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### September Diary

- Mon 3 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, The Holly Tree, 10.30 am-noon  
 Wed 5 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm.  
 Sat 8 Ride and Stride, 10am - 6pm > **p.10**  
 Sat 8 Football Club: Race Night, British Legion > **p.15**  
 Tue 11 WI: Barbara Upton, *Flowers Can Be Fun Too*, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.  
 Wed 12 Monday Morning Club: bus to *Twelfth Night* at Stratford leaves, 6 pm  
 Wed 12 History Society: Carl Boardman, *'Life on the Inside'*, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm > **p.16**  
 Thu 20 Monday Morning Club: Film Evening, Holly Tree, 6.30 pm  
 Sat 22 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9am-12.30 pm > **p.10 & 16**  
 Thu 27 Deddington Festival: Music and Wine Tasting, Royal British Legion, 7-9pm > **p.15**  
 Thu 27 Book Club: Call 338094 for venue > **p.14**  
 Fri 28 Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses: 5 Gaveston Gardens, 10am-noon  
 Sat 29 Deddington Beeches Bowls Club: Race Night, Royal British Legion, 7.30 pm.

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### October

- Mon 1 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am- noon  
 Wed 3 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 pm.  
 Tue 9 WI: Bring and Share Harvest Supper, Auction, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm  
 Wed 10 History Society: Hugh Hinde, *'History of Duelling'*, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm > **p.16**  
 Thu 18 Monday Morning Club: Film Evening, Holly Tree, 6.30 pm.  
 Sat 27 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9am-12.30 pm  
 Sat 27 Deddington Festival: *Harvest to Halloween* Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm > **p.4**  
 Sun 28 Deddington Players: Pantomime auditions, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm > **p.15**

### Weekly Meetings

- Mon: Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30pm  
 Mon: Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9pm  
 Mon: Bellingring Practice: Parish Church, 7.30-9pm  
 Tues: Craft Group: Holly Tree, 2.15-4.30pm  
 Tues: DYG, Parish Church, 6.45-8pm  
 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

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## Meeting in Town Hall, 18 July 2007

**Present:** Cllrs Flux (Vice-Chair), Alton, Anderson, Collins, Ince, Privett, Rollason, Rudge, Todd, Watts, Westbury, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, C/Cllr Jelf, Sergeant Hibbert of Thames Valley Police and one member of the public.

At request of PC, Sergeant Hibbert spoke about policing in Deddington with special reference to Windmill Centre and vandalism. Area is regularly patrolled but with occasional weekends uncovered as policing won't be up to full strength before Dec 2007. Vandalism has calmed recently. Co-op employee issued with fixed penalty notice for selling liquor to under-age customer. 34 reported crimes April-July this year.

### Finance

Topics needing approval or a decision must be flagged up to PC members in advance.

Town Hall Trustees - T. Clinch to be asked to continue. P. Swash is retiring, to be replaced by D. Anderson for 4 year term.

### Environment and Recreation

Maintenance of Windmill children's playground continues.

Deddington Circular Walk: Problem of bull in field to be referred to CDC by Clerk.

Parish Plan: Cost of publishing, £790 accepted, provided within overall budget.

### Highways

Vehicle Activated Signs: Installation date dependent on conservation issues being resolved.

Market Place bus shelter ready by August. A no-smoking area. Bicycle rack to be attached. Grants applied for.

Request for pedestrian crossing on High Street by Grove Court – Cllr. Jelf to investigate.

Earls Lane parking problems to be discussed with Health Centre.

PC to endorse OCC proposal for bollards at Earls Lane/Banbury Road junction to prevent parking.

Remedial work necessary for footpaths in Philcote St., Hopcraft Lane and Hempton Rd.

War Memorial Site - DOL and DN to be used to canvass views on future development.

### Planning

#### P.C. no objection

(1) Roseleigh, New Street (amended): loft conversion with added conservation roof light: concern about overlooking of adjacent houses. (There is garage facility.) (2) Holmwood, Chapmans Lane: Erection of new rear gable.

#### Permissions granted

(1) Afric, New St: side extension, no additional windows without planning permission. (2) The Mews House, Castle St: Erection of shed/workshop. Not for commercial use. (3) Crouch View, Hempton Rd: 2-storey side extension. (4) 1&2 Goose Green: fell 1 conifer, 1 hazel, 1 laburnum. (5) 63 Mill Close: fell 1 poplar (to be replaced in next planting season).

#### Appeal

63 St. John's Way, Hempton. First floor side

extension. P.C. did not object.

### Shorts

- Higher Education Awards. Bursaries will continue to be financed from Chair's allowance.
- 47kgs. of litter collected in recent Clifton clean-up exercise.

### PARISH FINANCES

- Invoices passed for payment (including £48 for new Windmill sign) £9,018.37
- Investments totalled: £550,778.34 of which £8,191.02 Barclays @ 0.1% interest and current account; £341,676.40 West Bromwich @ 5.10% overnight; £200,000.00 Birmingham Midshires, fixed bond @ 5.13%.

### NEXT MEETING

#### Town Hall

Wednesday Sept. 19, 7.45pm.

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

[www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes](http://www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes)





**L**ast year was very successful in all areas, with our Year 2 and Year 6 children yet again delivering some wonderful results, especially in science. We were very sad to say farewell to all our Year 6 pupils at the end of term and wish them well with all their new endeavours in the secondary school environment. They should be very proud of all their achievements whilst with us here, and I am sure they would want me to say a huge thank you to Mrs Phethean for all her hard work and guiding hand too. After a slight delay to the start of term due to the replacement of our heating system, we are starting with more pupils than ever before in the School's history, with many classes now full to capacity. It is very rewarding to see the School being so popular with parents and, I hope, their children too! It is great to welcome back Mrs Jane Cross, our Deputy Head, after her maternity leave; we hope she doesn't miss baby Ethan too much. This first term is always very busy with many activities and trips. Our Harvest Festival service will take place in the church as usual at 9.30 am on Tuesday 2 October and all are welcome to join us. Year 6 will, I hope, be visiting Coventry Cathedral as part of our new RE syllabus and linking very closely with their study of Britain during World War Two. We are also looking ahead to our Spring term musical production, which has been narrowed down to 2 choices - so watch this space.



*Judith Tinsley 338430*

### PFSU & THE VILLAGE NURSERY

The 'Tropical Beach Party' was a great success; apparently the Windmill Centre had never looked better! Special thanks must go to the organisers Ria Betteridge, Claire Wilton, Sue Brown and Karen Hayward-Cox for working extremely hard to make it a night to remember. They of course thank those who helped them with everything from setting up to decorating the hall and clearing up. Many local people and businesses very generously donated auction and raffle prizes, our thanks to them also. Due to everyone's efforts we are delighted to report that we raised around £5,000 which is a huge amount towards our fundraising budget - thank you!

Our Sports and Family Fun afternoon thankfully coincided with one of the few sunny days in July. The children had a great time competing in the various races; it was a great way to finish off the term. There were a few tears however as we said goodbye to our Manager Anna before she flew to Canada to live. We are therefore very happy to welcome our new Manager, Jodie Aldridge to the team. Jodie joins us from Adderbury PFSU; she is looking forward to getting to know everyone once the new term begins.

*Emma Thompson*



### PTA

**W**e hope everyone had a lovely summer break (minus the summer !!). Our PTA AGM is on Tuesday 11 September at 8 p.m in the School hall. It is so important that this meeting is well attended by parents and carers. To entice you along we are including a glass of wine in the proceedings but arm twisting is strictly excluded! (Press ganging went out in the 19th century - willing volunteers tend to be much happier and more productive!). For the record the Circular Walk in May netted £2200 for the School. Now is the time to start clearing out your cupboards and garages because we are planning to hold a car boot sale in the autumn. Further details to follow.

Our firework display this year will be bigger and better than ever and will be held on Friday 2 November.

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



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

Sun	2	10.30 am	All Age Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	5	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	6	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	9	10.30 am	Eucharist
Wed	12	10.00 am	Eucharist
Fri	14	6.30pm	Eucharist: Holy Cross
Sun	16	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist (with healing prayer)
Wed	19	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	20	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Fri	21	9.15am	Eucharist: St Matthew
Sun	23	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Morning Worship - Lay Witness Team
		3.00 pm	Eucharist
Wed	26	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	30	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Harvest Festival Mattins followed by Harvest Lunch
		3.30 pm	Free Spirit - Windmill Centre

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	2&16	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	30	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong

**From the Parish Registers**

**Baptisms** 8 July: Sebastian Oliver Louis Kitchen; 12 August: Grace Angel Pasher, William Gordon Rogers, Ruby Nancy Wilson.

**Weddings** 23 June: Paul Sanders & Karen Stephenson; 14 July: Ben Williams & Alexandra Walsh; 4 August: Dean Elms & Lauren Cowburn; 11 August: James Small & Julie Middleton; 25 August: Richard Daltry & Sophie Evans

**Funerals** 25 June: Thomas Loach; 7 August: Albert Payne (Hempton); 8 August: Clifford Homans.

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

**Charity of the Month** September: **Deddington School**, please use the special envelope to put donations [if a taxpayer, in a 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 23 September - Geoff Lee

Bible Study/Fellowship every Thursday at 3.00 pm at 3 Castle Street

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

Sunday morning services 10.30 am united with Wesleyan Chapel

Sunday afternoon services at 3.00 pm at The Chapel, arranged by Pastor Derek Walker of the Oxford Bible Church. Details to be announced from week to week

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

Please note the change in the times of the Masses at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wednesday at 9.30 am, and on Sundays at 10.00 am. St George's Church, Adderbury: Mass on Wednesday at 7.00 pm and on Sundays at 8.30 am. Confessions at Hethe on Saturdays 5.30 to 6.00 pm and at Adderbury before Mass.

**FROM HARVEST TO HALLOWE'EN**

A Seasonal Entertainment in Words and Music, devised by Donald Lane  
Deddington Parish Church  
7.30 pm Sat 27 October



Irene - 90 years young

(May we remind correspondents that, while full postal or e-mail addresses are rarely published in the Postbag, they must accompany all original letters. Thank you. K.T.)

#### E-MAIL FROM SYLVIE NICKELS, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

During a recent three-month tour of Western America (10 states and 8,700 miles of driving) we used the services of an international hosting organisation that we feel should be much better known. It is Servas, begun after WWII to promote international understanding, and now with 11,500 members in 147 countries. Through this you can either host or be a guest yourself. As guests, we needed to be interviewed (in our case by a solicitor) get two referees and write a mini autobiography with photograph to present to each host on arrival. There is a moderate membership fee in return for which you get a copy of the host list for the country you are visiting. This gives an enormous amount of detail; ages, professions, interests, as well as addresses etc.

We stayed with a score of hosts, not one of them unpleasant or boring. They ranged from teachers, accountants, nurses to an alpaca farmer and an organic market gardener, all interested in the rest of the world and our views on it. Their website is: [www.servasbritain.u-net.org](http://www.servasbritain.u-net.org)

#### E-MAIL FROM REVD DR HUGH WHITE

As part of our Harvest celebrations on 30 September, we are holding a lunch in the Church at 12.30 using produce from our Farmers' and Community Market. We wish to recognise the contribution the Market makes to our village and to promote the consumption of locally-produced food. For catering purposes this is a ticket-only occasion, with numbers limited to 100. Tickets are free; donations of £7.50 are invited. Tickets can be obtained from the Church kitchen when open (e.g. on Friday mornings) or let me know – 349869.

Everyone is also very welcome to the Harvest Festival service which precedes the lunch and starts at 10.30am. The officiant and preacher will be the

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Canon Glyn Evans, Diocesan Rural Officer. The Canon collection will be for Farm Africa.

#### E-MAIL FROM ELIZABETH WYATT, DEDDINGTON

On a walk with my daughter we managed to miss yet another dog poo. I thought I would write and complain. Then I decided instead to rejoice that we had missed it. If all I have to complain about is dog poo, then life can't be bad. Our house is dry and we have water, unlike many who have suffered in the floods. It is a shame that some dog owners do not care about other people, but what can be done?

#### E-MAIL FROM DAVID CARTER (On behalf of Michael Payne of Hempton)

Albert Edward Payne died aged 91 at his home in Hempton on 28 July. His son, Michael, wishes to thank everyone who provided assistance and support over the recent months, including the staff of the Horton Hospital, carers, friends and neighbours. Michael would also like to express his appreciation to Christine Turner for a thoughtful and moving service at St John's Church, Hempton and to Messrs J&M Humphris for their professional and caring services. The collection at St John's raised £89 for the Friends of Horton Hospital.

#### FROM MRS. MILDRED HOMANS, STEWART AND JILL, MILL CLOSE, DEDDINGTON

My children and I would like to place a letter in the DN to say thank you for everyone's prayers, help, kindness and beautiful condolence cards.

#### E-MAIL FROM JUDITH GARVEY.

We are the Oxfordshire Branch of the RSPCA and we are currently fostering animals that need permanent homes. If you are looking to give a rabbit, kitten, cat or dog a good home and a second chance, please consider adopting a rescued animal. All our animals are neutered, micro-chipped and vaccinated. For further details please telephone Judith - 01608 646762.

(CORRECTION to July Postbag. The sum raised for Katharine House Hospice in memory of Beryl and Dick Fisher was over £1000, not £100. Apologies. Ed.)

### Exquisite crafts come to Deddington

Add some wonderful handmade crafts to your Christmas list this year – or include some in your plans for Christmas at home. Either way the Winter catalogue from Traidcraft has one of Britain's largest selections of fairly traded goods from all over the world, and every purchase has a direct effect on the lives of producers and their families. Fair trade gives renewed hope of a sustainable future for many of the world's poorest areas. With gifts ranging from beautiful hand made decorations to practical fashions, useful furnishings and sensible glassware, there are also safe toys and glittering jewellery, all at reasonable



prices.

The food section has some new products which will be on sale at the monthly stall during the Farmers' Market including fair-trade spaghetti, peanut butter, almonds, dates and fabulous olive oil from olive groves in Palestine.

Come and check out the range of crafts and fashions at a Preview Day which will be towards the end of September or early in October and will include the full range of Christmas cards and a Bargain Box of cards at reduced prices. Details will be publicised in the village soon.

**Hugh Marshall 337761**





### Brian Kay

Imagine an eminent musician who is also a highly entertaining raconteur being so generous as to give his one-man show "But what do you do for a living?" *pro bono* to boost the funds of the Deddington Festival. This is exactly what our patron, Brian Kay, did on 1 July.

For those of us in the audience past the first flush of youth, and that was the majority, this was a delicious journey through names of the past as Brian Kay wove his way through a successful and varied career. They ranged from Francis Jackson, who helped him at York prepare for life as a choral scholar at King's College, through his contemporaries at Cambridge, such as John Eliot Gardiner and John Rutter, to his early days with the John Aldous Choir, and Donald Swann.

We were then treated to a witty and illuminating potted history of his fourteen years with the Kings Singers from its rocky beginnings, ultimate fame, and worldwide acclaim, to his realisation that "there must be more to life than this" as he sat in a hot and sticky Tokyo hotel room. The "more" he hoped for was as varied as his early career; a busy life in broadcasting, involving a wide variety of music and programmes, down to the present, where he is practising the organ again as assistant organist of his parish church.

Naturally, even an ex Kings Singer must sing and so the anecdotes were interspersed with an entertaining selection of old favourites from Gilbert and Sullivan, Flanders and Swann to folk music, all ably accompanied on the piano by Janet Lincé

After a final glass of wine, we wandered home humming our favourite song and smiling over Brian Kay's stories, which is surely the sign of a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

**Elsbeth Cox**

### Bejazzled – The Unicorn Hotel

Bejazzled comprised Martin Horsfell, vocals, trumpet and cornet, George Gilbert, trombone, Gordon Simons, clarinet and soprano saxophone, Dickie White, banjo and vocals, Karl Wagner, bass and Dave Gilbert, drums. The band produced a good programme of traditional foot tapping jazz with a series of standards. *Baby Face* featured a great banjo solo from Dickie White and *Careless Love* featured George Gilbert on trombone. Any band including a soprano sax and a tenor banjo has to be worth a listen and it was a pity the soprano sax was not more featured. Anyway, those who were there thoroughly enjoyed the evening and one or two even found room to dance!

### Stekpanna

#### Deddington Royal British Legion

Stekpanna is a truly European trio with Deddington connections – Mads Kjolby on guitar from Denmark, Petter Svard on drums from Sweden, and Steve Kershaw on double bass from New Street. The group played a selection of their own compositions mainly composed by Mads Kjolby. Stekpanna delivered an evening of enormous colour and variation reflecting their formal training at the Los Angeles Musicians Institute. The highlights of the first set were *At Phillip's*, *Icarus* and *A whole lot of love supreme* – an interesting mix of Led Zeppelin and John Coltrane that more or less worked. This last number featured a controlled rhythmic drum solo from Petter Svard, just within the bounds of the noise restrictions placed on the Club by the local council.

The second set saw no let up with the music continuing bright, melodic and original. *One for the herring* was a sort of fishy love song and two new compositions – *Festival Blues* and *New Street Boogie* named in honour of the Deddington Festival - world premières of both numbers.

Looking round the Legion, I got the feeling that everyone would welcome back Stekpanna next year.

**Mike O'Brien**

What was a piece of rhubarb doing lurking among the exhibits in this year's display staged by the Craft Group as their contribution to the Festival? Like many others I had to stop and look carefully, so realistic was it, and so intricate in detail. Made by Kathleen Winter from silk, it was the star performer in the output of this talented group. Their techniques are many, and vary from appliqué, through embroidery, felting, beading, and doll-making to the superb quilts and cushions we recognise so well. Proceeds of the raffle were donated this year to the charity ROSY (Respite Care for Oxford Sick Children), and the winner was Peggy Russell.

And equally striking in the Art Exhibition at the Holly Tree Club was Annabel Windsor's 'Cyclist', an



oil on canvas image bold in its cubist use of primary colours. Maureen Dew continues to surprise us with her diverse range of techniques, this year showing 'Card Game' with its muted pastel tones, and the ink and pastel 'Cathedral Builders'. Brian Bond is a new exhibitor, his architectural background evident in the acrylic ink 'King's College Chapel, Cambridge,' and the serendipitous ink and twig 'Brook Cottage, Alkerton'.

There was no shortage of artists to fill the venue with affordable work to suit most tastes; a proportion of the proceeds went towards Festival costs. Thanks are due largely to Norman and Angela Stone for another successful piece of organisation. It's a shame the children's and adult workshops were cancelled – but perhaps another year?

### FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

More than 70 Friends, musicians, artists and Festival benefactors met at the FDF Reception in the Parish Church on 14 June. This pre-Festival get-together has become something of a tradition, an enjoyable curtain-raiser to the main programme of events. And, like many such events in Deddington, it owes much to the hard work of Ruth Johnson, Pat Brittain, Josie Stevens and their team of helpers who know exactly how to 'refresh' those present.

Hugh O'Donnell, Chair of the Festival Committee, and Sue Goddard, the Friends' Convenor, made a presentation to Norman Stone on his retirement, and to Angela, in appreciation of all that they have both contributed to the Festival over the past three years.

Many thanks to all of you who generously staffed Festival events. Your underlying support is helping to create our Festival's particular ethos.

We shall soon begin preparing Newsletter 6, which will give information about the Friends' next AGM.

*Kristin Thompson FDF Publicity*

### DEDDINGTON HISTORIC WALKS

Taking part in a new addition to the Festival programme, 12 of us met in the Market Place on a cold wet evening, for a walk through Deddington's streets led by Moira Byast, of Deddington and District History Society.

The evening was packed with fascinating information. We learnt of the Medieval spring-fed pond in front of the current Co-op – the spring was still in use in the early 1920s. The elegant Hermitage was a refuge for women and children in the 18th Century. In the 19th Century the Royal British Legion Club housed the Mason family's axletree factory. Their reputation was so high that they supplied the axletree for Queen Victoria's Coronation coach. A member of the eponymous Bowler family lived in Bowler House in the High Street. Goose Green used to be called Gorse Green and was used for drying clothes. All of us not only learnt a great deal but were constantly entertained.

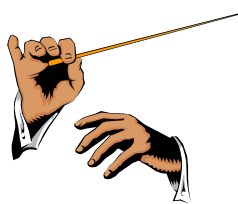
There were four scheduled Walks this year, dogged by poor weather. We must hope for better weather for the 2008 Festival and for the continuation of these excellent journeys into the past.

*KT*

### Orchestral and Choral Concert

**O**n 30 June, as part of the Deddington Festival, Janet Lincé conducted the Beauchamp Sinfonietta and the Deddington Festival Chorus in a varied and interesting programme.

In the opening pieces, the two short Chansons by Elgar, the Beauchamp Sinfonietta brought out the lyricism with some lovely sustained playing. Indeed, throughout the programme, Janet had an orchestra well able to meet her demands.



Next came a performance of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto where the conductor and orchestra accompanied the soloist, Korean-born Joo Yeon Sir, very sympathetically, allowing her all the freedom she required. It was easy to forget that one was listening to a 17-year-old at the start of her career. She already has great technical and musical assurance, which gave the two outer movements a brilliancy and cohesion. The slow movement, albeit well played, was a less interesting interpretation. It will be very interesting to see how her obvious talent develops.

After the interval, Janet Lincé's own choir, Choros, and an even larger number of local singers joined to form the Deddington Festival Choir in Fauré's *Requiem*, together with treble soloist Toby Pleming and baritone Richard Pleming. All credit to Janet's talent as a choral trainer and conductor and to the singers, that with only one daylong session they could join together and produce such a polished

performance. The range of expression, both in volume and tone from the wrath in the *Libera me* to the calm of the ending was impressive and the precision which Janet achieves from her singers, in such a short time, is admirable.

*Elspeth Cox*

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## Celebration of Youth

This concert in the Windmill Community Centre on 29 June did indeed feel like a celebration - of the pleasure of singing, dancing, playing music and having fun. When one saw the finale with the stage full to bursting with the exuberant players it was amazing to note just how many children of all ages were involved and to realise how smoothly the show had run despite that large cast. It was a thoroughly entertaining evening from start to finish. The producer and helpers deserve our admiration.

MN

## Primary School Choir

This was a delightful Festival event, as carefully produced and enthusiastic as we have come to expect from our School shows.

All the children sang well and I found Years 3 & 4 singing *Siyahamba*, an African song, particularly pleasing. It was good to hear *When the Lord sanctified me* sung in parts as taught to the Year 6 choir by our recent visitors from South Africa.

MN

**Deddington Writers Group** announced the winners of the 2007 Writing Competition during the Deddington Festival. In the Open Competition, Mary Farman of Deddington was the outright winner with her "Oxfordshire Origins" and received the £50 prize.

The judge, novelist Sara Banerji, commented 'There is some lovely writing here, as when the author talks of blacklead for grates, whitening for the doorsteps, and blue for the washing. I like the way the author, though wistful for the old days, accepts and even welcomes the changes and improvements that 2007 has brought.' A Special Award was given to Clare Newcome, best known in Deddington as the Church Youth Worker, for her poem "Slaves to Oxfordshire Bubbles" of which Maureen Dew, the judge for the poetry section wrote: 'I can commend the writer for choice of theme - social inequality - and his/her images of Oxford city student life which encapsulate the often rosy bubble of the degree years. They strike a chord, as Oxford was like this for me in the 60's.'



In the Junior section there were no entries from those of secondary school age, but 157 in the Primary school age. Here Rosemary Arnold, former Deddington Library Manager, judged the winner of the poets to be Amy Nunn of St Leonard's School, Banbury with her poem "Grampy's" and Jessie Middleton-Heath of Charlbury to have written the best story, titled 'The Secrets of the Box.' Both received a £20 Book Token and a winner's certificate.

There were also 10 runners Up in the Primary section each of whom received a certificate and a Book Token. A Special Award was made to Year 1

of Deddington School for an especially good set of stories.

All the winning writing entries can be seen in Deddington Library; they are also posted at [www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk)

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## FARE WELL, SHEENA !

Who is there who reads this who will not regret that Saturday 1 September is to be Sheena Hughes' last day as our postmistress? She cannot remember when it was that Bernard, who owned the old Acorn Store and had also then rented what is now Eagles, phoned her and asked her to resurrect the Post Office business. Her experience until then was limited to that of a counter clerk at Easington PO. She embarked on a steep learning curve, to encompass not just stamps and parcels, but pensions, licences, savings, bill payments, with later a *bureau de change* - and at the end of the day [sometimes until 10.00 pm] to balance the accounts. Computerisation may have helped, but that too meant more to learn for a complete novice.

Sheena wants to thank her loyal colleagues who made the task possible - Ann Baxter, Ron Webb, her daughter Ann, Gill Feeney, Caryl Plant, Christine Blythe, Kendal Tyler and Maureen Golder - "they have worked their socks off ! And please thank all my customers for their loyal support. It has been absolutely A1 !"

So why leave, and why leave now ? In January she has the chance of a 3-month round-the-world

trip with Bernard, but, for the sake of her team, she did not want her departure to coincide with the Christmas rush. Also she is needed to look after the latest of her five grandchildren. She handed in her notice two months ago, but, as the DN goes to press, her successor cannot be firmly named.

In her time the culture of the Post Office has changed. Like all businesses it is impersonally driven by the 'bottom line'. E-mails have removed so much of its bread and butter business, but so have government decisions. Getting on for 2000 pensioners used to be on the Deddington books; now new ones are discouraged from using the local PO, and the PO card is likely to go by 2010 - in spite of the petitions. With Sheena's departure will go a priceless deposit of local knowledge, and her personal rapport with those she knows and trusts. She was sometimes willing to bend the rules to oblige individual needs, precedents her successor may not be able to



continue to fulfil.

What of the future ? She has no plans apart from making a clean break. Her options include providing relief cover at other POs - or maybe even here. **CH**

## From the Fire Station

We have received 44 calls in the last 2 months. The fires include a chimney, a TV, rubbish, a car, a combine, a hay-baler, a field, 15 acres of stubble and hay bales, 2 fires in a public house and a call to controlled burning. Several false alarms and many calls to stand-by were also received. During this period we also attended 11 Road Traffic Collisions.

However, most of our time in the last month has been spent pumping water. We attended many floods in Bloxham, and Banbury, rescued an elderly disabled couple trapped in their car floating off down the Kings Sutton Rd, (we found them whilst we were chasing a barge that had lost the canal). Later on we travelled further afield to Shipton-under-Wychwood, to assist in the evacuation of about 60 elderly residents from a care home. We spent the day there working with boat crews from Manchester and Essex. Following the path of devastation, we ended up doing a 12 hour shift on Osney Island, needless to say we had to get a map out as none of us knew where we were going!

On one occasion, we were called to a road traffic collision outside Deddington fire station, our response time was somewhat delayed as we were



on the A34 near Peartree at the time. Fortunately the occupants of the car had climbed out and were in the care of paramedics when we arrived.

There were a few sense of humour failures during the long stints in - and under - water. Many of the crew suffered with blisters after working with boots full of water for hours on end. We have discovered that our usually lovable Crew Manager, Chris Fenemore, has to be fed at least every 5 hours otherwise the resulting mood is quite scary, as the cyclists in Osney discovered. Working knee-deep in raw sewage when the pump backfires, that doesn't help his mood either.

On a serious note, I have to congratulate my crew for all their hard work, above & beyond the call of duty, for all the hours they put in, and for working without complaining despite the 'unpleasant' moments, they are the BEST!

More good news on the crewing front, Steve Potter is now on the run having passed his safe to ride test. Whilst Steve Ward had his baptism of fire, Adam Franklin definitely had a more traditional one in water! We now have 11 names on the pegs, however there's still some space left if you are interested.

**Anne Waters, Watch Manager  
Deddington Fire Station, 338281**

### Alan Gardner

Alan was born in Hackney in London in 1924. Both of his parents died when he was in his early teens and he went to live with an aunt in Edgware. After war service with the Royal Engineers, he married Pat and also began a long career in local government. Having moved around a bit, Alan became Town Clerk of Northam in Devon, before becoming Legal Assistant Secretary for Cherwell DC at Local Government Reorganisation in 1974. On retirement, this was followed by a few years as Assistant Bursar at Bloxham School.

When he retired from full-time employment for good, Alan decided to put his administrative and legal skills to good use by becoming Clerk to Deddington Parish Council. His period as Clerk, from 1981 to 1990, was an eventful one for the Council, co-inciding as it did with the selling of land at the Windmill and the building of the Community Centre. Alan played an important part in securing the excellent facilities for the village which exist there today.

He was in good health until recently, regularly attending the 8am service at the Parish Church and maintaining a season-ticket at West Ham United until three seasons ago. Pat, who died in 2000, was well known to many Deddington residents as a helper at the Playgroup for several years.

**Graham Gardner**

### Cliff Homans

For all but one of his 86 years Cliff's home was in Clifton. Only in his final 12 months he and Mildred moved into a bungalow in Deddington. It meant leaving the home he had created out of two old cottages soon after their marriage in 1944 and where their two children, Stewart and Jill, had grown up; where Cliff had created his beloved garden and where their grandchildren and great-grand-daughter loved to come and play with Grampy and Nana. Here too, he had the workshop where he built and repaired furniture, made marquetry pictures and jewellery boxes for the family and loved to be busy with wood.

Most of his working life was spent as a precision engineer in Oxford. As a 'Bevin Boy' during the war he was helping to build Lancaster bombers, after the war he worked for Pressed Steel and later for Rover cars. As a schoolboy and young man he was a keen footballer and continued to enjoy playing or watching whenever he could.

For many, the enduring memory of Cliff will be of the twinkle in his eye, his dry sense of humour and his infectious joy of life, all of which combined to make him someone who had many friends in the village and who quietly contributed a real quality of life.

**HPM**

### Albert Edward Payne

Albert was born in 1916 in Charndon, Bucks, where he attended the village school, before moving with his parents in 1929 to Tomwell Farm on the outskirts of Hempton. He went for six months to Deddington School. On leaving he worked at Tomwell Farm, where he remained for the rest of his working life. In 1935 his father retired and the family moved to Folly Cottage in Hempton. Albert met Mary from Barford and they were married in 1944 and lived in that village. They had one son, Michael, born in 1949.

In 1954 they moved to Mount Pleasant in Hempton, where Albert remained. In his younger days he played football for Barford and Deddington, kept bantams and had sheepdogs for most of his life. In his retirement he delivered the Banbury Cake and helped at Stonewalls Gardens, always being on the gate for the Open Gardens day as well as attending to his own well-stocked garden.

Despite losing his wife in 2003 he still enjoyed his weekly trip to Banbury on Market days. He watched football and horse racing on TV. He supported Hempton Church, particularly with produce for Harvest Festival. Albert was a real village man and he will be missed by Michael, family and friends.

**Les Chappell**


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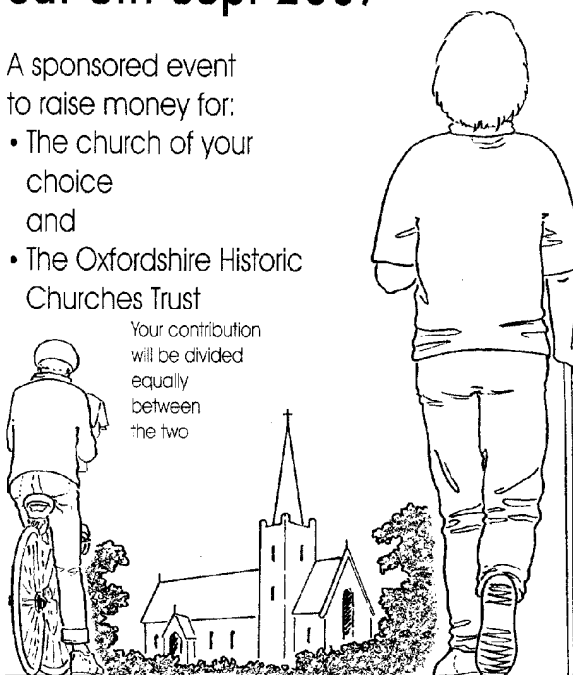
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## Daeda's Wood

Never mind the last millennium. The Friends of Daeda's Wood are rather proud of the past decade in which they contributed a new green patch – small though it may be – to the map of the world.

Daeda's Wood was the first of 200 Woods-on-Your-Doorstep in England and Wales: a Woodland Trust millennium project supported by the Millennium Commission among others. The 9-acre arable field was bought by the Woodland Trust, assisted by substantial contributions from local residents many of whom helped plant the 3500 trees in November 1996 (in a near-blizzard) and, later, sow the seeds for a wildflower meadow.

The contorted northern boundary is formed by the River Swere which dictated the riverine nature of the new wood: ash, five species of willow, oak, alder, grey and black poplar, aspen, downy birch, osier, hawthorn, blackthorn and guelder rose. A stretch of path gives wheelchair access and there are a couple of seats; several grass rides wind through the site.

The variety of wild flowers will change as the



wood develops. Already they include in due season clumps of white campion, pink threads of delicate ragged robin, the bold ox-eye daisy; lovely mauve clusters of meadow cranesbill, purple knapweed, the scarlet splash of poppies and waving banks of rosebay willowherb, handsome rose-pink musk mallow, white or pink flowerheads of yarrow, and large white umbellifers of angelica.

The Berks Bucks & Oxon Naturalist Trust (BBONT) chose the Swere's banks as one of their sites for an otter's holt. There have been signs of badger. Sections of the river banks are also home to the unusual beautiful and banded demoiselle damselflies.

There is already a wide variety of birds: ranging from garrulous winter flocks of fieldfare and the brilliant flash of a kingfisher, to the bright ever-present flocks of yellowhammer and long-tailed tits flitting through the trees. Usually there's a kestrel on the hunt, possibly a great spotted woodpecker; a red kite has been spotted high overhead. The summer populations of warbler – whitethroat, willow warbler, chiffchaff, blackcap, garden warbler – grow annually.

**Sylvie Spenceley**

## DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

*The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of September 1857:-*

4th September - Our Annual Flower Show took place. Attended a meeting of Magistrates at the Kings Arms, it was the Annual Licensing Day. We refused to renew the Licence of the Three Tuns of this place and also the application for a spirit licence in two cases of Beer Houses.

15th September - Disposed of the rotten wood of the roof of the old (girls') school, now in a tumble down state and which I had leave from Dr. Bull of Christ Church to pull down as there is materials worth from £5 to £8. I granted a summons to a woman against her husband for assaulting her, both of this place, he a convicted felon twice.

16th September - Had conversation with T. Whetton about his son Joshua going to New Zealand. Went to enquire after C.D. Faulkener, thrown out of his trap returning from Banbury – had come in collision with a lamp post with restive horse.

19th September - Had a conversation with the Sexton about his becoming a reformed character, telling him it was never too late to mend.

23rd September - Susan and I went to spend a day or two with John (*their 2nd son*) at Bedford. They returned on the 26th September leaving Bedford soon after 10 o'clock and reaching home about 2p.m.

30th September - Found Henry Churchill and the police sergeant waiting for me to grant a

warrant against two men of Lower Heyford for a most aggravated assault with bludgeons against a man from Steeple Aston.

**Buffy Heywood**

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## Letter from USA

One of the most memorable times on our marathon trip to the USA this summer was our visit to Pahaska, Oklahoma. We were going to visit our friend Curtis who is a medicine man with the Kansa (after whom Kansas is named) Native American nation. It was a 350 mile drive from Dallas, where we had been visiting our daughter, to Oklahoma and we spent two memorable days at the Black Gold Motel (known as the 'black hole motel' to the locals). It was the Kansa's Pow-Wow weekend and we spent two days watching the dancing and being part of the celebrations. It seemed light years away from our lives in Deddington. The weekend was also quite saddening. Not only hearing about the native American's struggles to keep their land, in fact the Kansa's land is as scarce as the buffalo they used to hunt only 100 years ago when they were a nomadic prairie tribe.



It was also poignant to see what had happened to the town that had been at the centre of the Osage tribes' land. Pahaska is a living, or more correctly dying, testament to the 'Walmartisation' of America. On a morning run through what was once an attractive and busy city full of shops of all types, restaurants bars and businesses, the desolation that had been wreaked by a superstore opening on the outskirts of the city (to avoid local taxes) hit me very hard. This was the kind of town I would have loved to live in, where the downtown area was a place that the community shopped, met and socialised and now there were just a handful of businesses struggling to survive.

Given the number of superstores springing up all over the US and now in the UK, I can't help wondering if we are assigning the same future to many of our loved towns and villages.

**John Dane**

## HOLIDAYS!

I stand in the baggage lounge of Terminal 4 my ticket in hand - just a piece of printed paper with that precious number on it to give me passage to Switzerland. Crowds of people, the anxious, the jolly and those on serious business, shove me conveniently towards the queue I'm meant to join. My daughter, a quite frequent traveller, belabours the automated check-in while I dictate the magic number, which brings up our names on screen. After we tick the correct answers to various questions it gives us clearance to have our baggage weighed then proceed through security. Now, our holiday can start!!

Visiting relations and friends in the country of one's birth and childhood is as good a holiday as one can get, but it is no relaxation particularly if you want to do quite a bit of travelling on the excellent and very punctual transport network. As I speak the native colloquial dialect fluently, my daughter expected me to know it all and play the leader. How wrong she was! Even in the space of a year's absence familiar landmarks disappear, customs change and what is worse the computer age has made further inroads. Train ticket machines are *de rigueur* in the station I used every day when attending school in Basel. Now, like an absolute fool, I just can't work it out, and asking the elementary question in my native tongue I get at best a pitying, incredulous look, I imagine with the thought behind it: "Where has she been during the last few years?". So what do you do in these and other similar circumstances? I simply deny knowledge of any type of Swiss dialect and ask the questions in English. It works every time. I am saved from feeling a fool and the accosted helper is delighted to practise a language and usually does the entire transaction with pleasure!

Happy to use this, our secret weapon, my

daughter and I 'saved the planet' almost daily using trams, railways, even boats and all that at half price! With a 'Swiss Card', on sale to every foreign tourist at his/her port of entry into the country, it is a wonderful way to see the sights. As for my daughter and me, we made a point of visiting places, like the mighty falls of the Rhine, which I had never seen before. It is a pity that I cannot supply a dramatic photograph of me riding in that little boat, as close to the falls as possible, through mist and spray and then being driven downstream sideways by the force of the current before the boatman managed to straighten up. My dear daughter thought I looked decidedly unsmart - well battered down against the watery elements thundering down from a height of 23 metres at 600 cubic metre per second!

**Ruth Johnson**

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## The Allotment

Temperatures in September start to cool with the first touches of frost in some areas. Harvesting potatoes (do store them in paper sacks) and late onions is a must before Jack Frost arrives. Tomatoes should continue to ripen into the month. There is always the possibility of an Indian summer. Wishful thinking!

Autumn months are a time for some hard work in both flower and vegetable gardens. There is so much more to be done during this month to keep the kitchen provided for during the winter and into the New Year. "Earthwork" is a priority - digging or making raised beds and generally improving the soil. Tender crops should be gathered in before October. Apples, pears and plums, late raspberries and blackberries need to be harvested. Time to enjoy globe artichokes, fresh beans, autumn cauliflowers and fennel with perhaps the first sweet potatoes. Clear Autumn leaves and other debris for compost and leafmould, slow down on feeding; start a new compost heap and sow winter beans. September is a good time to dig heavy clay before the rain makes it hard work. Collect, clean and store seed as it ripens for next season. Start off with simple seeds to save like peas.

Pests should be less of a problem now. Do remember to clear debris they use to overwinter. Lift root vegetables - beetroot, maincrop carrots and turnips - to be stored in boxes with sand or in clamps. Trim back any shoots with mildew and burn them. Fix grease bands to the trunks of fruit trees. Sow winter spinach in succession to crop from October to April. Sow a row of parsley for consumption during autumn. Winter lettuce may be sown at the moment.

In spite of a dedicated search I have not found any evidence to support Ruth Johnson's theory that slug slime removes freckles. I have, as a result of my study, found there are some fifty ways of killing a slug; these I will impart to you over time.

*Tony Campion*

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## On the Farm

First it was the floods, now the pestilence. The year to date seems to be somewhat apocalyptic, although we have not had 40 days and 40 nights of rain as indicated by a wet 15 July. Old St. Swithin dropped his rain on us all in one go and the big wet



left the meadows at Clifton with a covering of almost 5 ft. of water. This took some 10 days to drain away, leaving an evil-smelling soup of rotting vegetation and whatever else was washed out of the

river, covering about 75% of what should have been grazing for the sheep. To date the hay meadow that was to provide the bulk of the winter feed is in much the same condition. I have sent samples of the soup and vegetation away for analysis before deciding if we should try and take a cut of hay or just cut it, put it in a heap and burn it, and overwinter the ewes by eking out what little hay we have got left with oat, straw and increased concentrates.

Once again the scourge of foot and mouth has hit the livestock industry. At least this time round we know where it has come from, not that this makes much difference to those who have already lost their animals. And for once the government has admitted its responsibility. There is never a good time of year for an outbreak of any type of animal disease, but this one could not have



come at a worse time, just as the Autumn sales of breeding stock are getting under way. In many cases these sales are the only source of income for many of the hill farms in the North of England and Wales. At Home Farm we need to sell the remainder of the lamb crop and buy in replacement breeding ewes and rams, all of which come down from the North of England sales, so all we can hope for is that the movement-to-market ban is lifted before too long.

On a slightly brighter note, at the time of hitting the keyboard the harvest is well under way and should be all in the barn in a day or two. The big wet did give us some problems with the crops and left the wheat and oats in a rather tangled mess and we lost 25-30% of the oil seed rape with pod shatter, but the green goddess performed well and although I did get that sinking feeling from time to time the tow chain was not needed.

*George Fenemore 338203*



### 1st Deddington Boys Brigade Company

On the 27 June the BB held its annual display and awards evening at The Windmill Centre, when the guest of honour was Rev. John Dane. During the evening the following prizes were presented: Best Anchor Boy: William Brodey, Endeavour Trophy: Marcus Cooper, Best bandsman: Edward Liebrecht. Achievement badges were also presented. Of particular note are Edward Liebrecht, Harry Collins and Oliver Tindale who gained the Junior Gold Award and who were all later promoted to the Company Section. In the Junior Section, Lewis Wallington, Marcus Cooper and Jack Watling were promoted to Leading Boy. Finally, in the Company Section Ben Howard-Buck was promoted to the

rank of Sergeant, reflecting his significant contribution to the work of the company this session.

Music for the evening was provided by our brass band, which included a 'football medley' that was also performed during the recent Deddington Festival. A collection was made for the band and the proceeds will be used to purchase new percussion instruments in due course. In July our brass band provided music for Rev. John Dane's ordination service at the Parish Church.

Deddington hosted the Oxfordshire Battalion Company Section cricket match on what was probably the driest evening for several weeks! The current session closed with a 'Sausage 'n' Chips' supper for all the boys on 11 July. BB activities will start again on 12th September. We have a few spaces in all sections and our membership is open to boys aged 5 to 18.

**Brian Bushell 338715**

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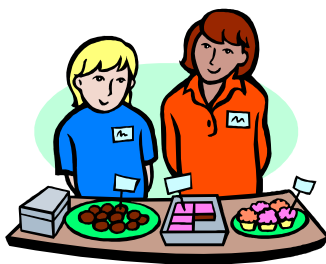
At our June meeting we discussed 'Heart of Darkness' by Joseph Conrad and here is our review: 'a novel based on colonial exploitation, reflecting the author's own

experience in the Congo and the atrocities he witnessed there. It is a horrific and disturbing tale full of powerful imagery, but detached and uncluttered by sentiment. Very much of its time, but also relevant for today.'

There was no meeting in August, but we are getting together again in September to talk about 'Goodbye to All That' by Robert Graves. We are always happy to welcome new members, so please do call if you think you might be interested. Next meeting 27 September. Call for venue

**Sally Lambert 338094**





### 1st Deddington Brownies

The Brownies (and siblings) rose to the occasion on the night of the Festival Youth Concert. We were all very proud of the girls and hope you enjoyed

the show if you were there.

An enrolment evening on 16 July saw Tory, Alice, Hannah, Emily, Danielle and Jessica take their promises and formally welcomed into the pack. Holly, Elen and Olivia looked after the guests and ably earned their hostess badges. The term was rounded off with a party and a games evening. Brownies re-start in September.

*Lucy Squires*

### 1st Deddington Guides

The Guides all agreed that the stream walk in the rain topped the bill during this busy summer term (it was the only wet Tuesday evening since Easter!). However it didn't dampen our spirits. We also had a great time building shelters in the woods and hiking, completing various challenges on the way. Outdoor cooking in various forms featured several times including a 'sausage sizzle' with the Brownies, which was great fun. A special thank you goes to Judy Ward for accompanying us on a wonderful climb to the top of the church tower. It was a lovely evening and the views stunning. This challenge (and the spiral stairs and height were a real challenge for some guides) will help us gain our '1000 years in Oxfordshire' badge. We are now off to camp and we will report back in October. Our first meeting back is Tuesday 11 September, 7-9 pm.

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### Deddington Players

A social evening and AGM were held on 11 July, during which plans for the coming year were discussed. We hope to put on an evening's entertainment and refreshments on Saturday 13 October. Put the date in your diaries and watch this space for more information next month. We will be holding pantomime auditions on Sunday 28 October at 2.30pm - venue to be confirmed. The pantomime will be on 17, 18 and 19 January 2008.

*Lucy Squires*

### Deddington Town Football Club

Preparations for the new season are well under way, which kicks off on Saturday 8 September at 2.30pm. Once again two teams will be competing in the Lord Jersey/Banbury and District League. The teams would really appreciate your support. All home games take place at the Windmill Centre pitch and kick off on



Saturdays is at 2.30pm.

The Club is holding a Race Night on Saturday 8 September. The venue is the British Legion Club. Please come along and support your local club.

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## SPECIAL WINE TASTING

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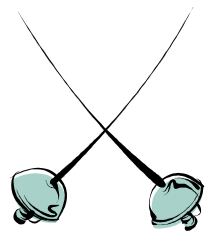
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**AN EVENING TO REMEMBER**

### Deddington and District History Society

It scarcely seems credible, but the History Society launches its tenth season in September! It must be true when they say that time flies when you're enjoying yourself. The Society's committee has put together another full programme of talks and activities for our decadal year. We begin on Wednesday 12 September, appropriately with Carl Boardman, the Oxfordshire County Archivist, who was our very first speaker. He has been a great hit on previous visits. This time he will speak on 'Life on the Inside' (the county gaol, presumably, rather than the County Record Office).



On Wednesday 10 October Hugh Hinde will speak to us about the 'History of Duelling'. As always, our meetings take place at the Windmill Centre, at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month. We look forward to welcoming back our existing members, and newcomers are sure of a warm welcome: if you bring with you an interest in history and an enquiring spirit you are sure to find yourself among like minds.

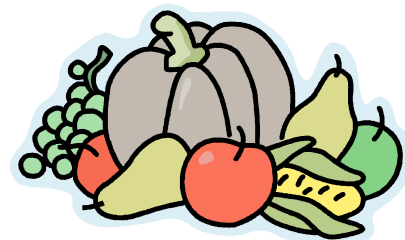
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### News from Hempton

A busy month ahead for the village. On Saturday 8 September St. John's Church will be open to receive visitors who are taking part in the Churches' Ride or Stride day between 10.am and 6.00pm. Hempton Church is well known for its hospitality.

On Monday 24 September the Friends of the Church will be holding their AGM in the Church at

8.00pm. This meeting will be open to everyone, so please come along and give it your support. On Saturday 29 September the Church will be



having a Harvest Supper at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Tickets (£7.50) will be limited to 40 and will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis, so please give me a call if you would like to come. Food and soft drinks will be supplied. If you require anything stronger to drink, please bring a bottle and glasses.

This month, for the Harvest Festival, Evensong is on the Fifth Sunday at 6.00pm. Gifts of produce will be most welcome and can be left at the Church over that weekend. Following the service the produce will be auctioned and the proceeds given to a worthy charity.

**Les Chappell 338054**

### Oxford Conservation Volunteers – help in Deddington

Oxford Conservation Volunteers (OCV) is a voluntary organisation, and registered charity, that has been carrying out practical work conserving the wildlife and traditional landscape of the Oxford area since 1977. Working parties meet every Sunday to undertake a wide variety of nature and conservation work such as fencing, kissing gate installation, scrub clearance, hedge laying, pond maintenance, woodland management, and dry stone walling.

The Parish Council has established a close working relationship with OCV and is grateful for the conservation work that they undertake within the parish. To date this has included:

Castle Grounds: trees and undergrowth were cleared from the pathways and some wildlife habitats were constructed.

Clifton: they laid the hedge at Welfords Piece that borders the lane.

Copse behind the Windmill Centre: OCV is liaising with the Forestry Commission in order to maximise the copse as a sustainable wildlife habitat.

Footpath by the cemetery: the fallen trees and encroaching undergrowth have already been removed and good progress has been made with the installation of a post and rail fence. The eventual aim is to link this footpath with the other public rights of way that run at the back of the Windmill Centre.

Max, one of the village stewards, helps OCV whenever they visit and finds this to be instructive and rewarding work.

OCV will be back in Deddington on 16 September to continue work on the footpath and copse so if you would like to know more about their work why not nip along and say hello.

**Lorraine Watling**

### DEDDINGTON FOOD FESTIVAL

**22 SEPTEMBER ~  
7 OCTOBER**

**Nine local restaurants and  
shops will be offering the  
'Best of British Food'.**

### CORRECTION

The entries on p4 in July should have read :  
Baptism: 10 June - Rebecca Emily Richardson.  
Confirmation: 17 June - Patricia Rose Adkins,  
Grace Georgina Hancock, Peter William Treeby  
Hancock.

The corrections have been made to the on-line version and the Library. Our apologies to the families for the embarrassment caused. ED