



Photo : Alan Collins

On yer feet! The Deddington Walk is now a fixture in the calendar of village life. Congratulations to all who took part, especially to the Year 1 pupil who completed the 12-mile circuit. The coincidence with the National Walk-to-School Week could well be repeated. Half of our school's pupils already walk to school. Mrs Tinsley told BBC South Today: "If they walk to school in the morning, the oxygen is flowing and they are ready to learn when they arrive." The planet too benefits: some schools have been given 1-metre diameter inflated globes to make the point that that is how much CO₂ is emitted by one child's average daily school run by car. 86% of Oxfordshire's primary children live within walking or cycling distance of their school. Cllr Alan Collins walked with seven children from Clifton on 23 May. Can parents revive the 'Walking Bus from the Windmill' plan? The lack of a Lollipop warden in Earls Lane is a major concern. No one has responded to the three adverts for a replacement. Pam Churchill reported: "Drivers swing into Earls Lane from Banbury Road with no thought for those on foot." We say: 'Power to the Pedestrians !'

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June

Sat	2	WI: cake and plant stall, Market Place.
Mon	4	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am
Thu	7	Monday Morning Club: film evening, Holly Tree, 6.30 pm.
Sat	9	Village Clean-up: Town Hall, 10.00 am > p.2
Tue	12	WI: Visit to Tilehouse nursery and garden, Finmere, 7-7.15 for 7.30 pm
Wed	13	History Society: visit to Ditchley Park at 2.15pm > p.13
Thu	14	Friends of Deddington Festival: Reception, Parish Church, 6.30 – 8 pm > p.8
Sat	16	Deddington School: Fête, 2 pm > p.4
Mon	18	Windmill Thursday Club: AGM, Windmill Centre, 6.30 pm
Wed	20	Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall. 7.45 pm
Fri	22	Festival Craft Exhibition: Living Room, Parish Church, 10 am-4 pm.
Fri	22	Deddington Guided Walk: Town Hall, 7.00 pm
Sat	23	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9am-12.30 pm.
Sat	23	Festival Art Exhibition: Holly Tree, 10 am-4 pm > p.8
Sat	23	Festival Craft Exhibition: Living Room, Parish Church, 10 am-1 pm > p.8
Sat	23	Deddington Rocks: Windmill Centre, 6.30 pm.
Sun	24	Festival Songs of Praise: Parish Church, 10.30 am.
Sun	24	Festival Art Exhibition: Holly Tree, 10 am-4 pm.
Sun	24	Festival Craft Exhibition: Living Room, Parish Church, 10-4 pm.
Sun	24	Deddington Guided Walk: Town Hall, 2.00 pm
Sun	24	Jazz in The Crown & Tuns with the Tim Dawes Band: 8.30 pm
Thu	28	<i>Poetry Please</i> : Unicorn Upper Room, 7 for 7.30 pm.
Thu	28	Trad Jazz with 'Bedazzled': Unicorn Garden, 9pm-11pm.
Fri	29	Children's Choir: Lunch Time, Parish Church.
Fri	29	Celebration of Youth: Windmill Centre, 7.00 pm.
Fri	29	Deddington Guided Walk: Town Hall, 7.00 pm
Sat	30	Festival Art Exhibition: Holly Tree, 10 am-4 pm > p.8
Sat	30	Art Workshop for Adults: open air, 2.0 pm > p.8
Sat	30	Festival Choral Concert: Parish Church, 7.30 pm.

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Annual Parish Meeting - 15 May 2007

Despite what a delivery man described as 'grotty weather', the side room in the Windmill Centre was packed for the Annual Parish Meeting. Chairman Martin Squires began with a summary of the Parish Council's year and progress of the Working Groups. A summary of the Parish Plan had been circulated, to which the Chairman spoke. In due course a copy of the full 40-page document will be available in the Library and accessible via DoL. Question time followed.

Housing: What was intended to be 'low-cost' housing is being upgraded to costly; in any case what does 'low-cost' mean? Will they be low-energy too? Why do CDC reject solar panels?

War memorial: no decision yet whether to move or not to move.

Traffic: concerns expressed about speeding, speed cameras, parking.

Windmill Centre: is it under-used or under-publicised?

Trees: the felled chestnut in the Market Place and dead trees on the Hempton Road need to be replaced.

Travellers' site: OCC want bigger permanent sites than the Deddington options.

Why are the council depot lights so bright and on all night?

Castle Grounds: does there have to be a choice between recreation or nature reserve?

Late night buses from Banbury and Oxford are needed - not just by teenagers.

Meeting in Town Hall 16 May 2007

Present: Cllrs Squires (Chair), Alton, Anderson, Collins, Flux, Privett, Rollason, Rudge, Spencer, Todd, Watts, Westbury, Wood, D/Clr O'Sullivan, C/Clr Jelf, the Clerk the Steward and 3 members of the public.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman - Martin Squires (Chairman) and Jim Flux (Vice Chairman) were re-elected unopposed.

Open Forum - PC Gerry Doyle TVP introduced himself, now sharing the beat with PC Phil Morris. No names or starting dates for Police Community Support Officers yet. Also Special Constable for Thursdays from 4 p.m. till midnight. Problems with noise, nuisance, speeding, pavement parking, alcohol (Co-op have been/will be reminded about selling to or for those under-age).

Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) signs: PC rejected western and southern approach signs but voted in favour of one on triangle at St Thomas Street junction, after more accurate costing and site survey. Other sites possible in future.

Market Place Bus Shelter - awaiting confirmation of 50% grant from OCC before going ahead. Cost c.£5K + delivery + installation. Bicycle rack possible later.

Parking in Clifton - being dealt with.

Footpath outside Red Lion - on repair job list.

War Memorial Path: church being consulted about possible repair. Whole area of memorial needs restoration and maintenance. British Legion to be consulted.

Wheellie Bins - Terraced properties may use sacks instead. Reminder about not leaving bins/sacks out except on collection days.

Windmill Centre Car Park - pursuing resurfacing. Replace/resite 5 mph sign.

Teen Scene - proposal to be finalised by end of June, and outcome of grant request.

Castle Grounds - grass cutting costs to be investigated.

Hempton verges - have been cut back, revealing much litter.

Hanging baskets - ready to go up, with new watering system.

Play Areas - Windmill Centre area needs clearing and equipment repainted.

Planning

PC No objection: (1) Affric, New Street, Deddington: 2 storey and single storey extension at rear. (2) The Mews House, Castle Street, Deddington: Erection of shed/workshop. (3) Home Farm, Clifton Road, Deddington: Certificate of lawful use for storage (but ask CDC to inspect). (4) Johnson & Co. Chapel Square, Deddington: Fell 2 Sycamore trees, revised to 1 Holly 1 Ash and 1 Sycamore. Suggest OCC repair Castle Street pavement. (5) Crouch View, Hempton Road, Deddington (resubmission: original applicant withdrew): Construction of 2-storey extensions to front, side and rear elevations. (6) 69 St Johns Way Hempton: 2-storey side extension and alter access (provided no alteration to width of dropped kerb).

CDC Approvals

(7) 4 Walnut Close, Clifton: single storey rear extension. (8) Emohruo, St Thomas Street, Deddington: 2 and single storey rear extension. (9) Leadenporch Farm Deddington: change of use of agricultural land and construction of outdoor Manege (conditions attached). (10) 14 High Street Deddington: Part change of use to ground floor from office to residential. (11) Emohruo, St Thomas Street, Deddington: Fell 2 conifers (protect flora and fauna at present).

Application withdrawn

Home Farm Cottage, Main Street, Clifton: 2-storey rear extension (amendments), PC observations re. parking.

Shorts

- CDC Bicester and Central Oxfordshire Site Allocations Development Plan due 4 June 2007 for 6 week consultation.
- Tree works: Chestnut on P.O. green has been felled. The other may last 2 years. Both to be replaced, species and timing yet to be decided. Trees on Hempton Road being watched.
- Clifton House, Main Street, Clifton: 3rd collapse of wall due to a skip not construction!
- The Barnstead, The Lane, Hempton: Owner in correspondence with OCC regarding right of access.
- Upper Heyford Planning Forum: Minutes of 17 April meeting available in the office.
- OCC Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework consultation paper available. No parish site affected.

PARISH FINANCES

- Invoices passed for payment totalled £10,169.69, including £1940.97 employee costs, £3690.68 insurance for playgrounds etc., £2570 grass-cutting.
- Investments totalled £564,422.82, of which £22,746.42 Barclays @ 0.1% interest and current account £341,676.40 West Bromwich @ 5.10% overnight; £200,000 Birmingham Midshires 2-year bond @ 5.13%.
- Accounts with auditor. Cornhill have accepted claim for pavilion roof repair.

DATE FOR DIARY - VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY 9 JUNE at 10 a.m.

(Town Hall and Hempton). Followed by refreshments and swimming pool.

NEXT MEETING**Town Hall**

Wednesday 20 June- 7.45 pm

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on parish noticeboards and the village website:

www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes



On 30 April Year 6 from Deddington School travelled by coach to Yenworthy Lodge, North Somerset. The journey took 4½ hrs. When we got there we took to the ropes course. Completing obstacles from climbing through tunnels & tyres to commando crawling across a rope was challenging but great fun.

We woke up the next morning feeling tired from the long journey and the ropes course, but off we went to the 'Outdoor Business' day. The aim of the day was to make 'Yenworthy Pounds' by completing mental & physical challenges across the grounds. Surfing at Brancome Bay was in store for us the next day. Learning to surf lying down then standing up was the aim of the day. We all had good fun just falling off! Thursday was rock climbing up to the top of the wall as quick as we could; then we moved on to coasteering, clambering through rocks and caves, then rock-pooling. One group caught an eel! We finished the week off with a valley walk to Lynmouth. Overall, the food was wonderful and the activities great. The whole class had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed it. None of us wanted to come home!

Year 6

PFSU

The joint PFSU and Village Nursery summer event is approaching. 'Grass Skirts and Loud Shirts' is the theme for this year's party which is being held on Saturday 7 July from 7:30pm at the Windmill Centre. Cancel that holiday to Barbados and come long to Deddington's Tropical Beach Party instead!

Among other things the evening will include steel drums, limbo dancing and a BBQ. We will also be holding our amazing and infamous auction. Tickets cost £22.50 each, but - Be Quick! - until the end of May £40.00 for 2. These can be purchased from the PFSU (337484), Village Nursery (337383) and Deddington Antiques Centre. This is a village event – all are welcome.

Don't forget to visit our stall at Deddington Primary School's Summer Fête on Saturday 16 June.

We will be taking the children to visit Deddington's allotments to learn about the different vegetables they are growing compared to our own vegetable patch – let's hope we pick up a few green fingered tips!

Emma Thompson

VILLAGE NURSERY

We are looking for someone willing to help the children in the garden. If you know anyone who can spare some time to volunteer, please ask Anna for more details on 337383. The children get so much out of being involved in the garden from sowing the seeds to eating the produce, but they especially

enjoy getting muddy!

Our topic this term is 'Summer': we will be talking about our holidays and painting sunny pictures. Whenever the sun makes an appearance, we will also be looking forward to lots more outdoor play.

Please see our advert overleaf, giving details of the joint Village Nursery and PFSU's 'Tropical Beach Party' in July. **Emma Thompson.**

Assistant School Administrator

Required for 1st July 2007,

5 hours per week. Starting salary £7.18 per hour- Pay award pending

We wish to appoint an Assistant School Administrator.

We are looking for a motivated and energetic, quick thinking individual, to take on this important role in our popular and flourishing school. The successful individual will have a good level of ICT competency, good literacy and excellent communication skills, in this stimulating post. Sensitivity and discretion are required as you will be dealing with parents and children.

The primary role of the Administrative Assistant, in partnership with the Administrative Officer/Bursar, is to ensure the smooth running of the lunch money and SIMS Attendance Module administration within the school.

Deddington School is committed to safeguarding children.

Please contact the school office for further information, before applying for the post.

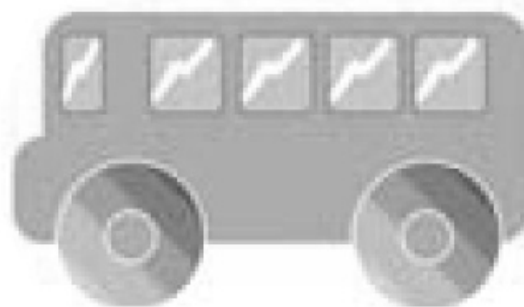
Closing date: Friday 8 June 2007.

Interview date: Thursday 14 June 2007.

The 3rd Annual Deddington Walk on 20 May was a great success - blessed with perfect weather. Over 300 took part, and gross receipts exceeded £3100 - with possible sponsorship to come. The Walk coincided with the start of the National Walk to School Week. Film of the event was screened in BBC Oxford bulletins the next day. Thanks go to our actors from Cherwell College, Alan Rampley, our First Aider, all those businesses who so generously sponsored our Walk and everyone else who helped make it a successful day once again. A huge thanks also to all those who turned out on the day and to those who have kindly sponsored our children - it is you who make the event happen - we could not do it without you!!

The next date to ensure you have etched on your calendar is our annual Fête which will be held on the school field on Saturday 16 June. This is promising to be an exciting event with some new and unusual "beings" joining us. Returning by popular demand will be the Quad Bikes and many other stalls. Each class will be organising and running a stall, so do come and support our children and have a fun afternoon!! There will be delicious cream teas and a licensed bar, weather permitting (once again!!), towards the end of the afternoon and running into the early evening, we will be setting up the barbecues and karaoke machine for those who want to sit around watching the sun set whilst eating, drinking, chatting to friends and listening to music. What a fab way to end the day!

Janet Watts and Stella O'Neill Joint Chair



The Banbury & District Community Bus started visiting Deddington, at the Windmill Centre, on Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:00, last month. Any under 5's, accompanied by a parent/carer, are welcome to enjoy this free and fun service.

The Oxfordshire Rural Children's Centre Project provides a range of services to young children, their parents & carers in rural areas across the county. Playbuses, including a sensory bus, provide free, weekly drop-ins where children can enjoy games - toys, arts & crafts & messy play. In addition, parents & carers can access advice & information on a broad range of topics from parenting to Jobcentre Plus. An Outreach Worker supports families to access local provision & runs events & activity groups in response to demand.

**Deddington Primary School
Annual Summer Fete**
Saturday 16th June 2006 from 2 - 5pm

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and Deddington Antiques Centre

PARISH CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL

Sun 3	10.30 am	Trinity Sunday - All-Age Morning Praise
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed 6	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu 7	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
	6.30 pm	Corpus Christi - Eucharist
Sun 10	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist with Baptism
Mon 11	6.30 pm	St Barnabas - Eucharist
Wed 13	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun 17	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (with healing prayer)
	3.30 pm	<i>Free Spirit</i> - Windmill Centre
	6.30 pm	Confirmation by Bishop Colin Fletcher
Wed 20	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thu 21	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun 24	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	St John the Baptist - Songs of Praise
Wed 27	10.00 am	Eucharist
Fri 29	6.30 pm	SS Peter & Paul - Eucharist

For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, hospital or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar the Rev Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), the Rev John Dane (337403) or one of the Church wardens, Iain Gillespie (338367) or Judy Ward (337187).

ST JOHN HEMPTON

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

From the Parish Registers : Baptism - 13 May Imogen Lily Norris

Funerals - 27 April Graham ("Dick") Fisher; 10 May Dorothy Thorogood

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

Charity of the Month - June: Christian Blind Mission - please use the special envelope to put donations [if a taxpayer, in a pink GiftAid envelope] into the Parish Church chest.

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday Mornings at 10.30 am: Pastor Walton, except 24 June - John Neale

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

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

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The Revd A J Burns 277396

Holy Trinity, Hethe : Mass is said every day [except Wednesday] at 10.00 am. Confessions: Sats - 5.30~6.00 pm. St George, Adderbury : Mass is said Sundays at 8.30 am; Wednesdays at 7.00 pm; Confessions before Mass.

Corpus Christi [7 June] but is no longer a Holy Day of Obligation; the celebrations of the Feast are transferred to the following Sunday. The Feast of SS Peter & Paul [Friday 29 June] remains a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be said at 7.00 pm on the previous evening at Adderbury, and the Mass of the Feast itself at Hethe at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm.

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

ADVANCE NOTICE

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

Ruth Johnson 338355

CHURCH BELLS

Have you ever wondered how they were rung? There will be an opportunity to find out on Saturday 28 July, the day of the Farmers' Market. During the morning, the ringing chamber will be open to visitors to see the bells and how they are rung. If you are interested and would like to take a look, please gather at the base of the Church Tower at any time between 10.00am and mid-day where you will met by one of our members.

Colin Cox
Deddington Church Bell Ringers

EMAIL FROM JOHN TEMPLE-SMITH, THE LANE, HEMPTON

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 24 April started at 7.30pm, and was still going on after 10pm, by which time people were drifting off home. Much useful information was put forth but, if I may say, at a cost! The author of each report presented seemed to feel that he or she would not do justice to it if it did not cover at least three

A4 pages. There were exceptions. Les Chappell's report on Hempton Church was exemplary. Succinct, informative and covering all the year, it was confined to one page. Winston Churchill, when requiring information, used to write: "Pray let me know on one half sheet of paper". He knew the importance of brevity in getting a clear picture. May I put forward a prayer for myself and, I believe, for a number of other people present at the April meeting, that next year's reports* are confined to one sheet of A4 (except, of course, the Annual Accounts) and where there is the possibility of duplication the persons concerned should liaise beforehand to avoid it?

*[*Some parishes collate reports of all the year's activities into a booklet and distribute it to Electoral Roll members before the meeting. Ed]*

EMAIL FROM CAROL, JOY & ALL AT THE UNICORN, DEDDINGTON

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us and made donations of gifts, time and money in aid of the Katharine House Hospice fundraiser at the Unicorn on 23 April. We would especially like to thank Brian and Louise Pile who gave up their time to do the auction, to The Blue Meanies (fantastic!) who donated their fee to the Hospice, and to the 'regulars' who ran the raffle for us. The evening was an enormous success and, including a cash donation from Charles Wells Ltd, we raised a grand total of £3,075.00. Thank you all very much.

FROM PATRICIA HARRIS, pp. CLIFTON

Photographic evidence collated of collapsing walls and parking on the pavement, the sudden objection to a pre-existing fence, comments regarding the underpinning of a listed building (despite the involvement of CDC's Conservation Officer from the outset), anonymous yet pointed notes pinned outside someone's home concerning dog poo (when they don't have a dog), complaints about a severely disabled person's car parked on the highway who sadly had died at home and lay undiscovered for several days while such complaints rumbled on ... Would not the direct approach be preferable, before scurrying off to the authorities armed with personal opinions? Knock on the door or drop off a signed note - it's far more neighbourly and, in the case of the disabled car

driver, may save a life. This seemingly ongoing spate of 'behind the back' activity in Clifton does not help to build a community but puts a wedge in it.

FROM ANGELA NASH, HOOK NORTON ROAD, CHIPPING NORTON

The family of Mr Ken Nash who died on 16 March would like to thank all those from Deddington who sent messages of support and who attended his funeral at St Mary's Church, Chipping Norton. Nearly £600 has been raised in his memory. This will be donated to Katharine House Hospice and Macmillan Nurses. Thank you to everyone who knew Ken.

FROM RUTH JOHNSON, DUNS TEW

Thank you to Tony Campion for his fascinating information on slugs (May DN). Maybe his specialist study could throw light on a mystery that has bothered me since my misspent childhood in Switzerland. It was then the firm belief among us children that letting a nice juicy slug slide slimily across your nose would polish off hated freckles. Could there be some obscure scientific proof that slug slime is used in anti-freckle beauty cream? What a triumph that would be for the poor hunted slug!

FROM MARTIN INCE, DEDDINGTON

A big thanks for the sponsorship, so far a magnificent £2,235, just £265 short of our minimum target of £2500 for Save the Children. www.justgiving.com/QueenAndCountry. (Totally safe to donate on line)

I set off to New York on 15 May. We hit a big obstacle in how we were going to insure the car for the 4 days of the rally as one needs to be a USA national to do that! However a New Yorker from the Bulletin Board covering the rally, Rafael Amaya, very kindly offered to put the car on his insurance and put us down as named drivers. That I call an exceptional act of generosity for two guys he had never met before. So with that hurdle over the next small problem is to buy a car for under £250 that has a chance of doing the 1500 miles from New York to New Orleans. Again someone will hopefully ride over the horizon playing the Bugle Charge to our rescue. A good friend of mine in New York normally spends his time tracking down \$180,000 cars for export to Europe so finding a \$259 roach is going to be a significant challenge for him.

(My apologies to anyone who has tried to email the Postbag recently. I'm changing computers and currently have no email system. Please send all emailed letters to Christopher Hall (see p. 1 of DN) for the moment. Thank you. KT)

Graham 'Dick' Fisher was born in Tadmarton in 1941 and after school in Hook Norton worked in the factory of Banbury Buildings. Preferring the outdoor life – he loved the countryside and its wildlife - he moved on to do pipe laying for water and gas companies and later worked as a builder. He married Beryl in 1964; they had two children, Susan and Shaun, and maintained a deep mutual devotion until Beryl's death a matter of days before Dick's.

Dick much enjoyed company, whether that of the sports team (he was good at cricket and football) or of the pub. His particular passion was the horses, on which his knowledge was encyclopedic and his betting rather successful. His long, debilitating final illness was hard to bear for one who liked to be active outside, but his gift for forming strong friendships meant he had much loyal support to the end.

Mary Harber-Smith was born in 1919 at Sutton Courtenay and lived as a child at Pangbourne. She left Wallingford Grammar School at 16 for work with Shell Mex and BP. When the War came, Mary trained as a nurse and was posted to Park Prewett Hospital, Bassingbourn. Serious eye problems prevented Mary going further with a career in nursing and after the war she joined the Ministry of Food, becoming Assistant Welfare Officer for a staff of 1600. Other jobs followed in the Civil Service, local government, with Electricity accounts and in the Graduate Studies Office of Oxford University. In

1957 Mary began a very happy marriage with Ken which ended with his death in 2001. There were no children. Mary and Ken were devoted Church people, worshipping for many years at St. Michael's at the North Gate in Oxford and becoming committed members of Deddington Parish Church on their move to the village.

Dorothy Thorogood became a resident at Featherton House late in life. She was born in Ilford in 1908, the daughter of a Bank Manager and second of five children. 'Dolly' did well at school and entered the Civil Service by examination with flying colours, transferring, when war came, to the Air Ministry, where she worked on the RAF's liaison with the Canadian and American airforces. Her marriage after the war produced a daughter, Jane, but became increasingly difficult, and Dolly eventually left her husband to work as a cook in Uckfield. A period in Weybridge followed, where she enjoyed bowls, bridge, shopping and travelling to see her friends. A born romantic, she sought to live life to the full and reached after a satisfaction she perhaps never entirely found, but her spirit, her style and her sense of fun won her the admiration and affection of many whose lives she touched.

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from Jackson's Oxford Journal, under the heading of 'Deddington', from the month of June 1857:-

6th June - The New Police - The force stationed at Deddington consists of a Superintendent, a Sergeant and a Constable. There is also a Constable stationed at each of the following places, viz. - Steeple Aston, Barton and Great Tew.

Cricket Club - The members of the Deddington Cricket Club, which already numbers 50 of the principal gentry and clergy of the town and neighbourhood, have commenced play for the season, under very favourable auspices, in that delightful spot, the Castle Grounds.

13th June - We are happy to state that the Rev. W.C. Risley has so far recovered from his recent accident as to be able to resume his magisterial duties at our Petty Sessions last week.

27th June - Robbery and Speedy Capture of the Thieves - John Jones, 17, and Daniel Cremmins, two tramps, were brought up before the Rev. T. Curme, at Deddington, charged by Sgt. Welch with stealing a great coat from the dwelling house of Mr. E. Hatton of the Kings Arms Inn. The prisoners were

further charged with stealing a bag from Mr. Rufus Usher's, at Boddicot. It appeared from the evidence of Sergeant Welch that the prisoners were passing down the New Street, Deddington, when, from their suspicious appearance, they attracted the notice of that officer and Police Constable Nash,



both of whom followed them. On proceeding down the hill on the Oxford Road the prisoners, observing they were being pursued, got into a field by the road side and threw the bundle which one of them was carrying down under the hedge. Sergeant Welch, seeing this, went after the bundle and Police Constable Nash, coming up with the prisoners, detained them. Sergeant Welch in the meantime had examined the bundle and discovered a great coat. He then asked the prisoners what account they could give of the coat and bag, and they replied that they took the coat from a hedge and found the bag on the road. Doubting this statement, the officers at once took both prisoners into custody and placed them in the lock-up. After making enquiries it transpired that the coat had been stolen from the Kings Arms Inn and the bag from Boddicot. The prisoners were then fully committed on both charges, to take their trial at the next Quarter Sessions. The committing Magistrates eulogised the officers for their expert conduct in the apprehension of the prisoners, as well as for their activity in discovering so speedily the owners of the stolen property.

Buffy Heywood

DEDDINGTON SOCIETY

Having dwelled on items from the Society's Newsletter dated November 1972 I quickly jump to news about their Festival in September 1973. Cuttings from the *Oxford Times* show an impressive photograph of two duelling knights clad in what looks like chain mail undergarments. If any bets were taken as to the outcome I would certainly not have put my money on the head of one of the combatants covered with a massive bucket with small slits at eye level (How could he possibly see?)

There follows the report from the *Oxford Times* under the heading CHIVALRY LIVES ON. "The ring of steel against steel at Deddington Festival on Saturday, as two good knights of Warwick Castle fought it out on the village green. They are Sir John Pagnell (Graham Holland) and the Count de Neville (Barry Griffin).

Over 1000 people visited the Festival, the first for more than 40 years, which finished at the weekend. The success of the week-long programme of exhibitions and entertainment means that it could become a regular event. Says the Chairman of the Society: "We had to prove to ourselves that we could put on a festival. We have certainly done that. Proceeds from the Festival will help to pay for the take-over of part of the old Windmill School as a village hall."

The highlight for gourmets at the Festival was the sale of Deddington Pudden pies specially made from a centuries-old recipe* by the local baker. The pies, which were made in saucers and sold at the annual Deddington Fair many years ago, have a sweet filling of nuts, ground rice, chopped fruit and eggs and are served with cream. The baker, Mr B Wallin, figured in the Festival and a bread book used by his forefathers in the baking trade was displayed in the history exhibition at the parish church.

Ruth Johnson

[*Does anyone now have the recipe? Ed]

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Beethoven Concert

On 12 May, the Warriner Choral Society, conducted by Martin Quinn and accompanied by the Akeman Chamber Orchestra, gave a powerful and engaging performance of Beethoven's Mass in C. The whole ensemble worked together in responding to the message of the mass with exciting contrasts in dynamics and tone. The chorus clearly relished the challenges posed by this work, delivering the words clearly and weaving their way through the fugues with conviction. The four soloists were excellent. In the pure soprano of Sara Jonsson, the rich alto of Jeanette Ager, the dramatic tenor of Telman Guzhevsky and the sonorous bass of Adam Green, we were treated to voices that not only flowed gloriously through their respective arias, but also blended melliflously together, as in the moving Benedictus.

The "warm-up" orchestral piece, Beethoven's 1st Symphony, was less successful, lacking precision and the sort of dynamism that they later showed in the Mass. Too few players in the strings, especially the violins, led to imbalances when they were pitted against the full wind and brass sections.

Martin Quinn controlled his large ensemble with careful precision and had obviously trained his choir well. An omission in the, otherwise informative, programme was any acknowledgement by name of the members of the choir or orchestra.

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purchased now by contacting the Secretary on 338325 or e-mail eileenandersonuk@yahoo.co.uk.Further information is available on the Festival website at www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk.

Stop Press - due to unforeseen circumstances, the Children's Art Workshop has had to be cancelled.

Apologies to everyone who intended expressing interest in this event. Disappointed children (and their parents!) are invited to telephone Norman Stone on 338019. The adult workshop with Sue Cave is still scheduled for 30 June at 2 pm; advance bookings can be made from 1 June by contacting Sue Cave on 336187 or Norman Stone on 338019.

FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

Many thanks to all of you who have indicated your willingness to help over the Festival period. Staffing for the concerts is largely in place but if anyone can spare an hour to serve tea and coffee at the Holly Tree Art Exhibition, we would be most grateful. Saturday 23 June 1~4pm. is still blank, and there are gaps during the second weekend, 30 June & 1 July. Please fill in the form distributed with the Newsletter or ring me on 337052 if you can offer a Holly Tree hour during these periods. We very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Friends' Reception in the Church on Thursday 14 June at 6.30pm. If you know of anyone who would like to become a Friend, it's never too late to join!

*Kristin Thompson, FDF Publicity***Writing Competition**

The 2007 Writing Competition has received 160 entries which is more than double the 60 in 2006. However they were not evenly distributed between the age groups. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded during the Deddington Festival – see the programme for details. Authors shortlisted for the judges decision are:

Open Competition: Clare Newcome, Bill Drake, Mary Farman, Ken Wilkinson, Suzie Upson, John Sampson and Jo Barton- all from Deddington, Hempton or Duns Tew.

Junior Competition: Story: Jasmine Trinder; Steeple Aston; George Protheroe, Balscote; Felix Marot, Shenington; Cloe Burswell, Lower Heyford; Jessie Middleton-Heath, Charlbury; Ebony Anderson, Laura MacDonald, Elica Deakin, Annabel Deakin of Banbury; Barnaby Neal, Emily Homer, Sophie Privett, Cameron Milner, Natasha Miliken, Daisy Brady, Imogen Jefferies of Deddington.

Poem: Saif Ali, Tiffany Boisselle, Beth Paxton-Powell, Molly Cross, Amy Cooper, Lauren Smith, Alex Gilkes, Hannah Cousins, Amy Nunn, Christian Bentley, Faiza Javed, Rebecca Shingler, Alex Mason, Liam Neil, Annabel Deakin, of Banbury; Samuel Ridgway, Cloe Burswell, Lower Heyford; Elen Squires, Molly Rolfe, Lewis Wallington, Matilda Guyton, of Deddington; Jasmine Trinder, Steeple Aston; Polly Berks, Sibford Gower.

Congratulations to everyone who entered a story or a poem. Come and hear who the winners are later this month!

*Hugh Marshall***African Children's Choir**

The music and dancing at the Concert by the African Children's Choir on 11 May in the Church had the large audience dancing in their pews. The children, 12 boys and 14 girls between 7 and 11, seemed tireless. They had already toured the USA and are to tour the UK until September, but their exuberance and enthusiasm never dimmed. After revelling in the show, having 3 little boys or the night with a charming chaperone was a delight. The boys were almost too beautifully behaved and appreciative to be true, so we were pleased to see the paper darts flying through our house on Saturday morning after we gave them paper "to draw on". Before the tour began, these children, selected from poor villages in Uganda, had attended a Music for Life Centre for 5 months to have school lessons, attend church and train for the concerts. After one long tour these children will return to school and a different group of children will be chosen to go on tour. Many folk in the audience on Friday said they would have liked more really African music, but everyone enjoyed the imaginative choreography and strong rhythms and are hoping the next choir will call on Deddington. *Molly Neild*

[Profound thanks to all who provided the choir with hospitality. Hugh White]

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

The draft Parish Plan has now been published and is available on line. The final version of the document will be on-line when it is published. There are several ways in which Deddington on Line can help you gain the most from The Plan. Within the Plan there are several ideas where DoL can help, in the areas of communication to and from the Parish Council, and helping new and existing clubs and societies promote their aims and activities.

The Parish Plan may well raise some questions and promote discussion. "Have Your Say" Is an ideal place for discussion of the many issues that will undoubtedly be the subject of debate within the parish. A special section of The Forum will be allocated exclusively to this purpose – feel free to join in or start a discussion on any other local matter that affects you.

We get several enquires each month about Deddington from outside the Parish. Sometimes these are about families who used to live in the village, or people trying to trace long-lost family members. There are also requests for information about facilities by families considering a move to the Parish. Have a look and see if you can help supply information. Maybe your family is being researched by someone!

*Paul Drawmer 338450 paul@drawmer.net*Visit www.deddingtonnews.co.uk & Deddington OnLine www.deddington.org.uk

An allotment in June is a pleasure to behold. Covers can be taken off with confidence as the chance of frost is virtually non-existent from now until the end of September. Strawberries, early raspberries, white and red currants and gooseberries will be ready to eat by the end of the month. New potatoes will be ready for the table, with the mint that has taken on a lush colour as I write. Summer cabbage, early carrots, cauliflowers and spring onions, together with the last of the asparagus, which this year has produced in abundance, makes the effort earlier in the year worthwhile.

Tender vegetables - tomatoes, aubergines, peppers, sweetcorn, courgettes, squashes and outdoor cucumbers - may be planted out with confidence for consumption in late summer/early autumn. This month is perhaps the last chance to sow turnips, carrots, summer beetroot and fast growing peas. Sow runner beans and climbing French beans outside. Remember to spray bean flowers daily to help form the pods. Leeks should be transplanted for winter harvesting to provide that tasty and sustaining leek and potato soup through the cold winter months.

During the month water plants thoroughly. An experienced gardener in Hempton advises: 'a good soaking less often is far superior to light sprinkling'. Conserve moisture. If using grass cuttings as mulch don't spread it too deeply. Continue to clear the weeds and earth up main crop potatoes.

Keep a watchful eye for the cabbage white butterfly. Check for small clusters of yellow eggs on the underside of leaves. Check strawberries for mould and remove infected areas. Make sure there is plenty of room for air to circulate around the plants and install straw or mats to keep the fruit off the soil. Black currants can attract the big bud mite recognisable by large buds and distortion of leaves. Pick off anything that looks infected.

Since a boy I have understood the ladybird to be a gardener's friend, and was saddened to read in the March copy of *Four Shires* that they have become short of lovers. The female of the species has a voracious sexual appetite which together with a cache of bacteria is capable of killing any male which crosses her path. It is believed the female is driven to promiscuity by the bacteria. As a result the male if not killed by the infection becomes so fatigued by constant demands for sex; and when you consider he is outnumbered by 100:1 by females I can only guess at the rapid increase of Aphids in our allotment plots and gardens. Food for thought: scientific research has failed to show how females survive the bug.

Tony Campion



On the Farm

'A wet May brings a good load of hay', an old saying that indicates plenty of sun for June haymaking. Because of a long wet winter, our hay stocks are rather low and we shall need a good crop to make up. The old saying is somewhat out of kilter - today's rules and regulations mean that we cannot start cutting the river valley environmentally sensitive hay meadows until 20 July. I doubt that the old boys who first coined this saying were burdened with the compliance regulations and the 'PC-madness' that seems to have beset most things in the countryside of today.

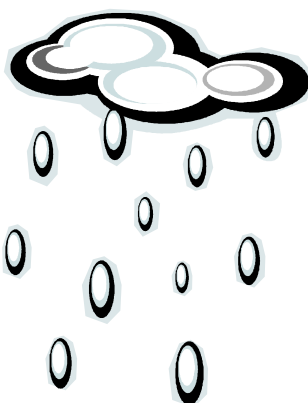
After a dry April which started the doom and gloom merchants off about the prospects of a drought, our meadows were again flooded during the first two weeks of May. We needed the rain as the growing crops were beginning to show some drought stress, but the 4" that fell during the first 10 days would have been better over a longer period, or, as another old Oxfordshire saying has it, what we needed was 'a good shower of rain once a week and a shower of muck once a fortnight'. Yes, once again I'm grumbling about the weather, but if I didn't you would only worry.

Although the wet conditions on the meadowland have not caused any problems for the sheep, they could frustrate our attempts to encourage wading birds back into this part of the valley. For the first time in many years both Lapwing and Snipe have returned to set up home, and flooding could destroy their nests. Also a wet cold start to June would make for a difficult hatching time for the 3 pairs of

Grey Partridge which have set up home in some of the grass headland strips.

Although the bird seed and pollen and nectar strips were planted in April as soon as the ground was dry enough to carry the equipment, the April drought has made for a very patchy take, and with the recent rain the slugs are chopping through anything that dares to come up above ground level, so again we face the possibility of having to replant. It is rather strange, here we are trying to do our bit to improve the natural environment of the farm, and the weather gets us every time. But at least I cannot be blamed for that yet! After a freak accident involving our JCB and a caved-in ditch bank, work on the first phase of the farm environmental project and everything else has been put on hold and I am on the physiotherapist's couch. Least said, soonest mended; it never rains but it pours.

George Fenemore 338203



Weekly Meetings

Mon: Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30pm

Mon: Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9pm

Mon: Bellringing Practice: Parish Church, 7.30-9pm

Tues: Craft Group: Holly Tree, 2.15-4.30pm

Tues: Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9pm

Every other Wed: Friendship Club: Windmill, 2.30pm

Wed: Boys Brigade Anchor Boys: Windmill Centre, 5pm

Wed: Boys Brigade Juniors: Windmill Centre, 5.45pm

Wed: Tennis Club: 6.15pm till dark

Wed: Boys' Brigade Company: Parish Church, 7pm

Thu: Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10-4pm

Thu: 1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill, 6-7.30pm

Thu: 1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill, 7.30-9pm

Fri: Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30-11am

Fri: Katharine House Coffee Morning: Parish Church, 10-12

Fri: Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5pm

Sat: 'DYG': Parish Church, 6.45-8 pm.

July

Sun	1	Festival Art Exhibition: Holly Tree, 10 am-4 pm > p.8
Sun	1	Brian Kay, <i>But What Do You Do For A Living?</i> , Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
Mon	2	Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am
Wed	4	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm.
Sat	7	Nursery & PFSU: <i>Grass Skirts & Loud Shirts</i> party, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm > p.12
Sat	7	Reading Male Voice Choir: <i>Songs from The Shows</i> , Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
Tue	10	WI: <i>It's a girls' life in the army</i> , Gillian Cane, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm > p.14
Wed	18	Parish Council: meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm.
Sat	28	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am-12.30 pm.

**Friends of Daeda's Wood**

Spring is here and Daeda's Wood is coming to life again, with new green leaves, wild flowers and birdsong. Mark Saturday 14th July, at 6.30pm, on your calendar to enjoy the wood on the annual evening walk. Full details will follow in the July issue.

Visitors to the wood will find a very clean and tidy car park, thanks to a new volunteer. The volunteers who record the damsel flies and other flora and fauna will soon begin their work. However, those who registered Sylvie Nickels' plea for help with pruning will have to be patient. Our woodland advisors tell us that this should be held back until November or possibly even January next year. We will send out a subsequent plea for help closer to the appropriate time.

Elsbeth Cox**Deddington Library**

I must thank you all for making me feel so welcome in my new role - for your patience while I have been getting up to speed and settling in. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few months at the library - the time really has flown by!

We held a Story Time in the library during the Easter holidays, when the children listened to some stories and were able to take part in a craft activity. This was followed by a hugely successful Easter Egg hunt around the library!

We are currently organising an ICT & Family History Day on Friday 29 June in the library as part of the Deddington Festival events. The ICT taster sessions in the morning will give all those of you, who have been making enquiries about how to use the internet over the last few weeks, the opportunity to learn how to 'log on' and 'surf the net!' After lunch there will a family history/ancestry session, and a Story Time and craft activities for the children later in the afternoon. We will need to take bookings for the ICT and ancestry sessions as places are limited, so pop into the Library and put your name down!

Tickets are available for the Story Time too, so don't forget to ask for one the next time you are in the library.

Stella O'Neill Library Manager**From the Fire Station**

We have received 16 calls in the last month, including a tumble-dryer fire, 1 road traffic collision with persons trapped, a fire in compost bins, playground equipment set alight, a variety of false alarms (including a smoking ambulance and insects in a light fitting). The most spectacular fire this month has to be the magnesium fire at Alcoa, the glow across Banbury was visible from the station. We were driving into Banbury in the middle of the night, yet it seemed like broad daylight. Fortunately no one was injured and not too much damage was done to the site. Our crewing is still improving, another applicant is in the pipeline, watch this space. **Anne Waters, Watch Manager 338281**

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

On 15 May the Ladies' Tuesday Club spent the day visiting Windsor. Some toured the Castle and others visited shops nearby. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Ascension Day saw the Eucharist being celebrated in St John's Church. A nice service was followed by refreshments kindly laid on by the Vicar and the Friends of Hempton Church.

A reminder about the Parish Clean-up Day on Saturday 9 June. Volunteers are wanted to pick up rubbish between here and Deddington. Plastic bags and gloves will be supplied. Anyone who can help please meet at the Church at 10.00am. Refreshments will be supplied. More details from our Parish Councillor Jonathan Watts on 337135.

The Table Tennis team had another disappointing season. Their record was P22-W3-D2-L17 - Pts.68. They also lost in the Quarter Final of the Cup. They must now wait until September to find out if they will be relegated to Division 3.

Congratulations to Regine and Sean Parsons on the birth of their daughter Ivy. She was born in February on Valentine's Day.

Residents in the village will be sorry to hear that Mrs Agnes Stuart has passed away, aged 98. There was a lovely floral tribute donated in her memory on the font in St John's Church. I hope to publish a 'Well remembered' tribute in the July issue.

Les Chappell 338054



Deddington Youth Club

The chairman, Maureen Forsyth, and the committee, are pleased to announce that the club has just secured a grant of £7,100 from the National Lottery Awards For All Bid. We have been working hard to develop the bid, which was submitted in January with support from Cherwell District Council, and our efforts have paid off!

The successful bid will support the club in a number of ways. It will help with the promotion of the club's activities to increase membership and participation. It will also help towards the training of the club's volunteers, and enable them to conduct consultation exercises with the young people and families of Deddington to find out what they would like from their youth club. It will help plan and create a timetable of events for the future. The majority of the money secured from the lottery will be spent on developing new opportunities for the members. These will enable the young people to try new sports activities such as Ultimate Frisbee and Softball, or music and art activities such as MC and DJ sessions and graffiti techniques, which the club may then continue to run throughout the year. Expert coaches, tutors and artists will be brought in to run taster sessions and develop the new opportunities, supporting the club's leader and volunteers in the running of activities on their Monday club nights.

It is an exciting opportunity for our young people to have a say in what they would like to try or see at their youth club, and to participate in some different and interesting activities.

The club meets on Monday evenings from 7.00 till 9.00pm at the Windmill Centre, and all 10-15 year olds are very welcome. Details from Maureen Forsyth - 338384. **Pam Axten Secretary**

1st Barford and Deddington Rainbows

Rainbows is part of the Girl Guiding Association and is for girls aged between 5 and 7 years, preceding Brownies. Our first meeting was on April 20th and we have 10 Rainbows at present, with more girls ready to join us before the end of term once they've had their 5th birthdays. As well as learning the Rainbow Song and some new games, we've made Rainbow rock cakes and were taught 'Constant Billy', a traditional Morris dance from Adderbury. It was great fun and very energetic and many thanks to Verna and Stephen Wass who came to teach us. The next few weeks include talking about World Fairtrade Day and trying Fairtrade fruit and chocolate. That is followed by National Smile Week, which tells us how important it is to brush teeth twice a day - especially after the chocolate! We're looking forward to some outside activities too. We meet on Fridays from 4.15 - 5.15 in Barford St Michael Village Hall.

Hazel Neal 01869 337822

1st Deddington Boys' Brigade Company

Since Easter we have welcomed Shaun into the Juniors and Ashley has been promoted from Juniors to the Company.

On 13th May, Deddington hosted the Oxfordshire Battalion church parade. Due to persistent rain the proposed march through the village was cancelled and instead our brass band entertained a large crowd in the church before the service. The BB would like to thank those members of Deddington Fire Brigade who kindly turned out to help us as stewards for the parade.

Our 6th annual display and awards evening is on 27th June at the Windmill Centre from 6 pm. Everyone is invited, please come along and see what the BB offers to young people in the area.

The BB is open for boys aged 5 to 18. We currently have spaces in all sections; Anchors (5, 6 & 7), Juniors (8, 9 & 10) and Company (11+) For information on the BB please contact:

Brian Bushell 338715

1st Deddington Guides

Our thanks to Vivien Bouverie who kindly allowed us to hold our first cookout of the summer in her garden, which was traditional sausages and beans. It also provided a wonderful setting for our promise ceremony and renewal ceremony for Marion - our new assistant guider. Since then, thanks to Brian Fuller, we have had great fun trying out our backwoodsman cooking in foil parcels when we cooked chops, sausages, bacon, burgers, apples and bananas. Some of the more adventurous baked eggs in hollowed out oranges and we made dough twists baked on sticks and lots of jam.

Rachael led a very thought provoking session on clothing. What does it mean to us? Do we feel it represents us? How do we view or judge others? Does clothing influence us? We were all asked to bring an item and say how we felt when wearing it. The guides came up with some very interesting answers. A party dress makes me feel like a princess, I can relax in pyjamas after a busy day doing my best, a guide sweat shirt makes me feel as though I belong, and so on. Well done Rachael. We have practised pitching tents and we're off outdoors again soon, making the best of the light evenings.

Maggie Rampley, Guider 01295 810069
Marion Trinder Asst. Guider 01869 340806

Deddington and District History Society

The final event of our season is a visit to Ditchley Park on 13 June. Please note we meet at 2.15 in the afternoon at the house for a 2.30 pm tour. The cost is £5. If you would like to go, please contact Moira Byast on 338637 by Friday 8 June. Moira also has maps and instructions on how to get there.

Chris Day 337204

Did you go to the Wesleyan Sunday School as a child? Maybe you, your parents or grandparents went to the Wesleyan Church many years ago.

Well, we are still here and very much alive and active. Did you know that the Church was built in 1851? In 1798 two brothers – John & Charles Leonard, who were Methodists, moved into the village and were horrified at the drunkenness and immoral state of the people, and realised that there was a need for change; so Charles had his home registered for worship. People from many of the surrounding villages came to the prayer and worship meetings held there.

At the rear of the current church there was what was believed to be the original church, thought to be pre-1800. You may remember it as the Sunday School room. When I first came to the church 17 years ago, it was used as a church hall. Then about 9 years ago the hall was sold so that we could renew the interior of the church. The hall, after the sale, was converted into a house, in keeping with the period it was originally built.

Last year the fellowship had to raise £5000 to replace the windows. Being an autonomous church we have to raise the money for all repairs ourselves. We did very well to raise this money, but now, less than a year later, we are faced with having to raise

another large amount of money, approximately £4000 for a new heating system. Two weeks ago our current boiler ceased to function and cannot be repaired because parts are no longer available. This means we have no form of heating in the church. This is OK just now because we are coming into summer, but by September it will become quite cool again, and our old folk need to worship in a warm building.

If anyone has any original ideas of how to raise money fairly quickly,

please e mail, phone or write to me with your ideas. You could call into the Manse tell me over a cup of coffee; or if you would like to make a donation towards this work, please send it to Pastor Issy Walton, 3 Castle Street, Deddington, OX15 0TE pastorissy@hotmail.com – 337157 **Pastor Issy**

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W.I.

On 8 May the Resolution 'asking the Government to stop the closure of some Community Hospitals which provide essential services to local people' was discussed, voted upon, and carried. It will be put to the AGM at the Albert Hall on 6 June. Following this, our speaker for the evening, Gill Cozens, told us about her time spent in Paris on her course with Cordon Bleu during the early 1950s. Rationing of some food items was still in existence here, but in Paris there were no such restrictions. Many students at that time were American, then Gill often found herself acting as interpreter. After her initial course she was invited to stay for a further six months. A happy time!

Future meetings: 10 July - 'It's a Girl's Life in the Army' - Gillian Cane. 14 August - Outing to Beaulieu, famous for its Motor Museum, House and Grounds. If you would like to join us, please contact Angela Sones (338027) or Yvonne Twomey (338213). Cost £23 including travel and entrance fees. **Rene Mahony 338438**

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PARISH BUTTERFLIES

There are 57 resident species in the butterfly fauna of the British Isles; Peter Sheasby photographed 22 in the River Swere valley. Each one was a pleasure to see, a light-show in kaleidoscopic colours, and a pleasure of unpredictable movements. The parish species list is enlarged by one or two 'vagrant' butterflies that wander off course, departing from regular short-distance migratory routes. But let us settle for the 57 species and ask, "How many may be seen in Deddington?" Mike Boyd (Hempton) recently brought me a list of birds seen in his garden; it included a list of butterflies. I called him about this - it seemed a generous extra - and he said: 'The Mrs always notes butterflies that come into the garden.' Others do too, because, when I mentioned Gill Boyd's list to Joan Todd, she said: 'I keep a diary of the dates when butterflies first appear in our garden. Do you think we could do a parish list?' Of course we could. Making a list might prompt more observations and we should have the chance to submit data to the Thames Valley Environmental Record Centre (TVERC), in Woodstock. Here is Gill Boyd's list, as she gave it to me: brimstone, cabbage white, comma, gate keeper, holly blue, meadow brown, orange tip, painted lady, peacock, red admiral, skipper, speckled wood, tortoiseshell.

Notes on behaviour would be useful too: On what flowers do adults most often feed? Some butterflies feed on tall plants, like thistle; others - skippers, for example - feed on plants lower to the ground. Butterflies look different when their wings are spread than when they are folded. When they are spread, and the butterfly is still, but not sipping

nectar, the butterfly is powering-up with sunshine. Both positions help with identification.

Butterflies have held a treasured place in human lives for thousands of years; their images have been carved in stone, they have delivered messages from the gods. The ancient Greeks' word for the soul, *psyche*, was also their word for butterfly, an emblem of the immortal soul, dying as a pupa (immobile and invisible) to resurrect as an adult (beauteous and balletic). Butterflies live short lives. The entire cycle from egg to adult may take one or two months; adults, with the exception of some alpine species, live only a week. Nature at

her most spendthrift! Even so, butterflies are particular, even fastidious: they fly only on bright, sunny days, and many female butterflies lay their eggs only on certain plants. If the eggs hatch on the 'wrong' plant, the larvae will not eat and therefore will die. Further, they often have specific meeting places, which serve year after year, for the sexes to meet.

Please send me your lists. It would be most helpful if: the names are arranged alphabetically; you note which species are more numerous than others; you add details about plants most visited. With enough data, we can prepare a booklet and publish it with Deddington Parish Naturalists' funds.

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John Henry Newman

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead wrote of the “dazzling fascination” of Newman’s character. This fascination with John Henry Newman (1801-1890) is evident from the continuous stream of publications in every language that has appeared since his death and shows no sign of abating as every aspect of his life and ideas is examined and re-examined.

As a boy he was studious but not averse to quixotic adventures, such as attempting to row round the Isle of Wight. A fairly comfortable home life was shattered when his father’s banking business collapsed in 1816, the same year in which he matriculated at Trinity College, Oxford. As a student he was both hardworking and enterprising; with his friend, John Bowden, he wrote and published *St Bartholomew’s Eve* in two parts in 1818/19; and, also with Bowden, wrote and published a student magazine, *The Undergraduate* of which there were six issues. High hopes of his distinguishing himself in Finals were dashed when he suffered some sort of collapse and only scraped a pass. Despite this major setback he tried for, and was successful in, an open examination for a fellowship at Oriel College, then a college with the most distinguished academic reputation in Oxford.

Newman began to flourish in this new environment. In the mid 1820s his religious views were on the evangelical end of the theological spectrum. At the time, and for various reasons, Deddington and Over Worton were evangelical strongholds, and in June 1824 Newman preached the first sermon of his life at Over Worton; and in Deddington on 19 September 1825 he delivered what he described as the “first speech I ever made.”

In 1833 Newman wrote “Lead Kindly Light,” one of the most popular hymns of the 19th century, but his reputation as a leader arose in connection with the publication of the *Tracts for the Times* of which he wrote the first, as well as roughly a third, of the ninety published. The Tractarian or Oxford Movement had a fundamental influence on the development of the Church of England; by the time of the publication of the final Tract 90 in 1841 Newman had become a national figure.

Such was the furore created by this Tract and its perceived “Romeward” shift that Newman retired to Littlemore, where he established a small religious community. In 1845 he became a Roman Catholic: “It is impossible to describe the enormous effect produced in the academical and clerical world, I may say throughout England, by one man’s changing his religion.” So wrote the redoubtable Mark Pattison, Rector of Lincoln College.

Newman’s path in the second half of his life can convey the impression of a man thwarted, and yet his accomplishments were extraordinary. He founded

the Oratory in Birmingham, where he lived, as well as the Lordon Oratory. He established a new Catholic University in Dublin and was its first Rector. One of his seminal works, *The Idea of a University* was derived from that experience. He also founded a school in Birmingham and was active in its management. He wrote throughout: perhaps the most famous of his works, the *Apologia*, now recognised as a literary masterpiece, was written in 1864 in response to aspersions cast on him by Charles Kingsley. The following year he published *The Dream of Gerontius*, later used by Edward Elgar as the setting for his great work of the same name and which has proved to be a landmark in the history of English oratorio. The *Dream* contains two much loved hymns, “Firmly I believe and truly” and “Praise to the Holiest in the height,” the last a favourite with W E Gladstone and sung at his funeral.

Apart from his publications, Newman has also been described as one of the greatest letter writers in the English language. Fortunately the majority of his letters have survived, and a full edition published in thirty two large volumes is now nearly complete.

In many ways, Newman was a paradoxical figure, charismatic yet averse to personal publicity, famous yet living a secluded life, a polemicist yet acutely sensitive to criticism: but, above all, he was a man recognised for his holy and spiritual life. It was not until quite late in life that public recognition came to him, first in 1877 when his alma mater, Trinity College, made him its first Honorary Fellow, and then two years later when he was created a Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. Newman was overwhelmed by congratulations from all quarters and must have been greatly affected to hear (as he wrote to Tom Arnold) that in Rome “the Pope had been deluged with letters from England by Protestants stating their satisfaction at his having promoted me.”

For the remainder of his life, Newman’s influence and his pen were fully deployed. Following his death on 11 August 1890, tens of thousands lined his funeral route. A contemporary, R H Hutton, wrote of Newman’s passing that it seemed like that “of a white star extinguished, of a sign vanished, of an age impoverished.” His posthumous influence has been extraordinary: colleges, schools, and research institutes have been named after him, and there continues to be an endless flow of books and articles. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) is often referred to as Newman’s Council. There is also a strong possibility that Newman may be canonised by the Roman Catholic Church, and there is firm support for his ‘cause’ from many Anglicans.

It should be a matter of some pride to those who live in Deddington that Newman delivered the first public address of his remarkable life to an audience in his village.

Brian Carter



Newman at St Mary's, c1840