



Family fun in the Market Place on 8 February - the one day so far of snow in Deddington this winter, and the school was closed because teachers couldn't get there. 60 years ago snow fell somewhere in England every day from 22 January to 17 March. At an Oxford primary school that year classes took turns learning to skate on a frozen tennis court every day for three weeks. What experience of snow will these youngsters have over the next 60 years? Climate change could either make snowmen even rarer, or the already accelerating melting of the Arctic and the Greenland ice-cap could stop the Gulf Stream, making winters even colder as well as flooding the Thames estuary. Will their parents' generation reduce their carbon footprint enough now for the sake of their children's longer-term future? Visit <http://www.carbonfootprint.com/>. Have your say on 'Green Matters' in the Forum's General section on <http://www.deddington.org.uk/> CH

March Diary

- Sat 3 PTA: Quiz Night, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm >p.3
 Sat 3 Football Club: Race Night, British Legion, 7.30 pm
 Mon 5 Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am-noon.
 Mon 5 Fire Service: Recruitment Drive. > see insert
 Tue 6 Fire Service: Recruitment Drive; Open evening at the Fire Station, 7-9 pm.
 Wed 7 Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm.
 Sat 10 *Music in the Air*, Concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm >p.5
 Tue 13 WI: Annual General Meeting, Cheese and Wine, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm >p.11
 Wed 14 History Society: Dr E Gemmill, *The Mediaeval Household*, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm >p.12
 Thu 15 *Last Temptation of Christ*, film, Parish Church 7.30 pm.
 Wed 21 Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm.
 Sat 24 Deddington Farmers' Market: 9am-12.30 pm.
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Meeting in Town Hall, 21 February 2007

Present: Cllrs Squires (Chair), Anderson, Collins, Flux, Ince, Privett, Spencer, Todd, Watts, Westbury, Wood, C/Clr Jelf, the Clerk, the Steward and 3 members of the public.

Vandalism - Positive feedback to PC's DN insert; shared with other councils. But problem continues: Windmill Play Area closed until further notice because of broken bottles; future of cricket pavilion to be discussed again with Club. Co-op head office to be approached about alcohol sales to under-age drinkers. Thanks to public-spirited Gaveston Gardens residents for clearing up smashed glass by Hempton Road wall. Offenders need to be reported by witnesses - *anonymously* - to **Crimestoppers 0800 555 111**.

Community Support Officers - Recent meeting with police had recommended the employment by local councils of a CSO @ £30k p.a, 50% grant-aided, viz. about £15 p.a for Band D household, but saving on cost of vandalism repairs. Job description to be examined and discussed.

Parish Plan - Draft Report circulated to P/Cllrs and statutory bodies - for discussion at March meeting.

Teen Scene - Quotations for equipment coming in with a view to draft plan by May for full consultation. Landfill Tax Credit Scheme grant possible.

Bus Shelter in Market Place with possible cycle rack - more designs to be sought; 50% grant available. Planning approval not needed. Agreed in principle.

Satin Lane Allotments - is there enough demand to justify cost of clearing 2 new plots? Apply to Parish Clerk - 337447.

Traffic Calming - OCC undertaking 2 full speed surveys: Hempton Road and southern A4260 approach; and short survey at western entrance to Hempton.

Clifton Road - footpath has been cleared by crew not needed for road-gritting.

Earls Lane - C/Clr Jelf to investigate OCC responsibility for mess caused by dumped planings.

Planning

PC No Objection: (1) Windsor Cottage, High St, Deddington: 2-storey side extension; alert CDC to neighbour's privacy concerns. (2) 8 Gaveston Gardens, Deddington: 1st floor extension over garage. (3) End Cottage, The Stile, Deddington: convert existing storage to 1 bedroom flat over new garage. (4) 65 St Johns Way, Hempton: 1st floor side extension. (5) Horsefair Cottage, Deddington: rebuild ground-floor bay window. (6) 45 Mill Close, Deddington: detached double garage. (7) The Homestead, The Lane, Hempton: 2-storey rear and 1st-floor side extension. (8) Glen Cree, Philcote St, Deddington: fell 1 tree, prune 2. (9) Castle Dene, Castle Street, Deddington: convert barn to games room and nursery, but not for later accommodation.

CDC Approvals: (10) Holcombe hotel: rebuild stone wall at rear. (11) 2 Manor Farm Barns, Hempton Road, Deddington - remove lower branches. (12)

Mews House, Castle Street, Deddington: 2-storey NE extension, 1-storey SW extension, but no new windows in walls or roof without prior consent. (13) 19 The Paddocks, Deddington: developer's 2-bedroom bungalow with access from Mill Close; complies with CDC infilling rules; no comment from Thames Water re. relocating pumping station. Resident seeking review of decision. (14) Victoria House, Horse Fair, Deddington - conservatory at side and rear. (15) Langton House, Chipping Norton Road, Hempton - conservatory at rear; front garage extension, porch roof & dormer.

CDC comments: (16) Site next to Orchard House, St Thomas Street: fruit trees to be replaced; oak trees protected. (17) Stable Cottage, Hempton Road, Deddington: CDC reviewing long-term policy on eco-installations in Conservation areas. (18) Trees opposite School: CDC investigating ownership of land.

Shorts

- PC congratulates Anne Waters on her MBE.
- PC Phil Morris has been promoted; terrorism threat stretching regular police resources.
- CDC to empty public rubbish bins every week.
- Deter pigeons roosting under Town Hall.
- Town Hall hanging baskets: sponsorship to be sought, and watering system paid for from Best Village prize.
- Charter Housing grant to replace path in cemetery.
- Request for wedding reception in Castle grounds withdrawn.
- Road to Aynho - cause of flooding fixed by Northants CC.
- Fun Fair to return - 14~18 November.
- Lower Heyford railway bridge - advance warning of road closure for 18 months from early 2008.

PARISH FINANCES

- Invoices passed for payment totalled £4,669.25. All orders on behalf of associated bodies to be made by Clerk.
- Investments totalled £554,755.55, of which £7,080.07 Barclays @ 0.1% imprest and current account; £341,709.76 West Bromwich @ 5.10% overnight; £5,965.72 (including £4800.56 interest arrears) Alliance & Leicester @ 2.5% on 30 days; £200,000 Birmingham Midshires 2-year bond @ 5.13%.

DATES FOR DIARIES : Tuesday 15 May - Parish Annual Meeting, with refreshments - to present new Parish Plan which includes recommendations re future parish development..

Saturday 9 June - Parish clean-up, sponsored by R C Spencer & Co.

NEXT MEETING**Town Hall**

Wednesday 21 March - 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



As part of their Tudors project year 3 visited Sulgrave Manor to relive the daily life of a Tudor person. We were very proud of them all as they were great ambassadors for the school.

On Friday 26 January Year 3 went to Sulgrave Manor. We travelled by coach. When we got there, we had to wait because it didn't open till 10 am. When it was 10 am, Lawrence Washington came out. Then we went in. We had to get changed into Tudor clothes. The girls wore a shift, a kirtle, a body and a coyle. The boys wore a shirt a pair of breeches and a cloak. Then we acted out the story of the Tudors. My part was handing over a sword. Then we had Tudor lunch. After lunch we went to the gift shop; I bought a necklace and a bit of vanilla fudge. After that we went and played for a bit. Then we went to visit the blacksmith's forge. Seven people live in there. Then we went to the Manor. It was huge. First we visited the dining room. Next we went to the small kitchen. After that we went to the massive bedroom. Then we went back to the great hall and collected our things and went back to school.

Tempany Year 3

PTA

Summer seems a long way off as I sit and write this with a thick blanket of snow outside. However, we have been busy planning some exciting events to take us through to the end of the academic year in July. Our ever popular annual Quiz Night will be taking place on Saturday 3 March at the Windmill Centre. Tickets sold very fast and I am sure a lot of fun will be had by all. Will the teachers retain their title?

On 28 and 29 March, Deddington Parish Church roof will be raised by the sound of our school children performing "Joseph". This promises to be a wonderful evening and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. The PTA will be providing refreshments (including wine and beer) and there will also be a raffle. Any donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received and they should be placed in the box in the school reception area or, alternatively, given to a Committee Member.

When the children return to school after half term they will be busy designing a Tea Towel which will be available in time for Mother's Day and Easter. Watch out for further details on how to purchase this delightful and useful gift! Our school fête will be held on Saturday 16 June.

Village Nursery

Tuesday 20 February marked the first anniversary of Deddington Pre-school dividing into the Village Nursery (for 2-3 year olds) and the PFSU (for 3-school age). As our 1st Birthday coincided with Pancake Day we celebrated the occasion with a Pancake Party. The children, parents and staff had



Deddington Primary School needs a 'handy person' urgently to keep up with all those DIY jobs. If you can decorate, do a bit of carpentry, help clean windows and the odd bit of gardening please contact Mrs Vickt Stevens in the school office. The hours per week are very flexible and the salary is £8.00 per hour.

Judith Tinsley 338430

lots of fun playing games, singing and of course eating yummy pancakes! Many thanks to our Chair, Jane Privett, who kindly made two scrumptious cakes for the Nursery and PFSU.

We are introducing a 'Yoga Bugs' class which promotes physical development and co-ordination. The children really enjoy dancing and movement and this class will take our jolly jump around times a step further. We are looking for someone to help with music teaching, incorporating both instruments and singing, please speak to Anna if you would like more information on 337383.

Emma Thompson

PFSU report on pg. 9

NOW OPEN

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- Stimulating environment for 2-3 year olds
- Large outdoor play area
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- Opening hours:
9.15 - 11.45am and 12.30 - 3.00pm

For more details please contact
Anna Justice on 01869 337383

SS Peter and Paul, Deddington and St John, Hempton

You will always be very welcome at any service in Church or Chapel

Parish Church in March

Sun	4	10.30 am	All Age Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	Evensong
Wed	7	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	8	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	11	10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
Wed	14	10.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	18	10.30 am	Mothering Sunday Eucharist with Healing Prayer
Mon	19	6.30 pm	St Joseph - Eucharist
Wed	21	10.00 am	Eucharist
Thur	22	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels
Sun	25	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.30 am	Morning Service : 'Slavery'
Mon	26	6.30 pm	Annunciation - Eucharist
Wed	28	10.00 am	Eucharist

St John, Hempton

Sun	4	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	18	9.00 am	Eucharist
Sun	25	6.00 pm	Evensong

From the Parish Register:

Baptism - 11 February Ashton James Cox

Bible Study Groups:

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

Charity of the Month - March: Steppin' Stone Centre, Oxford: All Saints Convent 'restoring self-worth to those who have lost it' - 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; 25 March - Faith Sharpe

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. Throughout Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7.30 pm at Hethe.

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

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.

GRANT OF PREMISES LICENCE**Notice of Application under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003**

Deddington Church Council of the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Church Street, Deddington, Oxon OX15 0SA. Propose to Licence these Premises to the provision of regulated entertainment and entertainment facilities, and to the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises. Representations can be made in writing by the end of **Tuesday 27 March 2007** to the Head of Corporate Services, The Licensing Authority, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4QAA, Tel: 01295 221535, Fax: 01295 270028, Email: election.licensing@cherwell-dc.gov.uk, Web: www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk. Full details of the application can be inspected by appointment at the address above. It is an offence knowingly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction of the offence is not exceeding £5,000.

PREPARING FOR EASTER ACTIVITIES

for Primary School Aged Children

Come and prepare for Easter at Deddington Parish Church on Thursday 5 April, 10am until 12.30pm. Cooking, craft workshops, chess and other games for children 5-11 yrs. Cost £1.50 per child. Optional farm visit and picnic afterwards to see the lambs at Calcutt Farm in Merton.

Application forms from Caroline Tindale (337962), Sarah Liebrecht (337628), Sally Haslam (338216), the Deddington School Office and the Church. Numbers are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Completed applications and monies to be received by Friday 30 March to Caroline, Sarah or the School Office, or to Jane Green on 337837 by Monday 2 April. Jane Green would also be grateful to hear from anyone who is able to help.

www.deddingtonchurch.org

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).

E-MAIL FROM WALTER MEAGHER, HOPCRAFT LANE, DEDDINGTON

I would like to thank all the parishioners who have generously contributed their time in preparing lists of birds seen in their gardens.

What I shall do, when I have more data, is make a consolidated list. The most important thing for us to track is the common birds, it is they that fluctuate in number.

Starlings, for example, are less common now than just a while ago. Rarities are very welcome, of course. I saw an osprey, high above Hopcraft Lane, and felt warranted in adding it to my list. Send your list soon to: w.meagher@zen.co.uk

E-MAIL FROM COLIN ROBINSON, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

Reduce, re-use, recycle. **Freecycle** exists to help you find a new owner for your bits and pieces. It started in the USA in 2003 and is spreading rapidly around the world. As the name implies, no money changes hands. You want to get rid of something and someone else wants it. You don't have to take it to the tip, it doesn't occupy landfill, someone else benefits. A win-win enterprise. We have four local groups, Banbury, Cherwell Valley, Chipping Norton and Oxford. I've joined them all. This means that I'm offering stuff to around 12,000 people. Someone even came to collect from Abingdon. So far I've passed on beds, books, shelving, reel-to-reel tapes and stuff that's not worth putting on Ebay. It's simple and free, but one word of caution. You are inviting strangers to your door, so take care. Go to <http://freecycle.org/> and follow the links to United Kingdom-Oxfordshire, register and start posting e-mails.

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than you knew you wanted to know! Did you know there was a Quaker clock maker in the village? See: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/history/characters/fardon04.html>

The forum is a free place for you to raise matters of importance to you, and answer back if you need to. Recent issues raised in the Forum include an idea for a 'green' cemetery, an invitation to join a Civil War re-enactment group, and comments on the unspeakable habits of some dog owners.

Find out about your village at www.deddington.org.uk. Click on the 'Forum' to have your say. Now here's a question for you: "How many businesses are there listed on your village web site?" Post your answer on the Forum under 'General Discussion'.

Paul Drawmer 338450

Please address all letters to:
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5 THE LEYES, DEDDINGTON
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and include your name and address,
even if they are not for publication.

E-MAIL FROM ANNE KENT, BROWN OWL, 1st DEDDINGTON BROWNIES

1st Deddington Brownies would like to thank Jo Ransome (Brown Owl) for all her dedication and hard work over the past five years. Sadly Jo and her

family have recently left the area, so Jo can no longer come to meetings. She used to travel from the far side of Banbury every Monday evening to take Brownies and her commitment will be sorely missed. Deddington Brownies has

a full membership with over 20 names on the waiting list and this is due to Jo's hard work and leadership. I have taken over the role from Jo, so if anyone has any queries regarding Brownies, please visit our website www.1stdeddingtonbrownies.co.uk where a link to Brown Owl's e-mail address can be found.

**FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON FESTIVAL**

Newsletter 5 will be delivered to all members during the second half of April. If there is anything you would like to see in this edition, any ideas, suggestions for the Festival's future, please get in touch with me by the end of March on: 337052 or: op@kristin.demon.co.uk Our thanks to all of you who have renewed your FDF membership for 2007 – a vital contribution to the Festival's success. We've also received some generous donations which hint at the increasing sense of personal involvement the Parish feels in this summer celebration.

Kristin Thompson, Publicity, FDF

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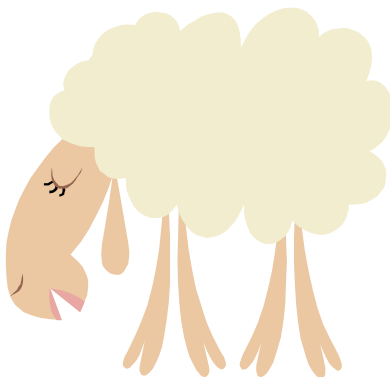
Well, here we go again - it's that time of year, by the time the March edition of the DN hits the doormat we shall be in the pregnant pause between the due date and the appearance of the first lambs. Due to what can only be described as a very wet winter the ewes have been inside for what seems a very long time, as they were flooded off their grazing at the start of November and were brought in some 10 weeks earlier than usual. The last of the '06 lamb crop have now gone off to market albeit at a very disappointing farm gate price, and with the forecast the coming year will see even larger amounts being imported from around the world. The prospects for the coming season are no better, so what with an all-time low in the wool market and a lamb crop that may well do little more than cover its costs, it's sad to think that keeping the last sheep flock in the parish has become little more than an environmentally friendly way of keeping the grass sward on the flood meadows at the right height for the ground nesting birds. Oh dear, more grumbles from the lambing shed and we haven't even started yet.

At the moment the expression "corn up horn down" seems to have a ring of truth in it. The

meaning of this old country phrase is simply that when corn prices are up, livestock values go down. At the moment we are enjoying a rise in the grain trade, something that the press has been very quick to point out by saying that grain prices are up by a third. The millers and the supermarkets have been using the rise in the grain trade as an excuse to put up the cost of bread to the consumer. Yes, there has been a rise in the farmgate grain values, but from a very low base and the current values are still well below what they were 10 years ago. But I do not recollect a fall in the price of bread in recent years, do you? But sadly the mess in Suffolk has taken the shine off the grain markets, with fears that a major outbreak of bird 'flu would reduce the demand for poultry food.

The recent snow fall, which coincided with half-term, provided for some mischief in the farmyard with an ambush on Grampy. Despite all the concerns about health and safety, a few well-placed salvos sorted the matter out and peace terms were negotiated with the promise of the rapid production of a sledge. Only after that was completed was I to be allowed to return to sorting out the bee equipment for next season.

George Fenemore 338203




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The Allotment

At the moment it is a little too cold and wet to be active on the allotment or for that matter in the home garden. Just as well I have a keyboard to pass the time away and to help me produce my first article as a contributor to the DN. My intention, through this column, is to comment about the growing of fruit and vegetables, coupled with the trials and tribulations suffered at the hands, or is it the mouths, of the unfriendly beasts we encounter and the weeds especially those in abundance at Stone Pits Allotment.



Having worked an allotment plot for the past ten years I will call on some of my own experiences as well as taking the advice of other allotment holders at the plot, not forgetting the visitors who give freely of their knowledge on how it should be done.

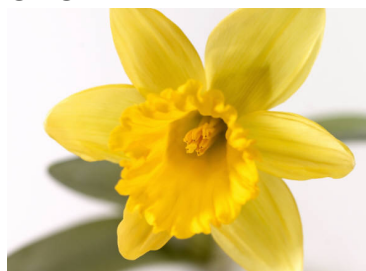
There could not be a better time for allotments. In this traditionally clothcap,

male preserve there has been a remarkable uptake by women, young couples and professional people. Stone Pits proudly boast representatives from all of them. Food scares, not to mention the soaring costs of produce, have made growing your own seem ever more attractive. There is something about nurturing plants and pottering in the open air that is soothing and therapeutic not to mention the taste and pleasure of eating your own, and of course the exercise we need.

With the blessing of the Parish Council, the Stone Pits allotment started to take shape in March 2004. There was an immediate uptake of all 14 plots. Such was the interest that four of the applicants had to share two plots. The response was even greater than initially expected. Thanks to the PC for funding and installing water so early on, a 'must' early in any season.

March weather is erratic, with fresh bright days followed by wintry showers and frosts at night. Listen to the local forecast, as weather is critical now. Many vegetables are sown to emerge when the frosts are over, which requires careful timing. When in doubt it is safer to wait. A few general maintenance tips might be: keep a watch on germinating annual weeds and use them for composting. Perennials should be burned or binned. Mulch beds with organic matter after a good rainfall to retain moisture. Clear up any remaining debris. Pests will be on the move now after your young vegetables. Aphids will multiply. Cut off infested shoots to prevent problems later. Wage war on snails and slugs. An extra bit of seed will keep the birds happy.

Tony Campion



The Flower Garden

I thought there was nothing going on in the garden, but behold - Ralph brought in a little bunch of Snowdrops, and

mini-daffs. Some bright yellow Crocuses are on view from the Conservatory windows, so Spring must be round the corner. I find that it has been an odd year for the countryside, and for the garden too. It all looks too green for winter, green and muddy. Is it the dreaded global warming? In the next few weeks we must sort out the urns and containers. In spite of the mild season there are some broken ones, too far gone to rescue. We have completely cleared one bed which was choked with ground elder and will have to start again. It will probably need a season's rest under black plastic. A friend who did this reported success. In the meantime get your gardening tools together and good luck for the coming season. Gardeners will miss the closing down of Hoods. They stocked everything and Banbury will not be the same. And while we are on the subject of shopping for things like compost, too heavy to cart around for the old ones, like me, some nurseries will deliver in Deddington.

Marianne Elsley



Friends of Daeda's Wood

At our recent AGM we re-elected our admirable Secretary and Treasurer, Yvonne and Chris Twomey. The post of Chairman remains temporarily vacant but various responsibilities were undertaken by other members of the Committee. Elspeth Cox (tel. 337635) kindly agreed to become our contact with the Woodland Trust.

Our new Woodland Officer, Loren Eldred, was snowbound in Princes Risborough but sent an email summarising his and the Woodland Trust's thoughts on Daeda's future. This is likely to include a more hands-on involvement on our part with regard to such maintenance as pruning or coppicing - with proper guidance. We would welcome volunteers prepared to help when the occasion arises. Please contact me or Elspeth Cox.

We plan to update our Display and possibly arrange a summer evening's walk to the Wood. I continue to market *A Diary of Daeda's Wood* (£4.50, all profits to the Woodland Trust).

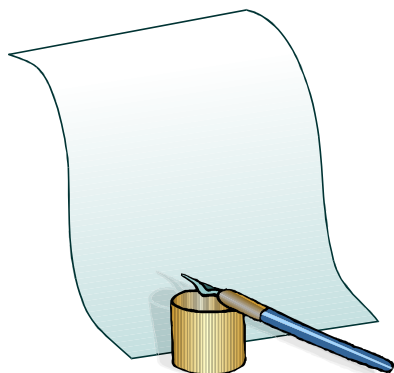
If you would like to become a Friend (annual sub £5) please contact our Treasurer Chris Twomey on 337213.

Sylvie Spenceley 338995

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO

As there is a gap in the diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley, I am giving some extracts from Jackson's Oxford Journal for the relevant time. The following is a letter to the Editor under the heading of "Deddington" in the issue of 14th March 1857:-

Sir, I read with much pleasure the Report of the National School Committee, which appeared in the J.O.J. of 31st January, and was delighted to find that the Report shows the present condition of the Schools to be so good, and the prospects so favourable.



I am also very glad to see that the balance, which was paid over by the Treasurer of the Building Committee and which was appropriated improperly to the current expenses of the Schools, has been refunded, since it forms a

beginning for the sum wanted towards the erection of Teachers' residences, and fairly removes all objections to supporting the Schools.

I should much like to see two neat Gothic buildings erected for Teachers' residences, one at each corner of the frontage on the Banbury road, and after the liberality which has been manifested during the past year towards the Schools, and feel that all this may be completed before next winter. I much congratulate the able Secretary on the success which has attended his perseverance and labour; and his tact and kindness in managing many delicate points now happily no longer existing. And surely now is the time for peace in Deddington.

A few matters had tended to create ill feeling at one time amongst us, but as they exist no longer, I do hope all parties will unite and promote a continuance of that process which has already begun to mark the Schools, and to exist also in our Sunday School, which greatly needs augmentation in Scholars and in Teachers.

I am, Sir, Your's obediently,

ONE OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

21st March - Children belonging to the National Schools will be examined by the Rev.J.Murray, Diocesan Inspector.

28th March - Working Men's Reading Room - A lecture on "Man's Immortality" was delivered in the Wesleyan Reform Chapel before an audience of about 200.

There was an attempt at burglary at a house in Adderbury. An alarm bell sounded and the burglars then made a precipitate retreat, not all relishing their unexpected reception.

Buffy Heywood

Cover Stories - 2

The Castle was built by or for Bishop Odo of Bayeux, half brother of William the Conqueror, as the headquarters of his extensive estates in Oxfordshire, and appears to have been a place of considerable strength in the 12th century. William de Chesney, Lord of Deddington, held the Castle in the mid 12th century when England was ravaged by civil war, but during the struggle between King Richard and his brother Prince John in the late 12th century it was seized by the Crown.

Descendants of the Chesneys, the Dive family, regained possession in the 13th century and styled themselves 'Lord of Deddington Castle', but by the end of that century it was partially demolished and by 1310 there seems to have been little left apart from "a chamber and a dovecote". By 1377 stonework from the walls was being sold off - to Bicester Priory. To the south east of the Castle site is a field known as 'The Fishers' which was presumably originally the fishpond for the castle.

There have been two recent archaeological "digs", one in 1947 and one in 1977. These have uncovered evidence of some Saxon building on the site, but the main evidence, both archaeological and documentary, is of the castle in the eleventh to fourteenth centuries. There was an inner bailey containing a stone hall, a solar and chapel, with a tower on the east side and a gatehouse on the west side giving access to the large outer bailey. Pottery from the 11th to 13th centuries was found on the site.

D-O-L



News from Hempton

As there are quite a few new families in the village I thought I should remind people that the Mobile Library calls at Hempton on alternate Mondays. It stops at the loop which is situated on the Lane almost opposite the Church. It arrives at 10.00am and stays for 15 minutes. The next due date is 5 March.



Since Christmas, Cherwell Council has been emptying the wheelie bins much earlier in the day than previously. Some people have not had their bins emptied. Please ensure that the bins are ready by 7.00am and clearly visible by the roadside.

Mrs Robey had a children's birthday party in the Church Hall on 27 January and all the children enjoyed the fun. Another lady from Deddington is holding one on 10 March. The Hall is ideal for a medium-to-small function, so if anyone needs to use it, please give me a ring. The Hall rates are £3.50 per hour with heating, or £3.00 for summer time.

The table tennis team, despite having a poor time in the League, have reached the third round of the Cup. So good luck to them as they bid for a place in the semi-finals. They play Mollington in the next round.

The family of Connor Rose have sent a letter thanking everyone who contributed to the collection which went towards the appeal to raise money for an operation for Connor. The letter is on the notice board in the Church Hall for anyone who would like to read it.

Les Chappell 338054

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PFSU

20 February marked the first anniversary of moving into our new building on the school site. So much hard work has gone into setting up and running this new pre-school and making it such a success. Well done to the staff, committee, parents and children! Unfortunately no one came forward with a jungle animal to show the children for the past half term project. Bit of a shame, I thought there might have been a snake, tiger or parrot residing in Deddington.



Never mind, maybe you can help with this half term's topic which is Transport? We plan to have a tractor, an ambulance and a pony visit the children. Has anyone got any

other exciting or unusual modes of transport they could bring along? The joint PFSU and Village Nursery Quiz Night which was held at the Crown and Tuns was a great evening. Thank you to everyone who took part and also thanks to Cathy and Anton for hosting. We need someone to help with lunchtime cover on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:45 to 12:45. This is a paid position and more details can be obtained from Anna on 337484.

Emma Thompson

THE QUICK MARCH OF TIME

Thinking of my grandmother while struggling with various computer and laptop printer leads, trying, after a 2 months break, to remember which went into which socket probably did not help solve the puzzle. My colleague luckily kept her mind on 21st century techniques and to our great relief the cues for committing the Deddington News direct from laptop to printer showed up on screen. A few clicks here and there with the mouse, a rather anxious wait while the printer digested information and we were in business. Printing 14 pages each of 1070 copies for the month of February had begun.

So where does my grandmother fit in? Maybe it is whenever I am overwhelmed by the quick march of time, which puts me into situations I hardly dreamt of just a few years ago, that I fleetingly remember grandmother when she was nearly as old as I am now. She appeared to enjoy her old age by letting the younger generation do the worrying. She had done her bit in life and was now entitled to sit back and watch eagerly what sort of a fist we made

of it. All the same, I do not envy her, except for the fact that she embodied the perfect picture of serenity, a trait hard to attain when new inventions and teachings tumble ceaselessly about us.

Meeting new challenges has become the norm in the 21st century, and keeping up with them excellent therapy. It means of course concealing from

everybody but one's self, handicaps like slightly rusty brain power and forgetfulness for which there is but one cure. Commit all that needs to be remembered immediately on paper and train yourself to remember where the various crib sheets are stored! And as for printing the Deddington News the 'modern' way, the assistance of my fellow printer is the greatest comfort. We encourage each other to cope with whatever befalls the unsuspecting volunteer printer and really quite enjoy seeing another month's issue piled up on the shelves, ready for the collating team.

During our last print-run we were visited by a friend who deposited a red box full of papers with me, saying that the contents might be of interest to Deddington News readers. Because she found the rhythmic noise of the printer rather deafening further explanations were impossible at the time but I have since glanced inside, and, provided that I receive no objections from past members of the Deddington Society, I will be very pleased to share with our readers their aims and achievements in the years of their active involvement in our village in the 1970s.

Ruth Johnson



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Dracula - the Pantomime

Yes, in spite of its unpromising hero, this year's panto was funny, slapstick, endearing - all the traditional panto characteristics. The jokes were corny, but, delivered by our indomitable Players, they became hilarious all over again. The scenery and clothes were as imaginative as ever. The songs were lively, using the music of old favourites and played and sung with verve as if the cast enjoyed them too. The menace of Dracula himself was diluted by his petulant mutter now and then of "Don't boo me, I don't like it." Congratulations to all the cast and helpers and especially to the Director Eleonore Bruyere for managing to sweeten up a potentially unpleasant story and make it great entertainment.

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Deddington Cricket Club

With a full Wednesday league programme, more Sunday fixtures, a busy Saturday league and cup programme, there will be plenty of opportunities to play this coming season. From 3 March through to 30 April we are holding nets practice at Dewey Sports Hall, Bloxham School every Monday evening (except Easter) from 8-9 pm. There will be a small charge (tba) to help cover costs and we hope to have some coaching on specific evenings. Lifts may be available from the village.
Please call James on 01869 338151 or 07739 047159 for further details, or turn up on the night.

James Ransom**Deddington Town Football Club**1st Team Results

Cropley (a)	Lost 1-6	A.Gray.
Bodicote (a)	Lost 0-3	
Arncott (h)	Lost 1-2	B.Durrant.

The 1st team had a poor start to 2007, losing all three games played. A goal by Ben Durrant was not enough to earn any points against fellow strugglers Arncott. As a result the team are in a relegation place in the Premier Division. However, a couple of wins would soon move the team out of trouble and there are still plenty of league points to play for.

Reserve Team Results

Broughton & N.Newington Res (h)	Drew 1-1	T.Spencer.
Broughton & N.Newington Res (h) (Geoff Wilson Cup)	Lost 1-2	B.Debenham.
Ruscote Res (a)	Drew 2-2	J.Smith, A.Perrin.

The Reserve side picked up a couple of useful league draws against teams from near the top of their division. A goal from joint player manager Tim Spencer stopped Broughton in their tracks and in the process knocked them off the top of the league. Veteran striker Andy Perrin was on target in the draw at Ruscote. The team currently occupy a mid table position in Division 3.

75 Club Winners – All Winning £50: 19/1/07 Mrs C.Smith; 26/1/07 C.Franklin; 2/2/07 K.Anderson; 9/2/07 G.Reason.

Steve Plumbe 01295 278258**Book Club**

At our last meeting we discussed *A Time of Gifts* by Patrick Leigh Fermor and these are our thoughts: 'Rather overwhelming linguistically to the point of being pretentious. Publishers today would probably not have allowed it to be printed in such a rambling form. Beautifully descriptive at times and a good snapshot of life in pre-war Europe. Worth reading, but have a dictionary to hand!' During February we read *Shalimar the Clown* by Salman Rushdie and our book for March is *Blood and Sand* by Frank Gardner. Our membership is still predominantly female, but we are delighted that we now have 4 males in our Group. New members of both sexes warmly welcomed! Next meeting 29 March. Call for venue.

Sally Lambert 338094**Church Youth Work**

GTT (Girls Tea Time) 13-18 yrs: Come and enjoy a time of chatting over cups of tea and cake. Get personal about the girly things! Every Saturday from 5-6 pm in the Living Room (back of Deddington Church)

DYG (Deddington Youth Group/Discovering Your God) 11-16 yrs has a friendly and relaxed atmosphere where you can chill out and have a laugh as well as a place to discuss some of the deeper things in life. DYG is a safe place to explore and share any opinion or belief. Every Saturday 6.45-8 pm in the Living Room. DYG currently has 15 members of different ages and schools. The group is Christian-based but is open to all, with no expectations. The aim is not to get young people's bottoms on pews on a Sunday morning, but to see them develop as individuals and as a group. We go on trips, have parties, put on shows and have heaps of fun.

I also help with the village Youth Club which meets every Monday evening at the Windmill Centre for those between 10 to 16 yrs. All young people are always warmly welcome to everything that is going on and I would love to see anyone come and drop in and give it a taste. Please contact me for further information

Clare Newcome 07753743739**WI**

13 February was a chilly wet evening, but it was a pleasure to hear our speaker, John Brucker, to enjoy the photographs, and to share his experiences and knowledge of bird watching. His interest in this was first aroused by a chance birthday gift from his grandfather, which changed his then interest in aircraft spotting to bird watching. As a member of the Ornithological Society, he is just as interested in the statistics showing the rise and fall in numbers of certain species over a period of years. Members and visitors agreed that this was a pleasant evening. The Annual meeting is on 13 March followed by wine and cheese.

Rene Mahoney 338438

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1st Deddington Scout GroupCubs

We started the term with a very enjoyable trip to the Deddington panto where the Cubs all had a great time. Very well done to everyone involved with the production.

The first project for the New Year was to complete the Astronomy badge; we stood on the field and tried to spot constellations, made star scopes and studied the moon with binoculars. Does anyone have a telescope they could bring for the Cubs to have a look through? We are now producing a play based on a Jungle Book story for a Red Nose Day fundraising event.

Six of the Cubs recently entered the district Supercub competition; we didn't win but had a fun morning making models.

Jo Churchyard 338071 or jochurchyard@hotmail.com

Scouts

This term we welcomed Sam to the troop and this puts our numbers up to 19, which is fantastic. We hope he enjoys his time with our very lively bunch. During the Christmas break we took some Scouts to see *A Christmas Carol* at the Mill, it was a very good production and they really enjoyed themselves. The Scouts have been compiling a 'Kids Guide to Deddington' as part of their Guide badge; we hope to have copies in the library when it is completed. The rest of the term has topics based on 'The Dangerous Book for Boys' - marbles, electro-magnets, coin tricks and many other skills invaluable to 10-15 year olds.

We would like to build a go-cart. Please have a look in your sheds and attics as we will need some wheels - old pram wheels are best or some from a golf trolley. We hope many of you received one of the free shopping bags the Scouts distributed at the Farmers' Market. The County Council supplied these and you can obtain more by contacting them on the number in the magazine that came with the bag. They last ages and as they are cotton, you can wash them, and compost them when they die.

This year we have registered for the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers scheme. This will allow us to get either rounders equipment or even a set of compasses, so please save them and contact us on the above number.

Pete Churchyard 338071

1st Deddington Guides

More focus on food! We are all well equipped for food preparation following Claire Isted's very well presented talk about kitchen hygiene. Also, a recent Chinese evening led by Racheal Winter tempted us with freshly cooked Chinese style food. In a recent quiz we learnt more about food and, in particular, local produce and its value. We're warming up for the Cherwell Division Patrol Competition and this year the focus is on food! We've also kept fit and our wits about us with lots of energetic games, often in the dark - I'm sure

you've heard the squeals. We've learnt some useful knots, improved our recycling systems, learnt about the history of Guiding and created some amazing costumes out of recycled materials. Looking forward to producing our entertainment for March and then getting out and about a bit more.

Maggie Rampley, Guider 01295 810069

Deddington and District History Society

Steven Brindle of English Heritage spoke without notes but with authority and humour at our February meeting about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and the Great Western Railway's Paddington Station. A packed audience gave him a terrific reception, and there can be no doubt but that we must get him to return. On Wednesday 14 March Dr Elizabeth Gemmill will talk about *The Medieval Household*. As always, everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, which will take place at the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm. Please note that our meeting on Wednesday 11 April will not be in Deddington but at the archives of Oxford University Press (Walton Street, Oxford), to which a private visit has been arranged, to begin at 6.45. Please contact Moira Byast (338637) if you wish to go. Numbers are limited, but we shall try to arrange another visit (date to be arranged) for those who are too late for inclusion on 11 April. We hope that everyone who wishes will have the opportunity to take part.

Chris Day 337204

Deddington Babies and Toddlers

If you are at home on a Friday with a baby and/or toddler, we would love to see you at our friendly playgroup. We meet every week from 9.30 to 11.30 am. You'll find plenty to occupy pre-school children of all ages, as well as tea or coffee and a chat for Mums, Dads or carers.

Emma Durand

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PARISH RAPTORS

A raptor has talons, a curved beak and excellent eyesight; these it employs in searching prey. It has the ability to pursue and strike suddenly, with great rapidity, from the air. Owls are nocturnal raptors. Red-tailed kites, infrequently visiting the parish, are raptors too, even though they eat dead meat.

One would not think Deddington a raptor-rich parish, but we have not been neglected, and there is a good representation of species. The sparrowhawk, *Accipiter nisus*, is the only raptor that comes to town frequently and visits our gardens. The novelty is startling, and welcome, for the bird is truly wild, when it alights on a grassy lawn amidst the daisies.

Doves and pigeons are at home in domestic surroundings and, sometimes spoiled by urban life, offer a select prey for sparrowhawks. The wood pigeon, *Columba palumbus*, is a bird that people desire too: in Assisi [paché St Francis!] oven-roasted dove is the treat of the town. Rock dove, stock dove and feral pigeon all may be seen from time to time.



Two wood pigeons live in our garden, perching and nesting in a conifer tree, bathing in the bird bath. So far a sparrowhawk has not nabbed one. But one day a sparrowhawk came to overmantle her kill, caught elsewhere, and consumed it in the lee of the stone wall. Eating, like mating, makes any bird or animal vulnerable to other predators. Our wall protected her back, she then had only to watch the front.

Peter Terry and Jean Rudge have both seen a sparrowhawk in their gardens. Other raptors - the hobby, kestrel, and marsh harrier - seen over parish fields, are not usually seen in gardens. Birds make choices. Of these species, the kestrel, *Falco tinnunculus*, hovering above a hedge, fluttering like a paper kite on a string, is the most common and widely loved.

Some birds put themselves in full view without being sought: an osprey did one August, it flew and drifted on air currents as high as a bird can rise, on its migratory path. George Fenimore confirmed this sighting, in the same season. In Florida, along the highway to the NASA launch site, ospreys nest atop telephone poles.

The buzzard, *Buteo buteo*, the Olympian of raptors, was seen recently by Brian Bond, circling above the fields that fall away from Hempton to the River Swere valley, and another was seen by Richard Broadbent, over Boulderyke Farm fields, east of Tithe Lane. Buzzards are at home in agricultural country, but thirty years ago Alan Mitchell wrote: 'The buzzard is a bird of the western wooded hills'. In all matters of range, whether of wildflowers or birds, change is afoot.

If anyone has ever seen a sparrowhawk in their garden, please tell me - <w.meagher@zen.co.uk>. Deddington Parish Naturalists are collecting data on birds that come to fields and gardens, and will publish a small pamphlet as a record against which changes in bird populations may be judged.

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Tel: 01869-338852.

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April Diary

Mon	2	Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, Holly Tree, 10.30 am-noon.
Wed	4	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8pm.
Thu	5	Children's Activities: Parish Church, 9.15 am-1.00pm > p.4
Tue	10	WI: Holly Tree, 7.30 pm > p.11
Wed	11	History Society: Visit to the archives of OUP, 6.45 pm.
Tue	15	Deddington Festival: Pub Quiz, Crown & Tuns, 8.00pm.
Wed	18	Parish Council: Meeting, Town Hall, 7.45 pm.
Mon	23	Katharine House Fundraiser: the Unicorn, 7.00pm > p.14
Sat	28	Deddington Farmers' Market: 9am-12.30 pm.

Weekly Meetings

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

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