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the Deddington news

It's Deddington Festival time again, and indeed it's the silly season for concerts, exhibitions and open gardens all around (see Diary below). The time of year when it is pure delight to be living in one of the most beautiful parts of the country, so enjoy! And before we leave winter pursuits behind, take a look at Aaron Bliss's tales of our football teams' heroic deeds (p14).

DIARY JUNE

- Mon 1 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30am–noon
- Wed 3 Photographic Society: Presentation 'My Journey through Landscape, Mood and Atmosphere', Deddington Arms, 7.30pm
- Wed 3 Bowls Club: Open evening at Windmill bowling green, 6pm
- Sat 6 WI: Plant and Cake Stall under the Town Hall
- Tue 9 WI: 'Intriguing Oxford', Brian Lowe, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 10 Deddington Police Office: Drop-in session, 5–7pm
- Thu 11 Reception for Friends of Deddington Festival, Parish Church, 6.30pm, p3
- Fri 12 Tennis Club: Open evening, Windmill Centre courts from 6pm
- Sun 14 History Society: Naseby battlefield tour before public re-enactment of battle, p14
- Sun 14 Open Gardens in aid of St Olave's Church, Fritwell, 2–6pm
- Mon 15 DOGS: Burford Golf Club, p13
- Mon 15 Deddington Players: AGM, Holly Tree, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Tennis Club: Takeaway night, Windmill Centre clubhouse, close of play, p13
- Wed 17 Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm
- Wed 17 Bowls Club: Open evening at Windmill bowling green, 6pm
- Thu 18 Monday Morning Club: Film, 'Manon des Sources', Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Sat 20 School Fete, School Field, 2pm, p8
- Sat 27 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm

JULY

- Wed 1 Photographic Society: Nik Proctor, 'Colour Management', Deddington Arms, 7.30pm
- Wed 1 Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8–10pm
- Sat 4 Fire Service: Open day, Fire Station, 10am, p16
- Sat 4 Nursery and PFSU: 'Casino Royale', Windmill Centre, p15
- Mon 6 Monday Morning Club: Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10.30–noon
- Thu 9 Monday Morning Club: Film evening, Holly Tree, 6.30pm
- Mon 13 Deddington Brownies: Gala Talent Night, Windmill Centre, 6.15pm, p12
- Tue 14 WI: Outing to Kew Gardens' 250th anniversary, p13
- Tue 14 DOL: Open meeting, Unicorn snug bar, 6.45pm, p16
- Mon 20 Bengal Spice: Fundraising dinner for Katharine House, 6.30 and 8.30pm, p7
- Sat 25 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm
- Sat 25 Bell Tower open to visitors, bell ringers in action, 10am–noon
- Sat 25 Deddington Farmers' Market, 9am–12.30pm
- SS 25–6 DOGS: Golf Weekend at Wokefield Park (DeVere Hotel), nr Reading
- Thu 30 Monday Morning Club: Trip to Stratford races, leave 1pm from Market Place
- Thu 30 Book Club Meeting: Call Sally Lambert, 338094, for venue

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2009 festival deddington

25 June – 5 July

Festival time is almost here and we hope that you will join us for one or two, or more, of our scheduled events. Please order your tickets early if you can by phoning 01869 338325 or by emailing to eileenandersonuk@yahoo.co.uk.

Full details of our events for 2009 can be found on our website at www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk.

You can become a Friend of Deddington Festival for an annual subscription of £10. Please contact Sue Goddard on 01869 338122 for details.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Chairman and committees, to thank those who are helping us this year with their sponsorship and support:

Corporate Innovations – Featherston House – The Flower Shop – The Friends of Deddington Festival – GC International Consulting Group – Hook Norton Vets – John Cheney – Oxfordshire Hotels – Parkers European – Peach Pubs – The PF Charitable Trust – The Sandford Trust – Sue Cave – Unicorn Inn – Veronica Stallwood – Walter Meagher.

The Writing Competition judges: Angela Burdick, Dennis Hamley, Brian Levison and Merryn Williams.

Heartfelt thanks to all the groups and societies throughout Deddington who are taking part in the Festival, and to our many wonderful helpers.

Although we won't be producing a full, printed, programme covering the entire festival this year, we will be printing individual programmes for concerts, where appropriate.

Eileen Anderson, Secretary, 338325

DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW

5 September 2009

The March issue of the DN carried a green flyer showing the classes for this year's show. We have doubled the number of classes from last year and arranged the children's classes in three age groups, giving more opportunity for creative work.

We are hoping to have many more entries for this year, our second show. There will be much more space in the church this time so we have been able to build up the show rapidly ... so ... we need your support ... please.

Show programmes will be available at the July and August Farmers' Markets or from the Parish Church during and after the Festival.

If anyone needs another flyer, please call Wendy Burrows on 338082 to collect one from Market Place Cottage.

Joan Wright, Assistant Secretary, 338535,
joanwright@suffolkonline.net

Festival Events

June

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| Thu | 25 | Community Concert, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 26 | Primary School Concert, Parish Church, 1.30pm
Literary evening, including Writing Competition winners and Open Forum, Parish Church, 6.30pm (Note change of time)
Craft exhibition, Living Room, Parish Church, 10am–4pm |
| Sat | 27 | Farmers' Market
Orchestral Masterpieces with Oxford Sinfonia Orchestra, Parish Church, 7.30pm
Art Exhibition, Holly Tree, 10am–4pm
Deddington's Green Lanes – guided country walk, Walter Meagher
Open Gardens, 2–6pm |
| Sat | 27– | History Society exhibition, Parish Church |
| Sun | 28 | 10am–4pm
Craft Exhibition, Living Room, Parish Church (Sat 10am–4pm, Sun 1–4pm) |
| Sun | 28 | Palm Court Trio (and teas), Parish Church, 3–5pm
Art Exhibition, Holly Tree, 10am–4 pm
Open Gardens, 2–6pm |
| Mon | 29 | Children's Storytime in library, 3.30pm |

July

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| Wed | 1 | Jerusalem Lane Walk, 6pm from Clifton Road end |
| Thu | 2 | Evening with Victoria Stallwood, Library, 7.30pm |
| Fri | 3 | Poetry Please, Upper Room, Unicorn, 7pm |
| Sat | 4 | Art workshop, 10am–4pm
Art Exhibition, Holly Tree, 10am–4pm
Daeda's Wood Guided Walk from Windmill Centre, 2.30pm
Stekpanna Contemporary Jazz, Parish Church, 7.30pm |
| Sun | 5 | Art Exhibition, Holly Tree, 10am–4pm |

Deddington Festival Art Exhibition 2009

Holly Tree Club

27-28 June, 4-5 July

Handing-in day Wednesday 24 June
Open to all with a Deddington connection

A £30 prize will be awarded by Norman Stone to the artist of the most popular work as voted for by visitors to the exhibition

Phone **Annette Murphy** on **01869 336195**
for an entry form

The Festival & the History Society ...

For the Festival, the History Society Wills group will put on an exhibition of their work in the Church. We are planning to use wills from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries from the Appletree, Barnes, Belchier, Briggs, Busby, Edmunds, Merry and Stilgoe families. They have been transcribed by members of the Wills group and have been chosen to represent different stations in life during this time. The Wills group meets about once a month and works on obtaining copies of wills available from the County Archives and transcribing them from Secretary Hand into modern English. If anyone is interested in joining us in this fascinating and fun activity, they would be welcome – no prior skill is required.

Moira Byast, 388637

... and the Friends ...

As many of you know, the Parish Church has embarked on internal ground-breaking work. But we will find an unbroken corner on 11 June and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the FDF Reception. This is a small gesture from the Committee to say thank you to the Friends for their continuing help and support. (New members are always welcome, so please come and join us on the 11th.)

By now everyone has had time to absorb the 2009 Festival leaflet. As usual there is an intriguing mixture of the familiar and the new, and most of the events attest to the remarkable range of interests that flourishes in the Parish.

Kristin Thompson, FDF Committee, 337052

... and Why Writers... Write

With over 300 entries received for the Deddington Writing Competition, last month was spent selecting shortlists in the various categories for submission to the judges. Those whose work is shortlisted will be notified soon and will be invited to the announcement of the winners in Deddington Church on Friday 26 June at 7.30pm. After announcing the results and commenting on the competition, the four distinguished authors who have agreed to be the judges will discuss 'Why Writers Write' and tell of their own experience of having their novels published. Admission to the evening with refreshments, is free to juniors and £5 at the door for adults. All are welcome.

Hugh Marshall, 337761

Barford St. Michael

VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS

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Sunday 14 June, 2.00–6.00pm

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 6 May 2009, Windmill Centre

The Year's Highlights

Chairman Jim Flux gave a report of the activities of the PC over the previous year, before opening the meeting to the floor. He reminded the small audience that no decisions can be made at this meeting, but items could be taken to the next Council meeting, where appropriate action could be taken.

Four main topics were addressed by a range of councillors: firstly, an appeal for any parishioners interested in having their street lights turned off between 12.30 and 5.30am to make the fact known to the Parish Council. A straw poll of their street would be helpful, but the PC will follow up.

Secondly, a proposal to start consultation over the future of the war memorial and graveyard was discussed with names being collected. A poster showing some of the options was presented for people to append their names. This has now been moved to the Royal British Legion Club, so if you are interested please add your name or email deddwarmem@aol.com and you will be kept informed of any meetings.

Thirdly, a campaign for a pedestrian crossing in New Street/High Street was discussed. The venerable John Cheney has started a petition, supported by the PC, which can be signed in the Library or the Unicorn. The technical reasons why a crossing cannot be placed further south of the cross roads were also discussed.

Lastly, the worrying results of a speed survey at the east end of Earl's Lane were discussed. The Highways group believe that most of the 96% of drivers who were travelling above the 30mph limit were ignorant of the limit at that end of the road. Repeater signs are not allowed in a 30mph limited area, so the novel idea was put forward by Alan Collins that, if the east end of Earl's Lane became 40mph, then a 30mph sign would be allowed just east of Pound Court, and a 20mph limit could be introduced for the school.

Funds

At the end of April 2009 the Council had funds of £542K (2008: £590K). There are strict rules on how these funds can be spent: interest may be used for revenue items, but capital can be used only for capital projects. The council confirmed its policy of maintaining a level of reserves of at least £450K.

The recent catastrophic drop in interest rates has considerably reduced Council income. The precept has been raised to recover a little of this, but services such as grass-cutting will need to be reduced. Despite the rise, Deddington's precept is in line with its neighbours and way below that of Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington.

[This is an abbreviated report of the Parish Meeting. To see the full report, go to:

<http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/ExtraExtra>]

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

Parish Church SS Peter and Paul

June

Mon	1	6.30pm	Eucharist
			Visitation of the BVM
Thur	4	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	7	10.30am	All Age Worship
		6.30pm	Evensong
Wed	10	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun	14	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (with Healing Prayer)
Wed	17	10.00am	Eucharist
Thu	18	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels

Sun	21	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	24	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun	28	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30am	Patronal Festival Eucharist

St John's Hempton

Sun	7	9.00am	Eucharist
Thu	11	6.30pm	Eucharist
			Corpus Christi
Sun	21	9.00am	Eucharist
Sun	28	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), the Rev. John Dane (337403), or one of the church wardens, Glynnie Bianchi (337743) or John Osborough (07753 802841)

From the Parish Registers

Interment of Ashes: 21 April Gwendoline Ann Sykes
Wedding: 16 May Mark Robert Hollingworth to Beth Sebina Sophia Chard

Wesleyan Reform Church, Chapel Square

Pastor Isabel Walton 337157

Sunday mornings at 10.30am: Pastor Isabel Walton except 28 June: Andy Wilcox

Congregational Chapel, New Street

Joyce Minnear 338529

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

PC Parish of Hethe with Adderbury

Fr John Burns 277396

Mass at Holy Trinity, Hethe: every weekday except Wed at 9.30am, Sun at 10am

St George's Church Adderbury: Mass Wed 7pm 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.

The celebration of the two major Feasts of this month has been transferred to the nearest Sunday. Corpus Christi on 11 June and the Feast of SS Peter and Paul on 29 June will therefore not be Holy Days of Obligation

Deddington Post Office

We all had a very enjoyable and successful day selling books at the April Farmers' Market, raising £181.00 for Katharine House Hospice. Many thanks to everyone who donated books and to those who came along on the day to expand their libraries.

Karen Judd, 337545

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting in Town Hall 20 May 2009

Present: Cllrs Flux (Chair) Anderson, Collins, Ince, Privett, Rudge, Squires, Todd, Wood, Ward, Watts, Westbury, OCClr Jelf, the Clerk, Minute Clerk, two members of the public and the DN correspondent.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Jim Flux was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Don Anderson as Vice-Chairman. Cllr Angus Alton has resigned from the DPC; his hard work and contribution to Deddington were acknowledged. John Day was co-opted to replace Helen Spencer. Nominations and applications for the Angus Alton vacated place are invited for submission to the Clerk (parishcouncil@deddington.net) and candidates will be invited to address the next meeting of the DPC on 17 June.

Annual Parish Meeting

Nine members of the public attended, which was thought to be disappointing. The agenda of the Parish Meeting should be set by the parishioners and the groups/clubs they belong to, with the PC being simply a facilitator (see report p3 and the DN website).

Recreation

Castle Grounds: The road to the Castle Grounds is owned by the Church Commissioners who have given permission for the clearance of a parking area. Providing there is no bye law (which would need to be revoked) the 'No Parking' sign will be removed. Discussions are continuing with English Heritage as the Castle is listed as a national historic monument. A meeting of the Friends of Castle Grounds is to be held shortly as the vexatious moles are still causing a problem.

Environment and Special Projects

Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers: continued the footpath and cleared some of the revêtements (built earth walls) in the Castle Grounds. They plan to return in the autumn to work on the cemetery hedges.

Swift population: The numbers of swifts in the Parish are declining and to encourage the birds special nesting boxes need to be provided.

Oak tree on Market Place green: OCC were responsible for watering and care of the tree but because they have not fulfilled their commitment the tree was showing signs of stress. The steward has come to the rescue and the tree is now showing signs of life.

Planning

DPC no objection: [1] Ash Cottage, Chapel Close, Clifton, revised application, two new detached houses with garages, no objection with conditions; [2] Windmill Community Centre, 56 roof-mounted solar panels. *Approvals:* [3] 11 St John's Way, Hempton Rd, single storey extension at rear; [4] Victoria Terrace, construc-

tion of new garage and extension of old garage; [5] Sentry House, Castle St, pruning five oak trees; [6] Co-op and PO, new illuminated signs and fascia.

Finance & General Purposes

Income and expenditure 08–09: The preliminary figures show a loss of £261 for the year, which is better than anticipated. There was some concern about the extra costs for the works for the Satin Lane Allotment Association. Greater discipline would be required to improve the estimating of anticipated costs when there was so much pressure on budgets.

Building Societies: To maintain income from investments when interest rates are low requires constant monitoring of best rate availability. Possibility of moving from Birmingham Midshires to Alliance & Leicester is being investigated.

Grass cutting: OCC have confirmed the grant of £4,292 to cut the grass five times this year.

Bowls Club: Have requested installation of temporary fencing to protect new beech hedge, conditionally approved.

Tertiary education grants: A retrospective grant application has been received for the present academic year. Grants in future will be handled once a year and this application will be held over until later this year.

Highways

New bus service: The Saturday service between Banbury and Bicester may be diverted via Deddington and Clifton, though the weight restriction may be a problem.

Trees overhanging the pavements at Leadenporch House and elsewhere need to be cut back.

Village parking: A combination of legislation and government pressure makes it difficult to change the existing parking arrangements. Enforcement and extra parking space are not possible so the situation is *status quo*. Attempts will be made to enforce parking restrictions through future planning approvals and attempts will be made to lobby local employers to restrict all-day parking.

Market Place horse post: The post on the pavement by the Tchure has been bent over, partly obstructing the pavement, and needs to be straightened.

Parish Finances

Invoices passed for payment : £9,557.64 (covering the exceptional items of annual insurance premium and water extension for Satin Lane allotments).

Investments totalled £553,864.30 at W Brom BS, Barclays, Birmingham Midshires BS and Anglo Irish Bank.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 17 June 2009,
7.30pm at the Town Hall**

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM MATTHEW AND EMILY ROBINSON, BARN END, MIDDLE ASTON

'The Big Step Forward' is a day of family fun to be held in Cutteslowe Park (between Kidlington and Summertown) on Sunday 14 June. It is held in aid of Downs Syndrome Oxford and a similar event last year raised £12,000 in much needed funds to provide help and support for children and adults with Downs Syndrome in Oxfordshire. This year's walk will be 4km and the fun day will be even bigger and better. Details of the walk and the fun day (and an excellent video of last year's event) can be found on the DSO website (<http://www.dsoxford.org.uk/>).

FROM CAROL GARRETT, ARCHWAY COTTAGE, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

In September 2009 I will be taking on a tough challenge and hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru, in order to raise funds to train puppies to become assistance dogs for the disabled. The training headquarters for Dogs for the Disabled is based in Banbury (www.dogsforthe-disabled.org). If you would like to support me, please send your donations to my home address or to: www.justgiving.com/carolgarrett3. Thank you.

FROM ALAN COLLINS, WALNUT CLOSE, CLIFTON

Am I the only person to have a problem with Colin Robinson's (GreenPiece) article last month, giving the pessimistic views of James Lovelock a wider audience? I believe we should all use less energy and emit less CO₂ but feel the claims Lovelock makes are so far from the considered opinions of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as to be laughable – if it wasn't so serious. His message that the game is already up is music to the ears of those who won't change their habits and can only instil irrational behaviour in many who are well-meaning but less informed. The IPCC says temperature will probably rise by less than 3° (2.6 actually) by the end of this century. If you think this will lead to the Armageddon that James Lovelock predicts in a quarter of the time, then you are more imaginative than I am. James is not a young man and will not be around to see if he was wrong. Unfortunately we will be left with the consequences of destructive actions driven by his predicted doom.

The IPCC also predicts tides will rise by 300mm worldwide (the same rise since 1860!) so don't sell your Belgravia bolt hole or panic buy your Lotus car just yet. This type of rant will be added to the long list of predictions that were promised to ruin my day: a second ice age of the 1970s, Cold War, acid rain, ozone depletion, AIDS, mad cow disease (500,000 deaths remember?), Y2K, SARS, Ebola and avian flu



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and will only encourage people to do nothing.

If you are still worried go to: <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/climatechange/guide/bigpicture/fact2.html> and you will see that global temperatures this century have fallen, with 2008 being as cold as 2000, the coldest year for the last 15! Let's stop listening to people who sell more books and

column inches the more scared we get and listen to the best brains we have – the IPCC.

FROM MARGUERITE WEIGAND, MADISON, ALABAMA, USA

I was born in Clifton in 1946 and attended both Deddington Primary and Windmill Secondary Schools. I have three brothers: Terry, Douglas and Phillip Pinfold. I married an American in 1964; he was stationed at Croughton and was in the USAF for 23 years, so we have done a lot of travelling. He worked for the US Army civil service for another 21 years and retired in 2006. We have lived in Madison, Alabama since 1997, and have five grown children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. I usually come home to England at least once a year, but this will be the first year in many that I am not able to. My mother [Phyllis Gibbs] still lives in Deddington – she will be 98 this year. Mother does have great memories of the past from both Deddington and Clifton. I never tired of listening to stories of how she started working at age 14 as a domestic servant for the Dashwoods at the Manor at Duns Tew, and after that she was at Dr Hodges as a parlour maid for five years until 1932 when she married my dad. [Marguerite has sent pictures dating from the 1950s, 60s and 70s; to see them go to http://www.deddington.org.uk/gallery/v/Marguerite+Weigand_001/ – Ed.]

FROM MAGGIE RAMPLEY, 25 ST MARY'S ROAD, ADDERBURY (01295 810069)

After a recent cook-out evening at the Windmill, I may have left a blue and white broom and a spade propped against the wall outside. Has anyone seen them, please? I would be very glad to get them back again, if there have been any sightings. Many thanks.

Barford Summer Concerts

A series of five summer concerts will be held in St Michael's Church, Barford, at 7.30pm. They are:

6 June – 'Just a Song at Twilight'; 20 June – 'Summer Samba'; 4 July – 'Some Enchanted Evening'; 18 July – 'Clair de Lune'; and 1 August – 'Singing at Lughnasa'. Tickets at £5 or £20 for the series are available from Barford St Michael Shop/PO (01869 338207) or by email from susan.addison@virgin.net.

News from Hempton

The Ascension Day service was well attended with 32 people in the congregation. It was conducted by the Rev. John Dane, possibly his last service in St John's before he moves to Chichester. Light refreshments and a glass of bubbly followed, to celebrate the birthday of the Church which is 158 or 159 years old. New iron railings, to be painted black, are being erected at the Church to replace the old rotten wooden ones.

The Table Tennis team lost their final two matches to Sibford and Mollington, therefore finishing bottom but one in Division 2 of the Banbury League and must wait until September to see if they will be relegated.

Dog fouling is once again happening in the village. It is an offence not to clean up, and fines of up to £1000 with a fixed penalty of £50 will be imposed. Please ring Cherwell DC on 01295 221940 if you want to complain.

St John's was packed on 1 May for the service of thanksgiving for the life of Linda Rolfe conducted by the Rev. Bill Rolfe, a member of the family. Following the service here there was a private cremation service, followed by refreshments at the Deddington Arms.

Josie Sokol of St John's Way will be doing the race for life around the Silverstone Race Circuit on 3 June for Cancer Research in memory of Linda. Any donations will be gratefully received. Josie can be contacted on 01869 337164.

Well Remembered – Linda Rolfe (1939-2009)

Linda was born in Shipston-on-Stour, the second of six children. She went to the local primary school and then to Stratford College. While still at college she worked part-time at a local garage, and it was there that she met her future husband. They married on 24 September 1960 and five years later moved to Hempton, where their son Martin was born. She spent most of her working life as a secretary and book-keeper, spending many years with Benfields, a large garage in Deddington. She retired due to ill health in 2000. Linda was a keen gardener and enjoyed caravanning, watching football and cricket, and motor racing, making several trips to Silverstone. She also enjoyed cooking, particularly making apple pies with fruit from their orchard. Her favourite time of year was Christmas, when her home was decorated inside and outside with lights and decorations. Linda was a member of the Ladies' Tuesday Club which meets in Hempton Church Hall. She was a much loved wife and mother and good neighbour to many people in St John's Way. Our condolences to Tony, Martin and all her family.

Les Chappell, 338054

Katharine House at Bengal Spice

Bengal Spice is holding a fundraising dinner for Katharine House on 20 July, with two sittings at 6.30 and 8.30pm. Those wishing to attend are being asked to book. The restaurant provides a 'free' meal, and asks for a donation of £10 per head for Katharine House.

Young Man Going Places

Deddington's musical *Wunderkind*, Alex Soddy, is going places. From modest beginnings in Deddington Church choir, via head chorister at Magdalen College School, a Cambridge music degree, and time at the National Opera Studio, for the last four years he has been working in Hamburg as voice coach, *repetiteur*, accompanist and now full conductor of the Hamburg State Opera. To see him, at the tender age of 26, conducting a recent performance of Mozart's *Magic Flute* with an orchestra of hard-bitten professionals who could make or break you, was awesome indeed. From Hamburg Alex will go on to guest conduct in Berlin and Covent Garden and the glittering prizes of the international arena beckon – so watch this space!

MR



Curtain call for the Magic Flute, Hamburg State Opera (Pic. Jenny Soddy)

News from Clifton

Clifton now has a walking club that has been out for two night walks of 7 and 10 miles and who finished the Deddington PTA walk in a credible 3 hrs 15 mins. They may be in training for something big, but if anyone else fancies a brisk walk on alternate Friday nights please get in touch with Linda 'cracking pace' Davies. They tell me they all enjoyed the Deddington walk and want to congratulate the organisers for a great event.

Wednesday 20 May was Clifton Walks to School day when a walking bus wended its way up the hill to get the children their 'walk to school' sticker.

Apart from all the athleticism it's been a quiet month (apart from the fire that burnt down the Ash Cottage wooden garage that neighbours have brought to my attention), so as I have threatened the neighbours, here is the view from our bird tables these last few weeks. We have a pair of reed buntings, a nut hatch and a greater spotted woodpecker, on top of the usual goldfinches, long-tailed, great and blue tits, hedge sparrows, greenfinches and robins. Blimey I've turned into Jack Hargreaves!

More news to me folks or this drivel will continue.

Martin Bryce

Open Gardens at Fritwell

The Manor Gardens and 10 other gardens are open in aid of St Olav's Church, Fritwell, 14 June, 2–6pm. Entry £4, with teas and plant sale.

JUNE ON THE ALLOTMENT ...

As the temperatures rise we should now be frost free, so you can theoretically relax (but this is England in the spring!) and start to plant out your more tender varieties such as courgette, squash and sweetcorn. Normally you will start the plants on your window sill or in the greenhouse, so remember to harden them off before planting them out. To harden plants off, put them outside for a few days in a sheltered spot that isn't too sunny and then leave them out for a couple of nights. If the weather turns very wet or windy, try to give them some roof protection but don't bring them back in, after all you want them to survive in the allotment.

Your broad beans should soon be ready to harvest and to ensure a good crop pinch out the tip of the plant with two leaves attached as the first pods start to emerge. Pinching the tips also helps to prevent blackfly infestation. Harvest the beans from the bottom upwards and enjoy.

June is also strawberry season so top up the fridge with cream. If you want some new plants for next year,

peg down the runners from a few plants. Remove any runners that you don't want so that the plants can concentrate on producing fruit.



I'm hoping that some of my potatoes will be ready to dig this month. Maturity usually coincides with the opening of the flowers. If, unlike me, you planted your potatoes correctly, with good spacing, you will find it easier to earth up those that are still growing. I'll get it right next year!

Whilst we're beginning to enjoy the fruits of our winter's labour, leeks can be planted for a later crop. Plant them out 6–8 inches (15–20cm) deep and a foot apart. Make a hole and drop the plant in, then fill the hole with water which will wash in just enough soil to cover the root. Back filling during planting can get earth into the plant which you will regret when you come to eat it. For the same reason, take care when earthing up the leeks as they grow. I personally don't trim the tops when planting as I have not found that it strengthens the plant.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Sam Wills, samantha.willis@gmail.com

PTA

As you read this, the 5th Annual Deddington Walk will have come and gone. Hopefully the run of beautiful warm sunny weather we have been enjoying will last through the weekend and, once again, we will be basking in sunshine after the exertion of the morning's walk. [And well done the intrepid souls who braved the awful weather! – Ed.] Whatever the weather, I am sure everyone will have enjoyed themselves and thanks must go to our actors, Alan Rampley our First Aider, Peach Pubs, the Co-op and all those businesses who so generously sponsored our walk and everyone else who helped make it a successful day once again. A huge thanks must also go to all those who turned out on the day and to those who have kindly sponsored our children – it is you who make the event happen – we could not do it without you!



Walk this way with Elvis the steward, aka Steve Moss of Mill Close

The next date to ensure you have etched on your calendar is our annual Fete which will be held on the school field on Saturday 20 June from 2pm. This promises to be an exciting event with the welcome return of the ever popular quad bikes along with 'Lane Change Digital Scalextric Racing' where budding boy (and girl) racers can experience the thrills and spills of motor

racing. 'Amazing Animals' are coming along again too – what will they bring this year? Each class will be organising and running a stall as usual so do come and support our children and have a fun afternoon!

There will be delicious cream teas, a licensed bar and, weather permitting, we will be setting up the barbecues and karaoke towards the end of the afternoon and into the early evening for those who want to sit around watching the sunset whilst eating, drinking, chatting to friends and listening to music. What a great way to end the day! We look forward to welcoming you to the Fete and thank you all for your continued support.

Janet Watts, PTA Chair, 337135

[To see more pics of the PTA Walk, and other action in Deddington right now, go to the DN website <http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/pics.html> – Ed.]



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... AND DOWN ON THE FARM

‘A dripping June puts everything in tune.’ It seems rather incongruous that after almost two and a half years of complaining about the ‘big wet’ and the difficulties of haymaking in the rain, we now need some rain to get the hay crops going to provide enough feed to see the livestock through next winter. On the other hand, the winter sown crops that have struggled through the winter with wet feet have improved out of all recognition and are showing great promise, especially the oilseed rape which was, due to the very difficult conditions, planted against the experts’ advice, a month late at the end of September. We now have some of the best crops of OSR that we have grown at Home Farm for some years, so perhaps the agromony advice that the optimum planting time for OSR is the last week in August and the first week of September should, in light of the new varieties now available and the effects of global warming, be changed.

The bees have also been enjoying the better weather and we have taken off the first extraction of honey and also split down most of the hives to prevent them from swarming. The Oil Seed Rape has now dropped its flowers and the bees have moved on to the spring beans which are just coming into flower. So the extractor will soon be used again and then it will be the turn of the clover and other legumes in the wild life pollen and nectar strips and we still have the Bumble-Bird strips to come. These are designed to provide nectar

to attract bumble-bees and other insects that the birds can feed to their young in the summer. They set seed to feed the birds during the winter, but when they are in flower the honey bees will ‘work’ them as well, so after all the doom and gloom of the last two years the hives are all of a buzz again.

Most of our summer visitors have returned and we have six pairs of swallows nesting on the farm buildings, two more than last year. Curlew, redshank and snipe have all returned to the meadows this season but the lapwing has still to put in an appearance. The mayfly have had a good season and it was nice to be able to watch the yellow and pied wagtails and other insect-eating birds taking them on the wing or picking the spent ones off the water. Because of the extensive flooding over the last two years the kingfishers have had a difficult time as most of their nesting burrows on the river banks have been under water, so it is pleasing to find that three pairs have returned to their old haunts. As yet I have not recorded the cuckoo. The moth situation is very disappointing. The difficult weather of the last two summers has reduced the numbers of over-wintering eggs, larvae and adults, but things are picking up and we should see some improvement when the second hatches start to appear. But it will take some time for the numbers to get back to where they were before the ‘big wet’.

George Fenemore, 338203




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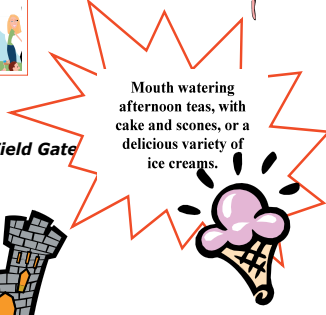
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DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

The following are extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for June 1859:

3rd June – I attended a Monthly Meeting of Magistrates at the Kings Arms, there was a hearing of an assault case against the Steeple Aston Schoolmaster who was convicted and had to pay one guinea inclusive of costs or go to prison for 14 days – the money was paid.

9th June – I went to the Girls School to witness the annual examination of the children by the Government Inspector, and in the afternoon to the Boys School – the examinations were pronounced to be satisfactory. Our sheep shearing took place.

13th June – Paid bill to Dr. Turner for self, Ed. Payne and I. Finch [his former gardener]. Our cricket season commenced in the Castle Ground today.

21st June – I started from home in the dog cart to go to Woodstock for a meeting of the Board of Guardians of the Union – with one of the new carriage horses – when near Hopcroft's Holt he shied and gave a jerk and broke the shaft. I walked on to the Holt and took a one horse Fly to Woodstock, having sent Edmund

home with the horse and cart, directing him to take it to Franklin's.

24th June – Heard from Mr. Lyddon of St. Edmund Hall asking me to vote for Mr. Gladstone – wrote to him to say I would, having seen a circular explanatory of Mr. Gladstone's conduct in having joined Lord Palmerston's administration.

25th June – We finished haymaking. A cricket match was played in the Castle Ground between the Deddington Club and an 11 from New College, Oxford. The Deddington Club were victorious.

27th June – Susan and I went to Oxford to be present at the University Election and the Sessions – I and Willy voted for Gladstone.

29th June – Our bells rang merrily throughout the day, but we had no band as on last St. Peter's Day. Found a letter from Col. Dawkins asking Ben Humphries' character as a gardener, answered he was steady, sober, honest and a good vegetable grower but as to flowers and pruning trees could say nothing.

Buffy Heywood, 338212

Farmers' Market

Our June market will be on the 27th. That's the weekend in the middle of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships. Now, what food is most usually associated with Wimbledon? Yep, it's June, it's soft fruit time and the jewel of the English soft fruits is the strawberry. Can't you just smell them now? Look out for the chef from the Deddington Arms at the market in June who will be demonstrating the preparation of soft fruit dishes. So get some great produce set by for pure indulgence whilst watching those centre court heroes.

We will have all the usual stalls, and let's hope we get rather more barbecue weather than we had last year! Just think barbie food as you walk around our market. Sometimes people are wary of cooking a whole chicken on the barbecue. Try butterflying or spatchcocking it: place the chicken breast down on a cutting board, and with a big knife or a large pair of scissors cut along both sides of the backbone and remove it. Spread the carcass out a little, and prise out the breast bone from the inside; it will peel off quite easily and let you open out the carcass flat. Season well with lots of stuff (technical recipe this) and cook on the barbecue grill. Cooked this way, you can do both sides easily and quickly, so ensuring that it is properly cooked. When it's done (test by making sure the juices are running clear and not pink), just let it rest on a warm plate for ten minutes and then cut off the legs and breast portions, pour over the juices that it will have released, and tuck in. Less hassle than carving a whole bird, and more tasty than dried out portions.

Paul Drawmer, 338450, paul@drawmer.net

Fifty years ago I stayed on Iona for the first time. Looking back I recall a steam-hauled sleeper

from King's Cross to Glasgow. Looking forward I could not have foreseen today's world concerned about emissions from coal and all other fossil fuels. *The Age of Stupid* – a new film screened in Charlbury last month – looks back and forward. Pete Postlethwaite of *Jurassic Park* looks back from 2055 at documentary footage from 2008. 2055 is a world which 99% of scientists today agree will have suffered drastically from the wilfully blind stupidity of 2008. Jeh Wadia plans to get a million Indians within a year off the trains and into the skies, copying the success of Ryanair; why should Indians not be as careless about low-cost flights as we are? Lifelong Shell employee, Alvin DuVernay, rescued more than 100 people in his boat when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans; he saw that day as just a taste of what is to come if we 'literally burn up' our most valuable resource. Piers Guy, windfarm developer, says that 10% of UK energy needs would by now have been met if short-sighted residents, protecting their personal 'view', had not blocked 80% of projects. Fernand Pareau, a French mountain guide, has seen his beloved glaciers melt by more than 150 metres. 3000 lorries 'taking French potatoes to Italy and bringing them back as mash' drive past Fernand's house every day: 'People in the future will be angry at us for not thinking to protect the environment. We only thought to profit from it.'

Christopher Hall, 338225, achall@globalnet.co.uk

GREEN PIECE

Library

The Friends of Deddington Library have kindly supported the purchase of some lovely, colourful new items of furniture for the children's area. We have brightly coloured boxes for books, a table and animal shaped chairs, as well as rugs for the children to sit on – it all looks really cheerful! The children and I would like to thank the Friends for their support, and in particular Geoff Todd for doing the DIY bit with the furniture.

In support of Deddington Festival we have an author event arranged for Thursday 2 July at 7.30pm. Local crime writer Veronica Stallwood has kindly agreed to entertain us for the evening. Tickets are on sale in the library at £4, including refreshments. All are welcome, but hurry, as numbers are limited. We also have a story time followed by craft activities for the children on Monday 29 June at 3.30pm; free tickets are available in the library.

Our new public network computers now have access to Ancestry.com; this is a free service and is proving rather popular. So if you would like to research your family tree, all you have to do is pop into the library or ring up, book a session on a PC, and off you go! You do not need to join the library in order to use the computers ... but of course, if you would like to join, you would be made very welcome. We look forward to seeing you in the library soon.

Stella O'Neill, Library Manager, 338391

Deddington Circular Walks

Many of you will already know that we have two fantastic circular walks in the parish. Over the years, however, the leaflet published by Cherwell District Council has got a little out of date, so we've suggested a number of changes that have now been incorporated into a new edition.

The two things that we hope you'll find most useful are some clearer instructions, particularly at points where we know that walkers have got a bit lost before and a new shortcut on the Clifton loop that avoids a field that often contains livestock.

The new leaflet looks very much like the last one, so you need to look for a date of March 2009 on the back cover to be sure that you have the latest edition. Because they are only available from Banbury Tourist Information Centre or as a download from Cherwell's website (<http://www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=3513>) we'll put some laminated copies in Deddington Library for you to borrow.

We inspect the walk regularly and replace the signs if they fade or go missing. However, we'd be pleased to have your feedback if you spot any that have disappeared since we last looked. You can email us at deddingtoncircularwalk@googlemail.com if you spot anything that we should know about.

André and Cindy Tansley,
atansley@rm.com



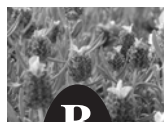
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CALLING ALL CLUBS

1st Deddington Scout Group Cubs

Four new Cubs have joined this term, Fred, Fynn, Cameron and Tom. We have created an extra 'six' to accommodate them and expanded the pack to 24. This is now our limit and anyone wanting to join will have to wait until a Cub leaves.

Before the Easter break the boys completed their St George pin badges, made by threading tiny beads on to safety pins, then hooking those together to create an England flag, fiddly but very effective. These were worn at the parade in Banbury, which was fairly well attended considering it was still the holidays.



After the holidays we had a games night, then looked at recycling. The first week we played games with a newspaper, then the Cubs were challenged to create a fairground game from a pile of junk. The Scouts tested them and voted 'Bash a Rat' the best. We also spent an evening making tiger masks and playing tiger games in preparation for the Zodiac camp at which Banbury District are tigers.

Jo Churchyard, 338071
jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

Felix and Dan have joined Scouts from Cubs; Alex has left us and George has transferred to be a Young Leader.

Since Easter the Scouts have spent time working on their global and community awards. For the global award they had to create a country, including physical characteristics, commerce, currency, flag and a national anthem. All I'll say is heaven help us if any of the despots in this troop ever get into a position of power!

Part of the community award was given to the older scouts for devising a village quiz for the newer members to complete. While they were doing this the others were learning knife skills by first whittling a candle and then a stick to become a tent peg.

Pete Churchyard, 338071

1st Deddington Guides

Raising £120 for charity was great fun! We hope you were entertained too by our sketches, soloists, dancing, quiz, jokes and fashion show. The money raised will be shared between two charities both chosen by the Guides: a deaf awareness charity and 'When you wish upon a star', a charity that grants wishes for seriously ill children. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

It was great to meet 80 other guides at the division patrol competition – we tried exotic fruit tasting, a wheelchair obstacle race, sign language and quizzes. One of the teams missed 3rd place by a whisker!

St George's Day parade in Banbury was well supported; Jasmine and Tuesday were excellent flag bearers and made us all very proud. The service in St Mary's Church was a celebration of scouting and guiding and of course St George. In the lengthy parade it was great for us to be right behind the band.

We learnt some of Deddington's history following a trail around the Market Place and had a brilliant evening for our first cookout of the year. Ah the smell of wood smoke and the taste of those sausages cooked on an open fire!

We always try to make the best of the outdoors in the summer term and had a wonderful evening bat-watching in the grounds of Wroxton College with two expert bat handlers. It was very exciting to hear the bats feeding and communicating using their detectors.

Lots of Guides are working hard to gain badges and I am very excited to announce, for our centenary next year, I [Maggie] will lead a party of four Guides, in a group of 12 from Oxfordshire, to Switzerland. We will be joining a much larger UK party where there will be huge international gatherings for the celebrations.

Guide Leaders Maggie Rampley 01295 810069
Marian Trinder 01869 340806

1st Deddington Brownies

A number of new Brownies have been welcomed to the pack in recent weeks and we hope they are enjoying the experience. The Brownies have been busy being tested for First Aid badges and keeping fit towards their Agility badge. Looking ahead the girls will be joining the rest of the Deddington District (Rainbows and upwards) for a picnic and campfire on Friday 12 June. They will also be putting on a Gala Talent Night on Monday 13 July at 6.15pm, when there will be music, dancing, a raffle, refreshments and a few surprises. If you know a Brownie make sure you get an invite! All the money raised on this occasion will go towards the 'Island Cafe' project. There is still a long waiting list to join the Brownies so if you have a daughter who might like to join when she is seven, it would be worth putting her name on the waiting list now. Contact Brown Owl, Anne Kent, on the 1stdeddingtonowls@hotmail.co.uk

Lucy Squires, 338442

Youth Club

In May, we had two creative evenings. On one, the young people produced surprisingly yummy pizzas using some strange combinations of ingredients! It was a pleasure to see them enjoying experimenting. The second evening was spent, by some, painting their own designs on T-shirts. In June we have plans for more cookery evenings, a Fox and Hounds session, jewellery making and a beauty evening.

Pam Axten, 337919

CALLING MORE CLUBS

Deddington Original Golf Society (DOGS)

I am sure everyone reading this issue of DN will join the DOGS in wishing our Chairman – Mike Roberts – a speedy and full recovery from his recent health setback. See you on the links soon, Mike!

Our signature event at Burford Golf Club (as usual) is quickly approaching on Monday 15 June. This fixture is always very popular and Burford Golf Club is consistently a very welcoming place. All the staff are superb and can't do enough for the DOGS. When we leave the club on Monday night we will have had a grand day, with fantastic food, and happy memories for a very long time!

Our annual DOGS v DOGS head-to-head competition is scheduled for Thursday 28 May. Our Captain David Chatterton has selected his team to do battle at Kirtlington Golf Club. Last year Deddington DOGS lost to Dorchester (on Thames) DOGS, but I understand that revenge will be sweet this year. Watch this space and DOL.

David Darst, 338589

Book Club

Our book for April was *Nella Last's Peace*. Shortly before the start of the Second World War, housewife Nella Last joined the Mass Observation Project. Her role was to record her experiences in a diary. The result is one of the longest diaries in the English language, providing a fascinating social history of the war and its aftermath. Nella's frank account records the mundane details of her day-to-day life, such as the trials of putting together meals for her family during rationing and adjusting to a return to full-time housework after the war. It was sometimes repetitive and rambling, but with a few literary gems.

Please note there is no meeting in June and our next meeting is 30 July.

Sally Lambert, 338094

Photographic Society

At the May meeting a workshop was held on 'table-top photography' led by one of the Society's members, Martyn Pearse. Explaining how images can be achieved on an ordinary table by the use of simple props such as Anglepoise lamps, white card reflectors, coloured tissues and different background materials, Martyn demonstrated the techniques he employs to produce creative photographs.

Members then separated into groups around six tables and, using these techniques and the various props, each produced a variety of images for different photographic subjects. A most interesting, entertaining and interactive evening, which considerably broadened the photographic horizons of members on what can be achieved with the minimum of equipment.

John Branton, 01295 811071

WI

On 12 May a resolution concerning the plight of bees was carried unanimously and will be put to the meeting and voted upon at the AGM in June. Our speaker was Diane Marshall who told us about her voluntary work with the prison Independent Monitoring Board. Volunteers are appointed by the Home Secretary and undergo a lengthy and rigorous training. Their role is to report on closed establishments independently of the prison and immigration services. They are there to ensure that people in custody are treated fairly and humanely, to listen to requests and complaints in confidence, and generally see that the rules governing prisoners and detainees are properly applied. Diane is based at HMP Bullingdon and this is obviously an important undertaking. Members put several questions to Diane and President Beryl Suckling warmly thanked her.

On 6 June we have a cake stall in the Market Place. 9 June it is 'Intriguing Oxford' with Brian Lowe and 14 July is our outing to Kew Gardens for their 250th Anniversary. Cost is £26 to include entrance fee. Ring Angela Sones, 338027 or Yvonne Twomey, 337213.

Rene Mahony, 338438

Deddington Players

Our Annual General Meeting is at the Holly Tree Club (green door in the wall by the traffic lights) at 7.30pm on Monday 15 June. Please join us if you can to discuss our plans for the coming year. Everyone is welcome.

Lucy Squires, 338442

Deddington Tennis Club

It has been a great start to the season with new and old faces enjoying playing on club nights. Although the forecast for Wednesday 20 May was not promising, it turned out to be a beautiful evening and after a few energetic games we sat outside enjoying a selection of excellent dishes from our local Chinese takeaway. For anyone who felt they missed out, we are planning to do it again on Wednesday 17 June. Don't forget to bring something to drink!

Junior and adult beginners' coaching has proved very popular. Details of coaching times are displayed at the clubhouse and on our website at www.deddingtontennis.com.

We are looking forward to the courts being smartened up over the next few weeks. The contractors will resurface and paint all three courts, so please be aware they will be out of action for a few days when this work takes place. Actual dates will be displayed on our website.

As always new members are welcome to come down for a game on club nights, and we have an open evening planned for Friday 12 June from 6.00pm onwards (subject to court resurfacing).

Sue Watts, 01295 722229

CALLING MORE CLUBS

Deddington Town Football Club

First Team Results

28.04.09 Glory Farm (h) W 4–3

Reserve Team Results

18.04.09 Heyford Utd Res (h) W 8–2

Spencer, Hall (6), Garstin

21.04.09 KEA 'A' (a) W 2–1
Hall (2)

25.04.09 KEA 'A' (h) W 3–2

Hall (2–1 pen), Gibbs

28.04.09 Kings Sutton Res (a) W 5–4

Ayckbourn, Hall (3), Franklin

30.04.09 Finmere (a) W 11–1

Hall (3), Paroussis (2), Ayckbourn,

Gibbs (3), Rollason, Tustain, K.

'How doth the hero; strong and brave, a celestial path in the Heavens pave?' Glory; thy name is Deddington Town Reserves! The present is bright, the present is most definitely orange. You could not have written a script for the mind-boggling climax to the Reserve's season. Well, maybe.

The scenario: 5 games remaining, 5 wins needed, with a goal difference deficit needing to be remedied. Luckily, the first of these games was against the league leaders. Using some sharp tactical acumen, the Reserves demolished a clearly bewildered Heyford 8–2, putting the league back into their own hands (or feet) by wiping out any goal difference handicap. Simon Hall insulted his 3 consecutive hat-tricks with a double hat-trick, and co-manager Timmy J. fittingly opened the scoring. Navigating an away game against the always dangerous KEA 'A', despite the smallest back-line in history, was a fillip and a half, but the return fixture proved a traumatic, though ultimately magnificent spectacle. 2–1 down in the closing minutes, Matty Gibbs brilliantly equalised, and the kitchen sink cavalry charge led to a penalty dispatched for the last kick of the game. Mayhem – and KEA players responded by snapping a Deddington corner flag. Making life even more difficult against Kings Sutton, a 4–2 defeat was turned into a 5–4 win, with Paul Franklin roaring forward in the dying minutes for a priceless winner. Enough drama for Channel 4, but when it came down to the final game, the Reserves made it a fitting finale, rattling in 11 goals. Matty Gibbs netted the hat trick needed to win a bet with co-manager Aaron Bliss, and club favourite Kev Tustain scored the last, and 101st league goal, of this record-breaking, double-winning campaign. There was even time for retiring Captain Jase Timms to miss a penalty! Hail your champions Deddington; they deserve your acclaim.

The First Team finished on a high, sixth place, a huge progression. For more indepth match reports, banter and *esprit par excellence*, why not visit my Facebook group: 'Deddington Reserves – It's just like watching Brazil!' It's Brazilliant.

Aaron Bliss, 07909 642882

Deddington Cricket Club

The new all-weather nets are now in use, having been formally opened on 29 April by Parish Council Chairman, Jim Flux. We are very grateful to several organisations who have awarded grants towards the installation of this facility:

Awards for All (National Lottery)	£10,000
Cherwell District Council	£4,771
Oxfordshire Community Foundation (Grassroots)	£4,440

Our Parish Council has loaned us £4,000 to cover a shortfall in the cost. We are also very grateful to all those whose efforts have contributed to the successful conclusion of this venture, not least the Vice Presidents who have generously contributed to our funds.

Results so far for the season:

1st XI lost 2, won 1

2nd XI won 3 (currently top of their league)

The Under 11s will have their first match on 27 May against Banbury. Next year there will be two junior teams (boys and girls) – Under 11s and Under 13s. The Ladies' section is well under way, with 25 ladies taking part in a friendly match on Sunday 24 May. On balance, quite a successful start to the season.

Derek Cheeseman, Chairman, 338609

Junior action in the newly opened cricket nets (Pic Jill Cheeseman)



Deddington and District History Society

Our May speaker, John Kliene, gave us an account of the work of the Battlefields Trust in preserving and researching battlefields of all periods throughout the country. He concentrated in particular on Naseby, arguably the decisive battle of the English Civil War. It was the perfect preparation for our visit to Naseby for a private tour of the battlefield on 14 June, the 350th anniversary of the battle.

Our programme of talks is now complete for this season. We are, however, presenting an exhibition of

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16th–18th century wills and inventories of Deddington people as part of the Deddington Festival. The display will be in the parish church and we urge everyone to call in to inspect the exhibits; they give a unique insight into the lives (and deaths) of our predecessors here.

The Society's committee would like to thank all our members and guests for their support this year. We continue to attract audiences that are gratifyingly large and engaged. Our next season of talks is ready to go to press. Details will be circulated to members and will be made available at various outlets. The first talk will take place at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9 September, when we look forward to welcoming old friends and new.

Chris Day (Chairman) 337204
Moiria Byast (Secretary) 338637

Deddington PFSU and Village Nursery

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our recent parents' evenings; we hope you found them useful. Don't forget that you can ask to see your child's profile or discuss their progress with us at any time. As we move into the final term of the year we will be finding out about healthy eating, our senses and summer. We hope to be making smoothies and fruit salads, and trying out some unusual fruit and vegetables, as well as enjoying lots of sand and water. We will also be having our annual sports day this term. Our major summer fund-raiser, the 'Casino Royale' night, is on Saturday 4 July at the Windmill Centre. Tickets are available from the PFSU and Nursery now. This event is open to everyone and offers a great night out whilst supporting two important community charities. Finally, our new website is now up and running. Take a look at www.deddingtonnurseryandpfsu.co.uk.

Lucy Squires, 337484

School

As we enter our final term of the school year the children have finished their SAT tests. Our Energisers Group, who make sure we are being as environmental as possible, have been kept busy litter-picking within the school and around the boundary. Our School Council raised money for Blue Peter's Mission Nutrition Appeal by holding a successful bring and buy sale – thank you to everyone who donated clothes, toys, etc.

Every class has been allocated a plot in our new allotment. They have been busy planning what to grow and researching how this is to be done successfully. This is a great project to promote healthy eating, help children to understand how plants grow and encourage co-operation and teamwork. The children are looking forward to eating the final result!

We are collecting Sainsbury's and Tesco vouchers, and this year we are also collecting the *Sunday Times* book vouchers to help stock our library. There are boxes to put vouchers in our reception area.

Jane Cross, Deputy Headteacher, 338430

Windmill Community Centre AGM

The AGM of the Windmill Management Committee was held on 19 May. Chairman Mark Tyler reported that the greatest expenditure last year was the replacement of the ageing and inefficient gas boiler which has resulted in considerable savings in gas consumption.

Following the withdrawal of the planning application for a wind turbine due to the level of objection from nearby residents, an application for solar panels on the south-facing roof of the Centre was submitted. Indications are that CDC Planning will look favourably on the project, and the outcome of a grant aid application to Sita Landfill Trust will be known later in June. The cost-benefit of this project is far less certain, but there was a very narrow window of opportunity in which to submit plans. However, the project will not go ahead if the economics do not make sense.

The main hall has recently been redecorated; the entrance locks need to be simplified and updated as there are security issues within the centre at times. In the coming year the Management Committee will look at the long-term possibility of increasing the main hall and adding further facilities.

The Committee and this year's retiring trustee, Mary Robinson, were re-elected unopposed. Bookings are still taken solely by Joyce Minnear and, despite advertising, there is still no-one to assist her. The level of usage and bookings for the facility continues to increase, and the financial status is solid (the balance sheet will shortly be posted on the Charity Commission website). Use of the all weather court is still high, particularly in the winter months. However, there is a constant battle against petty but expensive vandalism at the AWC such as cutting the wire fences, super-gluing the padlock and attempts to wrench off the lighting box, which cost time and money to rectify. CCTV cameras have been installed to deter vandals and are constantly monitored.

Mark Tyler, Chairman, 338056

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Fire Service

Champions in 999 Charity Challenge

The annual 999 Challenge took place on 24 April at the Farmers' Market. Teams of five from the Police, Docs 'n Vets and Fire Service raced to cross the distance of the Channel on rowing machines. After a very closely fought battle the Fire Crew emerged victorious, with the Docs 'n Vets coming in second. It was pies for all afterwards at the Crown and Tuns, sponsors of the 999 trophy. The event raised over £500 to be shared between the three chosen charities.

From the Station

We attended 11 shouts in the last month, including a warehouse fire, an electrical fire involving two shops in Bicester, a van fire, a chimney, rubbish bins deliberately set alight, a leak of domestic heating oil and one road traffic collision.

WM Anne Waters, 338281

Open Day at Fire Station on Road Safety

Come and meet the crew on Saturday 4 July, tour the station, find out how we can help you to protect yourself and your family on the road and at home. Watch the live demonstrations of our road traffic collision procedures; see how the team work to release a trapped person from a crashed car. The station opens at 10.00am, with demonstrations at 12pm and 2pm, children's games and refreshments.

WM (Dev) Chris Fenemore, 338281

Lyra at Deddington Church

Lyra from St Petersburg paid a welcome return visit to Deddington Church on 29 April. Visa delays up to the last minute meant that the DN could not publicise their concert. Their programme ranging from Russian Orthodox chants through operatic arias to traditional folksongs gave great enjoyment. Twenty-seven concerts across England in 30 days is a demanding schedule for bodies and voices alike.

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I have been in a time machine. Well, not exactly, but I imagine the effect would be the same. If you go to DOL and go to the tab 'History', top of the item list is 'Articles and Documents'. Follow this link and the last item (newest in the list) is entitled 'Recollections of a WWII evacuee'. This collection of writings by Derrick Robbins about his time in Deddington as a boy during the Second World War is a fascinating account of growing up in Deddington in the early 1940s. There are some excellent pictures along with these recollections which bring the whole thing to life (http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/articles/recollections_of_the_1940s).



Early notice: every three months the DOL editorial team meets informally (i.e. over a glass!) in the snug bar of the Unicorn Inn to discuss progress on the site. We welcome anyone who has an interest in DOL, either just as a user with useful feedback, or who would possibly like to be involved in it in any way. Please come and join us. Next meeting is on 14 July make it a date with DOL!

Paul Drawmer, 338450, paul@drawmer.net



Lyra – Dmitry, Zlata, Natalia and Andrey (Photo by Judy Ward)

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