

Only Connect!' wrote E M Forster. It could be the motto of the *DN*, which last month brought George Fenemore together with a cockerel, the school in touch with a handyman, and Frank Tothill choosing to drive from Bristol on a Tuesday in order to meet his old friends at a Lent lunch.

Our advertisers recognise its connectivity as they queue up for space or for the inclusion of inserts (limited to three, out of consideration for our collators and

distributors). Such is the demand that enquiries for both must now be made to Jane Plummer not later than the 10th of the month before publication. Three inserts which missed the cut this month are being separately delivered.



• Readers of all ages are invited to trawl our advertisers this month for answers to win a prize in our Quiz - closing date 20 April. *CH*

April Diary

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- Fri 2 COLLEGIUM REGALE, singers from Kings College Cambridge, Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
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- Fridays: British Legion: Prize Bingo and "Play Your Cards Right", 8 pm

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Meeting in Town Hall - 17 March 2004

PRESENT: Cllrs Flux (chair), Alton, Cox, Ellis, Haslam, Squires, Todd, Watts, Westley, Wood, the Clerk, the Minutes Secretary and 3 members of the public.

CAR PARKING

Rob Forsyth spoke about lack of space in the Market area. By 10am spaces tend to be filled by local office workers and commuters, deterring shoppers. The edges of the greens need protection from erosion by impatient drivers. He proposed the use of PC funds, with possible County and District help, to purchase and lay-out a field off Earls Lane for long-stay users, ferried by mini-bus in wet weather. A view of the church could thus also be protected from future development.

PLANNING & PROPERTY

PC no objection: (i) Boulderdyke Farmhouse, Clifton - 2-storey extension; garage from storage unit (ii) 13 Gaveston Gardens, Deddington - 2-storey extension and conservatory (iii) Featherton House - renew roof, if Stonesfield materials used (iv) Manor Farm, Clifton - change antiques centre for use as office unit for rent (v) Rushall House, Earls Lane, Deddington - fell fir tree and remove hedge, raising wall to 2.5m with new gate (vi) Holcombe Hotel, High Street, Deddington - new dwelling with garage and leisure building.

PC objection: (vii) No 43 The Daedings, Deddington - 2-storey side annexe and front porch: breaks building line (viii) Land next to and N.E. of No 1 The Maunds, High Street, Deddington - new 2-storey dwelling: insufficient information (ix) Co-op Village Store, Market Place, Deddington - fascia sign for post office and seven swan-neck lights.

CDC approvals: (x) Whitegates, Philcote Street, Deddington - single storey side extension, relocate garage. (xi) No 2 Victoria Terrace, Deddington - loft conversion etc. (xii) 12 The Paddocks, Deddington - replace WC and store with 2-storey extension (xiii) Land at Clifton adjacent to Sedgell and adjoining

Four Winds - new dwelling and 2m high boundary fence.

Other planning matters: (xiv) New signs on external walls of Centrepoint, Chapel Square, Deddington do not need authorisation (xiv) Solar panel on garage in Hopcraft Lane questioned.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Litterblitz agreed for Saturday 17 April from 10am; the help of youth groups to be encouraged.

CLIFTON FOOTPATH

Letters telling respondents about decision being sent. **NEWS IN BRIEF**

- Lawyers' advice re British Legion Club awaited.
- Members to be asked about preferred day for future PC meetings, and possible later start.
- Parking on grass verges in High St / New St to be discouraged. Concern also expressed about damage to verges in Hempton Road.
- Parking near Health Centre - discussions with OCC.
- Renewed white lining welcomed, but incomplete.
- PC to treat cricket pavilion, but to discuss with clubs taking responsibility for their own amenities. A new fence to catch sixes is cricket club's responsibility.
- Deddington Circular Walk - leaflet as insert with DN, thanks to Spenceleys and John Lee. Bowlers listed instead of Olive Restaurant, but same phone number. Walkers invited to monitor routes, and send comments to Parish Clerk.
- Town Hall: disability access plans in progress.
- Recycling bags can be collected to avoid wheelie bins being left on frontages if negotiated with CDC.

VILLAGE PLAN

Oxon Rural Community Council to be invited to make a presentation about a Village Plan, to establish strategies for making the parish a better place to live in, at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 5 May. Ayho's Village Plan had won a national award.

TRAFFIC CALMING

OCC action still overdue.

OXON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

£80,000 per year has on average been channelled to not-for-profit organisations, promoting social inclusion and development of young people. Parish Clerk has information about making applications.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £3000.58, including £1,101.04 imprest (stewards' wages etc.); £669.61 Clerk's wages; £422.73 library books; £392 Youth Club grant; £258.75 for Christmas tree.

Investments totalled £521,532.40, of which £5,158.43 Barclays (£4,792.14 current account + £366.29 imprest) @ 0.1%; £1,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 3.4% on 120 days; £515,373.97 West Bromwich @ 3.4% overnight.

NEXT MEETING Wed 21 April, Town Hall, 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting Wed 5 May, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website: www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes

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It is with very mixed feelings that I find myself writing this, my last piece for the *Deddington News*.

I have enjoyed immensely the last 14 years, first as Deputy and then Headteacher of the school, and as part of the wider community. I will miss the many friends that I have been fortunate enough to make over the years. However, now it is time to move on and face the many new challenges that await me in the future.

Before I leave, however, I am very pleased to tell you that our new Headteacher has been appointed. Mrs Judith Tinsley, who is currently the SEN (Inclusion) Officer for Oxfordshire will be taking up the full time position from September 2004. Mrs Tinsley has worked with the school in the past and is very excited about joining the children, staff and governors later this year.

In the meantime, our Senior teacher, Ms Susan Lenihan, will lead the school as Acting Headteacher during the summer term. Ms Lenihan and I have worked closely as a leadership team in the school over the last 3 years and I am confident that she will provide the children, parents and staff with the vitally important security and continuity needed during any time of change. I am sure also that she will receive the support of everyone connected with the school during the coming months.

I would like to take this final opportunity personally to thank everyone in the community for the support you have given to me and the school during my time here, and to wish all of you the very best for the future.

At the end of this term, we will be holding our usual school pre-Easter service on Thursday 1 April at 11.00am in Deddington Parish Church. I do hope that some of you will be able to join us for this.

Ofsted Inspection: I am sure that you will all wish to join me in celebrating the fact that, following our Ofsted inspection this week, Deddington C.E. Primary School has, once again, been officially described as:

"A good school with many strengths which contribute to its continuing improvement"

As soon as the final report has been completed we will send every parent a summary. The full report will be available at school and on the internet. This is likely to be during the first half of the summer term.

Lynne Stephens 338430

Deddington Pre-School

This term the children are learning about basic shapes and enjoying the arrival of Spring, with lots of opportunities to spend time outside. Lovely cards and flower arrangements were made for Mothering Sunday. The Inspectors who visited the Primary school also paid us a visit to see the Pre-school and to talk about the Early Years Unit we will be forming with the school in September.

We have said sad goodbyes to the children who are starting Primary school in April and wish them every success. Although it's always sad to say goodbye to children who have been with us for a long time, it is always nice to see new little faces and get to know new characters.

The Governors of Deddington Primary School would like to extend their thanks and warmest congratulations to the headteacher, staff and children on the "Good" outcome of their recent inspection by Ofsted. Well done and well deserved everybody. This is a great result, not just personally for Lynne, but for the school as a whole. They have been through some difficult times since the sudden departure of Peter Goringe and Ken, but there is a feeling now that the whole school is pulling together as a team again, we share a vision and Ofsted have put their stamp of approval on it.

Linda Davies Chair of Governors

Easter Activities For Primary School Aged Children Deddington Parish Church

Thursday 8th April, 10am until 12.30pm

Come and prepare for Easter!

Cooking, craft workshops, chess and other games

Optional Farm Visit and Picnic leaving the Church at 12.30pm

Cost £1.50 per child

Application forms & general enquiries to: Kate Petty 338425
Sally Haslem 338216

Additional application forms are available from Deddington Primary School Office and the Church. Please reply at least one week before the activities began.

We would be grateful to hear from anyone ready to help. Please contact Jane Green on 337837

Dates for your diary:

April 23 7.30 – 9.30pm: Flower Arranging Demonstration by Bluebells at Bluebell Shop. Tickets £10.

May 8: Fashion Show with Wardrobe Wizards. Details to follow.

May 21: Wine and Cheese Tasting with S.H.Jones. Cheese to be supplied by Foodies. Cost of tickets will be £10 per head. Tickets will be on sale after Easter. The venue will be either the Deddington Arms or Peppers.

Thank you to the suppliers who are supporting this event. Please come along and make it a great success.

Holiday Club will run for Pre-school and Reception Class Children on Tuesday 13 and Thursday 15 April. The day will run from 9.00am until 3.00pm and the children will need to bring a packed lunch. The cost per day is just £12. Telephone Anna or Michelle at Pre-school to reserve a place. (337383).

We are currently looking for someone to help one session per week on a permanent basis. Hours may increase in the future. This is a paid position. Could anyone who is interested please call myself in the first instance for a confidential discussion? Childcare experience would be an advantage.

Julie Westley 338964

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You will always be very welcome at any service in Church or Chapel

Parish Church in April**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Thur 1	11.00 am	School pre-Easter service	7.00 pm	Supper, reflecting the Jewish
	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels		Passover, in the Wesleyan Church
PALM SUNDAY	10.30 am	Morning Praise & Palms	8.15 pm	"Last Supper" eucharist in the
	6.30 pm	Eucharist		Unicorn Inn's 'Upper Room' - followed by
Mon-Wed 5-7	8.00 pm	Night Prayer		Gethsemane Devotions in the Churchyard
Wed 7	10.00 am	Eucharist		and Vigil till midnight
GOOD FRIDAY	10.00 am	Hot Cross Bun Service		in the Parish Church
	10.45 am	Pilgrimage from Barford St John ...		

pausing at Barford Chapel and St John Hempton, and joining ...

	1.00 pm	Walk of witness
	2.00 pm	Devotions at Wesleyan Church
	8.30 pm	<i>The Cross of Christ</i> - Music & Readings for Good Friday

EASTER DAY 10.30 am Sung Eucharist and Baptism

Wed 14	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur 15	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 18	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Morning Service "Gardens and Gardeners"
Wed 21	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu 22	7.30 pm	<u>Annual Parish Church Meeting</u> in Church
Fri 23	6.30 pm	ST. GEORGE Eucharist
Sun 25	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist & Children's Church
Mon 26	6.30 pm	ST MARK Eucharist
Wed 28	10.00 am	Eucharist

St John Hempton in April

Sun 4 & 18	9.00 am	Eucharist
GOOD FRIDAY	12.15 pm	Meditation
EASTER EVE	8.30 pm	Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter
Sun 25	6.00 pm	Evensong

From the Parish Registers

BAPTISM 14 March Eliza Maria Barratt

Charity of the Month - each month a charity benefits from donations in the box in the Parish

Church or St John's Hempton: the use by taxpayers of the pink *GiftAid* envelopes is commended.

April: **ZIMBABWE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS' TRUST**

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Morning services at 10.30 am

April 4, 11 & 18 - Pastor Isabel Walton; 25 - Brian & Val Harding [Bristol]

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338 529

Sunday *morning* worship jointly with Wesleyan Reform congregation at 10.30 am

Sunday evening service at 6.00 pm :

Sun 4 Pastor Isabel Walton (and Communion)

EASTER DAY John Hine Sundays 18 & 25 to be announced

Sun 2 May Pastor Isabel Walton (and Communion)

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

The Revd A J Burns 277396

Hethe : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats -5.30-6.00 pm

Adderbury : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass.

The Eve of Sunday Mass at St John's, South Bar, Banbury is said at 4 p.m. on Saturdays to allow Catholics from the villages to attend by bus.

PALM SUNDAY *Adderbury* : 8.30 am Mass with Blessing of Palms

Hethe : 10.00 am Mass with Blessing of Palms and procession

MAUNDY THURSDAY *Hethe* : 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watching until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY *Hethe* : 3.00 pm Service of the Passion & Communion; 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY *Hethe* : 8.30 pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY *Adderbury* : 8.30 am Sunday Mass *Hethe* : 10.00 am Sunday Mass



*For Baptisms, Weddings,
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in case of illness,
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the Rev. Dr Hugh White,
28 Duns Tew (349869);
or one of the Churchwardens,
Liz Dickinson (337050)
or Iain Gillespie (338367)*

DEDDINGTON, CLIFTON,
HEMPTON

Population 2001 All people 2123

People aged 0 to 4 130

People aged 5 to 9 152

People aged 10 to 15 120

People aged 16 to 19 67

People aged 20 to 29 165

People aged 30 to 44 505

People aged 45 to 59 461

People aged 60 to 74 308

People aged 75 and over 208

All Males 2001 1026

All Females 2001 1097

People living in households 2081

People living in comm estabs 42

Students away from home 36

White 2091

Mixed 18

Asian or Asian British 12

Black or Black British 0

Chinese or other ethnic group 3

Christian 1663

Buddhist 3

Hindu 0

Jewish 3

Muslim 3

Sikh 3

Other religions 9

No religion 308

Religion not stated 131

All people aged 16 to 74 1506

Part time Employees 200

Full time Employees 650

Self employed 201

Unemployed 33

All students 54

Retired 211

Looking after home/family 101

Permanently sick disabled 23

Other economically inactive 27

Males in employment 604

Males Managers senior official ... 191

Males Professionals 80

Males Associate professionals 78

Males Admin secretarial 18

Males Skilled trades 106

Males Personal service 9

Males Sales customer service 22

Males Process etc operatives 53

Males Elementary occupations 47

Females in employment 475

Females Managers etc 89

Females Professionals 55

Females Associate professional 72

Females Admin secretarial 96

Females Skilled trades 12

Females Personal service 55

Females Sales customer service 38

Females Process etc operatives 10

Females Elementary occupations .. 48

Living in households 16 plus 1674

Living in couple Married 1012

Living in couple Cohabiting 160

Not living in couple Single 267

Not living in couple Married 15

Not living in couple Separated 35

Not living in a couple Divorce 67

Not living in couple Widowed ... 118

People born in England 1901

People born in Scotland 48

People born in Wales 46

Folks born in North Ireland 17

Born in Republic of Ireland 16

Born in Other EU Countries 24

People born Elsewhere 82

Aged 16 to 74 No quals 292

Highest qual Level 1 240

Highest qual Level 2 323

Highest qual Level 3 125

Highest qual Level 4-5 441

Other quals level unknown 85

FT students sch children 16-17 28

FT students sch children 18-74 23

Large employers higher manager 123

Higher professional occupation . 121

Lower managerial professional ... 366

Intermediate occupations 129

Small employers own account ... 150

Lower supervisory technical 102

Semi routine occupations 113

Routine occupations 89

Never worked 10

Long term unemployed 9

Full time students 53

Not classifiable other reasons 239

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E-MAIL FROM PETER MACE

May I, through the *DN*, express my gratitude for all the kindness and sympathy my brother, sister and I received after my mother (Mrs Jo Mace) died about two months ago? It was a grim time but we were greatly helped by the kind thoughts and messages that came daily through the letterbox at '3 Horseshoes'. Thanks too, to all the people who came to the funeral and back to the house afterwards. Knowing how many people cared made a great difference and made the occasion memorable for us and for her grandchildren. I'm only sorry we did not manage to talk to all those who came. Thank you too, for the kind message in the *DN*.

My parents loved their time in Deddngton. It is clearly a very special community and we all feel privileged to have touched it - albeit peripherally - and hope we can keep some contact here.

Please address all letters to:
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5 THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON
e-mail: op@kristin.demon.co.uk
and include your name and address,
even if they are not for publication.

FROM PHIL PLANT, CHAIRMAN, DEDDINGTON HOUSING ASSOCIATION

The AGM of the Housing Association took place on 19 February 2004. The Chairman thanked the Committee for their support during a busy year, which resulted in all four properties being occupied. During the year the Committee arranged for the properties to be improved and maintained as part of an on-going plan to ensure their long availability for parishioners. If anybody wishes to know more about the Housing Association, please contact either myself, Iain Gillespie the Secretary, or John Lee the Treasurer.

FROM CLIFF SMITH, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

DN readers may be interested to know that Elizabeth Cambridge's novel, *Hostages to Fortune*, first published by Jonathan Cape in June 1933 (when it was The Book Society's Choice of the Month) has recently been re-issued. Elizabeth Cambridge was the pen name of Barbara Hodges, wife of Dr George Hodges. They lived in Deddington in the early part of the twentieth century and the novel is said to offer a very accurate portrait of family life in the village at that time. No less an authority than Vera Brittain said, "I think it ought to be read by all men and women who have had children, all who may have them, and all who have not had them, in order that they may realize just what it means to be a parent." The new edition is published by Persephone Books.

FROM SAM & DOT KEYS, PIERS ROW, DEDDINGTON

Thank you to everyone who attended our Golden Wedding celebration and for the lovely cards we received - also for the donations to Katharine House Hospice which was a sum of £300.

FROM DEBBIE DRYLAND, LEGION COTTAGE, HIGH STREET, DEDDINGTON (Endorsed and supported by Deddington High Street Residents Group)

I refer to the letter from Nina Fairns, Chairperson, Royal British Legion, Deddington (see March *DN*).

I live next door to the Legion Club and was at home on

the evening of February 14 2004. I absolutely refute Nina Fairns' statement, as my evening was once again spent in misery as a result of the Club's activities. Conditions agreed by the Club Secretary in court on February 6 were blatantly ignored that night. From 8.30pm. until 12.45am. I was subjected to disturbance, with people still entering the Club at 12.10am. At 12.30am. I finally asked for some consideration when a particularly noisy group left. The noise continued with doors banging and rubbish being dumped for some time thereafter.

I have lived in Deddington for eight years and, with other residents, I have made numerous polite requests for consideration. This is a residential area for ordinary working people who also make a contribution to the community.

I work at the Horton Hospital and have done so for many years. I want to enjoy peace and relaxation in my home at the end of a long working week. When buying the house I was informed that the Club was used by traditional RBL members. I did not, therefore, expect loud disco music and drunkenness.

I am aware that the club has been in existence for 80 years but the Club must comply with the law. Legislation now exists that was not in place in the 1920s when there were no thoughts of regular discos or amplified electronic music. I and other residents do not wish to spoil people's fun, close the Club or prevent the commendable charitable contributions. We do feel it is not being run in the manner which was originally intended, nor is the building suited to this kind of entertainment (unlike the Windmill Centre), hence the conditions which have been stipulated by Cherwell, who recently served a Noise Abatement Notice on the Club. It is out of desperation and frustration that we have sought the intervention of the authorities. The problems we have complained about could easily have been rectified, but this would require genuine consideration for local residents, and, so far, this has been lacking.

[This correspondence is now closed. Ed]

E-MAIL FROM PETER ROBINSON, DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB LEADER

Please pass on my thanks to all those who sent cards and best wishes to me while I was in hospital. Especially all those at the Deddington Colts, the little 'Rug Rats' (great card, kids, it's good to be back) and all the regular irregulars at the Deddington Arms. I'm now fully recovered and back at work, and I am as good as I ever was, not that that was ever very good.

FROM THE REV JEAN FARDON, POWICK, WORCS

My late husband's family came from Adderbury and Deddington. One Thomas Fardon made the clock on Deddington church tower (now replaced) some time in the 18th century. I have a long-case clock inscribed 'John Fardon Deddington'. It is a real treasure, and works perfectly.

[The Fardons featured in the *DN* in 1994: go to <http://www.dnarchive.deddington.org.uk/>, also: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/ddhs224> Ed]

A NEW BOOK ABOUT DEDDINGTON

There seems to be no oral history of printers in Deddington, and certainly they do not appear to have left much readily available evidence of their existence. That was Brian Carter's impression when he started his research into printers and publishers in Deddington. I suspect most of us would have agreed with him. Not any more. Brian has unearthed a mass of information on a century and a half of local printing, publishing and papermaking.

In the 20th century, the Reverend Maurice Frost ran his own private press from the Vicarage, and the initials MF appeared on a number of publications, often concerned with fund-raising. More recent publishers include Philip Allan, Norman Drake, the Map Group and, of course, the *DN*. Brian Carter deals with all these more than adequately in the final section of his book.



J.S. Hiron's business card c.1850

However, it is in the period 1840-1900 that the main interest lies, and what a fascinating story it is. Brian identifies the 'big four' - JOHN SAMUEL HIRON, THOMAS CALCUTT, JOHN WHETTON and CHARLES HOBLEY - and describes the kind of work each of them did. Their output was astonishingly varied, from hymn sheets to business directories, pamphlets to schoolbooks, sermons to

magazines, handbills to newspapers.

Many of these are now held in the Bodleian Library, the Oxfordshire Record office or the Centre for Oxfordshire Studies. In 40 very readable pages, Brian Carter brings together all this information and also throws light on the social and economic history of the village and its people and on the changing rôle of the Church.

As nothing has been written on this subject before, it must follow that what has been described here, says Brian, is by way of an intermediate study, subject to revision and amplification depending on new material that might yet come to light.

Does anybody have an old photograph of a printer's premises? Maybe the deeds of your property show that it was once owned by a publisher. There might be a book on your shelves that was bound by a 19th century Deddington printer. Calendar? Almanac? Catalogue? Brian would be grateful for any information.

Norman Stone

Printers and Publishers in Deddington, 1840-2004, is published by Brian Carter, 13 High Street Deddington, Oxon OX15 0SJ, at £4 a copy, postage included. It is his second Deddington publication.

Colin Cohen, The Old Vicarage, Barford St Michael, 337040, edits 224 (Deddington & District History Society newsletter), and asks for "any snaps of Deddington shops from the '50s that people may have and are prepared to lend for copying. I feel sure there are more lurking in attics and old biscuit tins!"

Parish Pixels: The Cover Story

'Deddington in the 21st century' the Editor said. "Right," I said, "Consider it done." But how did I achieve what you now see on the cover? All you need is a half-decent camera and a computer programme capable of shuffling lots of pictures at once, on top of each other, changing their sizes and their appearance and adding words on top.

When Mary and I came to the village over 30 years ago, there were no computers in the Library, no sports centre or cop-shop, no coat of arms or farmers' market, no Daeda's Wood and no *Deddington News* in fact. I decided to highlight some of the amenities we now enjoy and the signage that they generate. (I'm into signs and symbolism - well, imagery generally.) As was pointed out to me, graphics reproduce well through the *DN* production process. So on a sunny Sunday, Mary and I set off to take the snaps on a conventional 35mm film camera - I don't use a digital camera, yet. Each element of the collage was especially shot, then scanned to give me a version that I could play with on screen. From that point on, it was a process of selection and reducing to monochrome outlines. I then electronically cut out and pasted the bits together, juggling, resizing them in moveable layers, not unlike the traditional scissors-and-paste process, or making a patchwork quilt, or a jigsaw without a predetermined pattern. Finally I fiddled with the overall appearance and went with the Editor to the printers ... just like that!

Colin Robinson colin.robinson@deddington.net

MAGIC FROM ST. PETERSBURG

For the second year the Lyra Singers from St. Petersburg delighted listeners with their concert in the Parish Church on 9 March. The musical power and versatility of these four young singers are remarkable. They are capable of both deep feeling and spontaneity and their mission to celebrate Russia's choral music is amply fulfilled.

The evening ended with a generous supper in the Church provided by the audience. *Kristin Thompson*

THREE VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS

NOTE CORRECTED DATES:

Saturday **19** June - 2.00 ~ 6.00 pm

Sunday **20** June - 2.00 ~ 6.00 pm

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- Eight gardens have already been offered - no garden is too big or too small.
- Serving teas as well is not part of the deal, unless garden owners wish to do so - with help.
- Offers to bake scones and/or cakes are most welcome.

Please contact Jane and Andrew Green (01869 337837) by **30 April** if you can help this venture in any way.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

For generations we have bred flowers which are too heavy and large for their stems. The answer has got to be careful staking. So, I have looked at the various supports on offer in some garden centres and at home. On the whole there isn't much new to report.

What do we require of a stake? That it should hold the plant up and be invisible at the same time, that it should be simple to put in and straight forward to store. And some do just that. We can go from simple twigs, stuck in among the leaves. They are effective, look natural and in time disappear amongst the foliage. They are a bit of a fiddle to install, and need tying in. Moreover they are impossible to store at the end of the season and new ones are wanted in the spring. At the opposite end of the scale you can use hefty Bamboo sticks, one at a time, but I am always scared about accidents with eyes. They are ideal for sweet peas and beans, but don't look so nice in a flower garden. In between you have many shapes and sizes of metal supports, some plastic covered, some bare. For a bushy plant the sort which looks like a sieve on three legs, is very good. The foliage will hide it as it grows.

My own favourite is probably the link and loop stake. Plastic, easy to push into the ground, eye-proof and the loops are adjustable. You can thread three loops on to one cane and give the plant some shape. For climbers a trellis with hooks would be useful or you could have a whole apple tree holding up a rambler rose. The modern plastic ties are wonderfully ease to use for climbers. No twine and scissors required. Please tell me if you have any other favourites.

April is a busy month in the garden. Despite what I got wrong about the weather last month, there will be work to be done at Easter and in the following weeks to weed, cultivate, feed, sow and plant the allotment gardens if they are to produce all that they might this summer. Certainly, some work was done in the colder months and there are still crops to get in which have enjoyed the cold and the wet, but it does not take an expert to see that the Satin Lane gardens have some catching up to do. No doubt, though, there are seedlings being brought on indoors which will soon be planted out and protected as far as possible from the hungry mouths of rabbits, birds and bugs. If there are still decisions to be made about what to plant, it was good to hear Monty Don advise beginners who might be trying to grow vegetables for the first time, "try something that you enjoy eating." In other words go for the straightforward varieties of French or runner beans, salad crops, herbs or even some main crop potatoes. Those of us who do not run to an allotment or a special vegetable patch can still grow several edible crops in a flower border or even a window box. Now is the time to get growing!

Hugh Marshall



Incidentally, the loop stakes were a bit difficult to store when I first had them, because they got mixed up and took some unravelling. The answer was a swing bin. Take away the lid, drill a few holes into the bottom for drainage, and stand the stakes up in it. I tie them together in bundles and they can be pulled out one at a time.

Marianne Elsley



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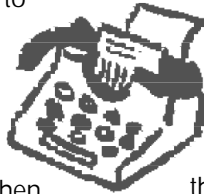
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LIVING HISTORY

Evacuee children in Deddington continued:

Our three girls from Campbell Senior Girls School, London, had now reached the ripe old age of 14 when, in the 1940s, official schooling ceased locally. As luck would have it, another group of evacuee children from West Ham resided in North Aston Hall with their teachers who were able to offer further education in English, Maths, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Typing, Art etc. Quite a few of the Campbell girls were given the chance to attend. Doreen and Pauline remember well cycling, or walking, up to North Aston for this course, which lasted another 2 years and 'finished' their education more thoroughly than they could have expected had they remained in London. Doreen was the first to move back into the city and into a secretarial job. Having left part of her heart in Deddington, and terrified by attacks of flying bombs, she returned to Deddington where her widowed mother had settled.



Pauline's first job was in a Banbury office. Then she too returned to her family in London. A few months before the war ended, she got a job in a Whitehall typing pool from where she was eventually moved to the Treasury Department. She particularly remembers crying bitter tears while writing citations for posthumous awards. Not all was gloom however, the balcony of her office overlooked the Cenotaph - in a prime position to observe military ceremonies and, what the British Forces do best, colourful 'March Pasts'.

To Joyce, aged 14, it was suggested that she would love working with children. An influential friend of a

friend of her teacher had taken into her temporary care two little boys, a baby and toddler, whose world-renowned parents were also in temporary care of HM Prison Service. Although Joyce too would have loved to continue her schooling in North Aston Hall, and now says that she knew nothing at all about children, she accepted, aged 14, that her elders knew best. For 2 years she worked for long hours daily as a nanny's assistant. Life was not unbearable and she lived in a family who had many interesting guests. (*To say that she met some most interesting people is an understatement.*) An advert, placed by Oxford's Postmaster, for trainee telegraphy operators offered greater independence. Undaunted by distance she cycled into Aynho Station, caught the train, attended an interview and was accepted for training. With the help of friends she moved into Oxford, completed her training successfully and soon became very proficient at fast touch-typing. On night shift the telegraphers had to copy coded messages from the Royal Navy, the Army and the RAF (all coded in numbers needing a high degree of concentration.) Day shift work included messages sent by phone from the civilian population, industry and business.

There we have to leave our refugee friends, who more than 50 years on have given us such a caring and positive picture of Deddington during the war years.

(Many thanks to Joyce, Doreen and Pauline for letting us share their memories and to Joan Davies who introduced me to this happy trio).

Ruth Johnson

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of April 1854 :

3rd April - Boy with a broken leg was sent to Matthews, the great bone setter at Epwell.

6th April - Heard a vagrancy case here of window breaking and committed the delinquents to Oxford Castle for 21 days in the House of Correction.

14th April - Bispah Matthews brought me a letter to read from her son Joseph in New Zealand - written in September 1853. (The Rev. Joseph Matthews went to New Zealand as a Missionary, he was brought up in Deddington where his Father was a weaver.)

25th April - Captain Cumming came from Oxford and I swore in 3 Recruits, two from Somerton and one from this place, for the Oxfordshire Militia.

26th April - It was observed as a Fast and a day of Humiliation and Prayer on account of the War just commenced with Russia, by this Country and France. I went to Clifton where I had two full services and collections in aid of the wives and families of the soldiers and sailors gone to the seat of war. Capital congregations both times - and certain Deddingtonians there. Total amount collected at Clifton: £4-10-2d.

27th April - I heard a Justice case of vagrancy here - committed the culprits for a week to Oxford for breaking the Relieving Officer's windows - two Irish women.

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1st Deddington Cub Scouts

This month we welcome Kit to the pack and invest James, we hope they will both enjoy their time at Cubs.

Over the past weeks we have worked towards, and gained, the Road Safety Badge and the Personal Safety Award. The cubs always work hard and deserve their badges. By the end of term they should also have gained either an art, cycling or communicator badge too.

We are attending a district Activities Day based on the Fitness Award at the end of the month at Banbury School when we compete against the rest of the district.

Plans are in hand for two camps in May and July: the first at Horley with the district and the other at Hemel Hempstead with Cubs from the rest of the county.

Jo Churchyard 338071

1st Deddington Scouts

We have received a very fine computer for the Scouts - many, many thanks - which they have already used and have proved that they deserve the first stage of their IT Badge (I'm still amazed at the easy way they use computers. I still think they are out to get me!). We could still use a printer if you have a spare taking up valuable room.

Plans are in hand for camps this year: we hope to attend the county Aqua Camp and The Malvern Challenge - a 7-mile incident hike - and to spend a weekend at Baden Powell House in London later in the year.

We would like to send our best wishes to one of our Scouts, Lewis, who has broken his leg. We hope he'll be hopping back to see us soon.

On behalf of the members of Deddington Scout and

Guide Group, I would like to thank all those who have donated money for our tent appeal. Although we regularly fund raise - Christmas Post, bookstalls and jumble sales, recycling inkjet cartridges, card catalogues and others - most of the money raised goes towards rent and insurances. This boost to our finances will allow us to buy the much needed (and expensive) mess tent. Thank You.

Jo Churchyard 338071

Deddington Cricket Club

The 2004 season is almost upon us and we look forward to a full fixture list for Saturday league and Sunday friendly matches and an away weekend in July for players and their partners.

Our social calendar includes a Quiz Evening on Thursday 29 April at the Unicorn Hotel function room with prizes for the first and second half and overall winners. Why not make up a team? Up to six per team at a cost of £5 per person with an interval of snacks included. It all starts at 8 pm.

On 13 June at The Windmill Centre there will be a family softball cricket tournament with barbeque and soft drinks. Boys, girls, mums and dads etc in a team of six made up of four family members aided and abetted by two members of the cricket club will play for a trophy far more attractive than The Ashes. Full details in May and June's *DN* and at April & May's Deddington Markets.

Back to the more serious cricket, we are always looking for additional new members, from the parish in particular, so please give me a call if you wish to join us.

Jerry Clinch Chairman 338711

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Members present at the Annual Meeting on 9 March heard President Maureen Cox give a report on the 2003/4 programme, and a resumé of what is coming for 2004/5. Several interesting speakers on varying subjects have been booked and two evening outings planned. The annual outing on 10 August is to the RHS Gardens at Wisley, to which all are invited. Cost and details will be given at a later date.

Maureen thanked committee members for their efforts and members for their continuing support and encouragement. Afterwards a short auction and wine and cheese were enjoyed.

Next meeting is 13 April: Farnborough Nurseries 'Hanging baskets and containers'. *Rene Mahony* 338438

Book Group

There has been a lot of interest in the idea of starting a Book Group, but we still need a few more people to make a good working number.

If you are concerned that the group may too serious for your taste, don't worry! The intent is to keep it very low key and fun. The emphasis will be on pooling ideas and branching out into authors that we might not otherwise have tried. Please call!

Sally Lambert 338094

Deddington Beeches Bowls

Our recent Race Night was a great success - thank you to everyone who supported us. On Tuesday 20 April



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Yvonne Twomey 337213

Deddington Babies & Toddlers Group

The toddlers will be celebrating Easter at the sessions on Friday 2 April and Wednesday 7 April making Easter bunny cards and enjoying an Easter egg hunt. Our spring sale is at the session on Friday 23 April. Two Mums' Nights Out are planned - watch the board for more details. We heard the Dads enjoyed theirs! There is no session on Good Friday - otherwise we will be meeting throughout the holidays - Wednesdays & Fridays, 9.30 to 11.30 am at the Windmill. *Lucy Squires* 338442

Deddington Players

Our Annual General Meeting is at the Holly Tree on Thursday 13th May at 7.30 pm. Please come along, whether you have been involved in the past or would like to be involved in the future, whether you are an actor/actress or would like to be involved behind the scenes. If there is enough interest an autumn production could be on the cards, and of course it is never too soon to be thinking about the Pantomime!

Lucy Squires 338442

Monday Morning Club

The bus for the Cole Porter evening at Chipping Norton Theatre leaves the Market Place at 6.30 pm on 22 April. For the Malvern Show on Friday 7 May we leave from the Market Place at 9.30 am. Coffee mornings take place on 5 April, and 10 May (later than usual because the first Monday is a Bank Holiday). *Jean Flux* 338153

Windmill Thursday Club

Good News for the frail older people of our community. The Club has obtained additional funding and will be offering a second day each week on Tuesdays from 20 April.

The Club provides transport, an excellent lunch prepared by the Unicorn Hotel, companionship, activities, and a day-out for those attending. There are still a few places available for people in the area who feel they would like to join us. Please call our Co-ordinator Jennie Fernbank on 01295 250083 or Jim Flux on 338153 if you are interested or know somebody who would benefit.

We are grateful for all our volunteers, especially those who will be joining us to make the additional day possible. If there is anybody who can find an hour or so to help us, he or she would be very welcome. Please phone Jennie or Jim or come along to the Windmill Centre on a Tuesday or Thursday from 20 April onwards to find out about this worthwhile project. (The club is a charity no. 1095834 and Company Registration no. 4426746.) *Jim Flux* 338153

Friendship Club

The 3, 17 & 31 March were social afternoons with members choosing the activity they preferred. Carpet bowls and Scrabble were the favourites. A leaflet is being distributed throughout the village in early April that we

hope will attract both men and women to join us as we have such a lot to offer. We were pleased to welcome one new lady member on 17 March. We have ordered our new carpet bowls and croquet equipment (courtesy of the National Lottery). We look forward to meeting friends from Woodstock to play bowls on 12 May: they visited us last year and are keen to come again. We are also planning outings. *Joyce Minnear* 338529

Deddington Youth Club

We had a very pleasing response to our recent search for two new members to be on the Management Committee. We are hoping that after a preliminary introduction at our next meeting they will join us. Both have a lot of experience in working with young people and so we are looking forward to their input.

We continue to have a good turn out of about thirty young adults at our weekly meetings. They all really enjoy the organised outside sport and now that the evenings are getting longer, we are hoping to arrange to play other local Youth Clubs at football and netball.

The Youth Leaders are in close contact with the Oxfordshire Association for Young People and intend to take advantage of their planned outings. Parents will be notified in due course. All in all a busy time ahead!

Mauveen Forsyth Chairman 338384

Deddington Tennis Club

If you'd like to play tennis regularly – either casually or in local matches – now is the time to join! Membership fees are especially good for junior and student players (about £15/year). Or come to our Open Day on Sunday 2 May from 2 pm-5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

We are looking forward to evening tennis again – every Wednesday from 31 March, 6 pm-dark. We have new nets to put up, so it will look very smart with the new surrounding fencing. If anyone has any suggestions for recycling 3 tatty nets, do let me know!

Cherwell Council are organising children's Easter



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holiday tennis from 5-7 April. For details phone 01295 221719. Friday afternoon lessons start again on 23 April. These need to be pre-booked either through Steve Ashby the coach (01295 263855) or me. This year we have sessions for children aged 5-6 at 4 pm, 7-9 at 5 pm and 10-13 at 6 pm. If any adults would like to do a course - beginners or rusty players - we're taking bookings for May, non-members welcome.

Thanks to Cyclogical for keeping the key for people who prefer to 'pay and play'. *Katie McGovern* 338771

Deddington & District History Society

Our March meeting brought a popular return visit by David Vaisey, who used the extensive collections of ephemera in the Bodleian Library to illustrate his talk on *Shops and Shopping*. Our next speaker (14 April) will be Martin Rowling, on *The Village Smithy*. Martin will display part of his collection of tools and artefacts. On 12 May Brian Little will prepare us for our visit to Banbury Museum and Tooley's Boatyard. As always, all are welcome at our talks.

Our summer events are falling into place. On Saturday 22 May the Society will host Oxfordshire Past (a day-long event devoted to the county's history and archaeology) at the Windmill Centre. Please join us there. If you would like to attend the private visit to Banbury Museum and Tooley's Boatyard on 9 June, contact Sue Shattock, our Meetings Secretary, on 338880. Places are limited. On the evening of Monday 28 June we have arranged a guided tour of Chalgrove (Civil War battle; important wall-paintings in the church; private visit to Chalgrove Manor, not normally open to the public). We shall try to arrange lifts for those without transport. Again, please let Sue know if you are interested. *Chris Day* 337204

Deddington Town Football Club

1st Team Results

Sinclair (a) (Coronation Cup) Lost 0-3

Fenny Compton (a) (Supplementary Cup) Won 3-0 M.Hewitt, J.Pearce, A.Shepherd.

Flowing Well (a) (Supplementary Cup) Won 5-1 J.Pearce (3), K.Laird, M.Hewitt.

Croprey Res (h) (Supplementary Cup) Drew 1-1 J.Pearce.

Fenny Compton (h) (Charity Cup) Lost 1-3 B.Durrant.

During the past month all of the 1st team matches have been in various cup competitions. Three good results in the Supplementary Cup mean only a draw is required in their final group match to qualify for the semi-finals. The outstanding result was the 5-1 victory over Premier League side Flowing Well. Assistant Manager Andy Shepherd was one of the scorers in the win over Fenny Compton. April is going to be an important month on the League front, where a few more victories will ensure promotion.

Reserve Team Results

Steeple Aston Res (a) (Supplementary Cup) Won 2-0 T.Spencer, D.Keys.

St John's (a) Lost 1-2 K.Wild.

Hethe (h) Lost 1-3 P.Kirsopp.

Bodicote Res (a) (Supplementary Cup) Lost 1-5 P.Kirsopp.

Vodafone Rees (a) (Supplementary Cup) Won 4-0 D.Gibbs (2), A.Wallock, G.Morbey.

The Reserves had a mixed month: good results at the start and end of the month gave the side a good chance of retaining the Supplementary Cup. Danny Keys was on target in the win over local rivals Steeple Aston and helped the team to a 2-0 victory. David Gibbs netted twice in an excellent team performance that secured the emphatic 4-0 win over Vodafone. A win over Bodicote in their final group game will earn a semi-final spot for the team.

75 Club Winners: 20/2/04 W.Gibbard £50; 27/2/04 D.Clouston £50; 6/3/04 D.Freeman £100; 12/3/04 C.Bolton £50; 19/3/04 P.Trinder £50. *Steve Plumble* 01295 278258

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Company

Thank you to everyone who supported the Nest Box venture and helped us raise £73 towards the Parish Church's Living Rooms Project. We trust the nest boxes are now inhabited and have attracted more species into the various gardens around the village.

On 6 March we hosted the Oxfordshire Battalion Boys' Brigade Junior Section Figure Marching and Team Games competitions at the Windmill Centre. We heartily congratulate our Junior Section lads for winning both events. It was a great team effort, considering it was only the second time that they had entered these competitions. Thank you to those parents who provided refreshments on the day. The Junior Section boys have started band practice on Tuesday evenings 7-8 pm. We are grateful to Graham Wallington for taking on the training, and to the members of the Congregational Church for providing the venue. Parents are reminded that the first band practice after Easter will be on 13 April.

The Anchor Boys now have spaces for new members. The section, which meets on Wednesday afternoons from 3.15 pm in the School Hall, is open to boys aged 5 and over. The sessions include team games, competitions, stories, badge work and craft activities.

Brian Bushell 338715

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ON THE FARM

Oh, the power of the *DN* ! Within a day or so of the publication of last month's issue, in which I spoke of the need for a new cockerel for my Indian game hens, Mike Boyd from The Paddocks put me in touch with a breeder from Burford. Many thanks, Mike, you will be pleased to know that "Sumo" has settled in well and is on the job. Although he is only a year old he made the old cock look like a midget. I needed to widen the 8" 'pop' hole before he could get out of the hen house.



Lambing is now well under way though some three weeks later than planned. The only explanation for this I can come up with is that we turned the rams out just as the ewes were coming to the end of a cycle and did not come back on for 3 weeks. The ewes are now dropping their lambs very fast, so most must have come into season at the same time - little wonder one of the old boys turned up his toes part way through the tugging season.

At the beginning of March we had our annual assured arable crop and sheep inspection - a bit like an annual show jumping competition, where the fences get bigger each time. In many ways it has become a licence to farm - no bad thing if it gives our consumers confidence in British-produced food. But the sad fact is that according to the DEFRA web site, UK food production has fallen 10%, to 65% of our needs during Mrs B's reign (despite her continued insistence that we are over-producing) with part of the shortfall being made up by cheap unassured imports from Third World countries.

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Bangers & Mash evening on Friday 27 February was a great success: about 40 people sat down in the church hall and enjoyed the meal followed by a very nice sweet washed down with an assortment of drinks. Following the meal, three people gave short talks about occupations they were or had been in. It was a good village get together. Thanks to the people who prepared the room, cooked the food and supplied everything.

The table tennis team continue in good form: their record is P15 W8 D2 L4, and they are currently top of Division 2 of the Banbury and District League, although two teams below them have games in hand.

Well done to the Council for sweeping the footpaths of all the grit that had been thrown up from the road; it is much more comfortable for walking in the village.

The Easter Vigil & Service of Light in the church will be on Easter Eve 10 April at 8.30 p.m. This is an inspiring service deserving a good congregation.

The Hempton Ladies Club celebrated their 4th birthday with a very nice lunch at The Duke of Cumberland's Head at Clifton on 16 March; everyone really enjoyed themselves. This club meets every other Tuesday in the Church Hall at 2.00 pm.

The Friends of the Church will be having a cake stall under the Town Hall in Deddington on Saturday 8 May at 9 am. They will be grateful to anyone who can donate a cake for this event.

People have again complained about dogs fouling the footpaths, this time in St Johns Way. Let's clean up after our dogs, and keep the village tidy.

Les Chappell 338054

Now what was that about the principles of 'fair trade' ?

During the inspection the spray and chemical store came in for a lot of attention. Everything is checked for its government licence number and its use-by date. Records have to be kept as to when and where each product was bought; when, how and by whom each product was used and of how any old stock was disposed of. Many of the chemicals we use in agriculture contain the same active ingredients as garden chemicals. On the 31 March this year the use of many of these products was banned and they should be disposed of. Please get advice as to the correct way of doing this. Do not put them out with the rubbish or flush them down the loo.

I am pleased that Charles Newey finds my column interesting and controversial, as it is meant to be. As Charles comments, the Krebs committee was set up by the Government to investigate the link between Badgers and Bovine TB. The main reason that there is no scientific basis for assessing the impact of either culling or not culling was, for reasons best known to DEFRA, not published on its web site, but given in an answer to a parliamentary question: simply that 80% of the cage traps used in the experiment were either stolen or damaged beyond use by persons unknown. In other words the whole investigation was wrecked by the agenda of those who did not want scientific proof of something that has been well known in farming circles for many years. At the end of my February column I commented that perhaps it was time for an extended cull to safeguard the future. This comment was aimed more at the scientific, than the badger, community.

George Fenemore 338203

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Bob Donohue event organiser 338 444

Deddington Police OFFICE

In 2002 it became apparent that people wanted to have personal contact with their local Police officer, so 3 local residents volunteered to open this office. In May 2003 they were joined by myself returning to restricted hours after illness. More than 650 persons visited the office in the ten months to the end of February 2004.

The number of police officers now working at Deddington has increased to 4 full-time Constables, one part-time Special Constable and the Sergeant with special responsibility for all the 34 parishes covered from Deddington, estimated population 19,000.

DEDDINGTON IS NOT A POLICE STATION, so the services offered are limited and the volunteers employed are not qualified in Police procedures. The office telephone number is for **non urgent** calls only. To report a crime or other incident that requires an immediate Police response, please telephone the 24 hour Police Call Centre **0845 8 505 505**. If there is an immediate threat to life or property, **dial 999**.

The Deddington office carries crime prevention leaflets, and some District Council leaflets including dog warden, environmental health and tourist information. The office is open Monday & Friday 9am to 1pm; Tuesday 12 noon to 4pm; Wednesday & Thursday 9am to 5pm. This can change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

I would like to thank those who have used the Deddington Police office. Without your support we could lose it.
PC4507 **Bob Donohue** 338 444

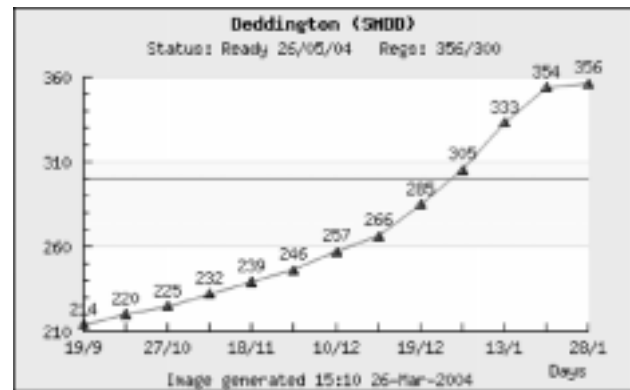


MAY FAMILY FUN DAY
Come to the Windmill Centre for a great family event on Bank Holiday Monday 3 May from 2pm: a bouncy castle, roundabout, face painting, name the teddy, tombola, cake stall, lots of games, home-made ice cream and much more to make this a real Fair.

A LIVING ROOMS PROJECT event

Broadband 4 Deddington

Broadband should be ready for service from the Deddington exchange from 25 May. The chart shows how registers of interest reached the 'trigger point' at the New Year and have continued to increase. It came from www.samknows.com/broadband/.



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Deddington OnLine
<http://www.deddington.org.uk>

New website material this month features the Windmill Community Centre and the BMX track. The twelve pages on the Windmill Centre describe its founding, facilities, finance and management arrangements. Details of hire charges are also given.

The section on the BMX track gives credit to its creators, its location and some useful safety tips. Go to the site and enter Windmill Community Centre or BMX in the search or use the Community link.

Colin Clark 338064 or colin.clark@deddington.net

News from Deddington Fire Station

Since the last report we have received 9 calls, 1 lorry fire on M40, 1 false alarm good intent, 1 barn fire, 4 calls to standby, 1 thatched roof of pub on fire, and one serious fire in a boiler shed, involving various cylinders and other chemical hazards.

This will be my last report before maternity leave. Peter Taylor is now Acting Sub officer, in charge of the station. Sadly, Andy Hayward is moving house to Banbury so he will be leaving us in the near future. Rachel Freeman continues to act up as Leading Firefighter, and we have one potential recruit in the pipeline.

Retained Recruitment Hotline 0800 5 870 870 if you would like to receive an information pack about the retained service. We can offer flexibility with hours of cover given, so don't be put off if you can't commit to 24/7!
Anne Waters Sub officer 338281

The 'war on motorists' continues, with drivers 'stunned' by the assertion that none of Britain's speed cameras needs to be removed. Motorists argue that the machines are there only to make money, not to curb speed, seemingly unaware that if speed limits were being observed, then the machines would not be making any money. If these people really want to rid Britain of speed cameras, then they should get militant. How about a campaign of civil obedience?

Deborah Orr in *The Independent*

Tantalizing Butterflies

Butterflies are creatures of tantalizing beauty. Their every movement, even the slow opening and folding of the wings, is alluring. Elusive in flight, butterflies seem to flutter for our pleasure. In tropical jungles, men have endured disease and lethargy to hunt, capture, kill, and exhibit a Morpho in a glass box. We now know better.

But butterflies have their own interests, urgencies quite apart from our imaginings. Fluttering flight allows them to distract and elude bird predators. Adults live only a short while, not more than a summer season, and in that time each must find a mate. Time is further compressed by weather, for butterflies generally refuse to fly on cold or wet days.



Male flight patterns are recognition signals to females of the same species. Butterflies gather at special sites - an opening in a wood, a sunny spot by a river, a rock - site visited generation after generation serving the same function as a youth club or disco, for the sexes to meet.

Later, the female must find the right plant on which to lay her eggs. In providing a food source for the larvae, there is a remarkable specificity for some species in selecting a host plant. But many species are less choosy. Eggs are laid one at a time, glued to the underside of a leaf. The Brimstone butterfly, for example, selects the leaves and buds of buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*); Red Admiral searches for common nettle (*Urtica dioica*), and must find it easily in Deddington parish.

Hatched on the wrong plant, larvae may refuse to feed and die of starvation, or die of a plant poison to which they are not immune. Adult feeding habits are different - they usually drink from a wide range of flowers, and so provide pollination services to many species of plants, helping to propagate the plant species that feed them.

We know many birds migrate, electing not to face winter when food supplies are diminished and the hazard of predation is increased; but it is a surprise to find that the Clouded Yellow and the Red Admiral winter in southern Europe, returning to English meadows in mid to late summer, and that the Painted Lady, venturing farther away, winters in North Africa. In North America, the Monarch butterfly, feeding on milkweed nectar in the summer meadows in Ontario, flies to the highlands of Mexico for winter.



After a quiet winter things will soon be on the move down in Daeda's Wood. A

recent meeting of FoDW was attended by Woodland Officer Neil Chamberlain. Top item on the agenda was the treatment of the ever more invasive creeping thistle, a tenacious relic from Daeda's former life as an arable field. The plan is to cut most of the unshaded affected areas three times - April, June and September - to weaken the growth, and to apply an appropriate herbicide in May as additional discouragement. Inevitably this will affect wildflower growth, but this would anyway be suffocated out of existence if the thistles were left untreated. One or two areas will be left 'wild' for the benefit of finches and butterflies.

By the time you read this, the lay-by and hedgerows should look distinctly less unappetising following a working party on 28 March of FoDWs armed with plastic bags and gloves.

Other happenings include a new information board by the main entrance in the spring, a small invasion of four- and five-year olds from a Banbury school this summer, and a July event for the Parish. Watch this space.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

WARMEST THANKS from the three-generation Spenceley team to all those who supported their entry for the 2-mile Paul Bithnell Memorial Fun Run sponsored by the *Banbury Guardian* in aid of Katharine House. Between them they raised £304. Son Adrian covered the distance in 18.42 mins, granddaughter in 23.48, and 82-year-old George chugged in, by no means last, in 27.46 mins. They're all set to beat these times in 2005. Pat Brittain thanks everyone who sponsored her in the 2-mile Walk which so far has raised £273.

There are many species of butterfly in the meadows along the River Swere. Ron Knight, of Barford St Michael, has compiled a record of eighteen species seen in the Barfords. This spring, Kristin Thompson is going to start making a list for Deddington, observing the butterflies in Daeda's Wood. As of this writing, we can say that twenty-three species are known to feed on the foods available from Priory Mill to the River Cherwell, especially where the meadows are rich with wild flowers.

Walter L. Meagher

May Diary

Sun	2	Tennis Club: Open Day, Windmill Courts, 2-5 pm ➡ p.10
Mon	3	Family Fun Day, Windmill Centre, 2pm ➡ p.14
Wed	5	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm
Wed	5	Annual Parish Meeting: <i>A Village Plan</i> ? Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm ➡ p.4
Fri	7	Monday Morning Club: bus for Malvern Show from Market Place at 9.30 am ➡ p.11
Mon	10	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10 am-noon ➡ p.11
Tue	11	WI: Resolutions meeting, followed by quiz, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm ➡ p.10
Wed	12	History Society: Brian Little, <i>Banbury Museum & Tooley's Boatyard</i> , Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm ➡ p.12
Thu	13	Deddington Players: Annual General Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm
Sat	15	Bowls Club: Cake & Plant Stall, under the Town Hall, 9 am ➡ p.10
Tue	18	<u>Copy Date for June</u> Deddington News
Wed	19	Parish Council: meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm ➡ p.2
Thu	20	Windmill Centre: Annual General Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7 pm
Sat	22	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am-12.30 pm
Sat	22	History Society hosts <i>Oxfordshire Past</i> for the Oxon Architectural & Historical Society, Windmill, all day.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton April 2004

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 Angela Waller 338970

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338920

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David & Gay Hood, Earls Lane 338200

HEMPTON

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CLIFTON

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	01865 242373
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SOCIETY	01295 750622
BANBURY BENEFITS ADVICE	01295 255863
BANBURY FAMILY CENTRE	01295 275507
BBC OXFORD ACTION DESK	01865 889026
BRITISH RED CROSS- home from hospital	01295 229257
CARDIAC SUPPORT GROUP	01295 229373
CARERS' CENTRE	01295 264545
CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU	0845 1202998
COUNCIL OF DISABLED PEOPLE	01865 792226
CRUSE BEREAVEMENT ADVICE	01295 768119
DIAL-A-RIDE	01295 263777
DIALABILITY	01865 791818
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, CDC	01295 252535
Pollution Control	01295 221632
for noise complaints out of office hours	01865 266000
FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICE	01865 741781
HEALTH POINT	0800 665544
KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE	01295 811866
LIFE PREGNANCY COUNSELLING	01869 245777
LONE PARENT HELPLINE	0800 0185026
NORTH OXON DRUGS AGENCY	01295 273511
PEST CONTROL	01295221937
RELATE - Marriage Guidance	01295 258141
SAMARITANS	01295 270000
SOCIAL SERVICES	01295 252421
VICTIM SUPPORT	01295 277990
VOLUNTEER BUREAU	01295 279515
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