be doing some Christmassy things and having our party at Horley campsite, so wrap up warm.

**Jo Churchyard, CSL 338071**  
[jochurchyard@hotmail.com](mailto:jochurchyard@hotmail.com)

### Scouts

The Scouts welcomed Mika and Olly from Cubs and they have joined in as if they've been there for years.

We have spent a great deal of this term organising the quiz night, so come on, sign up your team and help us raise even more money for ShelterBox. There's a prize for the winners of pizzas kindly donated by Peppers, a raffle with loads of prizes and unhealthy refreshments, what more could you want?

Christmas post boxes will be out on 5 December for two weeks. Same recession busting price as last year, 20p per card. (Please note we do not deliver in Duns Tew). Boxes will be located in Eagles, Barford Post Office and Deddington Library. Lots of cards please – the Cubs and Scouts need the exercise.

**Pete Churchyard, SL 338071**  
[pete.churchyard@btinternet.com](mailto:pete.churchyard@btinternet.com)

### 1st Deddington Brownies

Welcome to Millie, Megan, Ellie and Emma, who joined us after the half-term break. For Hallowe'en we came to Brownies in fancy dress, had a pumpkin lantern competition, and then lit the pumpkins outside in the dark. We are hard at work preparing to lead the family service in Deddington Church on Sunday 6 December. We hope as many people as possible will be able to join us there to see what we have been up to. Well done to all the Brownies who turned out for the Deddington Remembrance Parade. You did yourselves (and Brown Owl) proud.

**Lucy Squires 338442**

### WI

Our speaker for the meeting on 10 November was writer and actor Derek Parkes to tell of his many experiences of being a Santa in Lapland. Through speaking to a fellow actor who had been employed to do this, Derek applied and was accepted to go to Lapland for several weeks. After some quite difficult air travel he found himself in the resort of Rovaniemi in Finland. The Santas were comfortably housed in log cabins and well looked after. Visitors arrived by the plane-load of 200–250 people at a time. Many children's letters to 'Dear Santa' were passed around for members to read. The talk was interesting and made this a very seasonal evening.

Our Christmas Dinner is at the Deddington Arms on

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

8 December and at our meeting on 12 January Moira Byast will speak on 'Tasting the Past'.

**Rene Mahony 338438**

### Youth Club

We had a great start to the year with high numbers and lots of exciting activities. We have made pizzas, cakes and sundaes and Nick and Lydia, the Cherwell District youth activators, have very successfully been exercising our young people with a variety of interesting sports. We have a circus skills evening planned for 7 December and our end of term Christmas party has a disco by Stephan Barnes on Monday 14 December, 7–9pm; please come along and meet us!

I would like to thank Maureen Forsyth, Pam Axten and Barbara Lowe for their involvement with the Youth Club over the past ten years. Deddington YC would not exist at today's high standards without their dedication and hard work.

We now desperately need more committee members. The recommendation is for five people on the committee – at the moment we have one! Whether you are working or retired, *we need you!* Committee members do not 'run' actual events at the Youth Club, that is my role. Committee members oversee the YC and have a rota to help with tuck at 8pm, which lasts about 20 minutes. We have great plans for 2010; please help us to continue running and join the committee. For information contact Helen Spencer, 337373, [helen@richardspencerbuilders.co.uk](mailto:helen@richardspencerbuilders.co.uk) or me.

**Dawn Franklin, Youth Club Leader 338884**

### Deddington Town Football Club

#### 1st Team Results:

- 17.10.09 Woodford United (h) D 2–2  
England (2)
- 24.10.09 Bishops Itchington Res (a) W 5–0  
England (2), Hall, Waddelow, Jarrett
- 31.10.09 Heyford United (h) W 6–2  
England (3), Hall (3)
- 7.11.09 Stanton Harcourt (a) (FA Junior Shield) D 5–5  
(aet: lost 8–7 on sudden death penalties)  
England (3), Hall, Thornton, J.
- 14.11.09 The Bell Sports (h) (Cup) W 6–5  
Thornton, L. (2), Gibbs (2), Thornton, J.

#### Reserve Results:

- 24.10.09 Heyford United Reserves (h) W 5–3  
Debenham (3), Gray, Kaye
- 31.10.09 Steeple Aston Reserves (a) (Cup) W 4–0  
Debenham, Shepherd, Kaye (2)
- 7.11.09 Heyford Athletic Res (a) (Cup) W 6–1  
Debenham, Gray, Kaye, Large (2), Poppalis
- 14.11.09 Heyford United (a) D 2–2  
Fleming, J., Debenham

I hold in my withered hands a glorious uprising!  
The tides run red with blood and victory, and they

have turned 'wards the shores of Gallipoli – er, Deddington.

Despite some behind-the-scene histrionics, the First Team ship is still steering a steady course winning most games handsomely and losing only to Witney League Stanton Harcourt on penalties after an incredible 5–5 draw, with two more goals in extra time. Andrew England has had a sensational goals return, aided and abetted by usual net-abuser Simon Hall.

I am positively beaming when I bring you news of the Reserves' resurgence! My last correspondence was scratching at the flotsam of positives from a small unbeaten run, yet here I bring you news of a run much extended and with victories to embellish it! Like a mutinous pirate, co-manager Barry Debenham seized the ship and turned it in a contentious direction and, much like his illustrious predecessors, has stumbled on a sparkling new formation and the oft-maligned striker has become the spearhead of a brave new vessel. Beginning with a 'perfect' hat trick against Heyford he has booted the critics' words back down their throats. Along with fellow manager Mikey Large and Jordan Kaye the attacking Trident is like a breath of fresh air, chewing opposition defenders up and spitting them out. I will terminate correspondence here for fear of never bettering that chewing-gum pun analogy. Back to the high seas for me mateys. Until next time.

**Aaron Bliss 07909 642882**

### Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Thanks to all who made our recent Race Night such a success. Our next fund raising event is a Quiz Night on Friday 5 February at the Unicorn. The evening begins at 7.30pm and costs of £10.00 for a team of four.

**Yvonne Twomey, Hon Secretary 337213**

### Deddington Badminton Club

At the Christmas break in our season all teams have a mixture of wins and losses. Our Men's B team are joint top of Division 2 and our Men's C had their first win of the season with 6–3 victory over Marlborough B. Our last club night before Christmas is 22 December. The senior club is back on 5 and 12 January with a shortened court as the panto stage will then be assembled. Our junior club has a longer break, not returning until Tuesday 2 February at 6.30pm when the panto has finished. Please call me for more details

**Mark Tyler 338056**

### Deddington Players

The pantomime has been cast and rehearsals have begun for our most challenging production yet, Stuart Arden's version of *Beauty and the Beast*. Over 30 people will be appearing on stage and many more are involved behind the scenes, so it promises to be another real community effort. Now we just need *you* to come and see the show! We will be appearing at the

## CALLING MORE CLUBS

Windmill Centre on 21, 22 and 23 January at 7.30pm and also on the 23rd at 2.00pm. Tickets are £6, £5 (concessions) and £3 (children) and can be bought at the Flower Shop in the Market Place or by calling 338153. We hope to see you there.

**Lucy Squires 338442**

### Deddington and District History Society

Our November speaker, Hilary Turner, astonished us with her account of a remarkable and very rare series of Tudor tapestry maps of the area. Ralph Sheldon commissioned the tapestries probably for his new house at Weston, near Long Compton. They incorporate pictures of houses, villages, beacons, windmills etc., including many features that are still recognisable. The surviving tapestries are scattered among various collections, making it especially valuable for us that Hilary illustrated them all side-by-side and gave an expert interpretation of the series as a whole.

Our December meeting will, exceptionally, take place on the first Wednesday of the month, 2 December. The venue and time remain the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm. Lynda Maud will speak, appropriately, on the subject of the history of pantomime: oh, yes she will! We shall be providing festive light refreshments, including mulled wine. In January we revert to our usual schedule: on Wednesday 13th, Martin Way will

speak on 'The Cotswold Wool Trade and Shepherding'. All are welcome at our meetings.

**Chris Day (Chairman) 337204**

**Moiria Byast (Secretary) 338637**

### 1st Deddington Guides

Witches, fairies, cats and ghosts were all present around Hallowe'en time! The Cheetah Patrol organised some super games, and as usual food seemed to play a major role.

We learnt a lot about the life of a young soldier in the Second World War from Captain Ted Johnson, which certainly helped to concentrate our thoughts at the Remembrance Day parade. Well done to our wreath and flag bearers and colour parties who did a great job. Also well done to Laura and Ellen in the band. An excellent, very smart turn out.

The aptly named Mr Storm came to one meeting to tell us all about the work of the RNLI. We picked up many tips for water and beach safety, and we are all much more aware now of precautions to take to keep safe.

We held a surprise presentation for Rachel Winter who has gained the highest award for a guide, a Baden Powell award. Congratulations!

**Maggie Rampley 01295 810069**

**Marian Trinder 340806**



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### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

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## Primary School

December is upon us already and the children are getting ready for a well-deserved break. There has been a lot going on this term including many trips: years 5 and 6 enjoyed visits to Banbury Museum, the focus being on the Victorians (Year 5) and the Second World War (Year 6). Year 4, to support their Tudor Topic, are visiting Sulgrave Manor and Year 1 are looking forward to going to the Pantomime at Chipping Norton Theatre to see *Rumpelstiltskin*. We have been busy fund-raising, and the children managed to raise an outstanding £2800 for the NSPCC. Each class is also doing its own Class Challenge, hoping to raise £50 per class to go towards new sports kit for Thelesho School, our link school in Mmabatho in South Africa. We are still collecting Morrison gardening vouchers (there is a box in the school reception).

Last, but not least, we are busy preparing for our Christmas productions, which are as usual a mixture of modern and traditional, with singing, acting and narration. The children, as always, are working extremely hard and are looking forward to performing in front of friends and family. F1 and F2 production will take place on Monday 14 December at 2pm, Key Stage 1 will take place on Tuesday (15th) at 4.30pm and Key Stage 2 will be on Thursday (17th); all performances will be in Deddington Church. I'm sure they will be well supported and you will find plenty to enjoy!

**Jane Cross, Deputy Headteacher 338430**

## Babies' and Toddlers' Group

We are a friendly group of mums, childminders and carers who are more than happy to welcome newcomers and their children. We are lucky to have the use of the Windmill Centre with lots of space for the children to play, slide and trundle around on bikes. There is also a safe, soft area for the babies. We usually have a table activity such as craft, playdough or jigsaws, and singing time where everyone joins in with voices and instruments to fill the hall with that very special toddlers' interpretation of music. There are lots of toys for the children, and plenty of tea, coffee and chat to keep the adults amused.

We had a lovely Hallowe'en party on 30 October with a great turn-out of little witches, skeletons and pumpkins all keen to tuck into the Hallowe'en snacks the adult witches conjured up. In November we had a visit from a photographer and we planted some bulbs for the residents of Featherton House. The mums enjoyed a nice, quiet night out in Banbury on 14 November which was great fun! On 4 December we will be celebrating Christmas early with a little party including a special guest with a red coat and white beard ...

If you are new to Deddington, have just had a baby or haven't come along before then why not come for a change of scene and a pleasant way to fill your Friday morning? We are there from 9.30 to 11.30 every week.

**Jenny Dahlman 337547**

## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

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

**7th December** – I heard from Mr. Burgess (the former Curate here) announcing that the Bishop had offered him the Vicarage of Burford and that he had accepted it. A poor fox was found in one of our hedges with a trap hanging to him and which had broken both his hind legs – I ordered him to be destroyed, he was shot.

**8th December** – A poor man from Milton came for advice under peculiar circumstances having reference to his wish of contracting a second marriage, his wife having left him 16 years ago to cohabit with another man. He had heard nothing of her for 12 years past. I told him he must be satisfied of her death before he could safely marry again.

**17th December** – Mr. H. Churchill and Hawtin the policeman came with 4 tramps or vagrants – from Manchester, Worcester, Glasgow and some other place. I committed them to the House of Correction for 10 days, they had stolen two loaves from Mrs. Wells's after having tickets given them for lodging at Busby's.

**23rd December** – I went after dinner to the Farm House to distribute two sheep, tea, sugar and money amongst the poor here and at the hamlets as usual.

**24th December** – Mr. Egerton's choir boys came and sang the song for the times – and received each a shilling and an orange.

**Buffy Heywood 338212**

## Farmers' Market

The Christmas Farmers' Market is on 19 December. It is also the 100th Deddington Farmers' Market since September 2001, when the market restarted in Deddington after a gap of 171 years. Looking at the success of the market we have now, it's difficult to imagine the conditions that caused the closure all those years ago. The fact that we have better transport, a more mobile population, supermarkets in Banbury, and even internet shopping, are all reasons why the market should be less necessary or popular than in 1830. So there must be different reasons why our market is so popular; maybe it's because of the quality and variety of goods on sale, or is it also because it's a great place to go and meet friends?

There will be all the usual wide range of fresh, quality produce just in time for your Christmas arrangements. Many stallholders will let you pre-order for collection, and at the December market demand is high; so get there early, or order in advance. Also, there will be a special visitor to meet as the school PTA has organised Santa's Grotto in the Town Hall.

Here is a list of stall holder contacts: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/community/farmersmarket/stallholderdetails>. If you would like a list of Deddington Market producers, ask at the market information desk under the Town Hall on any market day.

**Paul Drawmer 338450, [paul@drawmer.net](mailto:paul@drawmer.net)**

## FIRE SERVICE

**W**ell, a lot has been happening at your station over the past two months. We said a fond farewell to watch manager Anne Waters at the end of September. She has decided to further her career within the brigade and is currently stationed at Witney fire station in a fire prevention role. We wish her well for the future and will be eagerly following her progress over the coming months.

This has meant that acting watch manager Chris Fenemore is now leading from the front so to speak, and was last seen swamped under a pile of paperwork – poor fella. He has a tough job on his hands maintaining the high standards that we have achieved under Anne's leadership, but we're all keen to keep moving in the right direction. We have recently come second in the best retained station in the brigade. It was a very close call between us and Witney station, and our aim is to take first place next year. We hope that you are as proud as we are to know that you have a first-class fire station in your area.

### New Recruits

We are pleased to report that we now have a new recruit in Richard Day from Barford St Michael, who has just passed his selection day and medical tests. Just the interview to go now and we hope to have him on his basic training in January. Fire fighter Sharon Wilson has proved that Adderbury is not too far when it comes to responding to the station. There has been new interest from people living in Adderbury and this may result in another successful recruit for the station in the future. We will soon be having a mini recruitment campaign to try to fill the kit pegs in the muster bay as a couple have become available. These places are limited so don't miss your chance to join this exciting and vibrant station!

### Well Remembered Honor Aitchison

Honor came to Featherton House some eight years ago. Her gentleness, politeness, kindness, her sense of humour and her ability always to see good in people meant she quickly won the affection of the Featherton community and of others in the village at large. Born in Dovercourt, she was brought up in Weymouth. Sailing rather than study was her forte early on (her father was in the Navy), but she took to ballet and after her performing days were over, remained interested in it all her life. During the War she served with the WRVS. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, keeping the family knit together through diligent letter-writing. She enjoyed peppermints, bridge, sweet milky tea, flowers and cats. She had the distinction of being, at 90, the oldest and longest-serving steward for the National Trust. Though a latecomer to the village, Honor certainly qualified as a Deddington lady and will be much missed.

**HW**

### Recent Incidents

We had a bizarre day out that started with a call to stand by at Bicester station, followed by Buckingham fire station. I think we were all very pleased that we have never had an emergency callout from another brigade's station as familiarity with local road names and numbers could have been an issue. After spending most of the morning there, we went back to stand by at Bicester, before returning home, only to be turned out as a relief crew later that night.

We were called to a single vehicle road traffic collision south of Deddington where we found a car wrapped around a tree. Hydraulic cutting equipment was used to release the driver. It is believed that the cause of the accident was the driver using his mobile phone. We have also attended a chimney fire in Middle Barton, followed immediately by a head-on road traffic collision involving two cars near Hopcrofts Holt. This was a serious incident and one driver was airlifted to the JR hospital using the Thames Valley air ambulance, whilst the other was taken by road ambulance. Again, hydraulic cutting equipment had to be used to free the casualties and we were backed up by the Woodstock appliance and the rescue tender from Kidlington.

We have also been across the border to two incidents in Northants, backing up their Brackley appliance. The first incident involved a faulty electrical meter in a house which caused smoke to pour out from underneath the stairs, and the second involved a call to an elderly gentleman's house where a small amount of paper had caught fire. Luckily he had a panic alarm system which automatically connected him to an operator at a control centre, which in turn alerted the fire service.

**Fire Fighter Graham Harding**

This is about people connected with the wood,



rather than the wood itself. Nancy White, who has been on the Friends' committee since the wood's foundation, is leaving us. She will be greatly missed for lots of reasons, not least because she and Sue Goddard have, for years, collected data on the damselflies. This, together with other data, such as Kristin Thompson's excellent observations on butterflies, is then sent to the Thames Valley Environmental Record Centre in Woodstock. We need more volunteers; people who regularly walk in the wood and would be willing to note down what they see, be it birds, flowers, mammals or insects. You do not need to be a Friend, nor need it take a lot of time. However, do come along to the AGM at the Unicorn on 27 January 2010 at 7.30pm, join the Friends of Daeda's Wood or even consider joining the Committee.

**Elspeth Cox, Chairman, 337635**