



It will be very sad to see the chestnut tree by the Village Shop go because it is diseased. A new tree has been promised quickly, probably not a chestnut prone to disease. One suggestion is that the War Memorial could be moved from the churchyard to take its place. A majority of one among the 505 Parish Plan respondents was against such a move. The present location was chosen by the families of the Fallen.

- Would its style suit its new surroundings ?
- How would the symmetry of the Market Place be affected ?
- Who should pay for such a move ?

At the April Parish Council meeting a compromise suggestion was put forward: to install, under a new tree on this green, a boulder of Hornton Stone with a piece of slate engraved with a map showing the location of the War Memorial and the legend:

*When you return home
Think of us and say
For all your tomorrows
We gave our today.*

This would be a focus for the annual Garden of Poppies, and for taking the salute at the Remembrance Day parade.

- Does this solution command sufficient local support to be paid for by public subscription ?

The Annual Parish Meeting in the Windmill Centre on Tuesday 15 May at 7.30 pm provides an opportunity to air views ... as well as on other topics equally, if not more, important ?

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Diary for May and June and Weekly Meetings overleaf.

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May Diary

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| Wed | 2 | History Society: extra visit to the OUP archives, 6.30 pm > p.15 |
| Wed | 2 | DOGS: event at Ellesborough. |
| Wed | 2 | Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm. |
| Thu | 3 | Badminton Club AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm > p.15 |
| Thu | 3 | 1st Deddington Scouts AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm > p.15 |
| Sun | 6 | Tennis Club: Open Day, 2-5 pm > p.15 |
| Tue | 8 | WI: Resolutions, followed by <i>Cooking in Paris</i> , Gill Cozens, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm > p.14 |
| Wed | 9 | History Society: Chris Galloway on Ditchley Park, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm > p.15 |
| Fri | 11 | African Children's Choir: Parish Church, 7.30 pm > p.13 |
| Sat | 12 | Warriner Choir: <i>Beethoven Mass in C</i> , Parish Church, 7.30 pm > p.10 |
| Mon | 14 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, 10.30 am-noon. |
| Tue | 15 | Parish Annual Meeting: Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm |
| Wed | 16 | Parish Council Meeting: Town Hall, 7.45 pm |
| Wed | 16 | Tennis Club: Open Evening (adults only) from 6pm. |
| Sat | 19 | Deddington Beeches Bowls Club: Cake & Plant Stall, Town Hall, 8.30 am |
| Sun | 20 | Third Annual Deddington Walk: Windmill Centre, 9.30 am > p.4 |
| Tue | 22 | Monday Morning Club: film evening, Holly Tree, 6.30 pm |
| Wed | 23 | Monday Morning Club: visit to Chiltern Valley Winery. Bus leaves Town Hall, 10am. |
| Thu | 24 | DOGS: annual match versus DOGs (Dorchester-on-Thames) |
| Thu | 24 | Windmill Centre: AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. |
| Thu | 24 | Book Club > p.15 |
| Sat | 26 | Deddington Farmers' Market: 9 am – 12.30 pm |

June Diary

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| Sat | 2 | WI: cake and plant stall, Market Place. | |
| Mon | 4 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am | |
| Thu | 7 | Monday Morning Club: film evening, Holly Tree, 6.30 pm. | |
| Tue | 12 | WI: Visit to Tilehouse nursery and garden, Finmere, 7-7.15 for 7.30 pm | |
| Thu | 14 | Friends of Deddington Festival: Reception, Parish Church, 6.30 – 8 pm > p.12 | |
| Sat | 16 | Deddington School: Fête, 2 pm P.4 | |
| Mon | 18 | Windmill Thursday Club: AGM, Windmill Centre, 6.30 pm | |
| Wed | 20 | Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall. 7.45 pm | |
| Fri | 22 | Festival Craft Exhibition, Living Room, Parish Church, 10 am-4 pm. | |
| Fri | 22 | Deddington Guided Walk: Town Hall, 7.00 pm | |
| Sat | 23 | Deddington Farmers' Market: 9am-12.30 pm. | |
| Sat | 23 | Festival Art Exhibition, Holly Tree, 10 am-4 pm. | |
| Sat | 23 | Festival Craft Exhibition, The Living Room, Parish Church, 10 am-4 pm. | |
| Sat | 23 | Deddington Rocks, Windmill Centre, 6.30 pm. | |
| Sun | 24 | Festival Songs of Praise, Parish Church, 10.30 am. | |
| Sun | 24 | Festival Craft Exhibition, The Living Room, Parish Church, 10 am-4 pm. | |
| Sun | 24 | Festival Art Exhibition, Holly Tree, 10 am-4 pm. | |
| Sun | 24 | Deddington Guided Walk: Town Hall, 2.00 pm | |
| Sun | 24 | Jazz in The Crown & Tuns with the Tim Dawes Band, 8.30 pm | |
| Thu | 28 | <i>Poetry Please</i> , Unicorn Upper Room, 7 for 7.15 pm. | ***** |
| Thu | 28 | Trad Jazz with 'Bedazzled', Unicorn Garden, 9pm-11pm. | * Copies * |
| Fri | 29 | Children's Choir, Lunch Time, The Parish Church, 1.30pm. | * of the DN * |
| Fri | 29 | Celebration of Youth, Windmill Centre, 7.00 pm. | * area available at * |
| Fri | 29 | Deddington Guided Walk: Town Hall, 7.00 pm | * THE FLOWER SHOP * |
| Sat | 30 | Festival Art Exhibition, Holly Tree, 10 am-4 pm. | * with a * |
| Sat | 30 | Art Workshop: children, Town Hall, 10.00am | * Box for donations * |
| Sat | 30 | Art Workshop: adults, venue tbc, 2.00 pm | ***** |
| Sat | 30 | Festival Choral Concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm. | |

Weekly Meetings

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| Mon: | Brownies: Windmill Centre, 6-7.30pm | Wed: | Boys' Brigade Company: Parish Church, 7pm |
| Mon: | Youth Club: Windmill Centre, 7-9pm | Thu: | Life & Portrait Art Group: Town Hall, 10-4pm |
| Mon: | Bellringing Practice: Parish Church, 7.30-9pm | Thu: | 1st Deddington Cubs: Windmill, 6-7.30pm |
| Tues: | Craft Group: Holly Tree, 2.15-4.30pm | Thu: | 1st Deddington Scouts: Windmill, 7.30-9pm |
| Tues: | Deddington Guides: Windmill Centre, 7-9pm | Fri: | Babies & Toddlers Group: Windmill, 9.30-11am |
| Every other Wed: | Friendship Club: Windmill, 2.30pm | Fri: | Katharine House Coffee Morning: Parish Church, 10-12 |
| Wed: | Boys Brigade Anchor Boys: Windmill Centre, 5pm | Fri: | Friendly Bridge Club: Holly Tree, 2-5pm |
| Wed: | Boys Brigade Juniors: Windmill Centre, 5.45pm | Sat: | 'DYG': Parish Church, 6.45-8 pm. |
| Wed: | Tennis Club: 6.15pm till dark | | |

Meeting in Town Hall, 18 April 2007

Present: Cllrs Squires (Chair), Alton, Anderson, Collins, Flux, Privett, Rollason, Rudge, Spencer, Todd, Watts, Westbury, D/Clr O'Sullivan, the Clerk, the Steward and 4 members of the public.

Birds of Deddington Parish - Walter Meagher introduced his new publication: the fruit of the observations of 27 village birdwatchers. The Oxford Ornithological Society is submitting the data to the Thames Valley Environmental Record Centre (TVERC) at Woodstock, where it will be available for inspection on the web. Copies @ £1.65 on sale at Farmers' Market. PC complimented Walter and thanked him for his advice on all matters environmental.

Green Matters - experience without street lighting in the small hours elsewhere to be sought; chase progress on 20 mph speed limit in villages.

Traffic Calming - data received from OCC speed surveys from southern A4260 approach and western entrance to Hempton. Concern at speeding vehicles in Earls Lane in morning rush hours.

Vehicle Activated Speed [VAS] signs - OCC tests, showing that 40% of peak time traffic exceeds 35 mph at entrance to Hempton from west and to Deddington from south, justify installation. Agreed in principle; firm quotes @ c.£2.5k need PC's final approval. Results of test along western approach to Deddington disputed.

Market Place Bus Shelter - 'Newstead' design from Littlethorpe of Leicester Ltd recommended; price to PC and grant available to be confirmed - including rack for cycles.

Car Parking - photographic evidence in Clifton being assembled for initial discussion with offenders. 'Pavements are for People' leaflet available from CDC.

War Memorial - signposts to present site not suitable; stone slab with slate inscription and map proposed on green outside Co-op; cost might need to be met by public subscription.

Village Clean-Up - Focus on Saturday 9 June; School involved in poster competition. Work begins from Monday 4 June in some areas.

Parish Plan - Working group meeting on 23 April to finalise report before publication and discussion at Parish Meeting on Tuesday 15 May.

PC Newsheet - draft for insertion in DN discussed and amended; frequency to depend on response to this edition.

Windmill Centre - Children's play area: surface restored after broken glass, using bark chippings costing £500;

- All-weather court: limited supervised opening hours might be arranged.

Teen Scene Area - Final quotes awaited. Planning permission needed?

Castle Grounds - Colts wish to re-instate two pitches for Under-10 teams; PC in favour, but issues of traffic, car-parking, emergency access and extra cost of grass-cutting to be explored first.

Oxon Rural Children's Centre Project - parents and carers of under-5s invited to meeting at Deddington School at 3.45 pm on 3 May - with inspection of playbus in which crèche will be available.

Planning

PC No Objection: (1) Emohruo, St Thomas Street, Deddington: fell 2 conifer trees. (2) Ashley House, Chapel Close, Clifton: replace double garage with room above and rebuilding of boundary wall. (3) Crouch View, Hempton Road, Deddington: 2 storey extensions to front, side and rear, and double garage; rebuild rear conservatory. (4) Leadenporch Farm, Clifton Road, Deddington: change of use of agricultural land and construction of an outdoor manège [for exercising horses], solely for use of farm occupants, with no commercial use or associated activity; preserve public footpath. (5) 14 High Street, Deddington: change of use to ground floor from office to residential.

PC Objection: (6) 5 The Paddocks, Deddington: 2 storey rear extension, raising roof over existing utility/store area, new vehicular front access; overbearing nature of development with adverse impact on neighbouring properties and on character and appearance of surroundings.

CDC Approvals: (7) Castle Dene, Castle Street, Deddington: convert existing barn to games room and nursery and re-roof with natural slate. (8) Top Thatch, Hempton: matching window replacements, and stonework repairs. (9) Glencree, Philcote Street, Deddington: fell 1 Leylandii, prune 2 other trees. (10) 8 Gaveston Gardens, Deddington: 1st floor extension over existing garage.

CDC Refusal: (11) 65 St. Johns Way, Hempton: 1st floor side extension: scale detrimental to amenities of neighbouring property.

Application withdrawn: End Cottage, The Stile, Deddington: convert storage to 1 bedroom flat over new garage.

Shorts

- Grasscutters have spared flowering primroses, but not daffodils after flowering.
- Car deliberately damaged by footballing youth - not reported by driver as it was "company car"!
- No Smoking signs to be placed in Town Hall.
- Cherwell Villager bus serving Deddington on Saturdays to be discontinued wef 1 July.

PARISH FINANCES

- Invoices passed for payment totalled £4,279.85, including £1743.33 employee costs, £686.79 all-weather court maintenance, £600 6-month rent for Town Hall.
- Investments totalled £560,311.43, of which £24,601.67 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account - add £10k to £335,709.76 West Bromwich @ 5.10% overnight; £200,000 Birmingham Midshires 2-year bond @ 5.13%.
- Community Support Officers - discussion deferred to next meeting of Finance Group.

DATES FOR DIARIES : Parish Annual Meeting, Windmill Centre - Tuesday 15 May 7.30 pm - free drinks - to present new Parish Plan.

Annual Parish Litter Pick - Saturday 9 June - 10 am from Town Hall & Hempton - refreshments and swimming pool to follow.

NEXT MEETING**Town Hall**

Wednesday 16 May - 7.45 pm

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

www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes



What a busy term we had! Our *Joseph* production took up a lot of energy, but we were very proud of the children when it came to the final performances. Every single child who took part gave of their best and the final presentation was fantastic. A huge thank you must go to all the staff, parents and members of the local community who made this happen - we could not have done it without them. Thanks also to the PTA for putting on the refreshments, it all added to make a wonderful evening. The collection at the end of the performances is going towards our staging fund. The church have been great in providing their blocks for us to borrow but these have now come to the end of their days. We have seen what we would like to buy, so we know we have a target of £3,000. Hopefully the collection has given us a really good start.

The children have been busy with trips. Year 5 have been to the Space Centre in Leicester and had a wonderful time. This was a sponsored trip thanks to a local business. Year 6 will be off on their annual trip to North Devon the first week in May. We hope for really lovely weather so they can make the most of that beautiful coastline.

PFSU

We are holding an Open Morning on Wednesday 23 May between 9:30 and 11:00 am for prospective parents wishing to find out more about the PFSU and to discuss available sessions. Please drop by if you are considering your childcare options.

This term our older children will be put into groups to conduct more structured activities to prepare them for 'big school' in September. Among other things this will involve taking turns when playing games and practising name writing. This is a very important stage, the staff work closely with the children to further their skills and to build confidence.

We have had a very good response for seed donations for our allotment area. We would be delighted to receive any donations of shrubs, pots or soil for our garden please contact Lucy on 337484 if you can help.

Emma Thompson

VILLAGE NURSERY

Our 'Easter Eggstravaganza' which was held on 30 March was an eggstremely eggciting way to start the Easter holidays. Many thanks to Sue Brown for all her hard work in organising this and to the mums who baked for our cake stall.

We are holding an Open Morning on Thursday 24 May between 9:30 and 11:00am for prospective parents wishing to find out more about the Nursery and to discuss available sessions. Please drop by if you are considering your childcare options.

Please contact Anna if you require any further information on 337383.

Emma Thompson

We said a sad farewell to Mrs Churchill, our crossing patrol person, after 27 years of loyal service and we will miss her very much. We would love to replace her as soon as possible but have not had any interest. If you think you could fill these important shoes please contact the school so we can put you in touch with the Road Safety team. Our thanks also to Kim Davidson who left us last term for pastures new. She gave a lot of support to our Key Stage 2 children and I am sure Year 6 will miss her very much.

Judith Tinsley 338430

[What a lovely idea that Pam gave each child a lollipop at a farewell Assembly! Ed]



PTA

Half of April was taken up with the school Easter break but the PTA wheels are still grinding along in preparation for our next big event – The 3rd Annual Deddington Walk to be held on Sunday 20 May. We have a new route this year with new surprises along the way.... Once again we will be starting from the Windmill Centre where sizzling hot bacon butties will await your arrival. Upon completion of the Walk there will be more food, a bar and entertainment laid on for your enjoyment back at the Windmill Centre. Please remember to book early to secure a free food voucher! And, guess what? This year the weather will be kind to us and we will have lovely warm sunshine!! Entry forms are available from the Library or from Heather on 338750.

Take a look at our updated website – www.deddingtonwalk.co.uk. As usual, there will be 3 levels of walk – a toddler trail, a family walk or a challenging 12 mile hike – so there is something for all ages! Come along and join in the fun!

Congratulations to Sophie Taylor in Year 2 who won our Chocolate Quiz at the end of last term. For those who didn't get around to completing it there will be another similar quiz coming along this term but based around numbers rather than chocolate.

Finally, another reminder for our school fete which will be held on Saturday 16 June. It is shaping up to be a bigger and better event than usual with some rather unusual "guests".

Janet Watts & Stella O'Neill Joint Chair



What a wonderful surprise the Deddington Primary School production of *Joseph* was! The rehearsals had only been going on for a few weeks and I understand the whole cast had very limited opportunity to practice together as a whole.

The performance was a revelation! I had gone along expecting a few songs from the musical and was amazed at what a professional production the company had achieved. All of the age groups at the school participated and each of them played important roles that were needed to make the production the success that it was. From the very young ones dancing and processing in the aisles of the church to the older years participating in the choir and in the main roles, all of the children were valuable to the entire performance.

It is always wonderful to see the church packed with children and parents and to have this happen

on two consecutive nights was testimony to the support the parents and community give to our children.

It was obvious that an enormous amount of hard work had gone into this production. The dedication and love of Judith Tinsley and her whole staff was once again evident and reminded us of how blessed we are to have them at our school. The support of the parents and family members was also evident and their love and dedication played a major part in the performances going so smoothly. A debt of gratitude is also owed to Alicia Rumsby and Bladon Methodist Church for the technical expertise and loan of equipment.

Hopefully this will be the first of many such performances, but in *Joseph* the school has set the benchmark very high. Bravo everyone!

Valerie Dane

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PARISH CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL

www.deddingtonchurch.org

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| Tues 1 | 6.30 pm | St Philip & St James Eucharist |
| Wed 2 | 10.00 am | Eucharist |
| Thur 3 | 2.00 pm | Squeals and Wheels |
| Sun 6 | 10.30 am | All Age Morning Praise |
| | 6.30 pm | Evensong |
| Wed 9 | 10.00 am | Eucharist |
| Sun 13 | 10.30 am | ROGATION SUNDAY Eucharist |
| | 3.00 pm | BB Battalion Service |
| | | See below for Deanery Rogationtide Celebration. |
| Mon 14 | 6.30 pm | St Matthias Eucharist |
| Wed 16 | 10.00 am | Eucharist |
| Thur 17 | 2.00 pm | Squeals and Wheels |
| | 7.30 pm | ASCENSION Eucharist @ Hempton |
| Sun 20 | 10.30 am | 'Christian Aid' Sung Eucharist (with healing prayer) |
| Wed 23 | 10.00 am | Eucharist |
| Sun 27 | 8.00 am | PENTECOST Holy Communion (BCP) |
| | 10.30 am | Eucharist |
| Wed 30 | 10.00 am | Eucharist |
| Thur 31 | 6.30 pm | 'Visitation of the BVM' Eucharist |

ST JOHN HEMPTON

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| Suns 6&20 | 9.00 am | Eucharist |
| Thur 17 | 7.30 pm | ASCENSION Eucharist |
| Sun 27 | 6.00 pm | Evensong |

From the Parish Registers :

Baptism - April 15 Gabriella Lucia Wilton
 Funeral - April 11 Beryl Fisher

Bible Study Groups:

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

Charity of the Month - May: Help the Aged - please use the special envelope to put donations [if a taxpayer, in a pink GiftAid envelope] into the Parish Church chest.

WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday Mornings at 10.30 am: Pastor Walton

Bible Study/Fellowship every Wednesday at 7.30 pm

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

Sunday morning services 10.30 am united with Wesleyan Chapel

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

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY

The Revd A J Burns 277396

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

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

Thursday 17 May is the feast of The Ascension and a Holiday of Obligation. The Vigil Mass of the feast will be said at Adderbury at the usual time of 7.00 pm on the Wednesday and Mass will be said at Hethe on Thursday at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

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

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).



DEANERY ROGATIONTIDE CELEBRATION

2.30 p.m. Rogation celebration at Barford St John
 - Prayer followed by procession to bless crops and animals
 3.30 p.m. Picnic in Barford St John village
 4.15 p.m. Walk from Barford St John to Barford St Michael
 5.00 p.m. Eucharist in The Manor Barns



**FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG
FROM BARBARA RITCHIE, THE STILE,
DEDDINGTON**

Re: the 'Grumpy Old Woman's' plea for a silent-ish Fun Fair. Why not hold it on/in the Castle Grounds? Bishop Odo of Bayeux and Deddington is long past being disturbed by the noise.

**E-MAIL FROM MARTIN INCE,
(MARTINI), DEDDINGTON**

The BABE Rally is an annual USA motoring event in which 50 teams each buy a car for up to \$250 (well under £150) and then try to drive it 1,500 miles in

four days from New York to New Orleans – hence the name: Big Apple to Big Easy, for BABE. This May a friend and I will enter for the first time. We're planning on buying a Yank tank, acres of metal and rust, a decent set of brakes and an engine that might get us to the Big Easy. We'll cut the roof off, paint it like a huge Union Jack and play on the Brits Abroad theme. The friend I'm going with is Gausie. He's a regular goodfella and we've done some silly things together but never anything as spectacularly daft as this. We have some motoring contacts en route who have offered help with garage facilities, etc. We're raising money for **Save the Children**.

Can you help by sponsoring us, please? A penny a mile works out at £15 for the trip. Any more would be welcome. Our team name is *Queen and Country* and you can sponsor us online at: www.justgiving.com/QueenandCountry
Thanks in anticipation.

WELL REMEMBERED

Beryl Fisher was born in 1946 and adopted as their only child by Charlie and Ivy Sykes. The family lived first at Clifton and when Beryl was seven or eight moved to Deddington. After the Windmill School Beryl worked first at Woolworth's in Banbury on the sweet counter, where it was reckoned that she ate more sweets than she sold and then at Export Packing at Chipping Warden. She married Graham Fisher in 1964 and had two children, Susan and Shaun.

When Beryl resumed work, she had a morning job at the Holcombe and she began a happy association with the O'Neill family as housekeeper and companion. Beryl also worked at the old village shop and then moved on to the Co-op. On the till she was a cheering presence, characterful, good-humoured, with a twinkle in the eye and banter at the ready. She was a busy person, whether making sandwiches at the Legion, working on her flower garden, ironing clothes (a bit of a Beryl obsession) or caring, as she faithfully did, for sick family and friends. She played dominoes, was a great reader, loved Wimbledon fortnight on the television and enjoyed bargain-hunting expeditions to Banbury.

There were regular, much enjoyed family holidays to Weymouth, as well as travels further

E-MAIL FROM MOLLY NEILD, DEDDINGTON

The Primary School's recent production in the Church of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* was a delight. The singers were enthusiastic and tuneful and it was pleasing to see so many boys taking singing parts. The whole cast

was obviously enjoying the show so much that their enjoyment was transmitted to the audience. To me the most notable thing about the production was that, as well as being tremendous fun, it was well disciplined. Even the

smallest children dancing in the aisles had been carefully choreographed and yet appeared happy and relaxed. As an old-fashioned Grandmother I think that a mixture of fun and discipline is exactly what children need, and this was a great example.

FAMILY TREES

Last month Raelene Wennan e-mailed from Australia asking about descendants of her family, born in Deddington in the 18th and 19th centuries. These included a Thomas Bishop (b.1801). Through a cousin, Deana Rose of Hempton, Mrs Myrtle Cracknell (néé Garrett) of Bournemouth, has contacted us. She too has Deddington Bishops in her family tree in the 19th century. We've put Raelene Wennan and Mrs. Cracknell in touch and look forward to reporting the result of their joint genealogical research in a later Postbag. **KT**

afield, particularly to visit Susan in Florida.

Beryl was a strong character, straightforward in her dealings with others, not to be told what to do, definite and honest in her views, enthusiastic in her enjoyment of life. She faced death with great courage unselfpitying, not wanting to cause a fuss. She gave the village a great deal and the village will miss her greatly. **HW**

Extra Prize – Extra Time

Thanks to a generous gift, an additional prize will be awarded for the **Deddington Writing Competition**.

The entry judged the best of all – including the Open and Junior classes – will be eligible for a First Prize of £100.

The closing date for entries is now extended to **Tuesday 8 May**.

Details and Entry form at www.deddington.org.uk/arts/writing.html or ring 01869 337761 or write c/o 7 The Daedings Deddington OX15 0RT

The Allotment

It is said that in May there will be beautiful days, although the nights can be chilly. Everything is growing with haste and you can enjoy the first spring crops of the season. Another few weeks and the prospect of freak frosts will have disappeared altogether. Fruit growers should keep fleece to hand to cover blossom in the event of a sharp frost. The early peas, young broad beans, salads, fresh radishes and asparagus should all be ready for picking.

This month is ideal for planting late varieties of broad beans, cabbage, onion sets, spinach, carrots and potatoes for eating in autumn and winter. Do make sure your seedlings have been hardened off before planting out.

Some general maintenance tips might be: keep hoeing, thin seedlings, water young plants regularly, sow sweet peas outdoors. You may wish to brighten up the plot with a few marigolds, poached egg plant and other of the numerous annuals.

Watch out for every kind of pest and set up regular vigils. Get rid of aphids, slugs and snails as they present. Put up pheromone traps to stop the codling moth maggots from boring holes in apples and pears. Check broad beans for black fly and

pinch out the flowering tops where they congregate. Pick off any sawfly caterpillars and check for signs of mildew. Cover your carrots to avoid carrot fly.

As promised last month, a little on combating the gardener's main enemy. Originally the slug was a sea creature; its gills became lungs so that it could survive on land, but it still needs moisture as this is constantly lost through the slime it produces. Slugs have to eat and drink constantly. This knowledge is your first weapon in beating your enemy. Apart from the chemical (Metaldehyde) and other proprietary brands available in garden centres, there is much you can do to keep them at bay: prune branches that touch the ground, trim grass edges, remove excess mulch, spring clean your garden regularly, plant tender seedlings somewhere safe and encourage slug predators - including moles, hedgehogs, frogs, salamanders, carnivorous beetles and millipedes. I forgot to mention the plastic bottles, halved and placed vertically in the ground half filled with beer - not the best bitters!

Ladybirds are on the agenda for next month when I look forward to your company.

Tony Campion



On the Farm

'Oak before Ash, there will be a splash' is part of an old rhyme used to predict the weather for the coming summer. In this neck of the woods the Oak has been the first of the two to stir into life, but, as usual with these things, I expect the opposite will be the case in other parts of the Parish.

As I sit and bash out this offering in great haste and in fear and trepidation of the Editor's wrath (I failed to notice that copy date had been changed - *[It hadn't. Ed]*), the sun is blazing down giving us temperatures well above the norm.

This for some is a welcome relief after one of the wettest winters that I can remember, but having said that, after almost three dry weeks and the mercury well above average, a nice steady downpour would do a lot of good, especially as we have just completed the Spring planting of the environmental grass and pollen and nectar headland strips.

After being almost continually under water since the middle of October, the grass on the flood meadows has been severely damaged and will take a long time to recover. Ideally a good going over with a grass harrow would help the situation, but, as the meadows are now part of an environmental project, this sort of operation is not allowed under the rules. The lowest parts of the meadows are now covered with a good 2 inches of silt and becoming colonized by hawsacks (Tussock grass). This is

ideal for breeding waders but totally useless for the livestock, so soon I shall have to arrange a meeting with the Powers-that-be and try to agree a compromise with some areas cut and others left.

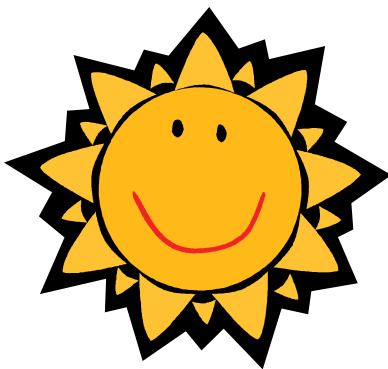
The good weather has meant that the bee-keeping season has started with a bang (or should that be a buzz?). We came through the winter in good form with the loss of only 2 hives but the little dears have stolen a march on me as we had the first swarm of the season on 14 April, some 5-6 weeks early. So it will be a hectic few days to get the rest sorted out before they decide to make a run

for it as well.

Over the last few years we have learnt to cope with the ravages of the Asian Varoa mite. When it arrived on these shores it all but destroyed British bee-keeping and in its first summer here we lost 90% of our 120 hives. We are now faced with yet another potentially devastating situation with the bees, which is CCD (Colony Collapse Disorder). This originated in the USA but is now widespread in Europe. Its cause is as yet unknown so there is no known treatment. The first signs of the problem are that either all the bees have absconded or they are all dead on the outside of the hive. So again we are flying on a wing and a prayer - and I haven't even started to fill out the latest set of Government forms yet.

George Fenmore 338203

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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

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

2nd May - The inhabitants of Deddington met together in Vestry, at the Town Hall, for the purpose of receiving an estimate of the probable expenses likely to be incurred for the ensuing year, and also to defray the amount of which the Churchwardens were deficient during the past year. It was unanimously agreed to make a rate of 11/2 d. in the pound.

9th May - May Day. The children attending the Deddington National Schools celebrated May Day by walking in procession round the town, occasionally halting and singing appropriate hymns, during which a boy and girl collected subscriptions to defray the cost of tea, etc., which we understand amounted to £2 7s 10d.

30th May - Club Meetings. The annual meeting of the various Benefit Societies in Deddington will take place on Wednesday next. We hear that the members of the Union Beneficial Society, who hold their meetings at the Unicorn Inn, have engaged the Oxfordshire Militia Band for the occasion. The General Friendly Institution will hold their meeting this year at Mr. Rose's, the Red Lion Inn and the other Friendly Institution meet at Mr. Matthew's, the Plough Inn.

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DEDDINGTON SOCIETY

Why did a number of public-spirited villagers use some of their leisure time to form a steering committee, clearing the way through a maze of officialdom to give life to the Society? I can only surmise that by the 1970s neither traditional Lords of the Manor nor great village preachers and headmasters were expected to keep village life in order or organise particular village activities.

The Parish Council had taken over the serious business of governing and relied on the various voluntary organisations to provide leisure activities. Plans for a new village hall were the talk of the town. The old premises of the Windmill School lay empty and fast decaying. Maybe the planned village hall was the catalyst to set the steering committee thinking, and one thing led to another. I believe the Society's inaugural meeting on 29 September 1972 had elected 12 members to form the Committee.

Their first newsletter was circulated six weeks later stating its aims as follows: "To keep the village informed by occasional newsletters of the progress being made towards getting a Community Hall and of events which have been arranged, not only by

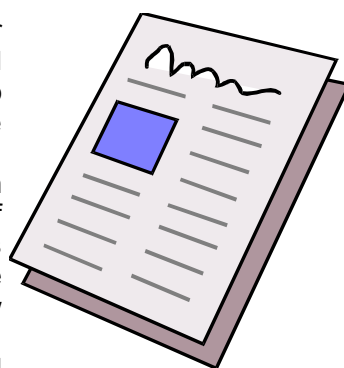
the Society but by other bodies, if these are open to anyone."

This first Newsletter informs us that a Tennis Club had been formed to plan and organise activities for the next season on the Windmill School courts. Two very successful disco dances had been held. It was hoped to hold a regular "old tyme" dance provided that arrangements can be made with the Windmill School (i.e. the Education Authorities still in charge of the vacated buildings).

The possibility, of erecting a Christmas tree in the Market Place, around which carols would be sung and hot drinks served, was being considered. Street Lighting: In view of a petition (signed by over 300 people) presented to the Parish Council, the Society asked whether residents still wished to press the Parish Council to arrange a meeting with the authorities about lighting throughout the parish.

It was hoped to carry out a programme of tree planting in the parish during 'National Tree Planting Year 1973'. And finally under "Litter" villagers were informed that the Parish Council had asked the Society to help in keeping Deddington a tidier place!

Ruth Johnson



DEDDINGTON CHURCH CLOCK – history and mystery

William Hudson, who gave his name to Hudson Street, was a prosperous citizen of 19th century Deddington. Before he died, in 1832, he expressed a wish that 'the old church clock should give way to a better'.

Draper, grocer and general storekeeper, Hudson had premises in the Market Place. It was said that he gave the church clock "out of farthings". One day he went to get out a teapot for a party he



was giving, and sovereigns began dropping out of it on to the floor. "Never mind", said Bill, "a sovereign or two don't matter". Farthings or sovereigns, there was enough money for Hudson's heirs to honour his wish, and the new clock was installed

in 1833 by Thomas Fardon, clockmaker of Deddington, whose name is inscribed on the indicator dial.

There were two Thomas Fardons, both assuredly clockmakers, and both undeniably of Deddington. But neither of them made Deddington church clock. The maker was William Taylor, a turret clock and chime maker and bell founder, of W & J Taylor, St Ebbe's Street, Oxford. Taylor's Deddington clock, which cost £176, was 'in a massive cast iron frame with cylindrical pillars and

ball finials: two trains, rack striking and maintaining power. The rack is vertically disposed, toothed on both sides with the gathering pallet below; striking control by means of a peg and lever; the hammer pegs semi-circular in section; the fan 3-bladed. The escapement is a recoil anchor with a wooden rod pendulum about 18 feet overall'. Generations of Deddingtonians climbed the stairs of the bell tower to wind the clock until, in 1989, an electric winding system took over.

The Thomas Fardon who installed Taylor's clock, made watches and long case clocks. He was a well-known repairer and restorer, and was also an ironmonger. In January 1806 he was paid £7.7s.0d. for a clock for St Mary's Church, Kidlington, and 11s. for putting it up. However this was "probably not a turret clock as local tradition refers to a clock on the east wall of the nave, which was eventually removed as it distracted the attention of the congregation." Did Thomas Fardon ever make a turret clock? Perhaps the Deddington church job was too daunting for someone with no track record, or maybe he just couldn't match Taylor's price.

For me, the most interesting part of the whole story is the clock that isn't there. Nothing is known about the clock that 'gave way to a better'. No clock of any kind is shown in Skelton's engraving of the church or Whittock's lithograph, both of which pre-date the 1833 clock. What was the earlier clock like? Was it a wall clock, inside the church? Who made it, and when? Does anybody have any authenticated evidence? **Norman Stone 338019**



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NOT another stealth tax, nor a new gimmick from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, but an opportunity this month to get **him** to give money away! When the red envelope for Christian Aid Week is delivered to every home in Deddington this month, it will include an invitation to ask Gordon to give Christian Aid the tax paid on any gift that a taxpayer puts in the envelope. This can increase the value of the gift by nearly a quarter.

In El Salvador an effect of climate change is that there are more floods and hurricanes than there used to be. They cause great difficulty for the poor people in low-lying areas where floods destroy crops and pollute water supplies. It costs just £6 to clean a well after a flood and so restore fresh water. This could be your £5 note with Gordon Brown's added £1.15 leaving a small surplus.

One of Christian Aid's partner organisations in Senegal, *Union pour la Solidarité et l'Entrade*, is working to raise villagers' standard of life by encouraging fruit tree planting. At just 65p for a mango sapling just think how many families could have a tree for just £10 + Gordon's £2.30.

In Christian Aid Week this year let's see how much we can get Gordon to give!

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Pat Brittain, Hugh & Diana Marshall

Meeting Islam

SHAMEEM RAMZAN and several members of the Banbury Muslim community came to Deddington Church one March evening to describe her recent pilgrimage, or *Haj*. Describing how it is every believer's ambition to make the *Haj* at least once in their lifetime, she spoke and showed photographs of the Temple and shrine at Mecca and of the deep impact on her that worshipping with hundreds of thousands of other pilgrims had made.

In telling of the *Haj* she wanted to share with Christian friends something of the faith of Islam, as a way of breaking down barriers between two of the great faiths who share belief in the one God and look back to the ancient scriptures, which for Christians include the Old Testament.

A further meeting, for women, has been held in April as part of what is hoped may become a series in which friendship and understanding may be encouraged. For details of further meetings please telephone the Vicar, Hugh White on 349869. **HPM.**

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The **Parish Plan** is going to be published at the Annual Parish Meeting on 15 May. The Deddington onLine "**Have Your Say**" is an ideal place for discussion of the many issues that will undoubtedly be the subject of debate within the parish. A special section of The Forum will be allocated exclusively for this purpose – feel free to join in or start a discussion on any other local matter that affects you.

Within DOL is a listing of our **local businesses**, where you can find local suppliers of goods and services. This list is usually pretty well up to date, but if your business record is missing or inaccurate, you do need to let the DOL team know. To update your business information or for inclusions of new entries in the FREE section; please contact us at editor@deddington.org.uk

A NEW SECTION of DOL is being prepared. There is already a part of the forum dedicated to Green Issues. The team at DOL regard this as an important enough topic to include it as a new section within the main website. There will be information about savings on energy and water, travelling, and recycling. Much of the work has already been done, but if you have something you want to make sure is included, then join the forum and post your ideas there under 'Green Matters'. Check DOL to see this new section soon.



FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL

Only 7 weeks to go until this year's Festival. The programme is in place, the venues chosen and the performers beginning to rehearse. What we now need are kindly people to staff events. Please fill in the staffing forms that accompany the Newsletter. Not only is your help most valuable, it's also fun to be part of the proceedings. Staffing is not the prerogative of the Friends. Anyone can volunteer! If you are interested, please get in touch with me before the end of May on 337052.

Last month Norman Stone announced his retirement from the Festival Committee. Norman joined the Committee in 2004 and later became a Trustee of the Charity and a Director of the Company. His influence has been commensurate with his skills. He can pass with ease from the minutiae of grant applications and budgets to an appreciation of aesthetic and artistic aims. In 2004 he wrote, "Deddington Festival ... is intended to be



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Paul Drawmer 338450 paul@drawmer.net

a celebration of creativity across the whole of our community ... calling on a wide range of talents, amateur and professional ... the scope should be as broad as possible while keeping up high standards."

In 2005 he reported in the DN, "So that we may be more accountable to the Parish, work more efficiently, obtain better value for money and be in a strong position when applying for grants, we are about to set up a Limited Company which should qualify for registration as a Charity."

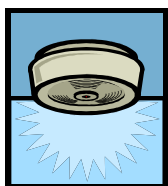
As the voice of the Friends on the Festival Committee I've found Norman's advice and support invaluable, not least when drawing up our Governing Document. On behalf of the Friends, Norman, may I thank you for the past three years?

All is not misty-eyed nostalgia. Don Anderson has taken over from Norman and the Friends' Committee looks forward keenly to working with him in the future.

Kristin Thompson, FDF Publicity

From the Fire Station

We have received 11 calls in the last month, including 2 house fires, 2 car fires, several false alarms and a few calls to stand by. Unfortunately both the house fires we attended were devastating,



both resulted not only in the complete loss of the property where the fire started, but also seriously affecting the neighbouring terraced properties on both sides. A smoke detector is such a simple inexpensive device, yet it can prevent total devastation of your home by giving you an early warning alert that a fire has started. However, if it doesn't have a battery in it, it is of no use whatsoever. Are your smoke alarms in good working order?

Good news on the crewing front, both Steve Ward, of Deddington Market Place and Adam Franklin of Clifton have now passed their competency test and are full fledged firefighters. At the time of writing this, Adam has been on his first

News from Hempton

The main story this month is about a man named Ivan Rowland who is doing a walk from Boston, Massachusetts to Seattle, Washington State to raise funds for AIDS charities. The distance is about 3300 miles and will take 5 or 6 months to complete.

He will be accompanied by his partner Alan Ashmole, who is a resident of this village. Alan will be driving the back-up car and offering support wherever needed. The marathon started on 15 April 2007 and should be completed about the 15 September. They hope to cover 25 miles a day, 6 days a week, with the seventh day for shopping,

laundry and rest. If you would like to support this walk, the principal charity for AIDS in the UK is the Terence Higgins Trust, or you may donate to any charity of your choice. To follow their progress you can log on to www.usawalk4aids.net. Good luck, and best wishes to both of them.

The Parish Council is holding a village clean-up week ending on 9 June. This involves the three villages. Our part will involve picking up litter and rubbish in this village and on the footpath to Deddington, finishing at the Town Hall. Refreshments will be supplied. Volunteers are needed, so anyone who can help, please meet at the Church at 10am on 9 June. Plastic bags and gloves will be supplied. This is a good opportunity to clean up, particularly the footpath out of the village.

The Friends of the Church are updating their membership list. The Friends are now responsible for paying for the maintenance of St. John's Church. Various events are held to raise funds but donations from members are a great help. Subscriptions are now due: the minimum payment is £3 per person or £5 per family. New members are welcome. If you



would like to join, please contact Mrs Mavis Barton at 23 St. John's Way, Hempton (338474). GiftAid forms are available. When the Church was almost closed in 1988 the Friends of the Church was formed as a registered charity.

Les Chappell 338054

African Children's Choir

Parish Church Friday 11 May 7.30pm

The music of the children of the Choir is taking Africa to the rest of the world. They are the victims of a terrible pandemic, but they are also the promise and future of Africa. For over 21 years, the African Children's Choir has been performing throughout North America and the United Kingdom. Each year a new choir is selected from children who are not only musical, but who also come from some of Africa's most desperate villages. Many have lost one or both parents to poverty or disease.

The children sing on behalf of their brothers, their sisters, their friends, and their village. Their songs bring great joy to those who hear them, but through their songs they are asking for help. Each child in the Choir has a story. They have experienced more tragedy in their young lives than most of us will ever know in a lifetime. Yet each child has a dream - a hope for tomorrow. They want to be teachers, doctors, musicians and pilots.

The African Children's Choir is committed to making these dreams a reality. Support for the African Children's Choir is helping build schools and deliver education throughout Africa - in Uganda, Rwanda, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya and South Africa.

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Windmill Centre

The Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 24 May at 7.30pm at the Centre. Representatives of all users should try to attend this meeting.

All Weather Court - With the lighter nights, the court can be hired at a very reasonable rate as floodlighting will not be needed until much later. Please book via Joyce Minnear 338529. Sadly we have had to spend more than £400 in increased security to prevent the fencing being forced - even cut - to gain access. The police are increasing their patrols to include the Windmill complex because of this damage and to the pavilions. We ask everyone to respect this facility especially as it can be hired easily and at very low price.

Mark Tyler 338056

Deddington Beeches Bowls Club

Our weekly Wednesday Club Nights, at 6.00 pm, began on 25 April. We welcome any new bowlers. Coaching, appropriate footwear and bowls are available; so why not give bowls a try? Away from the green we are holding our annual cake and plant stall under the Town Hall on Saturday 19 May from 8.30 am onwards, staffed by our members. This is an ideal opportunity to have a chat with us about the game of bowls.

Yvonne Twomey 337213

Deddington Town Football Club1st Team Results

St Johns (a) (Charity Cup) Lost on Penalties. 1-1 after extra time - D.Keys.

Hornton (a) Drew 1-1 J.Flemming

Broughton & North Newington (a) Lost 1-5 own goal

Real Islip (a) (Benevolent Cup) Lost 1-2 M.Morse

Hornton (h) Drew 2-2 A.Gray, D.Keys

Steeple Aston (h) Lost 2-3 A.Gray, A.Dickson

The games have come thick and fast over the last few weeks and unfortunately none of them resulted in victories. There were two narrow Cup defeats, especially the penalty shoot-out versus St Johns. Danny Keys was on target in this match. A Mark Morse goal was not enough in a disappointing semi-final defeat against Islip. It now looks likely that the team will finish the season in the relegation zone, despite picking up a couple of useful draws with Hornton.

Reserve Team Results

Finmere Res (h) Lost 1-2 M.Gibbs

Ruscote Res (h) Lost 2-5 M.Gibbs, A.Bliss

Broughton & North Newington Res (a) Lost 0-1

Real Islip Res (a) Lost 1-2 A.Bliss

The Reserve team has also had a poor run of results. The team is likely to finish in the lower half of Division 3.

75 Club Winners - All Winning £50: 16/3/07 R.Cowley; 23/3/07 R.Cowley; 30/3/07 K.Anderson; 6/4/07 H.Howard.

The end of season presentation night was on 28 April at the British Legion Club. Finally, a 'Big Thank

You' to Richard Spencer our club sponsor. Richard has kindly supplied the club with 2 brand new kits, which you will be able to see in action at the start of next season.

Steve Plumbe 01295 278258

Deddington Brownies

We celebrated Comic Relief Day by dressing up in the funniest red outfits we could find (well done Brown Owl!) and completing a sponsored sing when we raised over £40. On Mothering Sunday we joined the other parish youth organisations for the church morning service. Some of us spent a fantastic evening at the Oxford Gang Show, which we all enjoyed. A number of the Brownies have worked towards and gained interest badges - Hostess, Cook, Fire Safety and Swimmer amongst them.

Lucy Squires

Monday Morning Club.

Our May coffee morning is on the 2nd Monday, late in the month as the 1st Monday is a bank holiday. Our next film is booked for 22 May at 6.30pm. If you want to vote for which film should be shown, be sure to record your preference at the coffee morning. We have arranged a visit with wine tasting to the Chiltern Valley Winery and Brewery on Wednesday 23 May, leaving from the Town Hall at 10am. The tasting costs £8.50 per head. The cost of the bus depends on how many people sign up. We still have several seats to spare.

Jean Flux 338153

1st Deddington Guides

Our entertainment extravaganza - 'Something funny is going on in fairytale land' - was a huge hit. We raised £100 to share between Macmillan Nurses and NSPCC. Thank you all for your support. We had great fun on our last meeting night, solving puzzles and riddles around the Market Place and our reward was Easter Eggs! We took part in the St George's Day parade in Banbury on 22 April. During next term we hope to get out and enjoy the great outdoors for as many meetings as possible. Welcome to Tuesday Ethridge who is making her promise in April. All girls over 10 are very welcome to come along and see what we get up to.

Maggie Rampley, Guider 01295 810069

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Our annual meeting took place on 13 March with several matters being discussed and decided upon. The existing committee was elected with Beryl Suckling, President, Angela Sones, Secretary and Yvonne Twomey, Treasurer all continuing. The meeting concluded with wine and cheese.

On 10 April our meeting was on straw craft with Florence Cross. It is easy to think of straw craft as being various corn dollies but, apart from just one, Florence's extensive display contained extremely

delicate and intricate items beautifully worked, such as a girl in national dress, a quite large horse's head, a minute cat in a basket and lovely trimmings for straw hats. Florence told us that this ancient historic craft is practiced in several countries including Hungary, Ireland and China, where they make decorated tiny houses to scale,. Altogether a very good speaker with an imaginative display for us to appreciate. At our meeting on 8 May we will discuss the resolutions being put to the national AGM in June.

Rene Mahony 338438

Book Club

During April we read *Small Island* by Andrea Levy and our book for May is *The House of the Spirits* by Isabel Allende. On *Blood and Sand* by Frank Gardner, which we discussed at our last meeting, we thought: 'The author gives a rich insight into all levels of Arab society and conveys a deep understanding and love of the Islamic world. We were impressed by his lack of self-pity and courageous determination to succeed as a journalist following his horrific injuries and resulting disability. Generally well told, but with a little too much 'journalese' at times and it would have benefited from an editor's pen. Worth reading - moving and inspiring.' Next meeting 24 May. Call for venue.

Sally Lambert 338094

Deddington Badminton Club

Our season finished on 24 April. We had a great season with many new members and our mixed B team won promotion to Division 2 of the Banbury Town league. Our AGM is on Thursday 3 May at 7.30 pm and, unless a change is made then, we are back on the first Tuesday in September. Have a great summer!

Mark Tyler

1st Deddington Scout Group

Cubs

At the end of last term we spent most of our time preparing for our production of *Mowgli and the Bandarlog*, a story from the Jungle Book. It was well received by parents who attended and we raised £27 for Comic Relief and the Cubs earned their Entertainers badge. We also finished the Astronomy badge and received a very kind offer of the use of a telescope, but unfortunately we haven't had a clear Thursday night when the moon was visible and we weren't busy with another project. We'll take up the offer at a later date. We celebrated Baden Powell's birthday with some mini-pioneering using spaghetti and marshmallows, a large sticky cake and a giant game of cat and mouse with the Scouts. Will and James both bade farewell to the Cubs and joined the Scouts after Easter.

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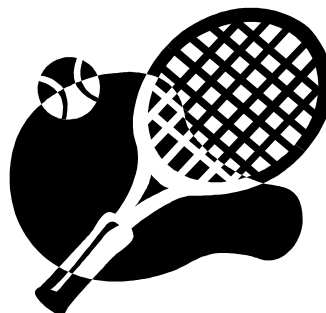
Scouts

We welcomed Seb to the troop and look forward to Cubs (or Scubs) coming up to join our ranks. We

concentrated on several projects based on *The Dangerous Book for Boys*, including coin battery making and related coin activities, electromagnets, marbles and pressure plates, all with varying degrees of success. A small group joined us for a 'geocaching' hike. It was very wet but it didn't put us off and we will be trying some more soon. On the last meeting of the term we hiked, on a glorious evening, out to the Paper Mill past Adderbury and, with a nearly full moon to guide us, along the Gated Road and up Cosy Lane, a round trip of approx 7 miles. Both Cubs and Scouts can look forward to a very full summer term with several camps, a trip to the World Jamboree and many other outings. The AGM is on Thursday May 3rd at 7.30pm. Don't forget we are still looking for some old pram wheels for a go-cart.

Pete Churchyard 338071

[What is 'geocaching' ? Visit www.geocaching.com. Ed]



Tennis Club

When 23 people turned up for club night on 11 April we knew the summer season had really begun. We have an Open Day for everyone on Sunday 16 May from 2-5pm with an Open Evening for adults from 6pm onwards. This

is a good way to find out how to make the most of playing tennis informally or competitively in Deddington. Everbody welcome. Coaching for adults and children started on 16 April - ring the coach Steve Ashby on 01295 263855 for more details.

Katie McGovern 01869 338771

Deddington & District History Society

In a variation from our normal monthly lecture, our April meeting took the form a visit by our members to the Oxford University Press archive in Oxford. The event was over-subscribed so a second visit has been arranged for the evening of 2 May. Those who have signed up for the May visit should gather at OUP's main Walton Street entrance at 6.30pm. There is no parking at OUP, but parking is available in Wellington Square, St Giles's etc. Please allow enough time to park and walk to OUP in time for a prompt start. On 25 April we hosted a visit to Deddington by members of the Banbury History Society for a guided tour of the village. Our May lecture (Wednesday 9 May, 7.30 at the Windmill Centre) is given by Chris Galloway, who will talk on Ditchley Park to prepare us for our visit there in June, the final event of our season. The visit will take place on 13 June: please note the time of 2.15 in the afternoon. Further details will follow.

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