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We are fortunate to live in a beautiful area but are concerned about antisocial behaviour including vandalism. But are we all so self-absorbed that there is not one person who can spare a little time to help with the very worthwhile Youth Club once every four weeks? Anyone interested should contact Maureen Forsyth on 338384

DIARY

September

Wed	2	Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8.00-10.00pm
Wed	2	Photographic Society: Robert Neill, 'Better Portraits than Those of any Painter', Deddington Arms, 7.30pm p16
Thu	3	Monday Morning Club: Film evening, <i>Doubt</i> with Meryl Streep, 6.30pm
Sat	5	Deddington Village Show, Parish Church, 2.00pm p11
Mon	7	Monday Morning Club, Coffee Morning, 10.30am-noon
Tue	8	WI: 'My Royal Weekend', Gillian Cane, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
Tue	8	Badminton Club season starts, Windmill Centre, 6.30pm for juniors, 7.30pm for adults
Wed	9	History Society, National Parks, 'Not Ours, but Ours to Look After' Windmill Centre, 7.30pm
Sat	12	Ride and Stride p8
Mon	14	Youth Club, Windmill Centre, 7.00-9.00pm p8
Wed	16	Parish Council meeting, Town Hall 7.30pm p2
Tue	22	PTA AGM School Hall 8.00pm p11
Fri	25	Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Nurses, 5 Gaveston Gardens, 10.00am-noon
Sat	26	Deddington Farmers' Market, 9.00am-12.30pm p10
Sat	26	Harvest supper, Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm p8
Sat	26	'Illumination' concert, Parish Church
Mon	28	Friends of Hempton Church AGM, Church Hall 7.30pm p8

October

Mon	5	Monday Morning Club coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am-noon
Tue	6	Hempton Traffic Action Group, Hempton Church Hall, 7.30pm p9
Wed	7	Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8.00-10.00pm
Tue	13	WI: Derek Parkes, 'Being a Santa', 7.30pm Holly Tree
Tue	13	Deddington Online Quarterly Open Meeting, 6.45pm, Unicorn Snug

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**Meeting Town Hall 15 July 2009**

Present: Cllrs Flux (Chair), Allison, Anderson, Collins, Day, Ince, Privett, Rudge, Squires, Todd, Ward, Watts, Wood, OC Cllr Jelf, CD Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk, Minute Clerk, D Keats, PC Doyle & PCSO Dale, two members of the public & the DN correspondent.

NAG Neighbourhood Action Group

Dave Keats, NAG coordinator for Deddington, introduced PC Doyle and PCSO Dale. PC Rebecca McLeod who has been appointed Neighbourhood Special Officer was not at the meeting. Thames Valley Police NAG's objective is to safeguard the community and act as liaison between police and community and supersedes the Neighbourhood Watch. The level of reported incidents since the beginning of the year was 29. This is low compared to Banbury. Deddington is a peaceful community and the priorities for Deddington are speeding, parking and anti-social behaviour. Anyone wishing to contact the local police is asked to ring 0845 8 505505 for anything other than emergencies. Volunteers are asked to contact banburyruralneighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or via the website www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh-nag. The importance of reporting petty thefts was stressed: for example there have been reports of milk taken from doorsteps in New Street and Adderbury, probably by someone travelling down the A4260. Vigilance and co-operation through NAG will find the culprit.

Open Forum

Kate Petty asked that signage for Philcote Street be on both sides of the road as the one currently in place is often obscured. In cases of emergency the signage is vital. It was asked that the matter be passed to CDC to resolve.

Parish Council co-option

To fill the remaining vacant seat, John Finnigan of 27 The Grove, Deddington addressed the meeting and was co-opted without dissent.

Flu Pandemic Contingency Planning

The PC has been warned that the Windmill Centre may be required as distribution/collection centre for anti-viral drugs.

Planning

PC no objection: (1) 14 Wimborn Close, two-storey side extension; (2) The Stables, St James' Farm, Main St, Clifton, barn conversion to self-catering holiday accommodation, with conditions; (3) Stonefield, Hempton Rd, front porch, conversion of attic with roof lights and construction of new garden room, with conditions; (4) 2 Paper Mill Cottages, Adderbury Road, Deddington, single-storey extension.

Approvals: (5) Ash Cottage and adjacent plot, two detached dwellings, with conditions. (6) Windmill Centre, Hempton Rd, installation of 56 solar roof panels; (7) Geggs Nook, Hempton Road, Deddington.

Other matters: Tomwell Farm, Hempton Road, OCC concerned about encroachment on to highway.

Finance & General Purposes

Investments: Efforts to maintain security and income from invested funds require constant attention. £200,000 has been transferred from Birmingham Midshires to Alliance & Leicester.

Deddington Charity Estates: The Town Hall redecoration which is a PC responsibility will require the construction of a scaffold which will also be required for the enabling works which are the responsibility of DCE. To save money co-operation and cost-sharing suggested.

Highways

Parking: Consultation is continuing with local businesses to investigate alternative parking. Letter to be sent to the Co-op about delivery lorries damaging the verges. OCC is investigating possibly hazardous parking in Hopcraft Lane. OCC also investigating the Chapel Sq/Market Place pinch point.

Speeding: Earl's Lane, Hempton and Clifton Roads: a variety of traffic calming measures being considered in consultation with OCC.

New Street crossing point: A petition is to be started for a call button on the south side of the Hempton Rd.

Remembrance Day Parade: Consideration to be given to co-ordinating road closure applications with Farmers' Market and Fair organisers to save costs.

Miscellaneous: Missing pavement section in Earl's Lane and loose manhole cover in Hempton reported, Market Sq bent post removed, display board in bus shelter to be replaced over next two years.

Recreation

Hogweed: which can cause severe skin irritation and should not be touched has been found in Castle Grounds and Satin Lane allotments. Warning signs are to be posted and other sightings reported to the Parish Clerk at the PC Windmill office.

Castle Grounds: Good meeting of the friends with 26 attendees and lots of volunteers for work on nature and sports projects but questions raised about the 'fitness trail'. A meeting to be arranged to organise working groups and set aims and objectives. Church Commissioners and English Heritage to be consulted about change of parking status.

Environment and Special Projects

Environment: Oxfordshire Nature Conservancy Forum are posting an abridged version of the latest bulletin on DOL. Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers plan to 'lay' the eastern hedge of Hempton Rd cemetery in autumn. Survey to identify possible swift nesting sites to be conducted. Oak tree on green is responding to extra watering although still shows signs of stress.

Planters, hanging baskets and Christmas tree. Cllr Day has donated a Christmas tree, quotations for removal and installation are being sought, DN committee have agreed to contribute £200 towards the cost and Mr Rudge a further £50. Further sponsorship may be required. The planter on Deddington/Banbury Road has been vandalised, Nicholson's have agreed to repair the damage.

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A Record of Deddington's Soldiers who Served their Country

Can you put names to these faces from WW1? Do you have any pictures to share?

In view of the current debate about whether the War Memorial site should be renovated, or the memorial possibly moved to a more prominent place, now is a good time to draw Deddington's attention to an

extensive project, closely related to the memorial that has been underway since January 2008. Resident Michael Allbrook has documented not only the circumstances of the deaths of all those men named on the War Memorial, but also their regimental service details, where they are buried and their family backgrounds. Furthermore, he has researched all those other Deddington men who served in WW1 but were not killed.

The entries in the Deanery Magazine by the then vicar, Rev Boniface, are an important part of this story in that they relate in remorseless detail the monthly tally of the killed and injured from amongst the 209 Deddington soldiers who went off to the First World War. His later notes of the meetings about the fund-raising and siting of the War Memorial are very relevant to any current discussions.

An important consequence of the extraordinary scope of Michael's project has been his discovery that there are some 16 Deddington men who died in WW1 but whose names are not on the War Memorial. This may be an appropriate time to consider whether and



(Photo by courtesy of Clive Sanders whose grandfather Frederick is back row third from left)

how this should be rectified along with the larger issue of the site of the Memorial itself.

An early draft copy of his research was given to the Parish Council and Royal British Legion in May 2008. I am extremely grateful to Michael for his permission to publish all of his material on Deddington OnLine. I strongly recommend

everyone read it for themselves by going to the DOL home page and then following History/World Wars/War Memorials. Included in the article are some interesting individual and group photographs. If you do not have access to the internet, then the library has terminals with free access.

We have no information about any Deddington women who served, died or were injured in WW1. If you know of any please contact one of us; and also please tell us if you know of any Deddington men or women who served in WW2 so that we can add them to the record. If you have photographs of any of these people we would very much like to add them as well.

A final thought - would it not be appropriate for the Parish Council or the Royal British Legion to show their appreciation of this most valuable addition to our village's history by providing the funds to publish Michael's research as a small hard copy book?

Rob Forsyth 338384
Michael Allbrook 338374

PARISH COUNCIL (Continued from p2)

Litter/dog bins: A new dog bin has been requested at Castle Grounds, the cost will be £200. Confirmation that the dog warden will empty the bins will be required.

War Memorial Cemetery: Conversations and consultation continue as to the possible relocation of the War Memorial. Dog owners are requested to prevent their dogs fouling the cemetery. Plastic bags are available from the PC office at the Windmill Centre. Dogs defecating on gravestones have caused distress to the families and friends of the fallen of the parish.

Windmill Centre tennis courts: The security netting has been cut again. More robust netting and an extra CCTV surveillance camera may have to be installed.

Parish Finances

Invoices passed for payment: £5602. Investments totalled £556,208.78 at West Bromwich and Alliance & Leicester BS, Barclays, and Anglo Irish Bank.

Next meeting: 16 Sept at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

More Deddington History

There are now more articles about Deddington's history on Deddington OnLine. Besides Rob Forsyth's comprehensive material on the two World Wars, the Royal Observer Corps and the War Memorial, there's now an article about the workhouse. Follow the links to History>Poor in Deddington (or Buildings)>Deddington's Workhouse.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

September

Wed	2	10.00am	Eucharist
Thurs	3	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	6	10.30am	All Age Worship
		6.30pm	Evensong
Wed	9	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun	13	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)
Wed	16	10.00am	Eucharist
Thurs	17	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	20	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	23	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun	27	8.00am	Holy Comunion
		10.30am	Patronal Feast Eucharist

St John's Hempton

September

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

For baptisms, weddings, funerals or home visits in case of illness, please contact the Vicar, the Rev Dr Hugh White, 28 Duns Tew (349869), or one of the church wardens, Glynne Bianchi (337743) or John Osborough (07753 802841)

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms:

28 June: Anthony John Stickings (provisional)
 19 July: William George Baines
 8 August (in Hempton): Elena Christina Currell
 9 August: Ava Elizabeth Conlan
 16 August: Frederic Tuthill

Funerals:

24 June: Ivy Sykes
 26 June: Edith Monaghan

Weddings:

18 July: Ross Fennion and Olivia Minnear
 7 August: Michael Shaw and Clare Hand

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Sunday mornings at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton except 20 September Geoff Lee and 27 September Margaret Goulder

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Congregational Chapel, New Street

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

Joyce Minnear 338529

PC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

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

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

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

The Eve of Sunday Mass at St John's Church, Banbury, is said at 4.00pm on Saturdays to allow worshippers from the villages to attend by public transport

Fr John Burns 277396

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2009 festival deddington

Another festival has been and gone and judging by the comments received, it was generally well received. There is always room for improvement of course and we will take on board your constructive criticism and suggestions as we begin planning for 2010. Subject to progress, we aim to give you an outline of our plans in the October edition of the Deddington News.

Thanks once again to all who supported us in so many ways, especially those who worked so hard to get the church ready in time for our first event.

A special vote of thanks should be given to the parish gardeners and allotmenters who put so much time and effort into the Open Gardens event. Joan Wright, with support from her husband Alec, did a marvellous job organising this event which raised over £1000 for our funds.

Owing to his many other commitments, Hugh White has stepped down from the Festival committee. A trustee and director since inception, Hugh has been a valuable member of the committee and was instrumental in staging the very first concert in 2003. He takes with him our grateful thanks and best wishes.

We are very pleased to announce that the position of Treasurer has now been filled and we are delighted to welcome Ralph Stewart as a director and trustee. The committee now comprises Hugh O'Donnell, Donald Lane, Mike O'Brien, Don Anderson, Ralph Stewart, Elsa Williams, Kristin Thompson, Janet Lincé, Eileen Anderson.

Please check out our website at www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk for the winning entries to the Deddington Writing Competition 2009, which was the most successful so far with over 300 entries. This presented a huge task to those charged with reading the entries and our thanks go to all involved.

Eileen Anderson 338325
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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

Another festival is over. Apart from the usual high quality concerts and exhibitions, this Festival was notable for its variety, with greater emphasis on a major asset, our countryside and wildlife. For the second year running, many Friends, in one way or another, took part in the highly successful Open Gardens. Heartfelt thanks to all Friends who raised funds for, organised, attended and staffed events.

While the Festival Committee begins planning next year's celebrations, we need to think about our November AGM. We'll send out an agenda in October and hope that as many of you as possible will attend the meeting.

Kristin Thompson FDF Publicity 337052

Festival Art

For the two successive Festival weekends, artists from Deddington and the surrounding area filled the Holly Tree with oil paintings and watercolours, photographs and prints, decorative and functional ceramics. The variety of techniques and styles on show was more than matched by the quality of the exhibits. Tony Strong won the cash prize for the artist whose work was voted the most popular.

Norman Stone 338019

Classical Concert

Sat 27 June Deddington Parish Church

One of the most successful features of recent Festival concerts has been Janet Lincé's imaginative use of talented young concerto soloists. This year was no exception. The second half of this year's 'Orchestral Masterworks' began with Rachel Grovener giving a sparkling performance of Richard Strauss' Horn Concerto No 1: her enthusiasm and skill were greatly admired. On a high after that, the orchestra finished the concert with an energetic rendition of Mendelssohn's happy and joyous Italian Symphony. Though, in the first half, Wagner's Siegfried Idyll somewhat lacked passion, Haydn's Symphony No 94 lived up to its 'Surprise' title, and throughout the Oxford Sinfonia, led by Olivier Bonici, gave evident pleasure to an appreciative audience.

Donald Lane 337199

Stekpanna

Not everyone responds positively to modern jazz, but for those who do the Festival concert by Stekpanna in the parish church was memorable. For this occasion the quartet was: Steve Kershaw (double bass), Mads Kjolby (guitar), Leonid and Nikolai Vintskevich (piano and saxes). The group's drive and improvisations involve their audience. Performers and listeners seem to become united in the complex creativity and skill of the musicianship. It's an exhilarating experience and the Festival audience, seated in casual groups, not rows, responded with genuine pleasure. Our thanks to Herman Gilligan for his sponsorship of this concert.

Kristin Thompson 337052

Walks

This year's Festival included two Walks, the annual Daeda's Wood Walk and a visit to Jerusalem Lane. Fourteen people led by Elspeth Cox, chair of FDW, went to Daeda to look at the trees, plants and butterflies and, as always, to celebrate the Wood's creation in 1996. The second Walk was in conjunction with Walter Meagher's booklet, *The Historic Green Lanes of Deddington Parish*. John Killick, a distinguished Oxfordshire naturalist, led this Walk and his knowledge of all aspects of the countryside, combined with a visit to George Fenimore's conservation fields, resulted in a fascinating and information-packed evening.

Kristin Thompson 337052

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

E-MAIL FROM PETER BLISS, ST THOMAS STREET
(In response to Alan Collins' letter in July DN)

Alan Collins' letter was read with great interest by the residents of the two new developments in St Thomas Street. Yes, since the houses were built the traffic situation has got worse. But this is not due to the houses, but down to modern living where families have at least two cars and often more. CDC stipulated in their planning consent that there was to be adequate off-road parking. The two new houses have private off-road parking at the rear, accessed via double gates, and the three vehicles owned by the residents are always parked here. The private parking area is also used by other residents, not only of St Thomas Street but also Hopcraft Lane. Therefore, far from causing parking congestion, the development has eased it.

We moved to the new houses almost two years ago and have witnessed several confrontations between irate or even aggressive drivers who will not give way. Perhaps letters to the OCC suggesting a remedy to the problem – ie making the road one way - would be constructive.

E-MAIL FROM JEAN RUDGE, DEDDINGTON

This letter is addressed to the 'gentleman', unfortunately a resident of Deddington, who so humiliatingly put me in my place in the Co-op on Saturday 25 July. No doubt he is feeling pleased with himself for standing up for shoppers' rights. Yes, there was a long queue – I had already been in it once that day – yes, I asked the cashier to take my £1 for the celery I had forgotten, but anyone who knows me will confirm that I frequently allow customers to precede me in the queue when I have a lot of shopping. I had mistakenly credited others with the same generosity of mind. This is a friendly village where, I like to think, people think the best of each other. I feel bitter towards the 'gentleman' who gave me cause to behave, uncharacteristically, like a fishwife. You ruined my day and my opinion of mankind!

PS Much more typical of the spirit of this place is the lady who has just brought some celery to my door. She has restored my faith in human nature. Thank you.

E-MAIL FROM OLIVIA FENNION (NÉE MINNEAR), BANBURY

Ross and I got married in Deddington Church on 18 July and we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the day special. Deddington is a lovely village and the support we have received has been overwhelming.

First, I would like to thank the Church, especially Hugh White and Glynne Bianchi for their support, Barbara Upton who arranged our flowers so beautifully,

both in the Church and at the reception, and Jenny and Judy Ward for photographing and filming the event. I would like to thank the bell ringers and give my heartfelt thanks to my friends in the church choir who have helped me and sang wonderfully at the service. I would especially like to thank Elsa Williams, Amanda Gray and Jean Welford, without whom my day would not have gone so smoothly! Our thanks to Hugh and the congregation for their kind thoughts and prayers and to Edmund Newell who took our service and made it a memorable occasion.

Next, a huge thank you to Michael Lim at May Fu II. He and his staff worked tirelessly for our hundred guests and the food tasted wonderful. Our thanks also to Martin at the George Inn, Barford St Michael, for organising our bar. Thanks

also to Deddington Arms, Holcombe Hotel and the Unicorn who put up our guests. All enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Lastly (but not least) I would like to thank my grandmother, Joyce Minnear, for organising our reception at the Windmill Centre. It had everything we needed and when decked out with a star ceiling, everyone was amazed at how wonderful it looked. Deddington is such a well-appointed village – we are very lucky to have all these things at our fingertips.

FROM SHIRLEY AND JOHN BLACK, STEEPLE ASTON

Early in July we were invited to a Casino Evening at the Windmill Centre in aid of Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves in convivial company. A chance to gamble – and lose - enjoy some good food and with enough to drink. What made it extra good was the MC, Kelly, a man of many talents who held it all together. A few weeks previously we were at a Race Night at the British Legion, also in aid of the above. Again this was really enjoyable – and who MC'd this event? The inimitable Kelly, someone who can really get everyone going. Events like this need support and we will always respond to an invitation. Well done, and keep up the good work.

E-MAIL FROM JIM FLUX, THE DAEDINGS

Jean and I had a very happy celebration of our Golden Wedding with local friends and colleagues at the Windmill on 1 August. We have written a note of grateful thanks to those who ignored the request on the invitation and arrived with congratulatory gifts. One or two gifts had no label and we don't know to whom to write. If you are among those retiring friends, please accept our thanks, and thank you all for joining us to celebrate this special occasion.



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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

Open Gardens and Allotments

The Open Gardens and Allotments were a huge success. Visitors from both the parish and further afield were united in their praise, both for the stunning gardens and for the warm and friendly welcome they received everywhere.

They also commented on the pleasure of seeing such a variety of gardens, as well as the rejuvenated Satin Lane allotments and the well-established ones at Hempton.

Ticket sales and teas raised a staggering £1,000.45 which was a truly remarkable figure, especially in today's economic climate. The money will go towards next year's Festival programme. Thank you all so much.

My grateful thanks go to all garden owners, allotments holders, stewards and the Deddington Flower Shop, all of whom made the Open Gardens and Allotments a great success.

Joan Wright, Organiser

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Deddington Allotment Society

The Society came into existence in the summer of 2008 with the aim of supporting allotment holders and liaising with Deddington Parish Council in its role as the tenant of the Satin Lane site, first leased to the PC in 1928. Since then allotment demand has gone

through various stages but currently, in keeping with a national interest to reduce our food miles, all allotments are taken and there is a waiting list.

There are currently 40 plots; three of them were created by the Allotment Society with its very first Working Party when more than 20 holders joined in a site tidy and with enthusiasm cleared enough land to provide more allotments.

A major achievement of the Society, with the financial support of the Parish Council, has been to create a communal site with a shed that can be used by any of the plot holders. Society members provided all the labour for this project.

In June we joined the Open Garden weekend in aid of the Deddington Festival and used this opportunity to launch our fund-raising initiative with a suggestion that a stroll around our delightful site could, for a small donation, be accompanied by a glass of Pimms! It was an ideal opportunity for others to enjoy what is truly a tranquil and productive site.

Of course with the privilege of being an allotment holder comes hard work. There are rules and regulations attached to the Allotment Holder's tenancy and responsibility to maintain the plots in a 'weed free' state - for any gardener this is one of life's challenges. The Green Gym holds many pleasures for allotment holders of all ages – and nothing beats that taste of the first produce of the year and the knowledge that plot to plate would not register on the food miles chart.

If you would like to find out more about the allotments please contact me. To join the waiting list please contact Lorraine Watling, Parish Clerk deddingtonpc@btconnect.com.

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What's new in Fairtrade?

September sees the arrival of a new Traidcraft catalogue packed full of beautifully made crafts, jewellery and clothing as well as the familiar chocolate, coffee and confectionery, all from different parts of the world and all either hand-made by craftsmen or manufactured using fairly traded ingredients. Copies of the catalogue are freely available at the monthly stall in the Church during each Farmers' Market; at other times at the back of the Church, or by calling Hugh Marshall on 337761. Now is the time to place your order if you see something that particularly attracts. Next month we shall hold the ever-popular preview and sale when this year's Christmas cards and other seasonal goods will be on display and available to buy or order; there will be cards at reduced prices and much else on the bargain tables. Make a note of Thursday 15 October and look out for more details in next month's DN and elsewhere. Remember, every purchase makes a real difference to the life of a producer somewhere in the world.

Hugh Marshall 337761

News from Clifton

Another warm welcome to Sarah Foster who has moved into Victoria Terrace (and should now be the proud owner of a Welcome Pack – see last issue). We hope you love the village as much as we do.

They may have been unbeaten champions for four years but that title crashed and burned at the Fete this year as the Clifton Tug-of-War team lost the Grand Final pull 2-1 to a team from the rest of the Parochial Parish. There were grumbles from our boys about ground at their end being slippery, but the simple fact is they were out-pulled by a heavier team. I have inside knowledge that at least two of our team have undertaken very successful weight loss programmes either to enter arduous desert marathons (KM) or lose a big gut (AC). We look forward to next year with interest.

The Clifton job club has enjoyed significant success (using seasonally adjusted figures!) with 66% of its members finding new jobs and at least one other member starting their own business. The club is still braced to help any new members who find themselves in need.

There were many squeals of excitement and looks of wonder from the youngsters of the village who found a juvenile grass snake slithering across a driveway in the village last month. A couple of dads gently coerced the beautiful animal into a vivarium and many photographs were taken. This reminds us all that these endangered creatures are vulnerable.

A request from Ted Wheeler, living in Wingham NSW Australia, who says, 'I don't suppose anyone living in Clifton now would remember my Aunt Mabel Jennings. Aunt Mabel had the Post Office in Clifton for many years. Her husband George Jennings worked on the railway at Aynho. Their son Bernard lives in Canada, but their daughter Vera Castle stills lives at Heyford. I spent many happy holidays in Clifton. Someone else I should mention was a lad about the same age as me during my holidays in Clifton. His name was Tony Doggett and we spent a lot of time together as I recall his family lived a couple of doors up from the Post Office.'

And not to be left out, Clifton too had a visit from the burglars. Watch out!

Martin Bryce

News from Hempton

It was a lovely day on Saturday 8 August for the Holy Baptism in St John's Church of Elena Christina Currell of St John's Way, a happy service was followed by a christening party at the George in Barford.

The Ride and Stride day is almost here on Saturday 12 September. Most churches will be open between 10.00am and 6.00pm including St John's. Our church needs striders and welcomers for that day.

The harvest supper will be on Saturday 26 September in the church hall at 7.30pm. Food and drink will be supplied with entertainment to follow. The following day, Sunday 27, will be the harvest festival service at 6.00pm. Gifts of produce will be most welcome and can be left at the church that weekend. Let's hope for a good congregation.

When Hempton Church was built in 1851 it had two Gothic doorways on the north side of the aisle opening on to the schoolroom. Archive records show that in

later years the doors were removed and lost and the openings filled in. Plans to restore the doorways with folding doors in order to open up the church and hall on special occasions will be discussed at the AGM of the Friends of Hempton Church on 28 September at 7.30pm. I hope that as many members as possible will come to this landmark meeting.

Geraldine Lay of Middle Corner Cottage has been monitoring the alarming speed of traffic coming through the village. She needs support for her campaign and would like to hear from others who are as concerned as she is. Geraldine can be contacted on 337660 during the evening.

It has also been reported that cars are parking half on the pavements in St John's Way. This is particularly upsetting for people with small children in pushchairs and mobility users. Please park on the road. The Police Community Support Officers are monitoring the area.

Les Chappell 338054

Youth Club

In spite of being unsuccessful in finding volunteers to replace the retiring members of the administrative committee, the weekly meetings will start on Monday 14 September 2009, 7.00 – 9.00pm.

The club, with the attendance of between 40 to 50 members, is an important and worthwhile part of the community and for that reason the present team is prepared to continue for a limited period.

Help is urgently needed to ensure the continuation of the club.

Maureen Forsyth 338384

Windmill Community Centre

A reminder that the all-weather court at the Windmill is available for hire at £12 per hour plus £2.50 per hour for use of the floodlights. For the under-16s the cost is £6.00 per hour plus £2.50 per hour for the lights. To hire the court, contact the bookings secretary, Joyce Minnear on 338529.

Bloxham Museum is open every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday afternoons between Easter and the Saturday when the clocks go back in the autumn. Entry is 50p and accompanied children 10p.

Speeding Traffic in Hempton – an Appeal

It has often been heard of people living in Hempton that they feel privileged to reside in such a wonderful village and I am sure most would agree it is a very pretty place to live.

However, the speed, volume and weight of the traffic racing through the village is increasing and becoming extremely dangerous. As there are now many more children in the village it is imperative that traffic speed control action is taken before it is too late. With this in mind approaches were made to councillors of the County, District and Parish councils, and Thames Valley Police.

This resulted in a meeting on Friday 17 July with five councillors and eight residents of Hempton in attendance. At this meeting recent evidence gathered in Hempton with the use of a speed indication device was presented. This survey, carried out in one-hour slots over a period of three days, checked the speed of 500 vehicles travelling in both directions through Hempton. Data collected showed that 87% of traffic was driving in excess of the 30 mph limit with 23.5% at more than 40 mph.

A pack of historical information was put forward to the meeting by another resident, outlining these concerns dating back around 8–10 years and still waiting to be resolved!

Also raised was the issue of flooding on the road, especially outside the listed properties just before the crossroads. The drains here are inadequate to take away heavy rainwater and this results in the water building up deeply on the road. This flood water combined with traffic speed represents an additional serious hazard.

Councillor Rose (Cabinet Member for Transport Implementation) said that he would investigate why the drains were inadequate and an email was sent on 7 August asking for an update on this and if any measures were being put in place regarding the speed of the traffic. At the time of submitting this article we are still awaiting a response.

A copy of the minutes of the meeting is available if you are interested in becoming involved in making our village a safer place for everyone. As a village we are more likely to be heard – many voices are louder than one.

There will be a meeting in Hempton Church Hall on Tuesday 6 October at 7.30pm to determine how we move forward to ensure these problems are resolved and not ignored. All residents of Hempton are invited to attend. In the meantime, if you have any questions or require further information please contact Geraldine Lay by email at geraldine.lay@onetel.net or ring 337660 between 6.00 and 7.00pm.

Maria Jackson, Secretary HTAG



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Ivy Sykes 1920-2009

Ivy was born in Great Tew in 1920, the youngest of a family of 12 children. She came to Clifton on marrying Charles Sykes. Two children sadly died at birth. Ivy and Charles adopted Beryl and in due course moved to Hempton Road, Deddington. Here at No 11, the garden was Ivy's pride and joy and it kept her busy almost to the end of her life. Besides the garden, Ivy appreciated words, an appreciation shown in her enjoyment of crosswords and word searches and in her writing of verse. In later life she started model-making, putting in many hours on richly detailed village scenes; the *Banbury Guardian* celebrated her skill in an illustrated article. She also made a grand collection of frog knick-knacks. Ivy was a quiet person, a home-lover, ready with a good cup of tea for whoever might visit. Her kindness and generosity will be greatly missed.

FARMERS' MARKET

September will be the eighth anniversary of Deddington Farmers' Market and to celebrate we are having a visit from the National Farmers' Union 'Food and Farming Road Show'. This is designed to inform on why farming matters. The connection between farming and food on the plate is brought to life in a way designed to engage and inspire. Youngsters have the chance to milk Annabelle, the model dairy cow, and make the connection between raw ingredients and end products when they are shown barley and beer, wheat and bread.

There will of course also be the usual fantastic array of fresh produce. September probably has more fruit and veg in season than any other month, and the choice is amazing.

Edith Monaghan 1925-2009

Edith was born in Clifton in 1925, the youngest of four children of farm workers Mary and Alfred Sykes. Edith attended Clifton School and then at the age of 15 went to work as a downstairs maid in Oxford. In 1941 she met and married Thomas Monaghan, a Scotsman who was stationed at Barford St Michael Airforce Base. They were eventually to have nine children, most of whom were born following the move in 1947 from the family home in Clifton to the newly-built No 11 The Paddocks, Deddington where Edith was to live for more than 60 years.

Running her home and family was Edith's major task in life. She was a demon washer and cleaner and a good gardener; she was over-trusting of oven mark 9, and under-trusting of doctors. She loved her dog, Adam; she liked black and white movies, old war films, and Coronation Street. She had a naughty sense of humour. She was proud of her family's long presence in this area and, despite not getting out into the village much, she liked to know what was going on in Deddington. Her unremitting hard work on behalf of her family and her absolute commitment to them earned her the respect of many and will be gratefully remembered by those who benefited.

HW

By buying locally you save yourself food miles, and by buying from a farmers' market you know the food is all local too. I read somewhere that in the UK, of the average household's carbon footprint, one-third of it is due to food miles. So, shop at your market and save the planet as well as get great food!

Paul Drawmer 338450

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PTA

We hope everyone had a lovely summer break despite the weather. Coming up is our PTA AGM on Tuesday 22 September at 8.00pm in the school hall. It is so important that this meeting is well attended by parents and carers. Just to entice you along we are including a glass of wine in the proceedings!

During the last academic year we raised the staggering amount of £13,780 and we would like to thank everyone who contributed to this fantastic sum. Additional equipment has been added to the adventure playground, buddy benches are standing proud in the playground and a clavivova piano has been purchased, amongst other items. Once again, our children will benefit greatly from your wonderful generosity and will have much fun with all the new equipment. We are looking forward to another fun packed and successful fund-raising year and, as always, thank you for your continued support.

A note for your diaries - our firework display this year will be bigger and better than ever and will be held on Friday 6 November.

Janet Watts Chair
337135

Deddington Cricket Club

We have just held a very successful Ladies six-a-side tournament involving eight teams from Deddington, Banbury, Horley, Middleton Cheney and Charlbury. Deddington entered two teams and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The men's six-a-side follows on Sunday 30 August. We are confident this will be another successful day.

Our first and second XIs are currently sixth and fourth in their respective divisions.

The nets are proving to be a great facility, especially for the juniors.

In 2010 we shall be fielding two junior teams – under 11s and under 13s.

DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW

Saturday 5 September 2009 in Parish Church

Just a reminder that the Parish Show is on Saturday 5 September in the Parish Church. The Show is open to the public at 2.00pm and the presentations are at 4.00pm. The closing date for entries is Wednesday 2 September, so hurry if you still wish to enter.

Programmes can be found in the church or at the Flower Shop, so please come along and pick up your copy. If anybody needs any information – flyers or programmes – please call Wendy on 338082 or Joan on 338535.

Do come and support it, even if you are not exhibiting, by coming to see all the cookery, flowers, vegetables, fruit, arts, crafts and photos, and of course, all the exhibits from our creative children - and have a delicious tea!

Wendy Burrows

wendyburrows888@btinternet.com

Joan Wright, Assistant Secretary

joanwright@suffolkonline.net

PS - Baking cakes: At this year's Parish Show we have a Cake Stall and if anybody would like to provide a cake it would be much appreciated. The Church will be open from 9.00 - 10.30am on Saturday 5 September or, alternatively take them to The Homestead, Goose Green, on Wednesday 2 September in the afternoon. Very many thanks.

The club is certainly prospering and membership has almost doubled to approximately 80, including ladies and juniors.

If anyone is interested in joining the club – adults or juniors, male or female – please contact James Ransom 07515 333241 or me.

Derek Cheeseman

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12, 14, 16 Oct

19, 21, 22 Oct

26, 27 Oct

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From the Fire Station

We had a quiet month in July with only nine fire calls, one RTC, one false alarm, seven stand-bys to other stations and one call to assist the fire infestation team. Even so we have been very busy with various Station audits and one in particular by the Brigade Deputy Chief who congratulated us on the high standard of cleanliness, readiness and recording of all fire appliance equipment and the smart, professional appearance of the station. A big well done to all!



(Photo courtesy Christopher Hall)

We also held a road safety open day as part of the Oxfordshire's Fire and Rescue Service 365 Alive campaign (www.365alive.co.uk). Nearly 300 people attended, and with two RTC demonstrations it was a very busy day, but hopefully made us all realise the importance of driving safely.

There is also some good news on the recruiting front: we have two new recruits in the pipeline. We will also be welcoming Gary Barnett to the station who is moving from Oxford's Slade Fire Station. I am sure he will find life up here just as busy and challenging!

In August we received 17 calls, including two car fires, two lorry fires, a microwave fire, a false alarm, one road traffic collision involving two people, plus several calls to stand by and a call to a boy (eight years) stuck up a tree (a change from the proverbial cat).

Gary Barnett, our new crew manager, has now settled into his house in the Paddocks and we are very pleased to welcome him on board. Graham Harding attended a car fire (well alight) and wore breathing apparatus for the first time at an incident; well done to Graham.

Residents of Barford need to take note. Graham has taken up the Deputy Chief's challenge to make Barford St Michael the safest village in Oxfordshire. He will be knocking on every door in the village, to find out if residents have smoke alarms in good working order. So don't wait for the knock on the door, check yours now before the inquisition begins!

Anne Waters, Watch Manager 338281
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Aaron Bliss

We have a very interesting young writer in our village. Aaron Bliss was shortlisted in the 2009 Deddington Festival Writing Competition and although he didn't win his category he has taken his writing ambitions one step further in accepting an offer from Lincoln University to study for a Master's Degree in Creative Writing.

Aaron regularly writes football reports in DN and here, in his own words, is his take on his story so far.

Eileen Anderson

Aaron Bliss lived the life of a simple country bumpkin until the day his dog bit a miserly old woman and his house fell on a witch. This was the sign he was looking for to break out and make a change, so he is to set off to Lincoln University in search of the elements he lacks: courage, a heart and a brain.

He is the faceless figure in a forgotten dream; the penultimate line in an anecdote; a timid little frog floating aimlessly in a stream of uncertainty, unsure whether to make the big hop across to the bank, drift along and catch flies, or just plunge into the icy depths.

You may know Aaron from his current social

experiment role as a store worker at the local Co-operative store. This occupation allows him to study the behavioural habits of a cross-section of the parish populace, amassing a wealth of knowledge about local customs and western human dynamics. He is also sometimes spotted perambulating cemeteries or sleeping in trees.

His recent accomplishments include a joint venture with close friend and sporting associate Tim Spencer. Their 'three-year plan' for the Deddington Town Reserve team came to fruition in May of this year, with the squad claiming a league title to embellish their previous cup triumph.

Our subject will be studying for an intensive Master's degree in Creative Writing. Despite his thorough lack of intellect, he hopes being in Rome will allow him to do as the Romans do, leading to a more rewarding career in publishing, screenwriting or writing for women's magazines. The genres he will most likely wish to practise include screenwriting, journalism and children's fiction, being something of a perpetual child himself.

Deddington Writing Competition 2009

It might seem a long time ago that the Deddington Writing Competition winners were announced but since then the winning entries have been put on display in Deddington Library and may also be read online at www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk. The winners were: Open Competition Poem: David Olsen of Oxford, Story: Emma Melville of Nuneaton. Junior Competition (age 16 and under) Poem: Alice Ballard of Frilford Heath, Story: Maria Chetsky of Oxford. Junior Competition (age 11 and under) Poem: Alice Orpin of Kingham, Story: Hermione Cook of Cropredy.

Hugh Marshall 337761

From Donald William Welford's Family History

Edward and Mary Welford lived in Marsh Gibbon, near Bicester where one of their sons, William (Donald's great-great grandfather) married Susanna Wills in 1822. He then made the probably difficult decision to leave the village of his ancestors and with his young wife settled in Clifton where they began their family. Their six children were all baptised in Deddington parish church, amongst them another William born in 1838. An energetic man, he was destined to break away from the shoe-making tradition of his father because, in the fast-moving economic changes of 19th century England, he could see possibilities opening in the world of coal trading.

The Great Western Railway line from Oxford to Banbury was opened on 2 September 1845, making it possible in young William's day to make available coal from the mines in Warwickshire to people in the Cherwell valley. William began his one-man business by arranging supplies of coal to be delivered to the wharf or station at Aynho. He must have saved up

to buy a horse and cart, coal sacks, shovels and a machine to weigh out the coal and sell it by any amount from half-hundredweight up to ten tons or more. William's small business prospered. As the years passed the Canal Company built a wharf between Clifton and Aynho with a small house and stables in which William probably kept his horse. As the market for coal increased he bought more horses. The barges transporting merchandise on the canal were all pulled by horses and they had to be fed! (Donald could remember seeing barge horses being taken to Aynho stables as late as the 1930s.) William realised that if he could purchase hay at a reasonable price from local farmers and store it in the barn beside the wharf he could sell it at a comfortable profit to the owners of barge horses. No sooner thought of than done! By 1865 William Welford's coal and forage business was considered important enough to be mentioned in *Kelly's Directory*, published annually, containing the names of all the people who had a business or a farm in the area. William, just 27 years of age, seems to have made his mark and was on his way to prosperity!

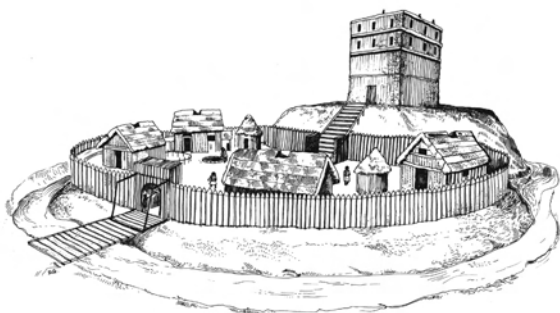
No doubt his wife Anne Shirley with whom he raised a family of four provided the very settled home required for his restless business exploits. Religion too gave him the calm strong belief he needed to launch his many entrepreneurial ventures. William did not feel comfortable with the way the established Church was being run. He became a devout non-conformist and put a great deal of time and effort into building the Wesleyan Methodist chapel in Clifton. His diaries show that he would often leave Aynho station in the early evening, go to Central Hall, Westminster for a Methodist meeting and return the same night to Clifton. No small undertaking, but typical of the man whose enthusiasm in anything he touched was total.

Ruth Johnson 338355

BEFORE ODO

Immediately after the Norman Conquest, Bishop Odo of Bayeux was given Deddington as the headquarters for his extensive new estates in England.

He constructed a castle on the site of a pre-existing fortified enclosure, probably of Iron Age date, ie any time before the Romanisation of southern Britain. On a low mound stood a wooden tower; the inner bailey was surrounded by a moat. Such castles were common in late 11th century England. Bishop Odo's



(Drawing attributed to Edith Gollnast)

castle in Deddington would have looked similar to this but, being able to rely on the existing massive enclosures for defence, the mound of the Bishop's castle would not have been as high as those of other castles in the county.

In the 12th century, a stone tower replaced the wooden one and a stone gatehouse was built by the de Chesney family. Within the castle bailey, a hall and chapel were built; by the 14th century, the castle had fallen into disrepair and, in 1377, 'the canons of Bicester were buying dressed stonework from the castle walls'.

What we see today is an imposing embankment (which taxes the imagination to think how it was built without earth-moving equipment) and a deep ditch on three sides, enclosing an area (the outer bailey) of some 3.4 ha (8.5 acres), and an inner bailey (0.04 ha, about 1 acre) plus the towering motte, no longer fortified. The ramparts are impressive. But what archaeologists find surprising, and possibly unique to this fort site, is the great size of the outer bailey where in Victorian times a pavilion was erected and the outer bailey was given to pleasure not, as in Odo's time, the gathering of knights and their mounts for war.

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See also Richard Ivens' more comprehensive piece on DOL:

<http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/deddingtoncastle>

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the months of August and September 1859:

9th August - Our 2nd Archery meeting took place in the Castle Ground – this was an attempt to form a Society for this immediate neighbourhood in unison with the Edge Hill Club.

23rd August - I called at Sammans and bought second hand Pall for the use of the Parish poor - cost £3 - it was of velvet, the old one was of inferior black cloth, it had lasted more than 20 years.

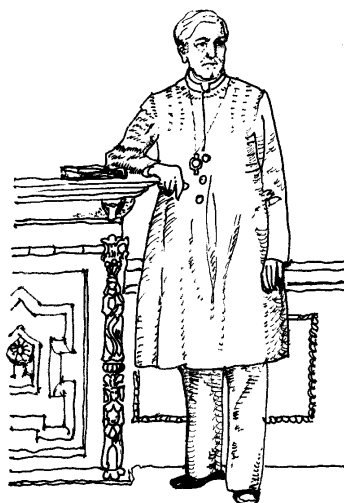
25th August - A revival of Oxford Races commenced today on Port Meadow.

2nd September - I and Holford attended a Justices' meeting at the Kings Arms – being his first appearance there as a Magistrate. It was the annual Licensing Day.

12th September - Egerton came to sound me as to an advance of money towards purchasing St. Andrew's School Buildings at Bloxham – to be sold at Auction – for a special object viz. starting a mixed School there. Told him I had no ready money and advised him to have nothing to do with it – he being about to ask his Father to advance the purchase money on speculation.

14th September

- We dined at the Vicarage for the last time, I lament to write, during Mr. Burgess's continuance here. Mr. Burgess preached a most appropriate and beautiful sermon this evening, collection amounted to nearly £11 at the two services. The Vicar absent from both.



19th September - John started by the last train to leave for India, may God preserve, bless, keep and restore our dear boy John to us in due time.

23rd September - Heard a case of Orchard robbing against two young lads, tramps, one from Twyford, Bucks, the other from Ludlow in Shropshire, offence committed here at Thomas Austin's. They pleaded guilty and I sent them to House of Correction for 21 days with hard labour.

27th September - I attended a meeting at the old Infant School about the Burgess Testimonial, it was agreed to give him a silver salver. We had collected £35.19.11d, number of subscribers 284.

Buffy Heywood
338212

1st Deddington Guides

A very busy summer term – we were outside for all but two meetings with excellent weather each time.

We hiked from Adderbury round to Bodicote and back – lovely views! Backwoodsman cooking was ever popular. We tried foil parcels with sausages, bacon, burger, chops and veggies and one guide cooked a trout that her Dad had caught that morning! We also tried dampers, baking eggs in oranges and nettle tea. All lovely!

Cooking skills were put to the test for Ready, Steady, Cook on open fires – well done girls, tasty results! The chocolate fondue was a winner.

We enjoyed a campfire singsong with Guides, Brownies and Rainbows from our district – a perfect evening with a picnic beforehand for 120 of us. Another large gathering followed – 45 Guides and Brownies at a sausage sizzle.

At Horley scout campsite we had a lot of fun building shelters and on the incident hike fished in the brook at Barford, went bug hunting, took part in an obstacle race and enjoyed lemonade and crisps in the George.

We are preparing for camp at Shutford and have stream walking to look forward to.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Fuller, Mr and Mrs Broadbent, Mr and Mrs Bouverie, Mr and Mrs Bond and Mr and Mrs Winter for their help and support.

Congratulations to Marian Trinder, Guide Leader and Hazel Neal, Rainbow Leader for gaining their leadership qualification.

Maggie Rampley 01295 810069

Marian Trinder 01869 340806

Deddington Town Football Club

The rapture is now a forgotten echo. The battlefields are empty; the bugles are silenced; the cannons lie dormant. After the players enjoyed a period of debauched indulgence Caligula would have blushed at, this long, wet summer has seen huge changes at Deddington Town Football Club. The detritus of success is of course expectation. A clean slate will temper this expectation as it were, with the majority of the Reserve squad grazing at the greener First Team grass, moving on to pastures new or just being put out to pasture.

We begin the virgin season amalgamated with Deddington Colts, welcoming their input and hoping to fuse our common passion for the beautiful game. As well as the player pool, all three managers have abdicated, leaving former Reserve stalwart Matthew Garstin to take the reins of the First Team, whilst the Reserve management is being confirmed as I scribe. Preparations have begun in earnest, with the squad registering impressive victories over Fritwell and Bloxham.

So it is a fond farewell to arms from me, although I shall continue corresponding from afar, whilst everybody connected with the club offers their thanks and respect to Timmy Spencer and Steven Flemming for their sterling service these past three and two

seasons respectively as managers, now enjoying the carefree thrills of simply playing again. Anybody interested in becoming an integral component in the new machine must be over 16 years old; training takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6.00pm at the Windmill Centre. DTFC: be the best.

Aaron Bliss 07909 642882

Monday Morning Club

The Holly Tree is a small charity founded for the retired and disabled of the village, and the Monday Morning Club is the organisation responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the hall behind the stone wall at the traffic lights.

Our film evenings, as announced in the diary, are provided as a service to the elderly by Cherwell District Council.

You don't have to be a member of the club to come to a film, but there will be a small charge, not for the film, but to cover the costs of heating, maintenance, coffee and biscuits.

J M Flux 338153

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

Over the summer break the DOGS have been busy with two major summer events. The first was our annual weekend away at Wokefield Park at the end of July. We packed up and departed from Deddington to play golf on Sunday afternoon. This was followed by a lovely four course meal in a private room, which included a fund-raising raffle in aid of Katharine House which this year raised an amazing £405! This year we dedicated this to the memory of Peter Milner who tragically left us in May. We stayed overnight in the de Vere hotel's sumptuous luxury, rising for breakfast (no hangovers?), and yes, another round of golf. On the Monday the weather behaved long enough for our golf to be completed. As the dust settled following two rounds of golf our overall champion was Barbara Lowe. Our first ever lady winner and may there be more! A full report is on Deddington OnLine (DOL).

The second was on Friday 14 August when the DOGS invaded the sleepy village of Kirtlington for an afternoon's golf followed later in the evening by a social gathering and BBQ. The day was fantastic with fine weather, good golf and endless ale, with an evening barbecue to look forward to with much anticipation.

Sue and Mike O'Brien opened their lovely home to 50 odd DOGS and friends for what turned out to be the most fabulous evening that included large amounts of food, exotic salads and, of course, (more!) ale, wine, etc. The prize-giving was a highlight of the evening with one of our new DOGS members, Jamie Russell, walking away with the top prize. Full details can be found on DOL. Our final event of 2009 is our autumn day at Kenilworth Golf Club on 16 October 2009. Details to follow.

David Darst 338589

Photographic Society

At the July meeting, Nik Proctor of Permajet gave a presentation on 'Colour Management.' Stressing the importance of matching colour rendition between the camera and computer monitor, Nik gave a practical demonstration on achieving this using a sensor attached temporarily to the monitor screen with step-by-step software instructions. Nik also reviewed ways of similarly calibrating inkjet printers to produce the same colour rendition, and then looked at the use of different textures in photographic paper to enhance the photographic image. The presentation concluded with a discussion on the cost of printer ink and how this could be reduced significantly through investment in eco-flow ink systems. An enlightening presentation of a technical subject, delivered in a simple and entertaining manner.

Last month, one of our members, Bob Bell, gave a digital presentation to the Society entitled 'From Light to Life to Photography'. A personal odyssey, Bob gave a light-hearted and amusing talk on how fundamental light and colour is to all life on earth, covering the development of vision, the history of optics, and the race to discover better means of preserving and improving images. The presentation contained many personal anecdotes and photographs, and included references to photography's roots in painting, the sciences and technologies, together with many of the personalities involved in its advancement. An interesting and entertaining look at photography viewed from a completely different perspective, which was very well received by his audience.

John Branton 01295 811071

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After welcoming members to the meeting on 14 August held in St John's Church Schoolroom, Hempton, President Beryl Suckling continued with the business part of the meeting. Moira Byast then took over to give a well-illustrated talk on the history of Hempton. Moira took several members for a short walk around the village to illustrate her talk further. Refreshments were taken on their return and it made for a pleasant evening.

On 8 September our speaker is Gillian Cane on 'My Royal Weekend'.

Rene Mahony 338438

Deddington Badminton Club

Our season starts on Tuesday 8 September at 7.30pm and Juniors start on the same date at 6.30pm. The club now has two Level 1 coaches, so even if you are just starting or coming back to badminton as a senior player coaching is now available. For those who are new to the area Deddington has one women's, three men's and two mixed teams who play in the Banbury league. We need players to support this number of teams so why not find your racquet and give it a go! If you need more information please email dbc@btbl.org.uk or call me.

Mark Tyler 338056

Deddington Tennis Club

The court resurfacing was dogged by bad weather but is now complete – they are great to play on and help to keep Deddington sports facilities looking up to scratch. Club members wish to thank Cherwell District Council for their financial help towards the cost.

Our five match captains have been working hard to reorganise the Oxfordshire League matches cancelled due to court resurfacing and the rain. Despite this, club members have enjoyed playing around the county.

The July fun tournament was a great success, with a healthy turnout of players of all standards and a lovely evening barbecue at our social secretary's house; roll on the next one.

The annual summer camp organised by Cherwell District Council and coached by Steve Ashby took place from 3 - 6 August as planned. Due to its popularity Wayne Ellis, our second coach, organised a further camp for two age groups running from Monday to Thursday 17 - 20 August.

**Sue Watts, Committee Member
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Deddington and District History Society

The exhibition of 16th to 18th century Deddington wills and inventories that we set up in the parish church as part of the Deddington Festival in June created a lot of interest. Thanks are due especially to Moira Byast, who undertook much of the preparation.

Our new season of talks starts on Wednesday 9 September when Adrian Thornton will speak on 'National Parks – Not Ours, but Ours to Look After'. Adrian represents the Campaign for National Parks, which is the national charity that works to protect and promote national parks for the benefit and quiet enjoyment of all. The second meeting, on Wednesday 14 October, will feature a talk by Andy Norton on 'The Archaeology of Oxford Castle'.

The programme for the 2009 - 10 season has been printed and will be distributed to members. Copies can also be picked up at Deddington Library. I must repeat my earlier apology that the card contains a rather embarrassing typo: it is mistakenly headed 2008 – 2009 season instead of 2009 – 2010.

We hold our meetings at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month from September to June. We very much look forward to welcoming old friends and new.

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DESIGNERS NEEDED

Deddington News is inviting parish residents, particularly from Clifton and Hempton, to submit designs for the Christmas cover 2009 and the annual cover for 2010. Details of the spec can be supplied by the editors Jill Cheeseman on 338609, Mary Robinson on 338272, or editors@deddingtonnews.co.uk.